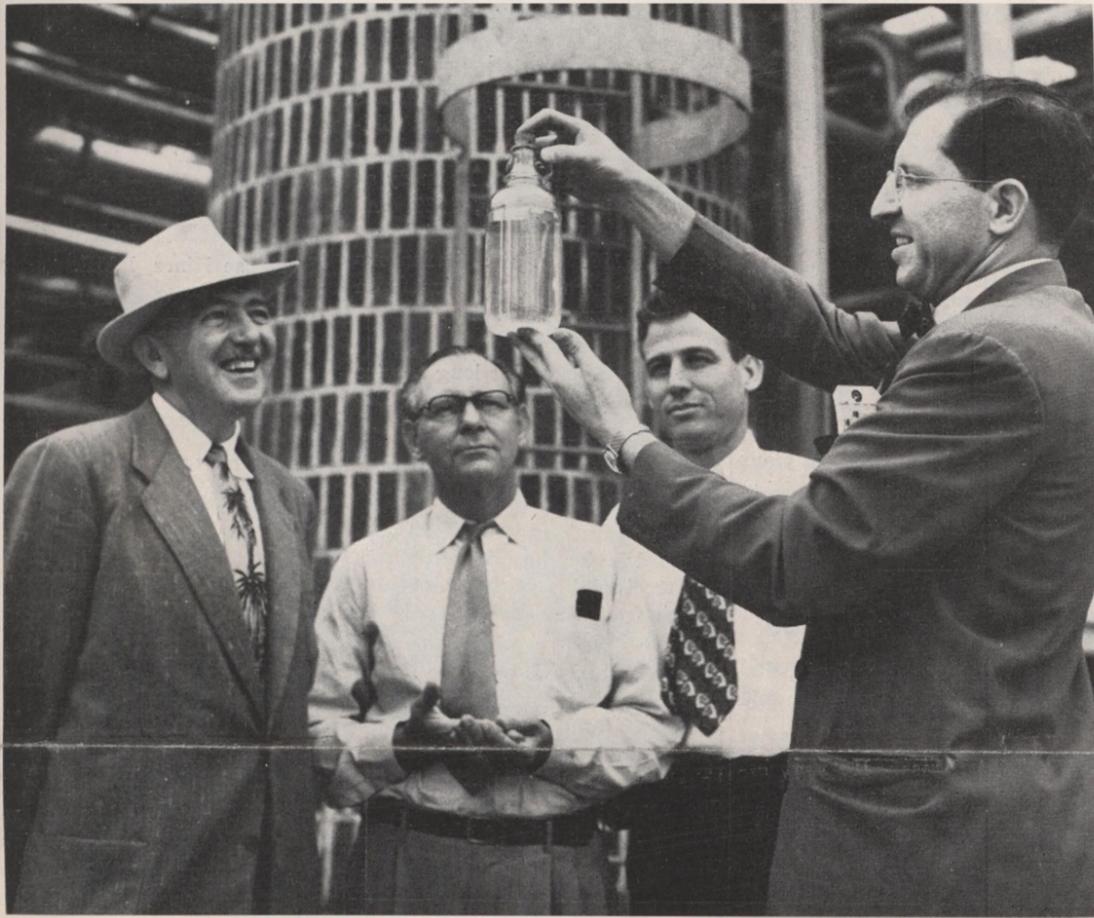


Platformer Benzene Sent To Storage



FIRST BENZENE from the aromatics section of the new platforming plant has gone into storage tanks! In charge of the tremendous plant which produced the sample they examine are

L. J. Snyder, Gas Department Manager, W. W. Coale and J. H. Tomfohrde, Assistant Managers, and V. A. Maggio, Platforming Technologist. Column behind them produces finished benzene.

Shell Military Leave Policy Extended To Employees With 1 Year's Service

Shell has revised its Military Leave Policy effective January 1, 1953, so that a greater number of employees entering military service will qualify for financial benefits.

No longer will it be necessary for the employee to have had service with Shell prior to the beginning of the Korean war. If he

had at least one full year of service at the time of his entry, (and he enters for the minimum period available to him), he will be eligible for the service allowance. This is a payment equivalent to the employee's normal wage or salary for a maximum period of two months.

Provident Fund Member

In addition, if he is a member of the Provident Fund, the Company will continue payments to his Fund account in an amount equal to one-half of the contributions being made by the Company at the time the leave begins.

Also, if he is married at the time of entry, his wife may be entitled to receive family allowance from the Company. These are payments to the wife which make up the difference between government pay and normal wage or salary payments from the Company in an amount up to one-half of the Company pay.

Tennis, Bowling Set Spring Tournaments

It's tournament time for SERA tennis and bowling enthusiasts! Tennis starts the ball rolling with a tournament April 23rd, and bowling strikes up their tourney June 6-7th.

Ladder play in the SERA tennis club begins April 7th, with a tournament scheduled April 23rd, announces tennis chairman Wade Callender.

A special invitation for beginners is issued, since according to the new rules more emphasis is being placed on participation and less on ability!

Competition with tennis clubs from other companies is scheduled, as well as a one-set tourney in September, and possibly a mixed doubles tournament in June if enough interest is shown. Municipal

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July '50 - Jan. '53 Eligible

Employees who entered military service after July 1, 1950, but prior to January 1, 1953, and who would have been eligible for Company financial benefits except for the July 1, 1950 cutoff date, are now considered eligible for family allowance and Provident Fund benefits from January 1, 1953.

They Gun For Fun In SERA



SLOW GOING, loading one of the old Cap and Ball pistols, but "Buck" Rogers shows us how. First measure out black powder from the container on right. Put powder in all six cylinder chambers. Put one ball in each chamber. Ram ball with ramrod. Seal with wax. Insert percussion cap in rear of cylinder. Fire at will. (See Gun Club on Page 2).

April 19 Deadline Set For Blue Cross Changes

Blue Cross has opened its doors again for applications for membership and changes in the type of coverage in the Blue Cross Hospitalization and Blue Shield Medical-Surgical Services. Changes can be made from now until April 19, 1953, which falls on a Sunday, so changes at Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant should be made on or before April 17, 1953.

Changes will become effective May 1, 1953. New enrollments or changes in coverage, including the additions of dependents or sponsored dependents, should be made during this period.

Members of Blue Cross and Blue Shield may also subscribe to a "dread disease" coverage of \$5,000 (\$3,500 hospital care and \$1,500 medical care.) This coverage is for treatment of each of the diseases listed for a two-year period after diagnosis: polio, rabies, leukemia, diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, tetanus, spinal meningitis, encephalitis, tularemia.

With the warm weather spring and summer bring to Houston, this would be an ideal time to add the "dread disease" coverage if you so desire.

