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## F. E. Caddy New Martinez Manager

### Purcell, Duguid, Watson, Walters To New Jobs

Heading a list of administrative personnel moves affecting Shell Chemical Corporation's Houston Plant staff is the assignment of Frank E. Caddy as the Plant Manager of the Martinez Plant in California effective October 1, 1951.

Glenn Purcell becomes the Houston Plant Superintendent replacing Mr. Caddy also effective on October 1st. Stepping into Mr. Purcell's shoes as Assistant Plant Superintendent will be Frank G. Watson.

Two additional moves have been announced. These moves affect the Houston Plant Engineering Department. Howard Q. Duguid is being assigned to the Torrance Plant in California as Superintendent. Robert K. Walters will replace Mr. Duguid as our Chief Engineer.

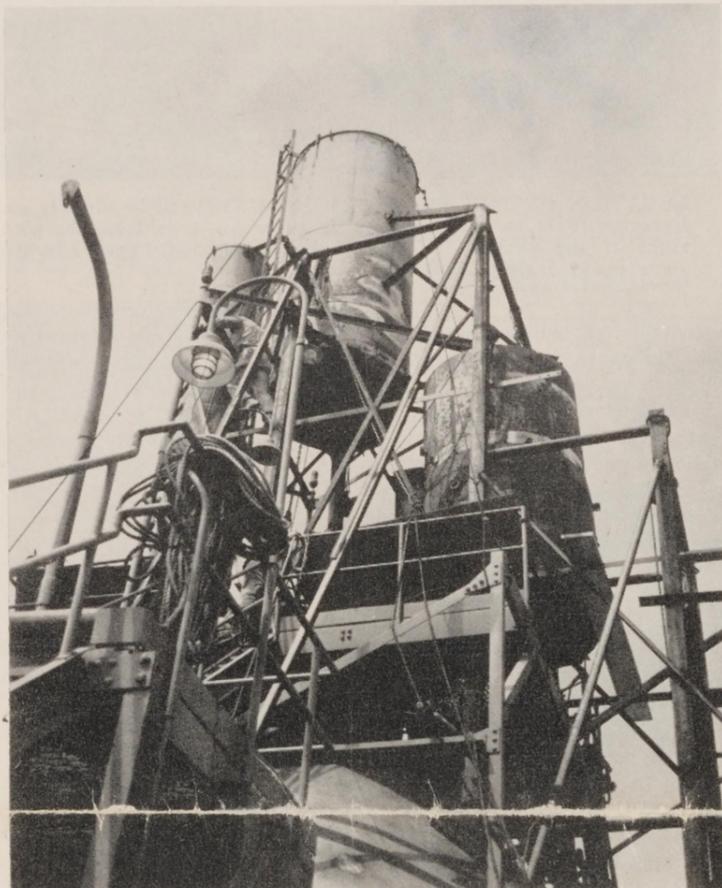
Frank Caddy's work record with Shell Chemical began in August, 1931, when he was employed as a Laboratory Assistant at the Shell



Frank E. Caddy

Point Plant. He moved to the Dominguez Plant in 1937 and then to the Torrance Plant in 1943. He became Plant Superintendent of Torrance in 1945. After a brief assignment in the San Francisco Head Office in the Operating Section, Mr. Caddy became the Houston Plant Superintendent in 1948. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry and Physics from Stanford University.

Glenn Purcell joined the Shell Oil Company as a Junior Chemist at the Wood River Refinery in June, 1929, after receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. After advancing  
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A THREE TON SECTION of the Cat Cracker was being removed as the picture was snapped. Inspection revealed that the lower part was badly eroded, so the fifth turnaround saw part of the stack replaced for the first time.

## Payroll Deduction Bond Purchase Plan Emphasized

Believing that security is a matter for individual concern, a number of Shell employees have for some time purchased Saving Bonds through payroll deductions.

With a drive beginning Sept. 1, Shell re-emphasized that the payroll deduction plan was available for those interested in saving money through buying bonds. Though the drive ended Sept. 14, employees may call at the Treasury or Personnel and Industrial Relations at any time to request that the bonds be deducted directly from the pay check.

Letters were sent to the homes of Shell employees informing them of the Houston plant's part in the national drive.

Billions of dollars will have to be spent on a defense program aimed at stopping aggression and assuring peace. The Treasury Department is appealing to all American citizens to purchase more U. S. Saving Bonds.

The purchase of Savings Bonds can build security for individuals and their families and can help to halt inflation.

Contributing to the security of our nation, Shell maintains the Payroll Savings Plan. This plan affords an easy automatic way to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds through partial payments. Our country needs our support!

Do you drive to work? Are you a member of a car pool? If your answer to either of these questions is yes you will be interested in the statement by the Shell Refinery Employees Bus Club, Inc., which appears on page 2 of this issue.

—The Editors

## SERA Style Show Schedules Luncheon At Shamrock Oct. 27

Clothes especially designed for career girls and housewives will be featured at the annual SERA Style Show to be presented in the Emerald Room at the Shamrock on Oct. 27 at 12 noon.

Presented by the Smart Shop, models will show a wide variety of moderately priced clothes to be worn from early morning through late evening. Mrs. Josye J. Wagner of the Smart Shop will be the commentator. The orchestra of Bobby Tinterow will provide music.

A luncheon is included in the price of the ticket. SERA member tickets are \$2.00 and guest tickets are \$3.30. For reservations, contact Hortense Barrell, Ref. 415; J. Groves, Ref. 582, or Juanita Price, Chem. 378. Reservations must be made by October 24.

Style show chairmen are Thelma Swanson and Juanita Price. Ticket chairmen are Hortense Barrell and Juanita Price. Publicity chairman is Jo Schwartz.

## Cat Runs 17½ Months To Break Own Record

### Replacement Of Stack Section Highlights Fifth Turnaround

Silence seemed to muffle the refinery like a fog as work resumed after Labor Day. So accustomed had everyone become to the roar of the cat cracker that the silence seemed almost tangible. To the layman it meant that one could be heard again without shouting.

To the engineers and technologists the silence meant that long months of tedious planning were at an end and actual turnaround operations could begin.

But to the Houston Refinery, it means a new record!

The silence was really when the shouting should begin! In spite of holes in the stack which made the 18 story monster roar like a dragon, the catalytic cracker ran a record 17½ months to outstrip its usual run of 12 to 13 months.

#### Stack Rebuilt

Important changes were made this year. The stack was rebuilt for the first time and an additional vapor line was added to the fractionator. A shutdown headquarters was established and assisted in the speeding up of communications.

At 8 a.m. on September 2 the charging stock was cut out and the emptying process began to prepare the unit for the complicated operations of cleaning, inspecting, and repairing the unit.

Lights were strung over the equipment and the men worked through the nights until the big cat was back on stream. Every craft in the refinery had a part in the work. Some 100 men worked in the catalytic gas recovery system and about 175 were on the cat cracker proper.

#### Planning Board Used

Two days were required for the large vessel to cool, but as soon as the heat would permit, workers swarmed over the cat to proceed with the plans that had been laid in great detail by the industrial engineers. Every man knew what to do and when, because even the hour had been scheduled for each job. A large board with pegs and strings explained the time allotted for each job and was maintained as a report of the progress of the work on most of the equipment.

Plans for this turnaround were begun the instant the plant went on stream after the last shutdown. Special parts were ordered, new techniques considered, and plans formulated. Engineers and technologists even went so far as

to plan for things they did not expect to happen to avoid the possibility of being caught unprepared.

#### Anticipate Needs

A portable tool room and portable stores were moved to the site. Equipment was readied, scaffolds were built. Planners tried to anticipate needs as closely as possible so that nothing would hold up the work once operations had begun on the cat itself. Actually the cat cracker must be shut down and inspected before final plans can be made, but standard procedures such as breaking flanges and moving equipment can be accurately scheduled.

For the first two days, a nurse stood ready in the control room to have eye wash available for the

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## Cat Cracker View



FROM THE TOP of the Cat Cracker things look mighty small as pipefitters prepare to enter a reactor vapor line.

