

Machinist Captures Grand Prize

The grand prize winner of the "Remember 1977" photo contest sponsored by Shell News and featured in their recent issue was Maintenance South machinist Ronald Hernandez for his picture of a shrimping boat beached at Port Isabel entitled, "Wrong Turn." Ronald also received an honorable mention for his entry "Sun Going Down Over Houston."

However, Ronald wasn't the only DPMC employee to win a prize. Environmental Operations operator John

Photo contest winners Ronald Hernandez and John Hollis look over Ronald's grand prize.

J. Hollis took third place in the color division with a picture of his young daughter tasting an icicle entitled, "Ice." John also received two certificates of excellence for his "Morning Boatman" and "Pink Flower" entries. Then there was Tom Kroeger, a senior financial accountant, who received an honorable mention for "Big Sister" and a certificate of excellence for "Summer Dreamer."

Ronald's grand prize consisted of a 35mm Nikkormat for "Wrong Turn" and a \$25 U.S. savings bond for "Sun Going Down Over Houston" while John received \$50 for "Ice" and Tom a \$25 U.S. savings bond for "Big Sister."



Looking For Tools?

Try A Barn Stall Or Loft

If Bill Duchie, manager, Environmental Engineering, ever decides to build a log cabin or a seagoing vessel, he won't have to go out and hunt for the proper wood working tools as he already has a variety suitable for every surface and type of cut found in their

construction.

Bill's hobby of collecting antique tools began innocently enough some 10 years ago in Odessa, Texas, where he made his first "find": a 26-inch block plane. Shortly afterward his parents gave him a matching set of 18 planes as a present, and Bill was hooked.

He now has 300-plus tools in his collection. Most of them are the result of family trips from the East Coast to the West Coast and from the Gulf Coast to the State of New York. The Duchies have even searched for and found tools in the following European countries: the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Most of their finds have occurred in local flea markets and the barn stalls or lofts of cooperative farmers. Bill says that the nice thing about a barn stall or loft find is that oftentimes the farmer is also the original tool owner so a story usually accompanies the purchase relating how the tool was used.

Bill's dedication to locating a "find" was evidenced on a family trip by his crawling into a pig shed in search of a tool for his collection. A collection which already includes a complete set

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\$5 Million To DPISD



Deer Park tax assessor Jim Daniel (far right) accepts Shell's tax check in excess of \$5 million to the Deer Park Independent School District (DPISD) from Reginald Knowles, Engineering Support design draftsman and member of the DPISD board of trustees. Looking on are Gary Dillard (far left), DPMC general manager, and Dr. Sebron Williams, DPISD superintendent.

Wearing Eye Glasses Proves Eye Saving

Wearing safety glasses is a must in maintenance and operations and one craftsman who is glad to oblige is painter Ed D. Holloway.

Ed's enthusiasm for safety glasses got a big boost on February 4, when his

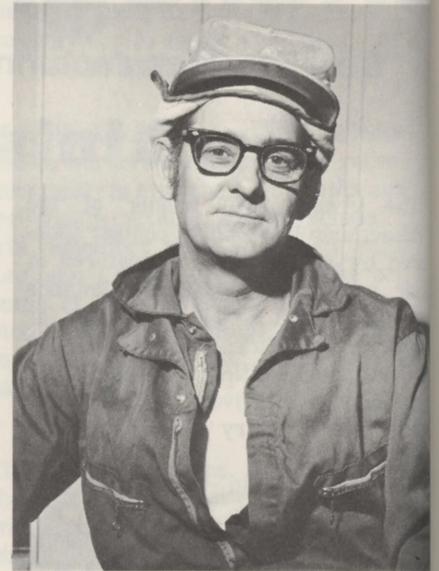
eyes were protected from certain injury from a sand blasting.

The accident occurred when Ed laid a sand blasting hose across some bundles so that he could talk with a couple of inspectors. Although he had turned the valve to the "off" position, it became activated and the hose flew past his face spewing sand particles at 125 psi.

Ed is convinced that the safety glasses he was wearing saved his eyes, and you can bet he's not going to be caught working without them.

Ed Holloway is pictured wearing the safety glasses that protected his eyes from certain injury on February 4, when a 125 psi sand blasting hose unexpectedly activated and flew past his face.

Below is a close-up showing the effects of the sand blast to Ed's glasses.



Stone Dies

Retired pipefitter James T. Stone died February 10 at age 59.