Enrollment and transfer cards must be completed in duplicate and may be obtained at the Personnel & Industrial Relations Department from now until April 17, 1953.

Catalyst Forms Unique Flower



PLATFORMING CATALYST forms a giant flower-like pattern with the loading bin as it is loaded into the reactor. Platforming start-up story is on Pages 4-5.



M. J. LAGROUE (kneeling) is going fishing with the retirement gifts he got. Looking them over are W. P. Zuber, A. T. Bullard, and E. Small, all of Fire & Safety.

Lagroue, Lib Edwards Start March Retirement

M. J. Lagroue plans fishing and perhaps a visit to Mexico City after his retirement from Shell March 1. He has been with Shell for 16 years.

A gateman at the time of his retirement, Mr. Lagroue was first employed as a carpenter in October, 1936. He spent part of the years in the carpenter shop and part as a patrolman.

Mr. Lagroue is a native of Louisiana. He was born in Hillsdale.

Lib Edwards retired March 1st after over 23 years with Shell. He was first employed as a Laborer in Engineering Field in March, 1929. For the past number of years, he has been working as a Yardman at the Stores Department.

Born in Monroe, La., he has two grown children. He and Mrs. Edwards live at 4218 Gunter in Houston.

Well-known among Shell employees as a "top-hand" when it comes to good barbecue, Lib plans to open his own barbecue place in Pasadena in April or May.



A WHOLE SUIT of clothes from top to toe, was a farewell gift to Lib Edwards, holding paper, who retired from Shell in March after 23 years at Houston Refinery.

Nelse Alexander Dies

Nelse W. Alexander, Senior Research Engineer at Houston Refinery, died March 20, 1953, after an extended illness. He first began his Shell career in April, 1942, as a Junior Research Chemist. Mr. Alexander had been on a leave of

Service Birthdays



J. C. SORENSON



ROY PUGH

James C. Sorenson, Welder No. 1, and Roy Pugh, Pipefitter No. 1, both celebrate 25 years of Shell service this month.

James Sorenson was born in Denmark and came to the United States in December, 1915. His Shell career started in East Chicago in January, 1926.

He came to Houston Refinery as a welder in February, 1929, and was made a Welder No. 1 in September, 1934. The Sorensons have their home at 205 Nugent in LaPorte, Texas.

Roy Pugh began his long service with Shell at Wood River in De-

absence due to his illness since January, 1952.

Born near Gatesville, Texas, he attended high school in Gatesville, and received his bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University at Waco in 1939.

Mr. Alexander is survived by his widow and two daughters, Carolyn and Betty Jane. Their home is at 610 Maple Street in Pasadena. On behalf of Houston Refinery, the Shellegram extends deepest sympathy to the family of Nelse Alexander.

cember, 1927, and came to Houston Refinery in 1932. He moved to the Pipe Shop in February, 1934, and became a Pipefitter No. 1 in 1938.

He was born in Pinckneyville, Illinois. Now he has his home at 6921 Myrtle in Houston.

REFINERY

TEN YEARS

Hortense Hines, P&IR.
I. C. Martin, Control Lab.

FIFTEEN YEARS

C. A. Vetter, Automotive

CHEMICAL

TEN YEARS

D. S. Melstrom, Research

FAY HILLIARD

Fay Hilliard observes twenty years of Shell service this March. He first came to Shell in March, 1933, as a Jr. Draftsman. Next step was Engineering Office, where he became an Engineer in January, 1936. Mr. Hilliard was named Assistant Utilities Engineer in November, 1938.

He became Department Manager of Utilities in January, 1947. At present he is on special assignment to Engineering Field.

Born in Dallas, Mr. Hilliard attended high school there. He was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, and received his bachelor of science from Rice in 1932. He and Mrs. Hilliard have four children.

FRANCIS J. LINK

Francis J. Link, more often called "Red", celebrates twenty years of Shell employment this month. All of this time has been spent at Houston Refinery, where

he started work as a Pipefitter Helper in October, 1929. He transferred to the Loading and Unloading section, the Dispatching and Shipping Department as a Loader in September, 1933. Next step was the docks as a Dockman Helper in November, 1933. Red was made Shift Foreman in August, 1947.

Born in Venice, Illinois, he attended school in Granite City, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Link have their home at 7415 Garden Avenue in Houston.

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Pick That Pistol Up, Join SERA Gun Club Wednesdays



WESTERN PASSKEYS were these old frontier-type guns such as that Les Bassinger, Chemical E. Dept., holds—a Kentucky long rifle muzzle loader. Bill Rogers, Chemical E. Dept., shows a "hawg-laig" Cap and Ball pistol used in Civil War days. Nelson Farmer, Chemical G Dept., totes a frontier model Colt.



LARRY HORSTMAN, Chemical Lab. and Nelse Carraway, Refinery Research, draw a bead at rifle target practice each Wednesday night.



Those who like to test their skill with guns will find plenty to entice them each Wednesday at the SERA Gun Club. Some 40 members meet at the quonset-hut building located just south of the Chemical plant.

Three Sections

Three sections of the club provide a variety of gun-power: the rifle, pistol, and cap and ball pistol sections. Rifle enthusiasts shoot from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and pistol shooters meet from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cap and ball owners meet with the other pistol group.

