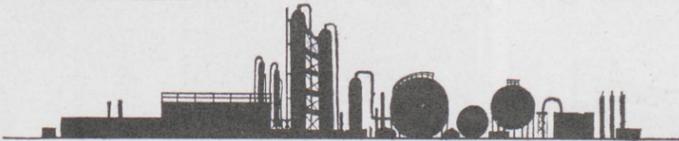




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## Tomfohrde Succeeds Sheehan as Gas Department Ass't Manager—Thermal

J. H. Tomfohrde, Assistant Manager of the Gas Department, Platforming, for the past two years, has been named Assistant Manager of the Gas Department, Thermal, it was announced by Refinery Manager P. E. Hurley.

Mr. Tomfohrde succeeds J. W. Sheehan, who has been transferred to Head Office, Technological Department, effective November 15.

Mr. Hurley also announced the following staff personnel changes:

Mr. Tomfohrde will be replaced by M. L. Renquist, Assistant Chief Technologist, and F. Kunreuther, Chief Research Technologist, will assume the position of Assistant Chief Technologist.

H. E. Walker, Assistant Chief Technologist at Shell's Wood River Refinery, will assume the position of Chief Research Technologist.

Mr. Tomfohrde might be termed a rarity at Houston Refinery in that he is a native Houstonian, being educated at San Jacinto High School and the Rice Institute. He gained his M. S. degree at Columbia and joined Shell as a Technologist in the Gas Department in 1942. He also worked as a Technologist in the Topping, Cracking, Economics and Scheduling and Gas Departments before being made Assistant Manager of Gas Department, Platforming in May, 1952.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Sheehan was educated in Texas, attending high school at Hermitage and obtaining his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Texas Tech and his Doctor's degree at the University of Texas.

He joined Shell as a Technologist in the Technological Department at Houston Refinery in 1947, and was transferred to the Cracking Department in 1949 and to the Gas Department in 1952. It was in May of 1952 that he was made Assistant Department Manager.

Mr. Renquist was born in San Jose, California, and graduated from Santa Clara High School, gaining his A.B. from San Jose State, and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Stanford. He joined Shell in 1942 in San Francisco and after being transferred to Wilmington he went to Head Office, Manufacturing in 1948, and was made a Senior Technologist in 1951. He was transferred to Houston Refinery as Assistant Chief Technologist in 1953.

Born in Furth, Bavaria, Mr. Kunreuther attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology before joining Shell as a Junior Research Chemist in 1941 at Houston Refinery. He gained experience as a Technologist in the Technological, Industrial Engineering, Control Lab and Gas Departments before being made a Group Leader at the Research Lab in 1948. He was made Assistant Chief Research Technologist in 1953.

Mr. Walker is a graduate of Columbia University, New York City, New York. He received his B. S. in Chemical Engineering in 1940, and a M. S. in 1941. He joined Shell at Wood River in 1941 as a technologist. He subsequently was technologist in Lube, Cracking, Gas, Toulene, and Alkylation.

## Employees Open Hearts, Pocketbooks For Refinery-Chemical UF Drive

Refinery and Chemical Plant employees opened their hearts and their pocketbooks in response to the annual United Fund drive that was conducted at both Shell installations from October 26-29. The money collected goes to help in the work of the 54 agencies of the UF.

A large number of employees took advantage of the pay roll deduction method of contributing that was offered at the Refinery and Chemical Plant for the first time. Results of the drive were not available at press time.

Leading the drive at the Refinery were Co-Chairmen H. B. Jarrett, Machinist, and Kemper Kaiser, P & IR. Spearheading the Chemical Plant campaign were F. P. Thompson, P & IR, and C. L. Martin, G Department.

Refinery solicitors include: Cat Cracking — G. H. Cansler,

P. Cherry, M. D. Burgin; Thermal Cracking — C. B. Maley, A. G. Davenport, B. C. Roper; Cracking Cleanout — K. R. Stacy; Dispatching (Main Oil) — A. B. McNair; Dispatching (Pump Houses) — D. R. Smith; Docks — W. F. Green, W. C. Burgess; Loading Racks — L. L. St. Pe; Distilling — W. B. Harris, S. P. Davis, D. E. Womack.

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Automotive — A. J. Hale, T. J. Perry, J. E. Leared, C. L. Miller;

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## PAUL E. HURLEY DIES

Death took one of the Company's most beloved employees when Houston Refinery Manager Paul E. Hurley died of a cerebral hemorrhage at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, October 26.

The report of Mr. Hurley's death came as a great shock to Refinery employees as he was on vacation at his former home in New Orleans when he died.

He had been Manager of Houston Refinery only since August 1, having been transferred here from the Norco, Louisiana Refinery where he had served as Manager for nine years.

Mr. Hurley, who would have been 54 on December 10, had not yet moved his family to Houston, and he was looking forward to spending the vacation with his wife in their New Orleans home at 15 Maryland Drive.

He was stricken at his home at 10:30 o'clock on the evening of October 26 and he passed away just 30 minutes later.



P. E. HURLEY

Funeral services for Mr. Hurley were held Thursday, October 28 in New Orleans' St. Francis Xavier Church where a Requiem Mass was said for him at 11 o'clock that morning. He was buried in the

Garden of Memories Cemetery in New Orleans.

His survivors include his wife, Margaret Ellen Ward Hurley; two children, Paul E. Hurley, Jr., and Carol Marie Hurley, students of Notre Dame and St. Mary's, respectively, in South Bend, Indiana; his mother, Carrie M. Hurley and a sister, Mrs. Harry M. Mitchell, both of Rye, New York, and a brother, John Hurley of Long Beach, California.

