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## Shell Employees Credit Union Has New Loan Rules

The re-instatement of Federal controls on the extension of credit has necessitated several changes in our local Credit Union activities.

As a "General Rule," the size and number of signers on the typical co-maker secured note will reflect greater importance being placed on the length of service with the Company of the borrowing party. Notes

### CREDIT UNION MEETING

The Shell Employees' Federal Credit Union which serves both the Refinery and Chemical Plant, will hold its annual membership meeting in the Cafeteria during the evening of January 17, 1949. All members are urged to be present. Visitors are welcome to attend. Additional information as to the exact time will be released at a later date.

adequately secured by a mortgage are still exceptions to this rule.

Also, effective November 15, 1948, an employee must be a Credit Union member in good standing for thirty days—before he is eligible to apply for a loan.

Attention has been called to the very good business the Credit Union has been doing this past year. Employees buying shares and using this organization for savings can expect a good interest return on their money.

## Cornelius Wilkins



After the completion of nineteen years and three months of service on November 30, 1948, "Preacher" Wilkins becomes the first annuitant at Shell Chemical, Houston Plant.

Cornelius joined Shell January 19, 1929, in the Engineering Field as a laborer at Shell Oil's Houston Refinery. He served in various capacities at the Refinery as a janitor and yardman.

On September 1, 1936, he was promoted to gardner and was transferred in that capacity to Shell Chemical's Houston Plant on February 4, 1946. The beautiful landscaping, immaculate appearance of the lawns and shrubs, the variety and beauty of the flowers at the chemical plant are a tribute to his skill.

Cornelius was born on August 20, 1880, at Camilla, Texas, and spent his early years in that area engaged in farming. Upon joining the Shell organization Cornelius moved to Deer Park with his wife and two sons. He has remained in Deer Park since that time, rearing and educating his sons, and watching them establish homes of their own, the oldest in Portland, Oregon

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## It's Christmas

The Spirit of Christmas cannot help bringing us to a better appreciation of our employees and the value of their loyalty. We of the Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant have worked hard and well during the past year to achieve our goal, and it is with the confidence that comes with such hard work and unselfish cooperation that we can look forward to another pleasant and successful New Year ahead of us. We are proud to have each of you as our fellow employee, and it is a wish from the bottom of our hearts that Christmas to each of you will be bright, cheery, and peaceful—and may the New Year bring you joy, success, and contentment.

Sincerely,

This year's Christmas picture shows Jerry Wayne, age 2½ years, the son of Ralph Hilbert of Shell Chemical Plant's Drafting Department. Refinery employees may note the similarity between Santa Claus and John Moyers, Assistant Manager of the Topping Department.

## Mr. Kuenzly Named Superintendent at Shell Point Plant

Mr. Frank Kuenzly, who has been Ass't. Superintendent at the Houston plant since the Fall of 1946, recently was appointed Superintendent of Shell Chemical Corporation's Shell Point plant at Pittsburg, California. Our best wishes to Mr. Kuenzly in his new assignment.

We welcome Mr. John F. McGarry as our new Ass't. Superintendent. Mr. McGarry is a well known person to many of us who have worked with him during his many trips from Head Office to assist in our Construction program.

## Shell Standardizes Marine Lubricants

Users of Shell marine and industrial lubricants the world over will now talk the same language when ordering and using lubricants. A new global system of standardized brand names and specifications has been inaugurated for the first time by Shell. Keyed to the names of sea shells, thus continuing the Company's trade mark theme, the uniform brand names and the specifications of the oils and greases they label will be the same for all affiliated Shell companies.

Hydraulic and circulating oils, for example, are now called Shell Tellus (Continued on Page 8)

## Refinery Cagers Impressive In Early Season Race

At this writing, Dixon Kirk's Shell Oiler's basketball team has won four games and lost only one.

The team opened their season by entering the Y. M. C. A. Early Bird Tournament, an annual affair, by winning the first and second round games beating Inter-State Service Station 39-20 and coming back in the second round to dump the Sig Frucht Ramblers 32-26. This put Shell in the quarter-finals against Flatos who beat them in a close one 36-33. The tournament was held (Continued on Page 3)

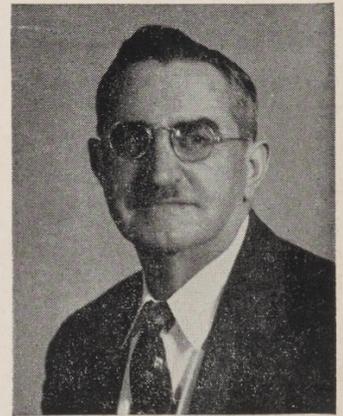
## New Shell Glycerin Plant Gains Noted Engineering Award

The 1948 Chemical Engineering Achievement award, sponsored each year by CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, McGraw-Hill publications, was presented to the Shell Development Company in recognition of the successful synthesis of glycerin for the first time on a commercial scale. The presentation was made at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, Wednesday, November 10, directly following the annual meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

"Shell's great post-war program," according to Sidney D. Kirkpatrick, secretary of the Committee of Award and editor of CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, "is based on exactly the sort of coordinated group effort which this award was designed to recognize and encourage in the chemical process industries. It is the result of long-time research, intensive development of pilot-plant processes and product evaluation followed by courageous engineering design and construction. It would have been impossible had it not been for the recognition and generous support accorded Shell's chemical engineers from the inception of the process in the laboratories to its final translation into large-scale commercial production."

Employees of the Houston plant may well consider that they have played a vital role in gaining this award for Shell.

## Lewis M. Evans



Lewis M. Evans, for the last 16 years a carpenter at the Houston Refinery, retired from work with Shell on November 1. He was a Carpenter Number One at the time of his retirement.

Born in Devynnock in the county of Brecknock in South Wales, England, Evans came to this country in 1903 and in 1917 became an American citizen.

From 1903 to 1932 he worked as a carpenter for various construction firms in and around Houston. In 1932 he came to work for Shell at the Houston Refinery and last September completed his 16th year with the Company.

Evans is now living at 2811 Chenevert in Houston.

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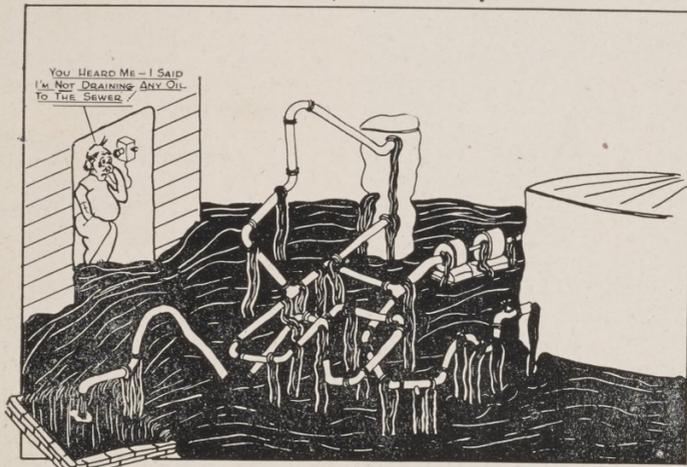
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ARE YOU SURE, MARMADUKE ?



We hope this cartoon was funny, but to Ben Norwood and the Effluent Control Boys, oil losses are no laughing matter. They overload the separators, cost the company money and cause fire hazards, alike undesirable and unnecessary. Here is what some "small" losses can amount to.

Leak	Loss in One Month's Time	COST
One drop per second .....	0.8 barrel .....	\$ 2.00
Two drops per second .....	2 1/2 barrels .....	6.25
1/8 inch stream .....	186 Barrels .....	465.00
1/4 inch stream .....	669 barrels .....	1,673.00

## Tips on Touring

By CAROL LANE

(Women's Travel Director  
Shell Touring Bureau)

Is it possible to hypnotize yourself into an accident by concentrating on the white traffic line in the center of the highway at night?

I have been assured by psychologists that, under certain conditions, the monotony of the white line may lull a drowsy driver into such a dull state of mind he may completely forget the danger of oncoming traffic or the sudden darting of a car from a side road. And there are a few rare—but none-the-less real—cases where drivers have actually been hypnotized into sleep by the white line.

The center line is a topnotch safety device and a real life saver when you are meeting the glare of undimmed lights—but don't let it give you a false sense of security. The driver who glues his eyes to the line and ignores other hazards of the road may be courting a much longer sleep than he intends.

Take a tip or two from professional truck drivers on avoiding "center line monotony:" rest the eyes with an occasional glance to the sides of the road; never look directly into the glare of approaching headlights; be certain to dim your lights when meeting cars; check your speed, oil pressure, engine temperature and other instruments fairly often as a mental exercise; whistle or sing, if you like.