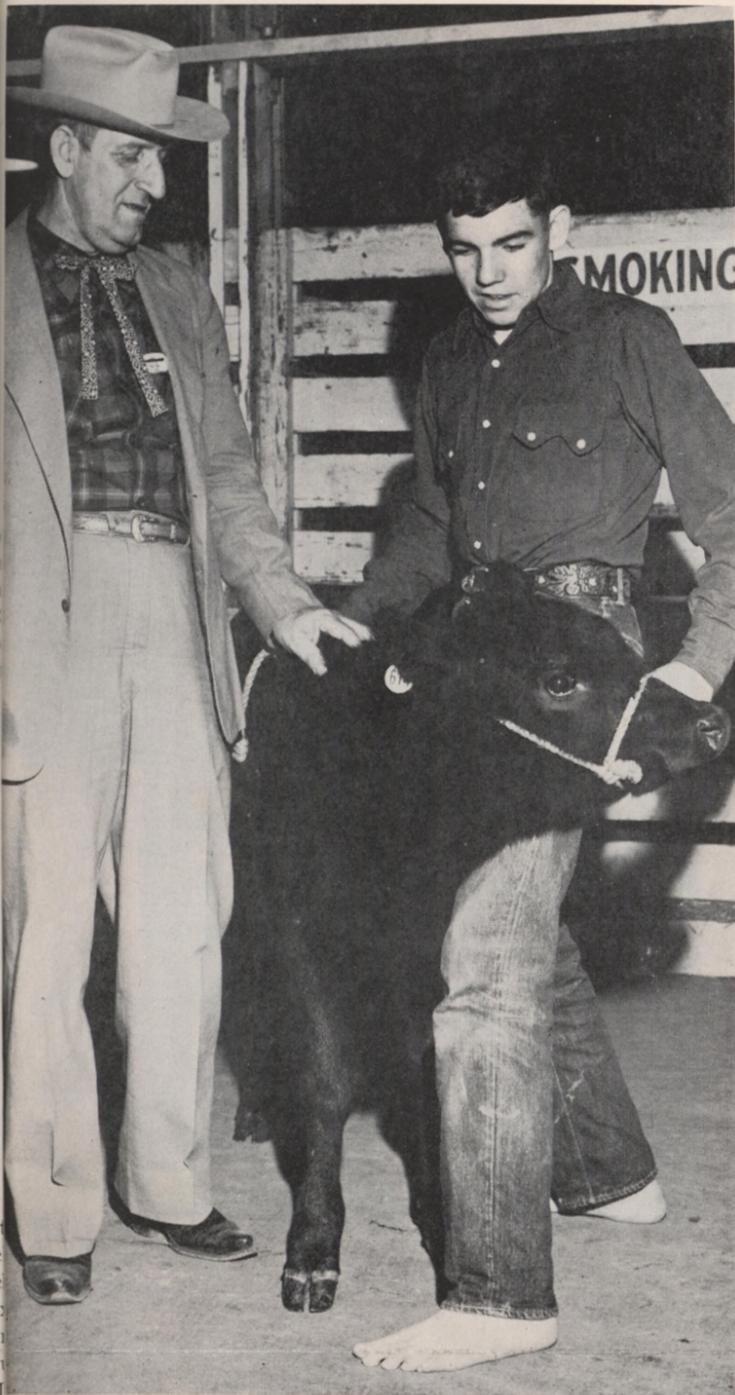
The club members fire on a handicap basis, and at the end of each two-month period, a medal is given for high handicap. Each three months, a medal is presented to the high score winner. Pistol and rifle groups each give these medals.

Plan Rifle Match

Gun Club members have defeated the Pasadena police both times they have competed with them. They plan a rifle match with the Diamond Alkali team soon.

Members must furnish their own guns and ammunition, but the ammunition can be bought through the club. All other facilities are furnished. Membership in the Gun Club is \$1.00 each six months. New members are welcome. For information about joining, see Les Bassinger at Chemical Experimental Lab, Hugo Leuders at Chemical G Dept., or Nelse Carraway at Refinery Research.

BEST SHOTS in the Gun Club, records prove, are Nelse Carraway, Refinery Research, with a target rifle, and O. M. Gindratt, Refinery Electrician Foreman, with a target pistol.



CALF SCRAMBLE WINNER Chick Carter (right) and Walter Peterson, scramble judge and Shell Dockmaster, check the Shell-donated calf.

4-H Club Boy Wins Shell-Donated Calf To Start His Herd

Anyone can start from scratch, but it takes a real hand to start from scramble!

Because he caught a calf in the 1953 Houston Fat Stock Show calf scramble, there's a 16-year-old future rancher out in West Texas. He raced bare-footed down an arena, put a halter around the nose of a bawling, scuffling Aberdeen-Angus calf twice his weight and dragged the protesting critter back across the finish line.

Start Toward Herd

From the Shell-sponsored calf he won at the stock show February 15th, young Chick Carter of Roby, Texas, will get his start toward a future herd and possibly a college scholarship. Once Chick dragged the calf back over the finish line, he was potentially in the ranching business. The calf belongs to its catcher and he is given a certificate which he uses toward the purchase of his own pure-bred calf to raise for the next year's stock show.

The calf scramble has become a leading part of the annual Houston Fat Stock Show now in its 20th year. During the past 10 years, Houston businesses and industries have spent over one million dollars toward the purchase of pure-bred cattle, both beef and dairy for this event. Grand Champion of the show in 1952 was a 1951 scramble calf which sold for nearly \$16,000.

This is the first year Shell has sponsored a calf. But some Shell employees have played a major part in the stock show for a long time.

Shell Rancher

Walter Peterson, Dockmaster at Houston Refinery, has been a committeeman in the scramble for many years, and this year he obtained 38 sponsors for the calves in the scramble. Well-known in stock show circles for his active participation, Pete was one of the judges in both the beef and dairy scrambles. He has his own ranch in Madison county where he is starting out his own youngsters early with their own herd of cattle, horses. Both Betty Joyce and Kenneth share their father's love of ranching.

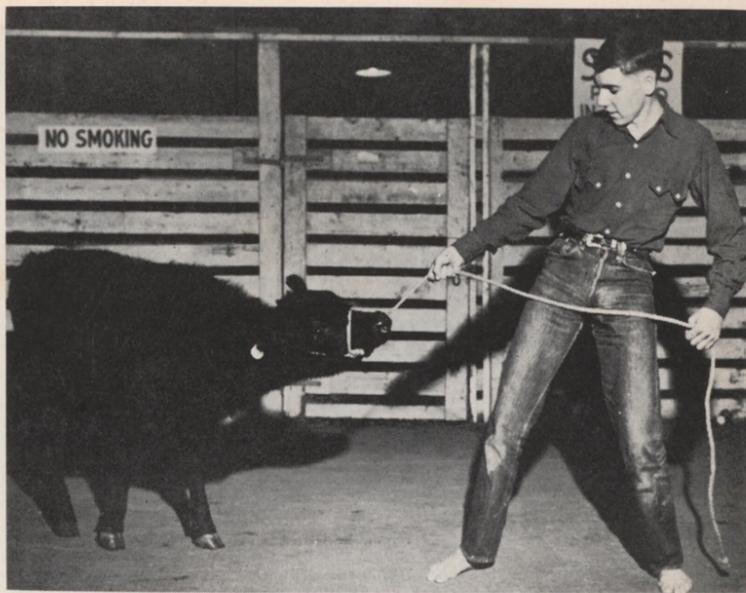
Pete explains there are two types of scrambles—one for beef cattle and one for dairy cattle. Both are operated very much alike. But the 1953 beef scramble calves are brought back to the show in 1954 while the dairy cattle will be brought back as grown cattle in 1955.

A Mad Scramble

Each night for 19 performances, 20 different youngsters, selected by their county agents, 4-H clubs and Texas A&M, tried to catch the 10 calves in the spirited scramble. The boys and calves are placed in an arena—the calves at one end—the boys at the other.

At a signal the boys race toward the calves, which need no signal to run the opposite direction. It's a mad scramble of eager boys, kicking cattle.

Some of the boys get knocked down, or dragged around the arena



COME ON, BOY, we've got a big future raising you up to be a winner, says Chick Carter, Roby 4-H Club Boy, who won the Shell-donated calf in the 1953 Houston Fat Stock Show Calf Scramble.

