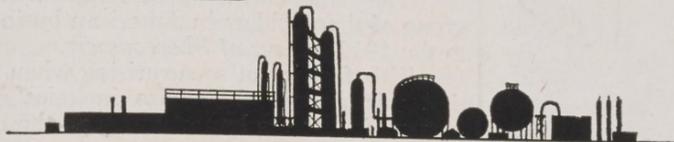


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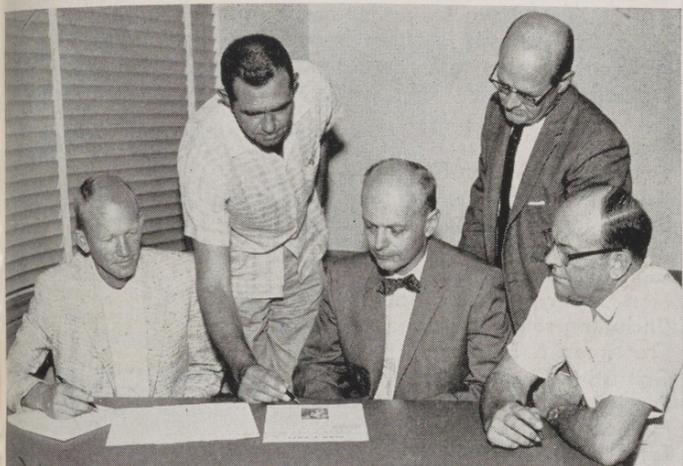
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Lead Chemical Plant UF Drive



MEMBERS of the Chemical Plant UF Committee check plans for this year's drive. Seated are Co-Chairman J. W. Peters, appointed by Local 4-367, O-CAW; M. S. Johnsen, named by management as a Co-Chairman; and C. L. Martin, Campaign Manager. Standing are E. N. Lary and K. W. Hansen, also Campaign Managers.

Chemical Plant UF Drive 10% Above 1959 Total

Co-Chairmen J. W. Peters, representing Local 4-367, Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, and M. S. Johnsen, representing the Company, announced that Houston Chemical Plant employees contributed \$12,831.06 during the 1960 United Fund Drive.

Plant contributions show approximately a 10% increase over last year; however, this is still considerably under our 1960 goal of \$19,058. The average contributions of the 1,383 plant employees that participated this year was \$9.03. This is well under the \$12.37 average set by some

185,000 employees in Houston and Harris County in the 1959 drive and the \$13.24 average needed to insure the success of the 1960 United Fund Drive.

Several departments and departmental sub-groups showed 100% participation. They are Administration, Brickmasons, E Department, Leadburners, PDU, P&R Maintenance, both Research and Development groups, Riggers, Service Department, Special Products, Surveyors, both Technical Departments, Tanners, Treasury, Utilities, and the staff group in P&R Shipping Department.

All those employees, con-

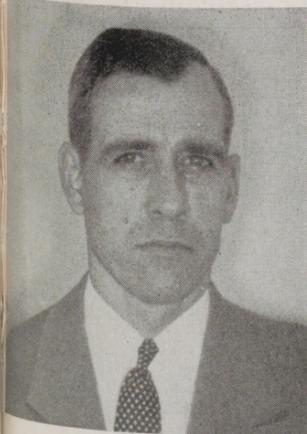
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Stringfellow Returns To Chemical As Shipping Department Manager

Plant Manager Glenn Purcell recently announced the transfer of E. E. Stringfellow from the Torrance Plant to the Houston Plant. Stringfellow will be Manager of the Indus-

trial Chemicals Division's Shipping Department and will replace H. L. Shore in that capacity. Shore will begin a new assignment dealing with problems associated with Shipping and will report to the Plant Superintendent.

Stringfellow returns to the Houston Plant after an absence of slightly more than four years. He began his Shell career in 1944 as a Shipping Clerk in the Chemical Division at the Houston Refinery. Following assignments of increasing responsibility, he was named as Assistant Manager of the Shipping Department in January 1952. In April 1955 Stringfellow transferred to the Torrance Plant as Manager—Shipping. His new assignment is effective November 1 1959.



E. E. Stringfellow

Refinery Employees Soar Above United Fund Goal

Refinery employees responded to a record-high United Fund goal with a record-breaking, goal-topping contribution in the 1960 drive.

Geared to the theme of "The Average Employee's Contribution". Refinery employees proved once again they were well above the "average" with a total contribution which promises to pass the \$30,000 mark. Final tabulations will be reported in next month's Shellegram.

This year's contribution exceeded by more than 20% the total of \$24,714 pledged last year at the Refinery. This fine performance enabled the Shell unit in the Ship Channel division to be the first to reach 100% of its quota.

More important than the actual sum of money collected, though, is the purpose for which this money will be directed—to alleviate suffering and lend a helping hand to people in Harris County who are less fortunate than we.

Under the joint leadership of H. F. Tighe, named as a co-chairman by management, and B. L. White, appointed as a co-chairman by Local 4-367, O-CAW, a total of 110 solicitors canvassed the entire Refinery in a concentrated three-day drive from October 6 through October 8.

With headquarters in the P&IR Training Conference Room, members of the UF committee furnished up-to-the-minute reports on the progress of the drive to the employees with bulletin board announcements.

As the tabulations began to roll in it became apparent that the solicitors had done their jobs in an outstanding fashion.

Thanks

The Shellegram joins with the Refinery management and with representatives of Local 4-367, Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, to congratulate everyone who took an active part in helping us reach our United Fund goal this year. We can all take pride in a job well done.



"CONGRATULATIONS"—Ed Watson, President of Local 4-367, O-CAW, exchanges handshakes with H. F. Tighe, 1960 UF Drive Co-Chairman, in a gesture which symbolizes the cooperative spirit which made the UF Drive so successful at the Refinery this year. On the left is B. L. White, appointed by the Union as a Co-Chairman for the 1960 drive, while on the right is John Tench, Refinery Manager.

Capacity of Power Sub-Station Expanded With Eye To Future

Enough electricity to supply the needs of a city the size of Miami, Florida—that will soon be the capacity of the electrical power sub-station located on the Refinery main road.

Used as the tie-in for power supplied by the Houston Lighting and Power Company for both the Refinery and the Chemical Plant, the sub-station is being expanded from its present nominal capacity of 18,750 KVA to 38,750 KVA.

This expansion program is the follow-up to a study made in March 1957 by Refinery and Chemical Plant representatives at the General Electric plant at Schenectady, N. Y.

In this study the entire power system for both the Refinery and the Chemical Plant was hooked up in miniature on the General Electric A-C Network Analyzer, and from the data collected it was possible to forecast the future needs of the power system.

