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SERA Bridge Club Holding Duplicate Bridge Tourney

Late last year, the SERA activities committee voted a small appropriation to buy the equipment necessary to conduct bridge tournaments in which "Duplicate Bridge" is played. In this type of play the hands once dealt remain the same during the course of the evening and all players play one side or the other of all hands. In this way, some of the element of luck is removed since an approach is made in removing the fortunes of the deal from the game. Each team receives a number of "match points" for each hand played which is derived by comparing the team's score for any given hand with the scores of all other teams playing that hand. The scoring is, therefore, relative, and a match point is given for each team that is beaten on any particular hand.

Search for a suitable location ended with the selection of the Ripley Foundation on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The rental fee is paid by the SERA and the entrance fees of 50 cents per person are used for prizes. To date, after a preliminary tournament held the Monday of December 28, three tournaments have been conducted in 1948 of a series of six. The results to date show Earl Manning and Bob Casagrande, both of Research, in first place just two points ahead of Ed Nicar and Art Doyle of Tech. Walt Visinsky and Earl Franzen of Shell Chemical occupy third place. The enthusiastic response given by the group of approximately forty to fifty who show up each night has been very gratifying. Chairman Dick Walton is to be commended for his handling of the tournaments, a job involving much work and personal sacrifice.

Premium Leads in Scratch; Ri Has High Game, Series

by Art Doyle

Influenza defeats Engineers.—The scribe offers his condolence and sympathy to Charlie Brockmeyer and his boys for being forced by old man influenza to Shell Premium. Using the three games as a springboard, Stanberry's aggregation vaulted into first place and has clung to a narrow one game lead for several weeks. The race continues to be one of the hottest in years, only five games separating first place from sixth.

Ri Comes Through.—As the scribe predicted, high game and high series were soon to be owned by Mr. Risinger. Tossing a neat 630 with a 258 high game, the long, lean machine scuttled John Larkin's 257 and Stanberry's 618. And the other bowlers continue to make this the highest average Scratch League in history. The last session on February 18 saw 17 of 40 hit the charmed circle of 500 or better. Leading the parade was Charlie (Influenza-the-week-before) Brockmeyer with 556, Earl Franzen with 555, and Georgie Thorn with 554.

Refinery Credit Union Board of Directors for 1948



The Shell Employees' Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for 1948, with their newly elected President, are shown above as they would appear for one of their monthly meetings. Left to right are: J. F. Farragher; A. M. Eaton; J. P. Murray, Treasurer; R. G. Stillinger;

J. H. McCarthy, President; L. J. Hallmark, Vice-President; V. S. Tucker, Secretary; E. M. Walters; and O. M. Gindratt. The above board meets on each third Monday of the month. Their main job is one of direct supervision of the overall operation and maintenance of the

Credit Union. It is their duty to consider and act upon the important issues concerning the policies and future action of the organization. Matters of finance—yearly financial report, declaration of any dividends, etc.—originate with the Board of Directors.

World's Largest Planes Are Fueled With and By Shell

The two largest planes in the world recently took to the air for the first time and both of them were powered by Shell Aviation Gasoline. One was Howard Hughes' famous 200-ton flying boat, the story of which has been covered in every newspaper. The other was Consolidated Vultee's XC-99, largest land-based plane ever built, which uses AeroShell Oil to lubricate its giant engines and Shell Aviation Gasoline for fuel. Shell West Coast men services these leviathans of the skies.

The Shell trucks which pumped 21,116 gallons of gasoline into the XC-99's tanks were completely dwarfed by the wingspan of 230 feet. Although the XC-99's wingspan is the same as Consolidated Vultee's B-36 bomber, the XC-99 is longer and higher—182½ feet long and 57½ feet high. It can haul 400 fully equipped troops or 100,000 pounds of cargo. Maximum speed is 300mph, range 8,100 miles, and ceiling 30,000 feet. The six engines develop 18,000 horsepower.



THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE SOUTH . . . South, that is! Just to prove to future generations that "it can happen here," Dick Davis, Manager of the Gas Department, took this picture of a "real live" snowman that he made during the bitter cold weather Houston suffered through this past January. But the snowfall was so light some say Dick got this snow by crushing ice cubes from his wife's refrigerator. They say that "seeing is believing" so Dick presents the evidence pictorially.

The Four Week Vacation

Under the Vacation Policy in effect during 1947, employees with 15 or more years of accredited service were entitled to receive an annual vacation of three weeks.

To enable employees with long service to enjoy the maximum benefits to be derived from a long vacation period, the following change in the vacation policy became effective as of January 1, 1948:

"An employee eligible for a three-week vacation may, at his option or with the written approval of management, defer the third week of his vacation to the next calendar year. Such deferments, however, shall not extend beyond the next calendar year."

