OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Physical Science Oral History Collection

Collection Date(s): 1976

Extent and Forms of Material: .02 cubic feet (1 box, 5 audio cassette tapes)

Creator: Leonard Becker

Abstract: Leonard Becker was a major participant in the development and marketing of Vinyl plastic.


Collection Number: AC0248

Processing Note: This collection was processed by Craig Orr, November 21, 1989

INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History: This collection consists of five cassette tapes recording the reminiscences of Leonard Becker, a major participant in the development and marketing of Vinyl plastic.

Scope and Content: These five cassette tapes contain Leonard Becker's recollections regarding the origin and development of vinyl plastic. They cover experiments undertaken in conjunction with the Union Carbide & Carbon company in Nitro, West Virginia, where this process was first used in the manufacture of plastic belts for men. The tapes contain information regarding the various stages involved in the production of these belts, including dipping, extrusion, fabrication, and sealing/cementing.

For more information contact the Archives Center at archivescenter@si.edu or 202-633-3270
Acquisition Information: These tapes were donated to the Division of Chemistry in 1978 by Mr. Becker.

Custodial History: This collection was transferred to the Archives Center in October 1986.

Access Points:

Subject/Topical
Plastics
Vinyl polymers -- history
Belts (Clothing) -- Plastic

Subject/Name
Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation Nitro (W. Va.)

Form/Genre
Oral history