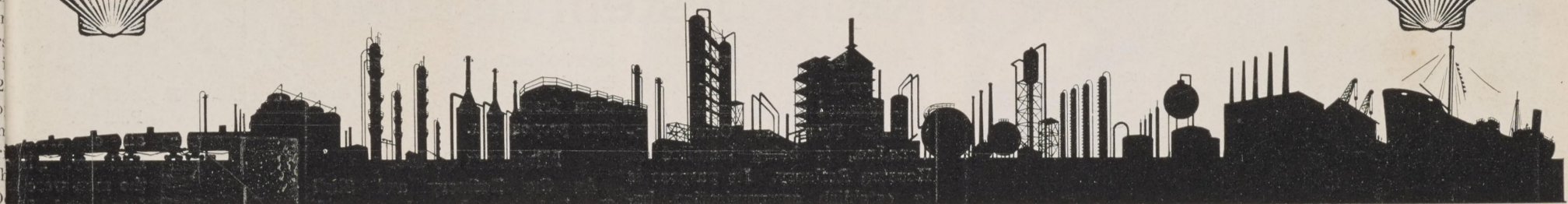
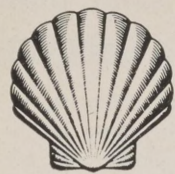


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Chemical Lessens Defense Shortages Increases Output, Begins Sulphur Plant

Two Chemicals Output Increased By 30, 50%

Installations increasing synthetic glycerine output by 50 percent and ethyl chloride output by 30 percent have been completed at the Houston, Texas, plant of Shell Chemical Corporation, it was announced today by B. M. Downey, Houston plant manager.

The ethyl chloride addition also required an increase in the production of ethylene.

Operations commenced at the new units late in 1951 and the manufacture of these vital chemicals is rapidly nearing scheduled capacity. Synthetic glycerine, in heavy demand because of growing military needs, is necessary for use in explosives. It is also used in the manufacture of cellophane, resins and many other products.

Ethyl chloride is a basic starting material in the making of tetraethyl lead, antiknock fluid for motor gasoline and aviation fuel. It is also essential for use in a wide range of products including waterproofing compounds, lacquers and varnishes, transparent wrapping films, coated paper and textiles.

More Oil Chemicals

Twenty-five per cent of all chemicals manufactured in this country are derived from petroleum. Within ten years it is estimated that this figure will be close to 50 per cent.

Southern Industry Opens Sales Office

Shell Chemical Corporation, Eastern Division, has opened a new district sales office in Atlanta, Georgia. This office will serve the states of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and the eastern half of Tennessee.

Shell Chemical's Marketing Vice President, L. V. Steck, said recently in New York: "The new Atlanta Office is a result of the South's

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Walsh's Arrival Starts Sulphur Plant Building

Construction began this month on Shell Chemical's Sulphur Plant. Supervising the erection of this vital defense project is Mr. Charles Walsh, Field Superintendent of the Ralph M. Parsons Company of Los Angeles.

Covering a plot approximately 60 feet by 140 feet, the plant will be built with provisions for future expansion. A large concrete storage tank 19 feet by 36 feet will be built underground for the molten sulphur.

Waste Refinery and Chemical gases will be catalytically converted into sulphur at an annual output of more than 13,000 tons. This will help alleviate the 500,000 ton annual shortage in the United States. The sulphur will be sold for conversion to sulphuric acid, a vital industrial raw material.

The new plant has been certified by the government as a necessary defense project. It is being constructed by Ralph M. Parsons Company of Los Angeles.

Sulphur in some form is used in almost every manufacturing process. A pertinent index of a nation's industrial output is the total consumption of sulphur.

Waste Refinery gases containing hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide and a small percentage of light hydrocarbons, will be burned and converted into sulphur in the new plant now under construction.



CAREFUL DRIVING was responsible for this plaque won at Houston Refinery.

Refinery Wins Safe-Driving Award for Accident-Free Fleet Operation

Houston Refinery has a plaque they are proud to display.

It is an award from the National Safety Council showing that the Refinery came out tops in the Passenger Car Fleet Division of the National Fleet Safety Contest.

To win this trophy, all employees who drove company passenger cars during the period of July 1, 1950, through June 30, 1951, operated without experiencing a single traffic accident involving a passenger car.

Mr. M. P. L. Love, Manager of Houston Refinery, in his January

announcement of the award, revealed that 42 passenger car fleets were competing in this division of the contest.

Contest rules define an accident as "any accident in which the contestant's vehicle is involved, unless properly parked, where such accident results in death, personal injury, or property damage, regardless of who was hurt, what property damaged, or who was responsible."

U. S. refineries have a combined capacity to process 7,230,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

New Line-Up

Dorrell New SERA Business Manager

D. B. Dorrell, Dispatching Department Manager, has been named business manager of SERA. He replaces Art Doyle who left Houston for Shell's Montreal Refinery.

New secretary-treasurer is Marie Marschall, Shellegram editor. Wendy Winborn, who held the job previously, left the Refinery to be married. Assistant secretaries are Juanita Price of Shell Chemical and Peggy James and Ellen Pate of the Refinery.

T. H. Hahn of Shell Chemical will be chairman of the new committee set up to study SERA finances. Also on the committee are Ray Kissinger and Buster Dorrell.

K. G. Arabian is the new publicity director, and T. L. Wilson has been made purchasing chairman.

Other chairman for the year are J. R. Herrmann, bowling; Fay Wismer, style show; Sam Gennusa, Woody Myers, Noel Smith, dances; Claude Fisher, softball; Warren Saunders, J. R. Wacey, men's golf; Kemper Kaiser, amateur baseball; Hugo Leuders, gun club; Dixon Kirk, basketball; Hortense Barrell,

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Construction Completed At Eureka Terminal

Shell Oil Company recently completed additional construction at its terminal at Eureka, California. This installation was enlarged to increase its storage capacity and to facilitate faster movement of gasoline and fuel oil.

The bulk storage capacity of the Eureka Terminal was stepped-up

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ONE OF THE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT groups sponsored by Shell's Wood River Refinery. The Unicorn Enterprises Company, is shown at work on their project—making plastic towel racks. Standing third, fourth and fifth from left are Wood River Advisors to the group, H. H. Wingert, O. G. Forcade and J. T. Loftis.

Youths Run Real Business Organizations

One of the most interesting and wide-spread youth movements in the country is an organization called Junior Achievement. This movement exists for the purpose of acquainting high school boys and girls with the methods of American business.

Chapters or "Companies" of Achievement groups are sponsored by business and industry all over the United States. Shell's Wood

River Refinery and the Portland Marketing Divisions have joined other industrial organizations in the work of fostering in young people a sense of business responsibility and an understanding of American business methods.

These teen-age "Companies", under the guidance of their advisors from business and industry, are formed each October and are

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VIEW OF NEW Boiler House area looking North East shows the steam and mud drums in place. This boiler is No. 2-3. The second boiler will be No. 2-1 and will be erected on existing foundations where the boiler makers change house now stands.

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GOODBYE CORROSION—A corrosion Prevention and Mitigation crew plants magnesium bars along the Products Pipe Line's North Line out of Wood River, Illinois. These Magnesium bars, buried in the earth and connected by means of copper wire to the pipe line which is located underground about five feet from the marker post, help prevent or arrest electrolytic corrosion.

Bus Club Re-Elects Johnson President, Votes Fee Removal

New members of the Shell Refinery Employees Bus Club will not have to pay the eight dollar assessment formerly required, new officers of the club voted at the first 1952 meeting. Only a two dollar stock deposit, which is refunded to the member when he leaves the club, will be necessary.

R. D. Johnson has been re-elected president of the club. F. J. Brown is vice-president, and W. C. Felcher was named treasurer.

Directors Named

Directors of the club are F. J. Slott and L. M. Neel of Engineering Field, T. E. Finch and M. R. Schultz of Operations, and Jack Cleveland and Z. Z. Brewer of the Chemical Plant.

"With the cooperation of our members, your Bus Club made big improvements in 1951. With your usual support, we expect to show a larger gain in 1952. Let's all try to get more new members in our club," R. D. Johnson announced

Keep Records Straight

He requests that members fill out vacation slips which are obtainable from the bus drivers, and that if members are off sick, they have a form filled out or contact one of the club officers so that the records will be kept straight. He asks prompt payment of dues and says if an error is made in

Hawaiian Distribution

Shell's new bulk storage plant on the Island of Molokai, one of the Hawaiian Islands, has replaced two smaller plants outmoded by Molokai's expanding industry—ranching and pineapple production.