This revision will enable an employee with 15 or more years of accredited service to take a four-week vacation in alternate years without affecting the basic objective of the policy which is to allow employees at least a two-week vacation period in each calendar year.

Plans for Music Appreciation Club Are Well Underway

Music lovers—attention! A movement is under way to unite all Shell music lovers for the purpose of establishing an organization which will tentatively be called the "Music Appreciation Club" (abbr. MAC). The purpose of the organization would be two-fold:

(1) To foster, promote, stimulate (etc.) interest in music as a form of recreation and entertainment by playing of records, contests and discussions of composers' biographies, sound reproduction, etc.

(2) To secure for the members whatever concessions may be obtained from record suppliers in consideration of the benefits to such suppliers which could logically be expected to derive from the activities of the organization.

Herman Boucher, who was recently transferred from Shell Chemical to Wood River Refinery, was the originator of the idea.

"Feelers" were distributed at the refinery and Shell Chemical to determine the number of interested parties, their musical preferences and the approximate amounts they spend on phonograph records. Answers indicated a total of about 80 persons, including husbands and wives of interested employees, who would like to see such an organization get started. About one-third of these have had musical instruction. Most seemed to favor classical and semi-classical music, but enough people indicated interest in popular hits, hot jazz and other "short-haired" forms to insure a well-rounded program for the club.

Anyone interested who has not as yet filled out the questionnaire, should contact Don Rindsberg (Shell Chemical Technological Dept.) or Marx Issacs or Bill Brandes (Refinery Technological Department) for a form to fill out or for any available information.

Red Cross Helps Texas City in Her Dramatic Comeback

Nearly a year has passed since Texas City was front-page news in every corner of America. Today, with its rehabilitation nearly complete, this valiant town no longer rates bold-face type. Yet, in many ways, the story of Texas City's come-back is more dramatic than the story of its destruction.

Today port facilities have been cleared, ships, including the great "Sea-trains" with their cargoes of loaded boxcars, come and go on schedule. The great refineries and chemical plants are once more producing at near-capacity rates.

Yes, Texas City made a comeback that was sensational—not just her businesses and her trade, but her people as well. Shocked, bruised, and beaten, they rallied themselves in an amazingly short time. Those who had lost most heavily, who had nothing to fall back on, turned to the Red Cross. Some needed help to rebuild homes. Some needed medical care for long periods. Some needed equipment to re-establish themselves in business. Others needed only temporary help, food, or clothing. To all these the Red Cross was a boon; the total bill had reached \$1,361,915.61 by December 1, 1947. Largest expenditures were for medical and nursing care. Some victims will receive lifelong medical care by the Red Cross.

And Texas City was only one of the 306 disasters demanding the resources of the organization in 1947. Most of them were less spectacular, but human needs were just as great, and they were just as promptly and effectively met.

Near Accidents Continue to Prove That Safety Pays

Several recent near-accidents occurring within the refinery brings to light once again the great amount of suffering that is avoided when the necessary safety precautions are observed on the job. Fortunately, the people concerned with the following near-mishaps were conscientious enough to realize the folly of taking hazardous chances with their life and health.

On January 28 J. N. McKinney, Boilermaker Helper was working with F. Slott, Boilermaker Number one. The two men were busy cutting rivets with an air chisel from a channel iron. McKinney was wearing his goggles over his glasses during this work, when suddenly one of the rivets he was working on tore loose, hit a piece of angle iron and ricocheted straight to his eye. His goggles broke under the impact and the concussion from the blow caused his eye glasses to crack. J. N. McKinney received no injury to his eye or face.

There are no restrictions as to where accidents may occur. In an office . . . on the Cat Cracker . . . or at the warehouse—there are no "out-of-bounds" localities. Recently Jesse Drenon, Yardman assigned to the warehouse, was engaged in assorting and storing various valves in their proper place in Number one Warehouse. His work involved the use of a truck from which the valves were being removed. In the process

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A Word About Our Health

The diseases most apt to cause trouble in middle and later life—diseases of the heart and arteries, cancer, nephritis, diabetes—are best controlled if discovered in the early stages. Early discovery is best assured by regular physical examinations, one of the most important safeguards in middle and old age. The progress of medical scientists in studying the causes, prevention, and management of these so-called "degenerative diseases" is making brighter all the time our prospects of living a long and healthy life. The best way to get full benefit from the new developments in prevention and treatment of these diseases is to cooperate wholeheartedly with our physicians.

Tech Topics

During the recent snowfall, some of the girls nominated "Chubby" Hopkins as the best available frame on which to build a snowman. Too bad the stuff melted before they got a chance to map out a construction program.

