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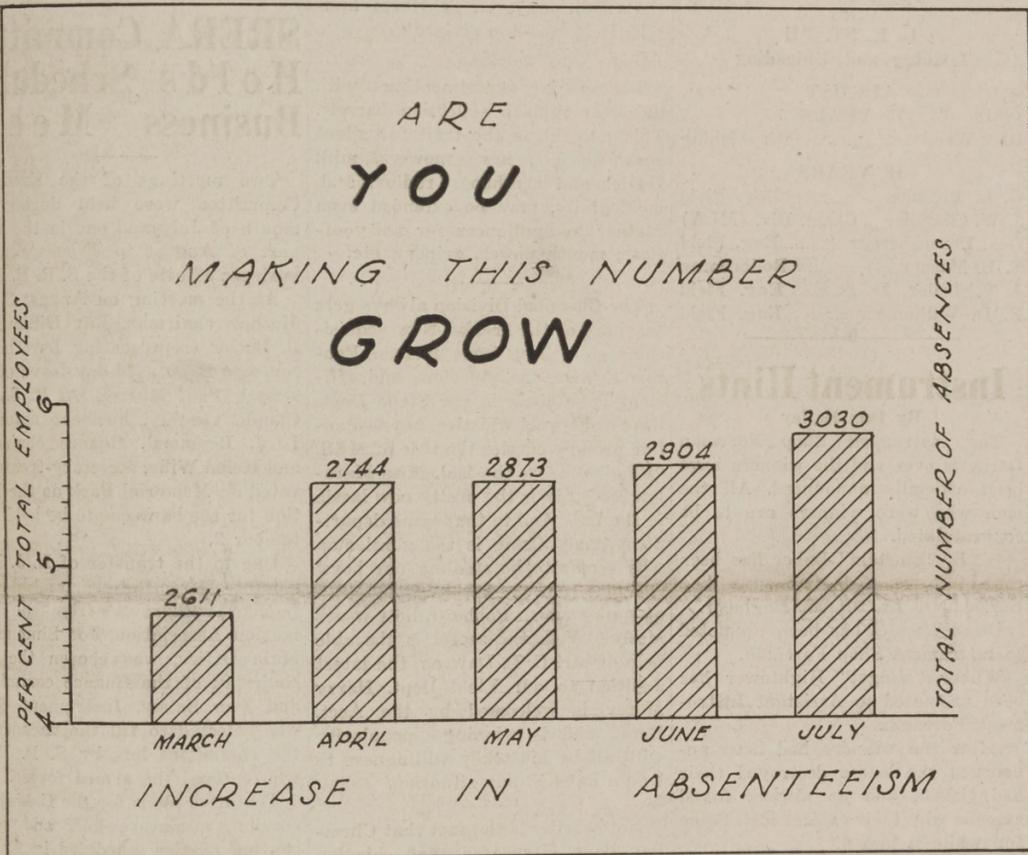
HOUSTON, REFINERY TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1945

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TERMINATION OF JAP WAR AWAITED

When it is final that the Japs have capitulated, our greatest pleasure, besides the fact that thousands of lives will be saved, is the knowledge that our 556 employees still in the Service should soon be back at the Houston Refinery, and their lives, which have been interrupted by years of warfare, will be able to proceed in peace.

Absenteeism Increases Each Month



Oilers Spurt Nets Chance in Playoff

The Shell Oilers, led by the fine pitching of A. H. Loughridge and Johnny Campo, have battled their way back into a contending place in the Major City Amateur League and at this writing have a fighting chance to emerge with the championship of the loop.

Empire Broom Tilt to Decide

Shell plays Empire Broom for their final game of the season Sunday, August 12, and if victorious the local boys will be in a tie with the Brown Rockets for second place. Should they defeat the Rockets in a playoff for the second spot, they will then play the first place Swingshift team for the championship. This latter playoff was agreed upon at the beginning of the season, that the second place team would play the first place team for the championship.

Defeat League Leaders 3-2

In their last encounter, Shell defeated the league leading Rockets behind the brilliant hurling of Johnny Campo who set the opponents down with four hits, winning his game, 3-2. Campo struck out 13 Brown men. H. D. "Rosy" Smith and Roy Cox aided in the victory with a triple and a double respectively to lead the batting.

Enter Baytown Tourney

The game with Empire Broom may be decided the night of August 10 when Shell plays this team in

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Miniature Golf Party Scheduled for Aug. 20

Plans for the S. R. E. R. A. miniature golf party to be held Monday, August 20, at the Eastwood Miniature Golf Course, 4500 Leeland, are being made by a committee composed of Ella Mae Seamans, chairman, Colleen Burch and Ann Wright.

The party will begin at 7 p. m. and last throughout the evening. The Eastwood course, reserved especially for S. R. E. R. A. members and guests, offers 18 holes of golf traps, hazards and obstacles that will fascinate any lover of the miniature sport, and is guaranteed to provide relaxation and fun aplenty.

Tickets for the party are now on sale and may be purchased from any member of the committee. Prices are 10c for members and 25c for non-members.

Much enthusiasm has been shown for this outdoor activity, and the committee anticipates a sizeable crowd.

Employees Leave Clothes in Cafe

It was learned that a number of work clothes have been left at the cafeteria over a period of time. Employees desiring to recover these lost garments may call for them at their earliest convenience.

Also, a few items, such as, an umbrella, two raincoats, and a pair of gloves have been left at the Industrial Relations office. The owners may obtain same by calling for and identifying the items.

Chemical Division Leads League No. 1

Chem. Div. No. 1 forged ahead for a four-game lead in the Refinery League No. 1 which bowls on Friday nights at 6:45 at the Recreation Center Lanes. With 25 games won and 11 lost the league leaders are heading down the homeward stretch. Only five more weeks of bowling remain until the season closes on September 7.

In a tie for second place are Tech Dept. No. 1 and Gas Dept. No. 2, with 21 games won and 15 lost. Stopping any advancement in third place, the Inspectors, Eng. Field, and Gas Dept. No. 1 each have 19 games to their credit and 17 lost.

Both high game of 770 and high (Continued on page 2)

Murrell, Kennedy Head Fishing Trip

Prospects for a fishing excursion sponsored by the Recreation Association are in the offing, according to a bulletin issued to members inviting suggestions and ideas as to the type of fishing outing desired.

Charlie Murrell, Tin Shop, and Harry Kennedy, Boilerhouse, deep-sea and river-bank fishermen of no little fame, are in charge of arrangements for the proposed jaunt.

All anglers and rod and reel wielders are urged to contact either Charlie Morrell or Harry Kennedy in an effort to make up a Refinery fishing party in the near future.

Plans Completed for Gala Labor Day Outing; Norco Will Bring Bowlers

"We're Going to Beat You Guys" Quote Norco Superintendent

Plans for the gala three-day Labor Day celebration, which will be climaxed by a return match with the Norco Bowling team, are being completed by members of the Recreation Association with the result that the previously announced program will be carried out.

The program as stated last month will include a tour of the refinery by the Norco Refinery delegation on Saturday, a dance at the Rice Hotel Saturday night, a plant

barbecue and outing at Memorial Park on Sunday and the Bowling match between Norco and the local bowlers on Labor Day.

Faulk Confirms Norco Visit

With the statement "We're going to beat you guys this time," Roy Faulk, former Houston Refinery chemist and now superintendent of Norco, announced that plans had been completed by the Norco Association to bring their top six bowlers to Houston. The athletic director will accompany the group.

The six top bowlers will be determined by the high averages in the Suburban New Orleans League Classic. Norco has had two teams competing in this league, their X-100 and Shell Premium. The former, champions of the winter season, has just finished third place in the summer league. Shell Premium finished sixth.

Backing Norco will be either Manager Stewart or Supt. Faulk along with a score or more Norcoites who will be visiting friends or relatives in Houston.

Harry Dufresne, chairman of the Norco Recreation Association, and one of the leading bowlers, will also be on hand.

According to Faulk, the group will probably leave Norco at noon on Friday and will make the trip by station wagon, arriving in Houston late Friday night to be on hand for a tour of the refinery on Saturday.

The Program

A three-day program of activities has been planned for the visitors. On Saturday, Sept. 1, a tour of the Houston Refinery is scheduled in the afternoon followed by a dance at the Rice Crystal Ballroom. Music for the dance, which will begin at 9 p. m. will be furnished by Joe Belle's orchestra. W. W. Myers, Control Lab, is in charge of arrangements for the dance.

On Sunday, September 2, an all-day outing will be held at Memorial Park, led by a golf tournament which begins at 9:30. Also included will be baseball, badminton, archery, horseshoes, washers, bingo, croquet, and cards and dominoes, and a barbecue. Visiting Norcoites are expected to participate in the golf tournament and other sports events. Committees to take charge of the various games and activities will be appointed this week, meanwhile preliminary details are being handled by Claude Cassidy, business manager.

The festivities on Monday, Sept. 3, features the much-heralded return challenge match between the Houston Refinery and Norco Refinery bowling teams. The match will be played at 2 p. m. at the Palace Lanes. B. A. Risinger is handling arrangements for the bowling meet. Following the match a banquet will be given for the bowlers at which the trophy and plaque will be presented the winning team.

Indications are that the Labor Day week-end will be one of the biggest events ever undertaken by the Recreation Association. In view of the fact that the barbecue is listed as the second of the two free entertainments offered to members each year, accommodations are being made for a record crowd.

In Memoriam



GEORGE KELMAN

The passing of a colorful figure in the Engineering Department was noted with the death of George Kelman, 57, engineer, who had been with Shell for the past five years.

George died July 21, at his home at Shoreacres, La Porte, from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elaine Kelman of La Porte, and several brothers and sisters of Scotland and England.

He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 4, 1888, and after being educated in that city came to the United States where he served as a sergeant in World War 1. He spent the intervening years as an engineer with several industries before he came to Shell in 1939. He was a member of the American Legion Post of La Porte, members of which were pallbearers at his funeral.

Skating Party Is Planned by SRERA

Although complete details are not available at this time, the Recreation Association has scheduled a roller skating party to be held sometime in August, Claude Cassidy, business manager, announced.

Wilda Newman, Research Lab, has been appointed head of a committee to handle arrangements for the forthcoming event.

The Association expects to reserve a local roller skating rink for the exclusive use of S. R. E. R. A. members and guests during one of the evening sessions, Mr. Cassidy said.

Definite plans will be announced at a later date thru bulletins to all members.

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GAS DEPARTMENT

By D. W. Stewart
"Hello" to the boys of the Armed Forces on military leave.

J. V. Rank of the U. S. Navy dropped by to see us recently.

Welcome, C. A. Loughridge, to our department as our technical man.

We welcome the group of new men who have come our way as operator helpers, at this time I am unable to list by name. We sincerely say you have chosen a fine department. We hope you like us and we like you.

