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Victor Carbajal, Sam Matney and John Brown put together six different types of insulation forms for the upcoming insulators class which will begin in March.

SHOPS EMPLOYEES MAKE TRAINING AIDS FOR NEW INSULATORS COURSE

In preparation for the upcoming insulators training class which starts in March, Sam Matney, Insulator No. 1, Victor Carbajal and John Brown, Class D Trainees, have worked up a collection of insulation forms.

The forms will be used as training aids showing the types of insulation available.

Six students will participate in the 9-week course to be taught in the Shops Training Room. Sam Matney will handle the class-

room instruction. A. W. Fields will teach the class in shop work and Cecil Braddy and C. O. Coulter will lead the class in field training. Classes will be held one day a week for 4½ hours.

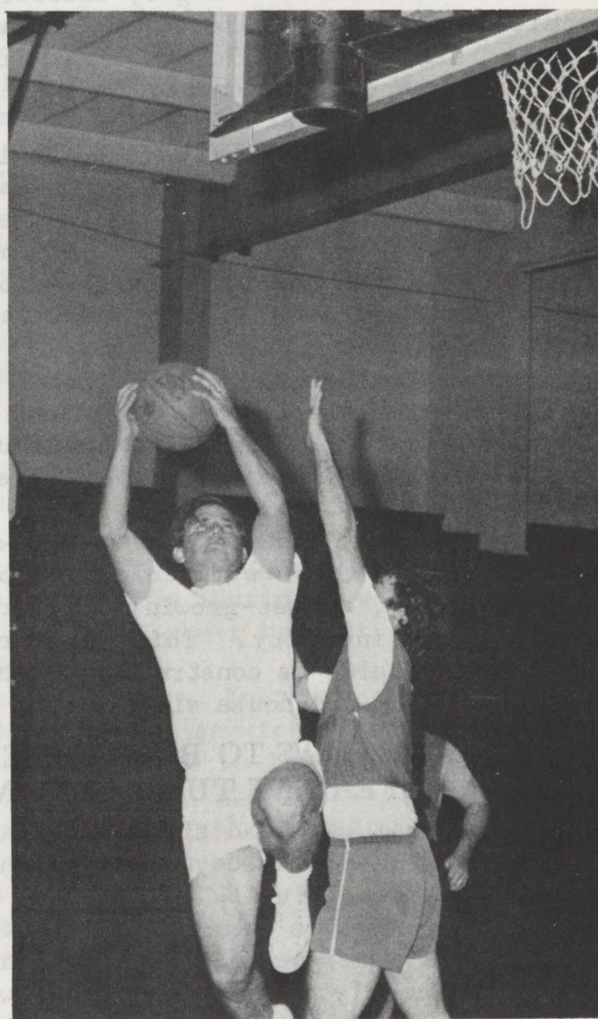
Now in progress in the shops training room as part of the Craft Development Program are an electrician's course and a boilermaker's course. Nine instrumentmen have just completed the first course in this craft.



White team members were, standing, 1-r, Phil McMillan, Richard Gerch, Charles Goeking, Bill Eschenbacher, Thor Hansen. Lower row are Sterling Roig, Lowell Whitney, John Casey and John Boozer.



Blue team members were, 1-r, Jim Newlin, Dan McNeill, David Hull, Gary Vernier, Ted Sands, Jim Stewart, Vic Edwards and Ed Metzler.

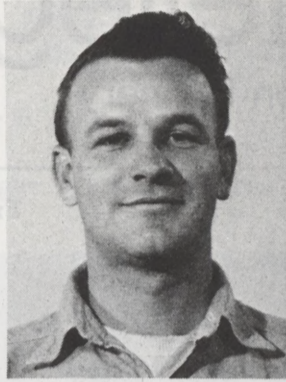


Jim Newlin attempts to block John Casey's successful shot. See story on Page 2.

ALFRED, STEPP NAMED FOREMEN IN ENGINEERING FIELD DEPARTMENT



Alfred



Stepp

W. D. Alfred, Pipefitter No. 1, and G. D. Stepp, Pipefitter No. 1, Engineering Field, have been named Engineering Foremen.

The move, which was announced by H. L. Isham, Chief Engineer, was effective February 1.

"Red" Alfred began working for Shell in March 1952 as a General Helper. He entered the Pipefitter craft in April 1952 and progressed to Pipefitter No. 1 in August 1958.

Dale Stepp first came to work for Shell in July 1952 as a General Helper. He entered the Pipefitter craft in September 1952 and qualified as a Pipefitter No. 1 in June 1959.