March 6, 1953
Roby, Texas,

J. M. McCoy
Shell Oil Co.
P. O. Box 2527
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I have received my Beef Calf Scramble Purchase Certificate. I am so glad to have the Shell Oil Company for my Sponsor. I certainly appreciate your personal interest in me when I was at Houston, taking the pictures of me, and your intention of visiting me this summer.

I have had so many people to tell me how glad they were that I caught my calf and hoped I would have a winner. It sure makes me feel good. I do want to get a GOOD calf, and make a winner out of him. I feel like with the help of my County Agent, my daddy, mother, three brothers, you and the Shell Oil Company, that I will have a winner.

I am now looking for a calf, but haven't found one yet. As soon as I get my calf I will send you a report and picture. And I do want to thank you and the Shell Oil Company again for giving me a chance to feed a calf.

Sincerely yours,

CHICK CARTER
Route 1
Roby, Texas.



WALTER PETERSON, Shell Dockmaster and Calf Scramble Judge (left), and Frank L. Crowder, Roby County Agent (right), help Chick Carter check to see that the calf he caught in the scramble is the one Shell donated.

hanging frantically to the tail of the calf. Ten of the luckier boys will manage to put a halter on a calf and tugging on the rope (plus the tail for added acceleration) will haul those bawling beefs back across the finish line.

Take His Choice

Those who managed to catch a calf take the money paid for it and, with the aid of their county agent or some other wise counselor, go out and pick the finest pure-bred calf they can for the money. They

may pick an Aberdeen-Angus like the black ones used in the scramble, or maybe a Jersey, but most often a Hereford.

Young Carter wants a Hereford, and he and his county agent, Frank L. Crowder, Jr., made plans to shop with the ranchers on their way home.

Well-Qualified Boy

A 4-H club boy for seven years, Chick should be well-qualified to pick a winner. Last year at a 4-H

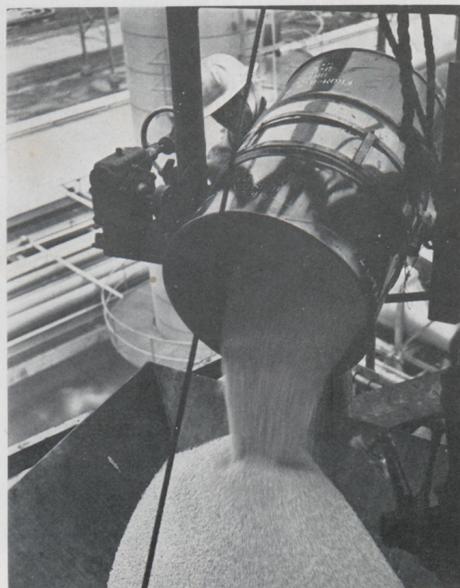
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A WELCOME AS BIG as the racquet is out for all tennis players to join in the spring SERA tournaments—with a special welcome to the novices for play is set up on a handicap basis. But Warren Saunders, behind the smile, will net only a "no fair" decision on oversize equipment.



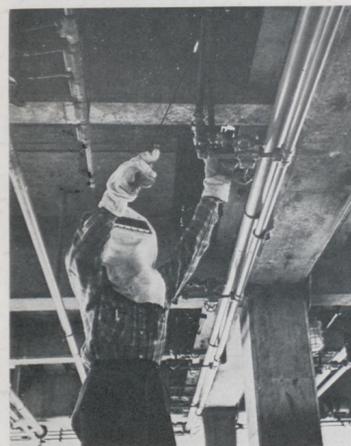
HOIST UP another barrel of catalyst, signals A. V. Jones, Yardman, to the ground crew.



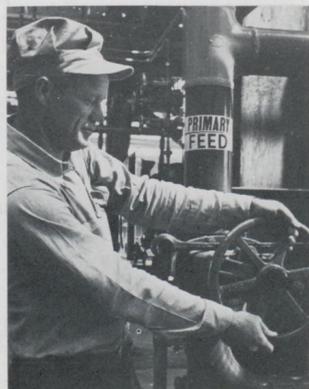
SPECIAL VISE facilities hauled catalyst up 60 feet to loading bin atop the reactor. It took 50,000 pounds of white bead-like catalyst before the four reactors were filled.



BUTTONING UP catalyst-filled reactors, E. M. Lewis, Pipefitter, tightens top flange.



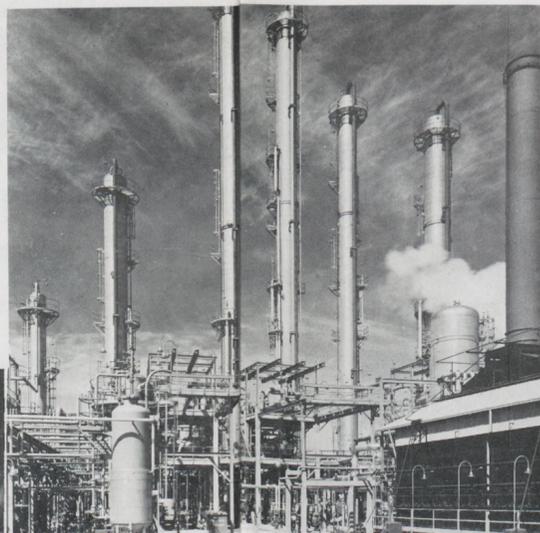
DRESSED IN ASBESTOS hood and gloves, an operator lights the overhead heaters in the platformer section. Since moisture damages catalyst, the unit had to be thoroughly dried out before catalyst loading.



HALF FEED STOCK is made on the platformer site. John Delaney, Operator, readies feed column for operation.

20,000 GALLONS of water per minute from one cooling water unit circulate through the platforming plant as Jack Goodnight, Operator, starts flow of water to unit.

FINISHED PRODUCT flows into bottle as J. H. Leach, Operator - Stillman, takes a sample of initial benzene production from benzene re-run column tops pump.

