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American Industry Has Large Stake In Cancer Control

Industry has a large stake in cancer control, the American Cancer Society reports.

Aside from the painful nature of the disease and the heartache caused families, cancer is costly in the man-hours lost. The disease touches all who comprise industry—the captains and the workers, men and women.

The Society estimates that the price of cancer to the nation runs as high as two billion dollars a year—a staggering sum, as contrasted with the 16 million dollars sought by the Society. This money is needed to finance research, establish clinics and detection centers—where cancer can be diagnosed and treated early—and educate the public to safeguard themselves against the disease.

The two billion dollars covers medical fees, hospital charges, a modest estimate of the wage-earner's and homemaker's value (\$10,000) to the family and even the cost of headstones for those who die before their time.

With each passing year the alliance between industry, research and the American Cancer Society against cancer has deepened. In its search for chemicals which will kill cancer, the Society has supported more and more research scientists in industry, particularly those manufacturing pharmaceuticals and testing new compounds for industrial usage.

"Cancer can be cured by two standard methods of treatment—surgery and radiation," the American Cancer Society states. "But, as a rule, it must be detected and treated in its early stages for either of these methods to be effective.

"Some chemicals have shown promise as a means of treating various kinds of cancer. But these are not regarded as cures by any means. Some of them lengthen the cancer patient's life—sometimes for only a month or so and sometimes for considerably longer periods. And some of them ease the terrible pain and even make it possible for some cancer patients to continue a useful and productive existence.

"We are now financing scores of research scientists in their efforts to find chemicals that will kill cancer without damaging normal tissues and organs, to devise means of detecting cancer easily and early (like a blood test) and to learn how to prevent cancer.

Considerable progress already has been made. The lock on the iron door to cancer's secrets has been sprung. A great deal of work remains to be done before cancer can be controlled. But with continued public support, the American research scientists can do the job."

Concert Held by New SERA Music Appreciation Club

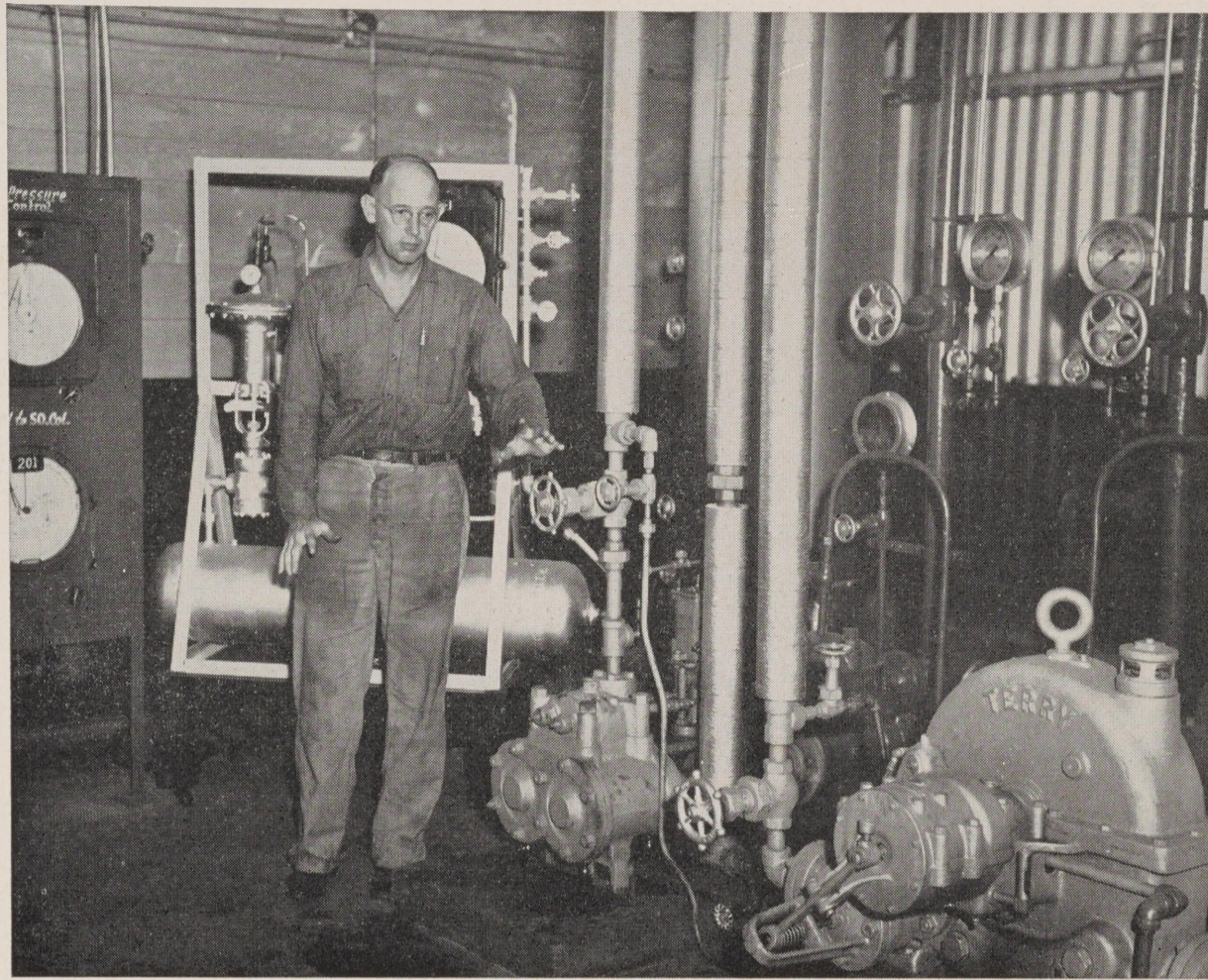
by S. L. Collier

The second meeting of the SERA Music Appreciation Club was held at the downtown Y. W. C. A. Center on Monday, April 19th at 7:45 p.m. Several new members were on hand to take advantage of the musical program offered by our newly appointed program committee.

Program Chairman Marx Isaacs introduced David Weathersbee, Les Wareham, and Bob Wall, the committee members. Each committee-

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Frank Olexa Instructing in New Laboratory Classroom



Frank Olexa, Machinist in the Engineering Field Department, here explains the proper methods of maintenance and repair work of

pumps to the first class of 20 operators who took the initial course. The equipment in the laboratory, part of which can be seen in this picture,

was installed by other crafts as part of their practical training in their respective crafts.

Doolittle Honored By Awards of Two Aviation Groups

James H. Doolittle, Vice President and Director of Shell Union Oil Corporation has been awarded the General William E. "Billy" Mitchell Award by the New York City Aviators' Post No 743 of the American Legion. In accepting the award, which was presented to him March 3 at the Wings Club, Hotel Biltmore in New York City, Doolittle reviewed Mitchell's devotion to the cause of aviation.

On January 26 Doolittle was honored by the aircraft industries when he was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, one of the highest honors the aircraft industry can bestow.

The presentation was made to him on the occasion of the Annual Honors Night Dinner on January 26, at the Hotel Astor in New York City.

Shell Chemical Is Constructing New Plant at Martinez

Construction is under way on a new Shell Chemical Corporation plant at Martinez, California. This plant will manufacture "petroleum additives"—chemicals added to lubricating oils and other petroleum products to increase their life and performance. The plant is scheduled for completion late this year.

In the manufacturing process at the new Martinez plant, special emphasis will be placed on high quality an important factor in the effective functioning of the additives. Production equipment will therefore be constructed of special materials which will help guard quality during all stages of manufacture.

Refinery's New Laboratory Classroom Marks First of Its Kind for Shell

Early last summer the Training Section at the Houston Refinery was faced with a problem of utmost importance. Scattered throughout the 1500 acres that is the Houston refinery are approximately 1500 pumps that constantly move within the plant everything from crude oil to the many finished products that later will be displayed by Shell dealers throughout the nation. These pumps are the heart of this huge plant, pumping the lifeblood to keep the many units living and working. To keep operators informed as to the operations of these pumps, as well as the conditions of

the operating units, are an almost equal number of delicate instruments indicating pressures, temperatures, flow, special measure and liquid levels. To these operators goes the responsibility of keeping such highly technical equipment in never ending operation. There must never be a moment's let-up, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, year in and year out.

To maintain these pumps and instruments in operating condition, refinery operators and maintenance men must have the know-how of preventive maintenance. New men on the job must be trained; old operators must be kept up to date on the latest equipment in use; and all must know their jobs and be prepared against any emergency.

To the Training Section, headed by L. J. Hallmark and Harmon Watts went the task of organizing and arranging a course of training for these men. Obviously, the requirements for this training program would not be a routine matter to fulfill. The classes would not only have to be thorough in every detail, but the time necessary for one man to complete the entire course must be kept to a minimum of between 12 to 24 hours.

After many hours of planning and debate, and with the able assistance of Bill Snow, the refinery's assistant master mechanic, the Training Section presented to Mr. P. E. Foster, Refinery Manager, an idea entirely new to the Shell organization. Instead of setting up a regular classroom for instructions, they would also build a practical workshop—a small pilot plant with the necessary equipment to simulate all conditions of pump and instrument operations within the refinery.

"If we can show them what actually goes on around their unit," they explained to Mr. Foster, "we would not only include all necessary details but we would achieve in 12 hours what would ordinarily take

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Shell Increases Crude Production To All-Time High

As part of the oil industry's efforts to meet petroleum demand, Shell has increased its crude production to an all-time high. Beginning with April 1947, when Shell's net production reached an average of 130,139 barrels a day, almost every month has seen the establishment of a new record. December 1947 showed an all-time record high average of 153,525 barrels per day and January and February 1948 came close to this mark.

In comparison with 1946 figures the increase is even more striking. Average daily production in 1946 was 116,555 barrels; in 1947 the average for the year rose to 136,310 barrels a day.

The development of proven acreage . . . such as the TXL field and others in West Texas, Quitman in East Texas, and the Weeks Island and White Castle fields in Louisiana . . . has accounted for much of this steady increase in Shell crude production. New fields, too, have played a part. The Ora field discovery in North Louisiana, for example, now yields the Company 2,400 barrels a day.

