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R. B. Flynn, of Analytical Distillation, left, points out a Gas Distillation Unit to his family while H. E. Walker, Chief Research Technologist, shows a Research Distillation column to his wife. With Mr. Flynn are Daughter Susan, Son Bob and Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. H. Barnett, a friend of the Flynn family, is on the left.



It's all aboard for one of the six thirty-minute bus tours of the Refinery conducted during the afternoon of the Laboratories Open House. About 350 persons toured the Refinery, many of them for the first time. It was the first open house held in the Laboratories since July of 1950, and employees acted as guides for their families.



W. M. Liggin, explains the operations of the Analytical Distillation section to his wife and son, Billie Lee. David Shumaker and Gary Zunwalt, Rice Institute students are on the extreme left and right, respectively. Mr. Liggin has been a member of the Galena Park School Board for the past seven years.

## Refinery Laboratories Open House Attracts Some 350 Persons

### Bradshaw Succeeds Condon at Chemical

J. B. Bradshaw has been named to succeed J. E. Condon as Assistant Manager of Stores Department at the Chemical Plant.

Condon has been appointed Manager, Purchasing & Stores Department at Shell Development Company, Emeryville Laboratories, effective Dec. 15, 1954.

Mr. Bradshaw, known to everyone as Barry, is a native of New York City and started his Shell career there. He was employed in 1935 with Shell Union Oil and has worked as Clerk and Senior Clerk in Head Office. He came to Houston in January of 1952 as Senior Expediter in Stores.

Mr. Condon, a native of Wichita, Kansas, began his Shell service in 1937 as a Clerk in Oklahoma. He worked his way to Tulsa and then to New York as Head Office Representative Purchasing - Stores General and in January of 1951 was made Head Office Representative Purchasing - Stores Manufacturing. He was appointed Assistant Manager Stores - Houston in January 1953.



Bradshaw

Condon

### Variety of Subjects Discussed

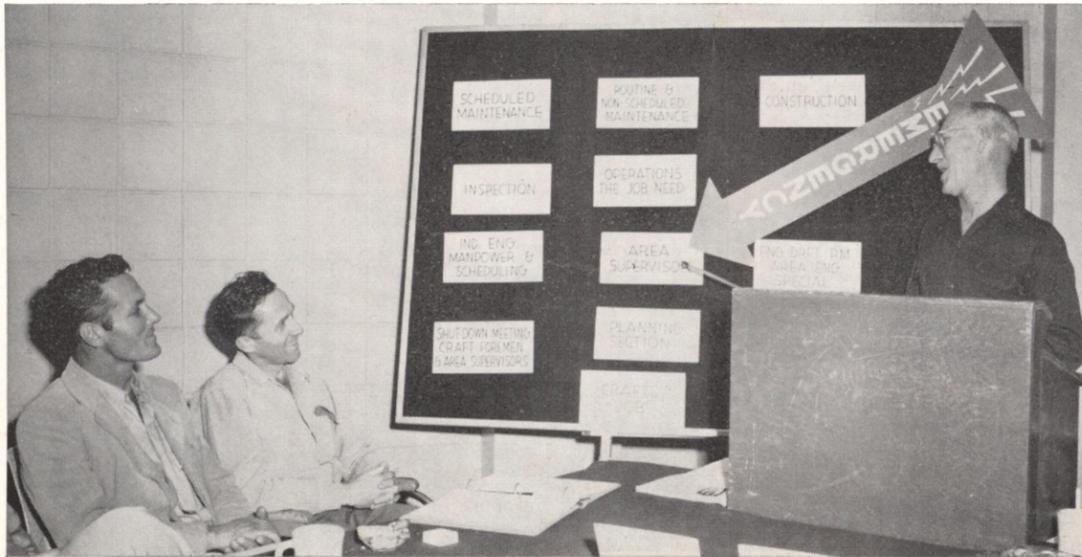
## 12 New Supervisors Attend Training Course

Twelve of the Refinery's newest Supervisors attended their first Basic Supervisory Training course from December 13-17. Most of the men had been appointed to supervisory posts during the past year.

This course is offered to new Shell Foreman, Automotive; C. L. Braddy, Foreman Insulation; J. R. Jones, Analyst, P & IR; J. T. Foulds, Lab Technician Foreman, Research; J. W. Bell, Foreman, Stores; J. B. Davis, Foreman, Assistant Department Man- Stores; D. M. Shook, Supervisor, Catalytic Cracking; G. L. Office, Stores; W. E. Williams, Colvin, Supervisor of Services, Supervisor, General Accounting, Control Laboratory; S. J. Laird, Treasury and J. P. Rinehart, Shift Foreman, Automotive; E. G. Mit-

Foreman, Utilities. The program includes a study of organization of the Company and of the Refinery. Also included are discussions on Refinery Flows and Products; Product Quality; Employee Benefits; Workmen's Compensation; Job Planning; Accounting procedures; Leadership; Communication Pointers; Working with People; Supervisory Practical Problems and Basic Responsibilities.

Other topics are Getting an Idea Across; Ways and Means and Safety on the Job.



R. (Bub) Pemberton, Zone Supervisor, lectures on Job Planning during the recent Basic Training for Supervisors program. Also shown are J. P. Rinehart, Utilities Shift Foreman, left, and Jack Bell, Stores Foreman, two of the 12 new Refinery Supervisors who participated in the sessions.

### Visitors Also Enjoy Refinery Bus Tour

Approximately 350 persons attended the Refinery Laboratories Open House on Sunday, December 5, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Saluting the Refinery's twenty-fifth year of operations, it was the second such event held in the laboratories since they moved into their modern quarters in 1948.

### First Event Since '50

The Laboratories displayed their new facilities for the first time on July 15, 1950.

Like the open house of four years ago, last month's was something of a family affair, with employees acting as guides for their relatives and friends.

After registering in the lobby of the laboratories, guests were presented with souvenir balloons, wax samples and booklets explaining the organization and functions of the laboratories, which are managed by Dr. J. B. Harkness.

### Guests See Facilities

The guests were then invited to inspect the facilities which are designed to safeguard the uniform, high quality of the Refinery's 82 different products.