# The SHELLEGRAM

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LOCATION OF THE PLATFORMING UNIT will be directly south of the Catlytic Cracking Gas Recovery System. The unit will cover an area from the pipe rack on the left to the extreme right of the photo. Off-site work has already begun and tie-ins to the cat cracking system were made during the turnaround.

## Letters from the G. I. Mailbag

### Newest Jet Bomber

September 4, 1951

I am part of the B-47 program up here. My correct home address is 3520th Sq, Wichita AFB, Kansas. The B-47 seems to be quite an airplane. It is our newest jet bomber, you know, so I am getting in on another first time, so to speak.

I am going to school right now trying to learn something about the airplane and associated equipment, but see where I'm to have a rocky road ahead, once I get started to work. There are some of the top people in the A. F. here and I'm going to have to move to keep up with these boys.

Regards,  
Johnny Ford

J. J. Ford  
Wichita, Kansas

### Off To Pacific

August 7

Dear Sir:

Once again I have been transferred, so I am enclosing my new address. At the present I am in

the 3rd Marine Brigade, which is the newest part of the Marine Corps. In fact the brigade isn't completed yet, but it soon will be. We will stay here at Camp Pendleton for about six months training and then we will be sent to the Pacific; it will probably be either Hawaii or Japan.

So far I have been working in a company office in the main part of the base. Next week, however, the whole office is being transferred to tent camp 3, where the brigade is to be trained. If I am in the same setup out there as I am here I guess it will be pretty good duty.

Thanks for sending the Shellegram, and I will be looking for the next issue. I would also appreciate it if some of my former co-workers would write.

Yours truly,  
Billy L. Hughes

Pfc. B. L. Hughes 1181023  
H & S Co., 3rd Marines  
3rd Marine Brigade  
Camp Pendleton  
Oceanside, California

### Back In Texas

August 12, 1951

I am back in the great state of Texas, and thought I would take this opportunity to let you know how I am doing in the Army.

After finishing basic training, and sitting around Fort Riley for a week waiting for the Kansas flood to go down, I have been assigned to the Army Field Forces Board 4 at Fort Bliss.

The purpose of this organization is to test new weapons, and to recommend improvements based on an analysis of the test results. As you may know, Fort Bliss is the center of the nation's guided missile research.

After many interviews since arriving on the fourth of August, I have been assigned to the guided missiles section of the board. This promises to offer an excellent education in engineering principles, testing methods, analyzing test results, guided missiles, and electron-

ic controls. I believe that I am very fortunate and this training will be very profitable.

I am enclosing my address, as I am very interested in Shell's publications. I believe they offer an excellent opportunity to keep informed of Shell's activities and progress while I am very eagerly awaiting my return.

Sincerely yours,  
William Scruggs

Pvt. W. A. Scruggs, US 55 131 171  
Fort Bliss, Texas

### Back To Bangkok

August 14, 1951

Have a few minutes time so will let you in on the latest information.

I thought I'd get out in August like I stated in my last letter but the latest Alnav No. 73 that came out states the day of coming back and the month of release. Mine for instance states 1 to 8 August coming in will be released November, 1951 and not later than December 15, 1951. So now I'm hoping to be back to work by the first of the year unless other things come up.

Right now we are headed for Japan, from there we will go back to Bangkok. After we leave Bangkok our next stop is the good old U. S. A. I'm hoping this will be my last trip. As we are supposed to go to a Navy yard. So it will take up most of the time until the first of the year.

I received my Shell Chemical Identification card and appreciate it very much. I want to thank you for it.

Will close for now, hoping to be back in Houston soon.

Sincerely,  
M. M. Miller

M. M. Miller  
At Sea.

## Military Leaves

### CHEMICAL



W. E. Goffeney  
8-27-51  
Army, 2nd Lt. Laboratory



J. F. Baer  
8-6-51  
Air Force, Capt. A Operations



CHECKING PROGRESS on the Platforming unit groundwork are J. L. Miller (left), Superintendent of Operations, and M. P. L. Love, Manager.

## Bus Club Riders Save On Transportation Cost

(Editor's note: The Shell Refinery Employees' Bus Club, Inc. is an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization. Because its operation is for the benefit of Refinery and Chemical Plant employees, the management has made available to the club, this space in the Shellegram for an important message.)

A good answer to a common problem encountered by Refinery and Chemical Plant employees has been found by over 325 Shell employees.

How to get to work each day with minimum expense and the least inconvenience and wear and tear on your car is the problem. The answer comes forth in the form of the Shell Refinery Employees' Bus Club, Inc.

With no limit on the number of rides a member may take during any given period of time, the club assesses each member only \$8.50 per four weeks for Houston riders and \$7.50 from Pasadena. This is in addition to an assessment of \$10 for membership in the club. This latter amount is refunded to a

member when he quits the club, provided he has been a member for a minimum period of 90 days.

But how does the cost of belonging to the bus club compare with driving to work, or even riding with a car pool. The figures below give such a comparison. The cost of driving a car is based on \$0.08 a mile for the 16 miles from downtown Houston to the Refinery. The \$0.08 figure was used since it represents the cost per mile of operating and amortizing a Ford or Chevrolet and the table shown below covers a 28 day period of which only 21 are working days. The figures assume that all riders share equally in the cost of driving the car.

### Cost of Driving Your Car

With driver alone	\$53.76
With one rider	26.88
With two riders	17.92
With three riders	13.44

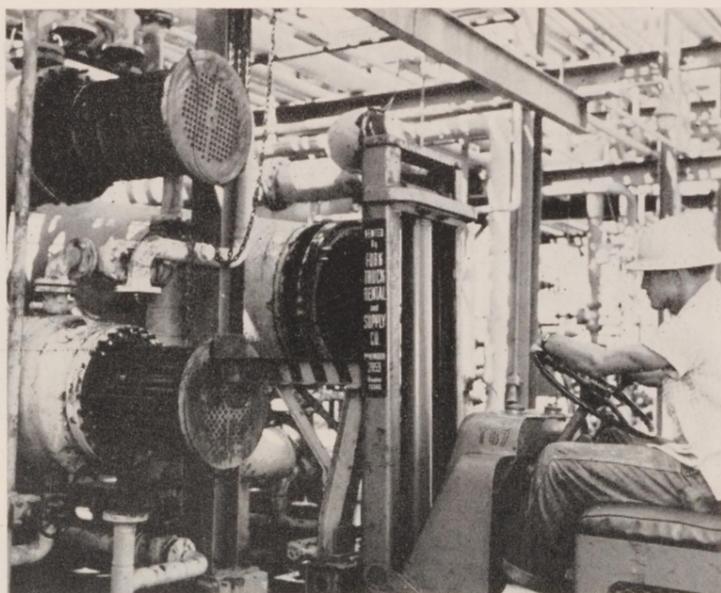
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BACK TO STAY—Joe Stark was the first man to be recalled from the refinery and he's now back to stay. He served in the Navy as a Yeoman 3rd Class. Joe declares things are much the same around Lube B as they were when he left, but says it is good to be back.



PLANNING BOARD at the right tells much with a few pegs. It reveals the schedule for operations. Ed Walichowski is available to send out calls over the public address system. Notice the two-way radio set on the desk.



FORK LIFT TRUCKS speeded up operations in replacing the bundles and other heavy parts this year. That's Harold W. Ellington at the wheel.

**Fifth Turnaround**

**Planning Board Set Up**

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men who might come in contact with the finely-powdered catalyst.

**Men Work Safely**

Safety inspectors kept an eye on operations and took steps to see that safety standards were maintained. However, a large part of the credit for working safely goes to the workmen themselves who held safety meetings in the main shop once a week.

Original plans called for hauling down the entire stack, but inspection revealed that only the lower part of the stack needed replacing. Scaffolding was built to hold the upper part of the stack while a section 12 feet high and six feet in diameter was cut out with a torch and lowered to the ground. This section alone weighed three tons.

**Two-Way Radios**

Two-way radios allowed a supervisor to communicate with the control room directly from the trouble spot to order parts or call for more help. A public address system made it possible to contact workmen on most any part of the area.

Engineers inspected equipment for corrosion and other damage. In

general the cat cracker was in better condition after the long run than had been expected. Difficulty was encountered when the action of hydrogen formed blisters in the absorber columns of the gas recovery system.