CHEMICAL ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION OF VCM FACILITY AT NORCO PLANT

Shell Chemical Company announced Wednesday that it would construct a multi-million-dollar vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) facility at the Norco, Louisiana plant.

K. L. Mai, General Manager, Industrial Chemicals Division, said that contracts have been signed and that construction would commence in April. The unit is expected to come on stream late in 1973.

The Norco VCM unit, which will be Shell's second in this country, has a design capacity of 1,000 tons a day and will be one of the largest in the nation. The company's first VCM unit, started up last October at its Deer Park, Texas plant, also has a design capacity of 1,000 tons a day.

Mai noted that the unit will utilize the best environmental technology in its design and that there will be no effluent discharge into the Mississippi River or other waterways.

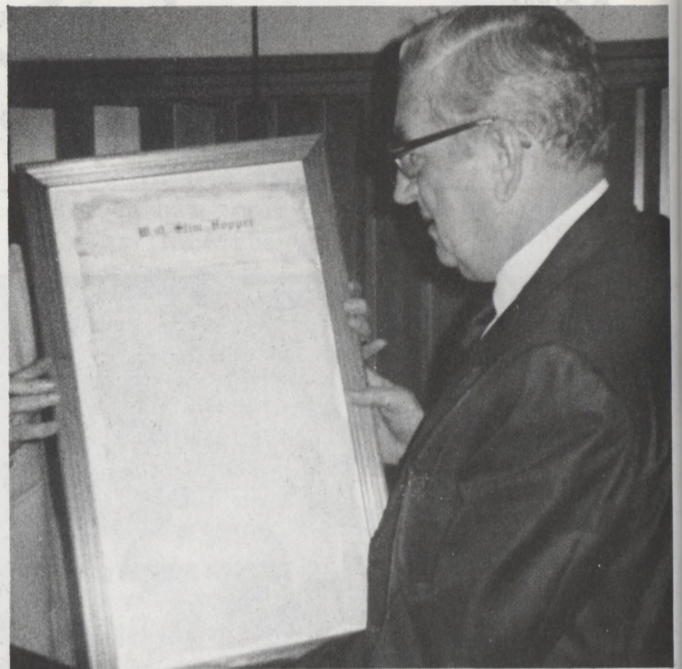
Vinyl Chloride monomer is a water-clear liquid that is the raw material for polyvinyl chloride, a fast-growing polymer in the plastics industry. This polymer is used in such fields as construction, upholstery, packaging and house siding.

WHITE TEAM BOWS TO BLUE CAGERS IN 132-88 DEFEAT AT TUESDAY GAME

The Blue team walloped the White team to the tune of 132-88 Tuesday night in their periodic basketball tilt.

Young employees have been getting together for basketball games at the Deepwater Junior High gym recently. Their next game will be Tuesday, February 15 at about 5:15. Both teams will draft players so that they will have equal talent next time.

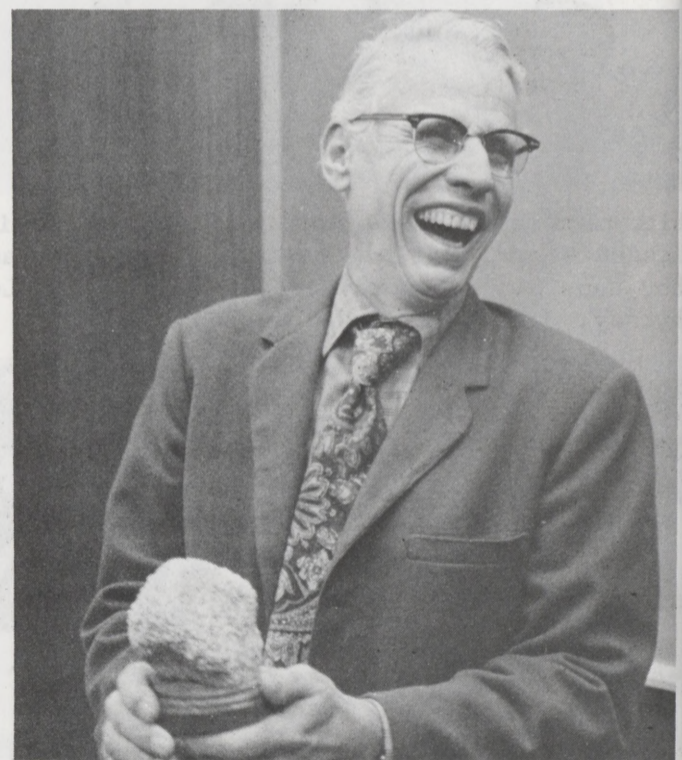
NINE MEN RETIRE...