And remember: when that white line becomes just a line to follow and nothing else—you've had your driving for the night.

## The Fifth Horseman

War, Famine, Pestilence, and Death—the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—have been joined by a fifth grisly member—Fire. Fire well deserves to be included in that grim group, for every year 11,000 Americans are killed by fire, more than twice that number seriously burned (some of them disfigured for life) and over 700 million dollars worth of homes, factories, stores, schools, churches, warehouses, farms, and forests go up in smoke.

In an effort to reduce these terrific yearly losses, a week in early October (to coincide with the anniversary, on October 9, of the Chicago fire) is set aside each year as Fire Prevention Week. This year the week of October 3 to 9 was designated.

To confine fire prevention activities to just this one week alone would not make good sense. In fact, the campaign emphasizes that the hit-or-miss efforts confined to Fire Prevention Week itself are of little overall importance. What Fire Prevention Week does try to do is to focus nation-wide attention on the constant danger of uncontrolled fire—so that for 52 weeks every year every one of us will be aware of that danger and so will take all steps in our power to prevent loss of lives and property by fire.

The statistics above give a good idea of the horrible damage that fire can cause. It is heartening, then, to know that a great deal can be done to prevent this terrible annual waste.

Ninety per cent of all fires are preventable. The following simple rules of safety, if carried out, will prevent most of them.

## Service Birthdays



**O. R. FELTON**, Cat Cracker Zone Supervisor, is the Refinery's second employee to have completed his thirtieth year of service with Shell. Born at Joplin, Missouri, he was first employed as a Pipefitter Helper at the Wood River Refinery on December 22, 1918. Felton was later made a Pipefitter Foreman and in 1931 was named as Zone Supervisor at Wood River. It was in December of 1937 that he was transferred to the Houston Refinery.



**RAY E. HOLMES**, Combination Car Repairman, celebrates his twenty-fifth year of service with Shell this month. Born at Hutchinson, Kansas, Holmes attended school in Winfield, Kansas, before coming to work for the Company in the Car Department at the Arkansas City Refinery in April, 1923. He came to Houston as a Car Repairman Helper in July, 1939.

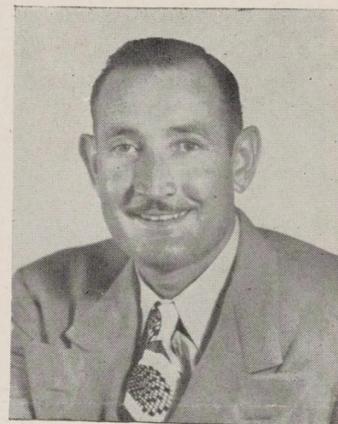


**H. W. ADAMS**, Construction Labor Foreman, celebrates his twentieth year with the Company this month, having been first employed in December, 1928, as a Truck Driver Helper in the Automotive Department. Adams was born at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and was educated in that city. He has been Construction Labor Foreman since 1946, prior to which he worked as a Labor Sub-Foreman.

1. Never throw away a lighted cigarette or match.
2. Don't smoke in bed.
3. Don't overload electrical wiring by plugging too many appliances into one outlet.
4. See that no fuses larger than 13 amps are in your household fuse box.



**H. N. FRICKS**, Foreman in the Engineering Field Department, completes his twentieth year with Shell in December, having first come to work for the Company as a General Helper at the Wood River Refinery in May, 1928. In December of the same year he came to Houston as a Pipefitter Helper and became a Pipefitter Foreman in 1941. Fricks was born at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and attended school in that city.

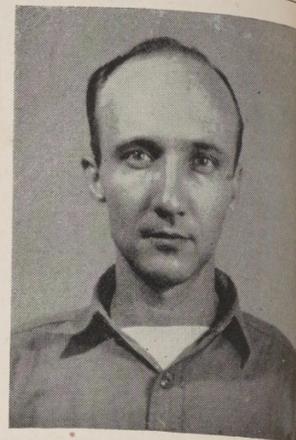


**JAMES H. GRIFFEY**, Zone Supervisor in the Engineering Field Department, first came to work for the Company as a General Helper at the Arkansas City Refinery in December, 1928, and this month completes his twentieth year of service. Born in Douglas County, Missouri, Griffey came to the Houston Refinery as a Pipefitter Helper in 1930. He became a Shift Foreman in the Gas Department in June, 1941 and was made a Zone Supervisor in November, 1946.

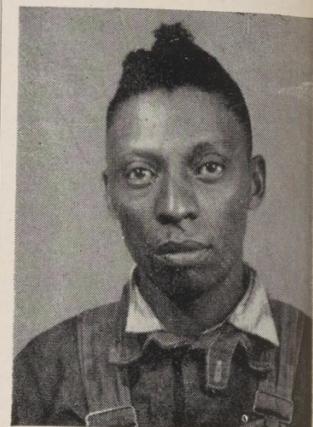


**TAYLOR D. HARRIS**, Shift Foreman at the Cat Cracker section of the Gas Department, celebrates his twentieth year of service with Shell this month. Harris was born at Checotah, Oklahoma, and was first employed as a Pipefitter Helper at the Houston Refinery in December of 1928. He became a Shift Foreman in the Gas Department in March, 1947.

5. Have faulty wire repaired.
6. Have furnaces, smokepipes, and chimneys cleaned once a year by an expert.
7. Keep children away from all fires, and don't leave them unattended at home.
8. Know how to summon your Fire Department. In case of fire, get your children out of the house before calling.



**THOMAS D. VISER**, Engineering Inspector, completes his fifteenth year of service with Shell this month, having been first employed as a General Helper at the Houston Refinery in December, 1933. Born at Madisonville, Texas, he attended Allen Military Academy at Bryan. During World War II he served as a Chief Water Tender, U. S. Navy, from August, 1942, to November, 1945, and returned to the Houston Refinery upon being discharged.



**W. B. MILLER**, Yardman in the Engineering Field Department, celebrates his fifteenth year with the Company this month. Miller first came to work for Shell at the Houston Refinery in August, 1929, and was reemployed in June, 1935. He was born at Crosby, Texas.

**JOHN B. MOYERS**, Assistant Manager of the Topping Department, began his career with Shell at the Houston Refinery as a Chemist in the Research Laboratory in 1938, and this month celebrates his tenth year with the Company. Born at Mineral Wells, Texas, he graduated from the University of Texas in Chemical Engineering in 1936 and received his MS degree in 1938. Moyers was transferred from the Research Lab to the Technological Department in 1942 and was named as Assistant Manager of Topping in September, 1947.

## RESEARCH

by Charlie

Now is a good time to congratulate Bill Jameson. He was married Friday, the tenth of December at eight o'clock in the evening at the Second Presbyterian Church.

We can tell the Christmas season is at hand because Connie Allan has been passing out names for the Lab Christmas tree party.

Wendy Groves and Ann Alderman are as busy planning our Christmas Dinner Dance. It is to be at the Skyline Club with a floor show of lab talent (?)—100 beautiful Erlenmeyer flasks doing Scheherazade.

It is being said that Wally Anatasoff is the most eligible of the eligible bachelors in the Research Laboratory. He's a good cook, too!

I wonder how long it will be before the Company finds out that Dick Walton's mother is working in the Analytical section.

SHELL CAGERS —

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from November 22nd through November 26th with games being reeled off at all of the Houston high school gymnasiums.

The Oilers came back on Monday Night of November 29th to play their opening game in the Pasadena League. They beat the Champion Paper of Pasadena 30-20. Rister was high point man for the Oilers with 12 and Minter was next with 6.

On Wednesday night, December 1st, in the opener of the National League at Hamilton Junior High gym, the Oilers avenged their defeat against Flato's whipping them to the tune of 43-28. In this encounter, the high scoring honors went to Billy Joe Steakley and Billy Rister. Steakley having 12 and Rister having a total of 8.

Coach Kirk has been using Steakley and Noonan at guards, Rister and Denson at forward and Pitts at center for his starting line-up. This classy five along with very capable replacements in Tyson, Green, Minter, Brown, Smith and Bond gives Kirk a strong outfit. For the first time in many a basketball season, Shell has good reserve strength. Its that second team that keeps the first team going.

Steakley came to Shell with College, as well as High School experience, as did Rister, Noonan, Pitts and Green. Denson played with the Strong Champion Paper team of last season.

Brown is a holdover from last year's Shell team and Tyson, Bond, Minter and Smith have all played with various other strong clubs around this area.

