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Already at work planning the annual SERA picnic are Kemper Kaiser, center, and his chief aides Henry Sims and Noel Smith.

SERA's Picnic Set For August 28; Kemper Kaiser Re-elected Chairman

The annual SERA picnic has been set for August 28, and Kemper Kaiser, P & IR Department, has been selected as picnic chairman for the second consecutive year, the SERA Board announced.

Kaiser's assistant chairmen are Henry Sims, of the Refinery's Economics and Scheduling Department, and Noel Smith of Chemical's Pipe Shop.

Since his re-selection this month, Kaiser has been busily organizing

SERA Signs Papers For 50-Acre Site

SERA became a land owner officially April 16 with the signing of the final papers for the 50-acre club site near Friendswood. Cost of the SERA club site, which is located a half-mile east of Friendswood on Clear Creek, was \$51,000, W. W. (Woody) Myers, SERA board president, announced.

Immediately after the papers were signed by Myers and Esther Ando, board secretary, Ralph Dunderdale, Refinery Carpenter Shop, went to the club site to begin the primary improvements which will be made on the land. Ralph will live on the property for a six-month period.

Board president Myers said that it is hoped facilities will be installed by June 1 to enable members to visit on family picnics. Plans are to have the grounds open for inspection each Sunday in May from 1 to 6 p.m.

this year's fete, which will include all of the games, activities and features of its highly-successful predecessor. Some 5300 SERA members and their families attended the '53 event in Galveston County Park, and Kaiser said that he and his group of picnic planners anticipate an even larger attendance in August.

Kaiser pointed out that two items which drew considerable favorable comment last year also will be found on the present agenda—continuous serving of barbecue and all the trimmings and the continuous services of free professional baby-sitters.

Plans are to serve barbecue from noon until 6 p.m. to avoid long waiting lines and to enable more members to enjoy the free food and drinks. The professional baby-sitters are provided by SERA so that parent members can participate in the various adult events without having to worry about their little ones. The smaller tots will have games of their own to play, under supervision.

Kaiser said there would be pony rides, ferris wheel, merry-go-round, horse shoe pitching and a number of other activities.

The site of the picnic has not yet been definitely established, Kaiser said. It is hoped that the SERA's property on Clear Creek will be ready in time to play host to the party. If not, Galveston County Park will be used again. Kaiser said he would be able to make very shortly the announcement concerning the location of the picnic.

Moore Named P & IR Department Manager; Flint Transferred to Martinez, Calif., Refinery

T. H. Moore is the new manager of the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department at Houston Refinery. Mr. Moore relieved A. M. Flint, who will take over as P & IR Manager at the Martinez, California, Refinery on June 1.

Mr. Moore, a native of Smoke Run, Pennsylvania, comes to Houston Refinery from the Houston Area Exploration and Production Department where he was manager of Personnel and Industrial Relations from November 16, 1949, to April 1, 1954.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University and University of Michigan Law School, Mr. Moore in 1945 joined Shell's Industrial Relations Department in the New York Head Office, where he worked until his transfer to the Houston Area Exploration and Production Department.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Moore is a member of the Industrial Personnel Association of Houston, of which he was president last year, and is program chairman of the Southwest Area Conference on Industrial Relations.

Mr. Moore, his wife and their two daughters reside at 3831 Merrick, Houston.

Mr. Flint joined Shell in February, 1927, and his first position was in the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department of the Wilmington, California, Refinery.

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IPI Premiums Waived For February, March

Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant members of the Income Protection Insurance Plan received the good news that the equivalent of the monthly insurance premiums for the months of February and March of 1954 were waived for active employees who have been members of the Plan since August 1, 1953.

Notice that the premiums were waived, "As a result of favorable experience under our contract with the Travelers Insurance Company," were attached to the hourly checks on February 22 and to the Staff checks on February 15.



MOORE



FLINT

Two Shellites Elected Mayor

Two Shellites were elected Mayor of their respective communities in April.

D. B. Burgin, Cat Cracking, was re-elected mayor of La Porte, and John B. Harkness, Control Lab, was elected Mayor of Shore Acres, which is also on Galveston Bay.

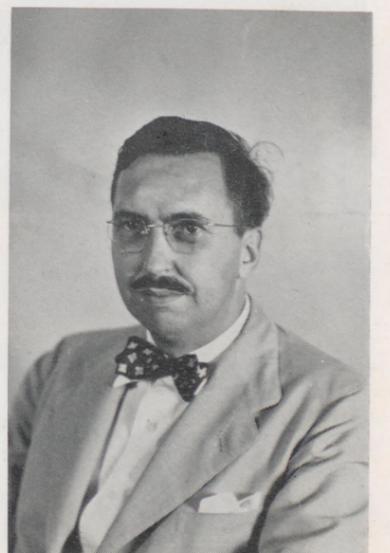
Both men have been active in civic affairs for a number of years. Mr. Burgin, who first came to work for Shell in 1936, has been serving the city of La Porte since 1943, holding at various times the offices of Commissioner, Fire Marshall and Mayor. A graduate of

Weatherford High School, he attended Weatherford Junior College. Mr. Burgin, a control operator, has two children and is a recent grandfather.

Mr. Harkness was elected the first mayor of Shore Acres following its incorporation in 1949. Manager of the Control Lab, Mr. Harkness joined Shell in 1937 at St. Louis. He spent three years with the Development Division of the Manufacturing Dept., four years at Wood River, and was transferred to Houston in 1944. Mr. Harkness and his wife have three children.



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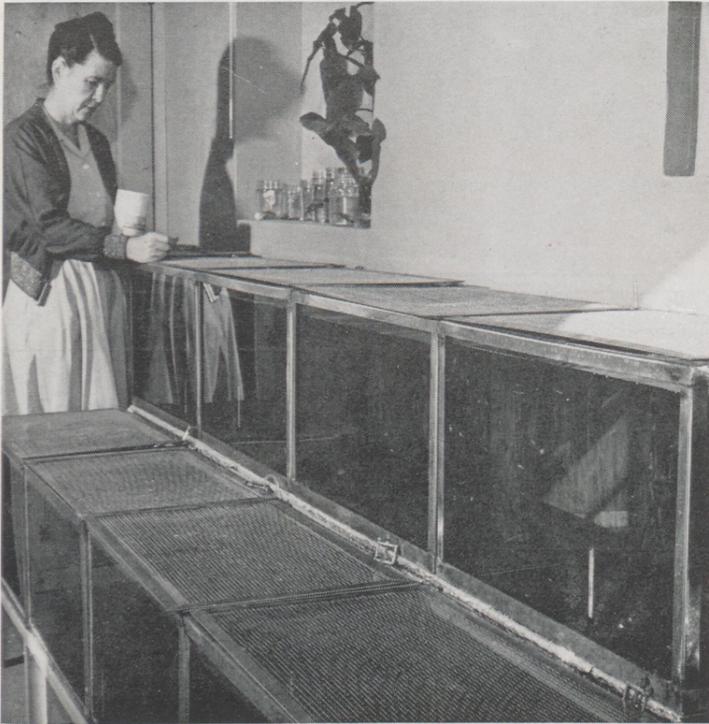


HARKNESS

1929 - Houston Refinery Silver Anniversary Year - 1954

There's More to Gold Fish Than Meets the Eye:

Mrs. Bill Snow's Hobby Requires Time, Energy



Feeding the fish is no small chore. In the top row of compartments, left to right, are: fantail cuppies; green swords and black moons; angels and mollies, and red and blue moons.

Green swords, white clouds, blue moons, angels and zebras inhabit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snow, Refinery Assistant Master Mechanic and his wife.

Though it sounds like shades of Frank Buck or Edgar Allen Poe, it is neither, and the Snows are really quite happy about the situation.

And so are the visitors!

For the Snows have a homemade aquarium where their tropical fish get the finest food and the best of living quarters. Their home is at 614 Llano, Pasadena.

Bill says, "It's her hobby—not mine," but Mrs. Snow gives him lots of credit for building the aquarium and being enthusiastic about her interests.

Built Own Tanks

Since Bill built their ranch-style home himself, it was not hard to construct the eight 20-gallon glass tanks once he got started. Finishing touches added air to bubble through the tanks and screens to keep the fish from flipping out of the tanks.

Mrs. Snow keeps the water a comfortable 72 degrees with the addition of a heater to the sun-lit room. She feeds the fish scrapped beef, brine shrimp, and dry food.