Mr. Hurley's Shell service began 34 years ago as a Gauger at Wood River, Illinois, Refinery in 1920. He was transferred to Arkansas City Refinery as Head Stillman in 1927. He was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of that Refinery in 1929 and to Superintendent in 1935. In 1938, Mr. Hurley was transferred to Norco Refinery as Superintendent. He remained at Norco until 1941 when he first came to Houston Refinery as Acting Superintendent. In 1945 he was made Manager of the Norco Refinery, the position he held until his return to Houston Refinery three months ago.

## Assistant Superintendent—Technical Hughes Named to New Plant Post

As a result of the continued growth of the Houston Plant, a new position carrying the title "Assistant Superintendent—Technical" has been established to provide a more desirable distribution of administrative responsibilities. H. E. Hughes, Chief Engineer, has been appointed to this position. A new Department which will be known as Engineering Development Department is being established to apply technical skills and advanced engineering know-how to problems involving plant maintenance con-

struction and inspection. The newly created group will provide technical assistance especially directed toward long-range improvements in the plant maintenance problems. Mr. Hughes will assume administrative responsibilities for this new department, the technological department, and the plant laboratories.

J. W. Hyde, now Assistant Chief Engineer, will succeed Mr. Hughes as Chief Engineer. C. W. DeLong, formerly of the Houston Plant now assigned to the Company's Head Office construction group, will replace Mr. Hyde.

Howard Hughes received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and joined Shell in 1934 at Martinez, California. Advancing through positions of increasing responsibility in manufacturing engineering, he became Assistant Chief Engineer at Houston in 1951 and Chief Engineer in 1953.

Jim Hyde attended University of California and joined Shell in 1934 at Pittsburg, California. He became Assistant Chief Engineer there in 1946 and the following year moved to Houston as Senior Engineer. He became Assistant Chief Engineer of the Houston Plant in March 1952.

After receiving a degree in in-



HUGHES



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# REPORTERS'

# ROUNDUP



The Jeff Davis-John Reagan rivalry each year causes long-time followers of Houston schoolboy football to recall the exploits of Jack Frye, former star Jeff Davis back and a Houston Refinery employee for the last 14 years. Frye, who is a Craneman No. 1 in Automotive, was the subject of a feature article in The Post prior to the recent Davis-Reagan clash.



Frye the Craneman

The article, in recalling Frye's performance in leading Davis to a 24-6 victory over Reagan for the 1928 city championship, quoted from the account of the game by Johnny Lyons, then of the Post:

"The Bulldogs (Reagan) failed to halt the progress of this charging 185-pound backfield star, and hence the powerful dark-skinned lad crushed the Bulldog's line, tossed passes with abandon and punted in a manner that has not been equalled here all season."

Other quotes on Frye from the feature article:

Bert Kivell, then a Reagan fullback and now an assistant coach at Lamar: "If I remember correctly, Frye had been tackled once and still threw a touch-down pass on his knees."

Vic Driscoll, San Jacinto coach: "Greatest all-around back we've had here."

Roy Needham, Athletic Director of Houston's schools: "If there were a few Fryes around today, I'd go back to coaching."

After leaving Jeff Davis, Jack went to Rice Institute and then to Missouri, where he received All-America mention, and was chosen to play in the East-West game in San Francisco.



Frye the Footballer

It develops that not enough territory was covered last month when searching the area for employees who serve as school board members, and it is a pleasure to report that the Refinery has a school board member living as far away as Seabrook, which is some 15 miles from here on Galveston Bay.



Robinson

The omission was strictly unintentional and extremely regrettable because it so happens that Locomotive Engineer G. W. Robinson is one of the Refinery's hardest working school trustees. However, all's well that ends well, and last month's slight calls attention to the fact that the Refinery is represented in the Kemah-Seabrook area, which is noted for its excellent fishing and fine restaurants.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the sprawling and busy Clear Creek Independent School District. This particular district is termed sprawling and busy because it has a number of schools in both Galveston and Harris Counties.

So make it ten instead of nine Refinery and Chemical Plant employees who serve four instead of three districts as school board members!

Frederick Broughton, 11, was the happy winner of the "Name the Pony" contest sponsored by a Houston newspaper in conjunction with its annual Back to School Party. Frederick, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Broughton, Treasury, won a handsome bicycle, and is proudly riding back and forth to Park Place Elementary School.

Young Frederick named the black and white spotted pony "Fire-fly." His name was judged best among 300 entries.

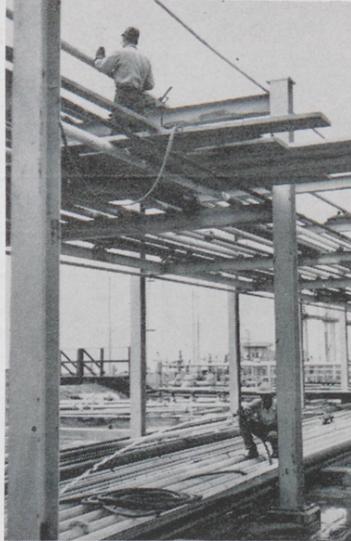
Homer Champman, Treasury, and his wife, Joyce, who formerly worked in Treasury, watched the Rice Owls lose a heart-breaker to Wisconsin during their trip through the West during Homer's vacation.

Another one of the Refinery's University of Houston Night School teachers, Iris Harmon of Treasury, visited her relatives in Guthrie, Oklahoma, during her vacation, and attended a farewell party given for her cousin, Reverend Roy Karner, who is leaving for Hong Kong, China.

