

EMPLOYEES ELEVATE DECOY CARVING TO AN ART

When the demand exceeds the supply in any market, you know you've picked a winner. And, a winner it is for Leroy Abrahamson, manager Pressure Equipment, and Dan Papp, engineering inspector, Inspection.

Leroy and Dan carve wooden decoys out of red cedar and native cypress. The wood, hand picked in the field and cut by the carvers, is allowed to dry for several months to a year before being roughed out on a band saw. From that point on, however, the carving of a decoy is a drawknife-file-sandpaper operation taking anywhere from six to eight hours to complete.

Leroy started carving model decoys some two to three years ago and soon he was teaching others the art. Dan Papp was one of his students as were Roxanne, 13-year-old daughter of Phenol process manager John T. Henry and 16-year-old twins, Mike and Mark, sons of K. S. Leach, manager E&S-Chemical.

Leroy's first awareness of decoys began in his early youth as he hunted with his father and uncle. The uncle carved working decoys - not fancy ones but the kind you would use for hunting. "My dad and I used to hunt, and my dad's quite a craftsman. We have always hobbled in the workshop," comments Leroy as he reflects on his early interest in decoys. And Leroy still takes time to "hobby in the workshop" to unwind and relax.

The decoys, done to scale, are representative of northern ducks as opposed to southern ones. How can you tell the difference? Well, according to our experts, southern decoys are smaller in size, whereas northern decoys have broader chests and larger heads, due to their being used in a harsher environment.



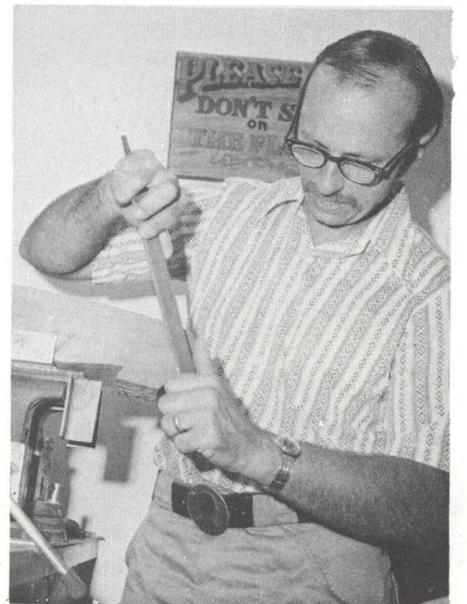
Daniel Wheeler Papp is shown as he watches Leroy using the drawknife to shape a block of red cedar into a mallard.

Dan is named after Capt. Charles Shang Wheeler, a late 1800, early 1900 duck carver from Connecticut.

Dan and Leroy both sign their decoys. Dan carves his initials and the date carved on the bottom of his. Leroy attaches a metal plate on the

After using the drawknife to rough out a decoy, Leroy uses a file to give it more definition.

bottom of his decoys with his name, date and a registration number of the duck in that species carved. Signing the decoys will ultimately add to their value as a collector's item, according to



....UPCOMING EVENTS...TEN-AND-OVER PARTIES...SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 2 - REFINERY...SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16...CHEMICAL PLANT
...SITE WILL BE SYLVAN BEACH PARK...HOPE ALL EMPLOYEES AND
RETIREES ARE PRESENT...BRING YOUR I.D. BADGE....

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Leroy.

Both men are active members

Leroy's preference for sleek or fluid lines makes the need for hand carving tools, such as those pictured on the right, a rarity. However, much mileage is made of the country and western tapes shown in the background.



of the Bay Area chapter of Ducks Unlimited, which is a national organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the waterfowl nesting habitat in Canada, where 85-90 percent of the birds migrate. This protection permits the continuation of the species for future generations to hunt and enjoy.

So every year they support a Ducks Unlimited fund raising dinner where donations, such as carved decoys by Dan

and Leroy, are auctioned off to raise even more money. This year the dinner will be held on October 6 at Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte, and anyone interested in investigating the merits of Ducks Unlimited should con-

tact Dan or Leroy for details.

For Leroy and Dan, decoy carving is a hobby that's fun and profitable. They also feel they are furthering an art form as well as leaving a legacy for future generations.