Promotions have been fast, even L. O. Lord was caught off guard. He advised the lunch girl not to bring in lunches for straight-day workers a few days before he himself was placed in that bracket. Upon requesting the lunch girl to pick up a pint of milk she immediately reminded

Oilers Spurt

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the first game of the Baytown tournament, a meet sponsored by the Baytown Oilers as a warm-up tournament for the annual Post Tournament. This tournament includes several semi-pro and amateur teams from the surrounding area.

STANDING

Team—	Won	Lost
Brown Swingshift	10	5
Brown Rockets	9	6
Empire Broom	9	5
Shell Refinery	8	6
Wilson Cubs	4	11
St. Thomas	3	12

Chemical Bowlers

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series of 2122 are held by the Inspectors, whose top man, C. Suggs, still controls the men's individual scoring with his high game of 223 and high series of 560. Suggs' individual average of 152 moves him up to No. 1 man in the league following the transfer of George Thorn, 165 average, to the Major League.

Ann Windham, Gas Dept. No. 2, rolled 190 for the women's high individual game early in the season, as did Louise Ross, Tech Dept. No. 1, whose score of 465 still remains high individual series.

STANDING

Team—	Won	Lost
Chem. Div. No. 1	25	11
Tech. Dept. No. 1	21	15
Gas Dept. No. 2	21	15
Inspectors	19	17
Eng. Field	19	17
Gas Dept. No. 1	19	17
Chem. Div. No. 3	18	18
Eng. Off. No. 2	18	18
Chem. Div. No. 2	18	18
Main Office	16	20
Eng. Off. No. 1	16	20
Tech. Dept. No. 2	16	20
Control Lab	16	20
Research	11	25

him of the previous instructions. That's O. K., Lawrence, we want to congratulate you on your new job, replacing Floyd Good as Assistant Department Head in charge of Isomerization.

Floyd Good replaces W. M. Frech as General Assistant Department Head. Frech goes to Norco as Gas Department Head. Congratulations to both of you, Norco's gain but our loss.

B. E. Norwood transfers from the department to a new job. Lots of good luck, Ben.

It is very easy to tell when Harry Evers is on vacation for his vacation relief is a young lady and during those two weeks the boys in the office make it their business to find plenty of work to do.

Norman Thew is enjoying a nice vacation but he will be back by the time this comes off the press.

Donehoo and Watts are enjoying a vacation at present.

Received a card from Hickey saying her and hubby are looking the sights over in the state of Washington.

Worthen has a new baby boy. We congratulate you Mr. and Mrs. Worthen. Where are the cigars?

Annie Lou's betting on bowlers has netted her more income than that of her regular pay check.

McGee proves to be a good fire fighter. Gets little red wagon to fire at P. A. Treater before alarm whistle goes off.

"Baldy" Landes joins up with the Armed Forces. His address is: Dale Landes, ASN, 38723886, Reception Center, Camp Chaffee, Ark.

E. L. Thomas finds tire flats not too pleasant on lonely highway at night.

Youth is glorious, but it isn't a career.

It is said that the alligator never leaves fresh water, while the crocodile often goes to sea, and in the West Indies has sometimes been found many miles from land, but heading directly for an island possibly out of sight.

Tantalum, relatively rare metal which resists corrosion, is used by surgeons in repairing bones and in joining severed nerves.

Slang: Language that takes off its coat, spits on its hands, and goes to work.

Indianapolis, Indiana, is one of the few large cities in the world not situated on a navigable river.

Service Birthdays 20 Years



L. L. ST. PE
Loading and Unloading

AUGUST 15 YEARS

Dick Wood Dispatching

10 YEARS

G. L. Brannen Eng. Field
J. W. Chandler Chem. Div. (MLA)
Geo. Ehrensberger Eng. Field
T. L. Massey Boilerhouse
J. V. Tellez, Jr. Eng. Field
E. D. Williams Eng. Field

Instrument Hints

By Don Bailey

The Instrument Shop Foreman Derby is over and the winners have been officially announced. All the men who were winners are to be congratulated.

W. E. "Einstein" Baker has been promoted from Instrument Shop Foreman to Instrument Engineer.

Oscar Mendel has been promoted to Instrument Shop Foreman.

Wilber "Midget" Hightower has been promoted to Assistant Instrument Foreman.

After the winners had been announced the losers destroyed their bad tickets and as always found reasons why their choices lost. Some fun while it lasted!

Cecil Herren has gone back to the rubber plant. Not only that but he has been promoted to first class instrument man. Congratulations!

Cecil Billingslea took his regular two weeks' vacation. The day he was to return to work he received word that his father was not expected to live. Cecil asked for and received a month's leave of absence from the company, and has gone back to Oklahoma to be with his father. At present we have not heard how he is getting along.

Walter Cannon's daughter, Gloria, is getting along as well as can be expected. The polio left her in a weakened condition, but she is making very good progress on her hard road to recovery.

G. M. "Crook" Cole has not been able to return to work. He has gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to try and regain his strength. I hope these baths make a new man out of him.

A. W. "Willie" Williams looked very good in his Navy uniform. He has transferred into the Navy Seabees. He said boot camp was very rough.

"Eistein" Baker went to the Shell plant at Wood River, Ill., and watched the cat cracker shutdown. He returned with a trunk full of notes and new ideas. It was a good thing he did not stay a month because he would have been unable to carry all his notes back with him.

"Dutch" Gilbert has gone back on shift work. He took Hightower's shift.

Andy Cruse is now working on the Gas Dept. zone replacing Gilbert.

The wheat crop was very good this year in the Texas Panhandle. Ray Antrobus can testify to this.

CHEMICAL DIVISION NEWS

Office News

By Vivian S. Tucker

Carl MacHenry has acquired a new title, "Mozart" MacHenry. It seems that Mac purchased himself a nice new album of records by the celebrated artist, Jose Iturbi. Now the story goes that Mac's neighbors, overhearing these recordings, called to congratulate Mac on his superb interpretations, and to award him the title of "Maestro of the Pianissimo." Utterly confused by this sudden shower of flattery, Mac feebly strived to explain, but only to disbelieving ears. Greatly impressed with his display of modesty, they asked for more—more! The latest request, so it is rumored, comes from an ardent admirer who, with that far-off gaze in her eye, has ventured to the home of our genius to extol his artistic abilities to the "fortunate" Mrs. Mac. "Ah," exclaims Miss X, "his style surpasses the renditions even of Iturbi himself. It is too—too divine."

Boston is experimenting with noiseless rubbish collection barrels. This may blaze the trail for silent snow shovels, lawn mowers, milk bottles and neighbors' radios; and, incidentally, may be extended even further to appliances for noisy offices, mouth pieces, grippers, etc.

The Chemical Division always gets its share of the breaks. New acquisitions since last issue include Pauline Crosby, the vivacious and efficient little clerk in the Steno Dept. Save your wolf whistles, boys—Pauline proudly carries the title of MRS. "Bing" Crosby, the 2nd. Miss Maralyn McCurdy is the pretty new lassie in the Lab. And in that same department Andy Craig is the gentleman who seems to be stealing our boys' thunder: Had you noticed the wreath of smiles which Bobbie Elliott wears lately? Well, the secret is the able help of Mr. C. L. Dawson, the latest addition to our Yield Dept. Harry Morey is welcomed by the Acet. Dept., and is winning popularity with all by his ready willingness to lend a hand in any situation.

Noteworthy is the fact that Chemites have discovered that chivalry does still live. The gentleman, whose manners would rival those of Lord Chesterfield, has been pointed out as one Mr. R. H. Hilbert, a recently acquired asset to our Eng. Dept. Which reminds us of a special lady who deserves mention too. Did you ever hear of Dorothy Blohm being inconsiderate of anyone. Well, you won't.

The office girls are really happy to make a find like Harry Morey or Maury Henshaw. Either way you take it, their courtesies are synonymous. And it is so gratifying to have someone around who seems glad to lift our heavy boxes and bundles. Thanks boys. We appreciate you.

Vacationers: Del Nelson of the Lab. spent his learning how to fold little 3-in-1's for the new daughter. Ralph McKay relates interesting tales of sleeping under blankets at Wimberly, Texas, something quite foreign to us sweltering Houstonians who spend our nights under fans, with a mosquito swatter in one hand, an insect sprayer in the other, and pray for the crack of dawn. Floyd Reitz and his family followed suit by spending their time in the same vicinity, at New Braunfels. There must be some unusual charm in that direction as Mr. and Mrs. Crest Johnson have departed to see for themselves. Now Dr. and Mrs. Humphreys, Roy and Lee, also have the bee, and are eagerly anticipating a similar trip there next week. Bill Graham donned a 10-gallon hat, bowed his knees, and rode the bronchos in real Texas fashion at Dude Ranch. Maury Henshaw flew to Jackson, Michigan, for a round table

with the kinfolks. He returned by way of Chicago where he spent a few days absorbing the sights there. Dorothy Rudewig acquired a healthy Indian glow by basking in sunshine at her San Leon cottage on Galveston Bay. Mildred Pitts enjoyed a couple of weeks with homefolks and good food in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Welcome back, Chuck Roen, who has been on sick leave for several days.

Freddie Taylor has caused a number of lonely hearts the past few weeks while working on graveyard shift.

Wedding bells ring again! The time for Reba Haskinson, who, on July 3, became the bride of Sgt. O. P. Wharton. Our congratulations to Mr. Wharton, and wishes to you, Reba.

SRERA Committee Holds Scheduled Business Meeting

Two meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the month of July and one in the part of August to discuss pending business affairs of the S. R. E. R.

At the meeting on August 3, R. Butler (representing Joe Thomson who is on a 30-day leave of absence), Paul Murrell, A. F. Sar Claude Cassidy, business manager L. J. Raymond, finance chairman and Helen Wills, secretary-treasurer voted on Memorial Park as the location for the barbecue to be held September 2.

Due to the transfer of L. J. Raymond to Norco Refinery and his subsequent withdrawal from the Recreation Association, Joe Simon, Main Office, was chosen the chairman of the finance committee and Don Bailey, Instrument Shop, was selected to fill the vacancy the committee left by S. P. De who entered the armed forces.

Tentative plans for the fishing excursion, miniature golf and skating parties scheduled in August were presented to the Executive Committee by Claude Cassidy.

At the recommendation of the finance chairman the Zone Representatives authorized the purchase of \$1,000 in government bonds, the step in laying aside funds for proposed clubhouse.

July 28 Meeting

Meeting on July 28 for the purpose of reviewing the tennis tournament awards suggested by Boudreaux and Tex Sears, co-members, the Executive Committee minus the votes of Paul Murrell, Daigle and M. L. Bartley, members, also drew up for addition to the By-Laws in effect that "a member on leave of absence due to illness for a period of 60 days or more will be stated in the Association as a member, eliminating the initiation fee."

