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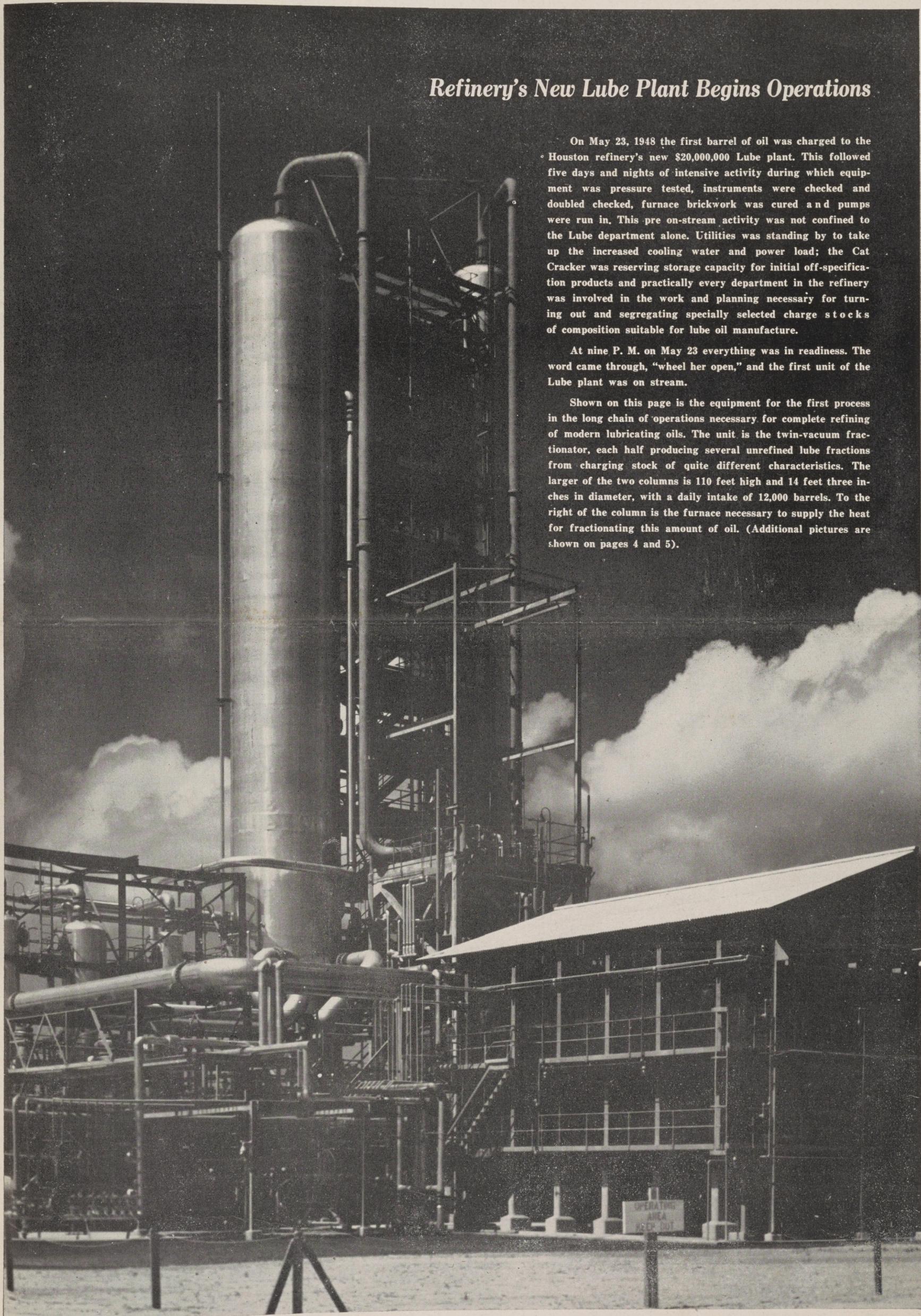
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## Refinery's New Lube Plant Begins Operations

On May 23, 1948 the first barrel of oil was charged to the Houston refinery's new \$20,000,000 Lube plant. This followed five days and nights of intensive activity during which equipment was pressure tested, instruments were checked and doubled checked, furnace brickwork was cured and pumps were run in. This pre on-stream activity was not confined to the Lube department alone. Utilities was standing by to take up the increased cooling water and power load; the Cat Cracker was reserving storage capacity for initial off-specification products and practically every department in the refinery was involved in the work and planning necessary for turning out and segregating specially selected charge stocks of composition suitable for lube oil manufacture.

At nine P. M. on May 23 everything was in readiness. The word came through, "wheel her open," and the first unit of the Lube plant was on stream.

Shown on this page is the equipment for the first process in the long chain of operations necessary for complete refining of modern lubricating oils. The unit is the twin-vacuum fractionator, each half producing several unrefined lube fractions from charging stock of quite different characteristics. The larger of the two columns is 110 feet high and 14 feet three inches in diameter, with a daily intake of 12,000 barrels. To the right of the column is the furnace necessary to supply the heat for fractionating this amount of oil. (Additional pictures are shown on pages 4 and 5).



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## Topping Tales

by S. P. Davis

Ah! yes vacation time is here again. Archie and those "please fill in when you would like your vacation" sheets! There ought to be a law "agin it." I hope Concerly enjoys my vacation, as I am going to enjoy Womack's and Womack? See what I mean?

Has anyone noticed any young inexperienced operators around? We have loads of them. The new men coming into the department are finding the promotions fast—. One of our ex-members, Joe Peter, better known as the baby of the department was gauger for about five years. After five years he came to me and said "ya know its kinda slow moving over here isn't it?" So Joe signed up for the lube plant and made it okay. A few weeks ago Joe came up and said "boy that lube plant is the place. I haven't even got down there yet and already I have got two promotions." So Joe is L.T.O. at the lube plant. Our loss is their gain. So goes another charter member to the "bird nest on the ground club".

"Bucko" another topping "ex" hasn't at the latest report put his new "A" model through the sonic barrier as yet. He hasn't gotten the feel of his new vehicle. The report read as follows, quote, "I thought the wheels cut awful easy, little did I know I was upside down", unquote.—

The Bar-B-Q recently given for the topping employees was really swell. Nearly everyone who was off was there. "Sarge" Miller was present, and without his flashlight, and I have witnesses to prove it. Sam Hall was chef and the Bar-B-Q sauce was delicious. We also had baked beans, potato salad, pickles, onions, French bread, and just cans and cans of refreshments.

Johnny "P.C." Williams now has his student pilot's license. What is the C.A.A. coming to. Now even the birds aren't safe.

The topping "off color" nine are really winning the games. They are unbeaten in games played. "Sack um up Williams", manager and pitcher, still has his "mystic" ball under control. He sez the secret to

it is not too much butter and lotsa salt.

Speaking again about our new replacements. One of them an L.T.O. on No. 4 on his first night on shift work, passed Shell road and went down to the Diamond Alkali, but couldn't get in on a Shell badge. The gateman made the lad a map and he arrived at the refinery OK and still gave good relief. If you have noticed the white flag up by the Shell road by the little bus station it was put there by our new member so this mistake wouldn't happen again.

Jimmy Humphrey after a couple of weeks at St. Joseph's is now home and doing OK. As you know Jimmy was pretty badly burned when a furnace flashed on No. 3.

Jimmy said the hide sure grows back slow and thanks to the many visitors who came to see him while he was hospitalized.

"Tiny" Harris and "Woody" Woodland made a nice catch at Highlands the other day.

Went up to Huntsville the other day to see "Hoot" Crawford. "Hoot" is doing swell in the service station busniess, and invites his many friends to stop in to see him when passing thru. His station is right in town—ya can't miss it.

James Harris is a proud papa of a 3450 lb. Buick.

A "big bird" told me he was gonna visit the residence of Chief "Wahoo" Edgerton one of these days soon and for sure it's not a Buick. Wahoo is buying all the Indian blankets in east end.

"Long Change" and "Pay Day" the shift workers' savior.

## Tech Topics

Jack Limbach's "hot" car was finally given plenty of chance to reduce its temperature—in the "cooler"! Did somebody mention "Profile"?