Making the study were L. C. Tuggle, Refinery Engineering, who is the Project Engineer on the current expansion program; C. S. McGregor, at that time the Refinery Utilities Department Manager; and O. O. Lacour, Chemical Plant Engineering.

The present expansion is

necessary for a number of reasons. With the addition of the Phenol Plant at Chemical and the Distillate Hydrotreater at the Refinery, the present transformer capacity will be inadequate. Also, the trend toward the use of more electrically powered drives in various units in preference to steam drives has meant a gradual increase in the amount of electricity used. This trend was verified by a recent overall energy survey made by Jim Thomas of Refinery Engineering Services in conjunction with the Utilities Department. In this study plans for balanced energy loads were finalized for increased economical use of available energy.

Approximately one-third of all Refinery and Chemical

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Burnett, Downing, Marrie Retire With 75 Years Total Shell Service

Retiring on October 1 were Luther Burnett and Martin P. Marrie of the Refinery, and E. R. Downing of the Chemical Plant. They leave behind them many years of Shell service, and take with them the best wishes of all their friends as they go to new places and activities.

Luther Burnett's almost 16 years of company service were in the Refinery Engineering Field Department where he was employed as a Special Laborer. Much of his career was spent at Lube C. He retires to a farm near Bellville, Texas where he plans to farm and raise livestock.

From now on cows instead of chemicals will be the chief concern of E. R. Downing, Assistant Department Manager, A Operations, Chemical Plant. Retiring after more than 32 years of Shell service, he and his wife will live on a small

ranch near Navasota, Texas and concentrate on improving their herd of Hereford cattle.

Downing began his career as a Fireman with the Roxana Petroleum Corporation. He came to the Houston Refinery in October 1929 as a Gauger in the Dispatching Department. Following various op-



E. R. Downing



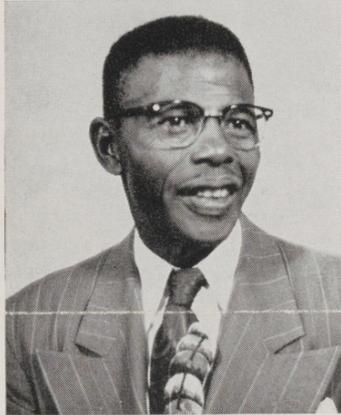
M. P. Marrie

same year he transferred to the Boilerhouse as a Fireman. Progressing through various classifications, he was named Assistant Foreman in December 1951. He became Boilerhouse Foreman in September 1954.

Although his future plans are not as yet complete, Marrie has indicated an interest in opening a small business in Pasadena where he lives

erating assignments, Downing transferred to the Chemicals Division as an Operator No. 1. He was promoted to Shift Foreman in June 1943, and in February 1946 was named as Assistant Department Manager, A Operations.

Martin P. Marrie, a Foreman at the Boilerhouse in the Utilities Department until his retirement this month, accumulated a total of 27½ years of company service here at the Houston Refinery. Marrie was employed in April 1932 as a Laborer. Later that



L. Burnett

E. L. Claridge Transferred To Head Office Research

E. L. Claridge will leave the Houston Refinery soon for a new assignment in Head Office, it was announced recently by Refinery Manager John Tench.



E. L. Claridge

In his new assignment Claridge will be responsible for process research activities in Manufacturing Research. At Houston his most recent assignment was Assistant Chief Research Technologist in the Research Laboratory.

A Shell employee since June of 1940, Claridge began his career here at the Houston Refinery in the Refinery Laboratory as a summer employee. He was employed permanently in June 1941 at the Wood River Refinery following his graduation from the Missouri School of Mines with a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering.

Claridge returned to the Houston Refinery Research Laboratory in August 1948, and was promoted to his present position in April 1951.

From July 1955 until July 1957 Claridge was on a special assignment with the Amsterdam Laboratories.

Shell Employees Credit Union To Hold Open House On Saturday, November 14

The Shell Refinery Employees Federal Credit Union has scheduled an Open House on Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

All Credit Union members, Shell employees and their guests are cordially invited to visit the new facilities of their Credit Union's home.

The new Credit Union building is located on 8th Street at the base of the Deer Park water tower.

A special treat awaits the first 300 ladies who arrive. Orchids, flown here directly from Hawaii, will be presented to these ladies as part of the Open House festivities. There will also be balloons for the children and favors for the men.

Coffee, soft drinks and cookies will be served throughout the day.

Your Credit Union staff will be available to take you on a tour of the building and its facilities, and to explain the new services now available to Credit Union members. In the

Who Owns American Business? Housewives Make Up Largest Single Group of Shareholders

(Third of a series)

The American housewife represents the largest single group of shareholders in American business today, according to the 1959 *Census of Shareowners*.

This fact is not so surprising when we stop to consider that this group, which also includes non-employed adult women, is also the largest group in the country's total adult population.

The *Census* reports some four million housewives are stockholders in public companies. Over 52% of all adult shareholders are women.

The trend in recent years indicates that the proportion of ownership among these housewives is increasing, too.

A breakdown by major occupational groups shows vividly just how much of an impression the housewife group has made on the stock market as compared with other groups studied.

Occupation	Per Cent of Total Ownership of Stock
Housewives & Non-Employed Adult Females	33.1
Proprietors, Managers & Officials	16.4
Professionals & Semi-Professionals	16.0
Clerical & Sales	14.9
Non-Employed Adult Males (Including retired persons)	8.1
Craftsmen & Foremen	4.8
Operatives & Laborers	3.4
Service Workers	2.7
Farmers & Farm Laborers	0.6
Total	100.

NEXT: The Importance of Employee Stock Purchase Plans

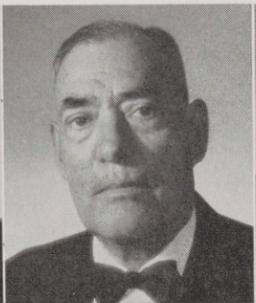


READY TO WELCOME you at Open House November 14 are these members of the Credit Union staff. From left to right: G. F. Breckenridge, Credit Union Manager; Vivian Tucker, Helen McCreary, Darlene Farris, Ann Fielder, Frances Johnson, Marie Partin, and Brunelda Lopez. Not in the picture is Mary Jane McFarland.

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Eng. Fld. (Refy.)