The new installation consists of storage for 320,000 gallons of gasoline, kerosine and diesel fuel. In addition, a modern fill stand, pumping facilities and warehouse have been constructed.

The plant, located at Kaunakakai Harbor, the only one on Molokai, is 54 miles from the island of Oahu, the headquarters of Shell's Honolulu Marketing Division. As this harbor is not large enough for ocean-going vessels, products are barged from Honolulu.

a receipt, please do not fail to take it up with the director of the club in your department and they'll be glad to straighten matters out.

Tips On Touring

By Carol Lane

WOMEN'S TRAVEL AUTHORITY

If you understand his language, a truck driver is a motorist's best friend. His language is a series of light signals for your driving safety and convenience.

Suppose you are driving at night and your car is behind a truck. This is how you carry on a "conversation" with the driver:

1. You blink your headlights once. This means, "Hello. Can I pass you safely?"
2. If he blinks his headlights once, he means, "All right. Go ahead". Or he may put on his left rear-directional signal to say the same thing.
3. If he blinks twice, he means: "Wait a moment, there's a car coming around a curve ahead."
4. If he blinks three times: "There serious trouble ahead. Be ready to help."
5. Blinking four times means: "Go easy—we're coming to an obstruction on the highway."

Once you have received the one-blink "all clear" signal, you may pass him. He may blink once again to tell you when it is time to cut back into his lane.

For daytime driving, a similar system of horn-honks and hand signals are used instead of the light-blinks.

SERA—

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women's golf; Archie Hood, tennis; A. F. Sartor, bridge club; Vince Maggio, Marx Isaacs, music and books; Harry Sandland, fishing derby; Bill Bryan, camera club; Virginia Lowery, art club.

Second Short Wave Radio System Installed

By R. W. Bray

A second short wave radio system, licensed and operated by Interstate Petroleum Communications, Inc., is being installed at Houston Refinery. Its purpose is to establish communication between the power plant area and the process units in both the Refinery and Shell Chemical. There will be twenty-five receiving stations and three combination receiving and transmitting stations.

Three Transmitters

The three transmitters will be located at the generator plant control room, the No. 2 boilerhouse control room, and in a mobile unit to be used by power plant supervisors between Nos. 1 and 2 boilerhouses. The No. 1 boilerhouse area is the existing boilerhouse while the No. 2 boilerhouse is now under construction on a site south of the catalytic cracking gas plant.

The prime purpose of the radio will be to inform process units immediately of power plant disturbances which threaten continuity of steam or electric supply. By being able to notify the processing plants immediately of unusual power plant conditions, it will be possible to enlist their sup-

port in limiting the effects of the disturbances and thus preventing them from pyramiding into serious proportions.

Minimum Of Delay

As the Refinery and Shell Chemical power demands approach the maximum existing generating capacity plus the power available from the Houston Lighting and Power Company, it becomes essential that the Refinery generator control room be able to maintain a steam and electric balance with a minimum of delay. The radio will also be used for transmitting general information which involves the general plant, such as the progress of hurricanes, contacting individuals during emergencies, etc.

In conjunction with the short wave radio system to be installed, a two-way intercommunication system will be incorporated in the Nos. 1 and 2 power plant areas. Future installations of intercommunication systems in process units will include features for short wave radio reception. Thus, all personnel in the general areas could be alerted.

Three Watt System

This second short wave radio system, licensed under Low Power Industrial Rules, as compared to the sixty watt system, licensed under Petroleum Radio Service Rules, is being used in automotive operations. Operating personnel of Nos. 1 and 2 power plants will be authorized by Interstate Communications, Inc. to transmit over this low power system within the Refinery. Unauthorized persons are prohibited by law from using either of these systems.

He: "You know, drinking makes you look so beautiful."

She: "But I haven't been drinking."

He: "No, but I have."

If there has ever been any doubt that we are a nation on wheels, it's been dispelled by recent figures which show that Americans drive 575,000,000 miles each day in going to and from work or on business.

Construction To Start On Canada Pipe Line

It was recently announced by W. M. V. Ash, President, that Shell Oil Company of Canada has become a partner in the Trans-Mountain Oil Pipe Line Company which is planning to build a \$80,000,000 line to carry crude oil from the Edmonton fields in Alberta to Vancouver in British Columbia.

Construction is scheduled to start this Spring. Plans call for a 24-inch line with an initial capacity of 75,000 barrels per day which can be increased to 200,000 barrels per day as demand warrants.

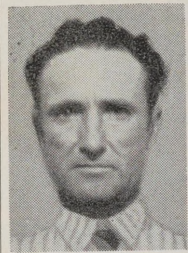
The building of this pipe line across the Rocky Mountains and the great coastal range will be one of the biggest feats of pipe line engineering ever undertaken.



NOTED SCULPTOR Berta Margoulies works on the statue destined for the woman who has made the most outstanding contribution to traffic safety in 1952. Presentation of the statue and a \$1000 defense bond will be made at the National Safety Council convention to the top winner of the Carol Lane Traffic Safety Award recently established by the Shell Oil Company.

Accident Kills Simon Hurts Car Companion

R. W. Simons, Operator No. 1 in Catalytic Gas, was killed in automobile accident on his home from work Jan. 27. Also in the car were W. M. Liggins, R. Mattox, W. H. McReynolds, Paul C. Depall of Houston Refinery. All the men were injured and Liggins and Mattox were admitted to hospital.



Mr. Simons was first employed as a General Helper in November, 1942. In February 1943 he began work in the Gas Department, moved to Catalytic Gas in January, 1946.

Mr. Simons was born in Midway, Texas. He is survived by his wife; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Simons; two sons, Clifford, 23, and Billy Bob, 21, and three grand-

Flossie Johnson Dies

Mrs. Flossie Johnson, retired Shell employee, died February 11 in a local hospital after a long illness. The former secretary of the superintendent retired in



spring, after working in Houston with Shell since 1938. She began work at Shell as a stenographer at Arkansas City Refinery in December 1923. Mrs. Johnson came to Houston as Head File and Clerk in 1938. In February 1941 she was made the manager's stenographer and became secretary of the superintendent in June 1944.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two daughters and a brother.

World Of Oil

Some idea of the tremendous demands that modern aviation makes on the oil industry can be grasped from the fact that an engine developing 4,000 horsepower at 375 miles per hour burns one gallon of fuel every 15 seconds.

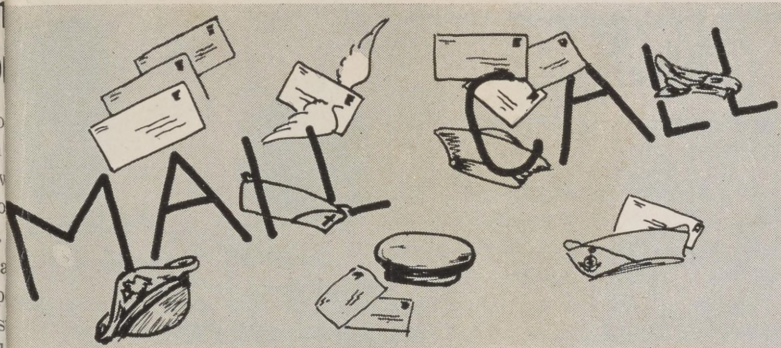
American oil men have discovered about two thirds of all the petroleum found in the world.

Approximately 2 million tons of steel pipe will be needed in 1952 to drill an estimated 44,000 wells.

Land leased for oil and gas exploration and development in the U. S. comprises 226,297,200 acres—more than the combined areas of Washington, Oregon and California.

More than one billion pounds of synthetic soap will be made from petroleum in the United States in 1951, according to forecasts at the Third World Petroleum Congress.

On a tonnage basis, the movement of crude oil and petroleum products account for about 65 per cent of the nation's ocean shipping and 35 per cent of the traffic on its inland waterways.



Weatherford Enlists

However with the rotation plan, we are still having to supply those replacements. The latest we are sorry to have to bid adieu to was R. D. Weatherford, Personnel & Industrial Relations, who has enlisted with the Army Air Force.

Though not listed as one Military Leave, we would like to bid a farewell to D. B. Potts of Treaters, who has enlisted in the Merchant Marines, a good provider for the Armed Services Overseas, as all we ex's know.

Gullick Visits Houston

Lt. Rentz Gullick, who has spent a year in Japan and Korea aboard the USS O'Brien, a Supply Ship, where he served as Operations Officer, recently paid us a visit while on a 30 day leave.