Discussing the low number of members in the organization, Zone Representatives decided to obtain suggestions and opinions from their respective zones for a membership drive within the next few months.

Meet on July 16

On July 16 Pat Mosher, Paul L. Bartley, Joe Thompson, Claude Cassidy met to approve altered date of the watermelon party, and to receive the plans suggested by L. N. Mancuso for a dinner in honor of the baseball players, Bill Williams on Monday, July 16.

Diner: "This is a very small you gave me."

Waiter: "Yes, sir; but it will you a long time to eat it."

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

We welcome to the department Harold Baumler and Hercle Worsham. Harold comes to us from the refinery engineering dept., and will inspect all field welding and vessel manufacturers fabrication. Hercle is a new employee, and he will assist our cost engineer.

All hail deep sea fishermen "Mackeral" McCarty and "Kingfish" Massey! The "Kingfish" says "Mac" leaned over the rail and fed the fish continually for nine hours out of the 11-hour trip, with such moving enthusiasm that it just warn't no use trying to tease 'em with a hook. Next time Mother Massey says she really is going to take Mac in tow beforehand with a round of calomel, seasickness pills, and a good night's sleep. Do we bet, or don't we?

Our office may be woefully lacking in its supply of pin-up girls, but we notice the ladies of our steno department just must have their pin-ups of the male sex—or was it? On the steno dept. wall the other day we were struck with something in between the ghost of "Smiling Through" and some gigglewater apparition you hoped you won't see on Saturday night. Not until Ed Hander indignantly claimed it as his latest and best likeness did we even guess. And, by the way, our charmer has two more tacked on him this month! "Bird-egg" for his bird nesting experiments with our rain gage (and Mac's going to wring his neck one of these days if he don't let that thing alone, and "Firechief" for his exploits in South Houston trying to see how far he could burn his house down without putting out the fire.

For a long time now Witt Shannon and Ed Underwood have been pulling off that stuff about sitting in a certain place in the cafeteria "because it was much cooler there!" We tried it out after much persuasion, and our suspicions were more than well founded. Not only was it the hottest spot, but as we listened to the Shannon-Underwood undertones of the long row of feminine charm seated conveniently nearby, we knew we were right. What's this about Witt losing out matching wits with Uncle Sam's automotive reviewers? What some guys won't stoop to in order to try to save a couple of bucks!

And now Fred Macy, our exemplar of law and order over here, is conducting sight-seeing trips over the jobsite for all members of the fair sex who make application. Prompt service, no red tape. We are now wondering who is really the dark horse in that pernicious Hander-Macy combine.

For five days in a row we heard Mr. McCarty's early morning wail; "Who has my 'Wheatley Pumper'?" On the sixth day said publication turned up from nowhere suddenly in Ed Underwood's mail basket. However, this is written to entirely exonerate Ed, because one glance at that old smoothie, silent "Nootsie" Newton, gave us a pretty good idea where the manuscript had been reposing. We wouldn't like to cast any suspicion on Birdie Fogelmann in the matter either, because he never reads the rag—he merely visualizes everything he sees in the pictures, and never misses a one!

We wonder whether our power expert "Explosion Proof" Horridge is in the right business after all. Whenever he gets us cornered in a lengthy discussion on the fourth dimension or the dielectric capacitance of the Sphinx, we know he is ready to eliminate another circuit breaker. However, when the smoke clears up, we

always find the more we eliminate the more it costs.

Our watchdog of the teletype, Lisa Brandon, never sleeps. It might take 30 minutes of screaming, bell-ringing and voluminous 6 double-x cuss words back and forth on the teletype with the Houston operator, but we bet we won't pay for 5 seconds more time on the blinkin' machine than we actually use.

What a few red roses can do to cover up for a husband who is miles away from nowhere! Anyhow, they brought miles of smiles for a day to Betty Clement who figures truthfully, we are sure, that there are some dangers missing for the boys in the South Pacific. Many more happy and happier anniversaries.

Della Freeman, our demure file clerk who says she has never been out of Harris County, Texas, before, really decided to make up for lost time in a hurry when she picked on New York City for a first going-away trip.

Laboratory News

By Mary King

There's been some changes made, and if you don't watch your step, you might walk into someone's private office.

Have you noticed the shy glances Jensen has been giving one of our flash and color testers.

Hazel Bonin has been telling all the girls how pretty the colors are in the waterfall near the entrance to Forest Park cemetery.

Joe Ann Berwick, Hazel Tucker, Martha Ann George and a boy friend from the Refinery visited the Kemah Coffee Shop on a Saturday night not very long ago.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Warwick who have a new baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Robert Garbs came around to see us the other day. Robert has been stationed at Camp Hood, but he tells us he is California bound after his furlough.

Thanks for your nice long letter, Jimmie Lee. Glad to hear of your new rating to storekeeper third class.

Mrs. Allene Garrison is on a furlough with her husband who finally came home after three years of services in the European Theater of Operations.

We sure miss Everett Williams around the Lab these days. Everett is with Uncle Sam's Navy now, tho. Let us hear from you.

To add a touch of femininity to the Lab someone has painted one of the garbage cans an awful pretty rose. It happens to be in the corner where Jonnie Dahl spends most of his time.

Cross wakes up after he gets to work one morning and finds he has shoes on of a different mate.

Barrett, you should have some tall fish stories after that vacation in the country.

We would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bervin Carter for their new arrival in June. It's a girl.

Jack Hatcher says free meals aboard the ship is just a rumor.

Mildred Cox, now known as Mrs. Harold Fitzpatrick, says to thank each of you girls again for your

Refinery Tennis Tourney Planned

By Arky

With the news that plans are being made for a tennis tournament which is scheduled about the middle of August, with prizes to be awarded, interest in match play in the Refinery Tennis League is expected to pick up considerably.

Every new bulletin containing results of the latest ladder standing and team positions has a few more asterisks beside the names of those players who have not scheduled a match within the five weeks' limit. Each bulletin has fewer names on the ladders too.

Still leading, according to the revised method of determining team standing in the league, is Research Lab, with an average of 2.75 points per match. The Chemical Division and Control Lab team has played 54 matches for a total of 129 points but has the lower average of 2.38 points per match, as does the Gas Department team which has played 33 matches for a total of 76 points and an average of only 2.30. Engineering and Tech bring up the rear with an average of 2.11 points per match.

Ladder Play

In the men's doubles, Jack Morrison and Sammy Lee still lead the field, with Babe Loughridge and J. C. Boudreaux in second place. DeLargey and Taylor caught Good and Thew on an off-night, defeating them 6-2, 6-0 for the third berth.

Kappy Kapranos defeated Charlie Carnes for the only change of position on the men's singles ladder, in which Loughridge is high man with Morrison and DeLargey following in that order.

Mixed doubles have suffered most from the new five weeks' ruling with only four teams competing, led by Reitz and Reitz who defeated Boudreaux and Garner 6-4; 3-6; 6-3.

"The Anns," Ann Wright and Anna Greenwood, have maintained their coveted top rung in the women's doubles ladder, with Allene Garrison and Ruth Bramlett still in second place.

"The Anns" sans practice and vacation weary Wednesday night defended their No. 1 position on the women's doubles ladder by defeating Sue McDowell and Ruth Bramlett, runners-up in the recent City Tennis Tournament, by a devastating score of 6-3; 6-0.

Tex Sears continues to lead in women's singles; Ann Wright holds second place, with Pat Mosher and Peg Munyer following in the order named.

August 1 Results (Men's Doubles)

Loughridge-Boudreaux (1) defeated Enderson-Wolfe (3) 6-3; 8-6.
Kapranos-Dobratz (4) defeated Isaacs-Hyatt (1) 6-0; 6-1.
W. Myers-Wilson (2) defeated L. Myers-Carnes (1) 6-2; 9-7.

Men's Singles

Morrison (4) deflated Lee (4) 6-3; 4-6; 6-4.
Orfield (3) defeated Doyle (1) 6-2; 8-6.
Taylor (2) defeated Kapranos (4) 6-3, 4-6; 6-1.

Women's Singles

Bramlett (2) defeated McDowell (1) 6-3; 6-3.

lovely gifts. Mildred lives in San Antonio and is keeping house these days.

For once, that we know of, Eleanor Florence got in a hurry. She came out on her last Saturday in Houston, threw her badge inside the gate, and says, "Mail me my check, I am on my way to California."

CHEMICAL DIVISION

Maintenance News

By C. N. Barker

Well, our ex-scribe, J. H. Jarrett, has gone on the graveyard training program. We miss him. Good luck, buddy.

The new unit has caused a little excitement around here. The way everyone was crying looked like a wedding at the old maid's home.

The cleanouts of the new unit are pretty dirty. The other day we heard that Mr. White, the labor foreman, came by and picked up three boiler-makers and handed them each a shovel before he realized his mistake.

We have two new shift machinists now: G. G. Berkley and Alec Vincent. Welcome, boys.

We heard some nice compliments on the men on duty the night of the fire at the furnaces. Team-work like this means a lot in cases of emergency.

At last the helpers in the plant are beginning to get some appreciation. We saw a first class craftsman rolling a helper in a wheelbarrow. Some man shortage!

Why was a certain machinist complaining about someone stealing his tools? It's a funny thing, but when you take tools out on a job, you have to bring them back also. Isn't that right, Davis?

We were sorry to hear about Willie Clark resigning. Good luck, Willie.

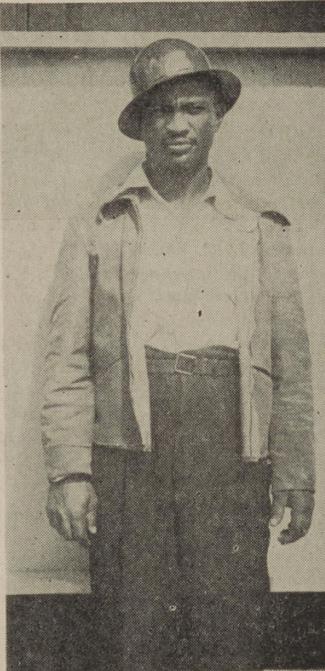
Service movie theaters at posts and camps in the U. S. are estimated to have an annual attendance of over 180,000,000.

Crude sugar is known as gur in India.

About the only force some people have is the force of habit.

Water freezes every night of the year at Alto Crucero, in Bolivia; while at noon-day the sun is hot enough to blister the flesh.

Hat Prevents Injury



M. Johnson, colored yardman, while working at the base of a small tank at the Concentrators, Chemical Division, was struck on the head by a falling piece of lumber.

Johnson was using a pulley to raise cement and bricks to the top of the tank when a 4-inch x 4-inch x 8-foot board fell from the tank (about 20 feet) and hit him on the head. He was wearing a hard hat, as seen in the picture, and suffered only a strained neck.