**New Methods Used**

Faster methods of working are discovered each year during the turnaround. This year a fork lift truck assisted in handling the exchanger heads and other miscellaneous equipment. Sandblasting the tubular equipment has reduced the cleaning time approximately three hours.

Each year brings new ideas and plans for the turnaround, and as the big cat went back on stream, engineers and technologists were already looking ahead to the next turnaround.

Her lips quivered as they approached his. His whole frame trembled as he looked into her eyes. Her chin vibrated and his body shuddered and he held her close to him.

The moral of this: Never kiss a girl in a jeep with the engine running.

**In Memoriam**

Poliomyelitis caused the death of Robert L. Glass Jr., Houston Refinery employee, September 1. Mr. Glass became ill with a sore throat and was taken to the hospital where his illness was diagnosed as bulbar polio.



Mr. Glass began work at Shell in July 1948 as a General Helper and at the time of his death, he was a Machinist Helper No. 1.

A resident of La Porte, Mr. Glass is survived by his widow, a son Robert L. Glass III, his mother, and a sister.

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John A. Riley, retired Shell Refinery employee, died at his home at 8201 Bangle on September 2.



He had been in ill health for several years before his death. Mr. Riley first came to work for Shell in January 1929 as a Crane-man, and he was a Crane-man throughout his years with the company. He retired in August 1946.

Mr. Riley is survived by two daughters, a son, two brothers, and seven grandchildren.

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Joe A. Brown passed away on September 13, 1951 after a short illness. Mr. Brown was a Shell Refinery and Chemical Plant veteran. He had started work for Shell at the Houston Refinery as a No. 1 Boilermaker in September, 1929. Since 1942 he has worked at the Chemical Plant, and was currently assigned as a Zone Maintenance Foreman.



Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sylvia L. Brown, and one son, Joe A. Brown, Jr.

**BUS CLUB—**

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**Cost of Belonging to Bus Club and Amount Saved by Riding the Bus.**

Cost	Saved
\$8.50 ... with driver alone	\$45.16
8.50 ... with one rider	18.38
8.50 ... with two riders	9.42
8:50 ... with three riders	4.94

At the present time, the Bus Club is able to meet current operating expenses, but prior to raising the monthly assessments, had incurred a debt which at present is \$8,357.54. Such debt has apparently been the source of much speculation on the part of club members and prospective members and rumors have been spread that individual members can be held liable for these debts and that as a result their personal belongings and assets could be confiscated should the Bus Club be unable to meet its financial obligations. This rumor has no truth connected to it whatsoever. Several competent lawyers have been contacted on this very point and all agree that the incorporation laws under which the bus club is founded provide that members are liable for debts only to the extent of the amount of stock each man has in the club.

A profit and loss statement for the month of August shows a

gross income (on the basis of 327 members) of \$2,685.00 The operating expenses for that month (salaries and wages, rent, utilities, gasoline and oil, etc.) totaled \$2,198.37, leaving a balance of \$486.63 as gross profit to be used toward the retirement of the club's outstanding debts, reserve for depreciation, insurance, tax and licenses.

With an increase in club membership of as few as 100 people, the bus club could realize a gross profit of \$1,286.63 per month. This would allow for the liquidation of the present debt of \$8,357.54 in a period of 10 months and in addition provide a cash reserve for depreciation of around \$3200.00 per year, plus adequate reserves for insurance, licenses, taxes, etc.

An increase of membership of 75 people would result in a gross profit of \$1,086.63, thus allowing for the retirement of the \$8,357.54 debt in a period of 13 months, in addition to allowing for reserves for depreciation, insurance, taxes, etc. It is estimated that an increase of 75 to 100 members would enable the club to reduce assessments \$2.00 per month.

Anyone interested in joining the bus club should contact R. D. Johnson at the Refinery, phone 244 or at home Preston 9568, or M. R. Schultz, Refinery phone 248 or at home Wentworth 8559. The bus drivers are also authorized to accept memberships. When they are on duty they may be contacted at the Refinery cafeteria.

Signed,

R. D. Johnson, Pres.

Shell Employees' Bus Club, Inc.

**Fish Derby Deadline Extended To October**

Your 1951 Fishing Derby deadline has been extended to October 31. Numerous prizes are available to SERA members and their families who turn in the biggest fish. Any fish caught is eligible. Chemical Plant employees can get blanks from Les Wallace (Stores) or George Harlan (Eng.) Refinery employees may obtain blanks from H. G. Sandland (Research), H. D. Smith (Instrument Shops), or A. V. Doyle (Cat Cracker Off.).



**"Red" Receives 25-Year Gift**

John William Richardson, better known as "Red", first began work for Shell at East Chicago in March 1926. Here 25 years later he receives his service birthday gift from Mr. Love.

Richardson worked for Shell Pipe Line in Oklahoma in 1927. He came to Houston Refinery in De-

ember 1928 as a welder. He became Boilermaker and Welder Foreman in February 1932. In January 1945, "Red" was made General Foreman.

A native of Arkansas City, he has two sons, John Jr. and Dale Edward. John is a captain in the Air Force stationed in Florida.



**Owen Gets Watch For Service**

John W. Owen, Shift Foreman of Catalytic Cracking, receives his 25-year service gift of a watch from Mr. Love, Refinery Manager.

Owen first began work for Shell as a Gauger at Arkansas City, Ark. He came to Houston as a Pipefitter Helper in May 1929 and went to Cracking as a Gauger in January 1930. Owen became Shift Foreman of Cracking in December

1937 and Shift Foreman of Catalytic Cracking in June 1946.

A native of South Haven, Kan. Owen met his future wife Venita in Arkansas City and was married in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Raised on a farm, he taught school for three years before joining the Shell family. Special interests of his are fishing at the bay and golfing.

*Engineering*

While Norman Weaver was in Wood River, he walked fifteen blocks just to see a Burlesque show only to find that it was closed for the summer. What a disappointment.

K. S. Messenger received his military orders and will leave for the Navy, October 26. He is in the amphibious forces.

Vacations are simple for Paul Harper. His boss says when; his wife says where.

**Fishing Family**

W. S. Kubricht went San Francisco way on his vacation. Seems his wife and son are the best fishermen.

We welcome Robert White and Peter Erichson into our group. Bob hails from Missouri and Pete is from New Jersey.

Sam Costa spent his vacation in Houston. When asked what he had done he said he traveled "down South Main."

Bill McClain went to his home state, Kentucky, on his vacation. The next two weeks he was on military leave in California.

**Kentucky Switch**

M. W. Gable was complaining about his vacation. It seems as though Bill McClain had been telling him about the wild horses and beautiful women in Kentucky, but all he found was wild women and beautiful horses.

Ed Fielder became a proud papa September 3. His son is named Melvin Edward, Jr.

Roy D. Plaisance has a new son named Karl Dean.

Jim Melot's bachelor days are over. His wife and children have come back from New York.

Pappy Heidrich said he feels just like a grandfather. His prize Dachshund has five new puppies and they are doing fine.

Willie Dee Westover's interests kept her in Houston on her vacation.

Ted Lackey went to his home state, Kansas, on his vacation.

A golfer, trying to get out of a trap, said: "I say, the traps on this course are very annoying, aren't they?"

Second golfer, trying to putt: "Yes, would you mind closing yours?"

*Utilities*

Our deepest sympathy to J. A. Stevens Jr. family in their recent loss of J. A. Stevens Sr., father.

Congratulations may be in order to Barney Walter on his winning fight in saving his two sons, ages two and four, when his new 16 h.p. outboard motor failed to throttle, causing his two-year-old son to go overboard. The four-year-old stayed with the runaway boat while B. J. went overboard to rescue his son. The boat circled around him for 20 minutes until it ran out of gas.

**Welcomes Plentiful**

Welcome back! A. J. Free has returned after a year in the Army Air Force.

Welcome to Utilities and the Boiler House, Fran Alford, R. J. McKenzie, L. R. Carl.

On the sick list are R. C. Sturrock and J. E. Green. We wish you a quick recovery and a hurry back.