During the course of the afternoon, L. J. Duke, L. H. Reeves and W. Wright each conducted two thirty minute bus tours of the Refinery.

# Solutizer Treater Shutdown Injury Free Thanks To Cooperative Safety Attitude

Some 60 Craftsmen completed the recent five-day shutdown of the Solutizer Treater without experiencing a lost-time accident.

This fine safety experience was made possible by the excellent cooperative attitude of the employees toward preventive safety, it was pointed out by the Fire & Safety Department.

The Solutizer Treater is shut-down about once a year for routine maintenance and general inspection.

While all shutdowns present hazards, it was necessary throughout the Solutizer Treater shutdown to be especially cautious due to the possible presence of corrosive caustics and explosive hydrocarbons. Moreover, the work was done in a congested area, and there were a number of craftsmen working at different levels most of the time.

Giving credit where credit is due, the Safety Department pointed out that the operating personnel did a commendable job of minimizing the danger of caustic burns by giving the unit a thorough washing, draining and sampling.

Despite the fine preliminary work of the operators, it still was necessary for the craftsmen to be prepared for any emergency by wearing special chemical clothing, goggles and washing hoods, etc.

Efficient housekeeping kept the congested area free from scraps that cause injuries due to stumbles and falls.

Employees also observed the



Before any welding or hot work can be done, the Safety Department makes a thorough inspection of the area, and then stipulates in writing the conditions under which the work can be done. This permit is then signed by the Safety Department and the Shift Foreman before it is issued to the craftsman. During the recent shutdown of the Cat Cracker, this operation was carried out numerous times as above, W. R. Findlay, Welder, left, receives a welding permit from L. N. Mancuso, F&S, and L. W. Whitt, Relief Shift Foreman.

best safe practices in lifting and moving a great deal of heavy tubular equipment.

No safe working practices could be overlooked along the way to

an accident-free experience. As one of the craftsmen pointed out:

"An ounce of preventive safety is worth a pound of treatment."



Bill Grove, Tinner Helper No. 1, right, checks out a hard hat from Mrs. L. P. Riley, Safety Tool Room, as F. M. McClain, Tinner Helper, observes the ease of the operation.

## It's Simple, Convenient to Check Out Equipment in Shops' Safety Tool Room

It's simpler and more convenient about the arrangement for employees to check out safety equipment in the Shops than ever before.

Practically all of the safety equipment that employees can find use for is available in the new Safety Tool Room that has been in operation for the past several months.

Mrs. L. P. Riley, a Shell veteran of 12 years, has been in charge of the Safety Tool Room since it opened, and she is enthusiastic

In addition to the standard personal equipment such as hard hats, goggles, plastic hoods, masks, etc., the Safety Department also stores cannisters and other refinery safety equipment in the new Safety Tool Room.

Small wonder that Mrs. Riley derives a great deal of personal satisfaction from her job, for she has the knowledge that the equipment she dispenses may save the lives of her fellow employees.

## Death Takes Four Shell Employees

Three Refinery employees and one Chemical Plant employee were taken by death recently.

C. E. Hill, for 25 years a Shell employee, died December 16 of a heart attack while he and members of his family were oystering near Seabrook. He was a resident of Deer Park and an operator in the Utilities Department at the Refinery. His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Vera Hill; two daughters; two brothers; a sister, and two grand-children.

Neil E. Watson, Operator No. 1 in Poly Gas, died November 18. He had been on sick leave for almost two months prior to his death. First employed in May of 1937, his survivors include his widow, Mrs. Katherine Watson, and a son and a daughter.

Death came suddenly to Verley Allen, a Yardman in Engineering Field, on November 7 while at his home. First employed in July of 1948, his survivors include his widow, Mrs. Gladys Allen and five children.

Robert H. Conner, fifteen years a Shell employee, died at his home on Wednesday, December the 8th. A resident of Deer Park, Mr. Conner was a Shift Foreman in A Department.

A native of Angeline County, Mr. Conner is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ceora Conner and two sons.



Guide Marx Isaacs, Technological, explains the operations of the Catalytic Cracker Control Room to a group of teachers.

## Area Teachers Visit Refinery, Chemical Plant on B. I. E. Day

While their students enjoyed a holiday, 41 Houston area school teachers—including the wives of two Refinery employees—took a day off from their normal classroom duties recently to visit Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant.

These teachers were among the thousands who participated in the annual observance of Business-Industry-Education Day on November 19 by touring the industrial plants and business firms in this area.

The purpose of B.I.E. Day is to provide the teachers with firsthand information that will enable them to give their students an authentic account of the operations of the businesses and industries in this area.

Wives of Refinery employees who were among the visitors are Mrs. Mildred Herren (Rusk Elementary in Houston), wife of Instrument Man Cecil Herren, and Mrs. Pauline Estes (Richey Elementary in Pasadena), wife of Economics and Scheduling Department Manager Harry Estes.

Superintendent of Operations J. L. Miller welcomed the group to start the day. Then the visitors were shown two Shell films, "Refining Oil for Energy," and "Patterns for Chemicals."

An extensive tour of both Chemical Plant and the Refinery followed. Bill Bryan and Zeremba, Tech, and Hortense Zell, Central Files, of the Refinery, and J. W. Cunningham and Flickinger, Chemical Plant Technology Department, also served as guides during the tour.

Following lunch in the Refinery Cafeteria, a discussion period held during which the teachers directed questions concerning Shell's operations at representatives of Exploration & Production, Marketing-Sales, Technical Services, Pipe Line, and of course the Refinery and Chemical Plants. Each visitor received a Sample Kit, a Guide Booklet and wax samples.



Visiting teachers received Shell Sample Kits, Wax Samples and Guide Booklets as souvenirs of their recent tour.



The old cow shed that once occupied space on the SERA property no longer requires preventive maintenance, thanks to the efforts of the Refinery Engineering Group of the same name. The Preventive Maintenance Group, after surveying the situation, simply went out to the property on two successive Saturdays and tore the shed down, earmarking the lumber for more useful purposes. On the ground are J. Bonnowsky, R. O'Brien, P. Johnson, T. Wilson and B. Hatcher. Working above are R. Kane, I. Larkin. Shellegram Reporter Hank Lewis took the photograph.