The latest additions to the Tech staff are Kenneth E. Rudert, a graduate of the Missouri School of Mines and James B. Bachelor from the University of Detroit. Special to female readers: Ken will be married by the time you read this, but Jim is all that his last name implies!

Howard Broadhead and Ed Nicar  
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## Refinery Service Birthdays



A. M. Eaton, Assistant Manager of the Stores Department, celebrated his 25th year with Shell this month. Born in Arkansas City, Kansas, Al attended Arkansas City High School and began his career with Shell at the Arkansas City refinery in July of 1923. He served in various capacities in the Stores department and in 1935 he was transferred to the Houston refinery. It was at the Houston refinery that he was promoted to the post that he holds at the present time.



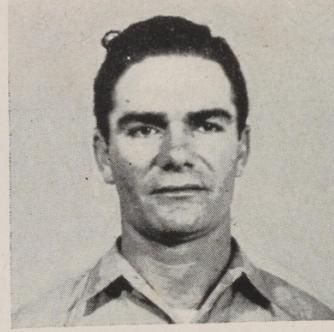
HANS SWIJTER began his career with Shell at the Houston refinery on June 1, 1938 and this month completes his 10th year with the Company. He was born in The Hague, Netherlands and attended public and private schools in that city. He received his degree in Chemical Engineering at the Technical University at Delft, Holland. He arrived in the United States in May 1938 and has just recently completed his final papers and has become a citizen of the United States. In May 1941 he went on military leave to serve with the Netherlands' armed forces and served overseas in the Dutch East Indies. Later he transferred to the Netherlands Navy where he was commissioned a Sub-Lieutenant. He was discharged in March 1946 and returned to the Houston refinery.

## SERA Music Group Ends Season With Concert Meeting

by Marx Isaacs

The SERA Music Appreciation Club closed its spring season with a meeting and concert at the Rice Hotel Lacquer Room on June 21. The feature of the evening was a most interesting talk by Mrs. Edna W. Saunders, famous Houston sponsor of musical and theatrical talent. The subject was "Stardust", or "The Other Side of the Footlights", and included entertaining stories of the celebrities Mrs. Saunders has met. The musical portion of the program featured "Gaité Parisienne" and hits from the operettas "The Mikado" and "The Desert Song".

The meetings will be resumed in September or October, but in the meantime, any one interested is invited to a "bring-your-own-food" picnic at Hermann Park on Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with a Houston Summer Symphony concert. More details will be supplied in advance of that date.



Fred J. Long began his career in the Shell organization as a General Helper in the Engineering Field department in 1933 and this month celebrates his 15th year with the Company. From the Engineering Field Group, he went to Dispatching where he worked as a Gauger. Later he moved to the Topping department. At the present time Long is an Operator Number One on the Topping Unit. Born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, he moved to Houston where he attended Reagan High School and later Sam Houston State Teacher's College in Huntsville.



Walter P. Raarup, Jr., Senior Technologist, this month completes his tenth year in the Shell organization, having first been employed in the Technological department of the Houston refinery. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he attended Warren Easton High School and received his degree in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University in 1938. Raarup is an amateur radio operator of high standing, having been elected to three terms as president of the Houston Amateur Radio Club. He aided materially in providing communications between Texas City and the outside world during the disaster that struck that city in 1947.

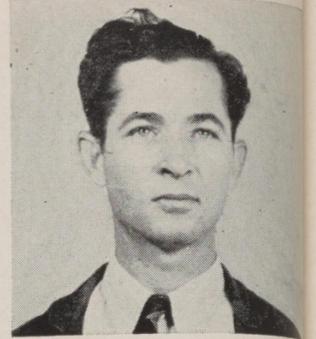
## Engineering Office

KUBRICHT AND THE BIRDS AND THE BEES—We should nominate W. S. Kubricht, our Chief Draftsman, as a prime pupil for the primary class of the Birds and the Bees education. He reported to work one morning this week stating that his cow gave birth to a little bull calf. Bill returned home to lunch and took another look and it turned out to be a "heifer" calf. We think Bill should be educated or else change glasses.

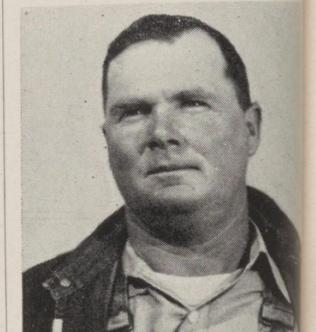
BANDERA BOUND—Looks like Shell will be well represented at Bandera over the FOURTH. If you want to know anything about the big parties planned, just ask Terry, George, Chris, Katy or most anyone.

"BUCKAROO" LOVE just moved into a brand spanking new "LOVE NEST" right back of the Shamrock Hotel and is spending all his spare time now cultivating the grass. It seems that he has forgotten that just as soon as he gets the grass to produce a few healthy shoots, he will start spending all the balance of his spare time cutting it all down again.

Walter "RED" Barabash is now  
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Barney Fogleman, Assistant Manager of the refinery's new Lube department completed his 15th year with Shell in June, having first employed at the Houston refinery in June, 1933. Barney, native of Kemp, Texas and received his degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas. He saw duty in the Topping department in 1933 and the Laboratory as a Junior Research Chemist. In the Lab., he went to the Technical department and in 1946 transferred to the Cat Cracker. August 1947 he was appointed the position of Assistant Manager of the Lube department.



E. C. Reeves, Assistant Electrical Foreman in the Engineering Field department, this month completes his tenth year with Shell. Ernie was first employed as a General Helper in the Engineering department in 1938 at the Houston refinery. In September of 1938 was transferred to the Electrical Shop and in November 1946 he promoted to his present position. He was born in DeQuincy, Louisiana, completed his high school education in that city and attended Southern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette Louisiana.

## Personnelities

News in the Industrial Relations Department this month consists mostly of vacations, sunburns, dings and The Bughouse at Playland Park.

Attention! Anyone desiring a personal tour through the Bughouse at Playland Park, please contact Etoyle Mathews. It seems Etoyle had a very exciting and amusing experience (for the on-lookers, anyway) when she accompanied a small nephew through the Bughouse the other evening. Of course, the nephew skipped through with the greatest of ease, but the guard to help Etoyle find her way through the Bughouse. Well, we all have to learn the experience.

Ann Wright has returned to her ranks after a very pleasant vacation. We are all envious of her vacation. Speaking of vacations, you see Mary Faye Sherman that bright sunburn she acquired in Galveston one week-end. Her color has toned down now, but a couple of days you couldn't see her without blinking.

We want to welcome two members to Industrial Relations. Porky Lamb, oh, excuse me, I mean J. R. Lamb has been transferred to our office from the Main Office. Marilyn Farmer is back with us.  
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# Shell Chemical Notes and News

**TREASURY:** There seems to be an epidemic of high blood pressure in the Payroll Department lately. So far, the worst case reported is the section head. They also boast a new member—Jane "Dee Dee" Blackham. This could have something to do with the disease—ask Billy.

"Another Indian bites the dust" on July 16 as wedding bells ring for Harry Morey. That old bug really gets around. The cost section welcomes Jack Morton from Texas University.

Betty Barabash is looking forward to a swell vacation in July. There sure is a lot of dirt in steno section, but nobody will play stool pigeon, so how can a poor reporter scoop?

Hope Matthews has just returned from a wonderful vacation at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, plus stopovers in New Orleans and several other interesting places. We're looking forward to a prize-winning story on material as good as that.

Mildred Posey reports a swell vacation in San Antonio and New Braunfels.

It sure seems like old times with that "sharp kid" Dan Adams in the halls again. Dan Reports a good semester at Texas University, but is glad to be back. Yea, Texas! On to the Cotton Bowl, and all that stuff.

We all miss Billy Glascock and hope to see him back real soon.

**OPERATIONS:** Flash—Ace "Hog-Lawer" Wilburn got fooled when Harley Fisher pilfered his lunch box. From the tears in his eyes, you would think some AA was loose. He didn't moan half as loud when the mad dog bit him. Fisher was just getting even.

I wonder how "Pappy" Connor felt out on the pump pad telling the Gauger the feed pump on "A" Distillation was off suction and then finding out the pump was ON "A" Distillation. Had to get a blue print to convince him.