Due to a heavy training period and expansion, M. P. Marrie makes this his last column. R. M. Mattox and U. E. Ursprung take over next issue.

*Service Birthdays*

**TWENTY YEARS**



Jesse V. CHESSHER  
Eng.-Field



Albert L. ANDERSON  
Eng.-Field



Gordon ATKINSON  
Eng.-Field



Morgan J. BABIN  
Lube



Otto BOPP  
Cracking-Cat



Cecil L. BRADDY  
Eng.-Field



Frank J. BROWN, SR.  
Eng.-Field



Calvin C. BRUCE  
Eng.-Field



Albert F. COLBURN  
Eng.-Field



Leach I. DEAL  
Eng.-Field



Phillip B. DILLON  
Eng.-Field



Fred C. DRISKELL  
Lube



Carroll D. ELLIOTT  
Eng.-Field



John B. FLOYD  
Dispatching



Herman G. GILBERT, JR.  
Eng.-Field



Herbert F. LAAKE  
Utilities



Welden D. LAWThER  
Engineering



Harry A. MAIGNAUD  
Distilling



Joe E. MILLER  
Gas



Ernest H. WELLS  
Eng.-Field

**TEN YEARS**



Lyman W. WITT  
Cracking-Cat



Sammie P. DAVIS  
Distilling



Robert D. MILLER  
Eng.-Field



John W. MORROW  
Distilling



Johnnie B. REED  
Eng.-Field

*Personnel and Industrial Relations*

A nerve-shattering silence pervaded the P&IR Department Tuesday after Labor Day. No cat cracker blasting away! No Beverly Smythe. No Betty McCambridge. No Martha Shaw. Bev went back to the University of Texas to graduate this year, Betty left on vacation, and Martha has gone home to make final plans for her wedding. With three women and the cat cracker all silenced at once, it was almost unbelievable.

A "Weekend in Havana" isn't enough for Betty McCambridge. She spent two weeks 'mid tropical splendor cruising around Cuba and Honduras. She is back from the land of adjectives with enough additional ones of her own to re-write the travel folders.

**Seeing Double**

If you think you are seeing double while driving down the highway, take another look. It might be Ralph Smith and George Eng—both of whom sport new cars. Both cars are Studebakers—both the same color—Sahara Sands. Ralph has a Land Cruiser and

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*Electric Shop*

It looks like the shop will get back to normal again now that Drewry is back from vacation. He fished plenty and caught two Big Bull reds at Port O'Connor. By the way, this is really a good fishing place.

Ernie Reeves has been on his vacation. Don't know if Ernie caught any fish or not. Lawrence Bonnette also is on his vacation. He likes to fish also, but everybody knows he won't fish. He will probably go to Eunice or Opelousas, La. and New Orleans with all those good looking French gals.

**Everybody's Fishing**

Smitty in the line crew is somewhere in Mexico trying to catch some Wild Bulls, and from the looks of one of the post cards he sent to the gang in the shop, he has one crated to ship to Houston.

Since Hotrod Blackie Rose has been foreman in the shop, he has really been in high gear. He comes in and leaves in a flash. Better watch out, Blackie, or some electrician will have to "refuse" you.

Wagner did all the good over the weekend on fishing. He hooked and landed a 21-pound Jack fish at the jetties. Wagner had a pretty rough time for 20 minutes. After catching this Jack fish, Wagner is forced to buy another glass rod.

*Technological*

To continue the adventures to the stag party on wheels mentioned here before, the boys did make it to Lake Louise and Baniff via Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Rocky Mountains and Glacier National Park. They travelled a total of about 6,000 miles and came back to work sporting deep sun-tans. Strangely enough, the dark complexions were acquired in Texas, with New Braunfels the last stop on a long trip interrupted periodically for 18 to 36 holes of golf on various U. S. and Canadian courses.

**Glamorous Contestants**

Two of the four, Art Doyle and Dave Gelbin, must have been greatly impressed with New Braunfels, as they made a return trip just two weekends after returning from the big journey. Of course, there were other attractions that particular weekend besides swimming and golf, as the annual beauty pageant to select Miss Texas of 1951 was being held. Art claims he gave his phone number to many of the glamorous contestants.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Maddox became the proud parents of a 10 lb. 3 oz. boy, Michael David, on August 15. At press time, both parents and little Mike were doing fine.

**Grand Openings**

Emergency appendectomies seem to be gaining in popularity among the "technocrats". First it was Ed Nicar in August, then Jack Limbach early in September. We expect to hear lots of stories about these "grand openings".

During his vacation trek through the East, ye scribe talked to former Houston Refiners Bill Cooper (just transferred the day I saw him), "Hopp" Earle Reiley, Dan Urbanek, Moss Armisted and Bob Dicks. All sent their regards to the gang at the refinery.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a small package.



Delphine A. WAGNER  
Eng.-Field



Clarence M. WOLTERS  
Eng.-Field

Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was bad. He should see it with representation.

# Oilers End Best Season In History With 32 Wins

## Whip Alpine Team In Post Tourney

by Kemper Kaiser

By the time this story is read, the baseball season as far as the Shell Oilers is concerned will be history. In view of that fact we would like to go back and say a little about the 1951 Oilers. Yes, they just completed a wonderful season, probably their best in history. Their won and lost record which reads 32 wins and 19 defeats is very impressive, mainly because they played top-flight semi-pro teams throughout the season—Rosenberg, Columbus, Victoria, Conroe, Baytown, Bryan, and others.

It may be interesting to know that the Oilers broke even with Victoria and Columbus in their summer series and of course you all know those two teams played for the Post Tournament Championship with Victoria the winner. As far as the Post Tournament is concerned, the Oilers won two games and lost two.

### Surprise Upset

However, they pulled the surprise upset of the affair by defeating the famous Alpine Cowboys 6-4 in the opening round. They also defeated Huntsville and lost to Rosenberg and Weimar.

In the individual game statistics all of the players performed well throughout the season. Roy Pitts had his best year at third base, hitting the .300 mark and fielding like a demon. The double play boys, Doyle Beard Jr. and Frankie Sparacino proved to be fine performers in both hitting and fielding. These two stopped a lot of opponents' rallies with their defensive skill. "Boat" Whittington played sensational afield at first base. Although he had his trouble with the stick at times, records will show he was tough in the clutch.

### Terrific Jobs

Ken Benjamin alternated with Whittington at first base and did his job in fine fashion. The outfield of Billy Rister, Dixon Kirk, Grover Noonan, Gene Russell and Harold Ellington all did their part to aid in the Oiler's successful season. The catching staff was in very capable hands with seasoned veteran Sibert Gault sharing the behind the plate duties with a newcomer of proven ability, Bob Hampton.

The pitching staff, composed of Ed Schaak, Fred Pepper, Walter Deakin, Frank Domerod, all right handers, and Roger Edwards, a crafty southpaw, did its share to contribute to Shell's record. Schaack was the "ace" of the staff. He had a remarkable record on the season, winning 18 games while dropping only four decisions. This is the second year in a row he has led the Oiler pitching staff.

### Amassed Seven Victories

Fred Pepper amassed a total of seven victories including a great performance against Columbus early in July at Buffalo Stadium. He gave up only two singles and defeated the Redbirds 1-0. Deakin and Edwards each won three games apiece and Domerod chipped in with one victory.

Of course let's give a lot of credit to Allen Thurman who managed the Oilers. He was the fel-

low who stayed awake long after the ball players were asleep on the nights the Oilers should have won wondering why this and that had to happen. He did a great job. In semi-pro baseball there is more to a manager's job than just handling the team on the field. Those of you who have been associated with baseball will know what we mean.

### Thanks To Mancuso

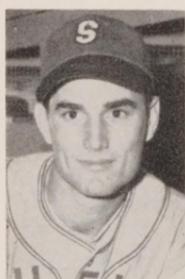
Let us also give a vote of thanks to Lawrence Mancuso, the Business Manager for his splendid, tireless effort. His was a tough job also, scheduling games, arranging transportation, looking after all business that goes with a ball club. He along with Allen deserves a lot of credit. We feel they both did their part very well to insure the success of the team.

### Always Behind Oilers

In closing we would like to give a lot of credit to those employees who supported the Oilers throughout the season. Game after game these same employees were always present, always behind the Oilers—win, lose, or draw!