At the time of his retirement, James



was in Maintenance North and had 30½ years of company service.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Colonial Funeral Home in Pasadena with burial in Henderson, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Marie, who resides in Pasadena.



Register Now To Avoid Delays And Long Lines

The deadline for Texas motorists to renew their 1977 motor vehicle registrations by mail is March 1.

Renewal by mail offers a convenient method of obtaining registrations without waiting lines or personal visits to the tax offices. However, mail applications must include a dollar for each registration to cover handling and postage.

County tax offices began accepting registration applications January 1 this year instead of February 1, as in previous years. Many motorists have taken advantage of the earlier registration

date to avoid waiting lines.

Although the deadline for mail registration is March 1, final date for affixing new validation stickers to existing

plates is April 1 this year, as usual.

To avoid the last minute delays and long waiting lines, register your vehicle today.

SCORA Activities

The Square Deals, SCORA's square dancing club, had a Valentine Party February 14 at the Community Center in Deer Park. Over 200 people attended, including Shell employees and pensioners. Approximately 10 area clubs also attended the dance and ham buffet with all the trimmings.

Professional square dance caller Carl Miller (who is also a Maintenance North electrician), along with two guest callers, kept the floor moving all evening.

The Square Deals had a raffle to help send one of Carl's square dancing clubs, the Wheel Blazers, to the June 1978 National Convention where they will put on a special exhibition. The raffle raised over \$100 for the Wheel Blazers, all of whom dance in wheelchairs.

The Square Deals dance every Tuesday evening at the Community Center. The class presently taking lessons will graduate on March 7 and another one will start in August. All square dancers are encouraged to visit the club and enjoy the fun.

Reminder — SCORA's Family Film Festival will be February 25 at Captain Christian Cinema from 1-5 p.m.

Service Anniversaries



30 Years
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25 Years
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Major Resins

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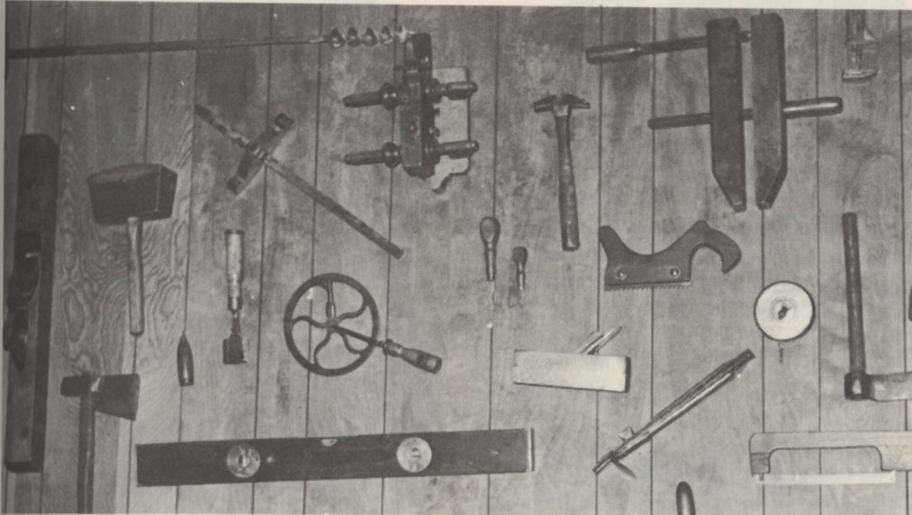
of wooden handled screwdrivers ranging in price from 20 cents to nine dollars; 50 different types of planes designed to handle any flat or curved surface; several adzes and broad axes; and a crosscut saw for trees. His collection even includes a buggy jack which is difficult to rationalize since he doesn't have a buggy. But the jack does

so of them on their family room wall over the couch. However, this, too, can be a problem. Take the time Charlene was relaxing on the couch and an auger fell. Thank goodness it hit the piano first causing her to jump up before it landed on the couch where her head had been. Still, by being on the wall, the tools are readily available for any job needing to be done around the house.

And if you can't find the proper tool hanging on the wall, a trip to the garage will permit you to select one from the dozens stored there. Bill also has a display of antique tools in his office where they add a decorative note and are ready for use if the occasion should arise when they are needed.

Bill somewhat reluctantly admits to having some duplicates. And according to Charlene, the duplicates are his "tradin" stock. But so far he hasn't done much "tradin."