Why was Hysaw looking for a cot for sale? Just four doubles in a row! Sissy!

Koy was standing-by a new unit. One of the supervisors asked another machinist why they changed men on the new unit stand-by every day. The machinist replied that that was the same man. Koy had just worn his new teeth to work that day!

We were told that Hancock, the Pasadena High School coach, was standing between the maintenance shop and the clock house when the whistle blew. He said he saw some of the finest broken field running he'd seen in many a day. Confidentially, he offered a couple of scholarships!

At the fire in the parking lot quick work by men in the plant saved damage to several cars parked near the burning truck. We saw a pretty dive by Harry Lilley after a loose hose. We still don't know who got the most water, the burning truck or fat Wynne.

New faces in the electrical and instrument department. Bottoms, Page and Herrin on bulletins and Cannon and Hobbs, vacation relief.

We see also that Pappan is back home with the boiler-makers and "Poor Boy" Harper came up with him.

Willie Williams dropped in while on a furlough from the Seabees. Glad to see him. He's really handsome in those bell bottom trousers.

Treated Stuff

By R. G. Funk

All our Treater operators have enjoyed their vacations in various places, except one junior operator who arrived back at work in the same antagonistic mood, which we have been advised was brought on by drug store men over in Mississippi claiming not to know what "color back" was and "ain't got none, neither!"

Our second in command may be able to explain why the draft board at Snyder quit. Perhaps they heard ole Jim was in town. Let us hear from you, Jim.

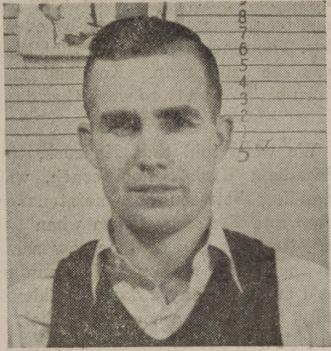
Late reports reveal the efforts made by a shift foreman and one of his top operators to catch the employees bus, hoping to give a certain lady presssureman a lift on the way home, came to naught, the lady in question having remarked as to why were those old goats bird-dogging her. They never get too old to have hopes!

Going a little further up the ladder we can record the pleasant and profitable vacation enjoyed by our No. 1 Treater, L. W. Gibbons, who on returning to work rubbed his arms and in jovial mood announced he stayed at home and cut the grass and rested!

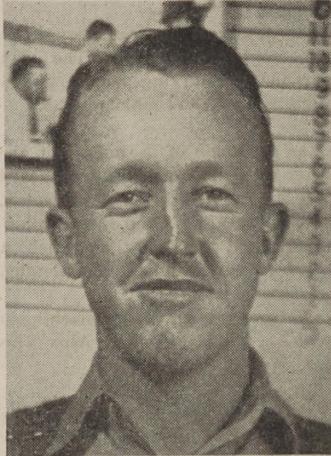
One of our operators made himself some money on his vacation even if he was denied a ride in the car on account of having pushed a cow into the trailer against her will. He should have borrowed our pipe fitters' acid hook. Be careful, Joachomi!

R. L. Brady, employed in this department since 1930 except for time spent in the Shell plant in California, passed away at Pasadena on Tuesday, July 16. It is needless to mention his good qualities, sufficient to say he played fair and square all the way and his passing is mourned by his many friends.

MILITARY LEAVES



E. M. WILLIAMS
Control Lab
7-10-45



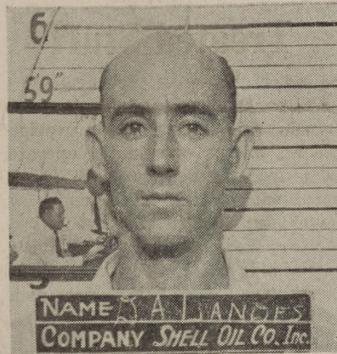
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Engineering Field
6-27-45



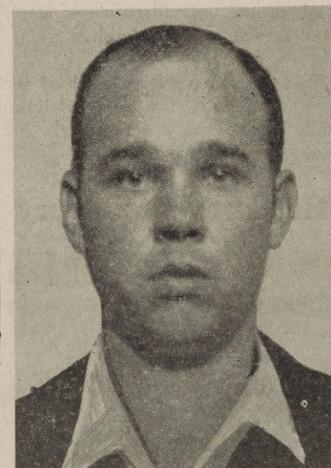
MARTIN F. HANNUSCH
Eng. Field
7-19-45



R. F. SHEPPARD
Cracking
6-26-45



DALE A. LANDES
Gas Dept.
7-5-45



E. C. BOSWELL
Engineering Field
6-5-45

Ready to Go Across



PFC R. L. CLINE

On a 15-day furlough preparatory to going overseas, Pfc. R. L. Cline managed to get out to the refinery for a visit with his friends in the engineering field.

In the service four years, Pfc. Cline spent 30 months with a coastal defense unit on the West Coast. He is at present assigned to the 89th Signal Battalion at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Asked if anything outstanding had happened during his "hitch" in the Army, Pfc. Cline grinned and said, "Yeah," he'd got married!

Employed December 9, 1940, he entered the Army April 7, 1941.



F. D. BROWN
Engineering Field
6-21-45

Mueller With CB's

I. P. Mueller, SF 1/c, former Engineering Field employee who had been stationed at Camp Parks, California, was recently given a fleet post office, San Francisco address. He is assigned to a naval construction battalion.

Sees Action Overseas Sgt. P. B. Miller Wears Oak Leaf Cluster



Sgt. Paul B. Miller, whose wife, Mrs. Imogene Miller, lives in Houston, now wears the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of the twice cited 450th B-24 Liberator group known as the "Cottontails."

This veteran group was recently awarded a second Distinguished Unit Citation for heroic leadership and outstanding performance of duty in striking the initial blow in the Battle of Ploesti April 5, 1944. The first citation was granted last January for the group's attack on an aircraft factory in Germany.

A former loading rack employee, Sgt. Miller entered the USAAF in October, 1942. He was overseas 18 months and returned home on a 30-day furlough recently.

Lt. D. C. Perkins, pictured above, has seen action in England, France and Belgium, and is now with the armed forces in Holland.

A former Chemical Division employee, he entered military service in April, 1942 and received his commission December 30, 1942.

Flies 35th Mission



First Lt. Charles W. Sparks, former Gas. Dept. employee who completed his 35th combat mission from a bomber base in Italy, flew in from the European Theater of Operations the first part of June on a 30-day leave and is awaiting reassignment.

As pilot of a 15th AAF Liberator, Lt. Sparks participated in the devastating attacks that destroyed Germany's industrial capacity. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in September, 1942 and was commissioned in March, 1944. Overseas since last October, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Stationed at Port Hueneme

Ivey L. Ham, MM 3/c, who is assigned to the Stevedore Dept. at Port Hueneme, California, writes for the SHELLEGRAM to be sent to him there. The former Gas Dept. employee had not been heard from in a long time, and his request was promptly filled.

Back From Europe



CPL VICTOR E. SMITH

Returning home with 71 points to his credit, Cpl. V. E. Smith visited his former buddies in the engineering field while on a 30-day furlough in June.

Cpl. Smith wears the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the European theatre ribbon with three battle stars. He participated in the bombing of the Shell refinery at Vienna.

The B-24 gunner has been in the service 25 months. He was employed February 15, 1943. Following his furlough, Cpl. Smith reported to the Re-assignment Center at Miami, Fla.

ASSIGNED TO HOUSTON

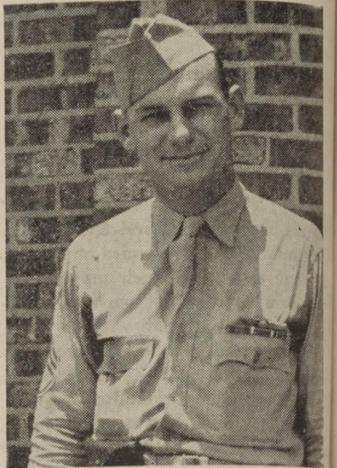
After several weeks at sea and a transfer upon arrival in port, W. L. Darby, SM 2/c, former Control laboratory employee, has been assigned to the Coast Guard Barracks in Houston.

HENRY IN BOOT CAMP

D. O. Henry, tester in the control laboratory who went on military leave of absence May 16, 1945, writes from the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, where he is an apprentice seaman, that all is well and he is getting along fine.

MILITARY

Was Interned

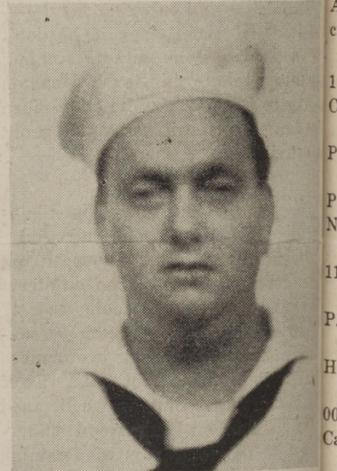


S/SGT SAM M. WALKER

On military leave of absence since September 8, 1942, S/Sgt. Sam M. Walker returned to visit the Refinery recently. Now stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., Walker was sent overseas in 1943 with the 92nd bomb group. He was interned in Berne, Switzerland during the early part of 1944.

Employed December 25, 1937, Walker was an asbestos worker No. 1 in the engineering field prior to his enlistment in the armed forces.

In Saipan Campaign



A. L. TILLEY, WT 1/C

Back from 32 months overseas duty in the Pacific, A. L. Tilley, WT 1/c, paid the Refinery a visit while on leave the latter part of June.

The former Cracking department employee was with the 18th N.C.B. attached to an amphibious force which participated in the campaign on Saipan. Tilley described the battle from a personal angle: "I disembarked from the ship on D-day into a Higgins boat but the Jap artillery fire prevented us from getting in until the next morning. After I got on the beach the Japs started firing mortars at us, so I dug myself a hole in the sand not a minute too soon, either, because I wasn't even through digging when a mortar whizzed overhead and hit directly in the water from my fox hole. Then another and another and the last one landed close that I could have reached the edge of my fox hole and patted where I hit, so I decided it was time that I moved."

Well, I got out of the hole and I and dove into another hole. I saw some one had dug. After getting into the hole, I got to looking around and I noticed that there were about ten cases of T.N.T. stacked around it, so there was only one thing to do, and I did it! That was flying low. I may be pretty but those first two or three days made a regular track man out of myself at different times."

Employed at the refinery August 25, 1935, Tilley joined the C.B.S. July, 1942.