Refinery Service Banquet Held at San Jacinto Inn

On Monday evening, November 9, the employees of the Houston Refinery who had completed ten or more years of service with the company gathered together at the San Jacinto Inn for the Ninth Annual Service Club Banquet.

There were 422 members present to enjoy the sea food and chicken dinner for which the Inn has become so famous throughout the Southwest.

Mr. B. B. Dorrell, the Refinery's genial Dispatching Department Manager and, by his own admission, the one man Chamber of Commerce and pride of Pine Valley, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Events rolled merrily along at a fast gait, as Dorrell started his ramblings on Pine Valley and when he could subside the audience laughter sufficiently he introduced the special guests as well as the old timers and the new comers to the club.

Among the guests were Mr. E. D. Cumming, Regional Vice President of the Exploration and Production Department, whose office is in the Shell Building; Mrs. B. M. Downey, Manager of the Chemical Plant; Mr. F. E. Caddy, Chemical Plant Superintendent; Mr. F. D. Kuenzly, Assistant Superintendent at the Chemical Plant; and Mr. J. B. Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent of the Norco Refinery.

Almost one-third of all employees at the Houston Refinery were eligible to attend the service banquet. Of this number, 614 to be exact, 244 employees have at least 15 years of service with Shell, 33 have at least 20 years, nine have at least 25 years and on the night of the banquet, only one, R. H. Coombs, had 30 years of service. O. R. "Buddy" Felten has, as of December, joined Coombs in the select and honored 30 year group. Felten completed his 30th year this month.

Frank Dungen



Frank Dungen, 45, Machinist Number One in the Engineering Field Department, died at 4:30 P. M., on November 25 of wounds received while deer hunting near Columbus, Texas.

Dungen was a native of Columbus and was born on March 6, 1903. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dungen of that city.

He first came to work for Shell as a Pipefitter Helper at the Houston Refinery on September 5, 1929. He transferred to the Machine Shop in 1932 where he became a Machinist Number One in 1942.

Funeral services were held November 29 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Houston with burial in Garden of Gethsemani cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Mae Dungen; a daughter, Miss Doris Jean Dungen; four brothers and eight sisters.

Shell Committee on Standardization Meets in Houston

The sixth meeting of the Petroleum Division of the Shell Standardization Committee was held at the Lamar Hotel in Houston from November 17 through November 23.

These meetings, held annually, are devoted to discussions of ways and means of improving analytical methods for research projects, processing operations and product quality. Special efforts are made to take full advantage of Shell's wide experience and leadership in petroleum and other scientific fields to make sure that the latest tools and techniques are employed. Maintaining and improving the quality of all Shell products is a constant endeavor of the group.

The committee is made up of the Chief Chemists of each of the five Shell refineries in the United States, the head of the research laboratories' analytical departments, the Emeryville instrument department and the Head Office Manufacturing Department.

Nine of the 12 members of the committee were either present or represented and 16 non-members from the various laboratories at the Houston Refinery were present at one or more of the sessions.

The first morning was spent showing the out-of-town members the Shell Chemical Corporation Plant and the Houston Refinery. During the afternoon of the first day the members were shown through the new Control Laboratory here.



The Shell Standardization Committee took time out during one of its meetings for this official portrait. Seated, left to right: W. B. Milligan, Emeryville Instrument Department, Shell Development Co.; F. D. Tuemmler, Emeryville Analytical Standardization Department; J. B. Harkness, Chief Chemist, Houston Refinery; L. R. Donkle, Shell Chemical Corp.; T. P. Weir, Houston Research Laboratory; R. C. Wilbur, Chief Chemist, Wood River Refinery; M. O. Baker, Houston Research Laboratory. Standing: R. J. Clerc, Houston Research Lab-

oratory; John Rae, Exploration and Production Research Laboratory, Houston; N. P. Lane, Houston Refinery Control Laboratory; W. A. Enderson, Control Laboratory; Mrs. S. L. Keith, Stenographer, Control Laboratory; W. N. Day, Chief Chemist, Norco Refinery; B. Post, Houston Research Laboratory; L. A. Shaw, Chief Chemist, Domingues, (California) Refinery; E. F. Tesche, Chief Chemist, Martinez, (California) Refinery; L. Lykken, Emeryville Analytical Department, Shell Development Co.

TECH TOPICS

The Technological Department extends warm holiday greetings and wishes for success and happiness to all in the new year.

Marvin Yarotsky spent a vacation (Including Thanksgiving) in New York City and surrounding territory.

Several Techsters attended a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at the new apartment of the Terrible Three. Special credit goes to Nadine Hill of Research, who was chief cook. The following morning ye scribe swore off of "touch" football,

especially after a huge Thanksgiving meal.

Marx Isaacs is off to New Orleans for a holiday vacation and look-in on the entire Sugar Bowl Midwinter Carnival of Sports. Tullane's football squad in that Bowl (or some other saucer) would have made his joy complete. As it is, the Green Wave's basketball team faces collegiate-champion Kentucky as part of the Sugar Bowl Program. Oh, cruel fate!

The Tech. Department deeply mourns the passing of Mrs. Barney Orfield and extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.



The Refinery's Ninth Annual Service Club Banquet was held at the San Jacinto Inn on the night of November 9. Over 400 employees of the Refinery gathered to celebrate their long service with Shell.

Buster Dorrell, upper left photo, was the able master-of-ceremonies who kept the crowd rolling in the aisles. In the lower left picture, A. S. Mitchell, E. B. Maden and George Bleyner enjoy the

company of the ladies who are, left to right, Elsa Graham, Catherine Barbe, Flossie Johnson, Opal Hickam, Libbie Ardoin and E. C. Heckler. The distinction of being the oldest employee in length of service went

to R. H. Coombs who completed his 30th year with Shell this year. photo right, is shown with Mr. J. L. Miller, Mr. P. E. Foster, and Mr. Coombs, second from left in center P. E. Keegan.

Refinery's Employee Induction Program Proves Thorough and Highly Informative

From January 1 through the last day of November of this year approximately 700 people came to work for the first time at the Houston Refinery. Approximately half of this number are additions to the working force of the Refinery and gives a good picture of the constant growth of the plant and the Company.

In April alone, over 110 people began their careers with Shell at the Houston Refinery. As in any large organization like Shell, there are numerous and definite steps each person must follow before he becomes a full-fledged employee.

Ralph was born at Summerville, Missouri and graduated from Summerville High with honors in 1945. Two months after graduation, McCallister was in the U. S. Army and spent eleven months with the Eighteenth Mechanized Cavalry in Porto Rico.

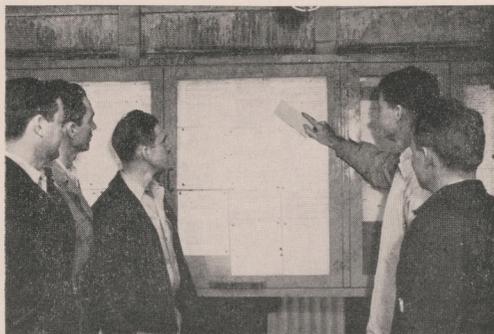
Ralph returned to his home town, but soon moved to Houston, Missouri (in Texas County) where he accepted the job of Deputy Sheriff. As a civilian, Ralph found time for other things, and on May 9, 1948, he married Daphna Cooper from his home town.

Not satisfied with Houston, Missouri, Ralph and his wife left their native state for "booming" Houston where national publicity proclaimed countless opportunities. What Ralph did about a job when he arrived in Houston is shown in the following pictures.



1. AFTER FILLING OUT the application form, Ralph meets Mr. Jesse Collins, Employment Manager for Shell Oil Company, as well as Shell Chemical and Shell

Pipe Line. Mr. Collins talks to Ralph about the opportunities with Shell and gives him a general picture of the Refinery set-up.



4. HARMON WATTS, Assistant Training Supervisor, explains to a group of four new employees the importance of the bulletin boards where job openings are posted.

Ralph, third from the left, will begin work as a General Helper, but will be eligible to sign a job poster for any job opening for which he may qualify.



3. RALPH REPORTS to the Refinery in work clothes where he becomes better acquainted with his future place of employment. Miss Helen Fleming and Miss Peggy Bryan help him become

better acquainted with the Company's personnel policies. Above, Miss Fleming answers questions about the Company's Group Life Insurance plan, one of the many benefits offered by Shell.



6. L. J. GROSSHEIM, Safety Supervisor, stresses the importance of observing Refinery Safety Rules to new employees, D. G. March, E. M. Perkins, H. A. Hayes and Ralph McCallister. Here they

become familiar with safe working permits, the importance of wearing hard hats on the job, and many other means for making their individual jobs safer.