The purchase of a number of other producing properties, principally those of the Amon Carter Foundation as Wason, Texas, and increases in the allowable rate of production in the West Texas fields are additional factors contributing to the increase in Shell production.

This additional production comes at a most opportune time, as the entire industry is hard-pressed to meet constantly increasing petroleum demand. Ability to produce the additional oil required does not come by chance but is the result of carefully planned exploration and production activities of previous years.

Oil's Steel Needs Are Estimated at 17 Million Tons

Steel requirements of the oil industry for the 18 month period beginning April 1 are estimated at approximately 17 million tons by a special steel committee of the National Petroleum Council. This includes roughly 2 million tons for the natural gas industry, and covers all requirements of the American petroleum industry, including foreign operations where these are 50 per cent or more controlled by American interest.

The NPC report was prepared at the request of the Commerce Department, which is authorized to pass on voluntary industry allocations with regard to steel. The report has not been made public by committee chairman Russell because of general industry belief that these estimates will have to be scaled down considerably.

The 17 million ton estimate, which works out to 11.3 million tons on a twelve-month basis, is admittedly huge when compared to the 3,100,000 tons of steel received by the oil industry in its biggest pre-war years. The comparison, however, is misleading, because NPC's figure includes huge amounts of steel, such as for the manufacture of gasoline pumps, cans, drums, pipeline pumping equipment, etc., which do not go directly to the oil industry, and

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(Signed)
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Take a Bond---It's Free

by Bruce Barton

(Chairman of the Board—Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn)

I have heard people sigh and say, "I suppose I ought to buy another bond. But I don't see how I can afford it."

This is just like saying, "I suppose I ought to start saving money, but it's an awfully expensive thing to do!"

The fact is, of course, that you don't BUY bonds. The speakers on the radio and the poster artist and the advertising writers have been using the wrong word. They have been asking the public to do something that is impossible. You can't spend money on Bonds. You simply TAKE them. They cost nothing.

My E Bonds are nothing but certificates showing that the Barton family has made a deposit in the U. S. Treasury instead of in a bank or a cookie jar. When we take an E Bond, we transfer a bank deposit to the safest depository in the world—the U. S. Treasury. We put in non-interest notes and we get an interest-bearing note as our deposit slip.

Just as your money in the bank pays for all the bank's manifold activities such as the loans and investments that make the wheels of business and industry in your town go round, so your money in the U. S. Treasury is used for all of the manifold activities of the biggest going business concern on earth—the United States of America.

To take a Bond—note that word "take"—is still a patriotic act. That alone is inducement enough for any American. It is good business, too.

You can count on getting back \$4 for every \$3 you put in!

So get Bonds today—get them regularly—and hold onto them. That is about as close as you are likely to come in this life to having your cake and eating it.

Tech. Topics

Dave Smith Leaves Tech. Dept For Head Office Post

With much regret, the members of the Tech Department, as well as those of practically every other department of the refinery, said farewell to Dave Smith who left April 23 to assume his new duties in the New York office. Dave has always been one of the most popular personalities in these parts, with his sunny smile, even temper and willingness to help his fellow workers. He was present with a handsome, leather traveling case and a diploma certifying his graduation in "Butanology" from the Houston

branch of the "Shell University of Petroleum."

The Tech Sailors have been at it again. When "Chubby" Hopkins acquired an ocean-going vessel, the inevitable happened and a sailboat race was staged between that scow and the pride of Rentz Gullick, Bill Cooper and Jack Limbach. Possibly experience told the story because the latter team came from behind to win the race. Jack and Rentz also displayed their loyalty to the Texas navy by boarding the U. S. S. Texas during the dedication ceremonies on San Jacinto Day.

The latest addition to the Tech staff is Emmett Herschel "Jeep" Covington, a chemical engineer from Georgia Tech (another Naval Reserve man, incidentally). He's eligible, gals!

Personnelities

Morrison to N. Y.; John A. Mawhinney New IR Assistant

by Ann Wright

Jack Morrison, Assistant Manager of the Industrial Relations Department since September 1946 has been transferred to Head Office in New York and has been replaced by Mr. John A. Mawhinney.

Morrison's departure culminates a successful career of nine years at the Houston refinery, during which time he served in various capacities in the Research Laboratory (where he began work in October of 1938), Tech. Department and in Industrial Relations.

John Mawhinney (no relation to The Houston Post columnist) is a West Virginian by birth and was graduated from Davidson (North Carolina) College. He later attended the Columbia University Business School where he received his Master's degree in Personnel Administration. He first came to work for Shell in the New York Marketing Division, and in 1943 was granted a military leave of absence to enter the army. During his tour of duty overseas, he served as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff Personnel of the Central African Division of the Army's Transport Command. He was discharged as a Captain in 1946 and returned to Shell, working in the New York office until March, 1946 when he was transferred to Regional Exploration and Production Personnel and Industrial Relations.

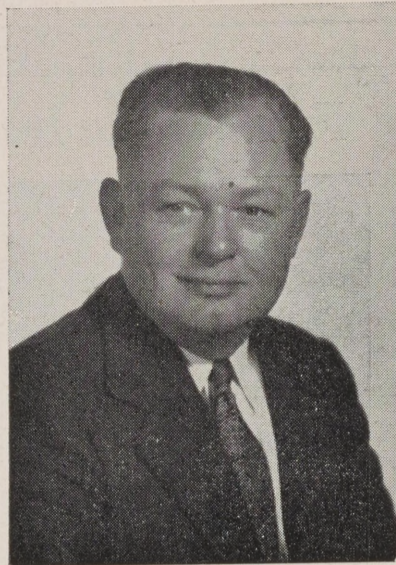
Let's look over this month's batch of romances, new comers, old jokes, departures, etc., and see what's fit for the "rag" this issue. Putting first things first, we run smack into a new engagement, our Editor, Mr. Schlesinger. Digging around, we find her name is Rachel Schulken, and she hails from North Carolina. Ed has convinced her two can live as expensively as one, in Texas. And when she gets here, we're going to find out what kind of bait she used . . .

Throwing in all the recent alliances contracted by IR members in the past several months, the place is practically a matrimonial agency. But like all concerns, it can't fill all the orders.

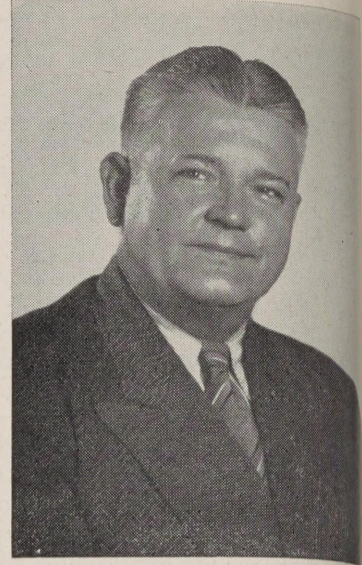
Also in the "new-comer" category, we have Willie Mae Tate, Ste-nographer. Microscoping Willie Mae reads like this: Born and reared in Texas, a B.B.A. from Baylor puts her on the Bruins' side of the stadium, and a year in the U. S. Marine Corps at Washington, D. C. qualifies her to buck that coffee line in the mornings. Glad you're here, Willie.

Overheard while holding a Bar up under a guy: "Have you ever

Refinery Service Birthdays



C. L. Schultz, Instrument Engineer in the Engineering Department, will this month celebrate his 20th year with the company. Born in Marion, Indiana, he first came to work with Shell as an Electrician at the East Chicago (Indiana) refinery. He was transferred to the Houston refinery in January, 1939 where he was an Instrument Man No. 1 until he was promoted to his present job as Instrument Engineer in March 1943.



W. O. Edgerton, Stillman in the Topping Department, will round out 20 years with Shell this month, having first gone to work for the Shell Pipeline Company at Cushing, Oklahoma. From Shell Pipeline at Cushing, Edgerton was transferred to the Houston Refinery in July, 1929, just when the refinery was being started.

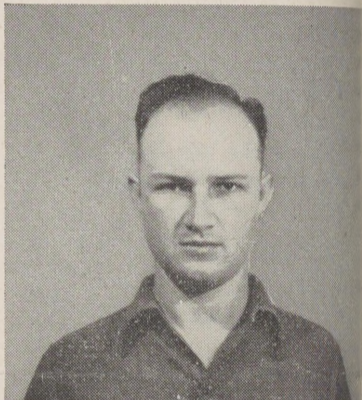
He was born at Stillwater, Oklahoma and attended high school at Cushing, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma A. & M. College and graduated there in 1928 with a B. S. degree in Physical Education.



Dennis M. Scanlan, Pipefitter, No. 2 this month joins the ranks of the Service Clubbers, with the completion of ten years service with Shell. Born at Lafayette, Louisiana, he first came to work for Shell at the Houston refinery on February 7, 1938 as a Painter. From there he transferred to the Pipefitter's department.

noticed a gal get on a bus—a city bus—in the bright daylight, and fumble around in her bag for thirty minutes looking for ten cents, yeh—fumble around half an hour—and finally come up with a couple nickels—you know how they do, scratch around and hold up everybody trying' to get on the bus. But have you ever noticed how when you take a gal home at night, pitch dark, and you get to her door, well by George, there's that door key, right in her hand—no fumblin', no nothin' . . . I don't get it . . ."

We have taken out our best welcome and shined it up for John Mawhinney, our new Assistant Department



James C. Miller, Machinist Number 1 in the Engineering Field Department, is another newcomer to the Service Club. Born in West Plains, Missouri, he entered the service of Shell on November 1, 1937 as a General Helper.

On October 21, 1942, he was granted a Military Leave of Absence and served with the Navy in the 46th Construction Battalion in the Pacific. While in the Pacific he earned the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two service stars. He was discharged from the navy and returned to the refinery on November 1, 1945.