## Chemical Pipe Shop, Laboratory Employees Team-Up at Property

Members of the Chemical Plant Pipe Shop and Laboratory joined hands to install public rest room facilities and start remodeling the present barn into a modern club house.

Paul Leyhe, veteran reporter for The Shellegram, went along primarily to take pictures of the activity, but the spirit of teamwork is so contagious at the property that he ended up joining in on the work.



Born "lumberjacks," J. H. Long, G. R. Dutcher, D. R. Nelson, Dwight Sheets, E. G. Schumacher, Hank Anderegg stand ready to shout timber as Jim Stephens removes the last board.

### "Operation Club Site"

## Hundreds Heed Call For Volunteer Labor

Hundreds of SERA members have heeded the appeal for volunteer labor, and thanks to their fine spirit of cooperation, a great deal of progress on clearing the club site near Friendswood has been made according to President H. D. (Rosie) Smith, Instrument Shop.

A number of picnic benches, built by volunteer labor, have been added to the recreational facilities at the SERA club site on Clear Creek, Business Manager H. J. Lewis, Lube, stated.

The need for volunteer labor continues, Mr. Lewis said, as construction on barbecue pits and rest rooms is underway. The project of converting the old barn into a modern club room is also making headway.

Every time 100 or more SERA members each log eight hours of work on the property, a drawing will be held for a \$20 gift certificate. W. F. Green, Dispatching, won the first drawing last month. A number of SERA members have been combining work with pleasure by holding family picnics at the club site and spending a portion of that time working.



"Lift that pipe . . . tote that plank . . ." D. R. Nelson and Dwight Sheets of the Volunteer Labor Corps move lumber.



Kent Risinger, Clarence Bridges, Bill Rieke, guest Jerry Nelson and Don Kemper install the preliminary piping.



Eleven members of the Chemical Plant Research Department contributed a days work to the development of the SERA grounds. They spent the day cutting sections for picnic tables. Seated: Bob Shrontz, Jerry Howald, Greg Riesser, Bob Kirby, John Schuren. Standing are George Veltten, Bob Brand, Jerry Carter, Dick Wright. Al Wigginton and Frank Simpson are not pictured.



Noel Smith, Ken Greene, Franz Carlson, Laddie Macha, Lynn Earles, Don Weaver, Dick Slyker pitch in to complete the job.

## Man-Hours Worked At Grounds Reach 1600

As The Shellegram went to press, "This is an encouraging figure," SERA President Rosey Smith announced that over 1600 man-hours operation we should be able to had been worked on the SERA club follow the schedule we have mapped site by volunteer laborers. out."



### 1954 An Eventful Year

## Refinery Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Pat McDowell of Dispatching had a special reason to be thankful on Thanksgiving Day. Early Thanksgiving morning, Pat's wife presented him with a seven-pound, twelve-ounce son. The youngster's name: Patrick Lynn McDowell III.

While on the subject of Blessed Events, three of the Refinery's young lady employees said good-bye last month to await the visit of Mr. Stork . . . Upon departing, Louise Allen Meier and Margarita Wilder of Treasury and Lillian Chastain of Research took with them the sincere best wishes of their many Refinery friends.

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Virginia Smith, daughter of Virgil Smith of Automotive, is represented in the Art Exchange program of the American Junior Red Cross in Washington by a painting entitled "Girl Learning to Sew." The work is included among 100 others to be taken on an overseas tour to show foreign students what American youths think of the world in which they live . . . Virginia also was elected Secretary-Treasury of the Milby Senior Class that graduates this month.

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Irv Weissman, Dispatching, is interested in forming a Flying Club . . . The organization would include men or women who would like to learn to fly or who have pilot's licenses but do not own an airplane. Irv can be reached on Refinery extension 212 or JA-9255.

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Mrs. Sam L. Orr, wife of Sam Orr, Cat Cracking, served as Chairman of the Christmas Seal crusade in Pasadena. Mrs. Orr, an active Harris County civic worker, said that while raising essential funds, the seal sale is also an educational campaign for accent on health. Mrs. Orr said of the drive, which ended on Christmas:

"The TB seal itself carries the message that not only do you wish others well, but more than that, you are helping to keep others well."

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Falvey Smith, former Yield Clerk in the Cracking Department who was stricken with polio in September of 1952, is still paralyzed from the neck down, but with the help of his wife, is selling all types of insurance . . . Falvey was hospitalized for about a year at Southwestern Polio Center upon being stricken with the dread disease, and was in an iron lung for about five months . . . It is necessary for him to sleep in a respirator at night, but during the day, it's business as usual for Falvey and his wife, who have three small children. They live at 1211 West Hart in Pasadena and their phone number is GR-2-7834.

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Bob Ingram, Research Catalytic Cracking Pilot Plant operator on military leave, has been transferred to Germany from Fort Bliss . . . He spent Christmas in Houston enroute overseas . . . Burt Arnold, also at Fort Bliss, has received a temporary assignment to Fort McClellan in Alabama, and was also in Houston for Christmas.

A. C. Hogge, former Research Director and more recently Chief Technologist at Wood River, has been named an Assistant Superintendent there.

Sir Frank Whittle, Shell Group Consultant in England, was a recent Research Lab visitor. According to Dr. William Bailey, Jr., Research Director, Sir Frank is England's most outstanding inventor of gas turbine engines for aircraft and the man most responsible for the rapid development of jet planes in England.

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Berry Risenger, Research, qualified to compete in the National All-Star Bowling Tournament in Chicago by placing second in the state-wide eliminations held in Dallas last month. The National Tournament, a star-studded singles event sponsored by the nation's Bowling Proprietors Association, will be unreeled in January.

Risenger, who rolled a 16-game total score of 3,225, is the only Houstonian to qualify for the National Tourney.

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Five Refinery employees are currently on the staff of the Pasadena Community Evening School as instructors in adult evening classes.