## Moss Tennis Champ In SERA Tournament

Sam Moss, who is a chemist in the Houston Plant Laboratory, has been riding as the top ranking SERA tennis player since beating Warren Saunders of the Houston Refinery in late July. Sam added to his laurels by competing in the Northeastern Ohio Tennis Tournament in August. Sam and his partner, a Dr. Franklin, teamed together to win the Men's Doubles title in this tournament.



BEARD  
Short Stop



BENJAMIN  
First Base



DEAKIN  
Pitcher



DOMEROD  
Pitcher



EDWARDS  
Pitcher



ELLINGTON  
Outfielder



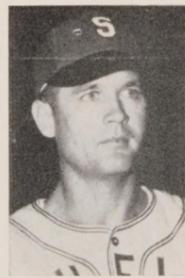
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KIRK  
Outfielder



NOONAN  
Outfielder



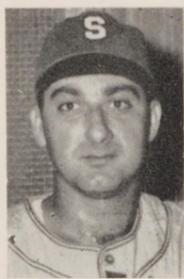
PEPPER  
Pitcher



PITTS  
Third Base



RUSSELL  
Outfielder



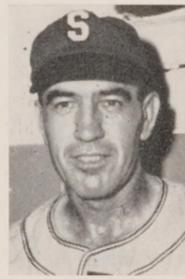
RISTER  
Outfielder



SCHAACK  
Pitcher



SPARACINO  
Second Base



THURMAN  
Manager



WHITTINGTON  
First Base

## Keglers' Korner

by Marx Isaacs

Here's the alley set up for fall and winter bowling!

Shell Chemical Mixed League, "Freddy" Frederickson, secretary—Lawndale Alleys, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (Eight teams.)

Refinery Mixed League, John Schroeder, secretary—Lawndale Alleys, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Ten teams.)

### Join Soon

Anyone wishing to bowl in one of these loops should contact its secretary soon.

The SERA Summer Mixed Bowling League at the Recreation Center and Downtown Lanes on Tuesdays ended its season of 11 nights on August 7. After a false start May 1 because there weren't enough bowlers for eight teams, the league reorganized May 29 with six teams holding forth at the Center Lanes through July 17. Then the loop had to change headquarters to the Downtown Lanes because the center began moving into its next location on Harrisburg Boulevard.

### Activated Gas Wins

Activated Gas galloped ahead of Analytical in the home stretch by winning four points on the final night, while Analytical, only one point behind the Gassers the week before, captured but three markers. This gave the champs a two-point margin in the final standings.

Following Activated Gas, with 28 points won, came Analytical, Chemical Stores, Control Lab, Premium and Shell Refiners, with 26, 23, 21, 18 and 16 points respectively. The entire prize fund

was distributed to the teams on the basis of points won, no special awards being given to individual keggers or to teams scoring high game and series.

### Team Game—944

The top squad included George Thorn Jr., L. J. and Pat Synder, Norman and Lil Threw and Buddy Felten. They scored high team game, 944.

Runner-up Analytical listed Berry and Anne Risinger, Ray Clerc, Milt and Libby Miller, Dick Hunt, "Scotty" Foecking, Theda Kelley and Frances Sullivan. Their team series of 2637 was tops for the season.

All individual honors went to members of these two squads. Berry Risinger walked off with high man's game and series, 268-681. Anne, his better half, scored woman's high game and series with 231-565. Berry also had highest man's average, 199, and Lil Threw averaged highest among the ladies with 156.

### Inspection Captures Top

The summer mixed league at Lawndale on Wednesdays had its final session on August 15. Inspection, the league-leaders during most of the season, captured top honors, beating out second-place Bubble Caps by two points.

The gap was wider between the final tallies of the second and third placers. Travelers and Alkylation tied for third and were five points behind the Cappers. Trailing were Activators and Alcoholics in fifth and sixth spots, respectively.

The roster of the "champs" included Charlie and Norma Brockmeyer, John Schroeder, John Hermann, "Shorty" Locke, and Catherine Gable. Bubble Caps had Bill

Rogers, Al Dugas, Joe Bunn, Harry Dufresne, Jean Williams, and Juanita Price.

### Travelers Hit 2477

Travelers registered high team series, with 2477, and Alkylation scored high team game 880.

Bill Rogers of Bubble Caps tallied highest man's series, 541, and Vic Torres of Activators turned in a high individual game of 230. Among the ladies, Anne Washburn of Alkylation, waltzed off with both high game and series, 212-529.

## Pigskin Prediction Puts Texas Tops

by Kemper Kaiser

FOOTBALL: It is that time of year again to get out on a limb in selecting top college football teams both nationwide and here locally in the Southwest Conference. See how these selections compare with your opinions. It's all in fun. Here they are:

### National Ranking

1. Ohio State
2. Tennessee
3. Michigan State
4. California
5. Notre Dame
6. Texas
7. Alabama
8. Kentucky
9. Washington
10. Illinois

### Southwest Conference

1. Texas
2. Baylor - Texas A & M Tied
3. TCU
4. SMU
5. Arkansas
6. Rice

# CHEMICAL



## Sewaren Plant Operates As Vital Link To Market

Did you ever wonder where the tank cars, tankers, and box cars were headed when they left the Houston Plant? We called upon the Editor of the Sewaren Employees magazine for some help on this question and the following story is due almost entirely to his assistance.

If you happen to work closely with the shipment of our products you know most of them are sent to the plant in New Jersey. Sewaren's importance to us can be seen when we consider that more than 26,000,000 gallons of chemicals moved through the plant last year.

The Sewaren Plant is Shell's major distribution center for the Eastern half of the United States, from which is delivered most of the entire line of both Shell Oil and Shell Chemical products to thousands of service stations, farms, homes and factories.

Most of our production reaches Sewaren by tankers frequently called "floating drug stores" due to the variety of products carried.

The balance of our production sent to Sewaren arrives by rail in tank cars and drum shipments and in rare instances by truck. As for the distribution from Sewaren, 65% of all shipments are made by transport trucks, 25% by tank car and 10% by drums.

### Quality Controlled

The quality of all chemicals handled at Sewaren is closely controlled through every stage right up to the customer's door. Samples of all incoming shipments are analyzed before being discharged into storage tanks. A separate pipeline is used for each product from ship to storage. Periodic checks are made of the chemicals in storage, and each bulk shipment to a customer is analyzed to assure the customer receiving the high quality product he ordered.

Until the local Alcohol Denaturing unit went on stream recently, Sewaren received our entire pure alcohol production. The alcohol was transported and held there under bond until being denatured under government supervision. This is still a big chemical operation at Sewaren.

Many, many other Shell products are processed at Sewaren. In the

compounding plant, one of Shell's largest, lubricating oil base stocks and various additive materials are combined to provide motor, marine and industrial oils to meet almost every conceivable need in these fields. Here also drums and cans are filled and prepared for shipment.

### Insecticides To Glass Cleaner

A specialties plant compounds hundreds of items from insecticides to glass cleaner. It also packages and ships these products in all size containers. An asphalt plant receives two basic grades of crude and blends them to make eight different asphalts. These are processed into about 50 "cutbacks"—a term for asphalts diluted with various solvents—which make the product easier to spread in applications such as road building and roofing.

The control laboratory at Sewaren not only acts as the "watch dog" controlling the quality of products leaving the plant, but it also participates in the development of new and improved products. The products application laboratory has worked closely with Shell Refineries in developing outstanding fuel oils, and it has done much in cooperative testing programs with burner manufacturers. In a program to help improve various types of burners, the Lab has developed the Shell Combustion Head—a device effecting an average fuel oil saving of over 20%. Before ending our introduction to Sewaren these facts were noted in the plant booklet.

### Fill 1% Overweight

One and five quart cans are filled 1% overweight in the compounding plant. This is done so that the customer will receive the full quantity for which he pays despite the fact that some oil sticks to the sides of each container when it is emptied.

The plant makes every effort to minimize waste. For example, waste products obtained from empty drums returned to the plant are processed into fuel for the plant boilers. Drums of thinner, used in cleaning stencils, eventually absorb so much paint that the thinner is used as paint in the stenciling operation.