Lewis Stops By

Also to pay us a few hours of his leave time was Doug Lewis, Staff Sargent, US Marines, who has been stationed in the Aleutians for the past year.

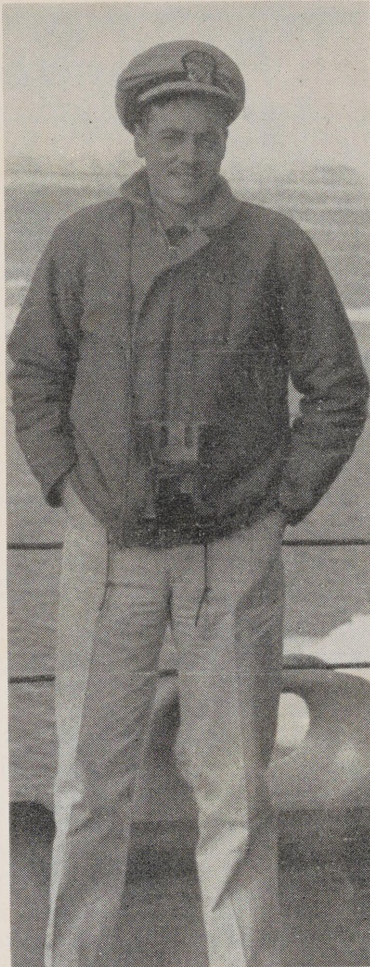


O. B. BRETT beside the mid-Japanese submarine at Yokasuka, Japan.

called to active duty in March, 1949, the first to leave the Houston Refinery for his tour of duty in this Korean conflict.

D. G. March, who has been in the Navy since March, 1951, has been stationed in Japan with the Beach Craft Crew. All in the Navy will know what an important job he was doing on that beach for liberty.

Starting a little something new this time, we are asking for pictures taken overseas of yourself and typical scenery.



LT. DON LANNING aboard the USS Shadwell (LSD-15) off the coast of Greenland in Icefield, July '51.

As you can see by the address I'm now close to Houston, so I should be in Houston to spend a couple of days if I can get off.

We are up here for the Longhorn Maneuvers and should be here from three to four months, and then we return to California, a nice seven day ride.

While I was in California, I got the chance to visit the Torrance Plant. I spent the New Year's Holiday with J. E. Tyson who worked at the Houston Plant before going to California.

Walter Fortune

SOUTHERN INDUSTRY—

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vigorous industrial growth over the past several years. Southern textile, paper and furniture industries need increasing quantities of solvents, industrial chemicals, plastics and resins.

M. W. Ellison, formerly Industrial Chemicals Sales Manager of the Corporation's Eastern Division, has been appointed District Manager.

The modern secretary may soon have nylon in her typewriter as well as on her toes. This versatile material—now made on a large scale from petroleum derivatives—has been introduced to the business world in the form of long-lasting typewriter ribbons.

Shipments of pipe for petroleum industry in 1950 totalled about four million tons . . . about 45 per cent of the total steel pipe shipments made during the year, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Two Bowling Victors

Alkylation Wins With Fat Margin, Ozalids Finish In Cinderella Form

By Marx Isaacs

All hail Alkylation! That squad finished the first 1951-52 session of the Refinery Mixed League at Lawndale (Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.) with the fattest margin over the second-placers that any top team has managed in an SERA league in many a season.

The eighteen-night tourney began Sept. 5, 1951, and ended Jan. 16, 1952. Alkylation jumped into an early lead and occupied either top or second spot throughout the session, gradually increasing its lead in the final few weeks to a big ten points at the finish.

53 Points Is Tops

Alkylation's record of 53 points won was followed by Inspection, Control Lab and Bad Batch with 43, 39 and 38 points, respectively. Lubesters, Dispatching, Research, Refiners, Industrial Relations and Treasury, finishing in that order, scored 34 points or less.

It's not hard to understand Alkylation's superiority, on observing that squad's roster. Included were Johnny Garrison, Ernie Harris, Ed Watts, W. C. Fulton, J. D. and Ann Washburn, and Dottie Sanders.

Tie Three Ways

Johnny Garrison finished in a three-way tie for highest man's average in the league with 167 which was also attained by Jeep Sartor and Bill Rogers. Ann Washburn's top average of 160 was 13 pins ahead of her nearest female competitor, Lil Thew.

Second place Inspection listed Walter and Betty Barabash, John Schroeder, Hermie Herrmann, Shorty Locke, F. Alexander, and Louise Searls.

Register 921 Game

Alkylation also won the prize for high team series with a fat 2648. Research got hot one night and registered a 921 game which captured the high team game title for the season.

Ray Zawistoski scored high men's series, 648, and Courtenay Bateman rang up high men's game with 245. Leela Sartor really had both high woman's game and series, 237-634, but relinquished high game to Ann Washburn since each legler is eligible for only one prize.

All team and individual scores quoted include handicaps.

The second session began January 23, with eight teams instead of ten. Industrial Relations moved into first place, but was shoved out after two weeks by Lubesters.

Call Schroeder

John Schroeder is the secretary-treasurer and anyone interested in joining the league should contact him.

An effort is being made to transfer the Refinery Mixed League to the Recreation Center Lanes on Harrisburg Boulevard for the summer and fall sessions, possibly forming a large, combined league with the Shell Chemical leglers.

A Cinderella Team

The first half of the 1951-52 season of the Shell Chemical Mixed League at Lawndale (Thursdays, 6:30 p. m.) came to a close Jan.

10, 1952, with "Cinderella team" Ozalids being proclaimed the champs. After occupying the cellar for the first two months of the season this bunch gradually eased itself into first place and stayed there the last five weeks, finishing with 45 points won.

Isodopes and Alcoholics were deadlocked with 42 points each and shared second and third spots. Wheels were breathing down their necks at the climax, with 41 points. Then came Bubble Caps, Ajays, Off-Specs, Travelers, Glyceralls, and Wiglets, scoring 36, 35, 35, 29, 29, and 26 points, respectively.

The toppers included H. Bogeman, T. Hayes, E. Maddox, R. Menke, P. Jevne, M. Henshaw, G. Harlan, and F. Stephenson.

Tops And Bottoms

Eighth-place Travelers won high team series, 2883, and the last-placers had some consolation in scoring high team game, 996.

High individual scores were turned in by W. Rister with a 270 game and F. Stephenson with a 651 series for the men. B. Jones with a 233 game and N. Eberman with a 606 series carried the colors for the ladies. All scores included handicaps.

EUREKA TERMINAL—

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from 200,000 gallons to over 1,700,000 gallons.

New wharfing facilities have been constructed which will accommodate ocean-going barges, and a new truck loading rack was installed which will result in maximum loading speed.

It is of interest to note that because of the marshy ground upon which the terminal is constructed, the huge storage tanks recently installed were built on pile foundations.



BUDDY FELTEN proves all that fishing talk was strictly true. Now that he's retired, Buddy and Joe Daigle go fishing often. Buddy holds 25 speckled trout they caught on live shrimp.

New developments and inventions of American oil scientists patented during the last five years total 8,179—an average of six for every working day.



W. N. ANDREWS who has returned to the Insulating Department. He is beside a 105 MM Hawser at Taejon, Korea, March 1951. He was also in the second crossing of the 38th parallel.

Marines Back

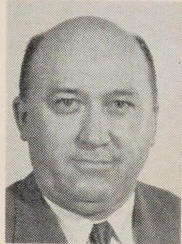
Osborne and Gray, both of the U. S. Marines, have landed back safely at Shell. Osborne was called to active duty the 13th of November, 1950, stationed at the 1st AAA AW Bat., A Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California. W. Gray, Utilities Department, was a Captain with the Marines, also, at Camp Pendleton. Starting his active duty in August 1950 and released to inactive duty January 1952, he was Officer-in-Charge of all the rifle ranges on the West Coast. Watch yourselves Utility Men, Gray could prove to be a good shot. Welcome back men and this is two happy landings for the Marines anyway.



CPL. BILLY HUGHES outside the battalion office where he works in Camp Pendleton, California.

Service Birthdays

Robert W. (Keg) Smith, Foreman of Lube Oil C, began his Shell employment at Arkansas City Refinery as a Gauger in the Cracking Department in February 1927. He came to Houston Refinery in May 1929 as a Pipefitter Helper and moved to the Distilling Department in August 1929 as a Stillman Helper. In September 1932, he became a Stillman. Next came the Lubricating Oils Department where he became Shift Foreman in February 1948 and stepped up to Foreman in September 1950.