Feeds Fish Shrimp

The brine shrimp she hatches out by putting several teaspoonsful of the eggs in a bowl of water. After a day or so, a new batch of shrimp comes to life.

Mrs. Snow feds the fish once a day and says the tanks need cleaning about once a month.

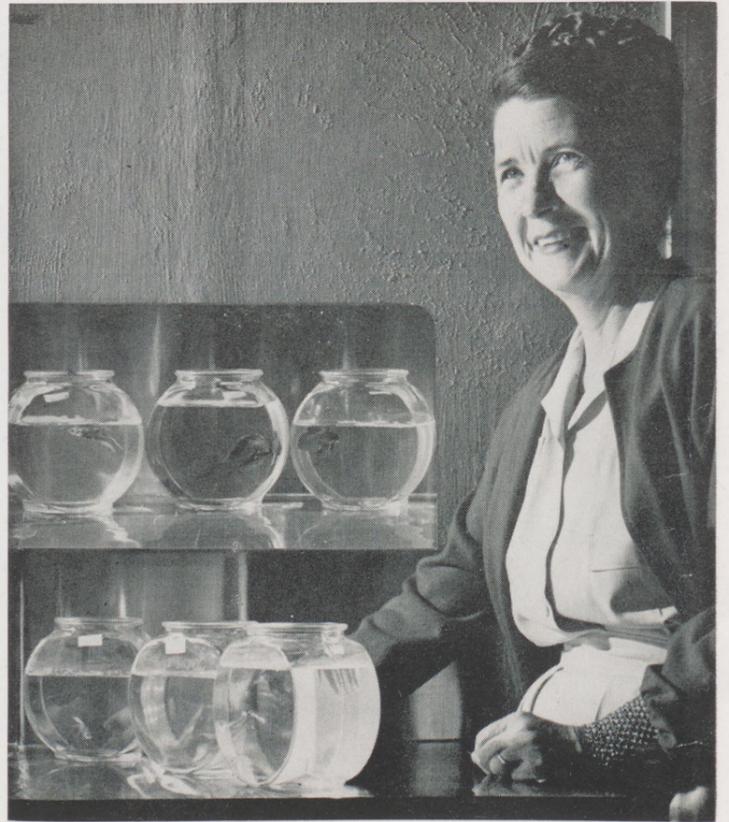
Guppies, swords, angels, mollies, moons, zebras, swords, white clouds, rosy barbs, black tetra, and neons, swim in the tanks. Siamese fighters have their own individual fish bowls.

Raised Many

Some of the fish were purchased, but Mrs. Snow raised her own green swords, white clouds, all the moons, and all the guppies.

Enthusiastic about her hobby, Mrs. Snow goes all out to help others interested in the same thing. She will help get supplies and fish from other locations, or will sell some of her own.

And visitors who share a mutual interest are always welcome!



Siamese fighters glare at one another from individual bowls.

Murray Re-Elected to T.C.U.L. Posts

Joe Murray, Engineering, was re-elected alternate director on the state board of the Texas Credit Union League and re-appointed chairman of the claims arbitrating committee at the recent state convention of the T. C. U. L., which was attended by thirteen Shellites.

Theme of the convention was "Lord Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace."

The convention covered discussions of the services offered by the Credit Unions and took up their benefits and advantages to members. The workshops consist of educational panels, a general business meeting and election of officers.

In addition to Murray, the following Shell employees participated in the convention: Vivian Tucker, local secretary, who served on the resolutions committee; Mary Jane McFarland, assistant treasurer; Kathryn Maxwell, Margaret Brown and Helen McCreary, all from the Credit Union Office; John E. Garrison, Gas Department, and Vice President of the board; Dave

B. Smith, Cracking, George J. Delaney, Engineering Field, B. L. Stanley, Chemical Stores, Tommy B. Viser, Engineering, Jim Beauregard, Chemical Engineering, and Sam Sanchez, who went as representative for the policyholders.

C. O. Warner Dies

C. O. Warner, Engineering Field, died March 30 after an extended illness. He had been with Shell for about 11 years, and at the time of his death he was a Pipefitter No. 1.

His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Audie Warner; daughter, Mrs. C. P. Nixon of Channelview; sons, C. O. Warner III, Pierre Van Warner, both of Angleton, John Bruce Warner of Channelview; father, C. O. Warner, Sr., of Channelview, and two brothers, four sisters and nine grandchildren.



SESC members load up with the barbecue and all the trimmings that were served continuously during their February Stag Party. Approximately 250 members attended the annual affair at LeRoy's Grill on Holmes Road, according to W. T. Bratton, SESC board chairman. Besides refreshments, the stag party featured card games and music.

Wichlep Named New Shellegram Editor

Fred Wichlep is the name to remember when you think of the Shellegram. Fred, a native of Galveston, is the new Shellegram Editor, effective April 12. This is Fred's first position with Shell, but he has a long list of experience in the field of journalism.

A graduate of Sam Houston State College, Fred has a BS degree in journalism. He was sports editor for the school paper, "The Houstonian" for two years and was elected editor-in-chief in his senior year. While at school Fred spent his summers working for the Galveston News, the Galveston Tribune and the Houston Chronicle.

When Fred graduated from college in August of 1951, he went on active duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He was stationed at Atlantic Fleet Headquarters in Norfolk, Va., where he worked in the Public Information Office.

After his release from service in September of 1953, Fred taught English at Orange High School before coming to Shell. His wife, Joan Marie, also a graduate of



WICHLEP

Sam Houston, teaches music in the public school system there.

The Wichleps have a twenty-seven-month-old daughter, Sharon. At present they are living in Galveston, but they plan to move to Pasadena soon.

Mr. Wichlep is replacing Marie Marschall, who left the company to live in Bryan and work for the Agriculture Extension Service. Marie had been with Shell for two and one-half years.—By Jo Kelley.

Skeet Shoots on Sunday

The SERA Skeet Club will meet henceforth on the second and fourth Sunday of each month instead of on Saturday, Jim Moore, Skeet chairman, announced. The club fires on the skeet range east of the Shell baseball field from 2 until 5 p.m. on its meeting days. H. J. Roberts, Pipefitter at the Chemical Plant, won the quarterly skeet club trophy at the shoot on February 27.



Marie Marschall beams happily as she is presented a clock radio as a token of the SERA's appreciation for her services as secretary. Marie resigned recently as Shellegram editor to accept another position. The presentation was made by board members, left to right: Harry Estes, Woody Myers, Walter

Cannon, Marie, Dixon Kirk, Claude Fisher and Jo Kelley.



FRED WICHLEP, Editor

JO KELLEY, Associate Editor



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Gudgell Cited As Reservist of Month In Article Written by Fellow Shellite

Paul W. Gudgell, Control Lab, recently was cited as the Reservist of the month by "The Reserve Aids," U. S. Air Force Reserve magazine for the Houston area.

A full-page article on Captain Gudgell, together with his photograph, appeared in the February issue of "The Reserve Aids." The article paying tribute to Gudgell's work in the Reserve was authored by a fellow Shellite and Reservist, Bill Wright. First Lieutenant Wright is the Shellegram's Control Lab reporter, and is called upon to write articles for the Reserve Aids.

A Shellite for eight years, Gudgell is a graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, where he majored in Chemistry. In addition to active participation in the Reserve program, he has been a member of the American Chemical Society for the past 15 years. He is married to the former Dorothy Seelhurst of Houston. With his wife and two sons, he resides at 701 West Ave., in Pasadena.

Wright's article reads in part: "Following Gudgell's release from active duty in March, 1946, this reservist started active participation in the Reserve Training program in Flight A of the 9854th Air Reserve Squadron in Pasadena. Because of the technical background of his civilian occupa-



GUDGELL

tion, he is especially interested in the Research and Development flight that has been proposed for the 9854th Squadron. He was recalled to active duty in October, 1950, and served as a Flight Commander in the Navigation School at Ellington Field until March, 1953.

"He received his captaincy in June, 1952. During his first tour of duty, he completed 33 combat missions to Japan as squadron navigator and was promoted to first lieutenant in January 1945."

