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Thanks to Hot Shots

Taylor's dream of writing comes true

For years, Harry Taylor, hourly foreman, DU-2, had a dream of writing a story and having it published. Thanks to Distilling, he has realized his dream countless times over with dozens of stories.

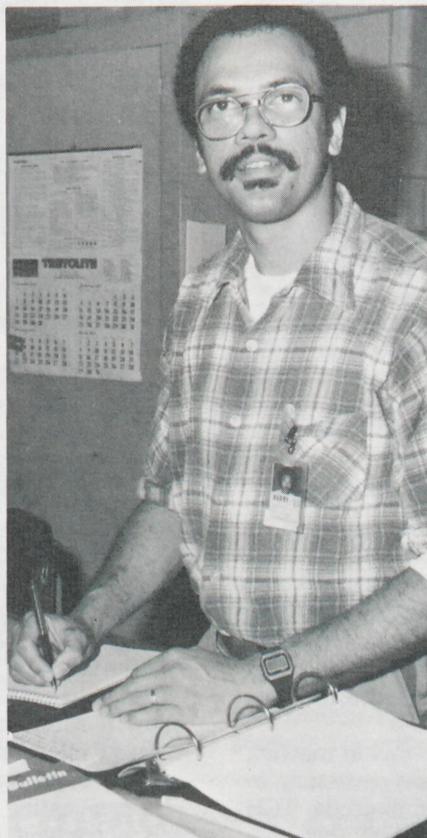
His chance to write came about four months ago with the editorship of *Hot Shots*, Distilling's brand new monthly newsletter which is primarily published to inform and entertain that department's operations personnel.

Taylor took over the job after volunteering for it at a shift foremen's meeting. He explained, "I had been thinking about a newsletter for a long time. One was needed to help not only younger operators who were less familiar with units—but also older operators who wanted to know more about jobs other than their regular ones.

"It seemed to be a good idea to tell people about little changes at the units—to refresh their memories about changes that have been made. We make instrument changes and process changes all the time to improve the units. It makes people feel a little better if they can keep up with the changes."

Taylor said, "I want to extract the best information from both operations and engineering. I want people to be able to answer questions like: 'Where does our feed come from and where does it go? Where does a unit's air supply come from? How do shutdown devices work?'"

However, he added, "I try to stay away from highly technical stuff and



Harry Taylor, hourly foreman, DU-2, works on an issue of *Hot Shots*, the Distilling newsletter he edits.

talk operator to operator. I don't have any problem getting information because people are proud of their units and they want to talk about them. So, the articles aren't hard to find—there's always one out there.

"I try to write primarily about

Distilling's units—but I also occasionally write about places where we send feed—like the Cat Cracker or LOFU. I do that so our people will have a better idea about what other departments are up against and how our work affects them. When you can understand another man's problems, it's easier to sympathize with him.

"But while the emphasis is on operations, I don't stop there. We have a great concern for safety at Distilling—so I try to do a safety story once a month. I write not only about safety at the units, but also about things that can be useful away from the Complex—like how to treat burns at a deer lease. In addition, I try to use puzzles and special features to help make the magazine interesting."

Taylor said, "This is a new experience for me because I've never done any writing before. It's kind of ironic that I'm a writer now because English bored me in high school—I was more into sports. I really appreciate the help with things like grammar and organizing my stories that I have received from people at Distilling.

"Being a writer has been a dream of long standing for me—and I haven't been disappointed. I'm getting a big kick out of it."

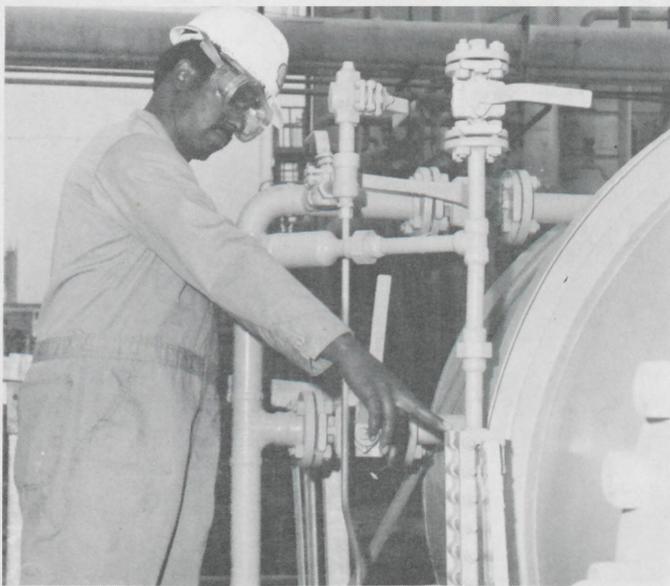
EDITOR'S NOTE: We realize that many other departments produce their own publications. From time to time, we will be recognizing some of these—and the people who work on them. All news tips on recently created publications will be appreciated.