Tiny Hopper received a large plaque with the names of many of his friends listed.



Cleve O-Toole received a lot of teasing from employees who have known him during his 30 years of service.



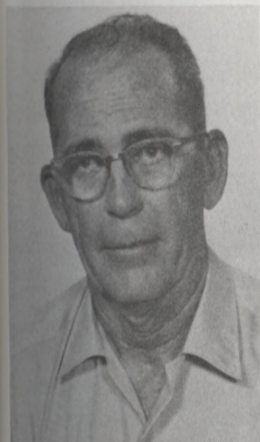
Refinery Lab's Jan Samson was presented a clump of sintered mol sieves by fellow employees upon his retirement.

...RECEIVING GOOD WISHES OF FELLOW EMPLOYEES AT FAREWELL PARTIES

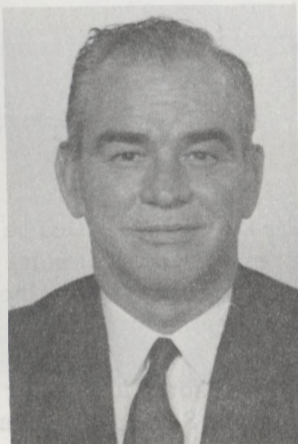


Sam Davis and Mike Tiller reminded Bill Phillips of his shoe salesman days while W. H. Reeves showed off the toupee and mus-

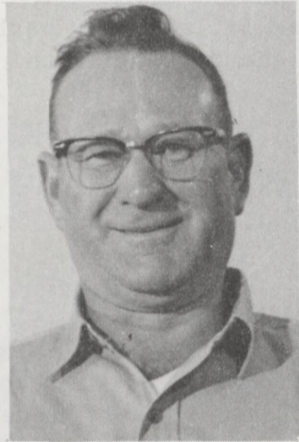
tache Bill sold him. Right, Bob Wege pins a genius badge on Red Howell who retired after 45-3/4 years of service.



Daniels



Orr



Preece



Charlie Vetter received a fine gun from automotive employees.

Nine employees retired February 1 with many accumulated years of service. They were Ray G. Daniels, W. O. Hopper, Jr., R. B. Howell, Sam L. Orr, Cleve O'Toole, William A. Phillips, George F. Preece, Jan Samson and Charlie Vetter.

Ray Daniels, Operations Foreman, Dispatching, retired with 40½ years of service. He first began working as a Sample Boy in Loading & Unloading in 1930. He served as a Gauger, Pumper and Operations Foreman in Dispatching. He and his wife, Artie, will make their retirement home at 1621 Locklaine, Pasadena.

"Tiny" Hopper, Operations Foreman, Refinery Lab, retired with 41 years of service. He began working as a Sample Boy in the Refinery Lab in 1930. He moved to the Wood River Refinery in 1937 as a Junior Motor Testing Engineer, returning to Houston after a few months. He served as a Motor Testing Engineer, Lab Foreman and Operations Foreman. He and his wife, Willie Mae, live at 209 S. Wafer, Pasadena.

"Red" Howell, Operations Supervisor, Distilling, retired with 45-3/4 years of service. He began working for the company in 1926 as a Sample Boy at the Arkansas City Refinery. He moved to the Houston Refinery as a Pipefitter Helper in 1929 and on his retirement held the record for having the most continuous service at Houston. He moved to the old topping department in 1929, serving as Stillman and later Shift Foreman and Operating Assistant. He and his wife, Wilma, reside at 1606 25th St., LaPorte.

Sam Orr, Operations Foreman, Cat. Cracking, retired with 33½ years of service, having served as a General Helper, Pipefitter Helper, Pressureman and Operator. He became an Operations Foreman in 1964. Sam and his wife, Marjorie, will make their retirement home at 306 Vince, Pasadena.

Cleve O'Toole, Engineering Supervisor, Engineering Field, retired with 30 years service. He has served as a General Helper, Engineer, Area Inspector, Senior Analyst, Fire & Safety Inspector, and Engineering Foreman. Before moving to their new retirement home, Cleve and his wife, Elsie, will live at 4616 Rockwood, Houston.

Bill Phillips, Operations Supervisor, Distilling, almost had 36 years of service. Bill worked as a Laborer, Gauger, Operator, Operations Foreman and Refinery Supervisor. He and his wife, Luvinia, when not traveling, will make their home at 7450 Magnolia, Houston.

George Preece, Brickmason No. 1, retired with 23½ years service. He began working at the Refinery in 1947 as a Brickmason. George and his wife, Helen, live at 602 Eighth St., South Houston.