Personnel Changes

FROM TO REFINERY

Automotive

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| H. D. Armstrong.....Pipefitter Helper. | Truck Driver No. 2 |
| J. J. Kindla.....Lineman Helper. No. 1 | Truck Driver No. 2 |
| F. L. Reed.....General Helper. No. 1 | Truck Driver No. 2 |

Dispatching

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| A. B. Chaffin.....Clerk Gas | Clerk, Dispt. |
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Engineering

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| J. D. Berridge.....Salvage Helper No. 1 | Tool Room Man |
| L. K. Brown.....Stenographer, Treas. | Clerk, Engineering |
| C. E. Callihan.....Clerk Dispt. | Clerk, Engineering |
| M. E. Honze.....Operator Helper. | Welder Helper |
| W. S. Norred.....Tester No. 3 | Welder Helper No. 2 |
| E. C. Savell.....General Helper. No. 1 | Boilermaker Helper No. 2 |
| S. A. Simmons.....Pipefitter Helper. No. 1 | Painter No. 2 |
| B. D. Simpson.....Operator Helper. No. 1 | Inspector, Eng. |
| O. F. Stidham.....Tester No. 2 | Valve Repair Helper No. 2 |
| F. C. Trent.....Operator Helper. | Pipefitter Helper No. 1 |
| N. A. Vaughn.....Pipefitter Helper. No. 1 | Welder Helper No. 2 |
| B. A. Hale.....Technician Lab Research | Inspector, F & S |

Gas

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| M. M. Mueller.....Clerk, Eng. | Clerk, Gas |
| B. R. Payne.....Pressureman | Operator Helper No. 2 |

Personnel & Industrial Relations

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| W. R. Davis.....Mail Carrier, Treas. | Clerk P & IR |
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Stores

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| A. R. DeBerry.....Clerk, Treas. | Typist & Clerk Stores |
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Thermal Cracking

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| G. H. Harral.....Operator Helper. No. 2 | General Helper No. 1 |
| H. R. Schwarten.....Loader | Pressureman |

Treasury

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| R. M. Sabo.....Jr. Operator, Blueprint Mach. | Operator, Telephone |
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Utilities

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| G. E. Jones.....Fireman | Powerhouse Helper No. 2 |
| J. P. Rinehart.....Operator No. 1 | Shift Foreman |
| W. E. Urspring.....Operator No. 1 | Shift Foreman |
| B. J. Walter.....Operator No. 1 | Shift Foreman |

CHEMICAL

A Department

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| F. R. Carlisle.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| J. V. Cocks.....General Helper No. 1 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 1 |
| R. C. Heath.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| H. L. Janoe.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| C. M. Shoemaker.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| J. M. Walden.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |

Administration

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| D. B. Luckenbill.....Sr. Technologist-Head Office | Asst. Plt. Superintendent |
| F. G. Watson.....Asst. Plt. Superintendent | Plant Superintendent |

E Department

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| J. D. Brazell.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper |
| W. D. Dumas.....General Helper No. 1 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 1 |
| B. E. Temple.....General Helper No. 1 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 1 |

Engineering

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| M. H. Armstrong.....Loader - Shipping | General Helper |
| F. L. Barr.....Engineer | Senior Engineer |
| F. R. Curtiss.....Instr. Man No. 1/Fore. Maint. | Fore. Maint. Shift |
| R. E. Dial.....Loader | General Helper |
| R. A. Francis.....Pipefitter Helper No. 1 | Painter Helper No. 2 |
| S. Q. Gentry.....Operator No. 1 - A&B | Rigger Helper No. 2 |
| W. V. Graves.....Pipeft. No. 1/Asst. Fore. Maint. | Asst. Fore. Maint. |
| B. L. Haneline.....Loader - Shipping | General Helper |
| D. R. Hayes.....Military Leave | Engineer |
| D. L. Holmes.....Painter No. 1 | Transition |
| G. N. Jamison.....Loader | General Helper |
| C. F. Jones.....Pipefitter Helper No. 1 | Painter Helper No. 2 |
| L. O. Knigge.....Asst. Fore. Maint./Welder No. 1 | Asst. Fore. Maint. |
| W. L. Krell.....Operator No. 1 - A Dept. | Tinner Helper No. 2 |
| E. R. Mosley.....Tinner No. 1/Fore. Maint. Shift | Fore. Maint. Shift |
| E. E. Niederhofer.....Operator Helper No. 1 - A&B | Pipefitter Helper No. 2 |
| A. L. Petersen, Jr.....Torrance Plant | Chief Eng. Inspector |
| R. D. Rodgers.....Painter No. 1 | Instrumentman Helper No. 2 |
| W. C. Sims.....FAO No. 2/Truck Driver No. 1 | Insulator Helper No. 2 |
| E. D. Stanley.....Fore. Maint. Shift | Asst. Fore. Maint. Zone |
| O. A. Sublett.....Fore. Maint. Shift | Asst. Fore. Maint. Zone |
| K. H. Walker.....Engineer | Senior Engineer |
| F. G. Weaver.....Operator Helper - A&B | Pipefitter Helper No. 2 |
| J. H. Wright.....Head Office | Engineer |
| H. R. Wynne.....Chief Eng. Inspector | Senior Engineer |
| A. H. Young.....Truck Driver No. 2/FAO No. 2 | Pipefitter Helper No. 2 |

G Department

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| M. H. Glass.....Loader - Shipping | General Operator Helper No. 1 |
| L. O. Kennedy.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| A. E. Nettles.....General Helper No. 2 - Eng. | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| D. N. Rindsberg.....Dept. Manager (Acting) E | Department Manager |
| R. E. Ross.....General Helper No. 2 | General Operator Helper No. 2 |
| J. W. Schoenberg.....General Helper No. 2 | General Operator Helper No. 2 |

Laboratory

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| J. P. Britton.....Technologist - Tech. | Chemist |
| M. Sommer.....Midland, Tex. (Shell Oil) | Jr. Chemist |
| L. C. Teague.....Military Leave | Chemist |

Shellites Roark, Ellis, Hutchinson Retire from Service

Three Shellites recently retired after a combined total of almost 75 years of service. They are J. J. Roark, who retired this month, and D. B. Ellis and O. E. Hutchinson, who terminated service in March.

"Jess" Roark retired on pension after 24½ years of service. At the time of his retirement, he was a pumper in the Utilities Department. He and his wife make their home at 616 West Main, La Porte.

Retiring on pension following a disability leave of absence, "Dud" Ellis accumulated 25 years of service. He was an Operating Assistant in the Dispatching Department. His home is at 8250 O½, Howard Drive, Houston.

"Hutch" Hutchinson began working for Shell on construction in 1929 at Houston Refinery. He was assistant foreman in the car shops prior to his retirement. He lives at 8006 Brutus, Houston.

Disability Benefit Plan Waiting Time Reduced

The waiting period before benefits of the Shell Disability Benefit Plan begin has been reduced from three days to one complete scheduled working day or eight scheduled working hours, whichever is the lesser, Management announced. The announcement became effective March 10.

Regulations of the Shell Disability Benefit Plan provided in the past that during any period of non-occupational disability, a three-day period would apply to operating employees before applicable benefits begin.

P & IR

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| G. W. Wehunt.....Steno. - Construction | Steno. |
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P & R Department

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| M. S. Callaway.....Shift Foreman | Supervisor Operations |
| R. J. Gasperi.....Engineer - Eng. | Technical Assistant |

Research

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| A. M. Wigginton.....Fireman/Operator No. 1 - E | Chemist Assistant |
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Shipping

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| W. Howl.....General Helper No. 1 - Eng. | Loader |
| L. J. Kendall.....Clerk - Treasury | Clerk |
| G. C. Noonan Jr.....Military Leave | Clerk |

Stores

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| M. F. Ray.....Jr. Clerk - Treasury | Jr. Clerk |
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Technologist

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| R. C. Flickinger.....Torrance | Technologist |
| R. C. Manning.....Torrance | Technologist |
| T. R. Snedden.....Chemist - Lab. | Technologist |

Treasury

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| S. J. Purifoy.....Jr. Clerk | Typist |
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Brains, Beauty Help Shellite Set Fast Pace as UH Freshman

Pretty Yvonne Harrison apparently takes no stock in the old refrain that university freshmen—especially co-eds—should be seen but positively not heard from. Eighteen-year-old Yvonne has used her beauty and brains so successfully in her first year at the University of Houston that many an upper-classman has blinked in wonderment at her fast pace.

Since enrolling at the University in September, the daughter of Doc Harrison, Engineering Field, has been elected vice-president of the Gamma Sigma Sorority and representative to the Student Assembly. She also was her sorority's representative in the race for Varsity Queen. Moreover, she is a member of the Newman Club.