NEWS

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 Cpl. Howard E. Berry-18119266, Sqd. B, B. A. A. F., Bryan, Texas.
 Sgt. J. F. Bower-38420893, 1050 AAFBU, Sqd. O, O. R. D., Kearns, Utah.
 J. W. Brown, C-M, 858 Grand Ave., Rochester, N. Y. (Merchant Marines).
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 2nd Lt. L. S. Buenger-01824617, A. P. O. 230, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.
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 C. S. Camp, F-2/c, USS Gen. Haan, A. P. O. 158, Brks. C, Treasure Island, Calif.
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 Sgt. Sam Costa-38160553, A. P. O. 408, c/o P. M. New York.
 Geo. H. Cousins, Coxswain, U. S. N. A. T. B., M. & R. Brks. D-3, Ft. Pierce, Fla.
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 Cpl. C. H. Eulenfeld-18187162, A. P. O. 18668, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
 Pvt. R. T. Garbs-38594023, Co. C, 172nd I. R. T. Bn. (Sep.), 1st Pltn., Camp Hood, Texas.
 F/O E. H. Harbers, T-124175, A. P. O. 845, c/o P. M., Miami, Fla.
 Cpl. Lester Havard-38546697, A. P. O. 21076, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.
 Capt. B. F. Heil-0328586, A. P. O. 11628, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
 Sgt. A. R. Hughes-38205664, A. P. O. 492, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.
 Pvt. R. E. Jackson-988839, Post Hdq. Troops, Parris Island, S. C.
 A. E. Kachel, S-1/c, S. N. 967-97-00 c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.
 S. J. Laird, MM-2/c, Advanced Base Recv. Brks. C. D. 2614, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Says India Too Hot



India

I am getting along fine, but get pretty tired over here. I am ready to leave here now. It is very hot here, sometimes 120 in the shade. I see lots of the Burma Shell oil and gas. It sure makes me homesick. I am sending a picture of me. I was working when I had it made. So when my turn came I did not straighten my chin strap. You don't have time to dress over here. I am hoping to come home soon and join my family. I am glad you all still send the family allowance. It really helps out. My wife and I thank the company for it.

Sgt. Arthur R. Hughes

MILITARY ADDRESSES

Capt. W. D. Lawther-0454370, A. P. O. 501, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
 Lt. Col. R. E. Lee, Staff Cin. CPOA, c/o F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.
 S/Sgt. M. C. McElmury-14068349, Co. D, 26th B. I. T. G., Camp Crowder, Mo.
 J. C. May, Mo.MM-1/c, C. G. C.-83484, c/o F. P. O., New Orleans, La.
 J. C. Miller, SF-1/c, Box 14-M Camp Parks, Calif.
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 Pvt. H. M. Mitchell-38631698, A. P. O. 7, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
 Cpl. H. L. Moss-18060756, Medical Det., Fitzsimmons Gen. Hospital, Denver, Colo.
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 Pfc. C. E. Reedy-38545520, A. P. O. 214, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.
 Pvt. M. A. Scott-38540121, A. P. O. 627, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.
 Pvt. V. Simpson, Co. L, 1st P. T. R., Class 176, Ft. Benning, Ga., A. S. N. 38639291.
 Pfc. William A. Stabs-18189356, 2520 AAFBU, Sqd. C-1, Gp. 11, Fredric, Okla.
 Sgt. J. M. Thompson-6252284, A. P. O. 88, c/o P. M., New York.
 K. A. Trabue, S-2/c, 5786710, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.
 T/Sgt. W. E. Ursprung-18115472, A. P. O. 70, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
 Pfc. J. R. Wacey-38543868, A. P. O. 565, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
 T. W. Whitfield, A/S, U. S. M. S. T. S., Sect. 192, Avalon, Calif.
 Pfc. G. O. Williams-38676731, A. P. O. 627, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.
 Pfc. C. D. Young-38540600, Sqd. A, 283rd B. U., GAAF, Galveston, Texas.
 S/Sgt. R. J. Young-38542693, A. P. O. 18686, c/o P. M., New York.
 Cpl. W. D. Antone-38677797, Hqs. Det., 12th Tng. Regt., Camp Fannin, Texas.
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 Sgt. T. H. Bosse, SMS-34, MAG-34, Oak Grove, New Bern, North Carolina.
 Lt. R. G. Boydston, Classification Office, M.T.C., Bldg. 318, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
 Cpl. Elom F. Carlson-18226005, Sqn. C-1, 2525th AAFBU, LAAF, Liberal4, Kansas.
 Cpl. Mills Curd, APG 557, care P.M., New York, New York.
 W. L. Darby, SM-2/c, C.G.C. Brks., 920 Broadway, Houston, Texas.
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 J. R. Duty AMM-2/c, U.S.N.A.S., A & R Dept., 1100 Div., Corpus Christi, Texas.
 Sgt. C. W. Eddleman-38417389, APO 215, care P.M., New York.
 Pfc. E. L. Ford-38545210, APO 887, care P.M., New York, New York.
 Pvt. M. W. Hambrick-38678572, APO 469, care P.M., New York.
 D. O. Henry, App. Sea. Co. 45-261, U.S.N.T.C., San Diego 33, California.
 A. D. Jennings, CBM, Navy 920, care FPO San Francisco, California.
 Pvt. R. R. Klechka-38749914, Co. F, 26th Tn. Bn., Camp Crowder, Mo.
 Pvt. George Livingston-38546694, APO 19402-BV-19, care P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
 M. E. McNeil, Sp.O-3/c, 924 Court St. Martinez, California.
 R. B. Mann, SF-1/c, 6251849, care Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
 Capt. D. C. Perkins, O-1306139, APO 84, care P.M., New York.
 Pvt. V.A. Reichart-38541906, 303 D.R.S., 59th A.D.G., Kelly Field, Texas.
 Pvt. B. J. Royall, Co. B, 11th Bn., ARTC, Ft. Knox, Kentucky.
 Cpl. M. R. Schultz, SMS (Para), MAG 91, 9th MAW, Cherry Point, N. Carolina.
 S. M. Schultz, App. Sea., USNTC, Co. 45-202, San Diego 33, Calif.
 Cpl. J. H. Sewell-38411859, APO 246, Unit 1, care P.M., San Francisco, California.
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 Cpl. V. E. Smith, 808 San Felipe Cts., Houston 2, Texas.
 Cpl. R. E. Spencer-38073176, APO 321, care P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
 Pfc. R. C. Whitley-18117709, 1020 ASS, MAAF, Mountain Home, Idaho
 A. W. Williams, App. Seaman, Co. 45-261, U.S.N.T.C., San Diego 33, California.
 Cpl. R. Williams-38675002, APO 513, care P.M., New York, N. Y.

July 2, 1945
 Foggia, Italy.

Due to the fact that I have been transferred to another squadron I thought it advisable that I send in another form regarding my military leave.

In this new squadron I believe that there is more dust and high winds and temperature than any place I've been. Almost impossible at times to see the next tent about 30 feet away. I had thought that my next form would be sent from the States but apparently someone else thought differently. Rumors are flying thick and fast about when and where the next move will be. If anybody believes all of them, that would surely be the right direction to obtain a "section 8." Anyway, we are all glad this much is over, for it brings us closer to the time when we can all return to our old jobs and normal living again.

I received the SHELLEGRAM yesterday and enjoyed it very much. Tell the boys in the Topping Dept. to get on the ball and put something in there also.

Sgt. A. L. Burgess.

June 24, 1945
 Assam, India.

This is to let you know that I am still here in India. Still working hard day in and out to keep the supplies going to the boys who need them to accomplish their missions.

Boy, I thought it rained in Texas, but this country has got it beat badly. What they call the monsoons over here is really doing a good job. It rains day and night. The sun then comes out and you really burn up. I have got prickly heat and most everyone knows how that stuff bothers you.

I am getting plenty to eat. Not the best in the world, but something is really making me put on weight. I now weigh 172 pounds.

I am sure looking forward to the day when I can be back to work for Shell down at the Dubbs Pump House with the coffee drinking, in other words, thin man (Mr. Caldwell). Ha!

I am still receiving the Shell News, the Readers Digest, and the SHELLEGRAM. Believe me, I am really glad to see them in the mail. For I really enjoy reading them and it keeps me up to date with what the boys at home are doing in their bit to help bring the boys over here back home.

Cpl. Johnson Sanders.

Drew Field, Fla.

I was in St. Louis in the middle of June and was delighted to meet three old friends. They were the first Shell people that I had seen in a year and three of the four that I have met since leaving Shell three years ago. The three were: G. P. Williams, better known as "Willie," with whom I had lunch and spent the afternoon. Jack Parker and I were able to have only a brief talk on a street corner. Eddie Baker and wife I met in the evening and we had an enjoyable evening chewing the fat, having a drink or two and seeing the Cards beat the Braves, 3-2.

I doubt if people who have not been away for long realize the eagerness and pleasure with which we listen to news of those we had known at Shell and news of the plant itself.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Shell for the family allowance plan and for sending me the SHELL EGRAM and the Shell News.

1st Lt. A. R. Cochran.

Philippines.

I wish to thank you for all the things you people have done for me and the other fellows on military leave.

I received the SHELLEGRAM dated May 15, and also a card from Mr. Alex Frasier saying he was going to start sending me the Readers Digest.

I have been moving pretty fast the last month. I am now in my regular outfit, although I haven't been here long enough to find out much. Several signs on old gasoline pumps indicate that Shell gasoline must have been very popular here at one time.

I was in Manila the other day, but I didn't get to stay as long as I would have liked to. I did see that there had been quite a bit of fighting there at one time. There weren't very many buildings that hadn't suffered from the bombing. The Army and natives seem to be doing a fine job in repairing it.

From all indications along the roads, there is plenty to drink here, such as whiskey and pop but not much beer.

I have found it very exciting so far. We have a very good camp site, plenty of water, plenty to eat, and a place to play softball. We also see a movie two or three times a week.

Tell the boys "hello" for me and to keep that aviation gasoline coming this way because we sure need lots of it over here.

Sgt. J. F. Bower.

Denver, Colorado.

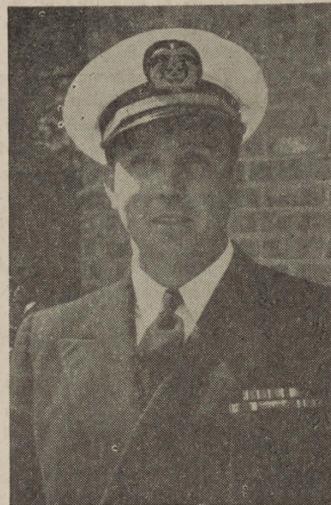
They are keeping me very busy with my work here at the hospital, but I don't mind, for these boys gave a lot more than I did for their country, and if I can help to get them well, it tickles me pink. Most of the fellows are returnees from Europe, a few from the Pacific, and one or two sailors. They are very glad to get back to the U. S., and you can't fill them up on sweet milk. A minor detail that we take for granted here at home that the boys overseas miss so much.