Joe Arrington has again joined the ranks of the new daddy's. Congrats on the son, Joe!

Talk about the Houston Buffs—they have more than enough moral support to keep them on top from the men on the Pasadena loop bus.

Ask Wilburn how it feels to get the silent treatment from his whole shift for 7 hours on his last set of graveyards.

Wilburn says he is the boss at his house, but as the story goes—the guy who says that will say anything.

Jarvis Gene Rash, "The Wolf Man", will howl no longer. He is one of the leap year casualties, honeymooning in Monterrey, Mexico.

C. W. Holliman strutting his stuff with a '48 Stylemaster after waiting patiently on the list since 1942 A.D. not B.C.

W. B. Dunkin has been promoted to acting 1st Lt. I wonder if his arm is sore.

"Gabby" Cook—No comment.

Most of the Work Horses are enjoying being let out to pasture. 'Twon't be long before they're all back in the harness.

There has been a rumor about an "E" Department party. Will it be before or after the first batch of 190 Proof?

J. W. Thornton is still off from work. We are all hoping for his speedy recovery.

By grapevine "Fearless" Fulton is to be assigned to Refrigeration Unit.

Junior Hollingsworth has been transferred to "G" Department. Their gain, our loss. Another father here! Junior reports that his wife has presented him with a baby girl.

**SHIPPING:** There are other characters in this department than us. I know because late one night after everyone had gone, I overheard the following conversation:

"I'm getting fed up with the whole business", said the pencil to the paper. "Why I've been in people's mouths, behind their ears and at night they lock me up in a stuffy drawer where I have to mingle with these low-class paper clips and blotters. And just because they have a lot of work to do they take it out on me. They stick my neck in something sharp and begin to crank. I'll admit it sharpens my outlook on life but it also shortens it. Oh, for the life of my cousin fountain pen. He is always well taken care of. They keep him next to their hearts, and if he ever gets lost, they weep, moan and groan and spend the rest of their lives talking about what a good fellow he was. But ME? Oh no! I break my back working for them for a couple of weeks and what happens? I get thrown in the waste basket!"

"You should complain", said the paper. "I don't even last that long. You and your cousin fountain pen walk all over my face day in and day out. Why I've had such vulgar things written on my face that I feel like going home to my parents the trees. They write all kinds of smelly chemicals on me and shove me around from room to room so everyone can see it. Maybe you think THAT isn't embarrassing! The least they could do is put an envelope around me. But the worst part of the whole business is that after I've served them as best I know how, they either crumple me up and throw me away or make spit balls out of me. Yes, I guess we both have to be here, but wouldn't it be heavenly to return to our kin in the forest?"

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Bob Morrison is hiding his lunch these days since the article came out in the Post about the contents of his lunch box. The fellows are just trying to determine the reliability of the local press, Bob.

Glenn O'Bryan is vacationing in Illinois. He didn't trust himself to return to California this year.

The Tech Department looks deserted these days. Most of the men not readily in evidence are working shift work on the start-up of new plants.

It isn't hard to find news in the Tech Department. Everyone is willing to tell you the latest hot dope on someone else, but of course we wouldn't be one to repeat it.

**ENGINEERING FIELD:** We were told that Preacher Hodgson was in the office checking on his Blue Cross insurance. He has just finished building his idea of the Ultra Modern lawn mowing machine.

Why did A. L. Fraser scratch his rapidly balding head and murmur something about miracles still happening? Ask No. 3 boy, R. B. Bush.

Among his many other talents, we have found that Joe Lavada is a super duper salesman also. He had men borrowing money to buy chances on a set of golf clubs. Some of them don't even know the proper grip to use on the caddy. Whatta line—

We nearly had a lost time accident in the new shop the other day. Fruland was taking pictures of the big tube bundle shell in the shop. Bill Read saw what was going on and remembered that he hadn't checked the job in the last five minutes. He had just about figured the lighting angles and placed himself in the best possible position

## Maury Henshaw Given Farewell Party



This group of hardy well wishers gathered at the barbecue pit recently to bid adieu to friendly Maury Henshaw who has joined the Head Office Technological Department.

when Martin saw the situation and he too decided the job needed checking. He lined up beside Read. The little birdie stuck his head out of the box and everyone concerned had his personality plus smile on when along came John Blake and innocently walked up and asked Bill about some job. Martin and Read both pushed John so hard trying to get him out of the prospective picture that he nearly fell down. What price glory?

Browning said that the only reason Charlie Rusk didn't make his eighty-four bid the other day at noon was that he was trying to figure the cosine of the double six. Townsend claims he's outnumbered three to one.

Glad to see Dixon (Slugger) Kirk back from sick leave. Really missed that friendly smile.

Why does Eddie Lucher have that shining lite even on graveyards? Could be wedding bells soon.

Why is (Heavy) Duty now called mullet-head?

We would like to know the inside story about Red Gaither and a certain bulletin.

Another coincidence, Frank Bates and Schultz took their vacation at the same time. Frank got a new roof on his home and—guess what—Schultz is one of the best roof men we know. Nothing like staying on the good side of the boss—eh, Schultz?

When D. J. Burke got set up to second class pipefitter he wanted to be sure that he could fully qualify for the job even to the proper amount of authority in his voice. So he stuck his head in a tank so he could listen to himself.

Olin Hysaw now known as the Agitator specialist.

Smoothie Hancock is now enjoying his vacation.

R. B. Bush leaving for cool Colorado to fish for rainbow trout. Will try to get authentic results for next issue.

The electrician working for the contractors in the shop asked that Pat Estes please quit walking through the shop while he was hammering. He mashed his finger three times.

Roy McCollum said that Charlie Houghton had the prettiest sport shirts he'd ever seen and wonders where he buys that kind of feed sacks.

Francis Neagle came out last week looking like someone had batted him on the head. But we found out the swelling was just the result of the bouncing baby boy. Congratulations, Neagle.

Can't close without saying that we really like our new shop even if it is a little warm inside for summertime.

**LABORATORY:** Laboratory "old-timers" are strangers in their own house with the coming of so many new personnel. In fact, the control office has become more like the

lobby of a large hotel in recent days. New faces appearing during the past few weeks are W. Max Anderson, King Crutchfield, R. C. Dromgoole, Sam Ford, Charles E. Gary, Billy Joe Hageman, Jay Harding, Armand G. Morin, John W. Parmer, Jim Robison, and William B. Wright, Jr., and W. F. Key. No wonder Ed Templeton came back from vacation and asked "who are all these people"?

There should be lots of contestants from the lab in the Shell Vacation story contest. Vacationers are leaving and returning most every

day. V. C. Cochran should have the most interesting story to tell as he is honeymooning at the same time. He married contrary to the advice of all his co-workers who showed him their empty pockets, and gray hair as proof of their point. Ed Templeton went to California and actually claims to have enjoyed the trip. Charley Denton went to Georgia, and Jerry McKinley to New York. Bobby George and Danny Burns, loyal Texans, stayed in "beautiful, beautiful Texas", and it is still too early to determine where (Continued on Page 6)

## Mrs. Morrison and Prize Lunch



—Photo courtesy Houston Post

**MRS. MORRISON'S LUNCH BOX MENU WINS PRIZE**—Bob Morrison of the Tech. Department is basking in the reflected glory of his wife's prize-winning lunch boxes these days. For those of you who missed it, we reprint the following item from the Houston Post—also, my wife might read it.

"Most homemakers put thought into menu planning—dinner menus, that is. But the lunch box contents more often than not consist of a sandwich made of cold cuts, a bag of potato chips or fritos, an apple and maybe some cookies.

It's just a case of putting a little thought into the matter, says Mrs. Robert E. Morrison of 6942 Narcissus, who fixes those day-after-day meals for her husband.

Mrs. Morrison, an avid reader of the Houston Post Women's pages, besides being extremely interested in foods, sent in this suggested menu for lunch boxes.

And for her interest and enthusiasm in cookery, The Post awards her a cash prize of \$5.

Her lunch box menu always contain five classes of foods—the beverage, the sandwich or a starchy dish, the relish, dessert and a special treat.

For the person who likes a variety of beverages, Mrs. Morrison suggests chocolate milk, vanilla egg-

nog or canned fruit juice.