Mr. Smith was born and attended school in Nemah, Nebraska. He and Mrs. Smith live at 109 Eastgate in Houston.

A. M. (Art) Flint, Personnel & Industrial Relations Department Manager, marks 25 years service with Shell this month. He began his career with Shell in February 1927 as a Junior Clerk at Wilmington Refinery. Interviewer in the Los Angeles offices came next and then Assistant Manager of Personnel and Industrial Relations at Martinez Refinery and the San Francisco Office. Before coming to Houston, Mr. Flint was Manager of the Policy and Research Division of Personnel and Industrial Relations in New York.



Mr. and Mrs. Flint and their two daughters, Susan and Patricia, live at 3722 Cleburne in Houston.

REFINERY

Fifteen Years

J. A. Cook, Eng.-Field
A. F. Padilla, Eng.-Field

Ten Years

T. J. Cross, Control Lab
J. T. Foulds, Research
L. O. Glover, Eng.-Field
H. A. McElroy, Eng.-Field
J. W. Schroeder, Inspection
I. L. Smith, Control Lab
R. G. Walton, Research

CHEMICAL

Ten Years

W. J. Driskell, Engineering



REFINERY

Dec. 13: Wiley Clifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lewis (Eng.-Field). Weight 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Jan. 14: Austin Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Weaver (Engineering).

Jan. 16: Sharon Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cowey, Jr. (End.-Field). Weight 8 lbs.

Jan. 16: William Boone, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cummins (Lube). Weight 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz.

Jan. 17: Denise Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips (Instrument Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Jan. 28: Linda Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wetuski (Cracking Cleanout). Weight 6 lbs. 1 oz.

Jan. 30: David Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bruner (Dispatching). Weight 8 lbs. 15 oz.

Feb. 1: Otis Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fransaw (Eng.-Field). Weight 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Feb. 2: Susan Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lewis (Cracking). Weight 7 lbs.

CHEMICAL

Jan. 14: Charles Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barrett (Labor Dept.). Weight 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz.

Jan. 14: William Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Scurlock (Boiler Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Jan. 19: Timothy Niel, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rudd (Boiler Shop). Weight 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Jan. 21: Farrell Eaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gergode (Stores). Weight 7 lbs. 8 1/2 oz.

Jan. 23: Marlyn Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsey (G Operations). Weight 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Jan. 24: Barbara John, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman (Insulator Shop). Weight 6 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.

Jan. 30: Debra Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dalrymple (Engineering). Weight 6 lbs.

Jan. 31: Janey Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas (A Operations). Weight 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Feb. 10: Douglas Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Smith (Instrument Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.

Personnel Changes

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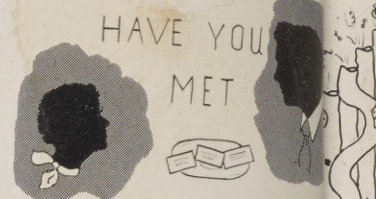
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| T. L. Sims | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| Control Lab | |
| L. Britton | Janitor |
| M. L. Burris | Eng.-Field Stenographer Treasury |
| Stores | |
| B. J. Gibson | Clerk |
| F. Holleman | Treasury Operator Helper Gas |
| M. M. Muscarello | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| Dispatching & Shipping | |
| A. M. Newton | Tester No. 3 Control Lab |
| W. H. Roberson | Welder Hlpr. No. 1 Eng.-Field |
| Plant Protection | |
| C. A. Minton | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| Cracking | |
| T. R. Davis | Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 1 Eng.-Field |
| R. E. Seay | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| R. E. White | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| Treating | |
| G. M. Daniel | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| Gas | |
| W. E. Barr | Rigger Hlpr. No. 1 Eng.-Field |
| M. S. Smith | Operator Hlpr. No. 1 Gas |
| Utilities | |
| E. E. Cornelius | Treater Hlpr. No. 3 Treating |
| Lubricating Oils | |
| R. M. Armstrong | Clerk |
| J. M. Cathey | Treasury Counterman No. 1 Stores |
| F. G. Remkes | Operator No. 1 & Shift Foreman Lubricating Oils |
| Engineering | |
| D. B. Evans | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| M. P. Hunter | Treater Hlpr. No. 3 Treating |
| C. S. Insall | Treater Hlpr. No. 1 Treating |
| K. C. Lawson | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| R. G. McCord | Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 2 Cracking Cleanout |
| R. E. Miles | General Helper Eng.-Field |
| M. A. Rife | Stab. Operator Hlpr. Distilling |
| D. W. Tibbs | Powerhouse Opr. Hlpr. No. 1 Eng.-Field |
| Construction | |
| G. W. Wehunt | Stenographer Treas.-Stenographic |
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| T. J. Hayes | Jr. Engineer |
| S. B. Lord | Jr. Engineer |
| J. G. Massey | Jr. Engineer |
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| C. A. Travland | Jr. Chemist |
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| Shipping | |
| E. E. Stringfellow | Supervisor Shipping |
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| D. M. Church | Chemist |
| J. H. Frohman | Laboratory Jr. Chemist |
| R. E. Moore | Laboratory Technical Assistant "A" Operations |

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| Asst. Dept. Mgr. Shipping | Asst. Dept. Mgr. Shipping |
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| Jr. Technologist | Jr. Technologist |
| Technologist | Technologist |
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| Engineering | |
| J. L. Beeson | Pipefitter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| M. W. Roseberry | Machinist No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| G. A. Summerlin | Boilermaker No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| G. E. Thompson | Machinist No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| P. M. Bell | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| F. W. Clawson | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| O. T. Hester | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| B. H. McClougherty | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| L. M. Parrott | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| C. B. Ross | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
| F. W. Silva | Painter No. 2 Eng.-Field |
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| J. I. Jones | Operator No. 2 A & B Operating |
| E. C. McClaskey | Operator No. 2 A & B Operating |
| G Operating | |
| E. G. Kingdon | Pumper-Gauger |
| P & R Operating | |
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"This rain dance is all very well, but maybe we should have a plane seed those clouds with dry ice!"



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C. V. Hakansson, Draftsman
E. J. Nelson, Jr. Engineer
J. H. Robinett, Draftsman
Technological
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Research
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Treasury
Maxine Huber, Stenographer
Mahdeen Needham, Jr. Clerk,
& File

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Helper
B. M. Gandy, General Operat
Helper
C. Alderman, General Operat
Helper
D. J. Fincher, General Operat
Helper
R. V. Gartman, General Operat
Helper
M. L. Emmick, General Operat
Helper

Operating G

F. H. Fintelman, General Operat
Helper
D. P. Parker, General Operat
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C. R. Wheeler, General Operat
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R. W. Meyer, General Helper



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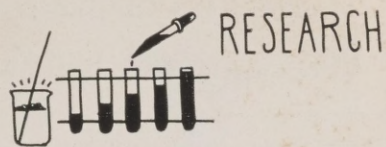
The First Baptist Church of Houston was the scene of a wedding of Miss Ollie Myrtle Goldsmith and Mr. J. D. Sprinkle, February 1. Mr. Sprinkle is employed in Lube C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watkins Hatcher, Jr., are at home at 55 Cortelyou Lane, MacGregor Place following their marriage February 15.

A double-ring ceremony was performed at 8 p. m. in the Baptist Christian Church. The bride is the former Juanice Winborn who was secretary-treasurer SERA and a Research stenographer before her marriage. Mr. Hatcher is a junior engineer.

Oil plays a part in the early life of those chicks which grow to grace the Sunday dining room table. According to the Department of Agriculture, an estimated 27% of the nation's chicks are brooded with oil heat. The remainder depend on electricity, coal gas, wood—and hens!

THE PIPE ORGAN



RESEARCH

We have really been having fruit-basket turn-over at Research lately with comings and goings and general restless change. Among the "comings" are that beautiful Pat Hurd to add glamour to our already glamour-loaded secretarial staff, and Bill Lodge, ex-Air Force pilot of a C-46 transport plane on the India-Burma-China run. Also there is Gene McDaniel's new son.

Among The Going

Among the "gongs" are Harriet Leff and Wendy Winborn, who became that comparative rarity, housewives. Gene Grigassy decided to devote full time to his business, the Houston Glass Fabricating Company, which supplies handmade special apparatus to supply houses, industries, and such research centers as the Veterans' Hospital. Tom Green also left to join our other luminaries in the bull pen at Head Office, New York.

In the general flip-flop are Ed Dowd, who took over Tom Green's work in the pilot plant; Theda Kelly, who took over for Russ Seber as "contact man" in the mass-spec group; and Gilbert Hayes, who got married!