## Engineering

If you want to see an ideal layout for a home work shop, see **Jack Parker**. He and his father-in-law have recently finished building a garage apartment where the shop is located. **Jack** has several pictures showing how they have conserved space and made parts of their equipment from scrap materials.

Two new Jr. Engineers in the drafting room are **Tom Hayes** from the University of Minnesota and **Percy (Mac) Baker** from Texas University.

The latest invention of note has been turned out by **Lloyd Lundahl**. It is an air carburetor for cooling short stemmed pipes (the tobacco smoking variety).

Using the latest scientific method for picking the winner, that is, drawing the names from a hat backwards, I've come up with the following prediction for the final standing of teams in the Southwest Conference: 1. Texas A & M, 2. Rice, 3. Texas, 4. S. M. U., 5. T. C. U., 6. Baylor, and 7. Arkansas.

## Personnelities

After **Don Cook's** vacation among the hills around Kerrville the first two weeks of September, **M. L. Cox** claims the rigors of being a schedule clerk do qualify one for a vacation. So he is going to take to the hills himself in October.

Just when we thought vacations were over we learn **Elmer Saxon** is enjoying his by staying around Houston. **Harry Dufresne** and his family however took to the road and made the "Grand Loop" via Los Angeles and San Francisco. Not to be outdone **Mary Catherine McAfee** and her husband made a "Grand Loop" also—via St. Louis and Baton Rouge. All parties brought back pleasant memories.

## Operations

**J. E. Beasley** and the game warden of Panola County are good friends now, for twenty-one dollars that is. Oh well, the fish should have been good.

Our up and coming **Mr. W. T. Urquhart** finally broke loose from some of that gold and purchased a country cottage near the big city of Pasadena. More than likely paid cash too.

**R. J. Daigle** is off to Yankee land for two weeks of free room and board. If he eats up there, like he does out here, he will be chased off in a week.

## Stores

Well here I come poking my little pointed head out through all this stuff on my desk. After standing up I can clearly see that we have two beautiful young ladies that were not here the last time I looked. Welcome **Doreen Clendenan** and **Norma Jeanne Larsen**.

We are all deeply concerned over **C. H. Van Hees**. He has been in the hospital for quite a spell, but seems to be improving now. Hurry back Van. We miss you.

A freight train extending from Houston to a point several miles the other side of New Orleans would be required to carry the products shipped by the Sewaren Plant in a single year. This imaginary train is rapidly increasing in length each year.

# News Review

## WOOD RIVER REFINERY PRODUCES RAW MATERIAL FOR "SOAPLESS SOAPS"

The housewife is among those important customers who will get the ultimate benefits from Shell Oil Company's new Wood River Refinery plant which recently went on stream to manufacture dodecyl benzene. The product, used as a raw material for making base materials for synthetic detergent manufacture will be marketed by Shell Chemical Corporation.

Detergents have given our homemakers "soapless soaps" for washing dishes, cleaning floors, doing the family wash and cleaning porcelain. Similar cleaning agents are used by industry for a variety of jobs which range from cleaning fruits and vegetables and the railroad cars which carry them to preparing metals and textiles for processing. The armed forces also use synthetic detergents which will operate efficiently in salt or hard water.

Shell's increased production of dodecyl benzene, one of a group of chemicals known as "alkylated aromatics", will help ease the tight supply of base materials for synthetic detergents.

## SHELL OF CANADA TO BUILD PETROCHEMICAL PLANT

Shell Oil Company of Canada, Ltd., recently announced it would build a \$3,000,000 petrochemical plant adjoining its Montreal Refinery. Construction was begun this summer and completion is planned in the latter half of 1952.

Two chemicals will be manufactured: isopropyl alcohol and ace-

tone. According to President W. M. V. Ash, some 20,000,000 pounds of these two products will be made annually. This will take care of a major portion of the Canadian demand for these chemicals, now filled by imports.

## SHELL INCREASES SULPHONATE OUTPUT

Additional facilities for the manufacture of oil soluble sodium sulphonates recently went on stream at Shell Oil Company's Martinez Refinery. The product will continue to be marketed by Shell Chemical Corporation.

Increased production will help relieve the tight supply of sulphonates, the demand for which is strong, particularly as additives for heavy-duty lubricating oils. Sulphonates in oil prevent deposits from forming in motor engines, valves and pistons.

Automobile manufacturers recommend sulphonate-containing oils for long engine life, and the Government requires additive-type lubricating oils to increase the service period of trucks, tanks, and jeeps. Such oils are also needed by present-day diesel locomotives for operation at top efficiency.

## RADAR HELPS SPEED SHIPMENTS OF OIL

Oil shipments by tanker and barge are being speeded by radar. On barge operations particularly, radar helps prevent propeller damage by warning against the approach of heavy driftwood and sand bars. Barges also use ship-to-shore telephones to keep oil storage terminals advised of expected arrival time.



Seated, left to right: Dick Snedden, Bill Ruyter, Ken Hartman, and Bob Fehner; standing, left to right: Lyman Osborne, Bill Womble, Mack Baker, John Giese, and Dick Edinger. These men were in the latest twelve day indoctrination program that was held for new technical employees. A total of fifty-three men from key positions within the plant serve as discussion leaders for these groups, presenting basic information that is used daily in our plant operations.



Farewells were said in August to F. P. Thompson and E. A. Connally when they left the P&IR Department for new assignments. Left to right, Don Cook, John Lacy, Mike Connally, Tom Thompson, Harry Dufresne, and Dorothy Shipp. Tom Thompson moved to the Shell Building in downtown Houston, and Mike Connally is helping to hold the National Guard together.

**CADDY TO MARTINEZ—**  
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through various technical positions at Wood River, he was transferred to the Houston Refinery in 1941 as Manager of the Gas Department. Returning to Wood River in a similar capacity in 1942, he later moved to Shell Oil's Head Office Manufacturing Department in 1943. He was assigned as Assistant Plant Superintendent of Shell Chemical's Houston Plant in 1949.

Frank Watson was originally employed at Shell Chemical's Dominguez Plant as a Chemist in 1942. In 1944 he was transferred to the Cactus Ordnance Works as a Technical Assistant. Mr. Watson joined the Houston Plant Staff as an Assistant Department Manager in 1945. Since 1947 he has served as in Operating Department Manager. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry from Princeton University.

Howard Duguid began his career with the Shell Chemical Corporation as a Draftsman at the Shell Point Plant in 1934. He was assigned to Martinez in 1936 and returned to Shell Point in 1938, moved to the San Francisco Head Office in 1942, and then to the Cactus Ordnance Works as a Senior Engineer in 1943. Mr. Duguid became Chief Engineer at Cactus in 1945. He returned to the San Francisco office the last of 1945. He was assigned to the Houston Plant as Chief Engineer in 1947. Mr. Duguid received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from the University of California.

Robert Walters began work for the Shell Oil Company in the Houston Area Land Department as a Draftsman in 1936. He was transferred to the Engineering Department of the Houston Refinery six months later. He advanced through various jobs in the Houston Refinery Engineering Department prior to his transfer to Shell Chemical Corporation's Houston Plant as Assistant Chief Engineer in 1946. During World War II, Mr. Walters was assigned to the Shell Pipeline Corporation in connection with the construction of the Bayou Pipeline. Mr. Walters received a Degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas and a Master of Science Degree from the University of Houston.

Other personnel moves in Shell Chemical were made within the Head Office Manufacturing De-

partment effective September 1, 1951.

C. W. Humphreys was assigned as General Manager, Manufacturing; M. Buck, Manager, Development; A. W. Fleer, Manager, Engineering; and L. M. Roberts, Manager, Operations. Morgan Williams, formerly Martinez Plant Manager, will become Assistant to the Vice President—Manufacturing.

*Engineering Field*

J. R. "Bob" Nelson returned from a vacation in New Orleans and really aroused everyone's interest with the various little souvenirs and mementoes he collected while gone. The very first day he was back he got to go to the Chemico and do some technical burning. He said it made him realize he was back home again.