J. B. May
Therm. Crack. (Refy.)



M. Robison
Eng. Fld. (Refy.)



B. C. Sykes
Dispatching (Refy.)



H. J. Ward
P. & I. R. (Chem.)



C. D. Young
Treating (Refy.)

Guard That Credit Card As You Would Your Wallet

Most people would hesitate to leave a wallet or pocketbook unguarded where it would be accessible to strangers. Without realizing it, however, a person will occasionally neglect to take similar precautions with his Shell Credit Card—which can be more inviting to swindlers than the cash in his wallet. Before he's aware that his credit card is missing, unauthorized charges are made on his account and he's faced with an expensive bill.

Such thefts can be prevented, the Shell Credit Department points out, if credit card holders observe a few practical rules.

First of all, never leave your credit card in the glove compartment. This is one of the first places a thief will search. When your unlocked car is parked in a busy area while you shop, or is left at a service station for repairs, an experienced thief may seize the opportunity to rifle the glove compartment. You may not miss it until you have occasion to use the card again. By that time the thief has usually run up a large bill.

In addition, if your car is stolen, the thief may add to your losses by financing his travels with your credit card. The surest way to prevent this from happening is to carry the card on your person.

As a second important precaution, never leave your credit card with the service station operator—either as a general practice or when leaving your car for servicing. At a busy station there is always the hazard that the card might be misplaced, or a credit card floating on the premises could be an open invitation to an unscrupulous person who happens to notice it.

To prevent the card from falling into the wrong hands, give it to the operator only when it is needed to prepare the invoice—not before. Then be sure it is immediately returned.

When a Shell Credit Card is issued, the holder assumes the responsibility for reporting any loss or theft of the card. This condition, listed on the back of each card, states:

"Customer agrees to pay for all purchases made by any person, authorized or not, using this card unless and until Shell Oil Company has received written notice that it has been lost or stolen."

Therefore, if you lose your card, notify immediately the Shell Marketing Division which issued the card. For immediate effect, this advice may be phoned in. In every

case, the notice should be confirmed in writing.

"Stop-credit" lists of lost or stolen cards are mailed regularly to all Shell dealers. Even if a dealer has not received notice of a stolen card, the owner is protected if notification has been received in the marketing division's credit department. Last year alone Shell wrote off some \$60,000 of unauthorized charges for credit card holders who had reported the loss of their cards.

By taking reasonable precautions with your Shell Credit Card, you can safely enjoy the many conveniences offered to holders. The cards are honored from coast to coast, and in Honolulu and Canada. They can be used for purchase of automotive products and small accessories necessary for satisfactory operation of the car, and for minor repairs not to exceed \$50.

Installment payments are possible on T.B.A. items (tires, batteries and accessories) costing over \$30. This type of arrangement can be made with the dealer at the time of purchase.

In areas where Shell does not market, you can use Shell Credit Cards at Continental Oil Company stations, to whom Shell has licensed the patent and the trademark TCP* so that motorists in such areas can obtain this gasoline additive developed by Shell.

As a Shell employee, you may request an original card and any number of duplicates for use by your family. Each card is made out in your name. You are billed for all purchases, although your entire family may share in the credit convenience.

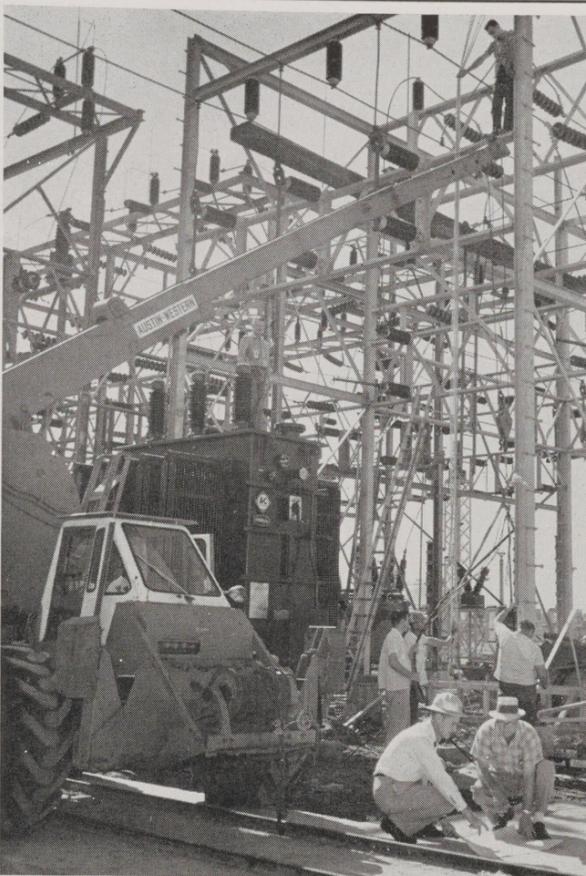
Application forms for Shell credit cards may be obtained from the P. & I. R. Department.

*Trademark, Shell Oil Company

O'Toole Again Prexy Of Teenage Baseball

The Refinery's Cleve O'Toole has been returned to office as president of the Texas Teenage Baseball Association for the second successive term. The election was held recently when the association's board of directors gathered at Temple, Texas for their annual meeting. Cleve will serve as the president of the statewide group through September 1960.

Two other Refinery employees, H. J. McKeown, Engineering Field, and H. K. Kaiser, P. & I. R., are directors in the association and attended the meeting.



IN THE PICTURE AT THE LEFT, Project Engineer L. C. Tuggle looks over the specifications for the sub-station expansion with temporary Craft Foreman C. Hargrove. In the background at the base of the structure are F. R. Skinner, Electrician Helper; E. A. Zalesak and J. C. Bess, both Electricians No. 1. Working overhead is H. G. Schutz, at that time Electrician Helper. Barely visible in the cab of the crane is R. L. Junell, Heavy Equipment Operator No. 1. Standing atop the transformer is G. E. Farnsworth, Lineman No. 1.

AT WORK inside the sub-station building are a number of other Refinery Engineering Field craftsmen. Here we see (from left to right) M. J. Archer, Lineman No. 1; B. Bitner, Lineman Helper; C. L. Easton, Lineman No. 1; C. K. Hebert, Lineman Helper; L. Willingham, Electrician No. 1; and C. B. Catoe, also an Electrician No. 1.

Rinehart, Ursprung, Drew Get Promotions At Refinery

A realignment of personnel assignments in the Refinery Utilities Department, recently resulted in the promotion of three long-service employees.

J. P. Rinehart and W. E. Ursprung have been named as Operating Assistants, while M. R. Drew has been appointed a Shift Foreman.

Rinehart, who has been serving as Shift Foreman at the No. 2 plant, will work

at the No. 2 power plant, while continuing to coordinate the activities of the Refinery cooling water system.