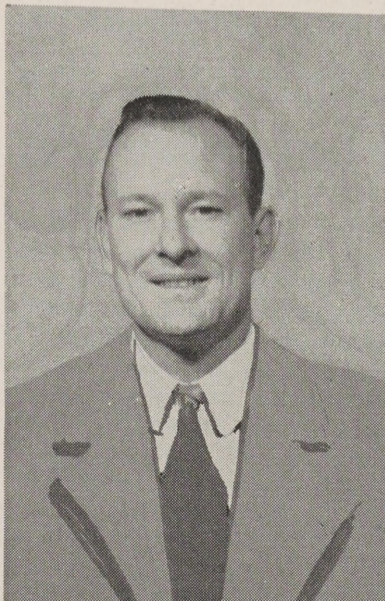
ment Manager. This is all we'll see until we've seen that cake.

This column will make no attempt to bid Jack Morrison a farewell. You don't say goodbye to guys like Jack.

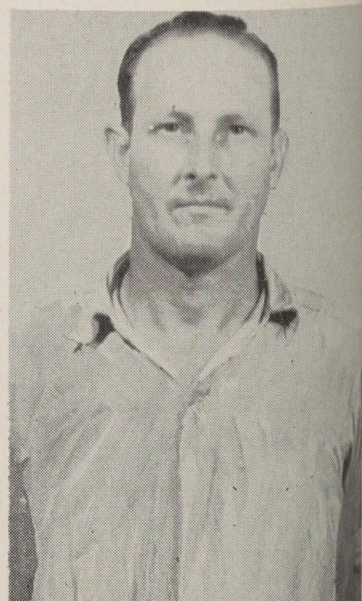
Shell Chemical Service Birthdays



BEN F. WALLING
 Plant Protection
 10 Years—April



COURT G. MABEY
 Treasury
 10 Years—April



ED O. OVERHULTZ
 Engineering Field
 10 Years—April

Scenes from SERA's Informal Dance at Elk's Club



Any similarity between this unusual pose and that of the fine art of ballroom dancing is purely coincidental. But it didn't matter much at the SERA dance, for the slight deviation from the more formal holds was a lot of fun. All a couple had to do was crawl under the bar without knocking down the hurdle, being careful not to release the hand of his partner. To the lucky winners, Elizabeth Hechler and Jack Junell, and two unidentified contestants (a tie), went a bottle of champagne.

The most recent SERA dance was the informal affair held at the Elk's Club in Houston in March. Everyone came dressed to enjoy the square dancing, with Sam Gennusa calling the numbers. There was no age limit for the attendants of the dance. Young and old alike enjoyed the evening of ballroom and square dancing. Above, Arthur J. Taylor, Dockman in the Dispatching Department, swings his young partner around, little Miss Jenny Coy Huddleston. She's his next door neighbor.



Deepest Well Ever Drilled for Oil Is Abandoned

Abandonment of the deepest well ever drilled in search of oil has been reported. It was a wildcat, or exploratory hole, sunk almost three and a half miles deep—17,823 feet, to be exact—in Caddo County, Oklahoma. Its abandonment points up the extensive operations that the oil industry carries forth to systematic development of America's oil supply and the investment required to secure that result.

Wells go deeper every year as the result of intense competition between 13,475 production companies engaged in the never-ending search for new sources. America's first well began producing at 69 feet in 1859. Today holes average 3,500 feet. More than a half dozen of them have been drilled below 15,000 feet, but so far the deepest production is from 13,904.

This year, American companies plan to drill about 5,000 wildcat wells. On an average only one out of eight or nine of them will turn out to be a producer. Thousands of geologists and geophysicists are scouting remote parts of the country to find where oil is most likely to be

located. Radar seismographs and other instruments are now used to provide a scientific approach but the need for venture and venture capital still remains to prove or disprove the indications of exploration.

In addition to the wildcats, companies plan this year to drill about 28,000 other wells in areas where petroleum reserves already have been located. Even under such favorable circumstances, however, only 70% of them are expected to be producers. The aggregate depth drilled in 1947 will be more than 100 million feet. That's the same as digging two and a half times completely through the earth.

Drilling for oil three miles down

presents major problems for one thing, the bottom of a hole gets one degree warmer for each 60 feet of depth. In one three-mile well, a thermometer registered 380 degrees—168 degrees hotter than boiling water.

Naturally, a deep-going drill gets pretty hot. To lubricate and cool it—as well as to plaster up the well so it won't cave in, to remove cuttings, and to keep the hole from blowing out if a high pressure gas pocket it struck—a force-pump circulates thick, gooey mud in and out of the drilling. That mud is something special—mixed as carefully as the bread mother used to

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Engineering Office News

by K. P. Sewell

"JUNIOR" ENGINEERING—"Play ball" seems to be the word around the Junior Engineers' corner these days along with the other Signs of Spring. Once again Les Myers has lustily beckoned his flock of trainees to reform the highly touted "RED ROOSTER" softball aggregation which achieved a certain amount of dubious fame and much heckling during last year's contests.

The flock answered in mass, however, and despite all predictions of the over-aged Main Office teamsters, Les bet his fattest red rooster that the boys will come out on top of the loop. The answer to last year's most painful problem has apparently been answered in the right arm of Joe Plant, fresh from the plains of Auburn. A couple of other potential hurlers are being kept in the bag just to make things interesting.

Things are lining up very well in other positions, with competition hot and the lineup deep in all infield positions. Vying for the catcher's slot are Vin Doyle and Keith Messenger, two lanky lads with strong arms. First base is still in the air with Les, Cotton Quarterman and Bill Frasure fighting it out. Other spots in the infield will be filled by Norman Weaver, Bill Hawkins and possibly Dunson Dunaway or Bob Hill—plus some switching of the power hitting first basemen mentioned above. Potential outfielders are Ralph Emig (don't call him Junior), Ivan DeWalt, Is Larkin, Layton Tuggle, Bob Hill and Dunson Dunaway.

Anyway, the first game with the Chemical Plant's Experimental Lab should yield a few answers. Several practice sessions and games so far have proven to the boys that old age sets in early and many a bone was creaking after those workouts. Two encounters with the Main Office bunch and one with Research made up the pre-season sessions.

Note to Editor: Please jerk above commentary if we DO drop those first two games. . .

IDLE CHATTER—Anyone having expense account trouble (Swindle Sheet) see Les Myers for the word. (Also for some good suggestions when in New Orleans) . . . Bill Moeller threatens to build a private side exit door to the cafeteria from his desk so he won't trip over the numerous legs in the passageway in the "ARAMATICS" madhouse at 11:20 each day. . . Who started this "Lover" business anyway—We hear tell that two fair headed lads are vying for the title now. Too bad girls. . . One of our previously announced eligibles is taking the step—in July, we understand. Dan Zarimba is making a trip back to Yankee land for the occasion—Come on Texans. Newest arrival in the ranks is Kentucky graduate, Bill Frasure, who is also a bridegroom of a month. Have you heard about Hubbell shooting a 78 on the golf course? . . . All delegates to the recent Engineering Meeting in New Orleans entered into a conspiracy to withhold information regarding the activities over there. As usual Derk Holsteyn was last one home. He took a short cut by way of St. Louis.

We welcome Mrs. Nell Tullus to the gang. Remember, NELL, that those shears will still cut off finger tips. Folks, if you want to hear a good joke, ask Nell to repeat the one Bateman told at her going away party.

We are all glad to hear that Dewey Galloway's small son has recovered from his recent illness.

WEDDING BELLS—The marriage of Miss Mary Catherine Austin (Shell Chemical) and Keith S. Messenger (Engineering-Inspection) took place in the chapel of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Saturday evening, April 17th. After a wed-

ding trip they will reside in Pasadena . . . Congratulations Mary Catherine and Keith.

On the 15th day of April a sudden still fell over the Drafting Room . . . This was Rose Mary Wilson's last day with Shell—she was quitting to be married. The boys lined up to kiss the bride-to-be, but she only said, "See you sometime boys." She was married April 17th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Seminary at LaPorte. A reception followed the wedding at the bride's home and the bride and groom left that afternoon by plane for Mexico City. The lucky guy is Marvin Joseph an employee of C. F. Braun. We wish you all the luck and happiness in the world, Rose Mary and Marvin.

NEW EMPLOYEES—We extend a hearty welcome to the new members of our staff . . . J. T. Melot from Brooklyn, E. C. Grace from New Orleans, and L. M. Bankson from Houston, who are new draftsmen in the Drafting Room. L. C. Books is a new engineer from V. P. I. working with Mr. Jack Parker, Instrument Engineer.

By way of the grapevine, we heard Mrs. Haldane almost got a new pair of beautiful "RED SHOES" around the date of April 2, 1948.

The Drafting Room sponsored one of their well known picnics on Sunday, April 11th at Milby Park. . . fellows in crime included the remainder of the Engineering Department. . . The afternoon started off quite mild as all good get-togethers do with horseshoe and washer pitching. This quickly developed into a fast and hard fought ball game with VIC Torres and DAWSON starring as pitchers. Everyone soon discovered that we had a professional in our midst by the name of JOE PLANT who knocked two homers during the game. After seven tiring innings, the game gave way to a more important subject, "food and drink." After the food was gone and the parties began to WIND their way home, it was discovered that there was several cases of the "well known bottle drink" left . . . What's wrong with the old Drafting Room bunch. . .

Main Office

by Gertrude Walters

J. L. Fort—Lieutenant (jg) is attending a two week course in Navy Supply Corps work at Algiers, La.

Welcome to our staff—Robbie Lee Mitchell and Beulah Summer in Steno Dept., Colleen Joyce Foster in ditto room, Delores Hanf in comptometer section, Charles Yoke and Leonard Ryan in mail room and Gerald Walters in Shipping Department.

Moneymooning in Galveston on the week-end of April 2 were Bill Fly and wife, the former Miss Mary Beth Gray. Their home address is 901 Sul Ross.

B. L. Polk, a refinery employee for 13 years, has been transferred from the Control Lab. to the Dispatching Department as a cargo inspector.