7. RALPH'S PRE-EMPLOYMENT day comes to a close after he and other new employees meet with their first Shell supervisor, Jack Staton. Staton details their job duties and answers any questions

about the Company that the men may have. Later he will take them to their jobs and introduce them to their immediate supervisor.



8. REALIZING THAT after two weeks on the job a new Shell employee may accumulate many perplexing questions about his job, his Company benefits and his Company in general, the training section recently began a program

designed to answer these questions. At this come-back meeting, the Company's operational structure is explained, a movie of oil refining is shown and discussions are held which cover Company benefits and safety.



9. THE TWO WEEK come-back is concluded when Ralph and other new employees are taken on a conducted tour of the Refinery's operating units in one of the Company's new buses. Har-

mon Watts prepares to utilize a loudspeaker to give a running commentary of the units as the bus enters the main gate of the Refinery.



2. MISS MARJORIE COTTON completes a final interview with Ralph and assists him in filling out the Company forms which will become a part of his employment record with the Company.



5. REFINERY POLICE Captain Bullard takes a picture of Ralph to enter and leave the Refinery proper.

MAIN OFFICE

Can you imagine yourself the way to New Orleans and sing in Beaumont? I don't know what was so interesting there but insurance-bonds and insurance agent is-man, Cotton Quarterman's found out while on vacation.

Congratulations to Jim and wife on their new addition 'sis' to the family. Hear tell that our 4-12 P. X. operators have the best of it. Colleen Foster, Ray Arwong, Jack Bell and wife after being a super dinner at the San Antonio Inn dropped by the refinery thing Ann Freeman the remains. Isco Sauce is wonderful, isn't it?

From the tales that we read and the sights that were seen—everyone knows by now that a game was had by all at our lastest. The door prizes were awarded to lucky Joe Oliver and H. M. S. Deer hunts, duck hunts, goand geese. That's all one can hearom the male force nowadays. It seems to be all talk and nothing without results—says E. M. "ty" Rogers.

What's this I hear about certain people not caring for the safe speed of 95 miles per hour on the way to Austin on hks-riding Day. The game wawell, but 'one' couldn't enjoy it foin-king of the trip back home.

Does anyone know wh the

lounge Gay Nineties looks like? Better tell the girls of the steno and their husbands and beaus. They decided to have a fling at bar-hopping (as it's called up north) and some couldn't find the supposedly starting place known as the Gay Nineties.

The Dispatching Dept. all enjoyed a fine banquet dinner but I haven't heard any tales just yet about it. Oh yes, Frenchie, where's the trout from that fishing trip? Flash! girls! the perfume Tabu—which means forbidden—has been renamed to be a sequel to Evening in Paris. It's now purchased under the name of 'Wild Night on Harrisburg.' For the how's and why's the secret lies with certain ones in the M. O.

Bookie Sumner of steno has been transferred to stores. R. G. Goodnight is now seen in Yield. Oh, hum, I heard the other day that Christmas is just around the corner—so it is. It also brings to mind that our annual Main Office Christmas Party is nearing and everyone is looking forward to this year's—me, for one!

a Texan (with a Yankee accent) after six years.

Marcus Smith says he can't draw a likeness of B. Allen until he learns to draw Copenhagen—in use.

R. B. Flynn has been passing out cigars all over the place.

Can anyone tell use who the proud papas are back in the Analytical Lab?

Understand H. H. Reat has been telling Clyde Skidmore all about Junior.

Nelle McDowell and "Dot" Curlee are busy buying new furniture and re-doing their homes for the holidays. It would save a lot of time and expense (Maybe) if they would invite the Lab bunch over to do it up brown.

E. O. Goodson, after a recent deer hunt, can give you would-be-hunters some good points.

Virginia Florrow says the four birds Dick brought home cost \$35 apiece. Seems he hauled off and bought some new hunting stuff. Wonder what the folks ambling around down in the South Pasture, bringing down their vittles with a piece of intertube, string and forked stick, would say to this?

The O. L. Dodd's are on an unpleasant hunt—a house hunt since the big blaze that burned everything they owned.

B. C. Parker seems to have lost considerable weight while working on those special samples, getting the lead out.

Clyde Van Meter is that fellow that thinks everyone else drives like a maniac.

O. L. Dodd asks the aid of this column to express his gratitude for the kindness shown him by his fellow workers.

Engineering Office by Katy Sewell

Christmas has slipped up on us again without warning, and, as usual, everyone is looking forward to the Xmas Party. Understand the busses, by remembering previous Xmas parties, have agreed to let Buck Love and Vic Torres stay at home that day so that there will be enough "refreshments" to go around.

Lamona Cherry and Lee Parish are beginning to have a slight British accent—wonder why? Had a big turnout at the S. E. R. A. dance and everyone really had a time. Ed Fielder even brought his own, which was enough in itself to lift everyone's spirit, especially those who have had to furnish him in the past. Call J-8501 and ask for Dick—brother Large just can't hear that jingle enough after waiting a year to get it.

Something new has been added in the Blue Print room by name of Kosse, I believe—sure has made the reproduction business pick up—Word of warning to Dr. Gallop—stay clear of Les Myers—and we do mean clear.

Sure miss ole' Charlie Brockmeyer—haven't found out yet who got the worse end of it, Charlie or the tree. Seriously, hope the leg is much better and that you will be back soon—just can't have a perfect Xmas party without you. Charlie. Seems Randal Lee attempted a youngster's feat of kicking a football and ended up in the hospital. He's well and back again, none the worse for his experience except that he is leaving all football up to Doak Walker. The knob on his radio is as close as he desires to be.

Thought we were rid of Gene Grace, but he just won't leave—refuses to leave that scrambled egg tie at home, too. No, really, Gene, we will miss you and that beautiful tie.

Roy D. sure seems to be busy these days. Kinda hard to catch him and do I miss those wonderful pies and cakes.

Seems Bill Kubricht was missing

his best feline rat trap after our last office "Rabbit" barbecue. Roy D's sauce would make even a cat delicious. We also had beef, chicken and all the trimmings and was it all "out of this world." We really enjoyed it Cherry.

Sure has been a lot of deer hunting during the weekends since the season opened—but no one ever seems to bring back any—could it possibly be a DEAR hunt they are all going on—hope all of you have better luck next time.

Hear Dawson got his limit of ducks this weekend—what night did you say you were going to have the duck dinner???

Boy, there were sure some "beaming" faces around the office after the Texas A. & M. game Thanksgiving—of course, there were some sad ones as usual. I think there is one bunch that wished they had stayed at home and listened to the game over the radio—it must have been a fast trip.

Anybody want to make a bet on the Oklahoma and North Carolina game—I have heard that Jack Pitts is very anxious to get rid of his money or vice versa.

Flash, flash—V. J. Doyle became the "proud father" at 1:30 a. m., December 4th and is he strutting—it was a boy, of course—of the total of thirteen babbies in the nursery his was the only boy—Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Doyle.

UTILITY LOG by Bill Ursprung and Frank Pemberton

Ray Antrobus and Fay Hilliard gathered all their Frank Buck equipment last month and set out in search of some four-legged deer. Antrobus brought back an eight point buck and a fifteen pound turkey. Ray brought back some good tales.

Congratulations are in order for A. L. Keeney and T. L. (Red) Massey, who were recently promoted to shift foremen.

We are glad to see J. E. (Skeeter) Cooke back at work after being off for three months. Cooke was injured in an automobile accident on August 31.

D. B. Brady never lets anything interfere with his tapeworm. The night of the boilerhouse fire, Brady was observed calmly eating a can of soup in the midst of all the flames.

Have you noticed the new look being sported by Harry Kennedy? The man in the red jacket is Don Bailey who is assisting Antrobus with the boilerhouse instrument work. Welcome to the gang, Don.

The sixty-five dollar question around boilerhouse is: Who questioned the lock on the office door?

Hardy, the machinist, can't understand why he has been having stomach trouble since he started using his new half-gallon coffee mug.

Why did W. S. White and Roy Pugh want the address of the Autotel Blue Room? Could it be they are writing Evelyn West for a photograph?

After listening to Herbert Laake explain the many advantages of having an old fashioned rocking chair around the house, newlywed Cashat rushed down and bought one.

In case you want to know how things are running at the boilerhouse, when you are off on a long change, just drop by "Ace" Hearn's place.

Bill Gray and Barney Walters are getting ready for their Xmas vacations.

Pappy Ruff is undecided as to whether or not he should give Bishop and Marrie the new key rings he bought them for Xmas. He said he heard they weren't carrying as many keys now days.