Hot Shots cover art courtesy of Distilling

HOT SHOTS

Distilling Monthly Magazine



E.M. Gilliam, left, inspects recently installed equipment at the ECH finishing unit, while Larry Culbertson stays busy in the



unit's new control room. Both men are operators, Specialties.

Specialties expands ECH finishing unit

To prepare for a projected rapid growth in epichlorohydrin (ECH) demand, Specialties has expanded and upgraded its ECH finishing unit.

Explaining the need for the project, Lloyd Dixon, process manager, Specialties, said, "ECH is important because—like bisphenol of acetone (BPA)—it is a building block for epoxy resins. But the ECH plant, which was built in the 1940s, was constructed on a smaller scale than other Complex resins units which have been built since then.

"While we have encountered very few problems in meeting ECH demand, expansion and upgrading were necessary to increase the capacity to match finished and crude ECH volumes to meet future demand. As a result of this construction, our yearly production capability has increased significantly."

This increased capability will enable the unit to finish larger amounts of crude ECH from G department and Norco than ever before. While some of the finished ECH is sold to other firms, the majority of it will go to Epon 2 and Epon 5 for use in manufacturing epoxy resins. These resins will reach the

marketplace in such forms as automobile undercoatings, electric circuit boards for computers and televisions, beverage can linings, and glues, paints and other coatings.

To enable the unit to process more ECH at faster rates, the plant's two light ends columns were modified so they can both receive crude ECH feed—which is dispatched to a finished column for final processing—at the same time rather than in series. Changes were also made in the finishing column to allow it to operate at higher pressures—a move which increased the column's capacity.

Other improvements made at the unit included installation of a pre-heating system (which speeds up ECH processing) and placement of new vents within the plant to contain emissions produced by the unit. In addition, a new electric substation was constructed to meet the unit's need for more power. A new control room also was built and piping was enlarged to allow for increased ECH flow rates.

Dixon said, "The project moved along very smoothly. We couldn't have done it without a good effort from operations, engineering and maintenance employees."

Shell Federal Credit Union meeting planned

Shell Federal Credit Union's annual membership meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., March 5, at Gaines Y. Mason Auditorium in the Deer Park High School on Ivy Street.

Credit Union members, who are

encouraged to attend with their families, are eligible to win cash door prizes totaling \$2,200.

Other meeting business includes electing three directors and one Credit Committee member.

Protect your belongings from theft

Office thefts are on the increase, according to Complex Security.

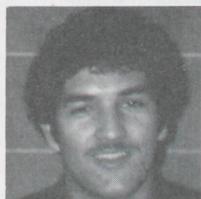
Those items most likely to come up missing include calculators (desk-top and pocket size), pens and pencils, drafting instruments, tools, two-way

radios and cash.

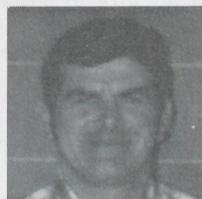
Since theft prevention is the best way we have of protecting both private and company-owned property, please secure such items when you leave your office for even the briefest period.

**Get results in
the Classifieds**

Welcome to the Deer Park Manufacturing Complex



J.C. Alvarado
Accountant
Financial
Hired in Jan.



Jim Corns
Electrician
Maint. North
Hired in Jan.



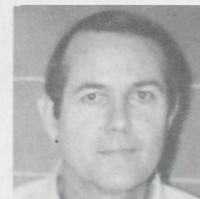
Rebecca Cherry
Analyst
Emp. Rels.
Hired in Jan.



Pat Jacobs
Secretary
Olefins
Trans. in Jan.



Dave Lorentzen
Machinist
Maint. North
Hired in Jan.



Bill Miller
Sr. Ac. Assis.
Financial
Trans. in Jan.



Cliff Monceaux
Carpenter
Maint. South
Hired in Jan.



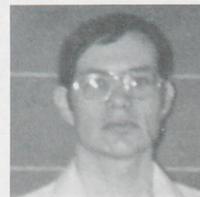
Mark Ott
Electrician
Maint. North
Hired in Jan.



Tom Shorthouse
Engineer
Plant Eng.
Hired in Dec.



Guy Thornton
Painter
Maint. North
Hired in Dec.



Chris Wagner
Engineer
Process Eng.
Trans. in Jan.



B.E. Wood
Engineer
Plant Eng.
Hired in Dec.

Sign up to join SCORA softball fun

Employees interested in forming a SCORA slow pitch softball team must submit an entry form, \$65 fee and team roster by March 25 to Barbara Bond, General Services, DPMC North Cafeteria.

Entry forms can be picked up from Berta Hokanson and Randy

Ingebretson, both of Maintenance North; Ed Overmeyer, Maintenance South; Sherrie Hartley, OP-III; Johnny (Mac) McDaniel, Resins; Bond or Vickie Breshears, Engineering Support.