"If you keep a small can of juice in the freezing compartment of the refrigerator overnight, it'll stay cool until noon even if it's taken out at 6 A.M.," she said.

For a different sandwich she recommends one made of bacon, fried egg and tomato slices. Here's how Mrs. Morrison keeps the bread from becoming soggy:

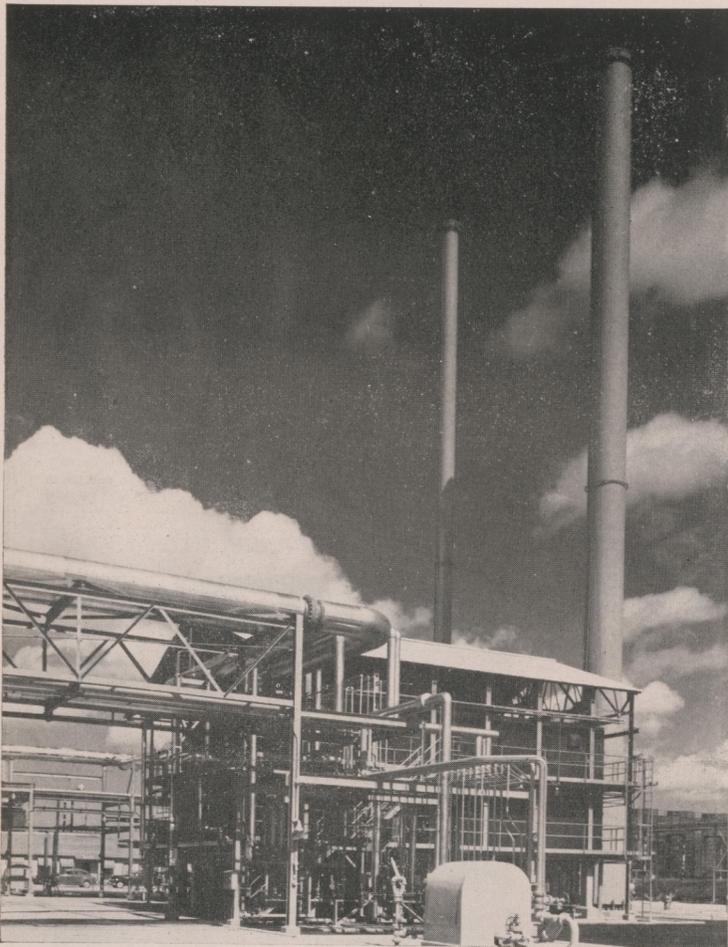
First she slices the tomato thin and lets it drain on a plate. Then she spreads the bread with salad dressing and adds a layer of crisp bacon crumbles, a fried egg (sunny side down and cooked until the yolk is solid) and then the tomatoes. It is held together with toothpicks placed at the corners.

Baked beans, egg or tuna fish salad in a small jar, a can of sardines, a tin of anchovies with crackers can be substituted for the sandwich. For relish, she uses carrot strips, wedges of tomatoes, celery hearts, bits of cheddar or Roquefort cheese or pickled beets. And be sure to include a bit of salt, Mrs. Morrison cautions.

Fresh fruits in season, canned fruits, custards and pies with double crusts, are some of this homemaker's dessert favorites. The special treat may be salted nuts, dried fruits, a candy bar or some homemade fudge.

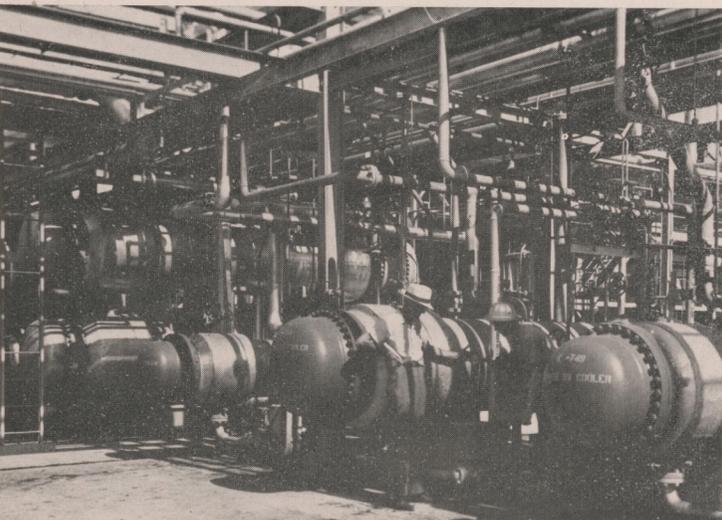
The pictures shown on these two pages represent only one section of the Houston refinery's new \$20,000,000 Lube plant. This section consists of two Vacuum Distillation Units in which the unrefined lubricating oil fractions are produced. Construction was planned so that units can be completed and put into operation in the normal sequence of operations. By the time the first barrel of finished oil is ready for shipment ample inventories will be available throughout the plant, thus insuring a more or less constant supply of oils for shipment.

The oils produced in the lube plant, although fully refined, will not be blended and inhibited for commercial use. They will be shipped from Houston in bulk by barge, tankers, and tank cars to Sewaren, New Jersey, the International Lubricants Corporation in New Orleans and to California, where the final blending will be done and minute amounts of special inhibitors and other additives will be introduced to meet the high quality standard of Shell motor and industrial lubricants on the market today.



THIS SEVENTY MILLION B.T.U. furnace supplies heat necessary for fractionation of the 12,000 barrels per day of oil. The two 24 inch transfer lines can be seen above and to the left. These lines carry the heated oil from the furnace to the

flash zone of the fractionating tower. In the foreground is one of the several fire stations consisting of automatic fire hose reels and steam and water manifolds and a high-pressure turret nozzle.

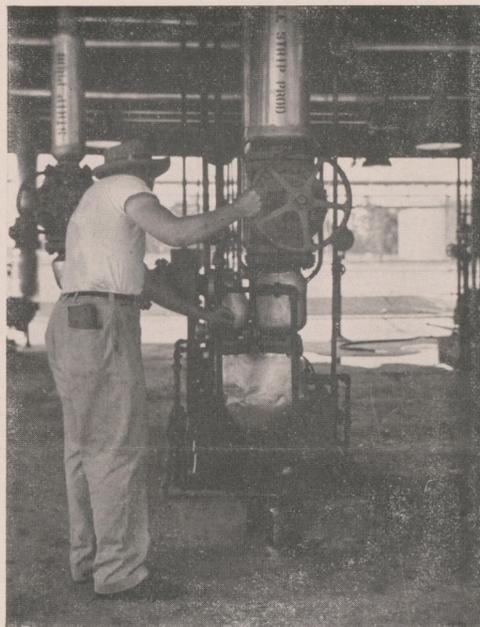


J. D. GORE, LUBE SHIFT FOREMAN, and Bill Bryan, Technical Assistant, check the outlet temperature on one of the vacuum unit product coolers. These products leave the column at temperatures as high as 600 degrees Fahrenheit. By circulating water through these vessels, oil temperatures are carefully

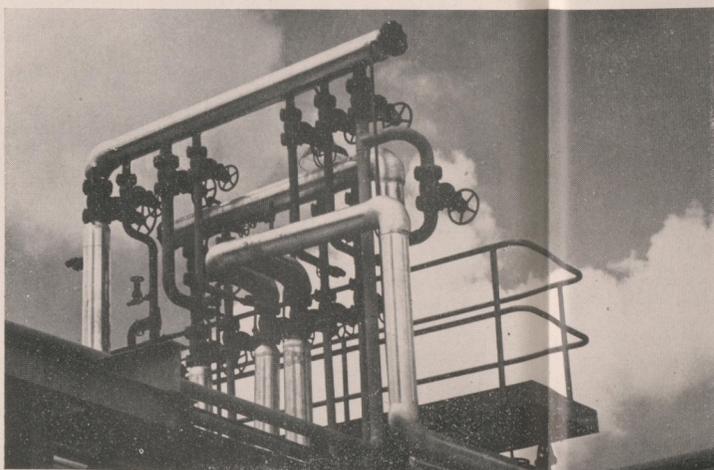
adjusted to a point just warm enough for free flow and yet not too hot for satisfactory storage. Care must be exercised in adjusting these temperatures because a few degrees can mean the difference between a solid mass and a free flowing liquid.