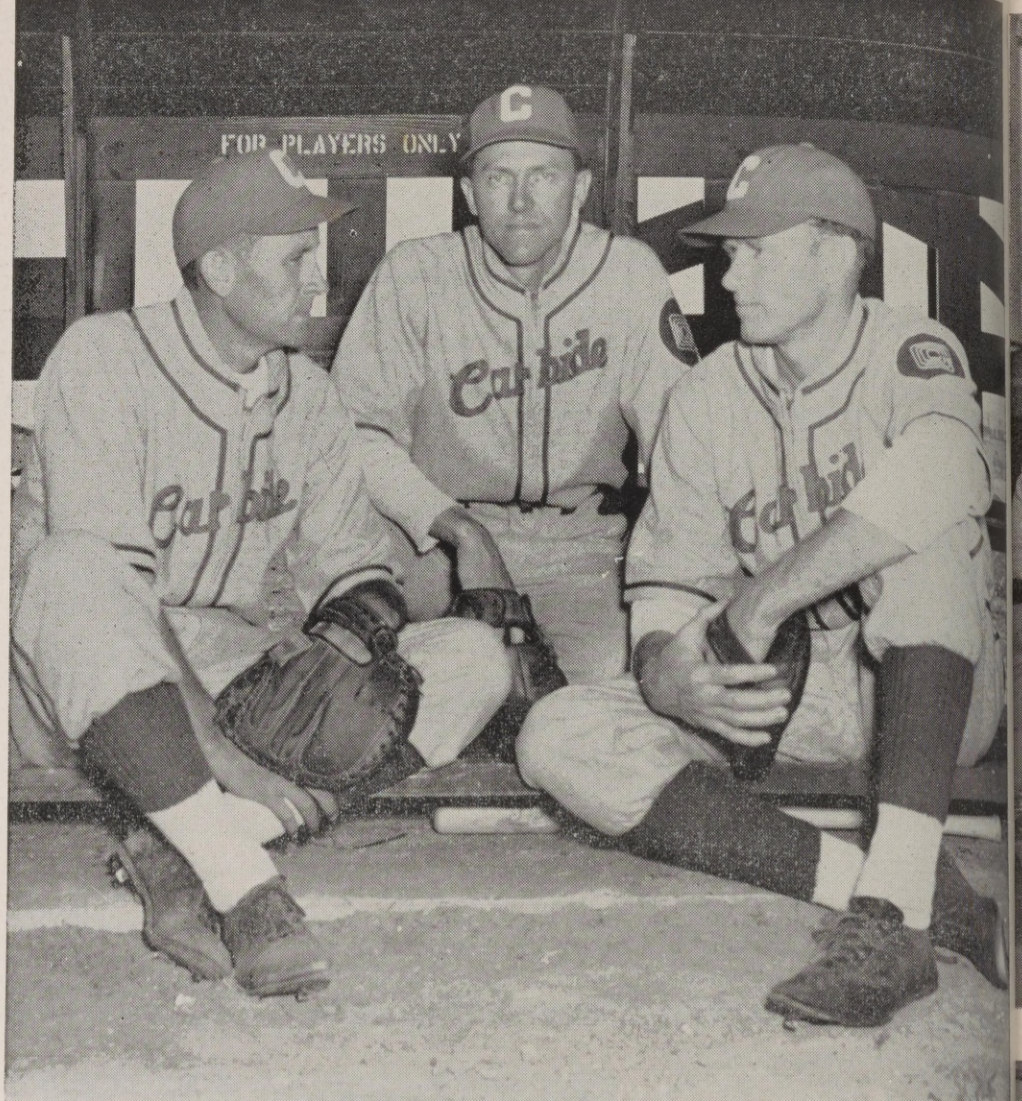
Transfers—Betty Barlow from ditto room to comptometer section, Billy Parnell from mail room to stationary clerk, Ray Hornsby from stationary clerk to Yield Department, Homer Chapman from Yield to catalytic cracking, Bill Telschow from Cost to field office, Pete Schaff from Yield to Gas Dept., and Walter Hern from hourly payroll to Cost. Ray Armstrong is replacing Walter Hern in the hourly payroll section.

Leo and Edith Schultheis are the proud owners of a new Sears Roebuck washing machine and Betty Crocker iron. Leo personally offers a helping hand to all bachelors that are having laundry troubles—for appointments dial 416.



Sam Costa (center) well known throughout this area for his ability and interest in the national game, here poses with his starting battery for the first game of the season against the Carbide and Carbon nine of Texas City. On the left, Joe Allen who pitched his teammates to a resounding 12 to 1 victory and his battery mate, Howard Reichel.

(Upper right) Manager Johnny Hill of the Carbide team poses with his starting battery, Pitcher Murff and backstop Shellburne, (Below right) Underwood, Oiler first baseman is apparently safe at first in a close play, as first baseman Hill of Carbide is about to drop the ball, which can be seen between his glove and hip. Umpire Joe Bisby stands by.



Shell Oilers Open Industrial League Season with 9 to 1 Win

The Shell Oilers won their opening game of the baseball season Sunday April 18 when they pounded out a 12 to 1 win over the Carbide and Carbon team of Texas City.

The game started off to be a pitcher's battle, going four innings without a score on either side. Then in the fifth inning, after one man was out, Shell put over five big runs on three hits. This rally was sparked by Grover Noonan, Howard Reichle and Claude Cassidy, each man getting one blow. The sixth inning was scoreless, but the seventh was the traditional lucky stanza for Shell. The old stretch inning produced eight more big tallies on nine hits. Grover Noonan, Howard Reichle, Jack Phillips, Claude Cassidy and Underwood all pounded big money blows, with Noonan getting two of the nine. All in all, 13 men went to bat for Shell in the seventh frame.

In the eighth, Johnny Hill, Manager of Carbide poled a long home run on a three-two count, giving his team their only run of the ball game.

Joe Allen started for Shell and went all the way, giving up only six hits, including Hill's homer. Allen fanned six and walked only two batters. His control was good and he looked to be in mid-season form.

Hitting stars of the game were Noonan, Reichle and Phillips, each with three hits; Cassidy and Underwood with two safe blows apiece.

A crowd of around 500 fans saw the opener on the new Shell diamond and reports from the other teams playing that day indicates the new Gulf Coast Industrial League is off to what may turn out to be a very successful season. Sweeney defeated Sinclair 9 to 1 at Sweeny and Pan American won their opener from Eastern States at Texas City, all games being played before near capacity crowds.

It has been announced that ice

cold beer would be sold at all remaining home games to be played by the Oilers.

The batting average of the Oilers will appear in the next issue of The Shellegram.

Kegler's Korner

by Marx Isaacs

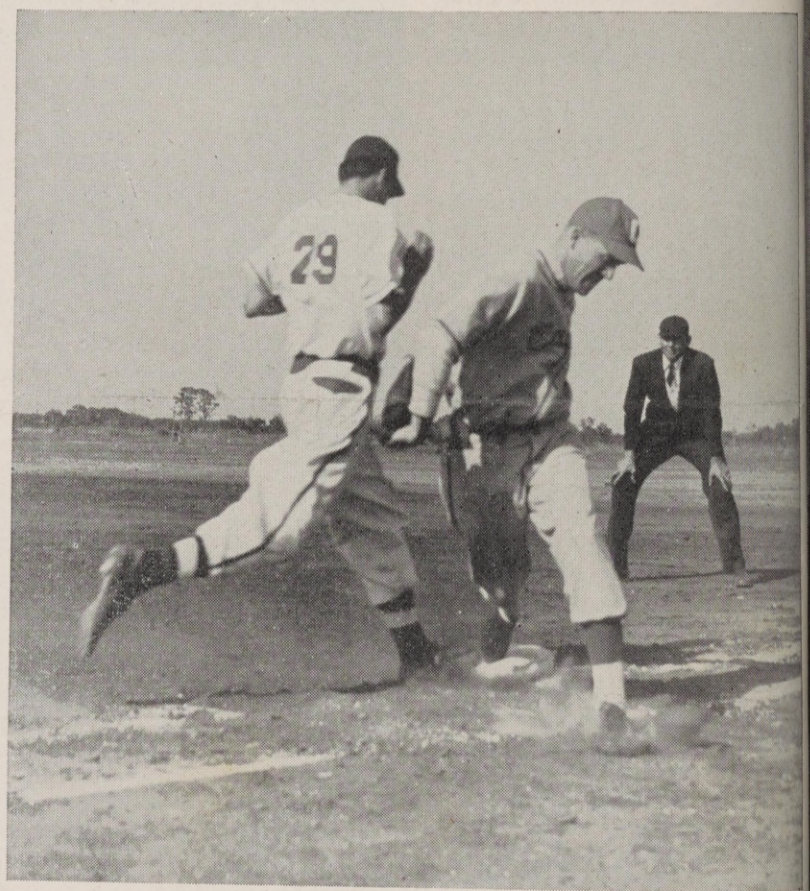
At this writing, only five nights of bowling remain in the winter-spring seasons of the mixed leagues, the final sessions being on May 26 for the two refinery leagues and May 20 for the Shell Chemical League. Playoffs between the top teams in each league will be staged at the Recreation Palace Bowling Lanes (neutral territory) on the first three Saturday mornings in June. The summer leagues will swing into action on the second Wednesday or Thursday of June, in their present locations.

On the basis of the number of keglers signifying their intentions of bowling during the summer months, it was decided to combine the Shell Chemical and Refinery Lawndale leagues into a 12-alley loop. The decision between Wednesday and Thursday night for this combination has not yet been made. The refinery Pladium league will continue "as is," but can very advantageously use several additional bowlers to replace those dropping out for the summer. Contact Marx Isaacs, refinery Technological Department (telephone No. 482) if you want to join the Pladium league, either permanently or just for the summer.

The Gas team continued its winning ways at the Pladium but dropped its lead from 15 to 13 points over second-place Drafting. This is still a practically insurmountable lead for the short time remaining. Second and third places are not that



The Shell Oilers began their 1948 baseball season on April 18 on the new Shell diamond. The opening of the Gulf Coast Industrial League lacked none of the trimmings that are traditional with season openers. Mr. P. E. Foster, Manager of the refinery, had perfect control as he donned an Oiler hat and glove and tossed out the first ball.