Her chief interest at press time was the University's Frontier Fiesta, held during the latter part of April and billed as "The Greatest Campus Show on Earth." A mem-



YVONNE HARRISON

ber of the Fiesta Association staff, her position was security secretary.

Yvonne lives with her parents at 3106 Gannet, Houston.

MOORE RELIEVES FLINT

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Before coming to Houston Refinery as P & IR Manager in December, 1951, Mr. Flint was Manager of the Policy and Research Division of the Head Office Personnel Department.

Mr. Flint and his family, which consists of his wife and two daughters, resided at 4039 Underwood in Houston while he was at Houston Refinery.

Accidents don't pay—ask the man who had one!



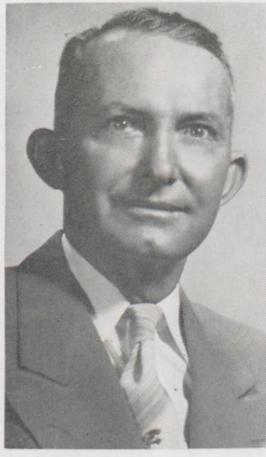
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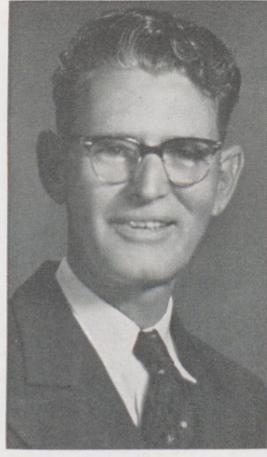
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MANCUSO

Twenty-Five Celebrate Shell Service Birthdays During March, April

REFINERY FIFTEEN YEARS

MARCH

J. A. Connell, Engineering
A. H. Franz, Gas
H. M. Wallace, Engineering

TEN YEARS

MARCH

J. A. Berwick, Control Lab
B. B. Geye, Lubricating Oils
E. A. Kelley, Engineering
R. McGee, Gas
W. T. Riggs, Gas

REFINERY FIFTEEN YEARS

APRIL

A. W. Fields, Engineering
R. Tucker, Control Laboratory

TEN YEARS

APRIL

J. Edwards, Engineering
J. J. Oliver, Engineering
J. T. Stone, Engineering
J. C. Woods, Engineering

CHEMICAL FIFTEEN YEARS

MARCH

E. L. DeTuttle, Engineering
C. W. Seyer, Engineering

TEN YEARS

MARCH

R. M. Bessire, Operations
J. S. Brice, Operations
C. E. Clemons, Jr., Engineering
S. J. Cook, Operations
L. G. Dudley, Engineering
J. R. Flower, Engineering
R. L. Payne, Operations
D. J. Start, Operations

APRIL

W. W. Hollifield, Treasury

R. R. KLECHKA

Raymond Robert Klechka celebrated 25 years of Shell service on his anniversary this March. His career began at Houston Refinery in 1929 and through the years he has held a variety of classifica-

tions in the Machine Shop. Today a Machinist No. 1, he has at times served as Assistant Machinist Foreman during vacations or sick relief.

Mr. Klechka and his wife Ella have their home at 7753 Edna Street in Houston. They have three children.

A spare time diversion to please any family is that of Klechka. He likes to teach and play with his sons and keep up repairs of his home.

E. G. MORRIS

A most unexpected occupation in a modern industrial plant is that of Earl G. Morris, for he is a Blacksmith No. 1. Twenty-five years ago he began work for Shell as a Steam Hammer Operator at Houston Refinery.

But what does a Blacksmith do today? He plays an important part by making special tools, clamps, and doing heat treating of steel.

Earl and his wife, Thelma have their home at 7121 Narcissus in Houston. They have one child.

A sports enthusiast, Mr. Morris likes all kinds of sports. He especially likes fishing, baseball, and football.

P. S. GRAVES

Price S. Graves started work for Shell 20 years ago as a Water Boy at Houston Refinery, and today he is a Cargo Inspector in the Dispatching Department. He worked in the Control Lab and went from Sample Boy to acting Shift Foreman. He entered Uncle Sam's service as a private and returned to Houston Refinery with the rank of captain.

Mr. Graves attended the University of Houston. He and his wife Dorothy live at 7703 Joplin in Houston and have one child. He is sometimes called "Major" by his associates at the pumphouse and docks. Fishing, golfing, and woodwork spell spare-time fun for this Shell veteran.

R. L. WEBB

Celebrating 20 years of Shell service is Russell Lee Webb, Opera-

tor in the Gas Department. First employed at Houston Refinery in 1934, he has held a variety of positions including work in Cracking Cleanout and the Dubbs units.

Mr. Webb and his wife Gayle have one son. Their home is at 1917 Monroe Drive in Pasadena, Texas.

Fishing and visiting are Mr. Webb's favorite spare-time activities. He also takes part in Little League Baseball, helping the boys enjoy worth-while recreation.

L. N. MANCUSO

Twenty years ago, Lawrence N. Mancuso began his Shell career at Houston Refinery as a General Helper. He worked at the Secondary Separator, and then became a Gauger-Pumper at the Main Oil Pumphouse in Dispatching. He worked in various capacities in Dispatching and spent some time in the Instrument Shop. Today

Mr. Mancuso is a Fire and Safety Inspector in the Fire and Safety Department.

Mr. Mancuso and his wife Sadie Mae have their home at 7123 Japonica in Houston. The Mancusos have two daughters. Maxine is 14 years old, and Laura Lee is eight years old.

A. H. BAKER

Alva H. Baker celebrates 20 years with Shell this March. Today a Shift Foreman in the Lubricating Oil Department, he began as a General Helper in Engineering at Houston Refinery.

He has worked at the Dubbs units where he went from Helper to Operator, in Catalytic Cracking, and in Lube. Mr. Baker is sometimes called "Cannon Ball" by his friends.

He attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Mr. Baker and his wife Mary Ella have

two children and live at 217 Oakdale in Pasadena. Cannon Ball likes to hunt, fish and do gardening.

J. H. LEACH

J. H. Leach is an Operator-Shift Foreman at the Platformer at Houston Refinery. He began his work with the company 20 years ago at this location as a General Helper. During the time he has been a Driver in the Automotive Department and has held various classifications in Distilling.

Nicknamed "Boots", he and his wife Margaret have three children. Their home is at 3014 Wichita in Houston.

Mr. Leach attended Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. For spare-time entertainment, he likes golf, hunting, football, and baseball.

REFINERY

Dispatching

Lester August Williams, Cargo Blender.

Engineering

Robert Albrecht Eden, Draftsman.
Nina Covene Fittsworth, Operator
Blue Print Machine.

Research

William Edward Dierker, Jr. Lab Assistant.
Thomas Harrison Grun, Jr., Research Engineer (transferred from H.O.).
Cecil Byron Shelton, Jr. Lab Asst.
Ralph Woodbury Starkweather, Jr. Lab Asst.
Roy Alson Tickner, Jr. Research Chemist.
Gene Thomas Wilson, Jr. Lab Assistant.

Treasury

Gloria Jean Cockrell, File and Mail Clerk.
Delores Marie Lizak, File and Mail Clerk.

CHEMICAL

Engineering

P. A. Avery, General Helper.
J. P. Ballard, General Helper.



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

J. D. Brazell, General Helper.
F. R. Carlisle, General Helper
R. J. Cavalier, Jr. Engineer.
J. H. Chandler, General Helper.
S. R. Clayton, General Helper.
H. R. Daugherty, General Helper
S. W. Foster, General Helper.
A. W. Freitag, Jr., General Helper.
C. J. Gibowski, General Helper.
H. A. Gordon, General Helper.
J. K. Gordon II, General Helper.
B. J. Harris, General Helper.
R. C. Heath, General Helper.
B. B. Hedrick, General Helper.
D. D. Hinze, General Helper.
H. L. Janoe, General Helper.
J. A. Kangers, General Helper.
O. L. Kennedy, General Helper.
D. G. Kieke, General Helper.
J. P. Kimbrell, General Helper.

R. P. Layton, General Helper.
D. L. Lloyd, General Helper.
D. K. McWhorter, General Helper.
R. E. Martin, Jr., General Helper.
P. Marx, General Helper.
A. E. Nettles, General Helper.
D. L. Newman, General Helper.
F. L. Pickens, General Helper.
R. E. Ross, General Helper.
H. J. Schneider, General Helper.
J. W. Schoenberg, General Helper.
W. J. Scott, General Helper.
G. N. Shoemaker, General Helper.
P. A. Taylor, General Helper.
J. M. Walden, General Helper.
K. T. Whitt, General Helper.