Please turn in the information and entry fee as early as possible because

only 20 teams will be allowed to form. All players are required to be SCORA members.

The softball season, which will feature games each Wednesday at Deer Park Softball Complex, officially begins April 8.

Six Complex employees retire March 1

Jess L. Ballard, 55, operations supervisor, Environmental Operations, will join the ranks of Complex retirees March 1. Stepping down after 31 years of company service, he will live at 1050 Grand, Bacliff, with his wife, Jo Ann.

Also retiring, R.L. Cryer, 62, operator, BA-SR, will leave the Complex after 30 years of service. He will

reside at 8 Memory Lane, Seabrook, with his wife, Lita Arlene.

W.T. Ervin, 60, engineering supervisor, Maintenance North, ends 34 years of service. He will reside at 917 Peggy, Deer Park, with his wife, Rose.

A.V. Jones, 62, truck driver, Maintenance North, also will retire, ending 28 years of service. He will reside in

Highlands with his wife, Ernestine.

C.R. Nobles, 57, instrumentman, Maintenance North, ends 31 years of service. He will live at 923 Ruell, Houston, with his wife, Mary.

Calvin Pate, 62, electrician, Maintenance North, will retire after 31 years of service. He will live in Donie with his wife, Sigourney.



Cryer



Ervin



Nobles



Pate

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1978 Ford Club wagon van. Three-quarter-ton, two captain's chairs, two benches, stereo, heavy duty air conditioner, power steering and brakes. Light green with dark green interior. 28,000 miles. Call 479-8843 after 4 p.m.

1976 Ford Chateau van. Four captain's chairs, sofa bed, front and rear air, auxiliary tank, AM-FM eight-track stereo. \$3,700. Call 334-1189, evenings.

1971 Chevy 20-foot motor home. Fully self-contained, 120 volts, butane refrigerator, roof air conditioner. In good condition. \$3,995. Four-speed Vega transmission, clutch and press plate. \$75. Call 455-0056 after 6 p.m.

1975 Toyota Celica GT. Five-speed, 46,000 miles, 22 miles per gallon in the city, 22 mpg on the highway. \$1,600. Call 479-3212 after 4 p.m.

1975 Chevy Impala. Four-door, air, radio, power brakes and steering, one owner. \$1,400 firm. Call 487-6485 after 5:30 p.m.

1977 Datsun F-10 hatchback. With AM-FM radio, air, five-speed transmission, rear defroster. 44,000 miles. \$2,800. Call 644-7886 after 5 p.m.

1973 Datsun B-210 engine. With four-speed manual transmission. Will sell together or separately. \$150 for both. Call 481-4551.

Complete front axle assembly for '68 and later VW. \$100. Two VW heat exchangers. \$15 each. Call 487-2522 after 4:30 p.m.

Utility trailer. Fourteen-inch tires. \$200. Call 479-9954.

Bell Star full coverage motorcycle helmet. Never been worn. \$60. Moto-guide Hawg troll motor. Excellent condition. \$130. Call 472-4067.

Fifteen-foot Galaxie boat. 85 HP Mercury, Big Wheel galvanized trailer. Good condition. Call 328-1140.

Three-bedroom, one-bath home. 20 x 20 den with wet bar, central air and heat, built-ins, 75 x 100 lot, many extras. \$51,500. Three-quarter Bell motorcycle helmet. \$39.95 or best offer. Call 472-1973.

Upright antique Schubett piano. \$100. Call 487-0887.

117-pound barbell and dumbbell set. With bench. Good condition. Call 479-6054.

Dynamo Foosball table. Good condition. \$200. Call 477-2879.

Lawn mowers. \$50 and up. Edgers. \$65 and up. All in good condition. Call 479-1456 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR RENT

2-1-1 house. On Red Bluff in Pasadena. Fenced, clean. \$350 a month. Call 487-0601.

Spacious two-bedroom duplex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and disposal, washer-dryer connections. Fenced back yard. Near schools and shops. Hiram Clarke and Post Oak area. Rent, \$290. Deposit, \$200. Call 748-7149.

WANT TO BUY

Girl's one-speed bicycle. At least 24-inch or larger with coaster brakes. Call 487-2522 after 4:30 p.m.

LOST

One package of personal photos. Contained in white envelope. If you find it, please contact J.C. Ranton, Extension 6454.

One pair of safety glasses. With gold metal frames, in black case. If found, contact Vic Branch, Extension 6337.

PERSONAL

We would like to thank everyone for all the help we received during the recent fire in our home.

—Tim and Adelina Fernandez

DPMC service anniversaries



25 Years
H.J. Manns
Process Eng.



25 Years
J.D. Morrison
Security

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