USE YOUR HEAD WHEN USING GASOLINE

Here are a few facts to keep in mind when handling gasoline:

- One quart of gasoline can equal the force of a pound and a half of dynamite. That's why it should be stored in the

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MARTIN, KINION AND NOLAN DIE

Guthrie E. Martin, 78, died July 28.

G.E. retired in August 1961 as construction foreman in Engineering Maintenance.

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

Funeral services were held July 29 at the Forest Park Lawndale Chapel with burial in Forest Park Cemetary.

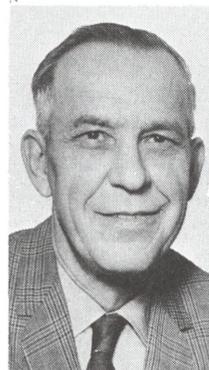
He is survived by his wife, Genie Pauline, who lives at



1466 Godwin in Houston.

Charles E. Kinion, 61, died August 10.

Charles retired February 1973 as a pipefitter in Engineering Maintenance.



At the time of his retirement, he had 33 years of company service.

Funeral services were held at the Chapel of the Chimes in Houston with burial at Brookside Memorial Park.

Charles is survived by his wife, Taisie, who resides at 611 Canadian in Houston.

Charles B. Nolan, 61, died August 19.

At the time of his death, C.B. had 34 years of company service and was working as a shift-foreman in Aromatics-West.



Funeral services were conducted at the Niday Chapel in Houston with burial at Memorial Oaks.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, who resides at 7735 Arrowhead in Houston.

OPERATORS' FUNDAMENTALS CLASS UNDERWAY



Session 79 of the Operators' Fundamentals included the following participants:

Kneeling, Dennis W. Meyers, John F. Dunn, John Thomas, Randall Hawthorne, John W. Youell and Roger Landriault.

Standing, instructor Pete Fletcher, James McCall, Reginald Donahoe, Marvin Hutchins, Kenny Leach, Mel Foreman, Jay Bright, Gary Stepp and John Youngblood.

**Use your head
when using gasoline....**

fuel tank of your car and nowhere else.

- Gasoline gives off vapors that can generate explosive clouds 15,000 times the original liquid volume. It takes only a small spark to ignite the vapors.

If you must store gasoline for lawn mowers or other engines, be sure to keep it in a metal can with a tight fitting cover, in a well ventilated place outside the house and away from heat, sparks or open flames.

Equally important to remember is to never clean with gasoline. A quarter of a cup is enough to move a two-ton automobile 500 feet down the road. There are many nonflammable cleaners on the market. Use one of them and save gasoline for your car engine where it will do the job it is meant to do.

**EXAM APPOINTMENTS
NOW BEING TAKEN**

Employees over 40 who received an exam in the fall of '74, when the Medical program first started, are now eligible for another exam. To make an appointment, call Mary Jane Bradbery on 6431 and join the 2,100-plus employees who have been examined since the program started.



The first annual SCORA all-star softball game was held at Dow Park in Deer Park on July 30.

Strong hitting and tight defense enabled the Chemical Plant All-Stars to defeat the Refinery All-Stars 17-6.

In the second game of the double header, the SCORA league champions, the Stones, defeated the combined All-Stars 10-6 on the basis of a seven-run first inning.

Between games, trophies were awarded to the Stones, champions of the SCORA summer softball league.

WELCOME TO DEER PARK MANUFACTURING COMPLEX



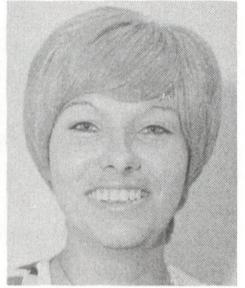
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Staff Engineer
E&S



J. Tom Bumgarner
Gateman
Security



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Office Secretary
Acctg.-Refy.



M. E. "Lynn" Guillory
Sr. Clerk
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Sr. Engineer
Ops.-Exp. Oil

SCORA HOLDS POLYNESIAN LUAU



Best yet describes the Polynesian Luau held by SCORA where good food, good dancing and good fellowship was had by all.

Just ask Barbara Moon, Valerie Thompson or Jerri Dromgoole of Major Projects.