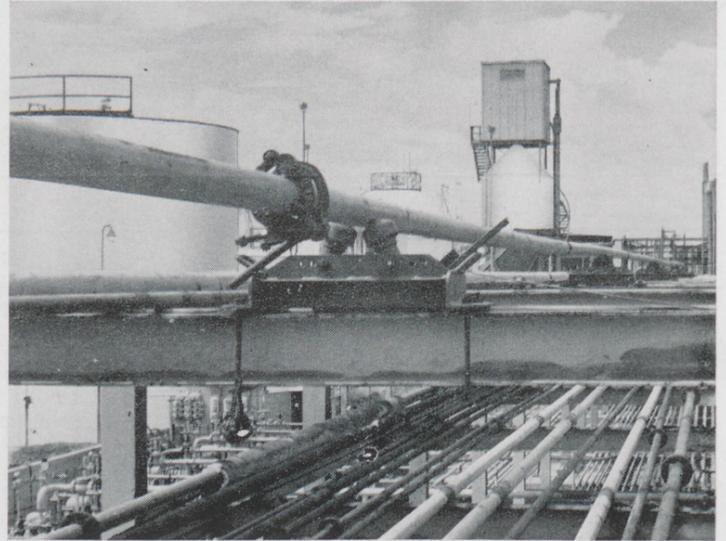
Hortense Barrell, Head File and Mail Clerk, peers out from a surrey with a fringe on top, while on her recent vacation in St. Augustine, Florida.



## Spring Tension Ball Rollers Speed Up Installation of Pipelines in Chemical Plant



Warner Washington, below, extinguishes any falling sparks as R. Bragg, above, welds two lengths of pipe together.



Spring tension ball rollers, clamped on pipeway cross beams, speed up handling of pipe sections to be welded together.

A new method of installing the pipeway to permit handling of the pipeway and the next length pipelines in the plant has been a total length of six hundred feet of pipe is set up and welded to advantageously used by the Houston Plant construction group. The rollers are adjustable to hold pipe from three to twelve inches in diameter. These rollers can be clamped on the pipeway enable the craftsman to move the pipelines include decreased costs, cross beams, have been purchased pipe lengthwise as well as around. The pipe is welded in one spot on sections that are to be welded together. The rollers are spaced on

to speed up the handling of pipe The pipe is welded in one spot on a pipeway where welding is permitted, then pushed endwise along lengths of piping.

## Safety Pays Off



O. F. Stidham, Valve Repair Helper might have lost one of his eyes had he not been wearing safety glasses while grinding the threads off a bolt recently. The bolt flew up and dented Stidham's glasses. But that was the extent of the damage although the bolt weighed six ounces, showing that safe working habits pay dividends.



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Here is Jack in his workshop holding his favorite "Varminteer" rifle which is a 220 Swift-custom gun. It has a Master action, double set trigger and is equipped with a six-power Unertal scope. This rifle is extremely accurate up to 300 yards due to the high muzzle velocity of 4,140 feet per second. This is equivalent to the amazing speed of 2,800 miles per hour.



Jack displays one of the better trophies that he has taken from the Rockies in Western Colorado. This ten-point mule deer was killed in 1951 and dressed out at 250 pounds. The above rifle, which he used to make the kill, is a Winchester Model 70, calibre .270 equipped with a four power Unertal scope.



This picture shows Jack assembling a Model 336 Marlin 30-30 after rebluing the metal parts and refinishing the stock.

## Meet Jack Englishby: GUNSMITH

By DAN HARBAUGH  
Lube Office Reporter

These are busy times for gunsmiths. Especially for gunsmiths who ply this trade in their spare time, as does Jack Englishby, Lube Plant Zone Supervisor.

About this time each year, hunters who have shot guns or rifles that are in need of repair take them to a good gunsmith.

### He's An Expert

Jack has become an expert gunsmith in his spare time, and is capable of repairing in his garage workshop most any kind of gun.

His shop even includes facilities to blue chemically both pistols and rifles. Bluing is very tricky and is considered an art, at which Jack has become an expert.

Jack's proficiency as a gunsmith has become widely known, and as a result his services are very much in demand.

His interest in guns dates back to when he began hunting, and Jack says he has been going hunting as far back as he can remember.

### Hunts in Colorado

For the past three years, he has gone to Colorado to hunt mule deer, and has bagged his limit each year.

So Jack knows from actual experience how a gun should operate on a hunting trip, and that knowledge is invaluable when it comes to putting a gun in top condition.

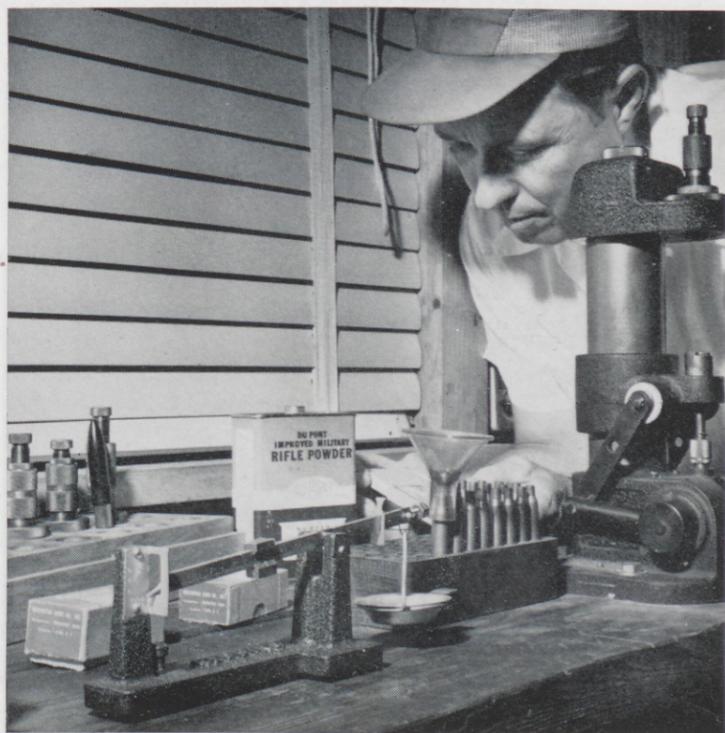
Jack's a 25-year man at Shell, having first come to work at Houston Refinery in 1929 as a Mechanic's Helper. He and his wife live in Deer Park.