Drew joins the ranks of shift foremen following more than 16 years service in various assignments in the department. Hired in February 1943 as a General Helper, Drew transferred to the Boilerhouse as a helper in June 1943. He became an Operator No. 1



J. P. Rinehart

W. E. Ursprung

M. R. Drew

with the operation and maintenance of the electric generating and distribution facilities, as well as assist at the No. 1 plant.

Hired as a laborer in September 1936, Rinehart went to the Boilerhouse a year later as a helper and has remained in Utilities since. In 1946 he became an Operator No. 1, and in 1954 was named Shift Foreman of Section "B".

Like Rinehart, Ursprung was promoted to Shift Foreman in 1954 in Section "B" and to Foreman-Utilities in 1956. The promotion to Shift Foreman came after more than 14 years service in the Utilities Department, dating back to February 1940 when he transferred to the Boilerhouse as a helper. Ursprung began his Shell career here at the Refinery in June 1938 as a Tester in the Laboratory. In his new duties as Operating Assistant, Ursprung assumes the responsibilities of operations and maintenance func-

tion in 1948 and has worked in that classification as well as temporary assignments as shift foreman since that date.

In his new assignment Drew replaces Rinehart as Shift Foreman at the No. 2 plant.

In the final change announced, H. J. Kennedy, Operating Assistant, assumes the primary responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the steam generating and distribution facilities at the No. 1 power plant. He will continue to coordinate the interrelated operating functions of the steam and electric plants, such as boiler loading and steam-electric balance.

Chemical UF—

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tributors and solicitors who played a part in the 1960 campaign are due a strong vote of thanks. Their efforts will mean much during the coming year to the less fortunate.

Sub-Station—

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Plant electrical needs are presently furnished by the Houston Lighting and Power Company through the sub-station. The remainder of the power needed is generated by Shell. After the expansion has been completed approximately one-half of the electric power available to the Refinery and Chemical Plant will be from the H. L. & P. power system.

The majority of the construction work on the sub-station is being done by Refinery Engineering Field forces. This includes changing and expanding the present structure to make room for the additional equipment necessary for the increased power load.

The new sub-station addition will include two new transformers carrying a combined nominal rating of 20,000 KVA with provisions for two additional transformers of equal capacity at some future date.

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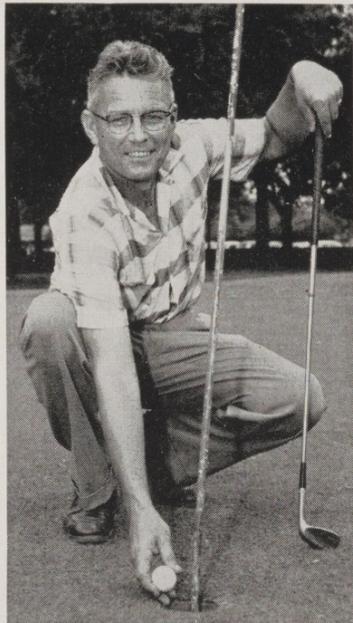
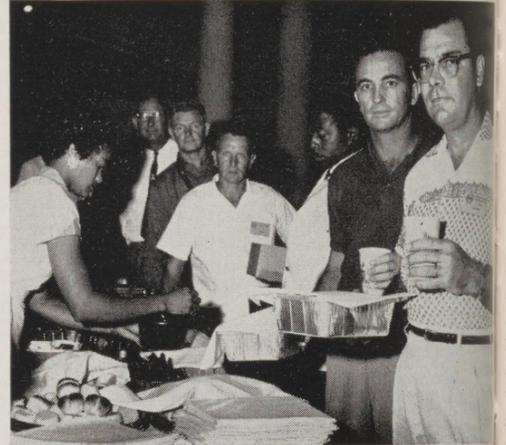
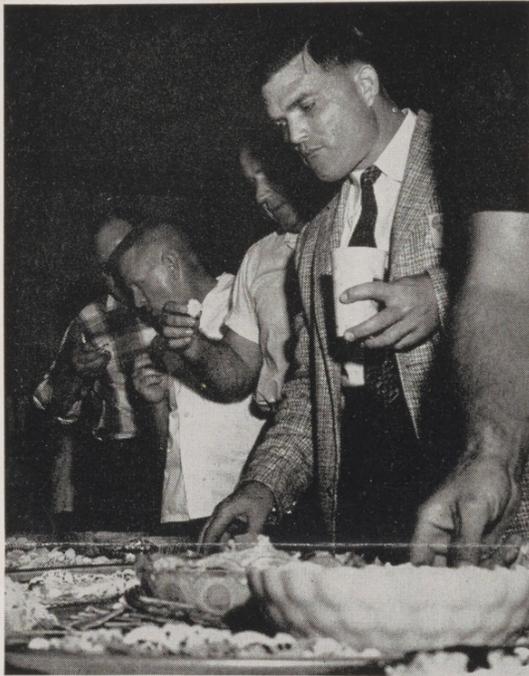
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Scenes At A Refinery Service Party:

From Golf... To Horseshoes... To Swimming... To Football...



... To Fellowship... To Food



THE TRADITIONAL cake-cutting ceremony was handled by Retiree Opal Hickman Knudson. Standing around the cake are E. C. Mathews, M. F. Sherman, Opal, Retiree Elsa Graham, I. F. Harmon, L. A. Cassner, K. W. Knox, C. V. Barbe, and E. E. Heyen.



AMONG THE RETIREES PRESENT were (bottom row) T. E. Ross, T. W. Shields, F. Niederhofer, and R. D. Perry. Across the top row are R. H. Coombs, M. J. Lagroue, J. L. Miller, and J. C. Rivers.



A TOTAL OF 41 PENSIONERS attended the party. Seen here are: (bottom row) H. A. Whitehead, J. Kandal, J. C. Jacobson, J. C. MacGregor, F. O. Roberts, and A. E. Shafer. Middle row: F. G. Sager, A. S. Mitchell, J. M. Fincher, R. V. Board, O. R. Hickman Knudson, O. R. Felten, and B. Green. Top row: R. K. Harvey, R. K. Hopper, J. J. Roark, G. M. Cole, C. L. Smith, C. W. Murrell, and M. W. Hendricks.

Refinery 10 & Over Parties

Attracting Large Turnouts

The Refinery 10 & Over party season will soon draw to a close.

After two most successful gatherings, one more party remains on the agenda to complete the round of festivities which have been described as "best yet" by those in attendance.