Shell Development Company invaded the laboratory recently to set up tests on a new Shell Development catalyst for the cat cracker, and to work on a cooperative wax research program. Walter Appelby was among the visitors. He brought word that Eddie Gelus is now assistant to the vice-president and director of research of Shell Development Company, and is enjoying California, including—says Walter with a mean eye—the cool weather.

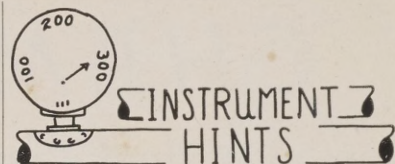
Hodge - Podge

Hodge-podge . . . Dr. Baker in his Buster-Brown boots . . . Larry Maas with that Bulova beauty he bought out of football winnings . . . Jo Scherrer fresh as a spring breeze with her poodle hair-do . . . Tony Padilla making a cypress fishing box for James Scott in return for Scotts installing a radio in his truck . . . Kerry Arabian with a revolutionary idea to stop dope traffic . . . the Ben Posts and Cliff Hogges with the same Bellaire house number, 4514 . . . Billy Jones learning to blow glass . . . Ed Roe's "Spanish art" calendar highlighted by a refractometer light . . . J. L. Robinson telling a fish story of people in his home



JEFF KEATE

"Naturally I expect a scolding now and then, Edith, but I wish you wouldn't take your lectures quite so seriously!"



Babies are claiming the spotlight at the Instrument Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Phillips have a new daughter at home now. Also Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rainey have a new baby girl at home. And Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Limon brought home a new daughter recently. Doesn't anyone ever bring home a baby boy? Boys are really not so bad. Why don't some of the fellows try a boy for a change? Anyway, congratulations are in order for these parents. They at least brought something home.

Cecil Herren is back after sick leave. Six or seven transfers have been made recently in the shops. No fishing news because the weather hasn't been right. We need a good cold norther.

Gregory Ramsey has come out of retirement and is now back at work. Willie Childs has been taking lessons on how to play Forty-Two for the past 30 days from Arky Cornell and has actually won a game or two at last report.

If anyone hears a loud explosion around the instrument shop, don't be alarmed. It's probably only Robert Mann or Willie Childs sounding off

town "telephoning fish" by dragging a chain charged by the crank of an old-fashioned telephone through the water and shocking the fish . . . Maxine Hogan, Dorothy Golden, and Harriet Leff so entranced with the tea cloths, tablecloths, and bridge sets Nadine Goodman has received from her Navy husband over in Guam that they ordered some for themselves . . . Harriet wearing her new engagement "rock" to work on the very day all the lights were out in the laboratory . . . Maxine Hogan's husband having his story, "Destination Mallard", published in the February issue of "Field and Stream" . . . Charlie Carstens browbeating Research personnel into buying poll taxes with high success.

Berry Risinger's proudest possession during the quail season was his registered bird dog, Lindy-Sparkle. She is a young pointer which Francis Sullivan's father trained in obedience and retrieving.

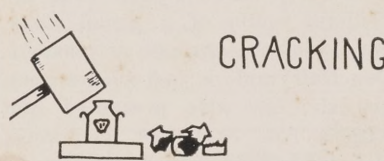
Why did Dr. Baker choose Dick Foster to go with him over to Baton Rouge for a symposium on modern methods of analytical chemistry? It might have been because Dick remarked on the trip he would go with Dr. Baker in the daytime and that Dr. Baker could go with him at night if he wanted to!

The Bob Bells are having a wonderful time with a Shop-Smith they have mounted on casters at one end of their garage, with benches and shelves set up for their woodworking hobby. Bob finished a lamp and is now working on a coffee table of white American oak, while his wife had such success with life-size Dutch cradles for their children's Christmas dolls that many people wanted to buy them.

Among our literary lights is Guy Zingery, who is developing an avocation in illustrated feature articles which he sells to newspapers. One of them was published in the magazine section of the Houston Chronicle in late January, and he has had two others accepted for publication.

Research is really a great bridge-playing family. Jeep Sartor says that 25 of the regular 44 players in the duplicate bridge tournament for the winter months have been Research members and wives, and he urges more to come out for play.

We have the kettle boiling for March news, so hold tight till the lid blows.



CRACKING

We are happy to welcome J. D. Payton back from military leave and A. S. Mitchell from his sickness. With few exceptions, the personnel of the Dubbs have had colds and sickness in their families. Harry Tidwell is still in the Crawford County Hospital, Van Buren, Ark. at this date.

Modernization is finally coming to the Dubbs. "Ole Pump 570" has been removed and a new and larger pump will be installed. We are still looking forward to the recently ordered viscosity recording meter that will help us very much on our jobs.

"Psychologists say a hysterical girl is most efficiently quieted by a firm kiss."

"And do they say how to get them hysterical?"

"Could I try on that suit in the window?"

"Yes, but we'd rather you'd go into the dressing room."

Petroleum and natural gas provided 54 per cent of the nation's energy supply in 1950.

Classified

FOR RENT: Two bedroom home, living room, dining room, 12 x 24 porch. Mason Park Area.

C. J. Carstens

FOR SALE: Almost new stenotype machine, stand and complete instructions for learning at home. MI-5927 Chem. 312

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POOR HEADLIGHTS are a poor excuse

The motorist knew his car's headlights were in poor condition. But he did nothing to correct them. Then—one bad winter night—he killed a pedestrian he "didn't see in time".

Don't you be dimwitted about dim lights. Check your car's lights and battery now.

Be Careful—the life you save may be your own!

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Torrance Plant Completes One Whole Year Without Any Disabling Injuries

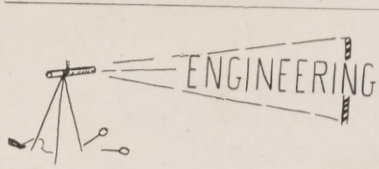
It can be done and the Torrance Plant proved it. For the year dating from December 1, 1950 to December 1, 1951, they had no disabling injuries.

When Mr. Royce Donkle of the Torrance Plant was visiting the Houston Plant last week, he attributed this successful safety record to good housekeeping, doing each and every job well, proper use and care of equipment, and mutual interest in safety by the employees and supervisors. Harmony and teamwork in carrying out these four practices made this record possible.

Each employee was awarded a pencil with their names, the dates

and the location engraved on them in appreciation of a good job well done.

They are still working to keep the Plant safe with their goal now being one million man hours without a disabling injury.



Nothing can compare with the brilliant smile of a proud papa, not even the Atomic explosions. Don Dalrymple is just such a man, yes sir, his wife presented him with a fine baby girl last week. His wife home now, he is taking some time off to get acquainted with the new member of his fami-

PERSONNELITIES

Folks in these parts are doing things in a big way in this New Year. Mary Catherine McAfee can give the latest problem of the new home builder. She and her husband, Jerry, are building in the Smallwood Terrace addition.

Josephine Jones and her husband are sporting a new Ford Victoria. As if that wasn't enough, less than a week after getting her new 1951 model, she started talking about the possibility of trading it on a 1952 model. Of course we do want to keep up to date, and this is the year 1952, eh Jo? You lucky girl.

Dick Hefley and Joe Ward are certainly busy these days. We are assuming that of course, Elmer. You see we just never seem to get an opportunity to see those men.

Welding

This is my first try at any reporting, but here goes.

We have some new help and a few new craftsmen. Congratulations fellows.

"Roy Rogers" Tunstall, the Welding Shop cowboy has his own rodeo grounds now. He moved on 5 acres at Chocolate Bayou and Almeda Roads. Tunstall missed work Monday as Roy said he could ride Trigger if he would feed and exercise him after Sunday night's performance.

"Ted" Tapley is having a great time since Bro. Percy came home from Guam. Surely is wet out all the time. No prolonged drought at "Tads" house.

"Pork Chops" Bragg a recent visitor to the U. S. Navy is once again heard around the Welding Shop. In fact he is generally heard everywhere.

Buster Boy Stone has reached the circumferential status of nothing smaller than a 30 ft. tank for outside work. The man ways on towers and vessels are too small.

A cross section of the Welding Shop shows things are building up. Martin needs a girdle and Otis Weaver has started wearing suspenders.

We hope that Mr. G. C. Brittan will be out of the hospital and recovered from his recent illness very soon.



MAJOR JOHNNY FORD visited the Houston Plant while home on leave. He is now stationed at Wichita Air Force Base, Kansas.

ly; also a chance to recover from being an expectant father. This is the Dalrymples' first child.