Willie Dee Westover, Engineering, and Lillian Long, Stores, teach typing; George Dulany, Engineering, teaches Blue Print Reading; Ben Stanton, Engineering, teaches advanced Instrumentation, and Dave Lehwalder, Lubricating Oils teaches the Principles of Petroleum Refining practices.

Houston Refinery reached its Twenty-five Year Milestone in 1954, highlighting what proved to be a noteworthy year for both the Refinery and its employees.

The Shell Employees Recreation Association certainly enjoyed one of its most eventful years, due in large part to the purchase of approximately 50 acres of land for a club site.

Employees hit their goal of a million man-hours worked without a disabling injury on January 28 to open the year on an encouraging safety note. Indeed, a total of 1,273,300 safe man-hours were worked before a disabling injury occurred on February 15.

Also in January, the Cracking Department was split into two departments, Catalytic Cracking and Thermal Cracking, and a series of moves up the ladder from within the organization was announced.

C. L. Marshall, formerly Assistant Department Manager of Lubricating Oils, was named Thermal Cracking Department Manager, and B. Fogleman, formerly Assistant Department Manager of Cracking, was named Catalytic Cracking Manager.

E. H. Covington moved from Technologist to Assistant Manager of Catalytic Cracking, and L. J. Lambin was transferred from Technology to Assistant Manager of Lubricating Oils.

Other moves included the naming of K. J. Kitzmiller as Gas Department Manager to succeed L. J. Snyder, who was transferred to Wilmington Refinery as Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and the promotion of E. J. Newton, formerly Senior Engineer, to Assistant Chief Engineer, succeeding H. M. Karr, who moved to Head Office, Manufacturing.

A dividend of 4.32% was declared by the Credit Union when the Seventeenth annual meeting of the

members of the Shell Refinery Employees Federal Credit Union was held in January.

In April, T. H. Moore relieved A. M. Flint, Manager of the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department, with Mr. Flint moving to the Martine Refinery as P & IR Manager.

The men of Dubbs No. 9 and their families, some 70 persons in all—observed the Eighteenth Anniversary of that unit on June 18 with a barbecue at the San Jacinto Battleground and a bus tour of the Refinery.

In August, the late Paul E. Hurley succeeded M. P. L. Love as Refinery Manager, with Mr. L. being transferred to London on a special assignment. For Mr. Hurley, the Houston move was something of a homecoming since he had served here as Acting Superintendent from 1941 before becoming Refinery Manager at Norco Refinery in 1945.

However, Mr. Hurley's tenure as Houston Refinery Manager, was destined to last for only two months, for on October 26, the tragic news of Hurley's untimely death was received by employees throughout the Company. He was on vacation in his former home in New Orleans when he died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

John Tench, a veteran of 26 years of Shell service and Martinez Refinery Manager for the past six years, was announced as Mr. Hurley's successor.

August marked the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Shell's Houston Refinery. In commemoration of that observance, the Shellegram produced a special 12-page anniversary edition which included photographs and articles which traced the growth and progress of the Refinery.

The annual SERA picnic was held on August 14 at the Galveston County Park in League City. Despite rain and damp grounds, 5000 attended the event.

H. D. (Rosy) Smith, Refinery Instrument Shop assumed his duties as the new President of SERA, Inc., in August, succeeding W. W. (Woody) Myers, Control Lab.

Next to August, October was undoubtedly the busiest month, employee-activity-wise. The SERA Style Show was unreled October 15; the Ten & Over Club ate and danced and watched SMU beat on the 16th; the SERA Dinner Dance was held on the 29th, the United Fund Drive held October 26-29. The drives at both Refinery and Chemical Plant netted over 10% more than last year.

The Control Laboratory held an open house in observance of the Twenty-fifth anniversary, and employees rounded out the old year and rang in the new with a Year's Eve Dance at the Shamrock Hotel.

#### CORRECTION

The correct identification of Marshall G. Crosby, one of the preachers featured in last month's Christmas issue, is as follows: Elder Marshall G. Crosby, Jacksonville Branch, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Delores Lezak, Control Lab. Stenographer, steps through the January page of the 1955 calendar in order to demonstrate a unique method of starting off the New Year in fine shape.

If you want to be in the know, be sure your correct address is sent to P&IR when you move. The Shellegram, letters, important information won't arrive unless your address is right!

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Chemical Plant:

HERE AND THERE



Mike Burns, center, inspects the hundred and twenty fish, ranging from 7 lbs. that his Dad, Dan Burns, left and Doc Gaines, right, angled from the Colorado River at Matagorda.

E Department's October Golf Tournament was close for all the players. C. D. Thomason took first place and there was a four way tie for second place; winners were J. H. Arrington, A. L. Woodring, H. G. Sealy, and W. F. Cummings. Other participants in the tourney were V. M. Daniel, J. C. Tullos, F. A. Janecka, W. A. Prescott and W. C. Morgan.

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Gregor H. Riesser, Ph. D., of Research, became an American citizen in the mass naturalization ceremony held in Houston on November 11, 1954. A German citizen, Greg was also a resident of France and Switzerland, before coming to the United States in August of 1948. He lived in California and attended school there until June 16, 1952, when he went to work for Shell at Dominguez. Greg joined the Research staff here in October of 1953.

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The Skeet Club really had a field day at their Turkey Shoot November 21st. They gave away thirteen turkeys. Most of the turkeys were won in shotgun single target rounds, some by a divided target (winner being person with most number of pellets in their section) and one or two were won by skeet shooting. Winners were J. D. Payton, Refinery; Frank Connolly, Chemical guest; Fred Jackson, Chemical; H. J. Roberts, Chemical; Frank Connolly, brother of John Connolly; W. A. Carpenter, Refinery; Mrs. Louise Kelley, Chemical guest; R. J. Kelley, Refinery; J. V. Martin, Chemical; L. O. Glover, Refinery; H. J. Roberts, Chemical.

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November results of the E Department's golf tournament are as follows: 1st place—A. L. Woodring, 2nd place—C. K. Roberts, 3rd place—Joe Arrington, and 4th place—C. Holliman. C. D. Thomason, Bill Cummings, R. Morrogh, J. C. Tullos, Bill Powell, F. A. Janecka, W. A. Prescott and W. C. Tompkins were the other players for a total of twelve, which is the best turn out this year.