Many firearm enthusiasts who do a lot of shooting load their own ammunition. This insures greater shooting accuracy due to the exactness and flexibility of custom loading. The brass cases are re-used, which reduces the total cost of each round about 50%. Here Jack is inspecting the necessary accessories that are used in loading ammunition in his garage work shop.



Here Jack is using a Reedding powder scale to weigh a powder charge. Also these accurate scales may be used to check the weight of each bullet before it is seated in the brass case.



This is the final step in the loading operation. Jack is seating the bullet with a Hollywood Senior loading tool. This tool is used to resize the brass case, remove the spent primer and seat the new primer in the case before it is filled with powder.

Service Club Members Enjoy

# Barbecue, Football Game

With Mother Nature cooperating wholeheartedly by providing crisp and clear weather throughout the day, the fifteenth annual Ten-and-Over Service Club celebration was held October 15.

Members enjoyed barbecue at Milby Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then watched Rice Institute and Southern Methodist tangle in a Southwest Conference Football game that evening in the immense Rice Stadium. For the second straight year, the veteran Shellites saw the home club lose, falling this time to the Mustangs by a 6-20 margin.

Seventy-one new members were welcomed into the fold this year to bring the Ten-and-Over Club membership to 1160. This figure includes 35 women and 57 pensioners.

Door prize drawings were held during the day for gift certificates. Cage Nixon, a former Pipefitter who retired in 1950, was the winner of the Pensioner prize; Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin, Instrument Shop, won the women's prize; Earl Manning and H. L. Leonard, Carpenter Shop, won the men's prizes.

Among the guests at the celebration were Roy Faulk, Norco (La.) Refinery Manager; Rollo Hord, Wood River (Ill.) Refinery P&IR Manager, and Art Flint, Martinez (Calif.) Refinery P&IR Manager.

Chemical Plant guests included Glen Purcell, Manager; F. G. Watson, Superintendent, and D. B. Luckenbill, Assistant Superintendent.

Service Club committeemen were G. Atkinson, L. J. Hallmark, W. B. Harris, L. Grossheim and G. Thorn.



Many pensioners turned out to see their old friends.



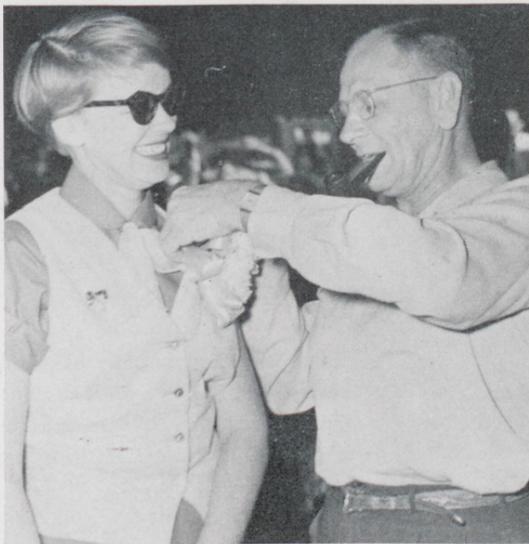
A happy group of pensioners.



The barbecue was delicious.



'Twas a grand day for a celebration.



For the new member, a flower.



Visitors Flint, Hord, Faulk, Luckenbill.



The ladies added glamour to the affair.



Earl Manning, a prize winner.



Music to spice the event.



Time out to oblige the roving photographer.



The ladies looked closely at this one.

### SERAs Preview

## Holiday Fashions

An insight into women's fashions for the approaching holiday season was provided for an audience of some 300 by pert Battlestein TV models at the annual SERA Style Show October 15 at the Houston Club.

Customarily one of the highlights of the year for the feminine SERAers, this year's style show was no exception. Mrs. Ben Battlestein acted as commentator and Hilda Chevalier was the chairman. The models appear regularly on the "Fashions in Motions" television program.

The door prize, which was a gift certificate, was won by Mrs. Jean Moore, the wife of R. E. Moore, Chemical Plant P & R Department.

Frances Powell, vocalist, and her mother Mrs. Ira Powell, pianist, provided the music for the program.

A delicious dinner preceded the style show.

Doris Winner, Administration, and Jean Williams, Tech., served as Chemical Plant's hostesses, and Electa Young, Research, and Lillian Long, Stores, were the Refinery's hostesses.



Mrs. Ira Powell accompanied her daughter on the piano.



To Mrs. Jean Moore, left, the door prize, presented by the chairman, Hilda Chevalier.



Besides the Style Show, there was a delicious dinner.



Close-up of a gorgeous fashion in motion.