Hopper made a visit to the country and besides other things brought

back a case of poison ivy—severe enough to cause him to lose 11 days of work.

Magness, off a couple of days with a "tummy ache," is now learning to drink milk out of a bottle again.

Hilliard back from a deer hunt—not even one buck—but maybe we spelled the "Deer" wrong.

A last warning to Miss Gilstrap! Leap year is about over.

R. O. Kay on vacation. Having a good time at Masonic Grand Lodge in Waco.

Hog killing weather! About time for Hill to report off sick at Diboll.

Shaeffer asking the Chief for more room and more chairs. Just to get up to sharpen a pencil, it is necessary to move some one from his desk.

The boys at Cooling Water Pump-house would like for Santa Clause to put a new fire pump in their Xmas stocking.

Operators at No. 3 and 4 towers want to thank Bill Snow, Assistant Master Mechanic, and Deal, Machinist, for the swell turbine job on D-591. It's a real relief to have something you can depend on for a stand-by.

Due to a large crop, Jess Roark

has turned out to be a real pecan vender.

McDonald was called to Florida on account of serious illness of his father. Mac, we hope he has a speedy recovery.

The holiday spirit hit Grothe early this year. He's trying to wear all those ties he got last Christmas.

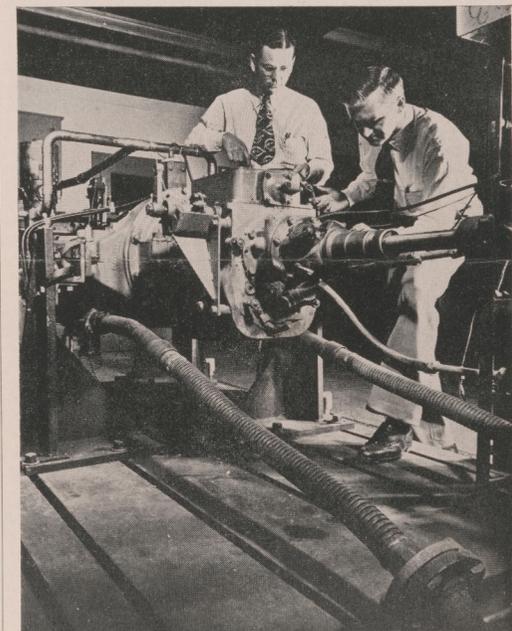
After some five weeks of coaching by our English trainees, we're about to learn to speak the English language.

And with this, we of the Utilities Department wish all the Shell employees and their families a Merry Christmas.

WILKINS — (Continued from page 1) and the younger remaining in Houston.

Upon retirement Cornelius and his wife, Temple, plan on settling down on their small "piece of Texas" at Cleveland where they can devote their time to the raising of a few chickens and cultivating the flowers that he loves so well.

Cornelius' retirement marks another milestone in the history of Shell Chemical's newest and largest plant and the sincere best wishes of all the employees is extended to him on this occasion.



Torque converter equipment in operation. Research workers at Shell's Wood River Refinery obtain

data on hydraulic fluids using a pancake motor of the type which drives many buses.

Torque Converter Laboratory Opened At Wood River

Expanding its laboratory facilities for the study of hydraulic fluids used in automobile transmission systems, Shell has recently opened a new torque converter laboratory at the Wood River Refinery.

An improvement over the ordinary fluid coupling (also called the "fluid flywheel" or "fluid drive") now used extensively in automobile transmissions, the torque converter is expected to make gear shifting a thing of the past. It is already known that cars equipped with the new type transmission are smoother riding and easier to drive than they are even with present fluid drives.

Fluids used in torque converters must be made to extremely rigid specifications and must be kept pure. Consequently, the purpose of

the new laboratory is to develop fluids that can be put into the converters by the manufacturer and that will meet all power transmitting requirements with the minimum of service or replacement.

Shell's research program on torque converter fluids has been under way for about three years. It includes chemical tests for developing fluids, bench tests for laboratory checks of the fluids and field tests for observing the fluids under actual operating conditions. To date field tests made in cooperation with torque converter manufacturers and bus line operators have included more than five million miles of driving. Fully 60 per cent of buses in operation today use torque converters.

The new laboratory's testing apparatus includes a 12 cylinder pancake engine of the type used in buses, facilities for testing each commercially used type of torque converter and instruments for measuring the power the converter transmits from the engine to the wheels.

# CHEMICAL

## SHELL CHEMICAL REPORTERS

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## Laboratory



Gerald G. McKinley was married to Margaret Enola Westmoreland on Saturday, November 6, 1948, at the First Nazarene Church, Houston, Texas, at 2:30 p. m. The couple honeymooned at Kerrville, Texas, and are now at home at 895 West 41st Street, Houston.

V. C. Cochran and Henry Andrews have recently purchased new homes and will soon occupy them; the latter promises a "real" housewarming. Watch for the date.

Gianakos is still trying to buy a car—has another deal cooking at the present time—one of these days he will come through.

Bill Hageman has received an "invitation" from Uncle Sam to join the armed forces. He is honored in being the first one of the laboratory staff to receive greetings from the President.

Speaking of the President, how about the "sure" bets that certain people we know had on Dewey?

Why was Alice Cunningham's Rice ring found in the waste basket in the laboratory store room?

E. Wallace recently enjoyed a week's vacation at home. Several others of the laboratory staff are

contemplating Christmas vacations—Bill Hall to California, L. Norton to sunny Florida, and P. Leyhe to St. Louis.

Now that Baldwin is no longer around the experimental group, Al Jaeger spends his time heckling Ken Cofer. Ken sure can take it—he has to.

To hear him tell it, "Chuck" Gary ranks with the best—as a baby tender—telephone number unknown.

## Tech Department

Buttonholed by a prying waitress at the Marquis and asked if perchance he were an artiste, Bruno, "the truck" Pilorz appears to have submitted to the flattery. He is threatening to stay in character by being seen in all the spots with a lavender ant bear (name of Ambrose) on a leash. Friends of his, mind your manners now around Bruno. Suggested Xmas gift for Pilorz, whoever draws his name, is a jumbo color book with bright crayons.

Fate struck a mean blow at the department last week when it cleft our Siamese twins, Davis and Wylie, in twain. However, it took nothing less than plant EC to split up these inseparables.

With a look of having been shorn, Russell LeRoy came back from New Orleans last week, resumed his eternal beefing about being host at coffee every morning. The public is invited to punch Russell's condolence card.

Recognition is herewith given Mel Hogan, only Shell Chemical man, we believe, who could get (or wouldn't get) a date to accompany him while taking his driver's license tests.

Paul Coffman has earned distinction as the Poor Girl's Mitchum and is the envy of every red-blooded technologist, which there aren't any of probably.

## Engineering Field

If anyone has a barn to build or reroof he can get expert advice from Preacher Hodgson. The only thing that worries Preacher is how to get down after you put on the last piece of the roof. He said he just fell off the barn when he finished the job but wouldn't advise it. Some one should think of a better and safer way of getting down.

Several people asked why Tony Weinzell seems to be in deep thought all the time. Finally, Weaver asked Tony if he was feeling alright. Tony said he felt alright but he was worried. He didn't know what kind of speech to prepare for his Welder's Training Course graduation exercises.

We really have some "dead-eye dicks" in the shop. Bradley got his second deer of the season, nine point buck weighing 125 lbs. M. B. L. Butler, C. L. Jones, D. N. Gaither and C. H. Rodgers bagged their limit of ducks opening day.

Boilermaker Worthen said that everything was high except his Ford. He left it on the Highway the other night and when he returned for it he found it sitting on the ground minus tires, wheels, generator and battery. He said Bill Hart jinxed him.

Boilermaker Foreman Martin asked me why I was looking for John Blake the other day. I explained that I wanted to give John some pictures of him and his squirrels tails that were taken to go in the Shellegram. Since then Martin has been trying to get someone to take him squirrel hunting so he could get his name and picture in the paper.

We all miss Johnny Ford who is on sick leave. Hope to see him back on the job soon.

H. W. Bircher was seen raking leaves in a nice pile in his front yard. Said he was fixing a soft place for the Stork to land.

"Tree Top" Ford said that he was not feeling so well lately—Has the miseries.

Here's one for the record book. "David" Crockett came in the shop the other morning wearing, by actual count, three sweat shirts, three shirts, two sweaters, one jacket, and one coat. He said he hoped it wouldn't get much colder. He didn't have any more clothes.

We all wondered who was paging Mr. Topping—well, we found out it was R. B. Bush, he had another Bird Centrifuge job.

This is a little out of our department but we heard that Pinky Martin has a shotgun that automatically dismantles when he pulls the trigger. Did you find all the parts, Pinky?