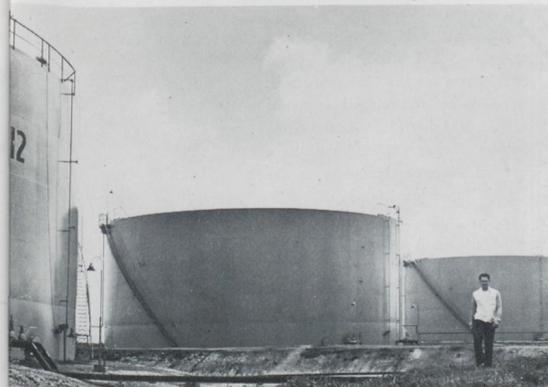


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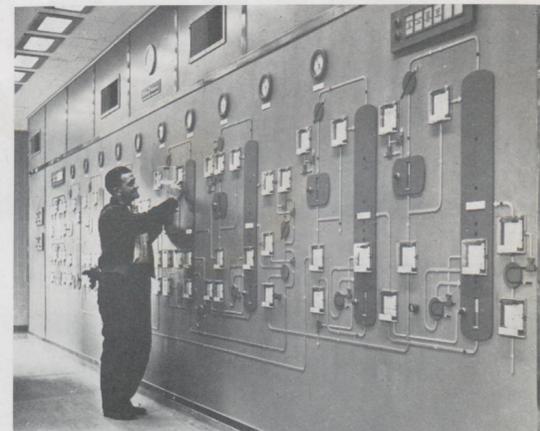
Platformer Starts Operation

After 1½ years construction period, one of the largest platforming and aromatics concentration units in the United States went into operation this month at Houston Refinery. Before the benzene and toluene can flow "on spec" from the Platforming Plant into the storage tanks, thousands of tasks must be performed to get the giant installation "on stream." Some of the most important final steps are photographically presented here.

STORAGE TANKS were erected for the portion of the feed stock furnished by the Distilling Department for platformer.



INSTRUMENT MEN check instruments behind the panel: W. A. Stabs, J. H. Smith, T. C. Huffman, C. A. Janac, C. F. Pack, D. C. Bailey, W. C. Trammel (kneeling), D. J. Gates.



CONTROL PANELS in both sections are designed to show product flow, and controls on board simulate actual operating location. Operator Bert Musgrove makes an adjustment on a column without leaving control room.

TEMPERATURE can be made in any column by flicking a switch as Operator Harry Maignaud does.



POP VALVE to relieve unusually high pressures on a unit is checked by W. C. Trammel, Instrument Man.



SAFETY PANEL provides almost instant control of valves located throughout platforming unit. Operator E. E. Kulhanek examines the levers.

CALF—
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Club encampment at Texas A&M College, he placed second individually in the cattle judging contest and was a member of the team that placed third. Professional judges place the cattle, the boys judge the same cattle, and the rating the boys give the cattle are compared to those of the experts to show the winners.
Even his family background should help him in selection and raising of a calf since his dad, Ed Carter, is a farmer and rancher in Fisher county, about 107 miles north of Midland where Shell Oil Company's Midland Area Office is located. Shell Pipe Line's West Texas Area Office is only 47 miles from Roby at Colorado City—and that's close in West Texas.

Buy Outstanding Calf
When Chick and his county agent Frank Crowder find a calf that they believe to be outstanding, Chick will buy it. Under the guidance of Crowder, Chick will scientifically feed and groom the calf. (Shell Chemical has an office in Denver which makes agricultural chemicals used in food production, so Shell might have something to do even with the food the calf eats.)
Each month young Carter will write a report to Shell, sponsor of the calf. The sponsor and Houston Fat Stock Show committeeman will follow closely the report until Chick returns to the stock show in 1954. All contestants in the calf scramble agree to enter the calf in the following year's show.
Further Awards Set
On their return to the stock

show, the boys who have done the best job of raising and grooming their cattle come in for more awards. The Stock Show Catalogue lists the purpose of the calf scramble: "To further the encouragement and education of 4-H Club Boys and FFA Members in the raising, feeding, and breeding of high quality beef cattle in Texas."
Friends have corralled a good deal of "encouragement" too. One offers a registered bull calf to the boy showing the best beef scramble calf. Another gives a total of \$225 for the highest net profit per pound gained. And \$100 goes to the boy who makes the most gain with feed raised on his own ranch. A western saddle, cowboy boots, a trip are also provided for various types of winners. Two \$2000 Texas A&M scholarships, a \$500 Texas A&M graduation gift, a \$5000 University of Houston scholarship round out the herd of

prizes offered by various businessmen.
Fat In Hurry
The young calf Chick buys now may weigh about 200 pounds, but by the time he cares for it a year and brings it back to the Houston show it may weigh as much as 1200 pounds. He can sell it for premium prices offered at the show and get enough money to buy another, perhaps two, young calves. If he shows one of the best calves, he may be in line for one of the scholarships or prizes offered. He could win a college education with an outstanding calf.
Chick has been raising lambs before this, but the calf he won will assure him of a start in the cattle business. With hard work and good advice, there'll be a mighty fine rancher named Chick Carter out in West Texas not so long from now.

Have You Met?

... these new employees welcomed them to Shell?
REFINERY
Research
L. S. Gallik, Jr. Lab. Asst.
P&I
C. L. Pugsley, Analyst
Treasury
H. E. Garner, Supervisor, Gen. Accounting
Betty Jo Gouge, File & Mail Clerk
CHEMICAL
Engineering
T. D. Bennett, General Helper
J. D. Berridge, General Helper
W. E. Bryan, General Helper
H. H. Buchanan, General Helper
L. Copeland, General Helper
J. L. Cunningham, General Helper

J. Dubcak, General Helper
W. Farmer, General Helper
H. Harral, Jr., General Helper
D. Jennings, General Helper
T. Kaptchinski, General Hlpr.
T. Lange, General Helper
E. Mays, General Helper
R. Moore, General Helper
W. Moore, General Helper
J. Phillips, General Helper
G. Renfro, General Helper
C. Savell, General Helper
L. Sikora, General Helper
J. Simons, General Helper
L. Steed, General Helper
H. Trammel, General Helper
E. Welch, General Helper
K. Williams, Draftsman
Engineering
M. Bodine, General Helper No. 2
E. Dedek, Jr. Engineer
T. Duncan, General Helper No. 2
L. Fortune, Jr., Clerk
L. Hopkins, Gen. Helper No. 2
L. Jones, General Helper No. 2
E. E. Juntunen, Gen. Helper No. 2
L. C. Matthews, Gen. Helper No. 2
E. L. Nieherhofer, Jr., Gen. Hlpr. No. 2
J. B. Poland, General Helper No. 2
T. E. Royall, Jr. Engineer
J. C. Rountree, Gen. Helper No. 2
N. A. Shepherd, Jr., Gen. Helper No. 2
E. E. Smith, Gen. Helper No. 2
R. G. Sproston, Jr., Jr. Engineer
D. Spruiell, General Helper No. 2
E. N. Terrell, General Helper No. 2
E. J. Thielen, General Helper No. 2
E. B. Tyler, Blueprint Machine Opr.
F. E. White, General Helper No. 2
Laboratory
J. C. Gillett, Jr. Chemist
L. Macha, Jr., Jr. Chemist
G. G. Velten, Jr. Chemist
Treasury
S. A. Current, Jr. Clerk
M. J. Hambrick, Opr. Keypunch
M. A. Hammond, Steno.