The Ebony Club, 4419 Dowling, in Houston is the site of the third party which will be held November 7 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The same menu which proved such a success at the Houston Executive Club gathering will be served at this last party. This includes a Texas Style Chicken-In-The-Basket Dinner served with one-half disjointed fried chicken and six jumbo french fried shrimp.

As the added attraction for this final party the club members will see the Yates-Wheatley football game on Thanksgiving Day at Jeppesen Stadium.

The first service party was held September 19 at the Santa Anita Restaurant in Houston. A gathering of 30 Service Club members turned out to enjoy a full-course Mexican Dinner which included fried chicken and all the trimmings. Five retirees attended the party: F. H. Murillo, E. G. Samarripa, G. Roque, M. C. Rodriguez, and J. C. Valdez.

Some of the members chose to attend a Buff baseball game, while others elected to go to the Rice-S.M.U. football game.

Over 900 Service Club members gathered at the Houston Executive Club in a country club atmosphere on October 10 to enjoy a full day of fun, food, and fellowship.

A delicious Texas-Size Dinner-In-The-Basket was served

continuously throughout the day in the Grand Ballroom under the direction of J. D. Wood, who was in charge of the food.

Sam Costa reported almost 100 golfers turned out to try their skills on the Executive Club's course.

C. F. Williams, Engineering Field, became an immediate celebrity when he sank a hole-in-one. This "golfer's dream" shot came on the No. 8 hole. Scores for the day ranged from the low 80's on up to the "let's forget about it" category.

Three television sets attracted much interest at kickoff time in the game between Texas and Oklahoma, and the game offered much for both partisans to cheer about.

A total of 41 pensioners returned to be with the gang and discuss old times. Opal Hickman Knudson made the long trip from her home in Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend the party. She stayed on an additional week to visit friends at the Refinery and attend the Rice-S.M.U. football game.

Open House —

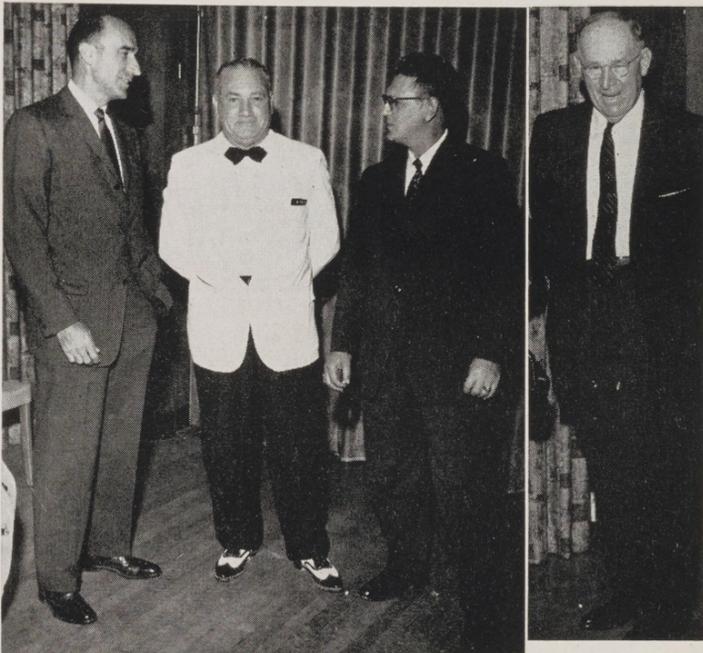
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tour the electronic bookkeeping system will be explained as well as the new payment plan for loans. Equal installment payments throughout the duration of the loan, with a five day grace period at each installment due date, now provides flexibility for the member who mails in his payment.

Approximately three out of every 10 gallons of U. S. major oil products are made in Texas refineries.



DINING at the Texas State Hotel at the first Chemical Plant 10 & Over party of the year are Glenn Purcell, Plant Manager; Vivian Tucker, retiree; Willie Kall and Aja Zanova of the Ice Capades; and J. W. Eberman, Head Office Engineering.



R. M. OAKS, Engineering; E. W. Brown, Engineering Field; and B. L. Stanley, Purchasing-Stores, chat prior to the dinner. RETIREE O. L. HUNLEY, was among those present.



A. H. PARKER, Shipping, and N. A. Tippitt, A-B Operations, were enjoying themselves when this picture was taken.



THREE more Service Club members attending the dinner and Ice Capades are V. J. Kristinek, D. C. Kestenbaum from the Engineering Field, and J. L. Coleman, T Operations.

Chemical Plant Service Party Enjoys Dinner, 1959 Ice Capades

The Chemical Plant's first Ten-And-Over party of 1959 was a successful repeat of a similar one held last year.

Approximately 140 Service Club members met for dinner at the Texas State Hotel and later adjourned to the Sam Houston Coliseum to be enter-

tained by the 1959 Ice Capades. Special guests for dinner were lovely skating star Aja Zanova and Ice Capades comedian Willie Kall.

Aja holds Service Club seniority over twenty-six new members who were introduced at the dinner. This was the second time in as many years that employees had the pleasure of her company at a Ten-And-Over party. On both occasions she has won the hearts of those who have been exposed to her quiet charm and have witnessed her skill on ice—a performer as graceful and polished as the blades on the bottom of her skates.

Willie, a reserved gentleman off the ice, becomes a combination of Red Skelton and Groucho Marx when he puts on skates. An excellent skater who makes the most difficult stunts look easy, his antics were a high spot in the evening's entertainment.

An extra added benefit of all Service Club affairs is the opportunity to renew old friendships with former Chemical Plant employees who have retired. Employees attending this function were happy to see and talk over old times with annuitants Vivian Tucker and O. L. Hunley.

This was the first of three activities to be held in 1959 for the more than 850 Chemical Plant employees with ten or more years of service. It was an evening complete with friends, food and fellowship.

Signed Paycheck Good As Cash — To Someone Else

A check that has been signed on the back, without reservations, by the person to whom it is payable can be cashed by anyone.

For this reason, it's wise not to endorse your paycheck until you are at the bank or other location where you cash it—unless you endorse it specifically for deposit in your bank account only.

Almost every payday some Shell people lose their paychecks after having endorsed them without reservations. Usually the loss is discovered in time to have payment stopped. Even so, it's possible to lose your pay if an unscrupulous person finds the endorsed check and cashes it quickly. The bank or store cashing the check, in good faith, is not responsible for it—unless the initial endorsement was forged.

About 38% of all Texas wells ("wildcat" and field development wells added together) drilled in 1958 were dry.



THIS GROUP picture was taken just before the dinner was served at the Refinery Latin American Service party at the Santa Anita Restaurant in Houston.