THE CONTROL ROOM provides the operator with complete remote access to every part of the unit. Furnace temperatures, column and stripper levels and product properties are raised and lowered by the mere twist of a knob. In addition to instruments, the board is well supplied with alarm lights which blink savagely when a danger point is approached in critical parts of the unit. Each alarm light has independent control over an air howler which warns personnel that certain situations need correcting on the outside of the control room.



MIKE WOODY, LUBE SHIFT FOREMAN, lines up one of the several product pumps used to transfer lube fractions to intermediate storage before further processing on another unit of the lube plant. Products from each unit are sent to intermediate storage before being picked up by the next unit in the series of refining processes. The arrangement permits unusual flexibility of operation since each unit operates more or less independently of any other unit.



VACUUM UNIT PRODUCTS can be manifolded through this maze of pipes and valves to almost any place in the storage area or to the refinery. Any product, or combination of products, can be routed through this manifold to Cat Cracker feed storage, or to fuel oil blending, at the same time permitting

all other products to be stored in the normal manner. Each line leaving this manifold is fitted with an air-blowing connection which permits clearing anytime when taken out of service. This insures against possible setting-up of heavy waxy oils in idle lines.

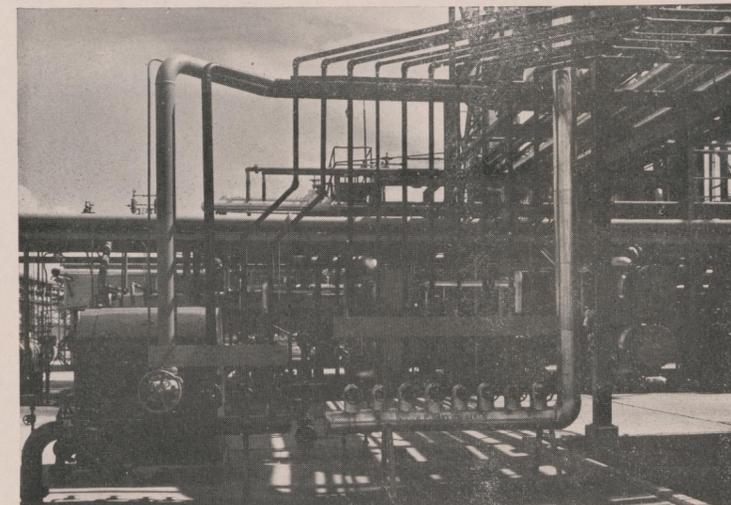


COOLING WATER for the entire lube plant is supplied by this six cell, induced draft cooling tower. Warm water from tubular cooling equipment circulates through these towers in contact with a strong upward blast of air brought in by six huge electric fans. A wide range of cooling water temperatures can be obtained by cutting in and out

the individual cells or by regulating the flow of air through them. Normally, the water is reduced from about 110 degrees to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Each minute approximately 25,000 gallons of water are circulated through the six cells of the tower, cooled, then returned to the lube plant.

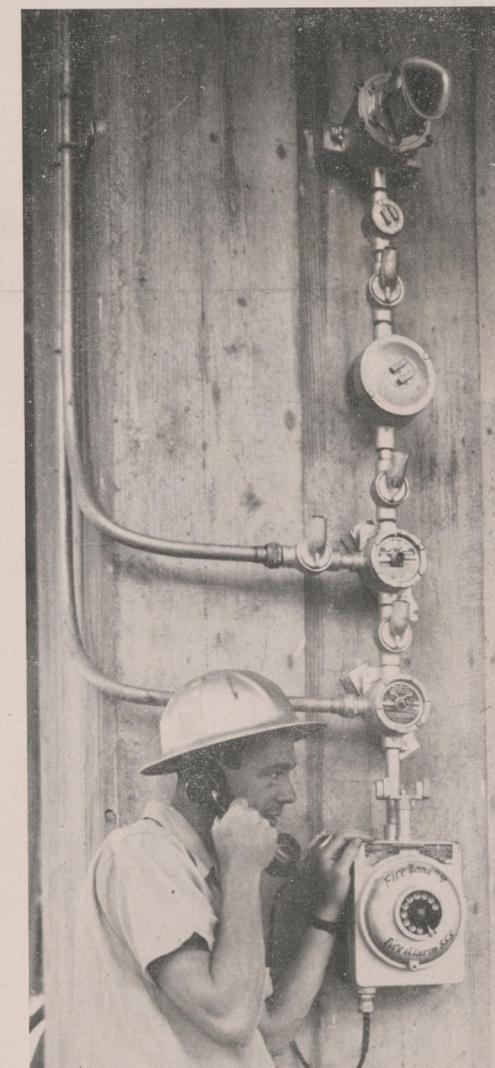


THE MAIN SWITCHROOM presents a neat and orderly arrangement of circuit breakers controlling all electric pumps in the unit. Each breaker is mounted in an explosion-proof, oil-filled container and is prominently labeled for quick and accurate use. This switchroom was laid out for easy accessibility and fast fool-proof operation. The switches are housed in a completely enclosed, dry room, apart from the main operating room, thus eliminating congestion, wet floors, etc. and their associated hazards.



FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT at the new lube plant, in addition to the usual hydrants and hose reels, consist of at least two of these elaborate stations on each unit. To the left is the water manifold supplying sprays to the furnace stack and pumproom. The necessary fire hose is kept in the metal shel-

ter on the left. On the right is the huge pressure snuffing steam manifold used to smother particularly stubborn oil fires encountered in furnaces. From this manifold any part of the furnace can be covered with steam from a safe distance by merely opening the correct valve.



CAREFUL THOUGHT AND PLANNING have been devoted to safety and no expense has been spared in providing the most modern and effective safety equipment available. Shown above is an explosion-proof telephone similar to those mounted in all hazardous locations. The horn at the top of the fixture is necessary because of the noisy location. The fire zone concerned and the telephone number to call in case of fire are lettered on all such phones in operating areas as an instant reminder in cases of emergency.

## Shell Chemical

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Earl Schumacher, Aubrey Adams, and Marvin Johnson may end up.

Green complexions seemed all the rage recently when the birth of Ray Beaman's baby boy was celebrated. It appears no one can remember seeing Ray smoke one of those cigars. The baby's first toy was a golf ball and as soon as he learns to swim, he'll no doubt be cadging for his dad.

Paul Leyhe is recovering from an operation and from all reports is doing fine. However, it will be several weeks before he is back in the southeast corner of the control office at his job.

**E DEPARTMENT**—Now that summer is upon us you will find Robert White, alias "Grumpy" White and Cliff Walter spending their leisure time sailing around the bay fishing for cat fish. Well, maybe they aren't fishing for cat but that's what they've been getting.

Golfing has become the main diversion of the remaining members of E Department. Frank Colburn has been leading the field with low scores, Russ LeRoy with high scores (and number of golf balls won) and Bob Hanning with the number of golf clubs lost.

**STORES**—In Spring (Yea, we know it's too hot to still be spring) a young man's fancy turns to—fishing! We have some real fishermen in our department—at least that is the latest "dope" via the grapevine system. Billy Relf has been telling some very f-i-s-h-y stories! How about a little proof, Red???

However, all young men's fancies do not turn to fishing (Much to the delight of the fairer sex). Have you noticed the songs GN has been humming lately. Must be spring fever—even if it is a little late. Not holding out on us, are you Groover?

Our grapevine also has it that Barbara Gibson has had a lot of things on her mind lately. We have no idea what they are, but they are distracting enough to keep her from getting off her bus at the right place.

We understand that Mr. Van Hees is trying to buy a new Crosley. If anyone knows where he could negotiate such a transaction, please advise him.

Dell Stevens was recently overheard making claim to being President of the "Flunky Club". Do any of you other people wish to challenge her claim? No applications accepted unless the applicant has signed affidavit indicating that he (or she) is a flunky First Class.

Our department claims to have the best lady cyclist in the plant. Pat Estes, one of our old timers, can really ride that two-wheeler.

Vacation season is now in full swing. Lillie Rhuman recently returned from a long trip to Colorado and Washington State. Also, Ralph Marsh just finished two weeks as a man of leisure. Next on the vacation list are Ellis Rusk, Lloyd Garrett and A. Michelman.