## 200 Enjoy SESC's September Formal Dance at Grand Oaks



Officers of the Shell Employees Social Club step up to the band stand for a well deserved bow for their efforts in staging the September dance at the Grand Oaks. The officers are, left to right; R. L. Gibson, Walter Lewis, H. O. B. Kizsee, S. L. Richardson, W. T. Bratton and D. C. Marbley.



D. C. Marbley and wife, center foreground, are among the some 100 couples who enjoyed the SESC September dance. Everyone who attended was in general agreement that it was one of the club's top social events of the year.



... these new employees and welcomed them to Shell?

### REFINERY

#### P & IR

P. E. Slack, Jr., Analyst

#### Stores

B. W. Long, Clerk

#### Treasury

Anita Jean Essary, Stenographer  
J. N. Jackson, Clerk, General Accounting

Charlene Lonetta Cotton, File & Mail Clerk

L. E. Crouch, File & Mail Clerk

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K. R. Shellene, Jr. Engineer

#### Laboratory

B. C. Brown, Chemist

#### Research

T. L. Keelen, Jr., Chemist

#### Treasury

D. M. Russell, Jr. Clerk  
C. D. Thomas, Clerk

## Shell Gun Club Wants Shooters

Shell Gun Club wants shooters who are interested in firing center-fire pistols (32, 38, & 45) or big bore rifles (3006, etc.). Anyone interested, please contact Hugo Lueders or Les Basinger at Chemical and Nelson Carraway or Jim Crocoll in Refinery Research.

Competitive pistol and rifle matches are being planned between Shell Gun Club and other neighboring plant teams.

All club shooting is on a handicap basis so contestants are not required to be Daniel Boones to compete.



Norman Kaufman, President of the Board of Directors of the Alley Theater, takes time out for a thoughtful moment, over the Theater's finances and the bottle of aspirin.



Perk up, Peggy, and don't pout. Even if that wild turkey got away, there's still time to buy one at the neighborhood grocery store for Thanksgiving. Miss Coury is a Junior Duplicating Machine Operator at the Houston Chemical Plant.

## Kaufman New Alley Theater Head

Norman Kaufman, Houston Plant Technologist, was recently elected by the Directors of the Alley Theater as President of the Board. In this position he is in charge of the general operations of the Theater. Norman, who will serve for a term of one year, has been active in the Alley membership for three years.

All of the jobs at the Alley are done by interested members on a voluntary basis. So it requires a good manager to keep everything running smoothly. To help out with the operation Mrs. Lil Kaufman spends a lot of time working in the Box Office. Lil is an actress and has done several parts in Alley productions. Acting is in the family blood too, their daughter, Reva, who is sixteen, has done work at The Playhouse and recently completed a part in "Sleeping Beauty" at Theatre Inc.

Another Shellite, Marx Isaacs of the Houston Refinery has also been elected to a position on the Alley Board as a Trustee. Marx has been of great service to the Theater in his work in helping to secure doormen for the plays.

Founded in 1946, the Alley is the oldest operating theater in Houston. In its beginning it presented strictly local amateur talent. Now there is a rich mixture of both professional and amateur talent. The managing of the theater is handled by the Managing Director, six elected trustees and five appointed Board Members. This small group of people are working to make each production a better show than the last. The reason for their work—may be the smell of grease paint, or the thrill of curtain calls—but it's not money because the Alley is a community, non-profit organization which is self-supporting. Membership to the Alley Theatre is open to anyone. The dues are a mere ten cents a year, which entitles you to a vote. All the casting is done by the Managing Director, Nina Vance.

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



### CHEMICAL

July 1: Terri Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Evans, Jr. (Machine Shop).

July 16: Betty Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Gartman, (A Department).

July 19: Mark Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Velton, (Laboratory).

July 21: Donald Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Reichle (Electric Shop).

Aug. 1: Shirley Denise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bautsch, Jr. (G Dept.).

Aug. 2: Dave Fevol, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith (Engineering Field).

Aug. 4: Gary Thomas, and Lary Douglas, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown (Electric Shop).

Aug. 5: Dorothy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson (Engineering).

Aug. 5: Roger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Overby (Research).

Aug. 9: Cathy Dianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Smith (Pipe Shop).

Aug. 11: Dennis Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Callaghan (Pipe Shop).

Aug. 13: Angella Gayle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Shepherd, Jr. (Boiler Shop).

Aug. 30: Lisa Jeannine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. French (G Department).

### REFINERY

July 14: Daryl Gurney, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dulany, Engineering.

Aug. 21: Robert Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nelson, Jr., Engineering.

Aug. 25: Daria Dalene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Coon, Control Lab.

Aug. 27: Ronald Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Topping, Gas.

Aug. 30: Donna Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Whitehall, Machine Shop.

Sept. 13: Shannon Laird, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hodges, Pipe Shop.

Sept. 19: Gayla Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Allen.

Sept. 19: Terry Denise daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, Labor.

Sept. 24: Loretta Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Watkins, Engineering.

Sept. 25: Katherine Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kindla, Automotive.

Sept. 27: Shonnita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Swann, Drafting Room.

Sept. 29: Robert Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gaskill, Machine Shop.

Sept. 29: Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Tuggle, Engineering.

Oct. 1: Valenda Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods, Pipe Shop.

Oct. 1: Kenneth Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Falknor, Platformer.

Oct. 10: Roberta Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Castleberry, Thermal Cracking.

Oct. 18: Pamela Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips, Instrument Shop.

## Chemical Plant: HERE AND THERE



Going . . . Going . . . Gone.

One of the young men in the Paint Shop lost a lot of hair over the University of Houston-Texas A&M football game, and it wasn't due to worry, either.