Industrial Engineer (and Sportsman) Cleve O'Toole spends some of his evenings as referee of high school basketball games. Those who've seen him in action say his "hula" movements when calling a hip foul are alone worth a trip to one of the games.

Several Technological bachelors, namely eligible Art Doyle, Ed Niccar, Bob Jongedyk, Howard Brodhead and Jim Bowen, have banded together and taken over a furnished house in Pecan Park. They're planning a big housewarming real soon, and are hopeful that the guests will bring some useful articles for the house, such as linens (especially hand embroidered cup towels), feather dusters and cocktail shakers.

Looks like the sea gets in their blood after a stretch in Uncle Sam's Navy. Old salts Jack Limbach, Rentz Gullick and Bill Cooper are co-owners of a sailboat with which they cover the bounding main on clear weekends.

Beau Brummel, Marx, just returned from New Orleans, of course, he took in the Mardis Gras. He had a wonderful time, but did not take the big step, but where there is life there is hope.

Control Lab

by Louise Cox

Looks like J. T. Griffin's shift is just one big happy family. "Griff" brewing up a special blend of coffee and N. M. McDowell making a birthday cake for T. Jones.

What was R. O. Williams telling that had all the fellows laughing and the girls turning pink?

But Bob Whitmore decided shift foreman's duties were a shade rough and dived off into the briny deep. Some one fished him out—straight day worker, no doubt.

Have you noticed the black snake whip Geo Lively uses on his Assistant shift foreman's job? We understand it's an old one Rex Tucker threw away.

Guess you noticed there's something missing around the Lab. Florence Terry went back to Kansas City to get married.

Congratulations to H. J. Gray on the new job—straight days, fellows. You know, what most of us wish for but few obtain.

But shift work agrees with Geo Roberts. Didja notice the weight he put on?

But while we're handing out congratulations, let's not forget Mrs. Jack May. It's a driver's license.

Everyone was happy to see H. H. Reat back on the job after so long. How about burning up a can of mushroom soup, Reat?

Sorry we can't print anything about Geo Livingston and Will Wielkins. They asked us not to mention their names.

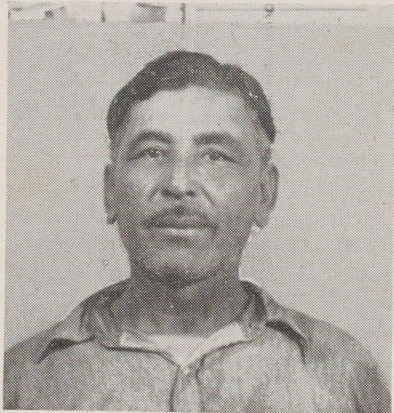
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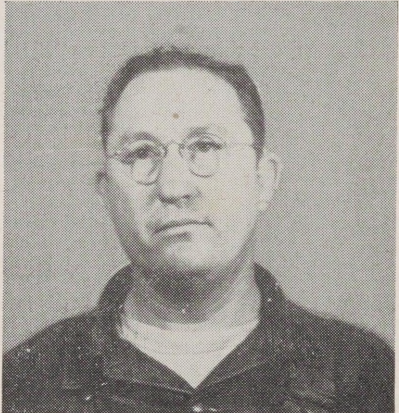
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20 Years



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Engineering Field
20 Years



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Engineering Field
15 Years



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Engineering Field
10 Years



C. A. VETTER
Automotive
10 Years

Carpenter Shop

by Sudsy

First of all let's make a correction of the last issue. The name McShee should have been McGhee. Now Molly can recognize her man.

Anyone wanting driving instructions on highway 35, please contact McCurdy.

It seems as though Cumby could give a few instructions, too. He reported off sick the next day. We are all wondering if it was the effects of the law.

Whoda thunk it? Of all people Tom Lockler put splints on Sugar's legs. He seems to be having quite a struggle trying to get her to stand up.

Mrs. Niederhofer, I hope this will get Neid out of the dog house. I assure you he was not the wolf I mentioned in the last issue.

Since Andy has been taking dancing lessons, he is a killer. After working in the research lab he is ready to take up shift work. Oh! you wolf.

We are all glad to see McCormick back on the job after a siege of illness and also glad that an operation wasn't necessary at the time.

We wish to express our sympathy to Charley Evans in the recent death of his sister residing in Cardiff, Wales.

Since it is impossible for me to be where all the men are working, I would appreciate any little gags you report on your fellow workers.

McWhorter, sporting a snuzzle the size of Jimmy Durante's.