Laboratory

R. O. Brown, Chemist.
R. W. Chute, Jr. Chemist.
E. E. Frizzell, Jr. Chemist.
H. R. Hadley, Jr. Chemist.
W. S. Hoover, Jr., Chemist.
D. L. Tronson, Jr. Chemist.

P & IR

R. N. LaFaver, Clerk.

Treasury

P. R. Coury, Jr. Clerk.
D. F. Davidson, Clerk
S. J. Purifoy, Jr. Clerk.



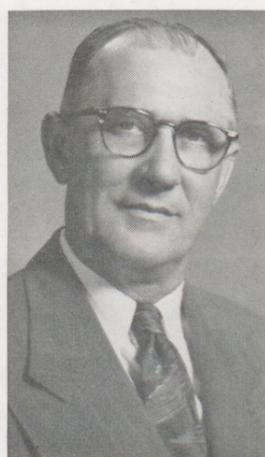
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HANSEN



KLECHKA



MORRIS



BISHOP



CURTISS



HAND



KONZEN



BEVIL



CLARK

Z. P. HAGER

Z. P. Hager, Shift Foreman in Dispatching, celebrated his twenty-fifth year of Shell Service in March. His first job with Shell was as a Pipefitter Helper in 1929. He transferred to the Dispatching Department in October of that same year as a Gauger, moving up to Shift Foreman in August, 1949.

Z. P. was on Military Leave from July, 1942, to January, 1946, when he served with the 275th Combat Engineers as a First Sergeant.

S. PRIETO

Twenty-five candles would be needed to light up a cake celebrating Santana Prieto's Shell service, for in March he logged twenty-five years with the company. He has a diamond-studded emblem to wear.

Mr. Prieto is a janitor at Houston Refinery. He and his wife Julia live in Deer Park, Texas. He likes to raise chickens for a hobby.

This veteran Shellite is often called by the nickname "Big Pete."

C. A. HANSEN

"The name is Christian" says a sign on Christian A. Hansen's scooter, and it is an oft repeated phrase for this Zone Supervisor whom people insist on calling "Swede."

Mr. Hansen is from Denmark, and came to the United States in January 1922. He came to Jones County in Texas where an uncle lived. After farming with his uncle and learning to speak English, Chris moved to New Braunsfels where he met his wife Velma. They were married exactly three years to the day from the time Mr. Hansen arrived in the United States and moved to Houston where he began work for Shell in 1929 as a Boilermaker.

During the years he has been Boilershop Foreman, General Foreman of Boilermakers, Riggers, and Tanners, and then Zone Supervisor of various zones.

The Hansens live at 1780 Alta Vista in Houston, and they have two children, a boy and a girl, both of whom are graduates of

Rice Institute. Now they have a granddaughter too.

Christian is an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Masonic Lodge.

G. A. HENSLEY

Shell service totals 25 years this month as Grady Hensley adds up his years of work at Houston Refinery. Beginning as a Welder Helper in 1929, he climbed the ladder to his present position as Welding Shop Foreman.

Born in Elk Valley, Tennessee, Mr. Hensley attended school in Kentucky. Nicknamed "Punk" and "Punkin", he and his wife Cora live at 412 South Fourth Street in LaPorte, Texas. They have two sons, Steve and Ronald Dean, who are both attending Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas.

Grady likes the outdoors and especially enjoys hunting small game and fishing.

A. B. McCORMICK

A. B. McCormick began his Shell service in 1934 at Houston Refinery. He celebrated his twentieth year with Shell in April. "Mac" is an assistant Carpenter's Foreman in the Engineering Department.

He likes to fish and go boating in his spare time. Married, his wife's name is Alice, and they have one child. Their address is 308 East Harris in Pasadena.

T. H. EDMISTON

T. H. Edmiston began his Shell service April 28, 1929, to qualify for his twenty-five year award in April. He has been an Assistant Insulator Foreman since August, 1950. Mr. Edmiston became an Assistant Pipefitter Foreman in May of 1946.

J. F. BISHOP

Joseph Franklin Bishop completed 20 years of Shell service in April. Starting out as a general helper in 1929 at Roxana, Illinois, Mr. Bishop's present position is Shift Foreman in the Utilities Department. He was transferred to Houston Refinery in 1932.

He likes to fish and hunt and

do church work. Mr. Bishop, and his wife and their two children reside at 810 Ave. A in South Houston.

J. CASAS

April brought 20 years of service to Joe Casas. He is a Janitor in the Engineering Department.

Joe likes all sorts of sports and takes interest in P-TA and YMCA work. With his wife, Beatrice, and their three children, Joe lives at 7815 Avenue F, in Houston.

E. D. CLARK

It's 25 years with Shell for E. D. Clark in March. He first began work for Shell in 1929 at Houston Refinery as a Carpenter Helper and today he is a Pipefitter. Through the years, he has held a variety of different jobs.

He and his wife, Gladys, have their home in LaPorte, Texas. They have two children.

Hunting and fishing spell choice spare-time entertainment for this Shellite. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

C. R. BROCKMEYER

Charles R. Brockmeyer, construction Engineer in the Engineering Department, reached the twenty-five year mark in April.

He was first employed as a draftsman by Shell in 1928 at St. Louis, Missouri. He likes to hunt, fish and bowl.

Mr. Brockmeyer and his wife, Norma, live at 7008 Schley in Houston.

J. BERVER

It was 25 years of service for Jessie Berver in April. Jessie, who reports that there was nothing but a pasture where the Refinery now stands when he came to work for Shell, is a Janitor in the Control Lab.

With his wife, Estefana and their four children, Jessie lives at 1310 South Street in Pasadena.

W. W. DONEHOO

W. W. Donehoo celebrates his twenty-fifth year with Shell in April. He was first employed as a rigger at Houston Refinery in 1929. His present position is shift foreman in the Gas Department.

"Donnie," as he is sometimes called by his Refinery friends, and his wife, Mary, have one daughter, Barbara, and they reside at 5042 Jefferson in Houston.

D. R. LILLEY

"Doc" Lilley celebrated his twenty-fifth year of service in March. He began working for Shell in March, 1929, as a Pipefitter Helper. A native of Whithouse, Texas, "Doc" became a Boilermaker Foreman in 1941. He is now a General Foreman in the Engineering Field.

C. V. HAND

Back in 1934 when C. V. Hand was first employed at the Houston Refinery there wasn't too much construction going on, however the Gas Department started soon after and then Dubbs No. 8 and the Toluene Plant were built. C. V. was employed as a General Helper and in his twenty years of service has held many positions such as Gauger and Dubbs Operator at the Refinery. He came to the Chemical Plant in September of 1941 as an Operator. In August of 1945 Cecil went into the Instrument Shop and is now an Instrumentman No. 1.

C. V. attended Plainview High School and Texas A. & M. He lives with his wife, Vera, and their three children at 601 South Shaver in Pasadena. Active in Church and Lodge work, Cecil believes in spending his spare time at 20th century's indoor sport—TV that is.

W. C. BEVIL

Twenty-five years is the service goal reached this March by W. C. Bevil, Treasury Manager. Bill, who was born in Warren, Texas, took his first job with Shell Oil in their Head Office then located in San Francisco. In 1944 he transferred to the Chemical Division and was made Chief Clerk. He moved to Shell Point as Office Manager in December of 1945 and came back to Texas in July of 1947 as Office Manager in Houston. His title was changed in 1952 to Treasury Manager. Mr. Bevil completed a correspondence course in accounting and auditing from the International Accountants Society. Bill likes to do woodwork.

enjoys a good golf game and spends most of his spare time on the greens. The Bevils live at 4907 Ventura Lane in Houston.

S. F. KONZEN

The next time you see S. F. Konzen, notice his watch charm. Kon received the watch charm along with a beautiful watch for passing the twenty-five year service mark with Shell.

Kon, now Master Mechanic, started work as a Welder in 1929. Since then he has progressed steadily. In 1942 he was made General Maintenance Supervisor and was transferred to the Chemical Division as General Craft Foreman in 1943. He was made General Foreman in 1946 and promoted to his present job in 1948.