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Fenwick Douglas, the gardener, toured the West Coast on his three week vacation. While there he visited with his three brothers, who made his visit a most enjoyable one. He is a lover of beautiful flowers and as you can see he couldn't stay away from them even though he was vacationing. Some of the beautiful cities seen while on the trip were Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego, California, Tijuana, Mexico and Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico.



Douglas admires California flowers.

Review of Year at Plant

1954 Brings Changes In Administration

For the Houston Plant, 1954 was a very eventful year. The first of the year brought major changes in the Administration of our Plant. In January, Glenn Purcell came back to Houston after a two year absence in California to serve as Plant Manager.

The new Epon-2, BPA Plant began production. Its expansion helped to answer the need for increased production of resins. An Open House for families of employees of the P & R Department was held at the new unit.

In February, Frank Watson took over the Superintendent's post, Russell Kittle advanced to Head Office, and David Luckenbill came to Houston as Assistant Superintendent.

The Laboratories completed seven years of accident free operation. The group worked a total of 1,000,000 man hours without experiencing a disabling injury.

Chemical Progress Week slated for May 5 through 17 was observed by the Chemical Industry on a nation-wide scale. It was to bring to the attention of the general public how many important everyday

items are made with different chemicals and to point out the tremendous growth of our industry in the last fifty years.

Expansion in the Plant saw the completion of the GX-2 Unit in the Glycerine Plant.

Chemical Plant softball teams were in the two top positions in our Shell softball league. Captains, Bill Moorman (team 2) and C. C. Bridges (team 1) were in first and second place respectively.

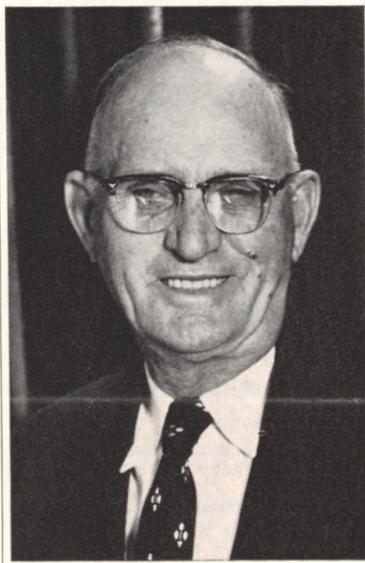
The Lunch Room had a face lifting in July and a delightful air conditioning unit was installed.

Service Club members were divided into three groups, one attended the Texas League baseball game, one attended the Rice-Texas U. football game and the other group attended a stage play.

More personnel changes took place in November with the creation of a new position—Assistant Superintendent-Technical. H. E. Hughes, formerly Chief Engineer was assigned to the post. Jim Hyde moved up from Assistant Chief Engineer to Chief Engineer and Bud DeLong transferred from Head Office to take over the Assistant Chief Engineer's job.

J. P. Dobson Moves To Head Office

Senior Engineer's Transfer One of Series Announced at Chemical Plant



HUNT

J. H. Hunt, Plant Protection Force, Retires From Shell

J. H. Hunt, a member of the Plant Protection Force, retired on December 31, 1954. A fifteen year veteran, Mr. Hunt has been employed by Shell since October of 1939, when he was first assigned as a Patrolman for Shell Oil Company. He has worked at the East Gate, checking in the construction workers, since that gate was built.

Born on Christmas Day in Averdin, Mississippi, Mr. Hunt started work as a Peace Officer thirty years ago. Before coming to Shell he was a Police Chief in Grandview, Texas, and later served Johnson County as Constable for ten years. He was even a guard at the Dallas Fair in 1936.

Mr. Hunt and his wife, Winnie, have been married forty years and have two children, a daughter and a son. Both of his children are married now and each have a son. So the Hunts are proud grandparents.

A member of the Methodist Church and a Masonic Lodge, Mr. Hunt is looking forward to January, when he is going to sharpen up all his fish hooks and take a trip to the nearest pond. He likes being outside and always keeps a small garden. He has a wood shop where he has skill saws and all the gadgets which make carpentering interesting. Retirement will give Mr. Hunt plenty of time to enjoy all his varied hobbies.

J. P. Dobson was transferred to Head Office on December 1, 1954, assigned to the Manufacturing-Engineering Department, with the Construction Group. Dobbie as he is known by all his friends began his Shell career with Shell Petroleum here in July of 1930. A native of Pittsburgh and a mechanical Engineering graduate, Dobbie has worked as Junior Engineer, Plant Inspector, Technical Assistant, Assistant Master Mechanic and Master Mechanic at the Refinery. He was assigned to Head Office Construction as a Senior Engineer from December, 1946 to November, 1948 but worked on a local project. Dobbie's latest assignment was as Senior Engineer over the Plant's field construction group. J. G. Massey has assumed Dobbie's duties.

H. L. Nicholson, Analyst-Stock of Stores, moved to the Ventura Plant on December 15, 1954 as Storekeeper.

J. T. Arterbury has received a new assignment as Operating Shift Foreman on the new chlorohydrin plant at Norco.

Personnel for the recently established Engineering Development Department were assigned effective December 8, 1954. The present Engineering Department-Inspection Section is transferred to the En-gineering Development Department here in July of 1954. Mr. F. L. Fredrickson will replace A. L. Peterson as head of this group. Mr. Peterson will remain in the Engineering Department and will be assigned to maintenance in "G" area. An Instrument Electrical Section is being organized in the new department. Mr. S. L. Finneran will be head of this group. In addition to the above, the following people have been assigned to the new department: C. W. Schneider, R. G. Sproston, R. V. Goettge and D. R. Hayes.

Copies of the Anniversary Issue of The Shellegram may be had for the asking at The Shellegram desk in P & IR. A limited number are available, and will be passed out on a first-come-first-served basis. Also available are a few of each of last year's issues.