Bud Lee so excited about that new car deal that he went into the cafeteria instead of the credit office.

the window while the bus load of Rice engineers passed slowly by on their recent tour of the plant. And what on earth could she find to talk to the "coke" man about every day for so long? Give the gal A for Effort.

Kemper "Just-call-me-Como" Kaiser's latest lullaby (which he practices daily for the midnight program with his new son) is "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered."

"Understand Rivalry and you understand America"



by Ed Thorgersen

When a nip in the air tells you Jack Frost is ready for his annual appearance, some of America's hardiest sportsmen—the bobsledders—are anxiously awaiting the first snowstorm.

It's the time of year most of us appreciate a warm fireplace but not these fellows! They're getting their sleds ready to whiz around the hairpin curves of a fast bobsled run.

Talk about thrills . . . how would you like to be part of a team going down the Mt. Hoevenberg run. Called "the most dangerous mile and a half in the sports world," it's studded with zig-zag and hairpin turns . . . banked to whip sleds over its frozen surface at better than a mile-a-minute.

I'll never forget the time a sled flew into a turn at 70 miles an hour during an Olympic tryout. Suddenly it swerved, swept up a wall of glass—ice, and jumped the bank. From his bodies hurtled through the air, a veteran sledder came from the scene of the accident and said, calmly, "They'll be back racing this afternoon."

Sure enough . . . they were back on the starting line just twenty minutes later!

That's the way Americans are. Faced with competition, we fight twice as hard to be tops. Whatever we do, we do better when there's plenty of rivalry. The oil business is a wonderful example. Over 34,000 individual companies fight to be in their phase of the business. Whether it's drilling for oil, refining, transporting or servicing you, the competitive business are constantly trying to bring you new and better products of petroleum.

You and I, as consumers, benefit from this rivalry in many ways. We get the latest developments of petroleum research . . . finer fuels . . . more efficient lubricants . . . wonderful new by-products of petroleum.

That's why this rivalry in the petroleum industry is so important to you. It's the plus for you in petroleum's Progress.

SER Activities

by Marx Isaacs

Baseball

The baseball team has entered the Gulf Coast Industrial League and will compete against teams from other refineries in this area.

SERA will insure all baseball players against accidents while participating in this sport.

Dance

The next dance is tentatively scheduled for April 3 and will be a ranch-style affair at the Elks' Hall, which was so well-liked at the last SERA dance in January.

Budget

A substantially larger SERA budget has been approved for 1948 than that of 1947, indicating the expansion in scope of SERA activities this year.

Bridge

Interest in the duplicate bridge tournaments, at Ripley House two Monday evenings a month, is increasing by leaps and bounds. Special three months' prizes will be awarded. (See story elsewhere in the Shellegram.)

Membership

Extra efforts will be made to insure that all participants in SERA Activities have paid their 1948 dues. So, if you're delinquent, see your SERA zone representative NOW!

RETORTING IT

Technological Department

Technological Department personnel were well dispersed again this month with assignments of shift supervision and training requiring odd hours. Most persistent man: Ed Ferrerias completing the Plant C test runs. Bob Morrison has been indoctrinating new technical employees. Transfers took two popular men from the department: Les Vaneham to "B" Operating and Herman Boucher to Wood River and detergents. Good luck.

Engineering—It

Some people you remember down through the years. Having shared all your joys and your tears, Ever Loyal, Sincere and just plain SWELL. Like all the nice things you can think of and - - WELL. Like for instance, the people who work for SHELL. It's hail and farewell for yours truly. I'm gonna be a housewife. Quite an experience for me.

John Valcik's blessed event is a girl, Carol Anne. When Mr. Walters announced our raise, John said had more money than he could use. Boy, your problems are solved. Walt Visinsky is spending part of his vacation getting acquainted with his new daughter—"3 or 10 don't make no difference," says Walt. I bet he has changed his tune now.

The Bells have rung (wedding bells that is) for W. A. (Bill) Gagg. Mrs. Gabig was formerly Miss Helen Anne Klinger, a Houston girl. Also for Jimmie E. Fowler who woo-ed and won a Virginia lass, Miss Winifred Hope Robertson—congratulations and our Best wishes to all of you.

Who was it said they always think Judy Beth when they listen to "My Friend Irma"?

The 64 dollar question: "Who sent those lovely valentines to the fairer ones' of our Engineering Department?"—Tch such secrecy.

Open letter to Bill Robbins—Son, you better keep your nose clean. Certain ones are gunning for you. They say you head the "Nasty Refuels" section and have a capable assistant—namely, Joe Eberman of pe-Josphine—that is).

Say—just for the books: Who's the limi (M-e-m-e)? Could be The important choice.

Just like I allus said, "You don't have to be crazy to work here, but helps."

So long Y'all.