F. R. CURTISS

When F. R. Curtiss came to work at the Refinery twenty years ago, there were only about six hundred employees. The number of employees is almost four times that now. Babe's first job was a Driver in Automotive. Jobs that followed included Gauger, Operator Helper No. 1, Instrumentman Helper No. 2, Instrumentman, Assistant Instrument Foreman, Assistant Maintenance Foreman, and his present job as Maintenance Shift Foreman.

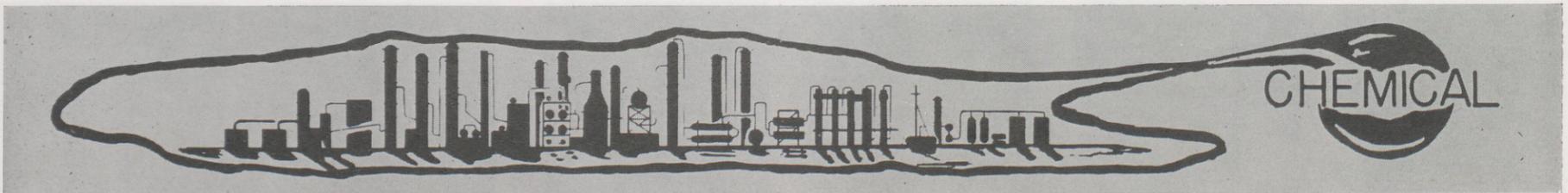
Babe was born only a few miles from the Plant in Crosby, Texas. He has lived there most of his life, but spent some time in San Diego, Calif. He attended high school in San Diego.

T. DOWDY

Assistant Dock Master Tinnie Dowdy celebrated 25 years of Shell service this March. Better known as "Tim", he came to Houston Refinery in 1929 as a Pipefitter Helper. Later Tim became Shift Foreman in Dispatching, and finally Assistant Dock Master.

Charlotte and Tim have their home at 4034 Sue Ellen in Houston. They have one son 27 years old.

Mr. Dowdy helped load the very first ship to leave Houston Refinery carrying products from here. At home in his spare time, Tim likes to do woodwork.



Johnsen, Hettich Move To Assume New Duties

J. T. Robson has been assigned to Head Office in the Manufacturing Operations Department. With Jim's move to New York, M. S. Johnsen and B. V. Hettich have taken over new positions. Marvin has come from A Department to Utilities as Assistant Department Manager, while Rick has left Tech, as a Senior Technologist, to take over his first operations job as Assistant Department Manager of A.

Marv, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, started with Shell in Emeryville as a Junior Chemist in 1945. He came to Houston in April of 1947 and has worked in the Laboratory, Tech., A and E Departments. Marvin has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He and his wife have both been attending the University of Houston at night school and Marv will soon be eligible for a Master of Science degree.

Rick, who is a native of New York city and a graduate from M. I. T., holds two degrees in Chemical Engineering Practice. He has worked at Martinez, where he was first employed in May of 1948, New York and Houston.

Marvin and Rick have one interesting fact in common. They are both married to ex-Shell employees. Marv's wife, Alice Cunningham, worked here as a Chemist



B. V. Hettich steps in as Assistant Department Manager of A, as M. S. Johnsen (l) takes over that position in the Utilities Dept.

during the war. She is a graduate of Rice, so Marv calls himself a Rice-In-Law sports fan. It seems that the Johnsens follow the football and basketball games over the state to cheer for the team. Rick's wife, Charlotte Quick, was employed on the West Coast and

worked as Secretary for Mr. Fleece and at one time for Mr. Monkhouse and Mr. Steck. Rick met Charlotte in California. They now have a ten-month-old son, Jan.

Rick took over his job on March 1st and Marv went to Utilities on March 16th.

Charles A. McMurray Selected Asst. Chief Chemist At Martinez

Charles McMurray has been promoted to Assistant Chief Chemist at the Martinez Plant in California. His transfer was effective on April 16, 1954. Mac who is a native of Tennessee but claims North Carolina as home, came to Houston as a Junior Chemist in July of 1948. He moved from the Control Laboratory to Research in July of 1949 and in January of 1950 was made a Chemist. Mac went to several colleges. Two years were spent at Georgia Tech. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from High Point and his M.A. from the University of North Carolina.

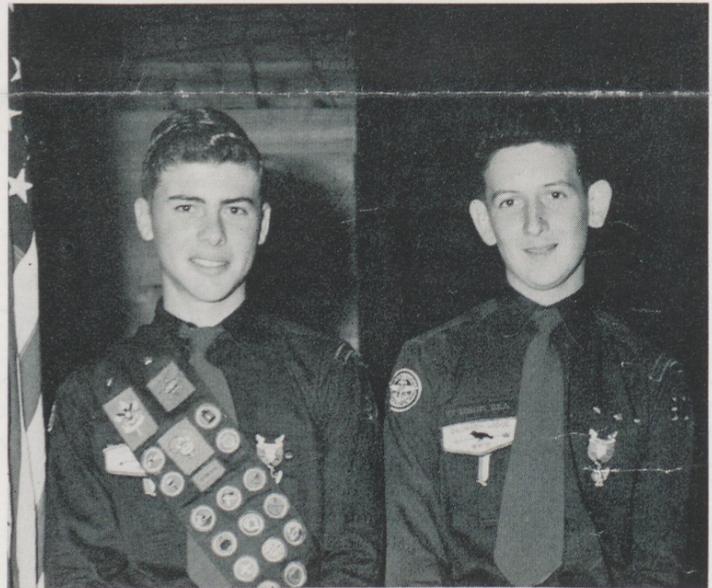


C. A. McMurray

Mac and his wife, Dorothy, lived near San Diego during the war, while Mac was serving as a Frogman in the Navy. So they are looking forward to the move. Mac has been an active member of the SERA all the while he was at Houston. He is quite a bowler and

never misses a golf tournament. He has served as a Shellegram reporter for the last few years. The McMurrays have two young daughters, Dorothy Hope, 6½, and Laurie Lee, 2½.

Shell Youth Earns Boy Scout Awards; Jerry Bates Becomes Eagle Scout



Jerry Bates, left, and Charlie Waters receive their awards as Eagle Scouts at the Court of Honor held by LaPorte Troop 300.

Jerry Bates, son of Frank Bates of the Engineering Field, received two of the highest awards given by the Boy Scouts recently. He received his classification as an Eagle Scout, which is the coveted top rank obtainable for a Boy Scout, and the God and Country award. The Eagle award was presented at Troop 300's Court of Honor ceremony, which was held at Noble's Hall in La Porte.

Mrs. Frank Bates and Mrs. Charles Waters were in charge of the arrangements for the delicious chicken dinner served. Refinery employee, Fay Hillard, who is the District Commissioner for San Jacinto District, was a guest at the ceremony.

Jerry received his God and Country award, at services at the Community Church in La Porte. Not many of these awards are given as it takes one year to complete the necessary requirements. The work consists of working with the Pastor, daily Bible reading, leading youth programs, public prayer, painting benches, cutting grass at the church, attending Church and Sunday School every Sunday.

Jerry is 15 years old and at-

tends the 10th grade at La Porte high school. He has been a Scout for 4 years and is in Troop 300 of La Porte. Mr. Weldon Cade is the Scoutmaster.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR'S NOTE

A mistake appeared in the February issue of the Shellegram, and we are happy to correct it. The number of accident free hours for the Laboratory figures out to be 1,000,000 instead of the mere 100,000 which showed up. Also there are 65 people who helped to build up this record, which includes all sections of the Control and Experimental Laboratory.

7 Stores Employees Have Birthdays In March

Happy Birthday You All!

Happy Birthday to you all, was the song that most of the Stores Department were singing to the seven members of their department who celebrated their birthdays all within a few days in March. J. E. Condon, whose birthday is on the 16th; O. M. Clark, who arrived on the 5th; Lillie Ruhmann, a March 19th gal; I. M. Shore, the only man we know who may enjoy March 15th; and L. C. Garrett, whose day is the 23rd, enjoyed a birthday cake which Shirley Gerbode, Fred's wife, baked for them. The cake was decked with real flowers and was delicious angel food. Norma Powledge's

birthday is the 6th and B. L. Stanley's is the 19th on the March birthday list, but they didn't make the picture. For the Stores Department March is really a good month for celebrating.

Larry Teague has returned to the Laboratory after a military leave. His return was delayed by an auto accident followed by an operation. Glad to have you back now, Larry.