"Ironjaw" Neagle has finally admitted there is one man in the plant almost as smart as he is. The man with this dubious distinction is "Windy" Rhoden in the Engineering Department. "Iron Jaw" spent three weeks out in the tank farm recently and J. D. Dillard finally consented to let him come back in the shop providing he takes another pipe test to see if he could still qualify. Dillard said he was still afraid to trust him on a few jobs.

**A Counter Spy**

"Cotton" Overturf asked Bob Nelson if he knew what a store detective was and when Bob told him no he answered, "a counter spy". That Cotton is really sharp after his vacation.

R. B. Stewart is still moaning about the overtime. Seems he has a Mercury to pay for.

We welcomed the ex-boilermaker, Ray Laws, into the welding

*Service Birthdays*

**TWENTY YEARS**



George C. BRITTAIN  
Eng.-Field

**FIFTEEN YEARS**



Mirl J. HARMON  
E Department



William B. READ  
Eng.-Field



Brooks C. VAN NESS  
Eng.-Field

**TEN YEARS**



Odell L. BROWN  
G Department



Clarence H. COUNTS  
A Department



Jim D. FLOROW  
Eng.-Field



Dual A. LUCAS  
E Department



Charles V. SHELTON  
G Department



Garland G. TABOR  
Eng.-Field

shop this month. He says he can hardly see after staying on 4-12 so long.

**The "Chemico Kid"**

A. J. Jordan is now known as the "Chemico Kid", or C. L. Jones "Right Hand Man".

Our sympathies go to "Silent" Enright McCord who is having difficulty in trying to figure out what to do with Frenchmen who have insomnia.

"Teacher" Ray Smith has just graduated another class of "Electronic Engineers" from "Lacy's College of Electronic Knowledge". When asked for a few remarks, "Teacher" Ray said, "I hate to see guys get so fat and sloppy."

Our congratulations to A. W. Williams who is the father of a new baby girl, but "Willie" why lay off—just to keep from passing out cigars?

**Hurry Back**

We are sorry to learn that N. L. Stephenson is off work for awhile with a bad arm. Hurry back Steve so you can work vacation relief for the shift men.

"C. A." Willis is yearning for the return of his old crony Ed De-Tuttle. He misses all the little things and not so much the big.

Ex-foreman Abernathy is wearing those working men clothes again. It was a pleasure working for "Ab" while he was up in the executive compasity.

**Initial Test Run**

Stubby Nunn made his initial test run with his new boat and motor. His excursion turned out to be an ordeal before he finally returned to the good ole terra firma.

Oscar Holt is obtaining himself a new fly-rod. Purchase price

36,000 cigarettes. If he's lucky he'll have himself a free meal.

R. D. Phillips returned from a very pleasant vacation. He toured out to Buchanan Dam and returned with plenty of fish.

Elledge has purchased a gelding horse. He is in the market for a side saddle.

Kristenek is now a prize fighter. He's a fancy boxer, but what a shape.

Noel Smith has returned from a two weeks training cruise at Pensacola, Florida.

S. F. Kinion has just returned from his vacation. He spent two weeks way up in Tomball.

"Dad" Utech went fishing at Sheldon Reservoir the other day and as usual the big one got away and the little ones too.

In the footprints of the sands of time, some people leave only the marks of a heel.

*Treasury*

Steve McAulif, a new employee in the Treasury Department, was assigned to the Cost Section. Steve is a Houstonian but his service in the Army, the time spent getting his degree at Sam Houston, and the graduate work he did at the University of Texas, left him little time to spend in Houston. He and his wife, and four month old daughter have decided to settle down.

The Hollifields have returned from a two weeks vacation spent in the mountains of New Mexico. One of their stops was Albuquerque where Mrs. Hollifield attended her college class reunion.

**New Girls**

There has been a little color added to the all men Cost Section office. The Utility Section including Ann Price, Juanita Price, and Pete Quinn have recently moved in.

**Off To School**

September is the month for all to start to school again and Shell's employees are no exception. Some in Treasury are going to school to teach but some to learn. Marjorie Reeder has assumed her duties at Deer Park. Let's hope her experience at Shell will be helpful to her in her teaching in the future.

That personality kid, Joann Raney, is a Student Nurse at Memorial Hospital. Sure hope Shell doesn't have too many accidents and all the men have to go to Memorial. But then who could blame them. Frankie Jean is starting at the University of Houston night school but what she is studying no one knows. We understand that men also attend the U. of H.

We are sorry to hear that Betty Millard's husband has been sent over seas. We pray it won't be too long Betty before he is home again to stay.

*The Tattle Tale*

I made it back again in spite of the heat. Here is a piece of news for you. Mr. Barrett of Crosby, Texas, really put the club dance program over in style, after getting a late start. The dance was in Crosby, Texas on Aug. 3, and there was only a three day notice to the public. T. Jones and Van Watson thought the dance would be a flop. They sure missed out for not being there.

P. Canada, F. J. Lewis, and Jack (Big Money) Johnson were on hand for assistance. Also attending from Houston was J. Davis and Douglass (Play Boy) Faultry. We all had a wonderful time.

**Stores Safety Record**

(Hourly Employees)

PERIOD	Man Hours Worked	Number of Injuries	Number of Doctor Cases	Number of Disability Cases
1951 March, April, May	6,754	3	2	0
1951 June, July, Aug.	5,858	8	0	0

**Staff Safety Record**

1951 March, April, May	191,319	47	2	0
1951 June, July, Aug.	208,132	56	4	2

We all like to pay our legitimate bills, but there's one bill we can make up our minds, here and now, to avoid paying by putting an end to what causes it.

The bill we refer to is America's bill for preventable occupational injuries costing the nation over \$2 billion dollars a year!

Unnecessary accidents are causing American industry a loss of 40,000,000 man-days annually, or the equivalent of a year's full-time employment of 134,000 workers!

Let's get mean, ornery and stingy about it and refuse to contribute another dime. Greater personal carefulness and the determination to work safely on the job will void the bill.



Reba Haskinson, Bill Wilson, acting as M. C., and Al Dugas are seen here in the midst of the recent farewell and best wishes gathering held in honor of Reba and Al getting married, and Reba's leaving her job to take up new duties as a housewife.

**Births**

**REFINERY**

June 25: William Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. McKinney (Stores). Weight 4 lbs. 12 oz.

June 27: Billie Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Long (Distilling). Weight 6 lbs. 5 oz.

August 1: James Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hambrick (Machine Shop). Weight 5 lbs. 12½ oz.

August 4: Edgar Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stanfield (Pipe Shop). Weight 8 lbs. 3 oz.

August 4: Michael Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parrish (Docks). Weight 7 lbs. ¼ oz.

August 6: Steven Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Willingham (Control Lab). Weight 7 lbs. 3 oz.

August 15: Michael David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Maddux (Technological). Weight 10 lbs. 4 oz.

August 15: Joyce Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilkinson (Research). Weight 7 lbs. 10 oz.

August 16: Glenda C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hicks (Engineering-Field). Weight 5 lbs. ½ oz.

August 16: Karl Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Plaisance (Drafting). Weight 6 lbs. 14 oz.

August 18: Carolyn Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lyons (Pipe Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 15½ oz.

August 19: James Loyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ashmore (Boilermaker Shop). Weight 8 lbs. 9 oz.

August 24: Michael Terrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Doyle (Engineering). Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Sept. 14: Toni Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix M. Casey (Engineering). Weight 6 lbs. 9 oz.

Sept 3: Melvin Edward, Jr., son Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fielder (Drafting). Weight 6 lbs. 14½ oz.

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July 18: Lonnie Karl, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Wolfe (G Operations). Weight 7 lbs. 10 oz.

August 6: Tillie Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rolke (Pipeshop). Weight 5 lbs. 15 oz.

August 18: Billy Evan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rodgers (Pipe Shop). Weight 6 lbs. 5½ oz.

August 27: Karen Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Williams (Instrument Shop). Weight 4 lbs. 3½ oz.

August 28: John Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hartman (Pipeshop). Weight 7 lbs. 12½ oz.

Sept. 1: Larry Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Greer (Engineering Field). Weight 7 lbs. 8 oz.