Personnel Changes

REFINERY

- M. R. Adams.....Gen. Hlpr. No. 1, Eng. Field, to Boilermaker Hlpr. No. 2
B. Bitner.....Operator Hlpr., Thermal Cracking, to Lineman No. 2, Eng. Fld.
H. I. Busing.....Gen. Hlpr. No. 1, Eng. Fld., to Boilermaker Hlpr. No. 2
W. L. Callender.....Research Chemist, Research to Technologist Tech.
J. J. Carney.....Technologist, Cat Cracking, to Technologist, Thermal Cracking
B. E. Clark.....Gen. Hlpr. No. 1, Eng. Fld., to Machinist Hlpr. No. 2
Dorothy Cunningham.....Stenographer, Treasury, to Stenographer, P&IR
B. J. Davis.....Gauger No. 1, Dispatching, to Mach. Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Fld.
J. W. Fisher.....Gauger No. 1, Thermal Cracking, to Gen Hlpr. No. 1,Ther. Crkg.
L. W. Hatcher.....Engineering, Engineering, to Engineer, Utilities
A. H. Irvine.....Operator Hlpr. No. 2, Gas, to Boilermaker Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Fld.
Dolores Lezak.....Operator-Duplicating, Treasury, to Stenographer, Control Lab.
T. J. Simon.....Presssureman, Ther. Ckng., to Gen. Hlpr. No. 1, Ther. Ckng.
J. D. Topping.....Operator Hlpr. No. 2, Gas, to Boilermaker Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Fld.

CHEMICAL

- W. H. Bonham, Jr.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Assistant, P & R
P. A. Bounds.....General Hlpr. No. 2, Engr. to General Operator Hlpr., A
J. B. Bradshaw.....Senior Expediter, Stores to Asst. Dept. Manager, Stores
J. P. Dobson.....Senior Engineer, Engr. to Head Office
J. E. Evans.....Laborer, Engineering to Janitor/Special Yardman, Engr.
E. P. Franzen.....Engineer, Head Office to Dept. Manager, Engr. Development
B. F. George.....Technical Assistant, P & R to Technical Assistant, A
W. E. Goffney.....Chemist, Laboratory to Chemist, Union Laboratory
C. Kendrick.....Military Leave of Absence to Carpenter Hlpr., Engineering
J. M. Klarquist.....Chemist, Laboratory to Chemist, Union Laboratory
E. H. Lovering.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Assistant, P & R
L. B. McKee.....Shell Development to Chemist, Laboratory
W. M. Michalk.....General Hlpr. No. 2, Engr. to General Operator Hlpr., A
R. K. Miller.....Technical Assistant, P&R to Head Office
J. Ramsey.....Pumper-Gauger, G to Operator No. 2, G
H. E. Rogers.....General Hlpr. No. 2, Engr. to General Operator Hlpr., A
J. W. Stephens.....Chemist, Laboratory to Technologist, Technologist Department

# Total Of 27 New Members Added To Refinery, Chemical Plant Labor Dept. Service Clubs



## Chemical Plant Party



Enjoying dinner at the Club Matinee during the Chemical Plant celebration are E. Hood, J. H. Holt, L. Armstrong, J. Smith, seated in left to right order. Standing is V. Harris



E. Smith, S. Johnson, L. E. Morris, E. Matthews, and C. Gaddis, seated, and Guest J. T. McMahon, General Labor Foreman.



G. Washington, J. Johnson and L. Alexander, in left to right order, pictured at the Chemical Plant Service Club Party.

## Groups Hold 1954 Parties At Different Locations November 13

The Ten Year and Over Service Clubs of the Refinery and Chemical Plant Labor Departments both held their 1954 celebrations on November 13, but at different locations.

The Refinery's Ten Year and Over Service Club, held its 1954 celebration on November 13 at the Grand Oak, which is located at 3535 Wheeler in Houston.

### 14 Newcomers

Fourteen new members were welcomed into the group during the year, bringing the total membership to 72. And a large percentage of the membership turned out for the annual get-together.

Barbecued chicken, refreshments and games high-lighted the day-long activity. Service Club Member E. Simen was present to see that the chicken was barbecued to perfection.

The Refinery Ten and Over Service Club committee consisted of V. Miller, S. Stewart, E. Simen and R. Fisher. Special guests at the Refinery party were P. E. Keegan, L. J. Hallmark, G. L. Boatright, L. J. Grossheim and R. J. Griffin.

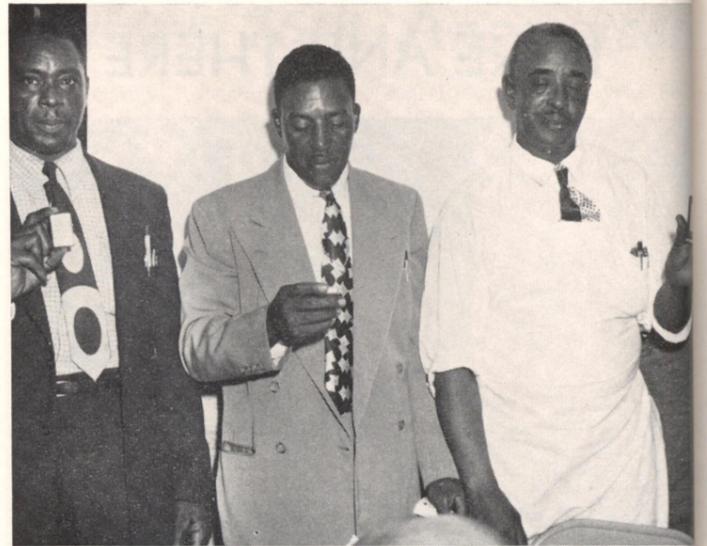
### Chemical Has 13

Thirteen members of the Labor Department's service club attended the 1954 celebration at the Club Matinee on Saturday, November 13th. Barbecued chicken, ribs, hot rolls and a delicious salad covered the table. Eddie Matthews was the only new member present. Special guests at the banquet were J. T. McMahon and H. A. Dufresne.

Refinery Service Club members pause during the festivities of the 1954 party to pose for a photo under Grand Oak.