Mickey Hensen and Pat Foley, both of the Paint Shop, had a bet on the game, with Mickey supporting the Aggies and Pat backing the Cougars. It was agreed that the winner would shave the head of the loser, and that the loser would have to wear the school shirt of the winning team for the remainder of the football season.

Well, it's football history now that the Cougars won the game, although the Aggies were just inches away from what would have been the winning touchdown for them.

So Mickey paid the consequence—the hard way. Pat's shaving apparatus proved unequal to the task, and a pair of scissors had to be called on to do the job. The ceremony was carried on in the best of spirits, and both lads are looking forward to next year's game when they can bet again.

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Paul Leyhe, long-time Lab reporter for The Shellegram, left, is shown paying a call on W. C. Tompkins, E Department reporter, who recently parted company with his appendix. Paul informed his fellow scribe that he would no longer be reporting the doings of the Lab due to his transfer to Research to work on a special assignment dealing with the index of technical information.

While on the subject of reporters, there are several departments not represented on The Shellegram staff. These are A Department, P&R Department, Automotive, Boiler Shop, Instrument Shop, Tool Room and Valve Repair. Departmental reporters are vital to the success of the paper.

John W. Dickens, Chemical Plant Electrician, was among the group of people whose names appeared in this year's edition of "Who's Who In The South and Southwest", a biographical dictionary of noteworthy men and women of the Southern and Southwestern States. Dickens was selected because of his active part in civic and community work. A few of his activities which they mentioned were: Boy Scouts of America, South Houston City Council, Methodist Church, and the Masons. Dickens is a 32nd Degree Shriner.

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A letter from Ensign D. A. Graham, former Laboratory employee now on MLA, came to Dan Burns recently. Graham assigned to the South Pacific, is now stationed in Subic Bay on the Bataan Peninsula, Phillipine Islands. His tour in the Navy so far has taken him to places like Pearl Harbor, Yukosuka, Tokyo and Manila to name a few.

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Joe Eberman's daughter Gloria has just returned from Alaska where she has been with her husband, who has been stationed there for the last two years.

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The August E Department Golf Tournament had the greatest number of players to date. Of the ten players who toured the green, the low score man was A. L. Woodring. Second place winner, Bill Cummings, third place, V. M. Daniels, fourth place, Billy Parker, and fifth place winner was Bill Powell. Others who played were Joe Arrington, John Hoesel, Frank Janeka, J. C. Tullos and C. R. Wheeler. Bill Powell was given as fifth prize a golf hat donated by the Hughes Culb pro. Arrington again had low gross but was pushed by Daniels.



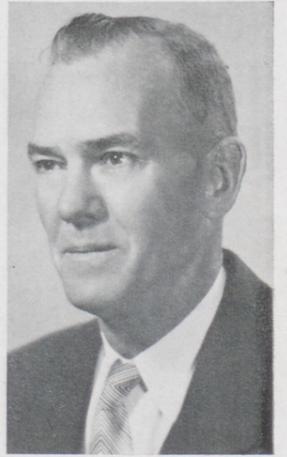
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### E. J. WOLLARD

Thirty years of Shell service are Edgar J. Wollard's in November.

Eddie was first employed at Shell's Arkansas City, Kansas, Refinery as a Telephone Repairman, the position he has held through the years and the one which he continues to hold at Houston Refinery.

He has spent the last 16 of his 30 years service here.

Before joining Shell, Eddie attended Torrington High School in Torrington, Wyoming.

His spare time diversions are motion picture photography and fishing.

Eddie and his wife, Eloise, live at 8308 Lenore Drive in Houston, and they have one child.

### R. V. BOARD

R. V. Board, Floor Foreman in the Stores Department, receives his 25-Year service award in November.

All of Mr. Board's service has been at Houston Refinery, having been first employed in the Engineering Field in 1929.

He attended school in Rosenberg before joining Shell.

Fishing, hunting and gardening consume most of Bob's spare time. He and his wife, Elizabeth, make their home at 7130 Japonica Street in Houston. They have one child.

### J. W. MATTHEWS

For Jentus Walter Matthews, it's 25 years of Shell service in November. Affectionately known as "Hoss," he is the Day Foreman at the Cat Cracker.

First employed in 1929, he was made shift foreman in Cracking in 1933 and at the Cat Cracker in 1946. He spent four months as an operating engineer at Rotterdam, Holland.

"Hoss" lists baseball as his hobby. He is married, and Mr. Matthews and his wife have three children. They make their home at 7502 Azela Street in Houston.

## NOVEMBER SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

### CHEMICAL

#### FIFTEEN YEARS

J. Smilek, Engineering

#### TEN YEARS

J. T. Cutrer, Operations

M. L. Stroud, Shipping

### REFINERY

#### FIFTEEN YEARS

J. F. Bower, Thermal Cracking

F. H. Fox, Engineering

L. O. Hay, Engineering

F. E. Lee, Thermal Cracking

#### TEN YEARS

B. G. Bagwell, Dispatching

M. G. Clepper, Effluent Control

R. Culton, Engineering

J. C. Johnson, Engineering

T. H. Lockler, Engineering

W. H. McDonald, Gas

H. J. McKeown, Engineering

C. D. Mann, Engineering

D. Smith, Engineering

O. Spriggs, Engineering



BARFOOT

### A. E. SHAFER

Arnold Edward Shafer, who is better known around Houston Refinery as Jim, observes his Twenty-fifth Shell birthday in November. He is a Machinist No. 1, having been in the Machine Shop for the past 21 years.