From a new baby to new employees. We have two new Jr. Engineers in the Drafting Room. Both of the fellas are from Louisiana, and both attended L. S. U. They have only been in Houston since last Friday, but they are losing no time in getting familiar with the city. John Fourmy, who much prefers to be called "Pete", said that he got a good look at our City while searching for an apartment. Pete's home town is New Orleans, and he was in the Air Corp before going to school. He likes sports, and we hope to have him on a bowling team before long. Our other new member of the staff is Robert Myers, whose home town is Baton Rouge. He was in the Marines before he went to school. His comment when asked how he liked Houston was, "I like Houston very much and Shell even better."

Around The Office

To their amazement, Pat and Jo found out that the 19th Hole wasn't on the Golf Course. Even though we haven't convinced Liz yet, we think her "Poodle" cut is very becoming.

Mr. Walters is going to some

of the colleges over the country to interview prospective Engineers. We are waiting for his return—anxiously.

Battle Of The Bulge

Jim Hyde and Joe Eberman are at war, literally speaking that is—they are having a contest to see which one can lose 37 1/2 lbs. by May 31. They have a good deal at stake since they are betting \$5.00 a pound. Of course, the Engineering Department is pulling for Mr. Hyde, but may the slimest man win.



TREASURY TIPS

Well, it seems as if we have quite a few rodeo goers in our department. Bill Wilson, Shirley Monahan, Bill Glasscock, and Juanita Price report a good time by all. Boy, that Bill Glasscock surely can guess the weight on the prize stock. If you need any weight guessed just call on Bill, I am sure he can help you.

We hate to loose a good girl out of our mimeograph department. Best of luck to Maxine Rogers who is joining her husband. Let us hear from you.

We all surely hated to see Anna Price leave us, but know she will



ANNA PRICE was given the gravy ladel and the sugar shell to her silver as her going away present. Anna had completed ten years service with Shell. Looking on while she unwrapped her gift are Jaunita Price, D. A. Henderson, Kenneth Braud, Lorin Kendall and D. K. Allison.

be happy in her new venture. Best of luck, Anna. We welcome our new cashier, D. A. Henderson. Glad to have you in our department.

The cost section welcomed Joe Hurst as of the first of February. We know the operating department hated to loose you.

Mildred Shipp and her husband have bought a new home in Aryshire Place and will be moving in before long. We are so proud for her.

It is no wonder that Shirley Monahan has trouble keeping her eyes open. She has been going off every weekend. She is really seeing Texas.

He who knows not
And knows not
That he knows not
Is indeed a fool.

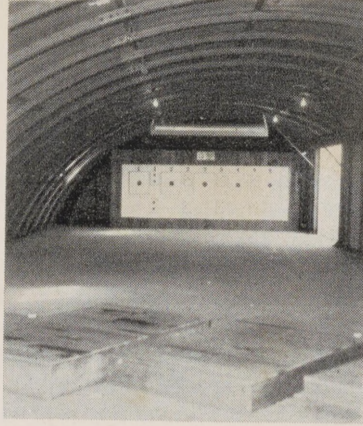
But he who knows not
And knows
That he knows not
Is, by far,
The wiser man.

Doctor: Where would you like your penicillin shot?

Ruby: In the arm.

Doctor: But don't you have to type all day?

Ruby: Yes, Doc, but I also have to sit.



1. Les Bassinger displays the barometer, the compass and the monthly medals that the gun club is offering to the best marksmen.
2. An outside view of the gun club house.
3. A view of the targets at the far end of the picture and the platforms that are used for prone shooting.
4. A closer look at the awards to be given by the club.

SERA Gun Club Gives Awards To Best Marksmen

A barometer for the best rifle marksman and compass for the best pistol marksman are the prizes that the S. E. R. A. Gun Club is going to give for the best averages at the end of the year. In addition to these annual prizes are the two monthly awards for rifle and pistol competition. This past month Hugo Leuders won both awards.

The Gun Club holds its shoots every Wednesday night at the club house located east of the

ball diamond. Everyone who shoots with a handicap or an established average so that all participants have an equal chance. Mr. Bassinger, president of the Gun Club, invites anyone interested in becoming a member to contact him at the Chemical Plant or at the Refinery. The only requirements are to be an S. E. R. A. member, have a gun and pay \$1.00 dues.

Kirby Walker Curator Of Fresh Water Fishes

A true fisherman at heart, Kirby Walker, until two years ago was Assistant Curator of Fishes for the Houston Museum for the Houston Museum of Natural History. The Museum no longer has an official curator, but Mr. Walker still performs the duties; the identification and preservation of fresh water fish found here in South East Texas. Kirby tells us that there are eighty five different species of fresh water fish found in this area.

One of the services of the Museum is to help bait dealers find the minnows that are best suited for bait by fishermen. Some minnows cannot be raised in ponds with much success and others are weak and do not stay alive on the hook.

Mr. Walker has found three different kinds here that have never before been reported in this section. He is also credited with the finding of two undescribed or unnamed species from this area. These have to be given a name by the University of Michigan, the headquarters for fresh water fish research.

Mr. Walker is a member of the American Society of Ichthyologists and vice president of the Houston Aquarium Society. The objective of the Houston Aquarium Society

is to make possible an aquarium here in Houston.

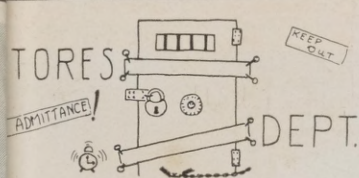
Mr. Walker became interested in fish ten years ago when he began collecting Tropical Fishes, this leading to an interest in various species caught in South Texas. Though he has never had any formal education in fishes, he has read extensively on the subject and has published several articles on fishes in Natural History magazines.

Shell Policy Briefs

Shell Employees obtain life insurance at low premium because they participate in a group plan. Your supervisor will be glad to give you the details of Group Life Insurance.

Accidents and sickness are often accompanied by financial worries. Shell men and women, however, receive assistance from the Disability Benefit Plan in time of sickness. When an employee with one or more years of accredited service becomes disabled, he receives full pay for a period, then a series of half pay benefits—at no cost to him.

At the end of 1951, 2,487 employees had been retired under the Shell Pension Plan since its inception in 1938.



Louisiana Pirogue Defies Modernization

Many changes have taken place in Louisiana oil exploration during the last fifty years. At the turn of the century, exploratory transportation required either the use of a horse or a pirogue—a lightweight boat with a keelless bottom used in skimming over the shallow muck of the Louisiana marshes.

Today the horse has lost its popularity and has been replaced by helicopters, airplanes and trucks. But there remains just one practical means of navigating the Louisiana bayous—the pirogue.

In general structure, the pirogue of today is not much changed from its ancestors of the 1700's. During the last half-century, attempts have been made to improve the craft's capabilities, but its use has always defied change. Modern guides, trappers and native oil field roustabouts—as did their predecessors—use push-poles as a means of locomotion.

Today the pirogue is still used by members of Shell Oil Company's exploration crews when they must travel in many sections of the Louisiana bayous too shallow and weed-grown to permit power-boats or ordinary rowboats.

If any one of the early oilmen could return today to scenes of past oil exploration, about the only recognizable piece of equipment he'd find would be the unchangeable pirogue.

Machine Shop

Congratulations to Lt. James Childs, our aviator machinist, on his new little ace. Thanks for the cigars, Jimmie. Congratulations are in order for Red Patillo on his new deduction also.

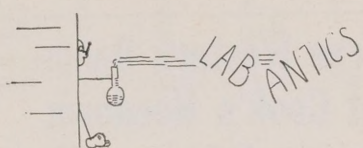
Anyone wanting to buy a new car and can't quite figure out the budget. Haygood has the answer. Just put your wife to work. Good idea if you can do it.

Our sincere apology to Jimmie Davidson. We weren't making fun of his two tone shoe strings. We really do think they look sharp.

Elmo (Smiley) Kincaide has started the new spring fashion early with a new red cap.

FIRE HOSE LIGHTER

One of the newer synthetic fibers, Dacron, with two ingredients, each a petroleum derivative, was of a fire hose. It is so much lighter than conventional cotton that it was possible to get 40 per cent more hose on a fire truck. When this product becomes available in commercial quantities, it will prove a great boon to firemen who constantly contend with the problems of weight and maneuverability.



Orchids or such to Bill Hall for suggesting the new name for our Lab Column.

Did you notice how trim Dan Burns is getting? Apparently his new stomach agrees with him.