## Refinery Celebration



E. Manuel, E. Adams and E. Simen, in left to right order show the cigarette lighters they received as door prizes.



E. W. Scott tallies up during a domino game. The others (counter clockwise) are J. Payne, L. Britton, H. Sowell.



Five quarts of Shell Motor Oil were among the handy door prizes awarded at the fete. Standing are J. Edwards, H. Mayfield, J. M. Devereaux, R. Hargrove, E. Adams, V. Jones. Seated in front of the table are W. Hall and M. Winfree.

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# JANUARY SHELL SERVICE BIRTHDAYS



## CHEMICAL

Sept. 30: Dennis Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cunningham (A Dept.).

Oct. 17: Ronald Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Owen (P&R Dept.).

Oct. 27: Gina Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dumas (E Dept.).

Oct. 28: Kaye Michelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marsh (A Dept.).

Oct. 30: Gregory Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Waldrip (Machine Shop).

Nov. 9: Deborah Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson (Research).

Nov. 13: Christine Alissa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keepers (Electric Shop).

Nov. 14: John Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Epperly (G Department).

Nov. 17: Linda Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Townsend (Pipe Shop).

Nov. 19: Charlie Parker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Barr (Machine Shop).

Nov. 19: Carol Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Landolt (Automotive).

Nov. 19: Patrick Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Partin (A Department).

Nov. 19: Linda Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Strickland (Paint Shop).

Nov. 20: Kerry Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brazell (Shipping).

Nov. 22: Kenieth Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young (Boiler Shop).

Nov. 24: Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Young (Pipe Shop).

Dec. 2: Lucile Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Earles (Pipe Shop).

Dec. 7: Scott Rollin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Beason (Research).

## REFINERY

Oct. 1: Milton Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Booty (Cat Cracking Gas).

Oct. 7: Wesley Duane, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Jackson (Thermal Cracking).

Oct. 9: Ronald Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burks (Engineering Field).

Oct. 20: Michael Robin, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Phillips.

Oct. 22: Diane Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Snider (Machine Shop).

Oct. 31: Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vidaurri (Engineering).

Nov. 5: Lynne Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenwood (Economics & Scheduling).

Nov. 17: Molly Sue, daughter of M. H. Roberts (Paint Shop).

T. A. Hiatt, Research, would like to purchase a used clarinet or sax. He can be reached at Refinery Extension 583 or at home GR - 9-2106.



25 YEARS  
L. L. Burkhalter  
Refinery Dispatching



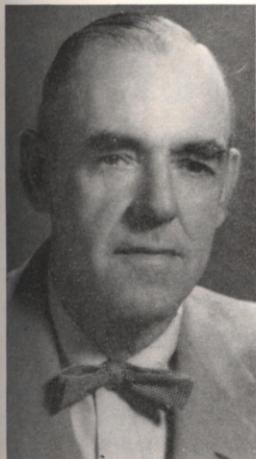
25 YEARS  
W. L. Caldwell  
Refinery Thermal Cracking



25 YEARS  
M. H. R. Cogan  
Chemical Engineering



25 YEARS  
E. W. Elliott  
Refinery Thermal Cracking



25 YEARS  
R. Haldane  
Refinery Engineering



25 YEARS  
N. P. Hand  
Refinery Engineering



25 YEARS  
R. F. Kissenger  
Refinery Treasury



25 YEARS  
F. L. Pemberton  
Refinery Utilities



25 YEARS  
C. C. Suggs  
Refinery Engineering



20 YEARS  
R. M. Mace  
Refinery Engineering



20 YEARS  
D. B. McCants  
Refinery Dispatching



20 YEARS  
L. E. Morris  
Chemical Engineering Field

## Ten Year Anniversaries

### CHEMICAL

- C. R. Estes, Stores
- A. E. Humphries, Engineering
- W. A. Fulton, Operations
- R. N. Thames, Engineering

### REFINERY

- F. B. Bocquin, Engineering
- R. R. Hardin, Thermal Cracking
- R. A. Porter, Engineering
- W. D. Stansbury, Dispatching

Of employees reaching their fifteenth service birthday will appear monthly. Ten-year veterans will continue to be listed as their service birthdays occur.

## MILITARY LEAVES

### REFINERY



K. O. Halbrook  
11-2-54  
U. S. Army  
Technological



W. R. Davis  
11-29-54  
U. S. Navy  
P & IR



D. R. Mathews  
10-30-54  
U. S. Navy  
Laboratory



C. J. Schafer, Jr.  
11-4-54  
U. S. Army  
Laboratory

## Shellegram Announces New Service Birthday Policy

As Houston Refinery moves into its Twenty-sixth year of growth and progress, the number of employees reaching the 20 and 25 year milestones of Shell service continues to increase.

Due to this increase of service birthdays, space limitations make it impossible to continue to run stories along with the pictures of 10 and 25 year Shell employees.

Of course, the policy of printing the pictures of these veteran employees will continue. In addition, the Shellegram takes great pleasure in announcing that photographs



Members of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department all suited up ready for the game are: front row (left to right): J. C. Poole, J. C. Odom, L. W. Dickerson, Bert Hale, Jimmie Walker, Pete Mustin, Roy Whitley, F. C. Summa, L. D. Henze, W. A. Penny, and O. L. Chappell. Back row (left to right): W. A. Prescott, Billy Roper, Paul Bond, F. A. Ward, Jim Martin, A. E. Kachel, James Cook, J. P. Robinson, J. T. Cutrer, B. L. Dickerson, Ben Royall, Coach F. M. Butler, center front.

## Five SERA Basketball Teams in Action

Five sharp-eyed SERA basketball teams took to the hard-woods showing promise of giving a good account of themselves against strong opposition as the current basketball season got underway. Two of the five teams appear to have an especially tough row to hoe as they will be matching crisp shots with outside opposition.

Instead of all the teams competing against each other in an SERA League, as they have for the past two seasons, three squads are participating in a Shell League while the others are playing in two fast Pasadena Leagues.