One of the dancers at the gala event was Judith Winters, daughter of Shipping's relief foreman, Buck Winters. Judith (the dancer just above with a SCORA member valiantly trying to follow her style) was featured in the October 23, 1975, *Shellegram*.

CLASSIFIEDS

Cornet, gold, Blessing. \$75.
482-7154 after 6 pm

Tailgate for Chevy Fleetside pickup, new. \$45. Two 15" 6-bolt heavy duty wheel rims for Chevy truck. \$25. New 165-R-15 Dunlop steel belt radial tire for imported cars. \$25.
482-7154 after 6 pm

1973 Triumph Stag, HT-convertible combo, P/S, P/B, low mileage.
334-4642

All year hunting and fishing permit on 2,000 acres in Llano, Texas, for deer, turkey, wild hogs, quail, dove, squirrel and ducks. \$400 per family.
664-9095

1968 Volvo stationwagon, steel radial tires. \$500.
479-6591

1969 Buick La Sabre, P/S, auto. \$500.
487-3175

1973 Mazda RX3 wagon, luggage rack, 4-speed, air, green, one owner, 30,000 miles. \$1,650.
479-6836

1967 Plymouth Fury wagon, P/S, auto, A/C, radio, 318 cu. in. V-8, rear transom damaged. \$275.
471-2862

3-1½-2 home, 6316 Tejas, Pasadena, carpet, central air & heat, 5 years old, all brick, stove, small patio. \$13,000 equity; payments \$163.22.
487-4735

24'x4' pool, filter, vacuum, chemicals, floating lounge, 20 lb chlorine concentrate, needs liner. \$100.
485-4171

120-day Purina grain fed beef for your freezer.
921-1338 after 6 pm

1969 VW bug, radio, excellent condition. \$900.
473-5169

1969 Olds Tornado. \$800.
944-5171

1972 Dodge Tradesman van, V-8, LWB, A/A, mags, side-pipes, AM/FM w/tape deck, custom interior. \$2,575.
472-0145

1974 Yamaha 250 Enduro. \$450. 1975 Yamaha 100 Enduro. \$350. Low mileage, excellent condition. Will take \$750 for both.
471-0162

750 Honda K3, many extras. \$1,195. 2-wheel trailer, all steel. \$100. Sears 8 hp outboard motor needs some repairs. \$30. International truck for parts or all for \$50. No papers. 350cc dirt bike, needs some work. \$50.
489-7708

Mobile home tie downs. \$5 each or 6 for \$25 or 20 for \$75.
489-7708

Gold colored Reynolds coronet in excellent condition, band approved. \$150.
643-9122

1976 Chevy van, V-8, auto, air, P/S/B, customized interior, low mileage, excellent condition. \$6,000.
471-0235

1972 Gremlin X, very clean, 6 cylinder, 232 CID, stick shift, low mileage, luggage rack, air, radio
472-5906

VW Dune Buggy, 40 hp, needs starter. \$400.
487-2228 or 487-0584

Six 8' fluorescent light fixtures. \$5 each or all for \$25. Airplane pot plants, 25¢ each.
472-7565

Riding lawnmower, 7 hp Briggs & Stratton, new. \$240.
645-3229

WANTED TO BUY

Bench seat to fit 1976 Ford van, prefer blue in color.
472-8635

WANTED

Want to form or join ride pool from South Braeswood and Hillcroft area.
774-2224 after 6 pm

FREE

Small all-American puppies, AKC hasn't seen the likes of these.
489-7708 or 943-0843

PERSONALS

To my dear friends at DPMC. Your show of friendship last Thursday made my leaving Deer Park a difficult but memorable task. I want each of you to know how deeply touched I am by the tremendous effort put into the party and gifts. I am taking with me many fond memories of our years of association and you each have a special place in my heart.

-Winnie White

AMERICANA CALENDAR ORDERS BEING TAKEN

The Americana Calendars will again feature the Wysocki American Folk Art theme to the delight of his many old and new fans.

The calendars are now available to employees and annuitants at a special price of \$2.50 each. Mailers for the calendars are available for an additional 25 cents.

Orders *must be received by September 15* through Susan Parker, Chemical Administration, Room 254, or Linda Jacobs, GS&F, Room 118. Payment must be made at the time of placing orders and checks should be made out to: Shell Oil Company.

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