Lawndale, standings as of April 22 were:

	Won	Lost
Dugooders	47	25
Lizzezwhizez*	41	31
Mickey Finn	41	31
Fubar 5	40	32
Rhetasots	37	35
Construction	37	35
Ramroders	36	36
?	36	36
Jobbers	33	39
Forget-Me-Knots**	31	41
Laboratory	29	43
Tee Dee	24	48

*High Team Series—2805
**High Team Game—983

High Individual Game (Men)—H.	Won	Lost
Lewis—255	73	71
High Individual Game (Women)—C. Rodgers—246.	68	57
High Individual Series (Men)—K. Brehrens—663.	67	64
High Individual Series (Women)—L. O'Bryan—611.	57	67

In the refinery Lawndale league, Control Lab jumped from third to top spot since the last Shellegram, but Inspection is only two points behind in second place and Utilities three points back of inspection, so it looks like a close fight to the finish, with Industrial Relations another possible contender for hon-

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Sweeny	2 0	1.00
Shell	2 0	1.00
Carbide	1 1	.50
Pan-American	1 1	.50
Sinclair	0 2	.00
Eastern States	0 2	.00

May 2 Results:
Sweeny 9, Eastern States 3
Carbide 4, Pan American 1
Shell 9, Sinclair 8

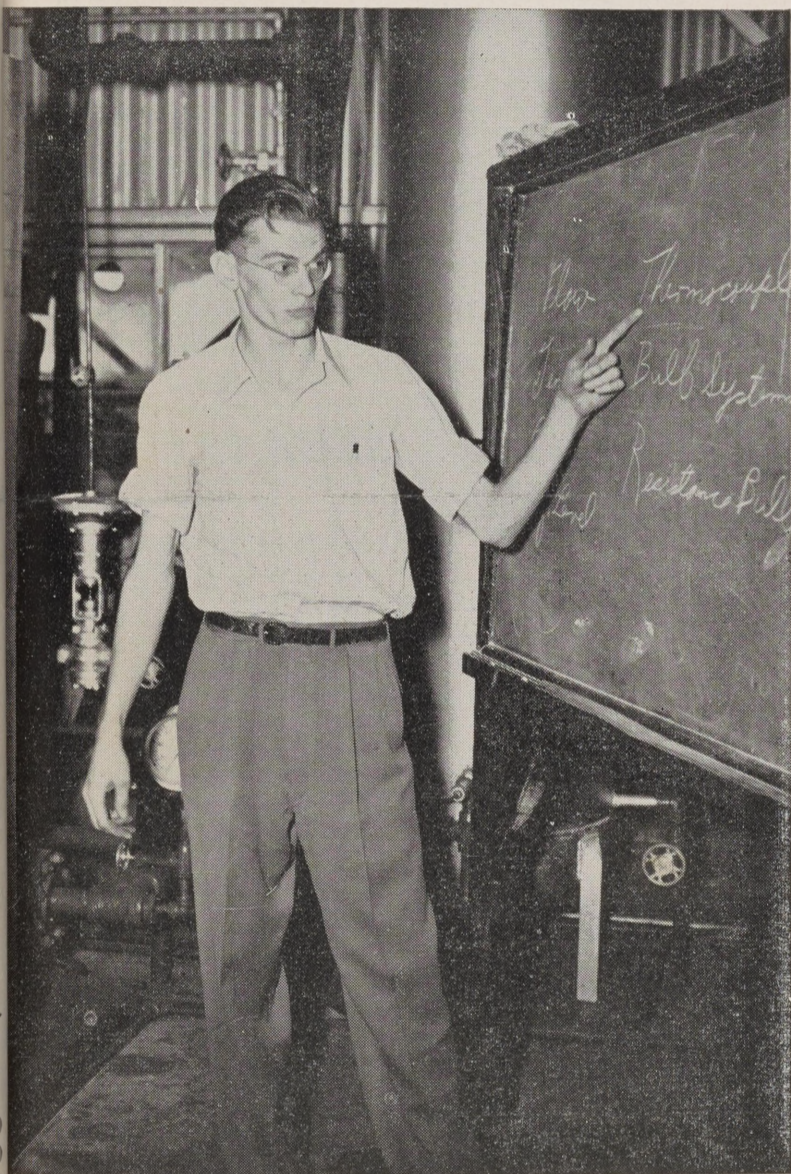
ors. Standings as of April 14 were:

	Won	Lost
Control Lab	73	71
Inspection	71	58
Utilities*	68	56
Industrial Relations	67	57
Cracking	64	60
Research**	60	64
Instr. Engineers	57	67
Engineering	54	70
Isomerization	53	71
Dispatching	53	71

*High Team Game—968
**High Team Series—2656
High Individual Game and Series (Men)—M. Alston—244—598.
High Individual Game (Women)—Windham—202.
High Individual Series (Women)—C. Gable—557.



Twenty operators from the refinery's Catalytic Cracker who are pictured here comprised the first group to take the 12 hour course in preventive maintenance of pumps and instruments given in the refinery's new laboratory classroom in the old Catalyst Manufacturing building. The new laboratory classroom, which teaches the practical side of the course, is the first training classroom of its kind in the Shell organization.



Johnny Mizenko, Instrument Engineer, gives preliminary blackboard instructions on the fundamentals of instrumentation to the first class of operators to take the course in preventive maintenance in the refinery's new laboratory classroom. After the necessary groundwork has been completed, Mizenko will demonstrate actual operating conditions through the use of the pilot plant that has been constructed in the classroom.

to pumps and instruments would be stressed. Nothing would be overlooked—lubrication, what to do under certain given conditions and how to keep repair work at a minimum, all would find its place in the 12 hours of the course.

On March 21, the work was completed. Early on the morning of March 26, operating department managers, headed by Assistant Superintendents R. W. Faulk and Mason Rogers, witnessed a sneak preview of classroom procedure. Winning hearty approval from the group, the Training Section lost no time in scheduling a class of 20 operators from the refinery's Catalytic Cracker.

The response to this training "first" among Shell plants has been heartening. Operators have had high praise for the completeness of presentation and commented as to the knowledge to be gained from the practical application possible in the laboratory.

OIL'S STEEL —

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are not usually included in oil steel figures.

The two million ton figure for natural gas, which works out to 1.3 million tons on a twelve-month basis, is approximately four times the amount of steel ever received by natural gas in any one year.

Planning a Trip? Shell Will Help With Arrangements

With more cars on the U. S. highways this year than ever before in automotive history this summer should see the biggest "See America First" pilgrimage in American history.

From the Houston refinery hundreds of us will probably plan on driving to distant cities and states by means of our cars. Whether you are planning a trip to Seattle or to Miami your first thought will naturally be: What highway will I take? If you're going to Seattle for business reasons, or if you want to get there with the least possible delay you will want to take a direct route on the best possible roads. If you are going to Miami strictly for the sights, you will want a route that will give you the most pleasant trip through scenic lands.

So no matter what your destination, whether on business or for pleasure, Shell stands ready to help you plan your trip. Established in Shell's New York office is the Shell Touring Service. This department daily compiles data from throughout the nation on such vital tourist information as new highways, road conditions, tourist courts and hotels, and other facts that will greatly add to the pleasure and comfort of your trip. So no matter where you plan to drive, Shell's personalized touring service will furnish you with road maps giving the type route you request and other pertinent data you will need on your trip. These maps that will be sent to you will have the best route inked in so that you will have no trouble in identifying the number of the highway you want to follow.

In order to help you get this service in the least possible time and at no cost to you whatsoever, the refinery's Industrial Relations Department will be happy to assist you. Specially designed postcards are now available for requesting this information from Head Office. If you are planning a highway trip this summer it will pay you to take advantage of this service. All you have to do is furnish the Industrial Relations office with information as to your destination and

"Understand Rivalry and you understand America"



by Ed Thorgersen

Next time Grandpa gets wound up on the subject of the men they had in his day—how they'd stack up with the puny specimens of our own pantywaist era—here are a few cold figures you can fight back with, drawn from the record books of sporting achievements that can actually be measured.

In the 1886 Olympics, T. E. Burke set a record of 12 seconds flat for 100 meters. Fifty years later a girl named Helen Stephens covered the same distance in 11.5, while the boys were doing it in 10.3.

In the same fifty-to-sixty year span, the pole vault record has climbed from W. W. Hoyt's 10 feet, 9 3/4 to Cornelius Warmerdam's 15 feet, 7 3/4. High jump—from E. H. Clark's 5 feet, 11 1/4 to Les Steers' 6 feet, 11. And the ski jump record of 37 feet set by Mikkel Hemmestvedt in 1887 was slightly bettered by Torger Tokle at Iron Mountain—with a leap of 289 feet!

What's responsible for these all-but incredible improvements? Competition—rivalry—among an ever-increasing number of participants.

Understand rivalry and you understand sports. Understand rivalry and you understand America.

That's the way it is in the oil business, too. There's constant rivalry among America's more than 34,000 individual oil companies in different fields of the petroleum business—the producers, the refineries, the transportation companies, the distributors and jobbers and the retailers—each striving to bring you new products, better products at reasonable prices or to provide more and more service.

That's why America's gasoline fuels and lubricants are the world's best—at the world's lowest prices. That's the plus for you in Petroleum's Progress . . . a plus that means more comfort, more enjoyment, more protection for you.

other similar data that will be requested.

Employees of the Shell Chemical Plant should contact Mr. Walt Fruland in the Safety Office.

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NEW TRAINING LABORATORY

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eks to do in a lecture classroom." seemed like a good plan. Mr. ster gave the go-ahead signal and the job began. C. L. Schultz, Instrument Engineer, drew up the plans for the laboratory classroom a section of the refinery's old catalyst manufacturing building and in September of last year the plan began to materialize.

Bill Snow supervised the actual work of constructing the pilot plant with the able assistance of Henry ton, a first class pipefitter.

The construction of such a laboratory classroom required cooperation on a grand scale. The columns, pumps and instruments had to be dismantled and then built into a pilot plant. From here and there came various parts—from Dick Davis, manager of the Gas Department, a surplus pump; the Instrument Shop gave a damaged and unusable instrument. As the equipment came available, the unique phase of the construction work began. The

training classes of the Crafts—Carpenters, Pipefitters, Welders, etc.—supplemented their regular classroom instructions with practical work. After a class of instructions the craftsmen would put their classroom knowledge to actual use.