Congratulations to Elliott, Hodgson, Curtis and Pappan on their new Shift Foreman jobs. Best of luck, fellows.

Wonder why Duffy Graves and Bill Clark suddenly got itchy feet at the same time. Couldn't have been planned, or could it? Bill is now known as "Tom Cat."

Butler says that Parkinson needs some bifocals in the worst possible way. He came in the shop the other morning and talked for about fifteen minutes to "Molotov" Kestenbaum before he realized he wasn't talking to "New Ground" Huckaby. Could be there is quite a resemblance, eh, Parkinson?

No, V. R. Reese is not looking for ducks in the shop, he is just swelled up about that new boy—November 17.

Well, this is the Christmas issue so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

## Industrial Relations

Marie Fererro obviously knows the magic words. Her new DeSoto looks like a dream boat on wheels.

## Service Birthdays



RICHARD A. PRATT—15 Years Service.

Richard A. Pratt, who is Manager of our Houston Plant Industrial Relations and Personnel Department, joined Shell Oil Company as a junior clerk at the Wilmington Refinery in December, 1933. Dick soon moved to the Dominguez Refinery, and in 1935 was transferred to Shell Chemical Corporation's Dominguez Plant. During the war, he was first an analyst in Head Office and later Industrial Relations Manager at the Torrance Plant. Dick came to Houston in February, 1946.

A native of California, though born in Nebraska, Dick is now a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce—just ask him! With his wife, Joye Lee, and children, Vickie and Eric, he now makes his home in the Idlywood section of Houston.

Marie navigated to Tulsa and back for Thanksgiving.

Speaking of Turkey day, Walt Fruland paid off for that "Moral Victory" by A&M to Dick Hefley. Bartie "Snapper" Valls is kidding us when he says he doesn't know anything about points — I have proof?—or ask Tom Thompson.

Dick Pratt is now running the Inquisition — looking for ghostly cameramen.

Congrats and thanks to Bob Walden for his Thanksgiving eve mixer—a tasty affair.

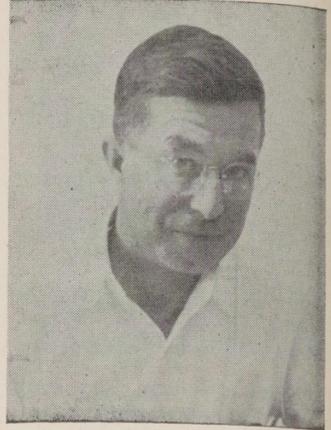
## Treasury

The passing of the football season is looked upon by some in the accounting office with some concern. It is feared the place will be as quiet as a morgue after the few remaining bowl games have been played, as football has been practically the sole topic of conversation since the season began. If a stranger were to listen to the negotiations over points preceding the placing of a bet in this charged atmosphere, he would surely suspect a sizeable sum was involved, only to learn that it was for just a quarter.

During one of the Monday critiques, it was suggested that the reason the opposing team fumbled so much when playing Baylor was that the Baylor players tried to steal the ball. Mr. Hollifield dissented, pointing out that Baylor was a Baptist University. Paul Sander's reason for Rice's failure to make a better showing is known but it can't be given here lest Jess Neely read this.

Despite Cort Mabee's voluminous file on scores and past performances of almost every team in the country, his percentage of accuracy in picking them compares with that of the poll-takers before a recent election.

After walking squirrelless through a woods most of the morning during a squirrel hunt, Bob Donaldson commented to Will Akers that he didn't think there was a squirrel within a hundred miles; whereupon they met a small boy carrying three dead ones he had shot. Bob amended his statement to "I don't believe there is a live squirrel within a



LAWRENCE P. EDWIN—20 Years Service.

Lawrence P. Edwin joined Shell at the Wilmington Refinery in November, 1926 as a Rodman. After a temporary out of service period, Perry was assigned to the Dominguez Refinery. He was transferred to Shell Chemical Corporation's Torrance Plant in 1944 as Draftsman and soon gained the promotion of Maintenance Foreman. Perry came to the Houston Plant as Field Engineer in October, 1947.

Perry is another native Californian from the Middle West having been born in Wisconsin. He lives in the Lawn Terrace section of the east end of Houston with his wife, Laura, and daughters, Lois Jeanne and Norma.

hundred miles."

Jack Morton and wife ventured to their old stomping grounds in Austin to see the Texas-A&M game Thanksgiving day. Jack said the Tower on the campus was half lighted with orange light Thursday night—two sides for the tie game. The D. A. Hendersons spent the Thanksgiving week-end in Palestine visiting friends and relatives.

Ray Haynes and Bob Donaldson changed positions of their desks in the office because Ray didn't like the draft—and to think Ray used to live in San Francisco! Ray Rice came in the other morning a bit battered after the car in which he was riding to work collided with another. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt.

If any more Ray's or Paul's come into the accounting office, they will have to be numbered. There are now two of each. Harry Morey is maintaining the intellectual level of the office by again hitting the books out at the U. of H. this semester.

We were sorry to have Mildred Posey and Margaret Laird leave but are glad to welcome petite Wanda Dougherty as one of our group.

It seems that several of our Stenos would like to get better acquainted with the Tech Department. What have they got that we haven't??? Men?????

If anyone knows where they can get any Shell anti-freeze please let Betty Barabash know—she wants nothing but the best for their new????? car.

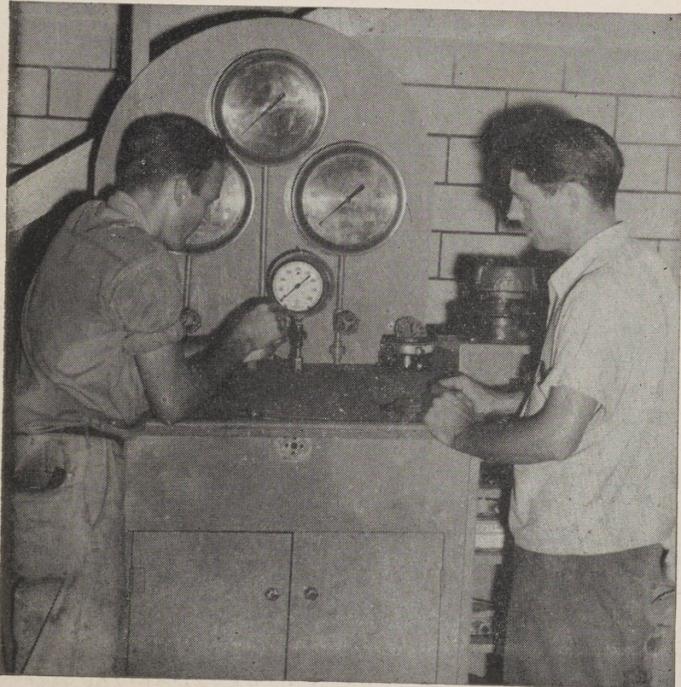
## "A" Department

Pinky Martin, Jack Carter and M. O. Leach have been on several duck hunting excursions this season. Pinky has a souvenir of his first shot—it's not a duck—just a reperussion. M. O. Leach bagged a duck on the first trip but Jack Carter can only remark that his fish were delicious.

Joe Matherne is back on-stream after a long, long vacation. He visited San Antonio and parts of Louisiana. Joe bagged his share of squirrel, but no ducks.

So A Department's motto is "Join us for a duck dinner—you bring the duck."

## MAINTENANCE; INSTRUMENT PHASE



Dixon P. Kirk, Instrument man, testing stand in the Instrument shop. and James B. Glover, Instrument man Helper, are in the process of calibrating a pressure gauge on the equipment at the Operating units.

## Chemical Plant Service Banquet At Pilot Inn

by Paul H. Leyhe

The Third Annual Shell Chemical Service Club Banquet was held on November 10, at the Pilot Inn in South Houston. Approximately all of the 124 members were present plus certain guests.

Scheduled to start at 6:30 P. M., it was well under way at that time—apparently no one wanted to miss out on anything. For approximately one hour the group enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Then followed that delicious shrimp cocktail, French fried shrimp, fried trout, and chicken. The capacity of some individuals was surprising but everyone had an elegant sufficiency.

C. P. Boutte as M. C. introduced Mr. Downey who read a telegram of greeting from J. Oostermeyer and introduced George Schei, Treasurer of Shell Chemical Corporation. Mr. Schei presented the greeting of the Company, commenting on our safety record of over one million hours without a lost time accident. He also forwarded the greeting of William Gage.