George Velton and Don Morgan recently bought new Pontiacs. Don got a station wagon—claims he needs it to accommodate his family—not because the family is so large but rather because the children need room to move around.

??Lost Something??

Linda Gay will look back and call this one of her most embarrassing moments, (see insert). Linda



Gay is the thirteen month old daughter of Betty Smith of the Stenographic Department. Betty has been attending the University of Houston night school and will receive her BBA degree in Secretarial Administration. However, little Linda Gay would probably like her Mommy to take one more course before Betty graduates—a home economics course, "Method and Procedure for Diaper Finning."

A Man's World? Ask Marilyn

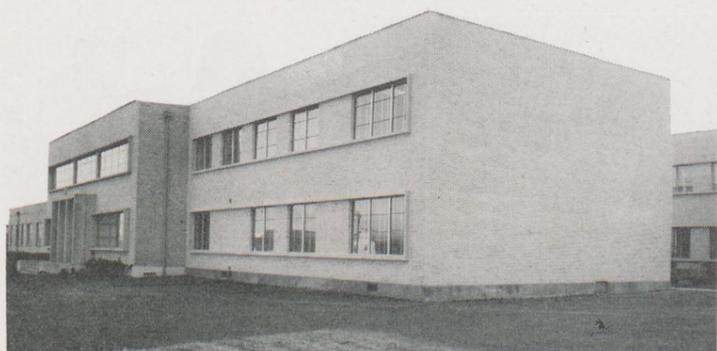
The Laboratory again has a lady chemist, Marilyn Sommer, who comes from Shell Oil in Midland, Texas. Marilyn received her B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1952. She is working in the Mass Spectrometer Room.

The new ice-making machine recently installed in the laboratory has caused no end of comment. The machine will produce 1050 pounds of ice in a 24-hour period. The ice is used in distillation runs and many other lab tests. The ice is contained in a stainless steel storage bin and the system is completely automatic.



J. E. Condon, O. M. Clark, Lillie Ruhmann, I. M. Shore and L. C. Garrett (l to r) are Stores folks who celebrate birthdays in March. The cake was baked by Mrs. Fred Gerbode.

What A Difference the Shrubs Make



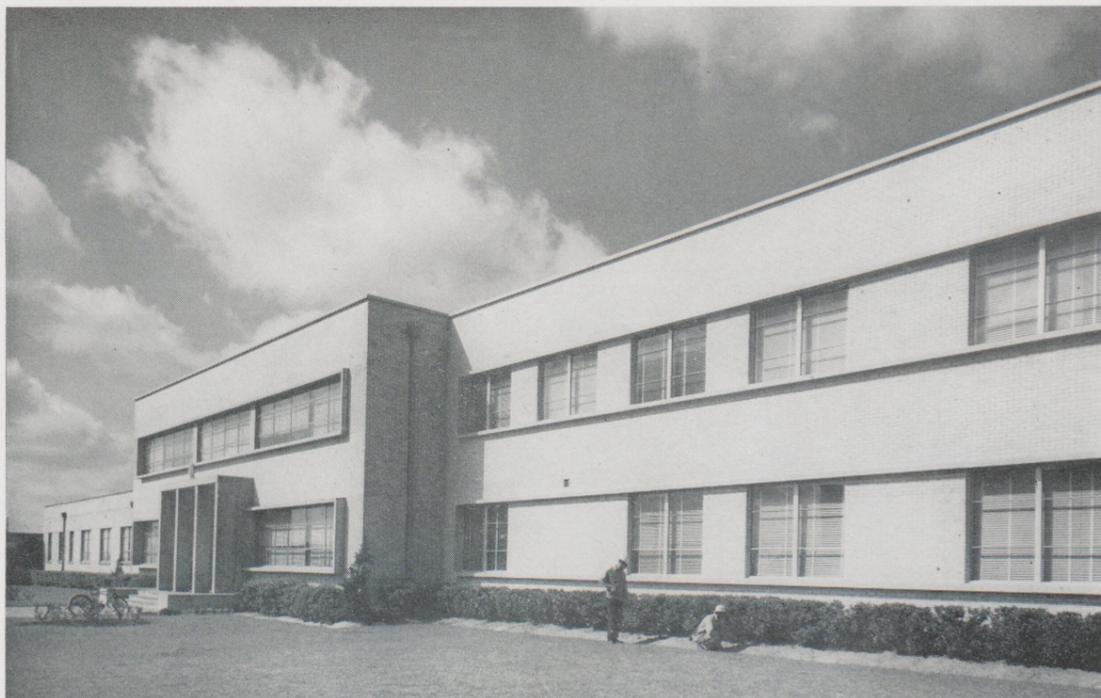
New North wing immediately after construction before the landscaping had been planned and shrubbery was planted.

No one will disagree that the attractive with the shrubs than it was before they were planted. J. T. McMahan, General Foreman, worked with a Nursery man and developed the types of shrubs which best show off the design of our buildings. F. Douglas and W. Haynes, Gardeners, both experts in their field, care for the gardens and lawns.

The plants are so arranged that some type is blooming in each season and the evergreen never lose their luster. In Spring the Formosa Azaleas are in full bloom in the coves and along the fence by the clock house. Oleanders grow along the North wing of the Re-

search building, and in front of the louvers low little Prostrate Junipers grow. Burford holly fronts the First Aid station. These plants are very slow growing and easy to manage. A new garden of Blue Star Junipers, which get their name because they open as a star when full grown, has been put in by the North Gate House. Shrubs are not the only plants in the gardens, pansies, flowering quince, and other small flowers frame most of the side gardens and roses are a specialty with Haynes and Douglas.

Visitors and Plant personnel find the skillfully kept gardens are easy on the eye.

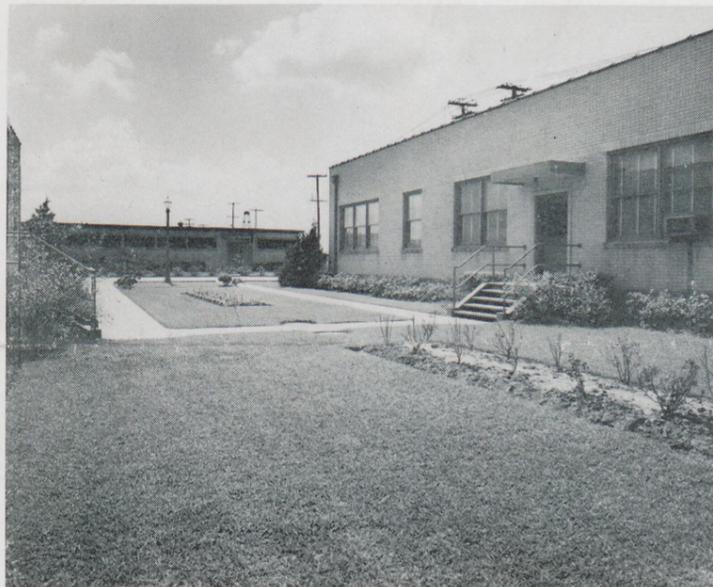


Douglas and Haynes work full time caring for the Plant grounds

Well Kept Grounds, First Step To Good House Keeping



Jean Williams, Tech. Secretary, picks a pansy for the office. At right: South Cove displays well kept gardens.



W. Haynes, Gardener, connects a sprinkler to water part of the three and half acres of grass on Chemical Plant site.



F. Douglas, Gardener, looks over the Blue Star Junipers, recently set out at the North Gate House, to be sure no insects have reached them.

National "Chemical Progress Week" Slated May 17-22

"Chemical Progress Week" will be observed nation-wide by the chemical industry from May 17 to 22.

Purpose of the observance is to emphasize the signal contributions of the dynamic chemical industry in raising U. S. living standards and in promoting national security.

The chemical industry, offspring of a spectacular technology barely 50 years old, is growing at the rate of six per cent a year, half again as fast as the manufacturing industry as a whole. Our Houston Plant only constructed in 1941 is now five times as large as it was at its outset. We have advanced from the production of three products to twenty-three. The U. S. production of chemical and allied products accounts for seven per cent of all manufacturing production in the U. S. and now rank among the top five in sales.

The chemical industry's vigor has helped bring about major social advances. Discovery and production have brought the average American a way of life that would have been the envy and wonder of the kings and emperors of a century ago. In food, clothing, shelter and transportation, in ease, convenience and comfort, the standards of even the most modest

American home have gone steadily upward.