REFINERY MANAGER JOHN TENCH stands with five pensioners who attended the service party. Seated are G. Roque, E. G. Samarripa, and F. H. Murillo, while standing are J. C. Valdez, Tench, and M. C. Rodriguez.



TWO SERVICE CLUB MEMBERS, A. F. Padilla (left), and J. Casas (right), chat with P. E. Keegan, Refinery Administrative Superintendent.



THE S. E. R. A. Style Show was termed a success this year with over 250 ladies in attendance. These group scenes show just a few of the ladies and the reason for their intense interest.

"Ladies Night" Attracts 250

The "goings on" at the Houston Executive Club on the evening of October 5 were strictly for the ladies. They were enough to make women sigh and husbands tremble with fear and foreboding. The occasion was SERA's annual style show.

Some 250 SERA ladies and guests gathered to dine and watch Battelstein's models present the latest in fall fashions with Julia Orr doing the commentary. Planning of the feast of food and fashion was

ably handled by the Chemical Plant's Gloria Schamerhorn, Beverly Daniel and Doris Winner.

Door prize winners were Mary K. Grady; Mrs. V. C. Cochran, wife of the Chemical Plant Sr. Chemist; Mrs. J. R. Hessman, whose husband is a Maintenance Engineer at the Chemical Plant; Mrs. Bert Starker, wife of the Assistant Manager, Refinery Gas Department; and Ann Hutter, a guest.

20 Years Service

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Shell Releases New Catalogue Of Movie Films

A new catalogue of Shell films, representing the largest educational film library in the oil industry, was released recently by Shell's Public Relations Department.

Among the 29 motion pictures in the catalogue are films on the oil industry, aviation, science, and one on family travel tips. Both color and black and white productions are included, with running time ranging from six to 36 minutes.

The films are furnished when requested by clubs and church groups and are widely used as visual aids in schools. Last year over 17,640,000 persons saw the films directly, while an additional 12,972,000 estimated viewers watched them on television.

In 1958 the film "Transonic Flight" was added to the four Shell film libraries, located in New York, Chicago, Houston and San Francisco. This is the second film on high-speed flight, a series that is becoming increasingly popular. "The Fossil Story," however, still remains the most popular Shell film, with 1,631,968 people having seen it in 1958.

Any group with a 16 mm sound projector may borrow Shell films without charge. The Shell catalogue and request forms are available through the Employee Communications Section of the P. & I. R. Department at either the Refinery or the Chemical Plant.



RECENTLY installed as Worshipful Master of the Dayton Masonic Lodge was Oscar "Buttermilk" Derrington (right), retired Refinery employee. Derrington, an employee of the Utilities Dept. at the time of his retirement in 1955 with 29 years of Shell service, now lives on a farm near Dayton. His son, D. B. Derrington, is employed in the Refinery Tool Room.



MRS. J. R. HESSMAN, wife of Chemical Plant Engineer J. R. Hessman, receives door prize from a representative of Delta Airlines.



MARY K. GRADY receives a camera as her door prize from Gloria Schamerhorn, Chemical Plant Engineering.



MODEL Freddie Pentack presents a hatbox with cosmetics to another door prize winner, Mrs. V. C. Cochran, wife of V. C. Cochran, Chemical Plant Sr. Chemist, R. & D.

Mrs. Bernice Hale Appointed Director of Legion Volunteers

Mrs. Bernice Hale, wife of Refinery Automotive's A. J. Hale, was recently appointed Director of the Volunteer Hospital Workers for the American Legion Auxiliary

Her two brothers served World War I, and her husband, Jack, in World War II. The Hale's son, Kenneth, was a member of the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict.



Mrs. Bernice Hale

Since becoming a Volunteer Worker Mrs. Hale has given over 5,000 hours of her time to the VA Hospital in Houston, including the four years she served as the Legion Representative there.

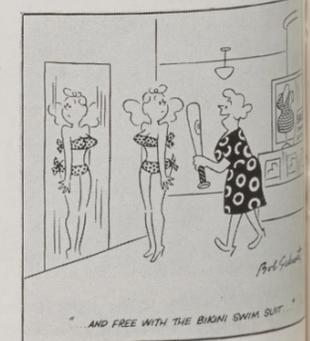
Over the years Mrs. Hale has attended many conferences and made many field trips to Veteran's Hospitals throughout the United States to learn the latest methods in hospital work. Some of the hospitals she has visited include the U. S. Public Health Hospital at Carville, Louisiana; Hines General Hospital in Chicago; the Rehabilitation Center at Salt Lake City, Utah; and the ten veteran and three contract hospitals in Texas.

Department of Texas. Prior to this appointment Mrs. Hale served as the Legion Representative at the Houston Veteran's Administration Hospital for four years.

In her new post Mrs. Hale is responsible for coordinating the many varied activities of the Legion's Volunteer Workers in hospitals throughout Texas. At the moment this group is hard at work on a project to assure that all patients and their families receive Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Hale's volunteer work with the American Legion began ten years ago, but her interest in this type of activity covers a span of three wars.

Last year the Veteran's Administration and the American Legion Auxiliary awarded Mrs. Hale a service citation for her outstanding work.





Take Part In Good Turn Day

Steve and John Martin, sons of G. A. Martin, Refinery Aromatics Department, are interviewed by Joe Ford, KNUZ disc jockey, concerning Good Turn Day on December 6. Nearly 20,000 Scouts will collect repairable clothing on Good Turn Day to provide jobs for the handicapped through Goodwill Industries. Scouts will begin delivering Good Turn Day bags throughout Houston and surrounding cities on November 16, and starting at 1 p.m. on December 6 the Scouts will return to pick up the filled bags.

James B. Clarke Dies; Had 22 Years Service

It is with sincere regret that the SHELEGRAM reports the death of James B. Clarke of the Houston Refinery on September 28. His many friends at the Refinery are saddened by the loss. Mr. Clarke had been ill since January of this year.

Mr. Clarke worked at the Houston Refinery for almost 22 years, having been employed as a General Helper in October 1937.

In July 1939 he transferred into the Pipefitter craft as a helper, and became a Pipefitter No. 1 in October 1943. He continued to work in this classification until his death.



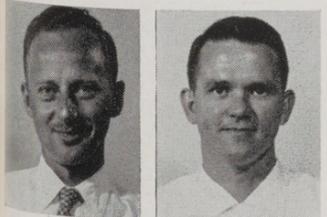
J. B. Clarke

Mr. Clarke lived in Houston at Route 7, Box 670.