Operations

Anyone who is interested in some good breed of dogs see W. B. Dunkin over at the E Plant. I understand the boys over there have some of all kinds for sale.

The operators in A and B Department are really lost since the company has started changing the temperature gauges from degrees centigrade to F°. They are having to use their fifth grade math.

The training school for the operating personnel is a very good help to all the new and old men in operation. But it is bad for the old men because it is teaching the new men when the Hog Law starts in the plant. It is getting where there isn't any Hog Law material around any more.

The newly painted Dog House over at the furnaces and the new heating system is very nice. But the fellows at A and B Distillation are wondering if they are going to get a heater or air conditioning in their Dog House.

The official start up of the new E Plant is now on its way up. The pilot lights on the furnaces were lighted on February 18, 1948 as scheduled.

The men in the operating department welcome the new fellows up to the Chemical Plant from the old plant down at the refinery.

"C" Department gossip has been slim this week. The "M" Plant is down and everyone is in school. No one can get behind anyone else's back.

C. C. Horton and Clyde Nix have been in the dog house ever since they attendd the Bob Wills dance—stag.

While on this subject, just ask Joe Arrington how he got in the house after that late bird hunt last season.

J. D. Washburn has to watch his step, the fellas are sure trying to get him married off. Misery loves company they say.

Wonder when Big Moss is going to start charging Frank Ball for that milk and butter.

Archie Beard is telling everyone about that new baby boy. Congratulations Archie.

Flash. Ask Wilburn who is boss at his house. When company called one night and his wife served coffee, he asked for tea—she said in so many words "You make it." Note: He did. And why hasn't he stopped at the AC Plant since he hog lawed that apple?

Laboratory

It appears that "the bug has bit

again" in the laboratory. Royce Donkle, the latest victim, will leave the end of February to be married in Arkansas and will then tour to the eastern part of the U. S. for honeymoon. Incidentally Royce found an apartment after only a short search. This coupled with his recent purchase of a new car—at actual cost and after only a short wait—is further evidence that Donkle might be a good boy to know, he must have a special technique that more should copy.

What is the strange power that Nick Gianakos has on certain girls? One recently took one look at him and passed out. Some say that is that special something but his "buddies have other ideas."

Alice Cunningham was one of the lucky few who did more than wish they could go to the Mardi Gras—she went and came back claiming that it was really all they say it is. So it appears that others beside the Californians can live up to superlative claims.

Treasury

Lost: The spirit and sheik of the department as Clyde Hamilton departs to Amarillo for better breathing and less fog. Pay still goes on as Billy Wilson takes over with Lee LeForge as his man "Friday." "As you slide down the bannister of life, may all the splinters be turned the other way," quote, Bob Blankenship. (A touching thought).

The Payroll department welcomes Henry Shaffer into the fold. We note Henry and Bob Blankenship making good use of their thumbs as the school bell rings at the U. of H.

It's good to see that smiling face of Doris Winner around again after a too long absence from our midst.

NOTICE: TREASURY DEPARTMENT—LOST AND FOUND:

You will find it in Court Mabee's middle right-hand drawer. Everything from journals to cost statements. No, Jerry, an adding machine won't quite fit.

Who's the cowgirl down Ditto room way? We saw her on her prancing steed in the Fat Stock Show parade. Some fun—eh Juanita.

We hear the girls in Steno just love those ditto reports Accounting has been rushing them with. Take it easy, girls, it goes on like that for a while and then it gets worse.

Anybody seen Bill Glasscock lately with that worried, deep-in thought look on his face? Don't tell anybody, but he's still trying to solve a card trick Mr. Hahn showed him.

Also welcomed additions to our crew are Duward Henderson and Johnny Kuebler. Glad to have you aboard, Gentlemen.

Shipping Department

The one and only Harry Shores has officially adopted the name of "Coffeehead." It seems that Mr. Shores gets completely out of hand when the coffee pot reaches low gauge.

If you notice Mr. Pat Patterson limping around the downtown section of Houston, do not feel sorry for him or offer a helping hand. While returning from his vacation a few weeks ago, he was involved in a train accident. With the advice and encouragement of Mr. Shores, he may be retiring soon.

One may wonder why Mr. Stringfellow continues to wear his coat whether the temperature be 90° or 50°. Wouldn't you if you suddenly became so FA— Well, maybe he just needs a new wardrobe.

Mr. G. W. Richardson, a new addition to the Shipping Department has really felt at home the past few days. He comes from California and loves this foggy weather.

June—What is juvenile delinquency?

Jane—Kids acting like their parents.



Jean Elliott in action at the Staff House Barbecue Pit. This scene is familiar with. Take hungry note of the equipment in hand.