**Classified**

**FOR SALE:** Model A Roadster, 1930 Model. Perfect condition.  
E. T. Shandera  
415 Finrock Pasadena

**WANTED:** A baby bed, including springs, mattress not needed.  
M. A. McCutcheon KE-1347  
Chemical 371

**FOR SALE:** 1948 Chevrolet four door sedan. Perfect condition, low mileage. New tires and brakes. Heater, windshield washers, oil filter, seat covers, under coat. One owner.  
D. V. Cook, PR-0057 (After 6 p.m.)  
Chemical 308



GIP GIBSON  
... Never misses ...

**Gip Never Misses Day In Four Years Work At Refinery**

It's hard to stop Robert Lee (Gip) Gibson from reporting for work. September 3 marked four years without an absence for Gip.

Cold doesn't stop him. During the big freeze last winter, Gip climbed up high to knock icicles off the equipment. His hat was hung with icicles and his clothes frozen to him when he passed out and had to be carried inside the office to warm up.

Sickness doesn't stop him, because he's never sick. "I've never been sick a day in my life" the ex-football player declared.

Accidents don't stop him. Gip says he is always careful to follow safety procedures and admits that he watches the others to see that they are careful too. "I want to thank the Safety Men for telling everyone to be careful, and I want to thank the men who took care of me when I froze, especially Mr. Staton."

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have a fourteen-year-old daughter named Ruby Lee. Gip is a Master Mason, has studied embalming and is a mortician. Having played football at Jack Yates Colored High School, Gip's special hobby is watching football.

**New Employees**

**REFINERY**

**Research**

W. H. Hinds, Chemist  
J. J. Kane, Junior Chemist  
M. Nager, Chemist

**Engineering**

L. F. Anders, General Helper  
W. F. Calwell, Asst. Foreman Craft-PFT  
T. C. Chaney, General Helper  
G. B. Dulany, Junior Engineer  
C. L. Easton, General Helper  
B. F. Faulbner, Jr., Asst. Foreman Craft-PFT  
D. H. Hadley, Jr., General Helper  
J. A. Hammons, General Helper  
E. E. Henson, General Helper  
S. A. Hester, Asst. Foreman Craft-PFT  
E. G. Maas, General Helper  
J. C. Mullin, General Helper  
J. A. Simpson, General Helper  
H. R. Strickland, General Helper  
C. A. Trumbature, General Helper  
R. C. White, Draftsman  
J. L. Wood, General Helper  
M. Young, General Helper

**CHEMICAL**

**Engineering**

P. M. Baker, Jr., Junior Engineer  
T. J. Hayes, Junior Engineer  
C. B. Samuell, General Helper

**Laboratory**

K. S. Hartman, Junior Chemist  
J. G. Schuren, Junior Chemist  
R. J. Shrontz, Junior Chemist

**Stores**

D. D. Clendenan, Typist

**Treasury**

P. A. Harms, Operator Keypunch  
A. W. Henderson, Stenographer  
R. C. Manuell, Junior Clerk  
S. R. McAuliffe, Clerk  
B. S. Millard, Stenographer

**Personnel Changes**

**REFINERY**

**FROM TO**

Treasury	FROM	TO
G. P. Box	Clerk	Clerk
W. D. Krause	Treating	Treasury
J. D. Phoenix	Mail Carrier	Junior Clerk
	Treasury	Treasury
	Clerk	Clerk
	Eng.-Field	Treasury
<b>Engineering</b>		
E. D. Clark	Mechanic No. 2	Mechanic No. 1
E. L. Kuerbis	Eng.-Auto	Eng.-Auto
F. W. Mohrhuse	Pipefitter Helper No. 1	Rigger Helper No. 2
J. J. Parrott, Jr.	Cracking	Eng.-Field
C. H. Raymond	General Helper	Truck Driver No. 2
J. M. Rise	Eng.-Field	Eng.-Auto
Joretta F. Schwartz	General Helper	Truck Driver No. 2
H. L. Varnes	Eng.-Field	Eng.-Auto
	Clerk	Clerk
	Gas	Engineering
	General Helper	Boilermaker Helper No. 2
	Eng.-Field	Eng.-Field
	Clerk	Junior Draftsman
	Engineering	Engineering
	General Helper	Boilermaker Helper No. 2
	Eng.-Field	Eng.-Field
<b>Research</b>		
J. L. Lemons	Storekeeper	Service Assistant
	Research	Research
<b>Fire &amp; Safety</b>		
J. E. Gaskill	General Helper	Gateman No. 2
J. C. Hart	Eng.-Field	Fire & Safety
V. L. Phillips	General Helper	Gateman No. 2
	Eng.-Field	Fire & Safety
	General Helper	Gateman No. 2
	Eng.-Field	Fire & Safety
<b>Distilling</b>		
W. A. Dick	Junior Technologist	Junior Technologist
L. R. Schultheis	Technological	Distilling
	Clerk	Clerk
	Stores	Distilling
<b>Economics &amp; Scheduling</b>		
C. E. Beecher	Technologist	Technologist
	Distilling	Econ. & Sched.
<b>Stores</b>		
H. W. Payne	Clerk	Clerk
	Treasury	Stores
<b>Cracking</b>		
A. V. Doyle	Engineer	Technologist
	Econ. & Sched.	Cracking
<b>Treating</b>		
M. G. Jordan	Clerk	Clerk
	Distilling	Treating

**CHEMICAL**

<b>Engineering</b>		
W. H. Berkley	Operator No. 1 (Hrly.) "A" Department	Sub-Foreman Labor (Staff) Engineering
E. D. Stanley	Mtee. Shift Foreman (Hrly.) Engineering Field	Foreman Mtee. Shift (Staff) Engineering
H. R. Wynne	Sr. Engineer	Chief Engineering Inspector
<b>Laboratory</b>		
D. M. Church	Junior Chemist	Chemist
<b>Operations</b>		
R. K. Millar	Technologist	Technical Assistant
E. H. VanVooren	Technological	G Department
	Junior Chemist	Technical Assistant
	Laboratory	E Department
<b>Personnel and Industrial Relations</b>		
M. L. Cox	Clerk	Clerk
F. P. Thompson	Engineering	P&IR
	Clerk	Central Employment Office
	P&IR	Shell Oil, Houston
<b>Technological</b>		
R. C. Gleason	Technical Assistant	Technologist
M. G. Henshaw	G Department	Technological
	Mfg.-Development	Sr. Technologist
	New York	Technological
<b>Treasury</b>		
O. W. Covin	Operator Keypunch	Clerk
C. E. Myers	Clerk	Sr. Operator Tab. Machine

**Weddings**

**REFINERY**

Miss Catherine Stevens became the bride of Edward E. Lemm, Jr. on July 13 in ceremonies performed in Houston. Mr. Lemm is employed in Engineering-Field.

Mary Joan and James B. Vann are at home following their wedding August 8. The couple was married in Richmond. Mr. Vann is in Dispatching.

Miss Patricia Lee Mueller of Atlanta, Ga. and Mr. Edward Joseph Walichowski were married in Atlanta on September 1. Ceremonies were performed in the sacred Heart Church. Mr. Walichowski is a junior engineer.

**CHEMICAL**

John W. Burks (Paint Shop) was married to Yvonne Holloway, of Seabrook, Texas. The ceremony took place August 25, 1951 at the Seabrook Methodist Church.

James T. Stulting (Automotive) was married to Margaret Knight in Houston on June 22, 1951.

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George chose a convertible—yellow with a black top!

Ety Matthews goes to the head of the class for her bowling the first night of the SERA tourney. She spotlighted her bowling with a 150 game and came out with an average of 137 for the evening.

Mahlon Hale knows how to add things up and come out with the right total—in this case bricks. He is building a brick fence at his home. He says he is not available for bricklaying, since he can't guarantee how long his work will stand.

**Lucky Boys**

Lucky little grandsons of Mrs. Baker received matching shirts which she whipped up for them over the Labor Day holidays.

**Instrument Group Has \$6,000,000 Exhibit**

The Instrument Society of America held its annual meeting in Houston September 10-14. Over 60 million dollars of equipment was exhibited at the meeting. Les Brooks of Houston Refinery and Jack Parker of the Chemical Plant were chairmen of ISA committees.

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