Geographically speaking things are a bit out of balance in Lab No. 1. Morris Mendelson, Bob Kirby, "Scotty" Bazard and Dick Snedden are all from the Pittsburg area.

As of the first of February, Bob Jones is bearing up well under the kidding he's getting as he awaits Mr. Stork.

With the departure of Jim Britton to the Tech Department, Ken Cofer moved into the spot as Project leader in "G" group. Along with Jim, Don Church and Joe Frohman also went over to Tech.

A going away gift was recently presented to Frank Avilla who resigned to be a gentleman dairy farmer. Who knew that Frank never had a match for his cigarette?

Bob Fehner, ably assisted by John Giese put on a good act as a female impersonator at one of Houston's churches. They are open for bookings, please note.

Sam Moss is practicing for the River Oaks Tennis Tournament in April. Last year he was eliminated by one of the Country's ranking players.

MAN

Funny about a man: he has to have a certain brand of cigar, but any licker will do. He criticizes the government, and doesn't turn out and vote. He condemns women for using rough, and falls for it everytime. He talks about the folly of over-work, and plays poker till 3 a. m. He talks about the rotten service, and tips the waiter a half. He is glad if the train is late enough for him to catch, and sore that it is late as soon as he gets on. He goes to church on Sunday, and to the devil the rest of the week, making the odds 6 to 1. He hasn't the nerve to refuse money to a drafter, but will stand off the man he really owes. He will spend a hundred dollars on a good time, and be sore all day if he breaks the crystal of his watch. He laughs at his wife's judgment, and always asks her for advice. He thinks one way and acts another, and if there were a third way to do he would do that. Yes, sir, funny creature, a man.

The Southwestern Purchaser



The Research Department is still a growing organization. Since our last column we have acquired two additional men. Jim Stokes and Gorden Overbey were transferred from the Laboratory. We extend them a hearty welcome.

Those whistles and barks originating in our labs have been directed at our own "Poodle", Virginia Lowery. We keep up with the latest styles and the Engineering Department.

Following the last heavy rain the sight of the proposed new Research building was christened "Lake McDonald". This was later changed to "Loch Anderson".



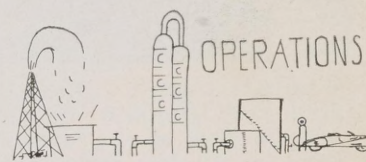
THE WINNERS of the Shell Soft Ball League for 1951 are front left: N. F. Smith, C. Bridges, George Summerlin, back left: Dale Williams, D. H. Randt, Don Holmes, Carl Meyer Forest Silva. Members not present in the picture are George Kilgore, Jr., H. L. Butler, J. E. Collins, J. A. Phillips, D. D. Jones, C. V. Ferguson and W. A. Morgan. They were given jackets for their Championship awards.

Labor Department

Here it is vacation time again. Some of us like an early vacation. L. Armstrong had an early vacation spent in Beaumont, Texas He reported a wonderful time.

E. D. Barrett is also vacationing, and at the right time too. He is learning to care for a new baby, Charles Edward Barrett born on January 14.

We have quite a few workers out on sick list., V. Watson, C Adams, A. Brown, Buddy Griffin, and H. C. Alfred. We are looking forward to early return of these men.



We hope that by the time this column appears in print Mac McGlaughlin will be back on the job after his seige with the virus. There hasn't been a broken valve wrench in the department since he left.

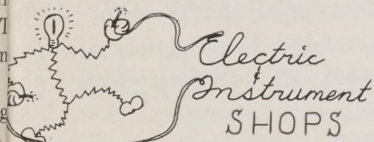
H. V. Smith refuses to name the day when he's leaving on vacation, but it's a cinch he won't do much relaxing. After washing diapers and walking the floor on 12-8's for two weeks, he'll be glad to get back to his regular job at the Epon Plant.

OPERATIONS SAFETY RECORD (Hourly Employees)

| PERIOD | Man Hours Worked | Number of Injuries | Number of Doctor Cases | Number of Disability Cases |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aug., Sept., Oct. | 160,683 | 119 | 6 | 0 |
| Nov., Dec., Jan. | 170,145 | 118 | 7 | 1 |

SHIPPING SAFETY RECORD

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|----|---|---|
| Aug., Sept., Oct. | 7,298 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Nov., Dec., Jan. | 7,328 | 18 | 0 | 0 |



We are happy to report that with the return of J. V. McAnally, 1 of the Military personnel in the Electric and Instrument Shops are tick with us.

This old world is running at a rapid pace when five month olds boys are going out for football training. This is a boast made by J. Jordon in reference to his

Rumors have it that we find another professor to add to our list. This time the headaches belong to H. Rogers.

We are glad to have D. N. "Red" rather back with us after a brief illness. I believe he is beginning to start his "on cycle" for working. We hope you are with us for while this time "Red"

If anyone has any doubt as to the ability of a hot pepper burning externally, just ask G. D. Shannon.

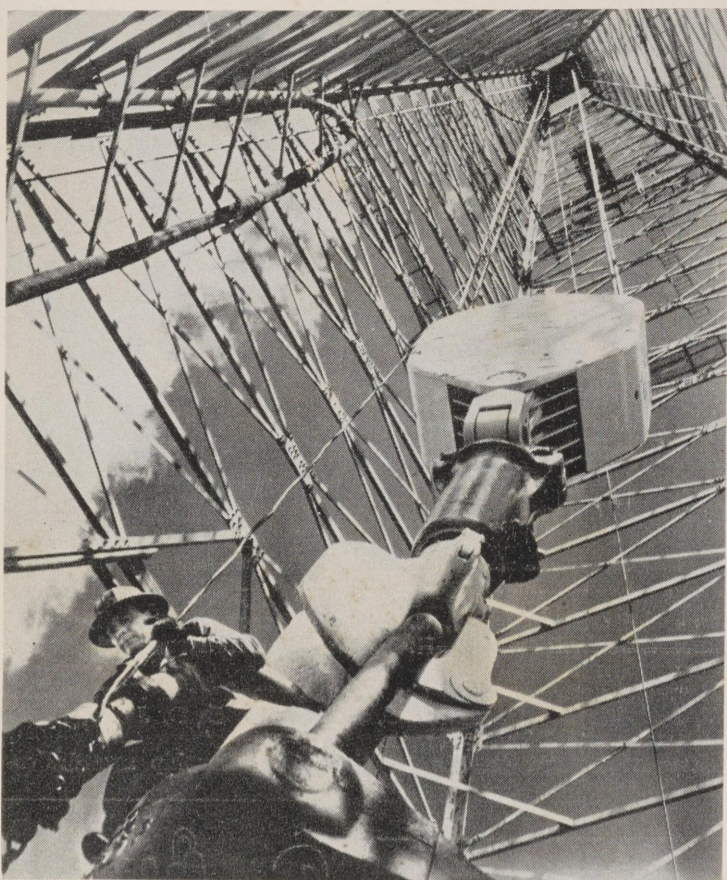


EMPLOYEES HAVING COMPLETED the Steward Leadership Training Program on February 1, seated are R. R. Pomeroy, J. H. Ware, S. E. Morgan, H. Parker, and W. D. Howell. Standing left are M. D. Meyers, W. D. Chapman, J. E. Turner, H. L. Nash, and M. J. Curtis.

Unless your feet are



Wear Safety Shoes



WEIGHT LIFTER. Because the primary function of a drilling rig is to drill into the earth in search of oil, the lifting function of the apparatus is sometimes overlooked. Powerful winches, cables and pulleys enable drilling crews to handle thousands of feet of heavy drill pipe with ease when the pipe is going into the hole or when the drilling string must be withdrawn. The picture above, taken on the floor of a Shell Oil Company drilling rig, shows the enormous hook and traveling block which handle these great weights.

Free Western Dance At Cook's Hoedown Lassos February 29

A free dance with a Western theme will fire the starting signal for SERA dances this year on February 29th at Cook's Hoedown.