Crowd Around the Pit and Jean Elliott Will Do the Barbecuing



Mr. J. P. Okie, now with Head Office, San Francisco, shows that he is a ready connoisseur of Jean's barbecue handiwork.

When you come to one of our Chemical Plant Barbecues and see the crowd around the pit you realize this man Elliott knows a thing or two about barbecuing. Just waltz those morsels of beef around your mouth and you'll be satisfied with more.

Jean has been at the job for ten years—back to the days when the Dubbs No. 9 crew held their annual banquets at pits among the trees along the small bayou back of the Cat Cracker (now, do you know where that was?) He doffs his hat to A. S. Mitchell as a teacher who is always there to lend a helping hand.

The amount of beef Jean has barbecued runs into tons. Jean confides that goat, sheep, and hogs are awful nice too. A couple of times he has sneaked in some armadillo with so much success that some of the boys even took some home to their wives, after they had been told of course. One lady enjoyed a taste of the armadillo at 2:00 a.m. Unfortunately when she learned the facts the next morning it was as though she had never eaten it. Jean is expecting to try a little Gila Monster before long.

The sauce that Jean prepares is an epicure's delight, and like a true artist, he claims that the putting together of the ingredients is even a mystery to him; at least when he tries to explain it.

Attendance at recent barbecues has pointed toward the need for more room. Even so, word is that a party is planned to which the wives will be invited. Jean insists that the success of our barbecues rests on the shoulders of the gentlemen Hunley, Stanley, Harlan, Dominy, and numerous others.

Pearl and Bill Heyen, Mr. and Mrs. Sims, Jane Carson, Juanita White, Dotty Bennett, Betty Barlow, Ollie Kaltwasser, Mr. and Mrs. "Foots" Wilson, Ray Hornsby, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, Nanette Broyles, Iris Harmon, Eloise Rudeseal and others. The singing which was done by the talented Eloise was a treat.

Betty Shallcross had a splendid time at the Mardi Gras. She usually does.

Main Office

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Graham on the arrival of a boy, born January 3.

Ann Elder is wearing a lovely diamond on the third finger, left hand. Best of wishes, Ann.

Welcome to our new personnel, Lillian Shuey, Ann Freeman and John Hunter.

"Ye" girls who want to take advantage of it being Leap Year, Luther Martin has purchased a V-Eight. Homer Chapman "Oh's" and "Ah's" about the addition to the Comptometer section.

If some of you have not had an occasion to hear Jack Bell relate tales of dem good ole days, ask him to give you the full details about the thirteen, half grown hogs that he and his brother bought for thirty-five dollars.

Iris Harmon was the first one to wear the new, new look. Exclamations of "Iris, your green 'ruffle' is showing," were heard.

The dance held at the Elks' Hall was said to have been the best of all. Some of the Main Office folks that enjoyed the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Simon-eaux, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, Ray Armstrong, Porky Lamb, Edna



Mrs. Vivian Tucker, left above, 1948 at St. Christopher's Church in Houston. A small reception was held at Mrs. Tucker's home after the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Houston, while they attend the University of Houston.

Sport Notes

by Kemper Kaiser

Basketball:

Congratulations to the Shell Oilers on their successful season. The Oilers won the championship of the Buffalo League in the Houston Amateur Federation with a record of ten and one.

In the playoffs the team advanced to the quarter finals before bowing out to the Houston Sporting Goods by the score of 40-29. The Oilers gained the quarter finals by defeating All Saints 41-36 and Calvert Baptist 42-32.

Sparked by Pitts and Noonan, the Oilers played good ball all season, winning 20 games while losing only eight. Coach Dixon Kirk also had such valuable men as Brown, O'neal, Barton, Dixon, Eichorn, Butler and of course, Coach Kirk himself played fine steady ball during the campaign to lead the Oilers to a successful finish.

So we would like to take this opportunity of extending our congratulations to each and every member of the team for his part in making the season a fine success. In fact, one of the most successful in Shell's history.

Baseball

The baseball team was scheduled to get started with their spring training on the new diamond March 1, however, due to continuous rain the training will be delayed for at least another two weeks.

Manager Costa will post a bulletin on all boards throughout the refinery as to when the season will get underway.

In the meantime, plans for the new oil league, of which Shell will be a member, will be further discussed at a meeting on March 12. The tentative plans call for an eight team league including Pan American, Sinclair, Sweeney, Eastern States Petroleum, Carbide at Texas City, Shell and one other to be named later.