I know it must be hot in Houston and I wish I could send you some of this cool air that we have here in Colorado. Here it is July and we are still sleeping under blankets at night, while you have the fans going all night. I have not had a chance to do any fishing yet, but I intend to one of these days.

I have been receiving the SHELLEGRAM, Shell News, and the Readers Digest fairly regularly. Of course, they are being forwarded to me from my old address. I believe that I will be here for a while because there is enough work to keep us busy for two years after the war is over with Japan.

Cpl. H. L. Moss.

In Two Invasions



Chief Mate C. M. Sharpe, veteran of battles on two oceans, who participated in the invasion of Leyte tells a harrowing tale of his experiences in the Normandy invasion. His ship, in the second wave to reach the Normandy beachhead, was hit by a torpedo and sunk.

Clarence, whose leave enabled him to attend the Recreation Dance in May, was employed in the Engineering Field in April, 1935. He entered the Merchant Marines in March, 1944.

July 19, 1945
 Galveston, Texas.

My rating was changed effective yesterday from Motor Machinist Mate 2/c to Fire Fighter Specialist 2/c. Although there was no advance in pay, I have a better chance in the near future to advance with my new rate.

I would like to say "hello" to all my friends at the refinery and especially to my pals in the ole boilerhouse and hope that soon I can be back there working with them.

James W. Cargill, Sp (F) 2/c.

July 23, 1945
 Aboard Ship
 South Pacific.

Thanks for the information you sent me in reply to my recent request. I have already received my check from you to cover my insurance. Thanks again for all you have done for me.

May the time soon come when you can just slip a memo to my time card instead of having to write a letter.

Harrell Dial, CRT.

Will Go Overseas



PVT J.A. BUTTERFRASS

While home on furlough a short time ago Pvt. J. A. Butterfrass dropped by the refinery to say "hello" to the boys in the engineering field. Employed May 21, 1943, he has been in the Army since August, 1944.

Pvt. Butterfrass indicated he would probably be sent overseas soon.

Golf Tournament Reset Labor Day

Postponement of the S. R. E. R. A. golf tournament, originally set for July 29, to Sunday, September 2, was announced by C. R. Brockmeyer, chairman. The tournament will be held at Memorial Park Golf course with players teeing off at 9:30 a. m.

A survey of the golfers who had registered for the meet indicated a preference for combining the tournament scheduled at Hermann Park in July with the golf tournament planned for Labor Day week-end and which will be played on the Memorial Park greens.

Bigger and better prizes will be awarded the winners, the golf committee stated. As previously planned, a special prize will go to the holder of the low gross score. Awards will be made to the first low net score, second low net score, etc., with the golfer holding the highest gross score to receive a carefully selected booby prize.

Among the prizes are several cash awards and a choice item of one dozen golf balls. As an extra attraction there is an attendance prize consisting of a handsome barbecue table and chairs. All prizes and awards for the tournament have been donated by various companies doing business with Shell, Mr. Brockmeyer said.

Although nothing definite is known at present, there is a possibility that a silver loving cup will be awarded the low net scorer with the winner's name to be inscribed on the cup which will be retained by the Refinery as an annual trophy. Scoring in the tournament will be by blind bogey with each player drawing five blind holes after play is complete. An estimated 50 or 60 golfers, including eight or twelve guests from Norco, are expected to play in the tournament.

Serving on the committee with Charlie Brockmeyer are Louie Hubbell and Bert Mueller who are making arrangements for the event. Golfers still wishing to enter the tournament may register with any one of the committee.

Disregard of Rules Causes 16 Injuries

An alarming increase of some employees' disregard for safety regulations was taken to task by the Management in a bulletin dated July 23, in which punitive measures were promised unless a definite improvement was noted.

Most recent of the cases was a disabling injury sustained by a pipe-fitter which stopped a continuous stretch of 759,000 man hours worked in the craft without a lost time accident. Failure of the craftsman to wear goggles while working on a chemical line resulted in severe eye burns when pressure on the caustic soda line was released.

It was pointed out in the bulletin that eight out of twenty disabling injuries in 1944 were directly caused by employees' disregard of safety rules. Likewise, eight of the seventeen disabling injuries in this year were caused by employees failure to observe safety rules.

When the famous violinist informed his hostess that the instrument he was about to play was over 200 years old, she said reassuringly:

"Oh, that's all right—no one will know the difference."

Aviator (to steward): "How would you like to have a hop?"

Steward: "No, sah; I stay on terrah firmah, and the more firmah the less terrah."

Can you help me select a gift for a wealthy old aunt who is awfully weak and can hardly walk?

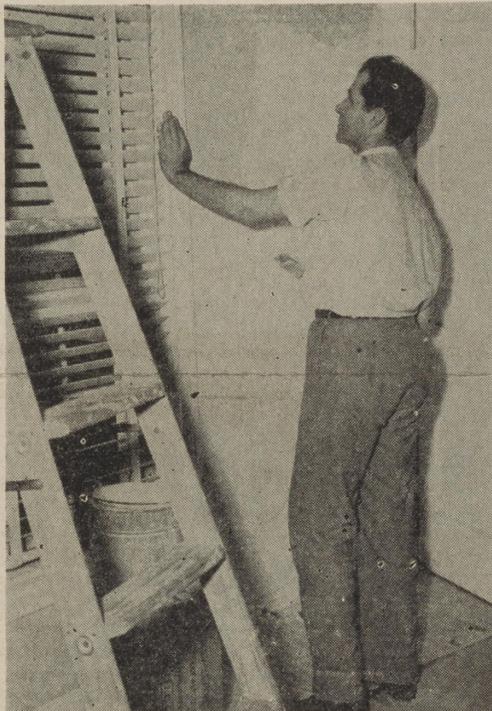
Clerk: How about some floor wax?

Raises 15-Inch Cucumbers



I. Janowski, known to his friends as "Jon," proved that even machinists can raise good gardens. "Jon," machine shop foreman, is pictured here with two of the 15-inch cucumbers which were grown in a small space back of his home at 8021 Kimble St.

Leisure Time Activity



Morris "Willie" Wilson, hard working Head Shipping Clerk is pictured here re-decorating his nursery room at home. Already the possessor of two fine boys, Willie has changed the kids' room color from blue to a "baby" pink.

Membership Climbs in Recreation Group

Induced by the well-rounded activity schedule many new members are joining the Recreation Association, a check of the membership roster revealed. Twenty-one new members entered the club during the month of July, bringing the total up to 471 active or paid-up members.

The organization offers numerous social and recreational benefits to the members. Dues are 50c per month payable quarterly.

An initiation fee of \$1.50 is assessed all candidates for membership, except in the case of new employees who are allowed to join the S. R. E. R. A. before their third pay day by paying only three months' dues (a full quarter) in advance. If the employee waits until after his third pay day, the initiation fee of \$1.50 is charged in addition to the quarterly dues.

Former members may be reinstated in the organization by paying a \$1.50 reinstatement fee plus the current quarter dues of \$1.50.

Membership dues for the third quarter of 1945 were payable July 1. Members participating in Recreation sponsored athletic events are urged to pay their dues as promptly as possible.

Saved From Burn



While he was working on a pump at the Chemical Division the packing from a nearby pump failed and sprayed strong acid over P. J. Wynne, machinist. His clothes were destroyed by the chemical but he immediately stepped under a nearby water shower and with the aid of a water hose, which he thoughtfully provided on the job in accordance with safety regulations, Wynne did not receive a single burn on his body.

He is pictured above clad in the coveralls he borrowed to replace his clothes.

Topping Tales

By Scrauncho Grande
Several in the Department have received shift changes recently since Harry Webb returned from sick leave and Dudley Goldsmith returned from the Army. As usual, some are unhappy over their change. Watch out, girls, for Dudley. You know that old saying "When there's snow on the roof, there's fire in the basement."

Packard just arrived from San Diego. Says she is going to take a 30-day "leave" at this end of the line and work for Shell 30 days.

Dorothy Lane is still off on "sick leave." We heard she has a relapse from a case of toe-itch.

Woodland and Sammie Davis write back from the Army saying that Uncle Sam is changing their table muscles to real fighting ones.

"Wahoo" Edgerton feels younger lately. He just heard that "Preacher's Tonic" was going to be back on the market.

Harley Duncan is off on a vacation. Heard he was out in the Bandera country doing some dude ranching. "Bo" Kopp is also on vacation but haven't heard anything from him.

Wonder why Sprinkle has lost some of her sex-appeal. Guess we will have to ask Fairleigh or Joe Jeter.

Jim Fairleigh is to get a new home in Garden Villas. A lot of us sure envy you, Jim.

We are going to ask the Main Oil boys how good the coconut pies are that "Fish-hook" Morrow can make. Don't you think that it's not ethical to bird-dog outside of your own department?

The battle of wits—or rather of bulletin boards goes on between Bucko Austin and Ikey Jones. We will be glad when one of them reaches a clear-cut decision.

Women's Doubles Team Second In City Tournament

Sue McDowell and Ruth Bramlett, two Refinery employees who teamed up to enter the women's doubles in the City Tennis Tournament held the last week in July at the Recreation Courts, finished the meet in the runner-up position, it was learned.

Easily eliminating their opponents in the preliminaries, the S. R. E. R. A. members moved up to the semi-finals which they played on August 1, defeating the opposing women's team by a score of 6-1; 6-1.

In the finals on August 4 the Shell team bowed to Margaret Eby and Eleanor Shaw, State tennis champs, 6-0; 6-4.

Ruth Bramlett was also entered in the women's singles and reached the semi-finals where she was eliminated by Eleanor Shaw in a hard-fought match.

Another S. R. E. R. A. member who took part in the citywide tennis meet was Art Doyle. Entered in the men's singles Art drew a powerful opponent and went down in defeat early in the preliminaries.

Radio Comedian Jerry Colonna says he bought some shirts that were advertised to be so strong that they laughed at the laundry—and they came back with their sides split.

Sergeant: A large forceful person of few words—but often!

A woman looks on a secret in two ways: "Either it is not worth keeping, or it is too good to be kept."

Christianson and Risinger Qualify For Norco Match

In order to put the strongest possible team on the alleys against Norco in the Houston-Norco bowling match on Monday, September 3, the top six men in the two Shell Summer Leagues will be chosen to represent Houston Refinery, B. A. Risinger, chairman, announced in a special bulletin to all bowlers.

The men selected must have participated in at least 33 games of approximately two-thirds of the summer season. The averages as of August 27 will determine the bowlers who will make up the Houston Refinery team.

Seen thus far as a possible selection from the Major League are B. A. Risinger, who has rolled 42 games and has a 173 average, and Hugh Christianson with 42 games bowled and a 172 average.