The instrument men repaired the damaged instruments, the pipefitters bent pipe and installed connections, the welders, painters and carpenters combined to build Shell's first laboratory for training operating personnel.

In the meantime, the Training Section was busy writing the instructions and classroom procedure that would be needed to fulfill the main objective of the new laboratory. John Mizenko and R. J. McCarthy indicated their willingness to act as instructors in instrument care and maintenance and general lubrication problems while Frank Olexa would teach the principles of pump operation and repair. Correct method and procedure to follow so as to assure accuracy and long life

Bring-Down of Cat Cracker Reveals Safety Cooperation

When a huge operating unit like the Cat Cracker is brought down for repairs, it means added responsibility for every man involved in the bring-down. The responsibility we're speaking of here is that of safety, for with the additional number of men involved in the repair work of the unit must naturally come additional hazards. The danger of particles in the air which may result in eye injury; the danger of men working above the ground create hazards which must be guarded against.

Safety is a matter that is an individual as well as a group responsibility and the turn-around of the Catalytic Cracking plant was no exception. Many cases of safety in action were demonstrated during the shut-down. For the records we would like to name several instances where the safety mindedness of the employees prevented what could have been serious accidents:

(1) Craftsmen were using a tuger hoist to lower bricks from one of the top floors of the tower. The area below had been roped and other workmen advised to leave the area. Faulty operation of the hoist caused the load to tilt and bricks were dropped in the area where men had previously been working. No one was injured.

(2) Workmen were pulling tools up the side of the fractionating tower in a tool bucket. As it neared the top the handle pulled from the bucket and fell to the ground. Other employees working in the area had stopped work and were standing at a safe distance while the tools were being hoisted, consequently no one was injured.

(3) A heavy bolt fell from a platform and struck the hard hat of an employee who was working below. The hard hat prevented him from receiving a serious head injury.

(4) One man was observed to rise up and strike the hard hat he was wearing against a quarter-inch line. If he hadn't been wearing his head protection, a bad scalp wound would have been the result.

The above instances are just a few of the examples that we can mention as proof that observance of safety regulations pay dividends. There were many other cases where the employee indicated his alertness by pointing out a hazardous condition or preparing his job in a safe manner, which contributed to the safety of the many jobs which were in progress. Each man was not alone doing his job, but he was concerned for the safety of his fellow worker as well as himself. When we consider the heavy material which was handled, the congested areas in which the equipment and material had to be maneuvered, it is realized that the closest cooperation was necessary between the supervisors and men and among the various crafts to accomplish all the work without a serious accident.

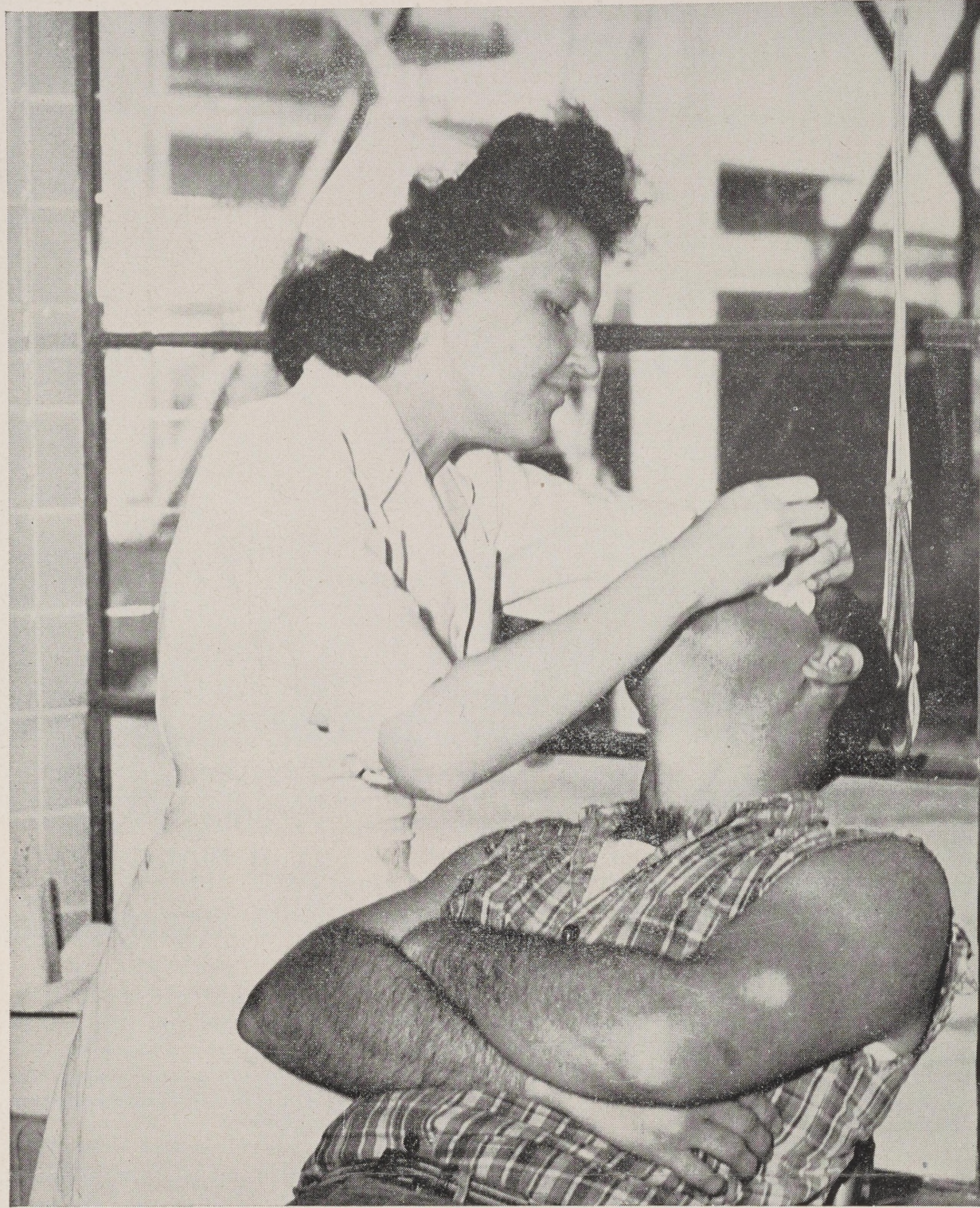
The Safety Department wishes to congratulate and thank each individual for his effort in preventing accidents on this job. Each person who worked in the area has an equal share in this safe accomplishment.

CONCERT HELD —

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man reviewed several selections from the concert.

Highlights of the program were Mozart's "Symphony No. 20" and Smetana's "The Moldau". Other selections included Duke Ellington's "Brown, Blue, and Beige" and Scarlatti's "Sonatos" on harpsichord. The entire program was conducted by Disk Jockey Bill Hall on a machine supplied by the Music Bar for the occasion.

Refinery Nurse on the Job at the Cat Cracker



E. E. Powers, one of the refinery's full-time nurses, extracts a particle of catalyst from the eye of a worker engaged in repairing the Cat Cracker. A temporary first aid station was set up at the Cat Cracker to take care of just such an emergency during the more than three weeks the unit was down for repairs. Because of individual, as well as group cooperation this type of injury was the most serious incurred during the entire period of the repair work.



A. J. Morant, laborer working with the Brickmasons on the inside of the regenerator during the shut-down of the Cat Cracker was doing his part in furthering the cause of safety. During this repair work and while wearing his hard hat, a two by twelve inch plank 24 inches long fell from a platform about 25 feet above his head. The impact of the blow which his hard hat received would have been sufficient to have seriously injured Morant and might have even resulted in a fractured skull and possible complications, but because he was aware of his duty to work safely, he suffered no injury.

Vacation Hint

Plan Safety Check Of Cars; 1 Out of 3 May Have a Defect

Actual test by police recently indicated that one-third of the automobiles on the road have some mechanical defect which makes them less safe to drive.

Despite the fact that new car production has retired many war-weary cars to the junk heap, the National Safety Council is concerned about the number of unsafe vehicles still on the road.

That is why the Council and many cooperating agencies have designated May as the month to call national attention to the need for year-round safety maintenance of automobiles.

"Check Your Car—Check Accidents" is the theme of the program designed to convince drivers that a periodic safety checkup is cheap insurance for the car and the lives of its occupants.

No Driver Safer Than Car
"No driver is safer than his car," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council. "Even a new car, safe as it is when it leaves the factory, must be regularly inspected to remain in top condition. Most drivers realize the importance of protecting their investment by regular lubrication service, but too few are aware that a safety check may save their necks, too."

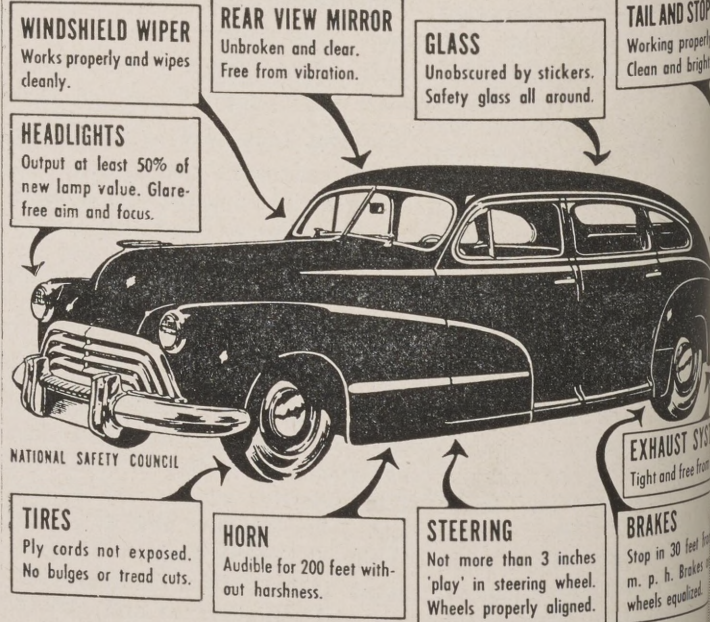
The police survey found that 922,775 of the 2,718,076 cars examined had some safety fault. In the order of their frequency, the defects were:

- Rear and stop lights.....28.7%
- Front lights.....18.2%
- Brakes13.3%

- Windshield wipers 8.2%
- Horns 7.1%
- Tires 4.3%
- Other defects, amounting to 20.2 per cent, included obscured or broken glass, bad steering, worn-out muffler, lack of rear vision mirror, etc.