Added Notes

Sam Costa—Oiler prexy out on the fairways one Saturday a couple of weeks ago with a cool 78. Not bad Hots!—Nice game, Berry, on that sizzling 268 the other night, just 32 pins from home—Cal Lawrence taking golfing lessons from Sam Costa the same day old Hots shot that 78—The baseball team will blossom out in new uniforms this coming season—"Ace" Shaw (Loading Racks) is 15 pounds heavier since last baseball season. Ace, you had better start running a little—Prospects for a good baseball team are really good at this time. Several new faces are being added, with fellows like Brock, Shamblin and others returning from college, with holdovers from last year which include Telschow, Allen, Alston, pitchers; Shaw, Amason, catchers; Cassidy, Kirk, Phillips, outfielders; Richardson, Thurman, (the hitting spectator) as infielders.

Research Lab

We all miss "Arky" needless to say. The sulphur room isn't the same anymore. It's so quiet. But I'm proud of the inheritance she left me—four aspirin tablets and a pair of mismatched socks.

Wish people like Fay Hilliard would come through the Lab more often. Like to see his gay "new look."

Seems as tho I had a story about a bowling alley, slipping nylons, ice cold weather, and Al Cherry whistling at girls, but I must have misplaced it. Ask Annie Alderman.

I'd like to know the truth about J. Crocoll being in the hospital, or visiting the hospital. Guess I'll have to ask Reno, who keeps bringing it up.

Charlie Carstens, a perfect example of a cut-up, should be incen-

Shell Basketballers



The Shell Oilers, who gave the refinery one of its best basketball seasons in many years are, front row: R. O'Neal, G. Noonan; middle row: Coach Kirk, R. Pitts, C. B. Brown, J. Dixon; back row: "Ike" Eichorn, R. Butler and F. Barton.

KEGLER'S KORNER

by Marx Isaacs

Since the January issue of the "Korner," the standings of the teams in the refinery Pladium league have not shifted as much as in previous months. The Gas team has established a commanding lead of 10 points, at this writing, over the second place Technological squad which now has a slim two-point margin over the third-place Drafting keglers. While it will be tough to overtake Gas in the top spot, the standings of the other teams may change considerably before the season ends in May. Team and individual records as of February 18 were:

	Won	Lost
Gas*	56	32
Technological	46	42
Drafting	44	44
Analytical	41	47
Main Office	40	48
Distillation	37	51

*High Game and Series: 999-2620

tive number one for staying away from "Ye Olde Glasse Shoppe." Blower Matthews looks mighty sharp in that "big-butter-and-eggman" hat he's sporting. And while we are discussing the glass shop why doesn't someone ask Gertie Walters what she thinks about Blankenship? "Speak to me Jelly, speak to me!"

People were saying that Sam Kent would be without a "Cafeteria Buddy" but I've been seeing him with Melbe Walton and who could be lonesome with M. W. around.

Did you see Pete Wilpitz in his new "wheel tie" that was gifted to him? Kincannon had the new look for a day or two, also.

The Trings People Say!

Ira Gunn: "Charlie Carstens! Charlie Carstens!"

Ray Coffee: "What else is a woman good for except cooking and sewing?"

Marian Smith: "Who took my pencil?"

Charlie Bednar: "Make the price right and you can have it."

Ed Roe: "Hold it up a little so I can see better."

Angry Father: "What do you mean by bringing my daughter home at 4 o'clock in the morning?"

He: Well, you see, sir, I have to be at work at 7."

	Won	Lost
High Individual Game (Men) — Urbanek—247		
High Individual Series (Men) — Fly—565		
High Individual Game (Women) — Schwartz—217		
High Individual Series (Women) — Barrell—514		

In the refinery Lawndale league, standings as of February 18 were:

	Won	Lost
Inspection	56	36
Utilities*	54	38
Control Lab.	53	39
Industrial Relations	46	46
Dispatching	44	48
Cracking	43	47
Isomerization**	41	51
Instrument Engineers	41	51
Engineering	41	51
Research	41	51

*High Team Game—968

**High Team Series—2652

High Individual Game and Series —(Men)—Alston—598-244

High Individual Series (Women)—A. Windham—202

High Individual Series (Women)—C. Cable—557

In the Shell Chemical league, standings as of February 5 were:

	Won	Lost
Ramroders**	17	11
Forget-Me-Knots*	17	11
Lizzezwhizzes	16	12
Fubar 5	16	12
Mickey Finn	16	12
Dugooders	14	14
Rhetasots	14	14
Construction	13	15
Laboratory	13	15
?	13	15
Jobbers	11	17
Tee Dee	8	20

*High Team Game—983

**High Team Series—2796

High Game (Men)—J. Dobson, B. Pilorz, R. Walters—Tie—233

High Game (Women)—N. Gardner—223

High Series (Men)—P. Edwin—630

High Series (Women)—N. Gardner—557

All of these leagues will welcome new bowlers. Contact Dick Elton (Shell Chemical), Marx Isaacs (refinery Padium) or John Schroeder (refinery Lawndale) if you are interested in starting.