Jan Samson, Chemist, Refinery Lab, had served as a Research Chemist in Research before transferring to the Lab in 1962. The 22-year veteran and his wife, Cornelia, will reside at 8109 Ogden, Houston.

Charlie Vetter, Mechanic No. 1, Automotive, had 33 years of service. He had served as a Truck Driver, Rigger and Mechanic. He and his wife, Maurine, live at 6612 Cullen, Houston.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Aluminum camp table, \$7.50. Rear glass for 1968 Ford pickup, \$10.
Telephone: 487-0742

'67 Ply Fury III, V8, 383, A/C, power, \$825.
Telephone: 473-2090

1966 LTD, 4 dr., vinyl hardtop, all power & air, excellent condition, \$1095.
Telephone: 472-2833

1962 V6 Buick Special stationwagon, good running condition, automatic transmission, radio and heater, \$150.
Telephone: 471-4645

14' fiberglass over wood boat, new Dilley trailer, 5 hp motor, all in excellent condition, \$225.
Telephone: 474-3892

1971 Ford pickup, sport custom, V8, air conditioner, shell camper. \$2,750.
Telephone: 471-1679

16' aluminum, wide beam, square bow boat, 25 hp Evinrude, steering, remote controls, big wheel trailer, \$650.
Telephone: 946-3435

5 & 10 gal. fish aquariums with stand, lights pumps and heaters. In operation with tropical and gold fish, \$20.
Telephone: 473-3438

'68 Olds 98 luxury sedan, black vinyl top, turquoise blue, AM/FM stereo radio, elec. windows, tilt & telescoping steering wheel. \$1550.
Telephone: 471-3427

Like new, 1970 10 ft. Trailmaster Cab-over camper. 3 burner stove with oven; icebox; large closet; ample storage; sleeps 4-6; 20 gal. water tank; sink; 6 volt and 110-volt and butane lights; 5 gal. butane tank. Complete with jacks. \$850.
Telephone: 473-4042

1967 Volkswagen. Body needs repair. Motor is good, air, 47,000 miles. \$500.
Telephone: 481-3790

Have 3 cars 1 driver. 1966 Olds 98, 4 dr. sedan, all power equipment. A-1 condition, AM-FM radio, \$995.
Telephone: 944-1606

Rabbit hutch, \$5. Hardwood floors. Barbie doll clothes (pantsuits).
Telephone: 472-8445

1963 Buick Electra 225. Loaded. Quick sale. \$275.
Telephone: 944-1606

1969 Galaxie 500, all power, air, disc brakes, very clean, \$1095.
Telephone: HU 5-3064 after 6 p.m. & weekends

Polaroid 350 Land camera with built-in timer. Color or b/w pictures. Flash included. \$75.
Panasonic turn table, all speeds. \$40.
Telephone: 481-0430

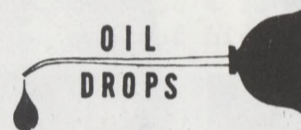
WANT TO BUY

Hearing aid. Must be in good condition.
Telephone: GR 3-2541

Used disc that small tractor can pull.
Telephone: 473-4854

PERSONAL

I would like to thank all my friends who wished me luck on my departure from Shell. The money gift will be spent on an electric barbecue and every time I barbecue, I will think of you all.
Jan Samson



Temple Junior College's Faith Watson, daughter of Ed Watson, set a club rebound record recently when she guided the Leopardettes to a 68-34 victory over Texas Wesleyan College.

Miss Watson, a former member of the Deep Park High School basketball team, hauled in 21 rebounds to break the old club record of 17.

In addition, she tossed in 35 points, one more than the entire Texas Wesleyan team for the biggest offensive output by a Leopardette this season.

The Leopardettes made a total of 47 rebounds to Texas Wesleyan's 10.

Faith's father is an Operator No. 1, Lubbock, Texas.

Jar openers, leather goods, trunk linings, hold downs, candles and holders, decorative throw pillows and paper flowers should attract customers to the Shell sponsored Junior Achievement display at the Trade Fair next weekend.

The five companies sponsored by the Refinery and Chemical Plant--Flame, Bands & Belts Zig Zag & Us, Sunshine Pillow Board and Shell Out--will participate in the Gulfgate portion of the Fair, February 11-12.

About 80 kids and their advisers will represent Shell at the Fair and will be vying for sales and awards. Advisers from the Refinery are George Roe, Dan McNeill, Vic Edwards, Richard Gerth, George Stanfield, E. M. Rogers, Ray Boyd and Ray Crawford.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following is the Equities fund valuation:

January 20, 1972- \$2.5166