Jim joined Shell in 1929 as a Pipefitter's Helper, and then worked in Cracking Cleanout from 1930 to 1933.

He likes to hunt, fish and work in his garden in his spare time. Jim is married, and he and his wife, Verona, have two children. They live at 202 West Texas in Pasadena.

### R. D. PERRY

Robert D. Perry owns 25 years of Shell service in November, with all of that time having been spent in the Treasury Department. He has held various positions in that department through the years, but since 1941 he has been Auditor of Disbursements.

Bob was born in Kentucky, but moved to Texas at an early age, attending high school at Mart, Texas, and Toby's Business School in Waco.

He and his wife have two grown sons. The Perrys make their home in Pasadena.

### D. L. BARFOOT

D. L. (Foots) Barfoot, Mechanic No. 1 in Automotive, records his twentieth year of Shell service this month. He worked in the Labor gang prior to moving to Automotive, where he logged experience as a Truck Driver before assuming his present position.

"Foots" is a golfing enthusiast. He's married and he and his wife, Myrtle, have one child. They live at 316 South 5th Street in La Porte.

### APOLOGIES EXTENDED!

Through an unintentional error, the service birthday photograph of C. D. Young that appeared in last month's Shellegram was identified as L. S. Cooper.

Mr. Young's photo, properly identified, appears again, and apologies are extended to both Mr. Young and Mr. Cooper for the mix-up.



Young

### Employees Appointed To Key UF Positions

Fifteen Refinery and Chemical Plant employees were appointed to key posts for the Region VI, Central Division UF Drive, November 1-12.

Ann Wright and Hortense Barrell, both of the Refinery, were named regional coordinators, and the Refinery's Jan Samson and Charles J. Carstens were selected as District Chairmen.

Team captains appointed include J. E. Pountain of the Refinery and W. A. Scruggs, A. M. Wigginton, John R. Eide, and E. L. Osborne, all of the Chemical Plant.

Co-captains include Marianne Elliott and Beverly Daniel, both of the Chemical Plant, and Don Weigand of the Refinery.

Peggy James, Robert Markwood and Gerald Spotts, all of the Refinery, were selected as workers.

## Abernathy Heads Area's Fox Hunters

Fox hunting, one of the oldest sports known, is enjoyed by a good number of Texans. One man who especially enjoys the excitement of trailing the spry fox, is S. G. Abernathy of the Chemical Pipe Shop. Abernathy, who has been interested in raising hunting hounds for several years, is the President of the Southeast Texas Fox Hunters Association.

This group, of about five hundred twenty-five members, meets once a month to watch their hounds run the fox. Most of the members bring a basket supper and they eat on the grounds over the meeting area. After the meal they go out on the hunt, which quite often

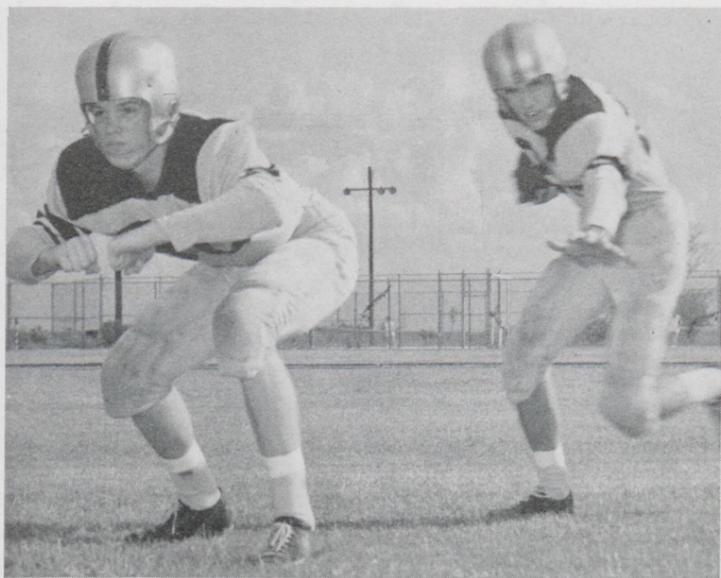


S. G. Abernathy demonstrates Fire Fly's conformation. Fire Fly, the mother of three fine hounds, was the winner of a good number of the awards that Abernathy has received.

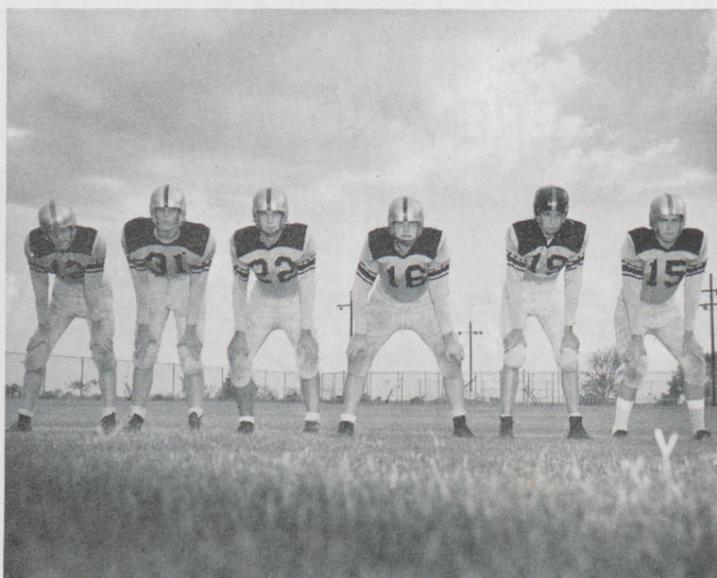
lasts all night. The moisture on the ground and the still quiet of evening help the dogs to track the fox. The animal they hunt is a wild gray fox, a native of the East Texas area. Somewhat smaller than the red fox of the northern states, the fox lives in hollow logs and burrows. The dog owners know each hound by his bark and can tell if he is leading the pack or dropping behind. The fox is seldom killed unless the dogs overtake it on the ground. Most of the time they only tree the fox. Raising good hunting hounds is a definite art. The dogs must be able to run for four and five hours without stopping. They must be able to keep right on the trail at all times, because it isn't just legend that a fox is tricky. The fox will run in a circle and stay in an area which he knows completely. It takes advantage of every log and hiding place it can, when the dogs are close at its heels.