NEAR-ACCIDENTS —

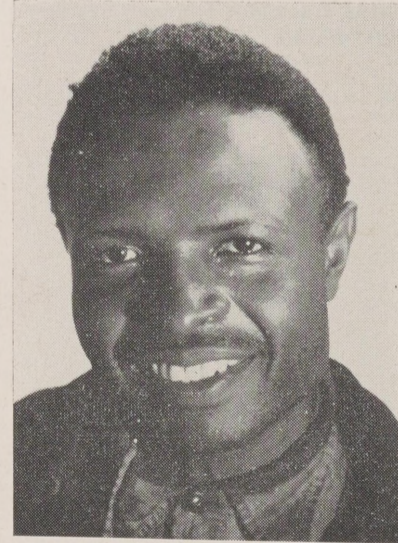
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of his work, a two inch Chapman gate valve became over-balanced and fell from the truck on to Drenon's toes. The safety shoes he wore held. The hard metal cap within the leather stood up under the impact and the end result was only a slight cut of the leather of Drenon's shoe.

Here are very definite examples as proof of our contention that safety pays. No exerting effort or highly technical education was required in either of the above cases to eliminate or prevent serious injuries from the above accidents.

Our safety regulations were suggested by workmen who have found by actual experience that every job can be done safely if the person doing the work will think and act safely. Work cannot be completed in a safe manner if safety rules are not observed. Congratulations to you men for doing your work in a safe manner.

Frank Washington



Frank Washington of Arthur, Texas began working at the refinery on November 1, 1945. He had, prior to starting work here, been engaged in several odd jobs around the city, but on that date he settled down to his steady job in the Engineering Field Department.

Since that day in 1945, Frank Washington has never been absent from his work for any reason other than his scheduled vacation. He is now working in that department as a Yardman.

We think that record is one which deserves recognition and so we extend our congratulations to him.

Utility Log

by F. A. Bly

Donald Darbonne is about to realize one of his dreams—a shiny new car. We just hope he has a good heater installed as it has been rumored that some people here are very cold natured.

Ray Antrobus, instrument for the Boiler House likes the so well that he stays out here and 24 hours a day for weeks at a time.

R. C. Grothe—100% on the this month—at least he says. He requested the above statement and that the world and all the people of Shell know of his ability and accomplishment.

O. J. Ruff back to work about with "Virus X."

Fay Hilliard, sometimes referred to as the higher intelligence, various other names is once again to be congratulated. He enrolled in a class at A&M College, psychology as applied to power and steam engineering. His grade is A plus. The "A" for absorbing much knowledge in four days and the "plus" for being able to wiggle his adam's apple while giving a brilliant red bow tie.

Since Frank "Firpo" Bishop on his vacation, W. E. Gray has been very sad and worried, of course it wouldn't be just exactly for me to tell you why Gray is worried.

Some people think a turbo-charger will run better on water than on steam. Mr. Oscar "Butter" Derrington recently tried to convince management that this was true. They did look at the experiment with a critical eye, but decided to continue using steam since the going to so much expense for turbo-boilers. It has also been rumored that Mr. Oscar "Buttermilk" Derrington was heartily congratulated and thanked by Mr. Hilliard for trying.

T. L. "Red" Massey has decided he is going to do a lot of landscaping around his home. He has resod the lawn, plant a lot of flowers, painting, etc. He is even going to help his wife with her housework. He says in that way he will get enough exercise and lose a few pounds of that excess weight he has acquired.

"William" Ursprung, contemplating marriage, extends an invitation to one and all to come to the wedding. Rumor has it that the wedding will take place in the future.

H. J. Kennedy now going about looking very well pleased with his self.

When Charley Schaeffer got McDonald for cutting off the heaters and opening the doors, he really set himself in solid with Gilstrap.

Have Bob Nowlin, Machinist, about his scooter trip to Numberville. How did he cross the ditch?

Construction's loss is Utilities' gain. Welcome to Mr. Horridge. We are in hopes you like the Utilities Department as we like having you.

Miss Anita Gilstrap has a new office boy—better known as George. A fellow asked if McDonald's name is Scotch. Best way to find out is to ask him for something.

Congratulations to Ed Reed on his step up to Tech. Department.

The Utilities Department is having growing pains with new heaters, boilers, water wells and what have you, and we will soon be able to give you something better than just the best.

Thanks to the Cooling Water Pump House Operators for their real help and the best of operators on the circuit changes on the electric system.