**ENGINEERING** — Continuing their march toward the S.E.R.A. Softball Crown, the Chemical Engineers defeated the highly-touted Red Roosters who had won six straight games until they met our rough, ready and mighty powerful Chemical team.

June seems to be the month of vacations with many of the main rhetasots absent. Nevertheless, we remaining little clogs are carrying on.

The "What a Man" Barnhill is home fighting the flu.

The idea has been conceived by two of our outstanding young men that we should work two 24-hour days and go fishing the rest of the week. The two gentlemen are arguing over who should receive the credit for this brilliant idea.

Who is Ophelia?

Kirby Walker is off to California in an air conditioned car. He is all out for a nice cool vacation.

The Engineering Department has been too much for Mr. Hassenmiller. He does not know whether he is coming or going, which is understandable in this department. You do not have to be crazy but it helps.

We hear Noda Bowen can really ride a surf board. We sure would like to see her in action.

Back for a rest are Phyrne Hunter from the beach and Faye Wismer from the hills of North Carolina. Phyrne received a nice sun tan while loafing on the beach and Faye contacted a little snuffle from those cool Carolina nights.

### PERSONNELITIES

As an addition to our department, we peep in First Aid Room to see Mrs. Krone, a Canadian by birth, she says with that French accent, who is the lady in white taking over while our little blue-eyed "Mrs. Anthony" goes on vacation—or so it is called. Seems that her mom is to be her patient for a time. Just who is going to handle our problems while Marie is gone????

Seems that the tale brought back by the Industrial Relations man in Construction, Bob Waldren, who took the journey with the Pratts, (luckies), is that all travelers were much intrigued with the "Butch" hair-shave little Eric (the younger Pratt) is now sporting. At any stop—to eat, sleep or drink, Eric's head was rubbed by passersby and it is estimated that 999 persons were brought luck by this little fellow alone. Seems that a good time was had by all, Bob states, with an enviable tan, and more will come from Dick himself soon.

Up Chicago way, find Doris Foster and hubby visiting a former Texas friend. If only we had a radio—seems we could hear the familiar voice on all the FREE radio shows offering nothing less than a Rolls Royce—just any of them, that is.

These vacations are popular things—John Lacy recently returned with a very good look—that corn bread and buttermilk look—if you know what I mean—and it seems the country has other things too—a line, pole and hook is concerned John R. knows all about it.

Joining Joe Ward and Jack Carter in the Training is Scotty Callaway who has given fair warning that those two know how the inside of a Doghouse looks more so than the outside. We are so glad to have Scotty—and hope the influence of our department will be only beneficial.

With bravery and fortitude, Walt Fruland is batching it for about six weeks—and those lunches he packs! His wife sure trained him right—and golly, he's not lonesome—he has that cute little pooch—oops—I mean dog—pedigreed, that is.

This week Bob Jackson has it down right—that bowling ball knows right where that pocket is—and he is doing us proud—On Wednesday his head is over-worked because that right arm is non-usable. "A" DEPARTMENT — "Little Kernel" Leach is sojourning again. This time it's a two-week vacation in the Ozarks.

Frank Watson was all smiles when he learned that he had won a set of golf clubs in Joe Levada's lottery. Joe wasn't so happy; he had worked pretty hard to sell Frank the chance for Elmer Saxon's golf clubs that he had a few chances on himself.

Joe Matherne just became the proud owner of a "Nash" car. That low gas mileage is attractive, we now have two in the office.

The personnel have been on-stream in the past two weeks. S. L. Collier from the Construction Office has replaced Joe Matherne who is now Acting Assistant Depart-



SERVICE BIRTHDAY, H. R. FOSTER, May—10 Years.

Hubert Ray Foster joined the Shell Organization at the Houston Refinery as a Loader in November, 1937. He became a part of the Shell Chemical Corporation as a No. 1 Operator in February, 1946 at the Houston Plant. At the present time, H. R. is working as a Shift Foreman in A Department Operations.

ment Manager. Walt Stokes is now blazing a trail with the "B" Furnaces. We finished the movement by emptying and rearranging all the desks.

What fair-haired boy of the drafting office, who doesn't use hair tonic because the girls tell him he looks prettier without it, had a loss of peace of mind on the ninth hole last Saturday and decided to give his golf clubs back, piece by piece, to the Indians, Scots, or whoever invented the dad-gummed game?

**MUSIC APPRECIATION CLUB PRESENTS MRS. EDNA W. SAUNDERS**—The SERA Music Appreciation Club turned the table on Mrs. Edna Saunders at their June 21 meeting.

We nearly all recognize the phrase, "Mrs. Saunders presents . . ." from the many fine concerts she has arranged; but this time, we presented Mrs. Saunders who gave a very entertaining talk entitled "Stardust." In this, she related interesting stories about world-famous musical personalities. Her comments on works offered in our recorded program made the entire evening more enjoyable.

Business discussion of the evening centered upon a picnic to be held at Hermann Park in conjunction with a performance of the Houston Symphony on July 13. Members will be informed of details; interested non-members are invited to attend.

### PERSONNELITIES—

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the summer vacation. Marilyn is the life guard at the Staff swimming pool. What a life! Having to take a dip in a swimming pool every morning and afternoon.

Betty McCambridge spent her vacation in Chicago, Illinois this summer. She attended the graduation exercises of her sister, plus having

## Shell Refineries' Accident Rate Is Well Below Refining Industry Rate

We recently received a letter of congratulations from Mr. C. E. Davis, Vice President, Manufacturing for our contributions toward the favorable safety experience of the Shell Manufacturing Section for 1947. Following are the results:

**frequency severity index**  
Shell ..... 1.81 0.22 4.01  
Ref. Industry 9.16 1.22 21.36  
Frequency—Number Disabling Injuries Per 1,000,000 hours worked.  
Severity—Number of days lost per 1,000 hours worked.

**Index—Combination of both Frequency and Severity figures.**

Through the efforts of each individual in the Houston Refinery we were able to contribute favorably to the above low figures. This is an accomplishment to be proud of. In addition to the elimination of injuries to employees, when we review our record throughout for each month we must concede that safety is the most important factor for the maintenance of a top level of production.

Now we have patted our backs and did a little bragging and we all feel good until we are suddenly awakened to the following results in our accident score board:

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Disabling Injuries	1	2	0	0	4

Disabling Injuries by Departments:  
Gas—1; Electric—2; Pipefitting—1; Loading Rack—1; Topping—1; Machine Shop—1.

It appears that somewhere along the line we suddenly let down in our efforts to think of "safety first" on the job. This of course is to our discredit just as much as the 1947 record was in our favor and we all share equally in either the accomplishments or failures of our safety efforts.

For everyone's information it might be well to list the four accidents which were experienced during the month of May.

(1) An employee slipped and fell off the dome of a tank car while lifting the dome cover. Sprained ankle.

Workmen should not stand on the

a wonderful time.

Ada Hamilton will become the bride of Nick Jones on July 11. The ceremony will take place at St. Mary's Seminary. Here's wishing them all the luck and happiness possible.

It looks like we are going to have to get Boat a bib to take to the cafeteria. You should have seen his shirt after lunch the other day.

Kemper Kaiser is still busy keeping up with the sports world. He even thinks that Rice is going to beat the University of Texas in football this year. Oh well! He can dream.

domes of tank cars. Steps are provided for this purpose.

(2) A machinist slipped and twisted his ankle as he was climbing from a fan opening onto the wet roof of the cooling water tower at the Toluene Units. Chip fracture of the lower tibia.

While the severity of this injury is unfortunate, it is obvious that only the personal attention of the man can be depended on to work carefully in such areas.

(3) An operator suffered burns when a furnace at the Topping Plant flashed as he was lighting the burners. Burns of the body and arms.

This man was wearing an asbestos hood which prevented burns to his head. If he had been wearing a fire-proof jacket it is possible that the injuries would have been prevented. Also closer attention by a follow-up check of burner valves on the part of the supervisor would have disclosed that two of the burner valves were open before the burners were lighted.

(4) An electrician was installing a switch in an electric box when the wires were crossed causing an electric arc. Burns of the face and eyes.