Other guests included P. E. Foster, Refinery Manager and Mason Rogers, Manager of the Refinery Lube Department, and Mrs. Lea Schleider, who some will remember as Lea Holden of the shipping department.

At this year's banquet there were five new 10 year members, eleven 15 year members and one who reached the 20 year mark—Perry Edwin.

Tucker drew the door prize. Of course no one accused her but it was peculiar that the winner of the \$25.00 gift certificate was Mrs. Schleider, the only other member of the fair sex present.

Entertainment was provided by a cowboy band and a very capable magician.

Thanks for the success of the affair goes to the efforts of the Committee on Arrangements. Not to be forgotten are the girls who did the decorating.

### Engineering

Faye Wismer is not all here these days—oops—that is she just had an operation in which she lost her appendix. We are glad to see her back and looking just as good without them.

Will someone tell "Doc" Towell, Joe Levada and George Harlan that they are going to live to a ripe old age and that they are not living in it now.

Mr. Duguid informing a certain trio that they are in a state of transition, the state between being shapely and shapeless.

Earl Lawver became the poppa of a baby boy for the second time. I believe he said something about a basketball team.

J. P. Dobson who had a bet with "Chuck" Sanders that this time it would be a girl lost when the little fellow made his appearance on November 12.

Hightower found out the hard way that you can't pour a quart into a "half-pint."

There has been quite a bit of "Deer" hunting going on from the fellows in the shop. Wonder if you spell it "d-e-e-r" or "d-e-a-r." They say you spell it "d-e-e-r." Right, boys.

Our boy Clemons has now joined Stanley, from the Warehouse, in the "Soup Line." Say, boys, the depression hasn't hit yet. Clemons expects his new 1949 model choppers early next year and with Christmas just around the corner, too.



The entertainment was varied, as naturally the boys made plenty of their own, but special events were handled by this trick-laden magician, and the Cowboy Band members seen in the background.



Pete Silber was very much among those present at the recent Service Club Banquet. Everybody was happy that Pete attended. Hats off to his friends who made it possible.

### Weddings

Barney B. Beran was married to Edna Gladys Christensen on November 20, 1948.

James W. Peterson was married to Leonora Marie Beaulieu on November 7, 1948.

Donald J. Burke was married to Jacqueline Huddleston on November 6, 1948.

Gerald G. McKinley was married to Margaret Enola Westmoreland on November 6, 1948.

John W. Patillo was married to Laura Edna Russell on November 12, 1948.

Earl R. Lancaster, Jr., was married to Dolores Joines on November 27, 1948.

Charles J. Bryant was married to Tressie Allen on October 29, 1948.

James D. Blake was married to Dicy Ethel Dement on November 18, 1948.

### Births

Lana Kay born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parker on October 16, 1948. Weight, 8 pounds 5½ ounces.

Lawrence Allen born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Lawver on November 2, 1948. Weight 8 pounds 8 ounces.

Guyon Clinton born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker on November 7, 1948. Weight, 7 pounds 12 ounces.

Gregg born to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dobson on November 12, 1948. Weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

Beverly Jean born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hill on October 23, 1948. Weight, 7 pounds.

Sandra Joyce born to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Heinze, Jr. on November 12, 1948. Weight, 6 pounds 2 ounces.

Mitzie Jean born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chambers on November 11, 1948. Weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

Brenda Genoyce born to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Randt on November 22, 1948. Weight, 7 pounds 7 ounces.

Robert Preston born to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Arrington on Novem-

ber 13, 1948. Weight, 6 pounds 7 ounces.

Francis Ann born to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams on November 19, 1948. Weight, 5 pounds 4 ounces.

Dennis Eugene born to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adlof on November 21, 1948. Weight, 5 pounds 5 ounces.

### Stores

We all wish Carl King the best of luck while he is on sick leave.

Speaking of Inventory time—it's all a thing of the past (we hope) by now. For a couple of weeks the warehouse crew had a full operating schedule. After finding that all barber shops in town were closed by 10 p. m., each night, Fred Gerbode and Oran Clark organized the "Shag Club." By the third week-end of inventory, the "Shag Club" had 100% membership and the barber shops were still closed at 10 p. m., each night when we got to town. Big Sam Marsh offered to give haircuts at \$.15 a head but business was very slack as the "Shag Club" decided to sweat it out until Project Inventory was completed. Incidentally, the "Shag Club" threw a big dinner Thanksgiving with Bologna sandwiches as the big main course—a real 30 minute treat for the working people.

Our department will probably have to shut down the latter part of December as three of our biggest wheels are on vacation. Dell Stevens, Groover Noonan and W. L. "Lightnin'" Wheelock are the lucky three to have Christmas vacations.

Red Ditto seemed very upset about the Army-Navy football game last month. Likewise Red Relf on the Texas U.-A. & M. Football game. What's the matter with the Red Twins these days? Someone give you fellows a bum steer?

Thanksgiving was a big day at Lille and Owen Ruhman's house. The conversation went something like this: "There you are, dear," Lillie said as she placed the platter on



The Pilot Inn, scene of the 1948 Service Club Banquet, provided the "ten and over" members with plenty of good food and fellowship as witnessed by this lively scene.



Seen at the Speaker's Table left to right: Mr. P. E. Foster, Houston Refinery Manager; Mr. B. M. Downey, Houston Plant Manager; Mr. C. P. Boutte, Master of Ceremonies; Mr. A. G. Schei, Treasurer of Shell Chemical Corporation; and Mr. F. E. Caddy, Superintendent of Houston Plant.

### Operations

Mr. G. Bowers, M Plant helper, is taking off Christmas to get married. He is old enough to know better.

One of the best baby sitters in Pasadena is S. J. Wilburn. Why did Ace "How Low" Wilburn stop going down to G Plant.

C. E. Elliston took a long trip to the Land of Enchantment to the ski ranges. Reports a grand trip. Saw the big cave, too.

R. Q. "Sleepy" Hubbard reports his mother is in the hospital. Sorry to hear that.

S. Curlee, C. C. Adams, and H. L.

Moss took a trip on their long change to do some hunting. Said they saw a thousand birds, got five said it was bad shells. Yeah, we know how it is, men.

N. W. "Pretty Boy" Grau sure feels bad after giving Baylor and 10 points against SMU.

And the Rains Came. Sparky Chambers has been breaking in on EC-1. Had to keep a broom handy in the control room!

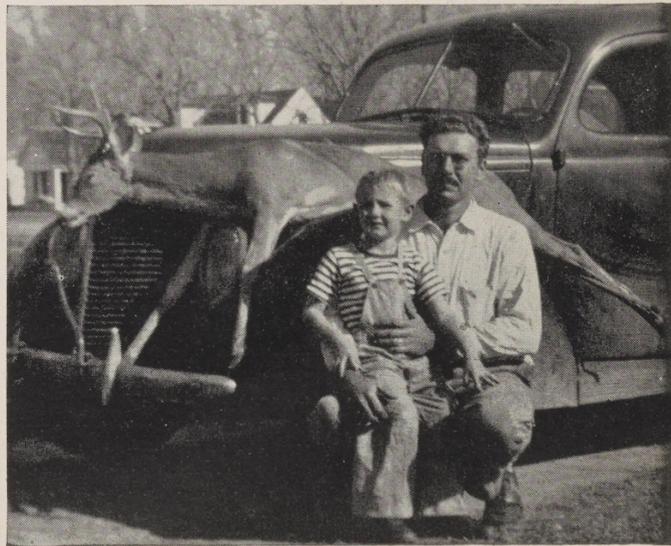
C. E. "Onion Top" Bautsch has been ducking S. F. Williams and "Tiny" Moss since he drew some pictures and put them under the glass at EC-1.

Flash! Our new car salesman, Wilbert Benedict "Bill" Gloger, is in the market for one. Must be nice to be in the upper bracket and have money.

An open letter to Mr. M. H. "Bottle-neck" Ford. Don't believe all the stuff that R. L. "Agitator" Cox, and S. J. Wilburn have been giving you.

W. P. "Aviator" Greenwell is a first class cook. He can prove it.

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Hugo Lueders, C. Department Operator, and his oldest boy, Eric, pose proudly in front of the seven point Buck that Hugo shot near Plantersville in Grimes Co., Texas. Hugo told us the deer dressed 92 pounds.