R. C. Munro, E. E. Pearson Leave Refinery For New Assignments

R. C. Munro and E. E. Pearson have been transferred to Head Office in New York in moves which became effective November 1.

A Senior Analyst in the General Accounting Section of the Refinery Treasury Department at the time of his transfer, Munro goes to a new



R. C. Munro

E. E. Pearson

assignment in the Head Office Financial, Analysis and Statistics Department.

Munro joined Shell in January 1957 as a Clerk in the Shipping Section of the Treasury Department at the Houston Refinery. Since then he has held assignments in various sections of the department.

Earlier this year he was promoted to Senior Analyst.

Munro is a native of Scotland and a graduate of the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Pearson's new assignment will be in the Supplies Section of the Transportation and Supplies Department in Head Office.

Pearson is a graduate of the University of Houston, having received his B. B. A. degree in Accounting in 1956. In June 1956 he came with Shell as a Clerk in the Refinery Treasury Department. Since then he has worked in various assignments in the Refinery, including more than a year in the Economics and Scheduling Department.

At the time of the transfer Pearson was a Programmer in the Programming and Procedures Section of Treasury. He will be replaced in this section by E. V. Blissard, who transfers from Shell Pipe Line Corporation.

Shell Additive Oil Approved For Aircraft Piston Engines

A further recognition of Shell research was marked recently as Shell's AEROSHELL® Oil W received approval for use in aircraft piston engines built by Pratt and Whitney, Wright Aeronautical, Continental Motors, Franklin Aircooled and Lycoming. This represents a major breakthrough — the first time that an additive oil has gained acceptance from all the major aircraft engine manufacturers.

Pratt and Whitney and Wright Aeronautical, the latest of the major engine manufacturers to approve AEROSHELL Oil W, produce a substantial number of the large engines used by commercial airlines. Their acceptance now increases the market potential for the new oil and further strengthens Shell's leading position as a supplier of aviation products to commercial aircraft.

Previously, only straight mineral oils were approved by these five companies for lubricating piston-engine aircraft. While oil companies had marketed additive-type oils for aircraft sporadically since 1940, none of these products had been entirely successful. Many were withdrawn from the market because they left ash deposits in the combustion chambers, causing preignition and engine wear.

Shell's AEROSHELL Oil W however, is the world's first non-ash dispersant multigrade oil for piston-engine aircraft. Developed by scientists at

Shell's Wood River Research Laboratory, the lubricant has a mineral oil base and contains special additives which make it superior to straight mineral oils. These additives reduce oil consumption and engine wear, keep engines cleaner, and make them easier to start and faster to warm up. The oil also has multi-viscosity characteristics which eliminate the need for seasonal changes.

Since the product was placed on the market, four airlines have converted their entire fleet operations to AEROSHELL Oil W. In addition, more than 20 operations, including major airlines such as BOAC, Air France, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Lufthansa, are flight-testing the oil. The U.S. Navy is also conducting two extensive testing programs with AEROSHELL Oil W.



KENNETH HOPPENS, nephew of V. C. Mayberry, Refinery Craft Supervisor, recently appeared on national television as a performer on the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour in New York City. Now 14 years old, Kenneth has been dancing since he was three. He has appeared on local TV shows on numerous occasions doing his specialty, tap dancing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hoppens of Houston.

Four Engineering Field Men Promoted At Chemical Plant

Chief Engineer R. M. Oaks recently announced that P. M. Bell, Carpenter No. 1; J. H. Dawsey, Boilermaker No. 1; J. A. Marr, Valve Repairman No. 1; and J. W. McKinney,

ber of that year and, with the exception of seven months' experience as a Painter, has spent his entire career as a Carpenter.

Dawsey also started with



P. M. Bell

J. H. Dawsey

J. A. Marr

J. W. McKinney

Refinery Men Aid UF Drive

Raising the \$5,656,739 needed this year by the United Fund of Houston and Harris County requires a lot of giving — and also a lot of collecting.

As in the years in the past, many Refinery employees aided the United Fund effort with two weeks of volunteer work in the UF Central Division's house to house campaign.

For the two-week period from October 26 through November 6, four Refinery volunteers went out into Houston's East End residential areas in search of more United Fund contributions.

Fay Hilliard, Refinery P. & I. R., acted as chairman for District 65 this year, which includes the residential areas of Oak Meadows, Park Place, and Meadow Creek Village. C. F. Stebbins, Refinery P. & I. R., was co-chairman for this district.

Other Refinery employees who participated in this solicitation are J. W. Barber, Engineering Field, and C. H. Welch, Lab.

Another Refinery employee, C. Eldridge of the Engineering Field, worked with the UF's Metropolitan Division for the three-week period from October 19 through November 6.

Machinist No. 1, have assumed new staff assignments in the Engineering Department. Marr has been promoted to Craft Foreman—Valve Repair, Engineering Field; Bell and McKinney to Zone Foremen, Engineering Field; and Dawsey to Engineering Inspector, Engineering Development.

Bell started at the Chemical Plant in October 1948 as a General Helper. He entered the Carpenter craft in Novem-

Shell as a General Helper in 1948. His Boilermaker experience dates back to June of that year.

Marr, who has been a Valve Repairman since March 1948, came to work with Shell in 1947 as a General Helper.

McKinney came to work in May 1944 as a Loader in the Shipping Department of the Houston Refinery. He began working as a Machinist in August 1946.

Refinery's W. T. Roye Dies Following Prolonged Illness



W. T. Roye

William T. Roye, a Dockman No. 1 in the Refinery Dispatching Department, died September 29 following a long

illness. Mr. Roye was a resident of LaPorte.

An employee of the Refinery for over ten years, Mr. Roye was hired as a General Helper in February 1949. Following his first assignment as a General Helper, Mr. Roye worked as a Pipefitter Helper before transferring to the Dispatching Department as a Dock Helper in May 1950.

After his transfer to the Dispatching Department Mr. Roye worked in various classifications, becoming a Dockman No. 1 this past April.

To the family left behind, the many friends of Mr. Roye at Shell extend a deep expression of sympathy.

SCENES AT SESC PICNIC



THE ANNUAL S. E. S. C. PICNIC held recently was a place for the gathering of many Shell families. The Refinery's Gib Gibson was able to capture a number of these scenes with his camera.

TOP LEFT: Some of the children at the picnic paused long enough to have their picture taken. Shirley Mae Griffin, daughter of Chemical's E. Griffin, is on the left, while next to her is Brenda Joyce O'Neal, granddaughter of Gib Gibson.