While it is customary and necessary to do this work hot and the quarters are close this is routine work for an electrician. Safety equipment is provided for such work and was used in this case; however, only the alert attitude and skill of the craftsman will prevent accidents of this nature.

You will note from the above accidents and the brief comments of the causes that these cases occurred on jobs which are routine in nature. They are performed daily in the plant without mishap. So the important lesson we might learn is that we cannot relax on safety efforts on even the most simple job without danger of an oversight which might result in an injury to ourselves or our fellow workers.

## Shell Camera Club Holds First Field Trip; Plans Second

The Shell Camera Club last month went on its first field trip since its organization—the first in a series of similar trips planned for this summer and fall. The members gathered together at Seabrook armed with picnic lunches and photographic equipment. The photographic equipment ranged from the large 4 by 5 news-type cameras, to the small, fast 35mm camera loaded with color film, as well as black and white. The outing was a huge success from every viewpoint.

The June meeting of the Club, held at the Ripley House, featured a display and discussion of prize winning prints loaned to the club by the Eastman Kodak Company, source of much valuable information and lectures on photography which has been sent to the club.

The Camera Club's program committee, headed by Bill Robbins of Shell Chemical, is planning the second field trip of this season, this time to cover the battleship Texas at the San Jacinto battleground. The trip has been set for July 11.

Still further in the future, possibly in the fall of this year, the club plans to make the necessary arrangements to display photographs taken by club members. At both the refinery and Chemical plant.

The Shell Camera Club meets the first Monday of each month at the Ripley House, 4401 Lovejoy Street in Houston. Membership remains open to all SERA members who may be interested in photography.

## SERA Camera Club On Field Trip



The first field trip taken by the Shell Camera Club did not involve only picture taking, as the above photograph, taken by Sam Davis, will testify. The first thing on the program was a picnic lunch eaten on

the shores of the bay at Seabrook. The outing was a huge success and a second one is planned for July, this time to the San Jacinto battlegrounds and the battleship Texas.

# Toluene Wins SERA Bowling Tourney Team Event; "Red" Matson Takes Singles and All Events Prizes

The first Shell Handicap Tournament was held June 19 and 20 at the Recreation Palace alleys. Approximately 100 bowlers enjoyed the fun of matching games for 79 cash prizes totaling \$348 plus two bowling balls, one given by SERA and the other donated by Mr. Magee, manager of the Recreation Bowling Alleys, Inc. The two balls were won by Charles Finch and Norma Brockmeyer for being the man and woman with the greatest number of pins over their average in the team event. All participants were handicapped using 200 as a base with men getting 66 2/3% and women 75%.

G. "Red" Matson carried off the lion's share of the titles by winning the men's singles and all events crowns and combining with Ed Schlesinger to win eighth place in the doubles. Red only carries a 129 average but he shot a big 522 in the singles (135 pins over his average) which plus his handicap gave him 664 for the singles crown. His winning total for all events was 1872 followed closely by Fritz McLellan's 1867 in second place.

Johnny Muyres and Jenny Hamilton, husband of Researcher Mary Page Hamilton, won the doubles with a terrific 1373. Johnny and Jenny had averages of 150 and 145 respectively, but shot 598 and 565 to come home in front of the field easily. Jack Morrison and Curtis Stanberry won second place with 1325. Jack and Stan are still shaking their heads over Johnny and Jenny going by them with that 1373. Stan had the top series of the tournament in this event rolling games of 234, 231, and 203 for a 668 series.

The team event went to the Toluene team composed of Al Jaeger, Bob Jackson, Tom Hobbs, Terry Lighthouse, and Berry Risinger. All five men rolled over 500, led by Berry's 580. Their handicap plus their fine 2665 series gave them 3055 for first place. The Control Laboratory team came in second with 2921 led by Charles Finch with 543. Charley was 108 pins over his average and won the men's bowling ball for his efforts.

In the Women's division Norma Jeanne Fredrickson took the singles with a total score of 630. Norma Jeanne rolled a nice 203 game in her series. Norma Brockmeyer took the all events crown with a 1795 followed closely by Peggy Bryan's 1791.

All the teams, doubles, singles, and all events winners and their prizes are shown below: All scores shown include handicaps.

TEAM WINNERS	
Toluene—3055	\$25.00
Control Laboratory—2921	20.00
Engineers—2875	15.00
X-100—2827	10.00
Gas—2820	5.00
Dispatching—2817	2.50
DOUBLES WINNERS	
J. Muyres & J. Hamilton—1373	\$15.00
J. Morrison & C. Stanberry—1325	12.50
R. Jackson & J. Beauregard—1269	10.00
J. Bunn & P. Bolenbaker—1244	8.00
E. Herrerias & R. Donkle—1233	7.00
F. McLellan & C. Gable—1218	6.00
F. Reitz & A. Sartor—1192	5.00
G. Matson & E. Schlesinger—1192	5.00
E. Adlof & N. Gianakos—1187	3.00
A. Wright & J. Schroeder—1174	2.00
E. Whitney & T. Wilson—1172	1.00
G. Thorn & C. Cassidy—1172	1.00
B. Hill & J. Plant—1169	1.00
W. Hopkins & P. Gudgell—1159	1.00
A. Jaeger & N. Thew—1146	1.00

P. Bolenbaker—655	6.00
J. Morrison—650	5.50
C. Hill—629	5.00
F. McLellan—623	4.50
W. Smith—619	4.00
P. Gudgell—618	4.00
H. Adams—617	3.00
G. Thorn—616	3.00
R. Donkle—615	3.00
Claude Cassidy—615	3.00
O. Felten—611	2.50
T. Lighthouse—608	2.50
E. Franzen—605	2.50
C. Finch—602	2.50
W. Hopkins—594	1.00
J. Muyres—589	1.00
A. Sartor—586	1.00
T. Hobbs—583	1.00
E. Schlesinger—581	1.00

WOMEN SINGLES	
N. Fredrickson—630	\$ 6.00
F. Stanberry—610	4.00
P. Bryan—605	3.00
D. Bennett—605	2.00
C. Gable—602	1.00
WOMEN ALL EVENTS	
N. Brockmeyer—1795	\$ 6.00
P. Bryan—1791	4.00
C. Gable—1782	3.00
B. Barnhill—1770	2.00
D. Bennett—1748	1.00
MEN SINGLES	
G. Matson—664	\$ 7.50

## Research Lab

by Charlie

Captain Al Cherry, U.S.N., has recently improved his navy experiences. Heaving out the anchor before lowering the sail capsized his sailboat, throwing Lt. Hopkins and two feminine crew members into Galveston Bay. An outboard motor rescue vessel took them in tow. Captain Cherry has been cited for gallantry beyond the call of duty.

D. Holstein—1745	2.50
W. Cummings—1742	2.50
W. Hopkins—1735	1.00
H. Adams—1725	1.00
C. Stanberry—1717	1.00
T. Hobbs—1717	1.00
High Game For Men, E. Adlof—259, \$6.00; High Series For Men, C. Stanberry—702, 6.00; Low Game For Men, C. Robertus—130, 3.00; Low Series For Men, C. Beecher—446, 3.00; High Game For Women, N. Fredrickson—255, 6.00; High Series For Women, N. Brockmeyer—643, 6.00; Low Game For Women, L. Cardwell—135, 3.00; Low Series For Women, B. Russell—470, 3.00.	

Is that pink hue sunburn?

Newly married Clovis Davis is back at work looking rather tired. And no wonder—he covered most of Texas in four days going to New Braunfels, San Antonio, Austin and various other points.

Burt Hale is back at work after being off for repairs. Jim Martin has threatened libel due to last month's statement that he was "agin" dieting. He assures me he has been dieting for weeks—he just hasn't lost any weight yet.

Emma Palmer wants me to tell everyone about the first square dance club shindig held on July 5th at the Ripley House. People who went to the classes and are likely to be at future dances are Emma Palmer, Nadine Hill, Carter Reynolds, Dick Walton, Marian Smith, Liela Cardwell, Francis Sullivan, Al Cherry, etc. And then there are some who didn't have to go to class to learn to be a square.