TOURNAMENTS—
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pal Courts have been reserved on Tuesday nights for SERA play, but tennis club members can play for ladder positions at any time.
Neil McKay, 1952 tennis chairman, just announced the following results of the 1952 tennis ladder. Hortense and Al Saunders played first, Sargent second, and Steil third. Others in order were Frederikson, Orfield, Braud, Arabian, Wadin, Moore, and Hood.
Wade Callender, Refinery Research, is ready to bat back answers on any questions you might serve him. So if you have any questions, knock a few his way at Ref. 585, or challenge Jack Sargent at Chem. 452.
Plans for the Fifth Annual S.E.R.A. Bowling Tournament are being formulated now and the date has been set for June 6 and 7 at the Recreating Bowling Center.

Largest In SERA History
A tournament committee composed of Joe Eberman, "Rip" Collins, "Hank" Anderegg, Al Dugas, Berry Risinger, Hortense Barrell, John Herrmann and Milton Miller met March 13 to make plans for the largest bowling tournament in S.E.R.A. history. Hortense and Al were made co-chairmen and will work with the committee in writing regulations governing the tournament and setting up the prize list. The team event will be bowled on the 6th and doubles and singles on the 7th.
Lady And 12 Games
The only rules agreed on thus far are that all S.E.R.A. bowlers who have an established average of at least 12 games during the 1952-53 season are eligible to participate and that each team entry must include at least one lady bowler.

Births
REFINERY
Feb. 12: John S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Dowd (Research Lab.).
March 9: Carol Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Banowsky (Engineering).
March 15: James Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Crosby (Insulation).
CHEMICAL
Jan. 1: Peggy Odell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stinebower (Boiler Shop).
Feb. 13: Marianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Vinsinsky (Automotive).
Feb. 19: Cynthia Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hickman L. Green (Paint Shop).
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CHEMICAL

The Trustees of the Shell Provident Fund have authorized a distribution of earnings to members' accounts at the rate of 2 3/4% for the year 1952.

Members' statements of account will be forwarded as soon as available.

The Houston Plant Plays Host To Chemical Division Of The Shell Standardization Committee



THE CHEMICAL DIVISION of the Shell Standardization Committeemen are (back row left), C. Wies, Sewaren; L. R. Donkle, Torrance; E. W. Templeton, Dominguez; E. G. O. Way, Montreal Plant, Canadian Associate; T. M. Brye,

Martinez; E. D. Peters, Shell Development; V. W. Wilson, Houston. Front row (left) are: H. R. McCombie, Shell Point; E. M. Lando, Julius Hyman; F. E. Tumbler, Secretary of Committee; F. T. Tymstra, Shell Point; W. B. Milligan, Shell Development.

Jo Kelley Named Associate Editor Of Shellegram



JO KELLEY AND JO JONES look over some pictures for use in the Shellegram. Jo Kelley is the new Associate Editor of the Chemical section of the publication.

The Chemical Division of the Shell Standardization Committee held its annual meeting on February 16th through the 18th at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

This committee is responsible for the establishment of standard methods of analysis for use in Shell Chemical laboratories. Formal discussions on new and unique analytical methods for use in the Shell Chemical Plants were held in the conferences during the meeting.

At the close of the conference, an informal Plant visit was made to the Houston Plant.

Committeemen were C. Wies, L. R. Donkle, E. S. Templeton, E. G. O. Way, T. M. Brye, E. D. Peters, V. W. Wilson, H. R. McCombie, E. M. Lando, B. H. Cummings, F. D. Tumbler, F. T. Tymster, and W. B. Milligan.

Research

Vacations started a little early this year in the Research Department. The **Bob Burges** are touring South and Central America with their ultimate destination Rio. The last report we had from the fortunate twosome was from Miami Beach, Florida.

Other signs of spring are the yearly discussions on boats and fishing. The latest convert, **Lloyd Elkin**, has grandiose plans for the construction of a cabin cruiser (or has it changed now to a flat bottomed show). For information on glass boats we refer you to **Bill Smith**.

In the line of talent we point to **Don Melstrom**, our accomplished actor. Don's theatrical talents are currently devoted to portraying the role of a teen-age brat. We expect to see an "Oscar" any day.

Stores

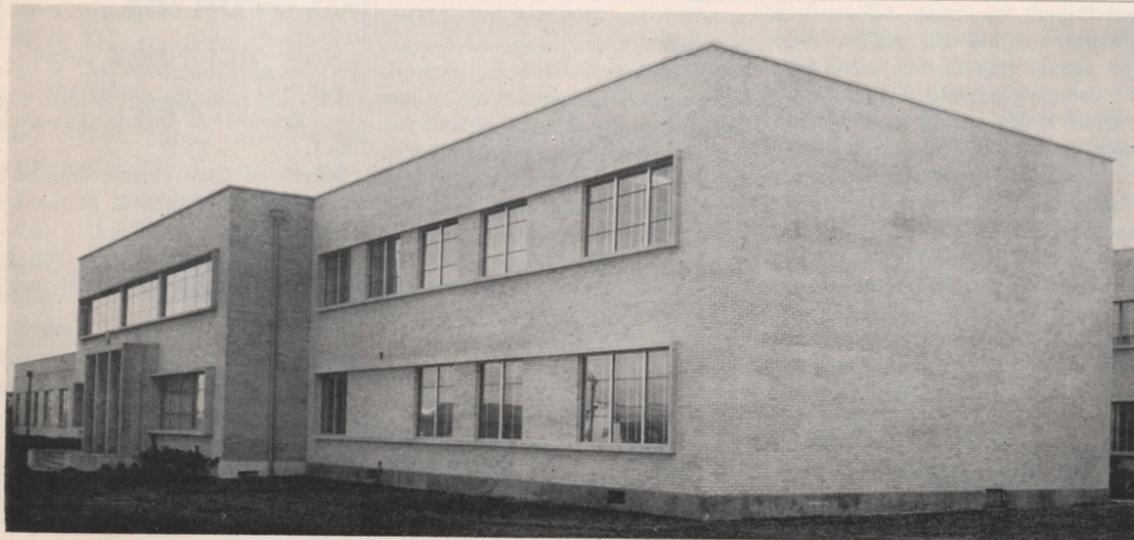
The members of the Stores Department are having trouble this month. The Spring weather that we have been having makes us all want to beautify our lawns.

Poor **Howard Griffin** is the only fellow in Houston that has black gumbo instead of top soil in his yard. He claims it won't even grow weeds.

J. E. Condon needs a whole yardful of grass. He has just recently purchased a new house in Pasadena Oaks. We congratulate you on your new home and sympathize with you in your grass problem.