The Council's figures, based on state accident reports, show that 18 per cent of fatal accidents involve a motor vehicle defect. The Council believes that even this high percentage understates the true importance of vehicle defects, since the police survey revealed a much higher percentage of faulty cars.

Motorists in many states and municipalities receive a safety bonus from their government in the form of compulsory vehicle inspection.



Check your car—check accidents. Vehicle defects are involved in 18 per cent of fatal traffic accidents, according to the National Safety

Carpenter Shop

by Sudsy

I was very sorry that I had news for the last issue, but as all know I was off ill for several weeks and was unable to collect news on the day I returned, which was the deadline.

From all indications the part of the fellows have enjoyed the past issues. Come on fellows, need your help in keeping this day. Bring me all the dope you can, our fellow workers.

I noticed on my return to the shop that the old calendar had replaced. An Esquire, if you will. They tell me the BIRD on the month's page is really singing. Ha! Ha!

The two widows, Farris and ville were so enthused with the up salt dispensers the past that they did not hear the whistle until 12:25. Guess better visit that last port.

Poor Charley Evans really time—his pants and shirt appeared from the foot of the over the week-end. They were the next morning all stretched on his back lawn, but no money left in the pants. Could that been an illusion, Charley?

My, oh my! This square does has the shop all a jitter. I went into the shop the other day. Bud Lee was putting his little all over the place for Ethel Lydia.

For several weeks now, a of our men have been working the Cat Cracker. Only one man have suffered a disability and Buckshot Mabry—he came on a most peculiar looking upper lip.

We are all missing that the of humanity Bud Lee around the shop. Good luck to you Bud on a new job.

SERActivities

by Marx Isaacs

BARBECUE PICNIC

The date of the annual barbecue which is free to SERA members and their families, is Saturday, June 1, and a recent announcement named Milby Park as the location. The picnic is not being held for Labor Day week-end, as in previous years, in order to carry out a big program of entertainment for the Norco workers who will be here for Labor Day.

DANCE

The next SERA dance will be staged the same weekend as the barbecue picnic. Further details will be announced soon.

BALL PARK

Construction of stands at SERA ball park is well advanced and will be completed before the baseball season gets much underway.

Shell Chemical Notes and News

(Editor's Note: Construction indicates frustration in the past at their attempts to break in to print. To dispel any possible neurosis that would twist the boys into modern day Rube Goldbergs, we have them leading off with our stories today.)

CONSTRUCTING AT SHELL CHEMICAL

In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to—thoughts of dry weather. (In Construction, that is!) Although it has been slow and times disheartening, our sky has changed materially in the past year. Plants M and AX have been completed, the Shops and Warehouse Building is finished up, Leonard is polishing off his Effluent Treating Plant, and other projects are rolling along. The Pyrolysis Section of Plant EP is ready for operation and we have hopes for early completion of the balance of the plant. A tip of the sombrero to Gene Ries and Bill Elick for their work on the 12,000 V electrical system, and, likewise, to Phil Tromback for completion of HCL Plant.

Ralph McKay is leaving us after a period of a few weeks, working on the design of the new L. P. G. plant. Hurry back, Ralph! Incidently, Ron Ward, after a fine job on Plant AX, is taking over construction of L. P. G.

Joe Leonard, after his mud-hole experience with Effluent Treating, moving to higher ground to build the second extension to our Change House. Chick Hedman will be "available" in a couple of weeks but no West Coast yet, Eh Chick?

We welcomed San Jacinto Day as much deserved holiday, we think, though construction continued.

LET US KNOW OF ANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS PERTAINING TO CHEMICAL EMPLOYEES—WE'LL ARRANGE THE PICTURES. SEE WALT FRULAND OR ANY CHEMICAL PLANT REPORTERS.

TECH DEPARTMENT

Shifts of personnel between departments bring Tommie Stewart from "E" Operating and Pete Gardner from Construction; Joe Matherne is transferred to "A" Operating. That recent series of moves of desk locations allows the "G" people to be exclusive. The attractions of St. Louis have again lured Ed Herreros—this time on vacation—with Bill Tell and Joe Bunn as passengers that Oldsmobile. Rumor has it

that Gene Lovering and Maury Henshaw have been caught. Guess combination of Spring and Leap Year did it. This subtle comment is really NEWS. A reporter scooping himself.

TREASURY

NOTICE: All Clippings from "Help Wanted" ads will be appreciated. Send them to Lloyd Garrett—Accounting Department. If he spells Devil instead of Bevil in any more of his letters, he'll need them.

Vacation time is here again as we bid farewell to Jerry Hollister who is off to "Sunny California" for a good tan and a swell time.

It's good to see Reba Haskinson back with us even without her tonsils.

Boy! Inflation is getting to such a state nowadays where we can't even afford a fish fry. We, in the Treasury Department, are always glad to donate to a worthy cause. Have a good time, Bob? P. S. We know how you explained the price of the tickets, but how did you explain the loosings.

Steno welcomes a newcomer into the group. Virginia Lowery—a home town girl (Houston, that is).

Winona Davis is back with us again now that she has whipped "old man Pneumonia." You know the old saying, "You can't keep a good man down" so welcome home, Winona!

"A" OPERATING DEPARTMENT

Recent personnel changes have altered both the number and appearance of the "A" Operating Department members. Joe Matherne was transferred into the department from the Technological Department to take over the Technical Assistant duties of Joe Acree. G. B. Shaw was transferred to "C" Department leaving the acrolein and chlorohydrin plants for E. S. 'Pinky' Martin to handle in addition to the DAP Plant.

"B" OPERATING DEPARTMENT

The recent arrival of a little stranger in the Posey household brought complimentary cigars to those who got to Jess first.

Finlay Pearce, formerly of Shell Point, has assumed Joost Hudig's duties, the latter now getting "rested up" for an extended leave in Europe. Bon Voyage! Joost and family.

We bid farewell to those who are leaving the "B" Department ranks and welcome their replacements. Recent additions include Ted Krefit at the furnaces, and Earl Walzel at AA plant. Losses include Julius Tullos to "E" Department and Jerry Walker to Estel Wooley. Jerry and Estel

are now honeymooning, but only Estel will return to us.

Early this month "B" Department office was about to submit A. F. E. 288 for six fiddles and a baton—then, when Posey pointed out that 288 means 8 years, 8 months, and 8 days, decided better everyone should get a haircut.

"C" OPERATING DEPARTMENT

The "C" Department is going all out for training. They have completed several tough courses, and have so many more scheduled, that they are contemplating shutting down all operations to keep from interfering with the schools.

We understand John McGraw is using gaskets with holes cut out for blinds at Plant HCL. He may have something there.

New faces in the "C" Department include L. C. Dabney, J. E. Campbell, E. G. Kingdon, B. J. Crawford, D. D. Jones, B. B. Beran, B. L. Buchanan, and W. R. Pryor.

And for the record—Frank Ball's little boy now has a brother. Congratulations to Mrs. Frank, just don't let them get the upper hand.

"E" OPERATING DEPARTMENT

"E" Department regrets to announce the loss of Tommy Stewart, who was recently transferred to the Technological Department.

On coming off shift work on the initial operation of the EP Furnace, Bob Hanning spent a few days vacationing in a crossroads resort named Schulenberg. Bob had not heard of Schulenberg, Texas until his car gave him the invitation. "Calling Mr. Ford."

Bob White, sometimes called "GRumpy" by his closer friends, is planning to move to La Porte in the near future. He will occupy Cliff Walter's garage apartment.

LABORATORY

Bob Cook has joined Kirby Walker of the Engineering Department in that magic inner circle of Blue Ribbon Winners—A male Afghan Hound was Reserve Winner at the recent Dallas Dog Show. Incidentally, a recent litter of seven further increased the canine population of his kennel.

Ken Cofer's new glasses caused quite a bit of comment when he recently wore them for the first time. Some of his bachelor buddies claim he is only trying to attract the attention of the fair sex.

Paul Coffman recently returned from a two weeks vacation to sunny (?) California and remarked on his return that he hadn't seen 'ole sol from the time he left Houston until he returned. Naturally that was one of those unusual incidents that "rarely" happen—at least the natives would have so informed him.

Mary Austin changed her name to Mrs. Keith Messenger on April 17th at St. Paul's Methodist Chapel on South Main. After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside in Pasadena. Best wishes, you two!

Gerry McKinley finally got tired of walking and purchased a car. Latest word on Gerry has me wondering if he is walking again.

All of the weddings which have taken place in the laboratory recently brought about the coming of a new word to designate the month by month intervals of wedded bliss—"Monaversary"—with apologies to Walter Winchell.

Three recent attempts to get an article concerning Nick Gianakos into this column have failed because of censorship. Although some further "dirt" is available no effort will be presently made to get it printed, but to keep Nick's friends properly informed, he still lives here.

ENGINEERING

We're glad to have Liz back with her usual big grin minus her ton-

"Rough---Isn't It"



LIZ BLACK CELEBRATES

A genuine surprise birthday party was successfully performed during the noon hour for the honoree shown in the picture. The little lady with the knife is Elizabeth Black, of the Engineering Department. This party was given on Thursday, April 8th, a day before her birthday since Liz was having the doctor assist her with a tonsillectomy on Friday. All the members of the department joined

in singing a well selected song "Happy Birthday". Ice cream and layer cakes were the order of the hour, and George Harlan, the sly shutter snapper setting the scene for a sure shot. The card placed by the cake and printed on sandpaper carried the greeting "Rough---isn't it" —Quote Liz—"It sure is." Fun for all and a real surprise for Liz.

sils and looking just as good without them.