Looking At The

# Records

by  
Kaiser

**Football—Bowl Picture—**Here are our guesses on the outcome of the major bowl games to be played New Year's Day:

**SUGAR BOWL:**

**NORTH CAROLINA 21, OKLAHOMA 14.** This should be the bowl game of the day. The Tar Heels are undefeated in their last 18 starts and the Sooners have lost only one this year. Both have rugged lines that should battle on even terms. The difference should be in All-American Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

**COTTON BOWL:**

**M. U. 21—OREGON 14.** Doak Walker and Company figure a touchdown better than Oregon. S. M. U. will be playing in their own back yard and the climate should also help—not to mention four other good reasons—Walker, Rote, McKissick and Johnson. Oregon, of course, will show up in a big way headed by All-American Norm Van Brocklin, the best passer on the West Coast. It should be a whale of a game and could very easily go either way.

**ORANGE BOWL:**

**GEORGIA 26—TEXAS 14.** Georgia figures to be a little too strong for Texas. Texas has been unsettled all year, playing in and out; whereas, Georgia appears to have found themselves. Anyway, we say Georgia by two.

**ROSE BOWL:**

**NORTHWESTERN 28 — CALIFORNIA 6.** That seems about all that is necessary to say. California is undefeated, but not considered too strong, while Northwestern looked good on several occasions and should prove too tough for the Westerners.

**DIXIE BOWL:**

**BAYLOR 20—WAKE FORREST 13.** All of Baylor's injured should be ready for this one. Even though Wake Forest is strong, we still figure Baylor one touchdown to the good.

**DELTA BOWL:**

**WILLIAM AND MARY 14—OKLAHOMA A. & M. 7.** William and Mary should take the Aggies by one touchdown. This will be a battle of two good lines with the Indians having a little more strength which should prove the difference.

**BASEBALL:**

Shell baseball stock went up considerably when it was learned the other day that Leonard Burton, Strong Armed Lefthander, came to work here at the Refinery.

We welcome Leonard with open arms. He should be a great help to go along with Bobby Schroeder as a good one-two punch for the Oilers next summer.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT:**

The record high score for college play-in football was set by Georgia Tech against Cumberland College in 1918. Tech scored 222 to none for Cumberland. The longest gain of the day for Cumberland was a minus "6" yards, except when they were chasing Tech backs.

Southern Methodist is the first Southwest Conference school to win the pennant two successive years outright? A. & M. won in 1934, but had to share the title with S. M. U. in 1940.

Rice has lost only two games and tied one in November of each of the past four years, 1945 through 1948? Baylor beat them in 1945, Arkansas in 1946, they didn't lose any last year and Baylor tied them this past season.

This 1948 North Carolina eleven is the first undefeated team at that school since 1889.

## Industrial Relations

With the Christmas Season drawing near Here's wishing you lots of fun and good cheer.

Capt. Smith keeps gleaming with that "Ipana" smile He's found his new teeth are quite worthwhile.

We find that our gang is really complete With Mrs. Baker well and back on her feet.

Ed's latest topic of conversation Is his regular dates with a brunette sensation.

A "dark" future for Bernice is also in store He's tall, dark, and handsome, with personality galore.

After Rice's recent bid to a bowl game We fear Kemper Kaiser will never be the same. Attention! You single girls who might meet your fate Leap Year's about over and you won't have a mate.

The prize for "bird-dogging" should go to Lamb With so many subjects—hope he doesn't get in a jam.

That fella "Chief" is sure a swell guy He's one of our favorites, we cannot deny.

Louie Grossheim tries to act like he's tough But we know that he's harmless, in spite of his bluff.

Jimmy Halmark is our football fame With Shell All Americans appeared his name.

To read this poetry, a good sport you must be For I am no poet, as you can plainly see.

In closing, however, we don't want to forget To wish you the "Merriest Christmas" you've had yet.

## CHEMICAL OPERATIONS

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Tommie "Buttercup" Thompson had better stop agitating Bill Gloger on the bus.

To get the laugh of the day come down to EC-1 and look at "EC I love you" Williams jump when the alarm goes off.

O. L. Darby returned from his vacation. Said he had to leave East Texas when they started feeding him back, neck and wings.

The cleaner got Buchanan, Traction and Pryor. The cleaner was Dabney.

A recent write-up in the EC-1 log: Everything's the same, The bump pump doesn't seem to be bumping.

Frank Ball got a 10 point buck on a late deer hunt.

C. E. "M. O." Wallace is a very good boy lately. So I have been told in a roundabout way.

Pete "Walking Man" Chandler went duck hunting. He walked up to a lake and shot three geese looking right at him.

Wonder why Scotty Smith jumps every time a car backfires—could be he is ducking those .45 slugs.

W. P. "Lightning" Matthews worked over the other night. He had to take three men with him to the phone to convince his wife he was working.

A. L. Payne sure is wearing a nice raincoat his girl gave him to keep dry and warm.

## Kegler's Korner

In the SERA mixed bowling league at Lawndale on Wednesdays the lead see-sawed back and forth between the two toppers: Alkylation and Utilities, during the past month with these teams deadlocked at 33 points each as we go to press. This is a sizable margin over third place, Control Laboratory, with 28 points, making the leaders pretty hard to overtake in the five nights remaining of the first session. C. Cunningham, with the highest man's average in the league (168) has been an important factor in the Utilities team's standing, while J. Garrison, J. Washburn and Ann Windham have kept Alkylation at, or near, the top. Ann has highest woman's average, as well as high woman's game and series (212-534) for the league, besides having her name as a steady occupant of that spot at the top of the weekly bowling bulletin where it says "High Game and High Series for the Week." At this writing, J. Washburn has high man's series, with 597, and J. Watts (also of Alkylation) has high man's game. 229. Utilities has high team game and series with 927-2573.

The Shell Chemical-Shell Oil mixed league at Lawndale on Thursdays has completed eleven of the fifteen nights in its first fall-winter session. The Pinheads squad has held top spot by a comfortable margin for the past few weeks and is, at this writing, four points ahead of its nearest rival, Rookies, a team which retained second place during the same period. Wheels slid into a tie with Fort Acid, December 2, each having 28 points. Pinheads hold high team game and series, with 1031-2878. F. Fredrickson of Pinheads and G. Harlan of Engineering are tied for highest man's average, 164, and N. Eberman of Wheels has highest woman's average, with 150. This lady also holds high woman's series, 603. P. Gudgell has high man's series, 685; J. Tyson, high man's game, 283; P. Price, high woman's game, 241. All scores in this league include individual handicaps.

A Turkey Roll was staged in the Thursday league on November 18 with prizes to the man and woman rolling highest games. The turkey coppers were Kay Shelton with 229. (167 scratch) and Les Wallace with 252 (232 scratch.)



Jensen receives championship awards from Jimmy Hallmark for his Control Lab team.

Led by Manager W. E. Jensen, The Control Laboratory won the Refinery Softball Championship of 1948 by winning two straight games of a best two out of three play off series.

The Control Lab won the first half of a split season and then came right back to tie the Gas Department for first place in the second half. A play off was decided with the Control Lab winning the two straight games by scores of 7-2 and 7-0.

The members of the champs are: G. W. Livingston, W. H. weilkens, Don Gates, Catchers; Hollis Weatherly, R. E. Rainwater, Walter Cannon, Manager Jensen, Pitchers; F. O. Jackson, Roy Whitley, E. M. Williams, W. T. Irwin, L. B. Burch, Roy Zapp, W. A. Anderson, Infielders; R. E. Ford, Roy Spencer, J. W. Alford, G. E. Roberts, M. Wallace, T. J. Cross, R. O. Williams, C. B. Skidmore, and H. M. Miller, Outfielders.

## SOFTBALL FINAL STANDING

1948 SEASON

	Won	Lost
1. Control Lab	16	3
2. Gas Dept.	14	5
3. Red Roosters	11	6
4. Research Lab.	9	7
5. Chem. Plant Engr.	8	8
6. Main Office	8	8
7. Topping	5	11
8. Utilities	2	8
9. Chem. Plant Lab.	2	13
10. Cracking Dept.	1	8

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**FOR SALE—Ideal for car garage.** 1 20'x30' Tarpaulin heavy duty. Now. 6 4"x4"x8½' Lumber; Good Material, new.

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**LOST—Silver and Blue Parker "51"** fountain pen on December 1, somewhere in Refinery. If found, please call Dunsen Dunaway at 331.

**FOR SALE—Lot 150 x 150 feet,** located in the Old River Acres Addition of Channelview, Texas just off Becker Dr. All utilities available. \$500. See H. W. Sprouse, Instrument Department or call Mrs. Sprouse, Channelview, 2259.

**FOR SALE—Five room home** near O. S. T. in Southland Terrace. Only 2½ years old, newly painted, tile bath and kitchen, venetian blinds, hardwood floors. 85' x100' lot, near school, bus line, shopping center. G. I. Equity Call Keystone 3-6236.

## SHELL STANDARDIZES —

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