The only fellow that I ever knew that would bet against a sure thing is **Oval Wheelock**. If you don't believe me try him sometime.

John Eide is now taking sewing lessons. After his little accident the other day, he's not taking any chances.



THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW WING of the main office building made a lot of people happy. Those with new offices are Utilities, Training, Administration, Stenographic, Mail and File, and other Treasury offices.

Effective April 1, Jo Kelley is the new Associate Editor of the Shellegram for the Chemical Plant. In addition to being responsible for the Houston Plant participation in the Shellegram, she will have several other assignments in the P&IR Department.

Jo is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, but came to Houston at an early age. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin in June, 1950, and has been attending the University of Houston at night. She is a sophomore in the School of Education.

She began her career with Shell as a Jr. Clerk in Treasury on Nov. 21, 1950, and from there went to Engineering Files. Before being transferred to Personnel & Industrial Relations she was a Junior Clerk in Engineering.

Jo has many varied interests. She is president of the Senior Scout Alumni, Assistant Leader of a girl scout troop made up of girls from Milby High School and Stephen F. Austin High School, Senior Life Saver, a member of the SERA Board and Advisor to the Senior Girl Scout Council. The latter she is particularly proud of because

A clever mind sees another person's problem—but it takes an understanding heart to solve it.

Seeing ourselves as others see us wouldn't do much good. We wouldn't believe it anyway.

she acquired this position by appointment by the professional staff of the Girl Scout organization.

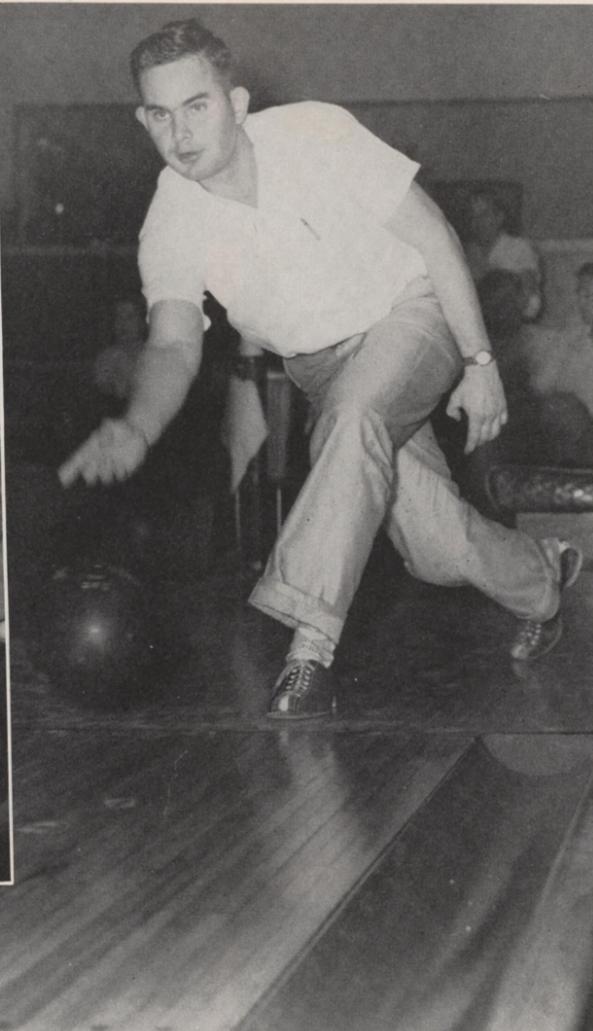
Miss Kelley is replacing Jones, who will assume other duties in the P&IR Department.



F. J. LEWIS was one of many Shell employees who attended the Houston Fat Stock Show. When this shot was taken he was on his way to buy tickets.



Let 'em Roll!



FEELING OF COMPETITION really runs high when the Chemical bowling teams meet every week at the Lawndale Bowling Alley. Jimmy Smith is shown getting the ball away. Hope it was a strike. Al Hart keeps the bowling score as Margaret Hambrick, Laddie Macha, Rus Kittle and Herschel Hisle look on. Got to keep the record straight.

BIRTHS (Chem.)—

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- Feb. 19: Joyce Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol C. Hendrick (E Operations).
- Feb. 21: Vergie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hudson (Stores).
- Feb. 23: Mark Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leland Jacobson (Laboratory).
- Feb. 23: Billy Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie J. Waggoner (Tool Room).
- March 2: Mark Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Herman (E Operations).
- March 5: Melvin C. Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Aldridge (G Operations).
- March 5: Janet Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Roach (B&B Operations).

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS—

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Central Gaddes celebrates twenty years of service with Shell. He first began work with Shell February 25, 1929. Central came to work at Houston Refinery as a Laborer. He transferred to the Chemical Plant as a Janitor on February 4, 1946. He holds this position at the present time. He is a resident of Houston and his address is 2706 Conti.



Houston Plant Is Proud Of Attendance Records



As of December 31, 1952, the records show perfect attendance for the following:

SEVEN YEARS 1945-52	R. L. Cox V. L. Daugherty W. R. Davis G. J. Derr J. O. Ditto J. R. Ensminger J. F. Etheredge L. Ford W. W. Hargrove A. J. Harris J. B. Hix L. C. Hull T. E. Inglet H. W. Jones C. L. Lively B. G. McGehee W. L. McIntyre P. Melton H. L. Nash J. C. Odom E. P. Parris J. Ramsey J. H. Rhyne B. Sandlin D. J. Start	T. C. Chaney O. L. Chappell J. T. Cleveland L. D. Coddington H. M. Cole J. H. Cook D. G. Cooper J. H. Cotton O. L. Darby R. L. Davenport H. C. Davidson T. M. Denman W. E. Drinkard A. H. Duff J. Elliott J. R. Ellis W. R. Englehardt T. E. English N. F. Farmer D. Faultry D. J. Fincher W. J. Forsythe J. D. Foster B. C. Fox J. B. Glover R. L. Gorman N. W. Grau W. V. Graves J. H. Harbes M. H. Harrington R. L. Harris R. T. Haydock E. L. Heintschell C. C. Hendrick E. E. Henson C. D. Holleman F. E. Howard Z. T. Hunt E. A. Janquart J. A. Johnson A. J. Jordan C. E. Kinion V. J. Kristinek W. E. Lain E. N. Lary J. R. Laws B. G. Lewis F. J. Lewis W. Lewis J. V. McAnally W. E. McCord J. J. McDermott	A. R. McFadden A. L. McGee R. L. Maddux E. P. Manley G. E. Mills L. E. Mitchell J. M. Moon W. W. Moon E. C. Morgan R. Morrogh C. A. Mosley B. M. Nelson L. M. Nenno A. A. Neveu T. G. Odom E. T. Ozier R. T. Palmer D. L. Perry C. S. Pertl H. A. Phillips J. B. Phillips N. L. Plaehn H. E. Porche S. Reese H. J. Roberts M. B. Roberts G. Roeder J. A. Rolke M. W. Roseberry C. B. Ross W. W. Rosser V. St. John C. P. Searcy E. Smith W. A. Tackitt J. A. Taylor B. Teague R. M. Treadway J. Turner A. P. Veazey C. E. Walker J. W. Walker J. A. Ward G. Washington W. G. Wieser A. M. Wigginton A. L. Williams R. Williams C. E. Winkler J. L. Wood L. E. Yelvington E. C. Young
SIX YEARS 1946-52	L. W. Huckaby H. R. Smith		
FIVE YEARS 1947-52	J. S. Brice W. B. Renfrow L. G. Utecht C. L. Waters		
FOUR YEARS 1948-52	R. V. Allen E. W. Berrier T. A. Mielke E. E. Parker O. L. Scarborough R. E. Slovak O. N. Snell F. G. Speer J. V. Thomas		
THREE YEARS 1949-52	A. Barnes A. T. Beard R. H. Blackwell S. Curlee L. G. Dudley J. E. Gillis A. V. Gutowski L. A. Jackson R. L. Johnson G. W. Little H. A. Lueders J. E. Owens H. Reichle L. Stephens W. A. Stewart M. M. Stratton		
TWO YEARS 1950-52	J. H. Burns J. C. Chambers M. E. Christian S. J. Cook		
	ONE YEAR 1951-52		