The match, which is scheduled to be played at 2:00 p. m. at the Recreation Bowling Palace, 6445 South Main, on September 3, will find crack Norco team pitted against the Houston Refinery champions.

Pod. Lab Increases Lead to 11 Games

Way out in front with 11 games ahead of the second place contender the Podbielniak Laboratory team in the Friday night Major Bowling League well in the bag. Now way in the second half of the season this championship team, bowling the Recreation Center Lanes at 8 p. m., quickly captured the No. 1 position and set a rapid pace for member bowlers.

The Pod keglars, captained by Hugh Christianson, have won 10 games and lost 11. Their 952 average remains high game for the league as does Hugh Christianson's high individual game of 267 and his high series of 650 which has not been threatened in a number of weeks. Christianson also holds second individual average with his 173 trailing B. A. Risinger, Control Lab captain and top man of the league by one pin. Risinger has bowled 10 games averaging 173 points.

Leading the third place contestants by three games is the Control Lab five, the No. 2 team in the league. In a three-way tie for the place the Research Lab, Chemical Division, and Instrument Shop teams, each have 20 games won and 25 lost. At the bottom of the league are the Cat Crackers whose member George Thorn holds the high average in the league with 180 pins.

Research Lab recently stole the series from the Pod Lab team, winning 2607 to beat the league leader 2606.

LEAGUE STANDING

Team—	Won
Podbielniak Lab	34
Control Lab	23
Research Lab	20
Chemical Division	20
Instrument Shop	20
Cat Crackers	18

A man home on leave from a shore of Equatorial Africa generally to be unhealthy, was recounting his experiences.

"There's nothing the matter with the country," he said. "All that quires is a better type of settling a decent water supply."

"If you come to think of it, I plied one of his listeners, bringing those are the only drawbacks of the liell."

"Your teacher has written to me that he finds it impossible to tell you anything, Horace."

"There! I've always said that no good."

Boilerhouse Steam

By F. A. Bly

Stuart is doing fine as a fireman. He says he doesn't think No. 6 boiler is hitting right. Maybe someone stole a cylinder.

According to Willie Landrum, if "Daisy June," his lovely young heifer with the beautiful eyes, continues to develop as she has, she will in all probability be a "twenty-four quart" at the end of her adolescence.

Frank "Firpo" Bishop is back from vacation in the pink of condition—all ready for another year's hard work.

Many thanks to the people who made it possible for us to enjoy those very good hempstead melons. They were really appreciated.

After Mack Griffin finished a certain phone call, he hurriedly crawled under the bed and at the same time was telling his roommate to get him a ticket to the Fiji Islands, as he had to see a man about a dog. Griffin can give you more particulars.

"Buttermilk" Derrington is still having trouble keeping up with his coca-cola money.

"Bird-dog" Laake and Tony Perrard now having a big time playing water tender. By the way, congratulations to you, Perrard! When are you going to pass out the cigars to celebrate the "new arrival"?

The story about O. J. Ruff coming in one night and drinking his bath water was good. The one about "Ace" Hearn and the big floor mirror in his bedroom is better. Ace, what do you look at? Also, the story about Neal and his "bathtub blues" after lending a helping hand to his pal, Marrie, is a whopper! How about it, Neal?

Sometimes when Fay Hilliard, MacDonald, Charley, Kennedy and Grothe start looking for each other, it reminds you of a ring-around-the-rosy. Fay's tie gets all askew, Kennedy gets red in the face and starts pulling one of the two remaining hairs on his head, Grothe swallows his Copenhagen, Charlie and the scooter manage to keep out of sight—then good-natured Mac just knocks himself out laughing.

102 pounds of dynamite in action. That is Anita Gilstrap when someone talks when they should be listening. They say those eyes get as black as the ace of spades and do they flash! That was the time one of our best talkers was outtalked!

Co-operation and fair-mindedness rather than discord and narrowness tend toward a mutual respect rather than toleration.

A five-cent reward to anyone that can tell us why J. P. "Silent Night" Rinehart is sometimes called "Tripod."

M. P. Marrie off on a 30-day leave. T. L. "Red" Massey still recuperating from the shingles. I'll bet Red would have rather lost that proverbial duel with ten-foot swabs than have had the shingles.

Enis Bickley still storming the bay shore. Harrison is also a runner-up.

Everyday "Fitter" White buys a package of chewing gum. Looks like a waste of money to me, he can't chew the stuff.

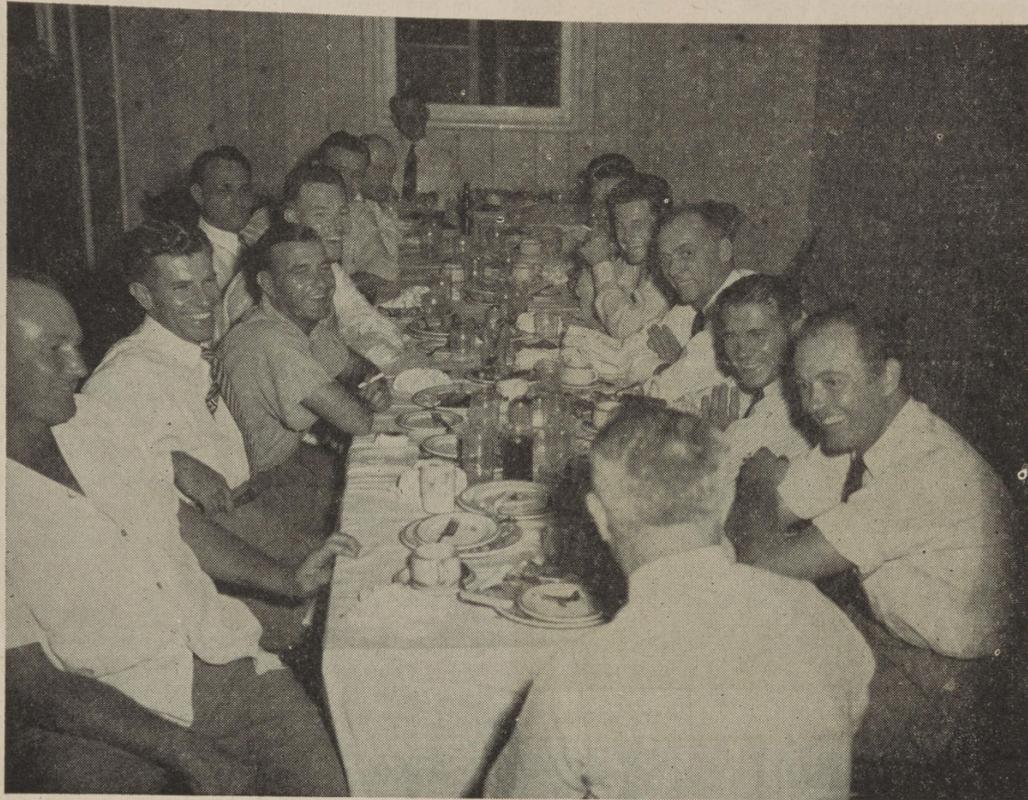
Pugh is still walking the floor carrying two wrenches, looking for something not to do.

(Department Comment: A question we wish to have the author of this column answer: You know the old saying, "While the cat is away, the mice will play?" Is it true, Scamp, while the cat is away, the mice just will play around? Hugh?)

In an effort to stop the theft of his melons a Catoosa County, Ga., farmer put four beehives in his watermelon patch, and the next morning both the bees and the melons were missing.

The battleship Missouri, mightiest ship afloat, required one million rivets.

Baseball Team Feted at Banquet



Fed fried chicken ala Bill Williams style and tales of Oklahoma 25 years ago, ala P. E. Foster style, the refinery's baseball team was feted by the S.R.E.R.A. and management in a banquet at Bill Williams, July 30.

Only speech of the evening other than the impromptu talks which go with such an occasion was J. W. "Hoss" Matthews' "Thanks, fellas," when the host presented him with a cig-

arette lighter and billfold.

In the picture are: Mr. Foster (back to camera), clockwise around the table, A. H. Loughridge, W. G. Cannon, H. M. Baines, E. R. Johnson, J. W. Morris, E. C. Sivley, J. R. Julian, H. J. Wheeler (at end of table), P. E. Hurley, H. D. Smith, A. H. Carlisle, J. W. Matthews, manager, L. N. Mancuso, and C. E. Cassidy, S.R.E.R.A. business manager.

STORES NEWS

By R. G. Wall

Jesse Jones' son, Staff Sgt. Billy Jones, visited the warehouse before winding up a 30-day furlough. While stationed in England for seven months he served as a waist gunner with the 8th Air Corps, and flew on 30 combat missions, also four mercy missions over Holland after the war with Germany.

He saw plenty of action during the Ardennes break-thru, and in support of Patton's Leipzig campaign. In one battle all crew members received the Presidential Citation for carrying out a mission while attacked continuously by 60 enemy planes. He later received the Purple Heart for flak wounds received on April 7th. Billy also has four Oak Leaf Clusters and an Air Medal and three stars on the European Theater of War ribbon.

The warehouse personnel celebrated the Fourth of July with a well-attended picnic at H. P. (High Pockets) Brewer's house in Bayside Terrace. Just to have you drooling, "Lib" Edwards barbecued the meat in his inimitable way, which coupled with the planning and procurement abilities of Hortense Barrell and Don Wilson guaranteed a good party. The liquid refreshments held out nicely. By four o'clock all the cases were full of empties. Some sunburn was recorded by bathers, Edie Hennessy and Ella May Seamans, however, the others escaped with only purple burns at the card and domino tables.

During the last two weeks in July Al Eaton divided his time between the warehouse and the Purchasing & Stores Department to help out during Gordon Bell's vacation. Needless to say the warehouse orders were well taken care of during that period.

"Roscoe" has now moved in on Denny Havens' job and is attempting to handle both his old job and Denny's. However, his art at juggling jobs isn't applied to his luck at the afternoon coke Queen Bee. He tells us a 25c coke really has flavor.

New Director of Research



After ten years with Shell at Wood River, H. R. Kemmerer comes to the Houston Refinery as Director of Research replacing L. L. Lovell, who, on August 1, retired to his plantation in Louisiana. Mr. Kemmerer was graduated from Penn State College, and was employed in the laboratory at Wood River in 1935. At the time of his transfer he was Chief Research Chemist.

Research Laboratory News

By Arky

People still disappear for a week or so, and come back looking pleased, sunburned, and stuffed. "Jeep" Sartor even threw in a few fish stories for good measure.

Bob Johnston bought a sailboat and promptly fell out of it into the bay.

"Kappy" Kapranos will be ready for a vacation if he gets many more "outside" calls before his hospitalization insurance matures.

Joyce Ellisor's husband is coming home in a few days, and she trips around on the proverbial little pink clouds.

What Connie Miller's knittin' ain't for Britain.