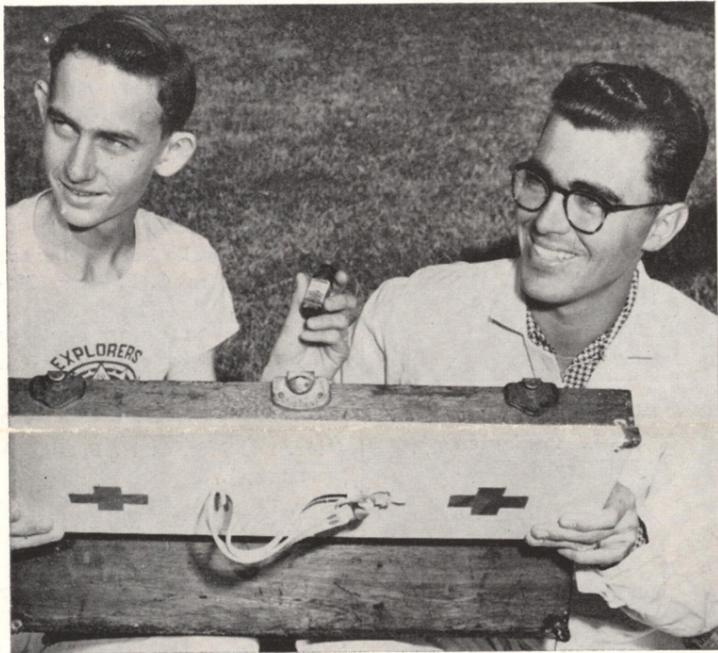
The Shell League entries are numerically identified as Teams 1, 2 and 3, and they play every Wednesday night in the Stephen F. Austin High School gymnasium, which is located in Houston's east end.

The Shell Refiners, managed by George Dulany, Refinery Engineering Department, also play on Wednesday night, but in the six-team Pasadena Industrial League. Those games are reeled off in the Southmore High School gymnasium.

Competing in the Pasadena Major City League are the Shell Carpenters, managed by Don Langdon. Games in this circuit, which is one of the strongest in the area, are played in Southmore gymnasium on Friday nights.

L. G. Stanzel, Chemical Paint, George Kilgore, Chemical Automotive, and Bobby Schroder, Refinery Automotive, are the managers of Teams 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

Team 1 is composed mainly of players from last year's SERA co-champions, the Alcohols and Ketones, and as a result, they wear the favorite's mantle.



Thanks to his First Aid Training and home made First Aid Kit, Jerry Carpenter, left, was able to administer emergency treatment to three victims of an auto accident recently. B. J. Landry, a Refinery employee and First Aid Instructor of Explorer Post 268, of which Jerry is a member, beams proudly.

## First Aid Training Pays Off

A fifteen-year-old Explorer Scout nothing for the attendants to do was able to put his First Aid but put the injured people into the training and his new homemade ambulance and take them to the First Aid kit to good use while hospital.

motoring home from the recent Deer Park-Hondo football game with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carpenter, Distilling.

Just outside of Luling, early in the morning, the Carpenters saw on the side of the highway an overturned automobile; its three occupants lying nearby.

As soon as the Carpenters had pulled along side the distressed party, young Jerry was out of the car with his First Aid kit to take charge of the situation, which is what his First Aid training taught him to do.

Jerry treated all three for shock and one for a possible serious injury, and in a matter of minutes, he had them resting comfortably, awaiting the ambulance.

By this time, a number of other Deer Park residents on the way home from the game had stopped to offer their assistance only to find that young Carpenter had the situation well in hand.

When the ambulance finally did arrive, an hour later, there was



Eighty members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers took a tour of the Plant recently. Guides for the AIEE tour were (left to right) back row: Marvin Johnsen, Jack Carter, Joe Eberman, John Valcik, Bob Haak, and Gilbert Shannon; front row: Karl Hansen, Frank Barr, Bob Hughes, Oscar La-Cour and Frank Stribbling.

## La Porte Defeats Deer Park, 39 to 13 In Grid Battle of Volunteer Firemen

An all-time record in the sale of liniment and band-aids is said to have been set at Deer Park and La Porte on Friday, November 19. This was the direct result of a football game played Thursday night, November 18, between the Volunteer Fire Departments of those two communities.

Known officially as the Fire Bowl, most of the players (their ages ranged from 25 to 47) seemed to think after the game that Liniment Bowl might be more appropriate.

With both squads heavily loaded with Shell employees, La Porte scored a 39-13 victory in the Deer Park stadium before an audience of over 1500, with many of the spectators likewise Shell folks.

The bumps and bruises did not go for naught as the Fire Departments of both towns shared in the proceeds of the game, which amounted to some \$1,015. So both teams were the winners in the long run.

Aside from a wide variety of minor bruises, the only major injury suffered during the game was a broken leg sustained by J. C. Poole, 165-pound back and a Refinery employee.

The game was played under Interscholastic League regulations with the players attired in uniforms borrowed from their high schools. The high school furnished music for the game, and members of the Deer Park auxiliary led the cheers for the locals while La Porte High School yell leaders were on hand to spark the cheers for their side.

In the final analysis, La Porte just had too much power for the Deer despite the gallant efforts of Jimmy Walker, Lube, who doubles as City Commissioner for Deer Park. He scored both of Deer Park's touchdowns, and both of his scoring runs were dazzlers. The first was good for 44 yards and the second fell just a yard short of duplicating the first.

J. T. Cutrer, Chemical Plant, kicked one of two extra point tries for the losers. Aside from Walker's two TD gallops and Cutrer's lone conversion, Deer Park had little to cheer about as La Porte dominated the play most of the way.

### THE ROSTERS

#### Deer Park

J. C. Poole, J. Walker, B. Roper, B. A. Hale, R. Whitley, M. Wolters, J. L. Robinson, J. Foulds, J. P. Bonnette, J. Morley, L. W. Dickerson, C. Wolfe, B. Royall and J. L. Cook, all of Refinery, and J. T. Cutrer, L. Heinze, W. A. Prescott, P. Bond, J. C. Odom and A. E. Kachel, of the Chemical Plant.

#### La Porte

W. A. Stabs, J. Cook, R. Mace, P. Holmes, all from the refinery, and R. L. Browning, K. Wright, P. Thompson and J. Harbes of the Chemical Plant.

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