Messrs. Duguid, Levada and Eberman have returned from an engineering meeting in New Orleans. According to reports, the meeting was well planned as well as the survey of the better places to eat. It seems, however, Mr. Eberman is allergic to crayfish, served New Orleans style. Other places of interest would have been included in their survey but it was rather "stormy" there! Mr. H. Q. Duguid has gone again—this time to San Francisco—he's the travelingest man!

Charlie Hill returned from a "big ole" vacation. You ought to hear some of those fish stories he's telling. They sound good anyway! How about some pictures, Charlie?

Attention all girls! Want any bows or sashes tied? We have an expert in our midst—Bill Robbins, the little bashful boy in the front office is the expert.

Thanks, Bud DeLong, for the "tootsie" washers.

Warren Probst and Lloyd Lundahl have a standing date every Friday night at the Help Yourself Laundry. Also a little bird told me these two make it mighty rough on a golf course on Saturday mornings.

K. O. McDonald caught admiring his pride and joy—the flag pole, which he almost forgot to order the flag for.

We don't hear much (except noise) from inspection but they are carrying on as usual keeping the plant in tip-top shape.

Of interest to our clan is the recent news that Joe Levada's parents celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in Concord, California. In these days of haste and hustle we might find a lesson in the fact that they celebrated their anniversary in the same home in which they were wed. Congratulations on a wonderful event, Joe and Family!

ENGINEERING FIELD

For Sale: A two cylinder, 4 horsepower, Williams 4 door sedan. This is really a fine car with many extras including motor, tires, and steer-

ing wheel—has 5 speeds forward and no reverse. Brakes are optional, accelerator is extra large and the horn is powerful. Comes in two colors—fire engine red and screaming yellow. See "Honest" Willie Williams for full details.

Hightower is rushing his plans for vacation before the crawdads stop lying in Louisiana. The Franklin Parish kid says "they ain't nothing better'n crawfish jumbaloya."

Expect nothing but clear weather from here on and that is straight dope. Johnston (Field Office) says that the spell is broken. Used to be that everytime he took off to the Chinquapin hills of East Texas a down pour or cold wave would hit Houston. Before his last trip he told us to expect warm weather, that the spell was broken. Sure nothing but blue skies since. Something going on here.

Seems that McCollum reports L. G. Dudley finding a swarm of bees at Column 34 one Thursday. Nobody stung, but it's nice to know we are also making a little honey out here.

STOREHOUSE

Your Editor reports that the Storehouse is just busier than bees in a bonnet. That new building is certainly a beauty. We shall be looking forward to news of what goes on behind those fancy walls.

SHIPPING DEPARTMENT

To explain the many things that happen in this department is like trying to trap a flea in a bucket. I could tell about the _____

but you wouldn't be interested in that. Anyway, there is another item most unusual about our department that everyone would be interested in. It's entirely new and best thing about it is—_____ but to go into detail would require too much time and space so we just won't talk about it. Messers. Penick and Stringfellow finally found themselves between the rock and hard place. It's so funny and I'm laughing so furiously that I can't even write about it. Old Satan himself is on the trail of Messers. Shores and Patterson (Continued on Page 8)

Ted Hahn's Double Bundle of Joy



Bea on the left and Bonnie on the right. At birth the twins were known as A & B. B named Bea, while

A. is now little Bonnie Hahn. All of which is something to remember when we meet the girls.

Chemical Fish Fry

What is this scientific age coming to anyway? We now have chemical fish fries! Anyway whatever process was used on those fish at the last Chemical Plant stag party sure turned out good fish, and as to the general success of the whole affair, well, no one has ever expressed it better than the man who first said, "and a good time was had by all."

Everything started out in a rather casual manner and the conversation consisted of questions like: "where is the beer?" and "Does anybody know where the food line starts?" Then someone would comment "what good fish!", and receive the answer, "yeah!" However, it wasn't long until the conversation shifted to weightier matters and above the hum of the crowd could be heard such statements as "whose deal is it?" or "Hey, can I get in this game?" And then somebody kept saying "come on little Joe!" The party was showing life.

Entertainment was furnished by a group of singers under the direction of V. L. Keldsen. Their performance was remarkable! C. D. Hibler showed especial talent. Other helpers included D. D. Jones, G. L. Shannon, and J. G. Kindred. The special sound effects were supplied by channel tugboats.

Joe Levada spent most of the evening dodging a 1x12 board which kept falling over. It seems the fellows on the other side kept knocking it down with galloping dominoes. "Seems they ought to be able to fix a board that would stand up."

Ed Herrerias conducted a bridge school with Russ Leroy as his pupil. However, Royce Donkle and Carlton Dybdal paid the tuition fees.

Frank Colburn and Jim Penick were showing off some beautiful bouquets of one dollar bills which looked fresh and crisp like they had just been picked.

Nick Gianakos was borrowing money for green fees the next morning out at the golf course, and Chrest Johnson was seen drinking a Coca Cola, of all things.

Jim Penick: "I see you're in the game! Ivan Shore: "Confidently, I'm not—just filling in." Know just how you feel, Ivan.

Platt Okie was among those present proving the lure of these old fish fries and barbecues.

If there is anything to the old saying, "Eat, drink and be merry," there should have been about 200 happy men in Houston before the night was over.

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bake. It costs a mint of money too. Last year the oil industry spent ten million dollars, just for mud.

This important point is, however, that although the demand for petroleum products is the largest in history, the initiative and rivalry of producing companies have lifted America's proved reserves—reserves we know are under ground—higher than ever before.

The United States already has produced more than 34 billion barrels of oil. We know we have 24 billion barrels more in the ground. Geologists say we can find at least another 50 billion barrels. Some of it will be at great depths, but modern deep drilling techniques can bring it to the surface where it will continue to make life easier and better for 142,000,000 Americans.



These men look as though Chemical Fried Fish has gained at least several converts. Shoving his plate into the picture is Richard "The Hungry" Hefley while Elmer Saxon poses gratefully. On his right, Jean Elliot and Olin Hunley watch the chemical fry that fish.

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but to save embarrassment and my job, I'll just keep my mouth shut.

Well, dear readers, this about summarizes the last few weeks in shiping. Next time we will tell you

about——— but let's wait until next time.

OPERATIONS

Get Chas. Horton to explain those specks on his face.

Why doesn't Baldy Bautsch answer his phone at night anymore?

What is this about "Hot Plate" Lynch falling into a band-saw and being saved by "Two Ton's" quick action.

Jack Owens wore out a pair of trousers the other night. He lost—before he could get off his knees.

Wallace made a quick exit to check the tank farm on his first 4-12 as shift foreman, says Bautsch.

On last 4-12 shift Jack Owens couldn't stand it any longer, gave Bautsch 25 gallons of gas to take him out on Lockwood Drive. Watch your step, Daddy!

Flash! My prediction of things to come—In about two weeks "Walking Man" Chandler will return to shift work with a new pair of shoes.

Rumor has it that every time Wilburn buys new clothes he has gained so much weight before he wears them that he has to go and get some more.

PERSONALITIES

As a distinguished visitor from Head Office—San Francisco, we find Charlie Burnett taking up space in the Industrial Relations Department and showing some of our home owners the sites of Texas—we'll all be glad to have ya!

"Apple a day keeps the doctor away" and a seeded cherry will bring him to stay! Cherry pie is a favorite of mine, but I prefer it without the seeds, but Jerry Hutto says they add to the flavor—or did she?! We note that she and spouse, James Bruce, and Doris and Gene Foster appeared at the Frontier Fiesta at the University of Houston (the boys' home of occupation at present) for the opening night to scrutinize the shows and some of the "fuzzy" items.

"Little Nell" (Gloria to y'all) Donaldson tripped out to the San Jacinto Battle Grounds for a bit of picnicking couple of weeks ago and when asked if she saw the battleship "Texas"—she just couldn't remember. Strange—all news broadcasts reported its arrival the previous week with details of its enormity. Louisiana stars in your eyes?

The Pratts and Jacksons, separate and individual with no intent of meeting, started out Brenham way in search of site of The Texas flower (for the benefit of all foreigners—

the Blue Bonnet) and so along the Brazos in West Texas, the offsprings spied other. So small this world!

Talk of talent—our reception—Myrtle Hosek—er— lovely purse—finished a blouse and completed a booties for the layette that Neil is preparing, all in one—and she works 8 hours a Shell Chem.—my, how does it? And this brings to mind how much we miss that smile of Jane—no kiddin'!

After making much use doghouses just behind the Joe Ward and Jack Carter—the move has been made to room of the front house—done?—Well, they tell me the wife along when you're ing and dining.

When asked if anything happening to him beside Mr. Saxon replied—quote—"anything else?" Unquote.

Nothing lazy about our ment—Mr. Lacy has put a new attachment for his lat—electric, that is—no stretch—and no sore muscles.

More to our news about and new Chevy—he is now to give the latest info on hi-ways and bi-ways of the area of Texas—and another new auto owner is our self Bartie Valls who claims the buying is so much easier '47 Chevy than it was by '48 tion!

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Chemical Plant golfers rugged lot. That statement you would not question after ing them chop their way of golf course.

Pasture Pool—we can't mer Saxon for that one—is gaining new followers and group. George Harlan has been piling weekly scores of playing and later in the should be able to set up handicaps for use in a pro- tra-plant tournament. Every day we are represented with some at Texaco, Hermann brook, or Memorial. Call Harlan on 248, on the new system, to get lined up for and watch for time and the projected tournament.

LOOKING FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH?

Maybe someday we'll add that to our list of scientific discoveries. As it is, we know that right now the average man's life expectancy has been greatly increased.

But, even though we may succeed in delaying it awhile—old age is certain to come to all of us who live long enough.

That's another way of saying—you'd better start when you're young to provide for that old age you KNOW is creeping up on you. You'd better start saving today for the economic security you desire in the future.

There's only one safe, sound way of building up tomorrow's security. And that's by regular savings—today!

That means the convenient payroll savings plan right where you work. Just sign your name—and from that very moment your money starts saving itself. You can sit back and relax, secure in the knowledge that every time payday rolls around you'll be actually adding dollars to your paycheck.

So—why worry and grow old before your time? Buy Savings Bonds regularly—and find YOUR OWN Fountain of Youth!