Probably one of the strangest incidents involved with Bill's passion for collecting tools was when he came home with a few "wormy" ones. Bill found the worms when he noticed tiny piles of sawdust on his workbench. After inspecting his newly acquired tools, he realized that they had worms. Now how do you get rid of worms in your tools? Well, he had an idea. Why not freeze them to death? So, he put them in the freezer; and when Charlene opened the freezer door to thaw out meat for the evening meal, she found Bill's tools there instead. Even the hardest of the worms expired after a few weeks in the chiller.



How many of these antique tools can you identify? Can you discern the chisel from the screwdrivers? Do you recognize the level, auger, awl or roofing hatchet? These are just a few of the 300 items in Bill Duchie's antique tool collection.

have character and if he ever buys a buggy, he's all set for changing its wheels.

The crosscut saw hanging on the Duchies' family room wall has been used by Bill and his neighbors to cut down trees on several occasions. The auger pictured in the upper left of the wall display was purchased when finances were close so when his wife, Charlene, asked him why he bought it, Bill responded with, "Why? Why to drill holes for fertilizing our trees. Why else?"

And not only does Bill use the auger for applying fertilizer, but so do his neighbors.

Still, 300 antique tools can create quite a storage problem. Bill has alleviated that somewhat by mounting 30 or

Daughter Jennifer holds an adze which pioneers used to make groves in logs for their cabins. The groves aided in sealing the logs against the elements. To her left are a buggy jack and another adze while at her feet are a complete set of wood screwdrivers and a brace-and-bit. Bill holds a chisel, resting his hand on a tool box full of handy household tools.



Classifieds

FOR SALE

1969 Ford Ranger pickup, 360 V8, 3-speed manual with overdrive, air, clean. \$1,350. 487-0584

1975 Cutlass Salon, auto, air, AM-FM stereo, vinyl top. 472-8540

1973 Pontiac Firebird, 350 engine, auto, vinyl top. \$2,000 or best offer. 479-4525

1972 Porsche 914, 5-speed, fuel injection, AM-FM stereo, air, good mechanical condition. \$2,500. 474-3370

1968 Ford Mustang 289, 3-speed, good condition. \$650. 477-0868

Sears gas clothes dryer. \$75. Double oven Frigidaire range. \$150. 946-2040

1977 Buick Skyhawk, 5,000 miles, AM-FM, air, moon roof, tilt steering wheel, V6. \$4,500. 479-7304 after 5 p.m.

Shell Raises Quarterly Dividend

Shell's board of directors declared a 45 cents per share quarterly dividend on common stock, payable on February 14 to share-holders of record as of February 7. The dividend is up five cents from the 40 cents paid in the last quarter of 1977.

This increase is the fourth boost in the company's quarterly dividend since the beginning of 1976 and represents a 12.5 percent rise over the fourth quarter of 1977. Shell's share-holders received \$1.60 per share during the calendar year 1977, adjusted for a May 6 two-for-one stock split.

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1973 Lamar 18' walkthrough fishing-ski boat, 135 hp Evinrude, depth finder, power tilt, bilge pump, tarp cover, etc., galvanized trailer with electric winch and less than 15 hours. \$3,800. 481-3377

16' Holmes plywood boat, big wheel trailer, 50 hp Evinrude, first class condition. \$1,295. 472-3187

WANT TO BUY

Kerosine space heater. 479-2082

FOUND

Tri-focal, black rimmed glasses in black clip carrying case. Black framed safety glasses. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration.

PERSONALS

Thanks to the many friends and retirees who took of their time to be with me

to celebrate my retirement party. It was wonderful. I enjoyed being with friends of my association with Shell. Thanks for the gifts. I like them very much. Thanks again for the party.

- Johnny Johnson

I would like to express my appreciation for all the gifts and your best wishes at my retirement party. It is something I will never forget.

- T. J. Lockhart

I wish to thank my fellow employees for the retirement gift. I have bought a TV for my travel trailer and intend to thoroughly enjoy it in the future. I've enjoyed working with my many friends at Shell through the years. Thank you again.

- Joe Etheredge

SCORA Activities

Environmental Conservation stenographer Betty Chambers watches superintendent chemical Hank J. Bettencourt draw SCORA's winning raffle ticket for a free trip for two to their February 11 and 12 trip to Delta Downs. The winning ticket belonged to Adrienne Carr, office secretary in the Utilities Control Center.



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