Agricultural chemicals produced by the industry have contributed greatly to production of more food for the nation's expanding populations; in the last 20 years the U. S. population grew 18 per cent while its food production rocketed 50 per cent. "D-D", a soil fumigant, is one of our products which has helped in the growing of these quantities of food. Large amounts of "D-D" are used on Hawaiian pineapple plantations and here in tobacco fields. The fumigant is injected into the soil and kills root-knot and other nematodes.

Our product, acetone, has found its way into the clothing industry. This solvent, which is one of our major products, has countless commercial applications. Large quantities are consumed in the rayon industry where experience has shown acetone to be an essential ingredient of the spinning bath. Rayon acetate garments are especially popular in this area.

A multitude of drugs and pharmaceuticals so important to the maintenance of both civilian and military health require glycerine for their production. We have the world's largest and only synthetic glycerine plant here. Glycerine can

be found in everything from high explosives to margarine; this versatile material serves in such products as tobacco, dentifrices, paper and ink, rubber shortening, foods and beverages, lubricants, polishes, etc.

IPA, as we know isopropyl alcohol, has germicidal properties which are utilized in cosmetic preparations, oral and surgical antiseptics, and sterilizing mediums. A similar use is illustrated by the familiar bottle of isopropyl rubbing alcohol.

Epon is the word we use when anyone mentions plastics. This specialty product can be found in so many products used in, on and around the home. Because of an unusual combination of adhesion, flexibility, and chemical resistance, Epon resins are used as industrial primers and finishes in the dairy, brewery, paper, and laundry equipment fields. Enamels, varnishes, appliance finishes, and metal decorations are formulated with Epon resins. Epon coatings are used as tin can lining. The protective coating assures protection against various types of tin poisoning. A few uses close to modern day living are Epon's use in the manufacture of textile prints, wrinkle re-

sistant textiles and color coating of foils. Epon has many structural uses in casting and potting operations. The Epon-2 plant was even painted with Epon base paints because of their superiority.

All of the twenty-three products which we manufacture at our Plant find their way into our homes and communities. The products of chemistry are like the links of a chain; each time a new link is discovered the chain will reach more people, in more ways; and each link will make the great chain stronger.

Here and There Kaufman Wins Award; Morgan Calls Play Ball

N. L. Kaufman, Technologist, a member of the Board of Directors of the Alley Theatre, worked on arranging the Annual Alley Awards Dinner held at Sorrento's Restaurant recently. Norman's wife, Lil Kaufman, was voted as the best woman supporting actress for the year 1953 on the grounds of her performance in "Rose Tattoo." The Kaufmans have worked with the Alley for three years and

have helped present many a good play.

The softball season is in full swing and Art Morgan, P & IR, will be out there calling the games as he sees 'em. Art is a member of the Amateur Softball Association, a national organization which furnishes the various City and State leagues with umpires for their leagues. Art will be umpiring two or three nights a week during the season. Before becoming a member of the Association, each man has to attend school and pass a written exam on the rules of softball. The umpires work as a pair and usually call two games an evening. The games are seven innings or an hour and a half.

Going Places?—Get a Shell Map!

E. B. Wallace, Chemist, is a Director of the Square Dance Council of Houston. This organization had a large festival in the early part of April and Emmett and his wife, Virginia, headed the Registration Committee for the big event. To help keep the out-of-towners, who took part in the festival, from getting lost, Wally furnished them with Shell maps. The meeting places were marked and the various points of interest to visitors were indicated. The maps saved many an extra letter and were a sure fire way for everyone to be at the right place on festival night.



Time out from dancing for the pause that refreshes

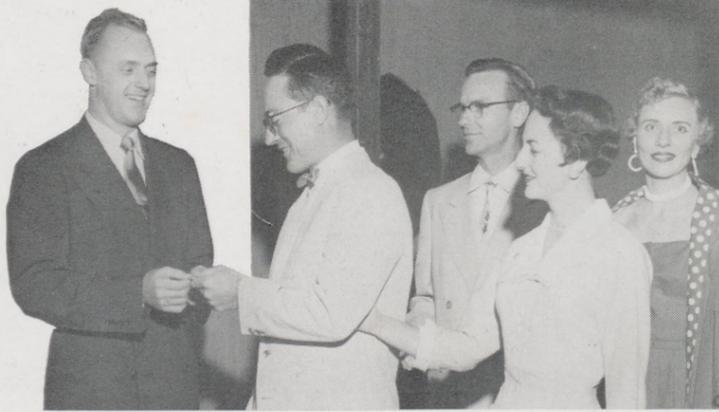


The party above is watching the dancing of the couple at right.



SERA Holds Spring Dance at End-O-Main

Bob Eveld, new SERA Dance Chairman, did a fine job on the spring dance which was held at the End-O-Main on San Jacinto Day eve, April 20th. The music was played by Buddy Brock and his orchestra. A good number of members from both the Refinery and the Chemical Plant turned out to enjoy the swell dance.



Bob Eveld, Dance Chairman served as ticket taker. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ohls turn over tickets.



The smiles on their faces prove the music was fine and the dancers found plenty of elbow room on the dance floor.



Eager youngsters watch voice vibrations recorded on the oscilloscope screen during Research Lab's recent open house.

Shell Softball League Begins at Mason Park

The Shell Softball League is underway with three strong teams from the Refinery and a like number of Chemical squads battling away every Monday at Mason Park for the championship. The ten-week slate began April 19.

Numbers have been assigned the teams for identification purposes. Teams 1, 2 and 3 are from Chemical, and Refinery team numbers are 4, 5 and 6.

Homer Champman is the manager of Team No. 4, Bob Eveld handles No. 5, and Nelson King leads No. 6.

C. C. Bridges, Pipe Shop; W. A. Moorman, Boiler Shop, and Bob Hazelton, Research, handle teams 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

Opening night games saw Team 5 wallop Team 6, 18-3; Team 3 defeat Team 4, 10-3, and Team 1 forfeit to Team 2.



The Refinery's girl employees surprised Mrs. Jesse Morgan, Refinery Janitress, with a piece of Samsonite luggage and a bottle of cologne upon learning of the beloved Mrs. Morgan's retirement due to illness. The surprise party was held February 26 in the Stenographic Section. Pictured, left to right, are Jo An Williams, (seated), Louise White, Bonnie Adams, Mrs. Morgan, Ann Wright (on desk), Iris Horman, Laverne Wunsch and Hortense Barrell.



Research Lab personnel and their families pause during their tour of the Lab for refreshments.

Betty Cole Marries



Betty Gene Cole, Teletype Operator in Treasury, became the bride of Orvin W. Stone on March 5, 1954. The ceremony took place at the Memorial Baptist Church of Pasadena, Texas and the reception was held in the Fellowship Hall.

Betty, who was given in marriage by her brother, Donald Cole, wore a white taffeta chapel length dress with a finger tip veil. She carried a bouquet of stephanolis centered with a purple orchid.

Tennis Slate Outlined

SERA tennis will follow a triple-barreled program this spring and summer, W. L. Callender, Research, announced. The net set-up will consist of:

1. One singles tournament each month.
2. Intercompany competition.
3. Ladder competition.

Under the '54 ladder rules, from April 15, to May 15, a player may challenge any person above him on the ladder. If the challenger wins, he will be placed immediately above the loser on the ladder, and if the challenger loses there will be no change in the standings. At the end of the season, prizes will be awarded to the players who have accumulated the most points. On a prize basis, the ladder will be divided into two flights: A Flight (for the top 50 per cent of the players) and B Flight (the lower 50 per cent).

With Mr. Callender, Jack Sargent, Chemical, Technological, is co-chairman of SERA tennis for 1954.

Research Lab. Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Houston Refinery's Research and a Geiger counter in operation. Laboratory celebrated its twentieth anniversary March 14 by staging an open house for Research personnel and their immediate families. Refreshments were served.

Especially set up for the open house were exhibits and demonstrations, which included a glass model of a catalytic cracker in operation; distillation in process in a miniature Shell Turbo-Trid Tray column; a paper waxing machine in operation, and simple demonstrations of the mass spectrometer, Q. C. Stansberry was general chairman. Chairman of the exhibits and demonstrations was R. H. Hunt. A. F. Sartor was in charge of the brochure and letters of invitation; C. M. Jones handled the general arrangements and flowers, and C. K. Hines was in charge of refreshments.

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