And on the other hand we have the Arthur Murray Samba and Rhumba group being made up of Melba Walton, Barbara Porter, Carlos Robertus, Pat Steele, Bill Jamison, Carter Reynolds, Walker Duffey, T. R. Kelly, Joe Bunn, and your reporter (?) Caramba! What fun!!!

## Random Shots From SERA'S First Bowling Tournament



# Kegler's Korner

by Marx Isaacs

The summer mixed bowling leagues are in full swing, a 10-team league at the Lawndale alleys on Wednesdays and an 8-team loop at the Recreation Center lanes on Thursdays. The former is a combination of some of the refinery and Shell Chemical teams that bowled at Lawndale during the winter-spring season. The other league consists principally of teams that formerly bowled at the Pladium Lanes. The switch in alleys was made in order to improve the chances of having conveniently-located and otherwise suitable alleys for next fall, since the Pladium lanes will not be available to this league on the early shift after August.

Both mixed leagues occasionally have openings for new bowlers, so if you want in, contact John Schroeder, Lawndale league secretary (telephone No. 432) or Marx Isaacs, Recreation Center league secretary (telephone No. 482).

Final standings in the refinery mixed bowling leagues after the winter-spring season were:

TEAM	WON	LOST
Gas	84	56
Drafting	78	62
Main Office	69	71
Technological	66	74
Analytical	63	77
Distillation	60	80

High Team Game—Gas—999***
High Team Series—Gas—2620
High Individual Game (Men)—Urbanek—247*
High Individual Series (Men)—Urbanek—549
High Individual Game (Women)—Barrell 220**
High Individual Series (Women)—Barrell 514
(*)—\$2.50 to Gullick for 220 game
(**)—\$2.50 to Alderman for 190 game.
(***)—\$5.00 to Distillation for 958 game.

TEAM	WON	LOST
Control Lab	84	60
Industrial Relations	82	62
Inspection	82	62
Utilities	79	65
Research	72	72
Cracking	70	74
Instr. Engineers	66	78
Dispatching	64	80
Isomerization	63	81
Engineering	58	86
High Team Game—Utilities—968		
High Team Series—Ind. Relations—2705		
High Individual Game and Series (Men)—J. Garrison—225-615		

High Individual Game and Series (Women)—C. Gable—206-557

## ENGINEERING—

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in the process of replacing all **WORN PARTS** on his Model "A". Will be interested in seeing what's left. Wonder if we will recognize it after he gets it back in operation—**IF HE DOES.**

**DAWSON'S** two weeks vacation is so short he has to get up at 4:00 a.m. every day to play golf. Wonder if at that time of the morning you have to use phosphorescent balls, or maybe, Dawson, you use golf balls made out of the same material as "Acres O'Riley's" sheet (dress).

I guess we can run the Engineering Department without any trouble now since **DOTTIE** is back from California—it was certainly hard to do though. We are glad to have you back, Dottie, and we know you had a wonderful time.

Drafting Room is having another picnic—will give you a report on that later.

## Biggest Barbecue In SERA History Set For July 17th

Profiting by experience gained in previous years, SERA has planned what it hopes will be its biggest and best barbecue thus far, at Milby Park on July 17, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The program goes like this:

- 1 p.m. Games, Bingo and Contests.
- 2 p.m. Softball—Refinery vs. Chemical.
- 4-6 p.m. Dee-licious barbecue dinner.
- 6 p.m. Drawing for attendance prizes.
- 6-9 p.m. Dancing (7 p.m.—square and folk dancing, etc.).

Music for dancing will be supplied by a six-piece local orchestra, another "first" for SERA barbecues. Five attendance prizes will be awarded, all of them wonderful home appliances. Only SERA members and their escorts will be eligible for these prizes.

The committee is as follows. General Chairman of Barbecue, Jack Staton; Grounds, George Marquette; Food, Hortense Barrell; Soft Drinks, "Jo" Schwartz; Beer, Sam Gennusa; Recreation, John Larkin; Bingo, Nick Gianakos; Dancing, Herb Waggoner; Tickets, Pat Mosher; Advertising, Dick Elton; Master of Ceremonies, Elmo Montz; Transportation, Pete Gilliam.



1. Left to right: Joe Lavada, George Harlan, Jim Beaugard and Doc Towell. Joe is figuring the angles on No. 18.

2. As B. M. Downey makes his putt

3. Left to right: Elmer Saxon, J. P. "Queen" Dobson, Frank Colburn, Charlie Brockmeyer, and Chick Hed-

man eagerly awaiting the tee-off. 4. On the left, Art Doyle, receiving Charlie Brockmeyer's green fees for the latest SERA Golf Tournament at Memorial Park.

The barbecue will be free to members and their immediate families (wives and children only). Unmarried SERA members may bring one escort without charge. Shell employees will be admitted by SERA membership only, and guests will be charged \$1.50 each. Membership cards must be secured in advance of the barbecue, but barbecue dinner tickets will be given at the gate only, on presentation of membership card. **NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE!**

Transportation by company bus from Houston and Pasadena will be furnished. Bus schedules are to be posted well in advance of the barbecue.

It looks like a great time for all, so **BE THERE!**

## TECH TOPICS —

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are vacationing by motor in Acapulco, blazing a trail (and perhaps bringing back some helpful dope) for Tech's "three caballeros" (Hopkins, Isaacs and Armistead), who'll also tour Old Mexico in the latter part of July.

Tech's neighbor, Cleve O'Toole, recently returned from a motor trip thru California, visiting Denver and Salt Lake City on the way back. Cleve swears he beat Bob Hope in a golf match!

## SERA Square Dance Group Elects Club Officers For 1948

The SERA Square Dance Club, recently organized from the members of the class who took the square dancing lessons sponsored by the SERA, is well underway to lots of fun and good dancing.

Officers elected were Jack Staton, President; Louise Ross, Vice-President; and Emma Palmer, Secretary-Treasurer. Membership in the club is open to all SERA members who can square dance. For all those interested parties who don't know how to promenade and do-si-do, the club is planning to sponsor a class as soon as cooler weather gets here.

On the first and third Monday of each month you will find them swingin' their "pawdners" to the good ole "hoe-downs" of Herb Waggoner and his SERA "Snuff Dippers" at the Ripley Foundation Center, 4401 Lovejoy, beginning July 5th. If you didn't make it to the free dance given June 18 to promote interest in square dancing, you missed a whole heck and peck of fun. A good crowd of 50 or more lent a festive air to the first official dance of the SERA Square Dance Club.

## Control Lab

by Louise Cox

Did anyone ever find out why Barbara Porter was shinin' Barbara McGrath's shoes?

And why T. S. Cross was carrying coffee to Bill Swanner. Bill says it's "whatya know on whoya know. An' why waz Julius Alford supplyin' everyone with tomatoes? It was a good idea.

An' how about that fence around the viscosity place of business? Are they fencing people out or fencing Harry Brennen and "Alvin" Hoffman in?

How come J. D. Williams ups and marries without giving these single gal testers a chance?

Give up the dope on W. W. Myers takin' over the scooter swamper job while B. Allen sits before a fan with his feet on the desk.

Tommy Jones giving able assistance as scooter swamper kept Number 1 during the period of K. P. Kemp's leave of absence.

An' what's this rumor about Pekey Polk gettin' married.

And Geneva Brooks marries this lucky guy in the Air Corps.

Brigham Young came through in such a big rush he couldn't even harmonize with H. M. Miller on their favorite hymn—"Accident on the Thoroughfare."

But Pasadena's own Frazier wins first place as crooner, with his "Texarkana Baby" and "Stay a Little Longer". As only he can sing them—believe us!

Looks like good testers are getting tin scarce—they even let Don Napier come back.

Everyone was sorry to see Fred Norris leave and hope that he will be back to see us.

An' with all these changes, L. H. Reeves rates a white collar job. Congratulations.

**FOR SALE—Twenty-three jewel Waltham pocket watch in gold case. For details call Bob Dicks at 564.**



The dance on June 18th featured many fancy dances, such as the "Virginia Reel", "The Texas Star",

"Sally Goodin", and many others. The above picture shows six couples, all members of the SERA Square Dance Club, in the "Virginia Reel"

as they "honor their partners". E. K. Wallace of the Shell Chemical Plant was the caller.