Comes a newsy epistle from Al Cherry (U. S. S. Sewanee) with a note about seeing Ed Gordon in Hawaii. Sez he missed Dave Roberts by six weeks.

And Eddie Castling had some Doublemint gum, t'other day. So now we can tell about the time we stood in a cigarette line for two hours, and by the time we got to the counter,

they were out of cigarettes and were selling hot water bottles. Does anybody want to buy a nice comfy one with aerial built-in?

The never-failing grapevine has it that Bert Hale didn't like his unsolicited publicity. It could've been worse, kid.

What if we'd said the red-headed girl down at the warehouse wishes you were six inches taller, so she could wear higher heels and tall hats? That's what she said about Jack O'Neal. She said that.

Heard while inspecting the motor-scoot car with awning top during lunch hour:

Delores Frey: "Ooh—I've always wanted a convertible!"

Edith Askew: "Convertible? Looks like 'Collapsible' to me!"

Fellow name o' Kemmerer has taken over the inner sanctum—pretty quiet. Commutes between here and San Antonio every day, so to speak.

Fun doing Lloyd's at Galveston after a day of sunning, with Helene Thomas and Marge Twa and innocent passersby.

Watermelon Party Enjoyed by 250

By J. E. Parkin

On Thursday evening, July 19, in the face of a threatening hurricane which caused the party to be postponed from July 15, nearly 250 young and younger picnickers bathed in lotions of watermelon at Milby Park. A truck-load of luscious ripe melons provided a super-abundance of the juicy fruit. In fact there were so many melons left that they were available to all participants at giveaway prices. Despite this miscalculation in the appetite of Refinery employees, the cost to the Recreation Association, after deducting all expenses, was only \$57.95.

In a romantic setting of the moon-basked wooded grove many dolls playing softball flitted across the grass among the trees. In the foreground a horseshoe match gained considerable attention. In the background on the tables lay lifeless green melon carcasses studded with red knife handles. The rising moon smiled upon a banjo-accompanied chorus with a musical setting including such epics as "The Eyes of Texas" and "Down By the Old Mill Stream."

At the clubhouse the energetic picnickers enjoyed several hours' of dancing with Mrs. Martinez as the congenial City Park Department hostess. A series of "Paul Jones" quickly activated all those who were in a dancing mood. A pingpong game attracted those interested in more vigorous exercise.

The manshortage was realized in an unusual manner by several girls during the shoe dance. Several were forced to jostle in among the dancers to retrieve their shoes! Boys, you should have been there for many reasons, including the following: Martha Becker, Marion Smith, "Pokie" Pokluda, Anita Gilstrap, Jeanette Carpenter, "My Darling Ernestine" Brooks, "Queenie" Mosher, "Pigtails" Matthews, Hazel Williams, Helen Wills "Gillis is the last name," "Steady" Kelly, Alice Walker and many other prissy lassies.

The girls danced with the following as long as they lasted: Marx Isaacs, Paul Murrell, Sam Lee and Jim Parkin. Oh yes, there were more men. It was rumored that had "Rocking Chair" Beadle not mutually worn down the delicate frails at the previous evening's Research party there would have been at least one good man and many ladies who did not feel equal to two nights of merriment.

By the way—Marge sez the boys really believed her about the dime store wedding ring.

Gladys Johnson has apparently set a date, since she's conferred with our Counsellor about secrets and things; the bunch gave her a red leather make-up kit, too.

Termus Matthews and Eddie Gelus went a fishin' down on Chocolate Bayou, and it musta been fun!

Sumpin' happened to that hot tip Dick Zaruba wuz gonna give us on Ben Bailey. Slip-up, somewhere, no doubt.

Ginger and Bill Meerbott check notes on California with Dan Urbanek who was having a wonderful time with them.

Can't say a word about Harold Ammonds. Everytime a cherce item flits by, his name's attached to that of a different femme—the latest was Mary Vick.

Nobody's heard a word from Ann Bondy since she got married.

It gets—oh, so ho-hum, watching our pride and joy making all the Main Office gals happy, just sitting at their table.

And who is this George everybody teases Alice Walker about? Hmmm?

Love that Galveston—rain or shine!!

Garage Notes

H. J. McShane

Miss Martha Brewer of the Gas Rationing office resigned last week to become the wife of Mr. Al Pearson, who is a radio officer in the British Navy. Miss Brewer will leave for New York City this month, where the wedding will take place. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will make their home in England.

Mrs. Minnie Lee is a newcomer to the Gas Rationing office. She is a little bitty gal, but she rates some big, loud whistles.

Tony Blanyer is back from the Motor Lab., where he has been working vacation relief for Vick Carney. Tony says he gained eight pounds in weight while he was there, but he is glad to be back in the garage, as time passed too slow in the Lab. with nothing to do. How about that, Vick?

C. G. Crum is the proud father of a new baby boy. V. B. Smith tells me of the astonishing future Mr. Crum predicts for his youngster.

We have always heard that the fumes from the paper mill in Pasadena would ruin the finish on an automobile, and take the paint off houses, but has anyone noticed what it is doing to J. C. Dorsey's hair? It is light brown one day, gray the next, and at this writing it is turning jet black in spots.

Our bookkeeper, Moore, is a swell fellow and will bend over backwards to do a favor or answer a question for anyone, but the boy is really at his best when "Pat" Mosher happens to be in the garage. He is then a combination of Sir Gallihad and Sir Walter Raleigh, and grinning all the while, like a little kid who just shook hands with Santa Claus.

The only reason C. A. Vetter never misses an opportunity to visit the First Aid station is because he has an overwhelming desire to smell ether. So you see, the boy was not bird-dogging after all—even if he did take someone a jar of figs on his last visit.

Rex Bowler just received word that the sheriff of his home town, "Bugeye" Utah, passed away. He is now free to pay a long delayed visit to his folks. He will leave the middle of this month for a short trip.

"Good Buddy" Hale, after weighing the facts carefully, has decided that he will disregard the department seniority set-up, and claims that he can reach the top much faster by the suction method. Well, Hale, if you need any pointers along that line, it might be to your advantage to copy M. A. Christian's system—he is a past master on that sort of thing.

Leo Valenta gave up the idea of raising a mustache—seems as tho the thing would only grow on one side.

Pfc. D. L. Barfoot sent us a letter a few days ago, and gave us a growl for falling down on the Shellegram writing job. Sorry, soldier, will try to do better in the future.

Flies in China

Sgt. H. G. Blaschke, a former clerk in the Main office who has been overseas since the latter part of 1943, writes that he is serving with a fighter squadron attached to a Chinese-American composite wing unit located somewhere in China.

Sent to Philippines

Cpl. Roy E. Spencer, a tester in the Control Lab now serving with a bomb squadron in the Pacific since last May, has been transferred from New Guinea to the Philippines, according to his latest change of address.

Cpl. Hargis in Belgium



Pictured standing alongside the tail of a German plane bearing the Nazi emblem is Cpl. Chester A. Hargis, one of the members of a quartermaster company now in Belgium, each man of which was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement.

A Cracking Dept. employee, Hargis entered military service in December, 1942, and was sent overseas almost a year later. He landed in France shortly after D-Day, and his letter described France as being "more like

home than anything I have ever seen since being away."

Hargis was employed at the refinery on December 1, 1941.

Veteran Wounded Fourth Time

T/5 Clarence M. Barton, husband of Mrs. Kay Barton, tester on the loading racks, has been wounded in action for the fourth time, a recent War Dept. telegram revealed. Technician Barton was a former guard to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt prior to going overseas in December, 1943. He was wounded the first time in England when a robot bomb hit the building in which he was billeted, the second time at St. Lo and then at Luxemburg. His fourth wound was received with the Ninth Army in Germany.

Barton is in a hospital in Paris now, and if his injuries do not keep him out, he hopes to make the Army his permanent career, Mrs. Barton said.

Grisson Participates In Okinawa Battle

Following a length of shore duty at the Naval repair base in San Diego, California, James C. Grisson, boatswain's mate 2/c, is now aboard a destroyer in the Pacific which participated in the Okinawa operation.

Grisson entered the Navy in October, 1942. He was employed at the Boiler and Power House less than a year before going on military leave. His wife and small son reside in Richards, Texas.

In Philippine Battle

Ex-Shellite Mike J. Woody, EM 2/c, who saw action in the Pacific aboard the U. S. S. Pennsylvania during the battle of the Philippines, sends a request to have future copies of the SHELLEGRAM forwarded to him at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., where he is presently located.

Phillips in France

S/Sgt. Charles A. Phillips, who has been overseas for 12 months, writes that he is located in France, and from all indications appears to be getting along nicely. The former Engineering Field employee is assigned to an engineering petroleum distribution company.

Back in States

Now back in the States after 15 months overseas service in the Pacific, J. M. Pridgeon, SK 2/c, writes that he is temporarily located at the Naval replacement center in Davisville, Rhode Island. Pridgeon was an operator No. 1 in the Gas Dept.

Veterans Back on Job



To look at S. E. "Porky" Yandle, left, you would never guess that he was medically discharged after 18 months in the Pacific, but such is the case as "Porky" has been back on the job as instrument man since July 5, 1944. He was EM 2/c in the Seabees and left the refinery on October 23, 1942.

With Yandle in the Instrument shop is Gregory Ramsey.



Back from the European War Charles V. White, who will report back to his old job as operator of the Chemical Division this week, left the refinery in April, 1942, and spent most of his time as a sergeant with the engineers in England. Thus he marks up another notch to his credit (he was in World War I) and is glad to get back to regular hours and more pay at home.



Tinnie Dowdy, Dock Shift foreman, returned to his old job on July 9 after serving in the Coast Guard since September 30, 1942. Dowdy was stationed at Galveston and Texas City and saw much service in the Gulf of Mexico during that time.

Ford Sent Home From Paris Hospital

Pfc. Elmer L. Ford, previously reported wounded in action in Germany, is now recuperating at Brooke convalescent hospital in San Antonio, according to word received from his wife. He was sent home to the states from a hospital in Paris, France.

"Pfc. Ford will undergo another operation, but his condition is not serious," Mrs. Ford states, "and he expects to be on furlough sometime next month." He was employed in the Treating Dept. before entering the Armed Forces.



As he appeared in the South Pacific while on duty with the Seabees is A. C. Rainey, now back on the job with the Instrument Department. Rainey was a S. E. 1st class and left the refinery on June 1, 1942, as an instrument man, 1st class. He returned to the refinery on December 16, 1943, and was promoted to first class instrument man shortly thereafter.

Home From India

Back in the United States after 20 months foreign duty, S/Sgt. H. Franz pens a letter from home in Columbia, Texas, where he is on furlough, to the effect that he has not yet been assigned to a post.

Andy, who was formerly employed in the Gas Dept., was a member of the 72nd service squadron in the staff.