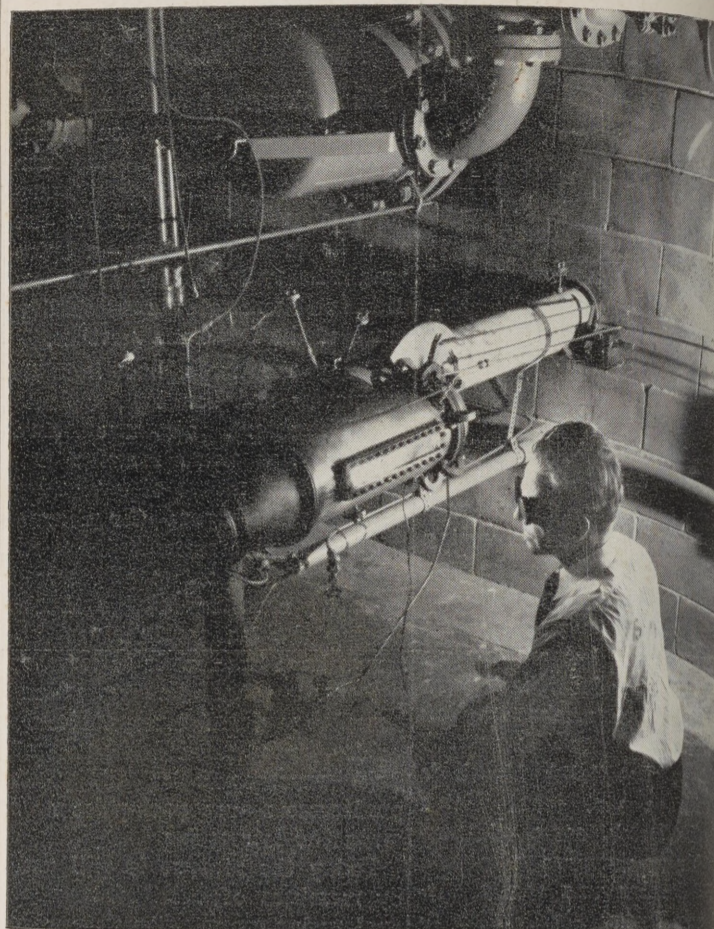
Dances such as "Put Your Little Foot" and "Cotton-Eyed Joe" will be featured as well as conventional ballroom dancing. Jerry Irby and his eight piece orchestra will furnish music.

Boots, big hats, blue jeans, loud shirts are to be the order of the night—for the women too.

Woody Myers, Noel Smith, and Sam Gennusa are dance chairmen for the year.

Members will be admitted free. Non-members will be charged \$1.00 per person. Tickets may be bought at the door.

There are 281,632 miles of pipe line in the U.S. carrying crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products



Engineers Make Start Of Jet Fuel Reaction

A Canadian Avro Jetliner, first jet transport to be built in North America has set a record-breaking flight, the used Shell Jet Fuel, a product developed by scientists and engineers of the Shell Wood Research Laboratory. There, characteristic of jet fuel is so the aircraft of tomorrow be powered by more efficient fuel reaction.

10,000 Boy Scouts Present 1952 Circus

Scouts—10,000 of them—will present the Boy Scout 1952 Circus in Sam Houston Coliseum at 7:30 p. m. March 6th and 7th.

Boys from Harris County and 14 surrounding counties will present a parade of history from the American Indian to the present with the theme of "Let Freedom Ring."

Many Shell employees are active in local scouting as leaders, commissioners. Anyone interested in working with Boy Scouts may contact George Eng at Ref. 315.

General admission tickets are 50 cents. Reserved seats are \$1.00.

YOUTHS RUN—

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dissolved in May. During that period, the members of each group first elect their officers, decide on the form of business they wish to enter, sell "stock" and then actually go into "production".

One of the Junior Achievement groups with advisors from the Wood River Refinery manufactured, distributed and sold plastic towel racks and the group advised by employees of the Portland Division went into the guest book business.

Through active participation in these miniature companies, thousands of young people between the ages of 15 and 21 are gaining a better knowledge of the principles of American Business.

Risinger Knocks Down Bowling Record One Week--Stanberry Shatters It Next

A very striking pair indeed are Curtis C. Stanberry and Berry Risinger, Shell Refinery kegglers.

First Berry knocked down an individual record in the Greater Houston League with a 278 game and a 686 series.

One week later Stan, bowling with the Shell Refinery team, knocked the pins from under Berry's shiny new record with a 279 game and a 707 series, setting an all-time high for the Recreation Palace, where the pair often bowl.

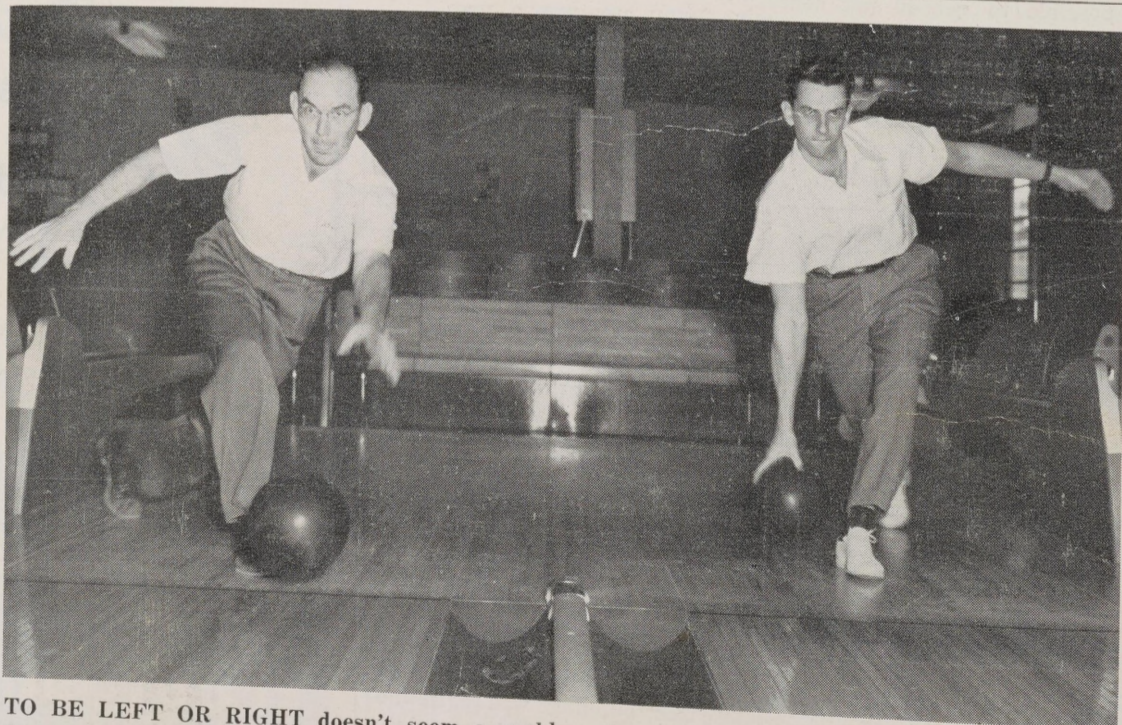
To mark up scores like that, you've really got to make the ball talk turkey, rolling mostly strikes with a few spares thrown in.

You don't have to be right to win in this game. Witness Stan who sends the ball streaking from a strong left. But it's a split decision which is better, for Ri strikes some tall scores with his right-launched ball.

The pair keep in top bowling form by competing in local leagues. Both belong to the Classic and the Greater Houston League. Berry adds the Clipper League to his roster.

At present they are exercising

their bowling arms for the state tourney at Dallas in March where we hope they'll be a striking success.



TO BE LEFT OR RIGHT doesn't seem a problem for Curtis Stanberry and Berry Risinger for Stan throws left-handed and Berry prefers the right. Both Refinery men recently set bowling records.

SHELL REFINERY EMPLOYEES' FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

(Charter 1941)

Deer Park, Texas

Condensed Financial Statement December 31, 1951

WHAT WE OWN — ASSETS

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans to 1342 Members | \$659,183.13 |
| Investments: | |
| Government Bonds | 38,975.00 |
| Equipment, Etc. | 26.00 |
| Insurance Premiums, Etc. | 289.73 |
| Liquid Assets | 39,290.73 |
| Money to Loan | 61,037.32 |
| Available for Change | 20,000.00 |
| Petty Cash | 10.00 |
| Available Cash | 81,047.32 |
| TOTAL | \$779,521.18 |

WHAT WE OWE — LIABILITIES

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Savings of 2589 Members | \$705,767.21 |
| Money Due Insurance Co. | 5,542.76 |
| TOTAL | \$711,309.97 |

OUR NET WORTH

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Reserve Fund | \$ 24,617.64 |
| This Year's Income | \$75,926.01 |
| This Year's Expense | 39,166.75 |
| This Year's Profit | 36,759.26 |
| Surplus Fund | 43,249.99 |
| TOTAL | \$ 67,867.63 |

Declared 4 1/2 % Dividend on 1,312,835 Share Months \$ 24,621.00

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