Besides the actual hunts, the club has an Annual Bench Show and Barbecue at which they judge the best conforming and most beautiful hound. They also have Field Trials to pick the best performing dog. Factors judged in the Field Trials are hunting, trailing, speed and drive, and the dog's endurance. Some of the Field Trials last for four days.

Mr. Abernathy has won many medals for his prize hounds. At one time he has owned as many as five or six well trained dogs.



Halfback Penny O'Neal, left, and Quarterback Jimmy Carpenter, give the Deer Park team a terrific one-two punch.



Shell sons form the backbone of the Deer Line. They are: L to R: Dunn, Smith, Cain, Stephenson, Royal and Taylor.

## Deer Park Seeks Third Straight District Grid Crown

Dear to the hearts of the residents of Deer Park are the Deer Park High School Deer.

The light but lithe Deer are speeding along toward their third consecutive District 26-A title.

Deer Park moved to Class A competition in 1952, and the Deer advanced all the way to the state finals before losing to Ranger. Last year, the Deer again out-classed all in Dstrect 26-A, making

it all the way to the quarter-finals before bowing to Luling.

Eight of the scrappy Deer are Shellites, five of them are first stringers.

Star Quarterback is Jimmy Carpenter, son of W. A. Carpenter, Distilling Department Manager. Young Carpenter is a fine passer and field general, and was an all-state end in 1953.

Penny O'Neal, hard-running Deer

left halfback, is the son of S. P. O'Neal, Gas Department.

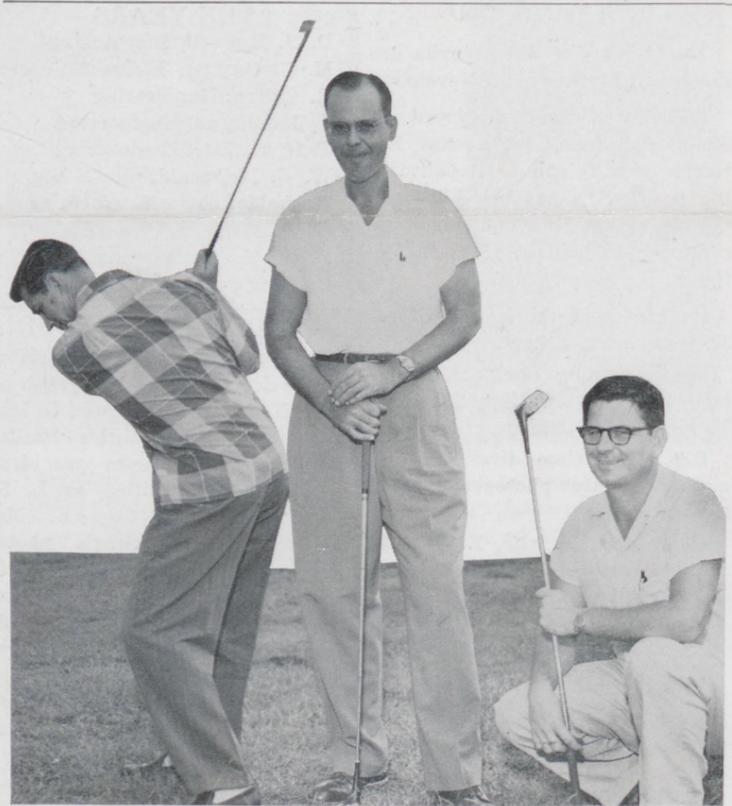
Hard-hustling right end of the rugged Deer line is Hubert Taylor, who is the son of Hebert Taylor, Engineering Field.

Benny Stephenson, a key man in the Deer Park line at his right tackle post, is the son of Nelson Stephenson, Chemical Plant Engineering Field.

The other tackle post is manned

by the ever-dependable Luther Cain, son of L. F. Cain, Engineering Field.

A team is no better than its reserves, is the way the saying goes. And in Marshall Smith, Colin Dunn and Don Royall, the Deer line has valuable reserve strength. Their dads are G. A. Smith, Engineering Field, E. E. Dunn, Dispatching, and Ben J. Royall, Engineering Field, respectively.



Jack Minter, Chemical Plant Pipe Shop, shows the form which won for him the low handicap match in a recent SERA golf meet. L. P. Bossinger, Chemical Plant Laboratory, center, and J. Merritt, Refinery Engineering, who tied for the high handicap prize, look on as Mr. Minter tees off.

## Death Takes W. W. Coale

W. W. Coale, Assistant Manager of the Platformer and a Shell veteran of 25 years' service, died Sunday, October 24. He had become ill and was taken to the hospital the day before his death. He was 49.

Mr. Coale's survivors include his widow, Mrs. Amanda Coale; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Davis, both of Pasadena, and a brother and sister, both of Wood River, Ill.



COALE

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