SEVEN YEARS WITHOUT AN ABSENCE is quite a record, and this is the record of L. W. Huckaby and H. R. Smith, both of the Pipe Shop. Both men were employed at the Houston Refinery of Shell Oil Company in 1943, and transferred to the Chemical Plant when it was organized in 1946.

SERA Alcohols High Ball Team To Quaff Championship In First All-Shell Basketball League



X-100 TEAM came in second. Players on back row are Roy Pitts, T. R. Woods, James Turner. Front row shows Bobby Schroeder, Milton Nonemacher. Not pictured are Frank Sparacino, Joe Oliver, Gaston Hinkle, Bob Massey.



SHELL REGULARS played with teammates Bob Hennan, George Nuss, Larry Williams on back row, and on front row are George Dulaney, Ed Swann, Morty Ashkin. Not pictured are Erwin Spurlock, John Sorice, Bill Heflin.



ALCOHOLS won first place in the SERA league this season. On back row are H. L. Butler, Paul Bond, Billy Steakley, Dixon Kirk. On front row are H. L. Thomas, Jack Minter, Doug Briggs. Not pictured is Noel Smith.



PREMIUMS showed a roster of John Sprecher, Bob Bray, J. A. Savage on back row. Front row members on the list are George Mehler, John Carney, Fred Olson. Not in the picture are Al Flora and Irv Weissman.

The Alcohols basketball team, closing the season with a perfect record, won the SERA basketball league. In the Houston play-off the Alcohols were eliminated by the championship team.

Named For Products

Six SERA teams played basketball every Monday night at the Stephen F. Austin gym. Teams were named for Shell products: Alcohol X-100, Glycerine, Regular, Premium and Ketones.

Following the Alcohols for second place was the X-100 team with an 8 won-2 lost record. The four other teams trailing close behind.

This was the first year that SERA had a league of its own. In the past, Shell has had either one or two teams which entered different leagues.

Sportsmanship Displayed

Basketball chairman was Jack Minter, Chemical Pipe Shop, and manager was Dixon Kirk, Chemical Instrument Shop. They reported that each player on every team showed fine sportsmanship throughout the season.

Classified

NOTICE: B. W. "Bucko" Austin, a permanently disabled ex-SERA employee, has a fix-it shop across from Horlock Ice House at Five Points in La Porte. Repairs and blues guns, repairs typewriters and all types of electrical appliances, reels, etc. Your patronage will be appreciated.

HOME FOR SALE: Large three bedroom home with ventilation, heat, attic fan, automatic dishwasher. On wooded lot, 1/2 block from Shell bus, near University of Houston at 3822 Wichita. R. S. Dicks KE-8

Personnel Changes

REFINERY

Automotive

W. E. Clark Welder Hlpr. No. 1
W. B. Hinkle Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 2
R. A. Owen General Helper

Truck Driver No. 2
Truck Driver No. 2
Truck Driver No. 2

Cracking

G. E. Jones Treater Helper No. 3
R. E. Kelley General Helper
R. E. Pool General Helper
H. B. Woodrum General Helper

Operator Helper No. 1
Operator Helper No. 1
Pipefitter Helper No. 2
Operator Helper No. 1

Dispatching

B. J. Barnes General Helper
M. C. Berryhill General Helper
H. R. Schwarten General Helper

Dock Helper No. 2
Loader
Dock Helper No. 2

Gas

E. K. Pagel General Helper

General Helper No. 2

Stores

H. M. LaRue Welder Helper No. 1
J. N. Lawson Pipefitter Helper No. 1
V. E. Orren General Helper
G. W. Platt General Helper
L. M. Steffek Pipefitter Helper No. 1
J. C. Stilwell General Helper

Counterman No. 2
Counterman No. 2

Treating

J. T. Corley Pipefitter Helper No. 2

Gauger No. 3

G. T. Haney Dockman Helper No. 2

Treater Helper No. 3

Engineering

B. Baggett Pipefitter Helper No. 1
H. R. Berglund General Helper
W. F. Carrington Operator Helper No. 1
P. A. Chohrach General Helper
J. L. Cook General Helper
F. M. Dishaw General Helper
E. R. Hylton General Helper
J. J. Kindla General Helper
B. O. Massey General Helper
R. W. McGeorge General Helper
L. W. McNeil General Helper
F. R. Skinner General Helper
C. Stano General Helper
W. J. Taylor General Helper

Instrument Man No. 2
Pipefitter Helper No. 2
Machinist Helper No. 2
Pipefitter Helper No. 2
Carpenter Helper No. 2
Machinist Helper No. 2
Pipefitter Helper No. 2
Pipefitter Helper No. 2
Pipefitter Helper No. 2
Boilermaker Helper No. 2

CHEMICAL

Engineering

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E. K. Risinger Opr. Hlpr. P&R Operations

General Helper
General Helper

Laboratory

E. L. Jacobson Jr. Chemist, Lab.
C. R. Sadler Jr. Chemist, Lab.
H. M. VanBemmelen Jr. Chemist, Lab.

Chemist
Chemist
Chemist

Research

J. G. Schuren Jr. Chemist, Research
R. J. Bigda Jr. Chemist, Laboratory

Chemist
Jr. Chemist

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W. L. Holmes Chemist, Research

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