TOP RIGHT: The Refinery's M. J. Love is surrounded in this photo by his wife, daughter, and other relatives including his brother Bill Love and his family.

LOWER LEFT: Another group enjoying the fellowship includes (l to r) J. A. Talley, Refinery, and W. D. Fransaw, Refinery, with his wife and daughter. Third from the right is Mrs. Leonard Edwards, while on the far right is Edwards of the Refinery. E. Coleman stands next to Edwards. The two children in front are the Edwards' children. The couple in the center of the picture are relatives of Edwards.

Social Club Enjoys Outing At Vince Kilnar's Ranch

The Shell Employees Social Club held their annual picnic recently at Vince Kilnar's Ranch on Chocolate Bayou Road in Houston.

Enjoying a dinner of barbecue with all the trimmings were 250 Club members and their families, making a total of 1,000 in all turning out for the day-long affair.

The picnic was planned and directed by the officers of the Club who promise more entertainment for the members in the months to come.

Roosevelt Fisher, Refinery, is president of the Club this year. Other committee members from the Refinery are E. Davis, A. Gross, E. P. Barrett, and W. T. Bratton. From the Chemical Plant, W. C. Young is serving as vice-

president, while other Chemical representatives are M. Woods, J. J. Smith, and T. Walsh.

Golfer Billy Nelson Eagles Two Holes In SERA Meet

For a golfer who seldom gets to play more than once a month, B. R. Nelson swings a wicked club.

Recognized as one of the top golfers in the S. E. R. A. group, Billy added to his laurels in the October S. E. R. A. tournament with some sensational shooting at the Hughes Club course.

Nelson, a Programmer in



B. R. Nelson

the Data Processing Section of the Refinery Treasury Department, turned in eagle deuces on not one, but two holes. He holed out from 135 yards with an eight iron on No. 2 and repeated the procedure with a seventy-yard wedge shot on No. 6.

These shots enabled Nelson to complete the round with the tourney-winning score of 73.

Nelson has been a golfer since he was eight years old, beginning in his hometown of Henderson, Texas. At Kilgore Junior College he was a member of the school's golf team.

15 Years Service

<p>J. L. Bassett Eng. Fld. (Refy.)</p>		<p>O. E. Edwards Eng. Fld. (Chem.)</p>	
<p>J. C. Hightower Eng. Fld. (Refy.)</p>		<p>M. C. Roberts Eng. Fld. (Refy.)</p>	
<p>L. Smith Eng. Fld. (Refy.)</p>		<p>L. L. Murphree Purch.-Stores (Refy.)</p>	
		<p>R. C. Wilcox Eng. Fld. (Refy.)</p>	

15 Years Service

<p>W. C. L. Rodgers Operations (Chemical)</p>	<p>B. J. Royall Eng. Fld. (Refy.)</p>

In the September issue of the SHELLEGRAM the names printed beneath the pictures of W. C. L. Rodgers and B. J. Royall were incorrect. The pictures, with the correct names beneath, are reprinted this month with apologies to both parties for last month's error.

Big Bore Rifle Club Names Officers For Coming Year

The Big Bore Rifle Club has named its officers for the 1960 season with H. A. Wiley, Refinery Engineering Field, elected as the new president.

E. O. Kindschy, Refinery Research, was elected vice-president at the annual meeting held recently. Other officers elected to fill posts in the club are B. R. Roberts, Chemical Plant, executive officer; B. N. Peal, Refinery Research, secretary-treasurer; R. D. Rusch, Chemical Engineering Field, range officer; and L. F. Penland, Refinery Lube, assistant range officer.

Some changes were made in the competition rules for the coming year in an effort to relax the requirements and encourage more participation by rifle enthusiasts. It was de-

termined that National Rifle Association Rules would be used for all .240 caliber weapons and up for the matches in 1960, thereby allowing more shooters to compete with a greater variety of rifles.

Another significant change was the decision to award medals to the winners after each match. In future matches four medals will be given which may be kept by the winner, rather than the plaques which could only be claimed until the next match.

Results of the match held Saturday, October 3, found C. F. Wantland winning the 100-yard position shoot, B. N. Peal taking top honors in the 100-yard bench rest event, and E. O. Kindschy copping the 200-yard five-shot event.

Bucky Hightower Used Ball Bat To Beat Down Crippling Polio

When Frank (Bucky) Hightower was only three months old he fell victim to crippling polio. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hightower, didn't realize it at the time, but a Louisville Slugger baseball bat would eventually bridge the gap between this painful beginning and normal manhood for their son.

Hightower, a Refinery painter, recalls that the disease affected Bucky's right side during the polio epidemic in Houston in 1941.

During his early years therapy included regular visits to the Shrine Clinic for treatment and many long and painful hours of exercise at home.

When Bucky reached ten

father knows of the battle Bucky faced within himself in making his decision. Hightower says on a number of occasions he drove his boy out to the practice field, only to see him decide at the last minute that the effort was useless.

But tryout he did, and play he did—and well enough to become the regular first baseman on a team that won the league championship. And the once invalid Hightower responded to this type of therapy with a lusty .370 batting average.

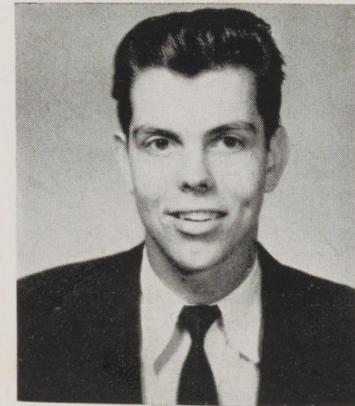
The story doesn't end here. Bucky went on to star throughout his career as a Little League, Teen Age, and Post Graduate League player. His batting average stayed around the .400 mark throughout his career, and he was always a dependable fielder.

Bucky's interest also includes football, and while in junior high school he earned a letter as a center on the Deady B-team.

At Milby senior high school he served as the trainer for both the baseball and football teams. He found time for these outside activities in addition to maintaining a B plus average in his studies, ranking high among the honor students at Milby.

In January 1960 Bucky received his high school diploma. After that he hopes to enroll at Sam Houston State College.

Now a handsome six feet tall and a well-proportioned 165 pounds, 18-year-old Bucky has proven to everyone, and particularly to himself, that a normal life can be led by victims of polio.



Bucky Hightower

years of age, he had only a slight limp to remind him of his ordeal. It was about this time that kid baseball was becoming so popular, but Bucky choose not to compete. He felt there just wasn't a place for him in the popular pastime.

Finally, Bucky marshalled all his nerve and reported to an East End baseball diamond for a Little League tryout. His

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