

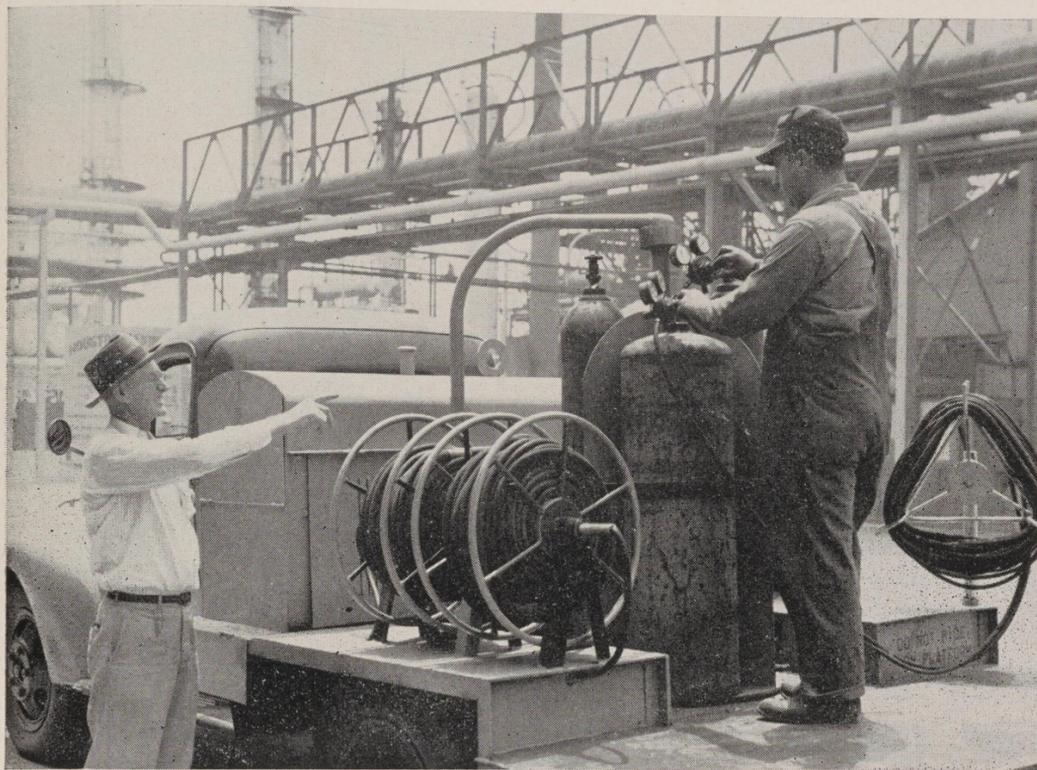
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New Welding Truck Now In Operation



"Red" Richardson, Welding Foreman is shown above pointing out the features of the refinery's latest addition to the portable welding equip-

ment to Frank Kellogg, Welder Helper. This new welding rig is a result of Richardson's ideas and planning.

J. W. "Red" Richardson, Welding Foreman, and Frank Kellogg, Welder Helper Number One, inspect the newly completed portable welding rig which is the result of Mr. Richardson's designs.

Each time the replacement of a welding truck becomes necessary every effort is made to improve on the old design for the attainment of greater efficiency and safety of operation. After much careful study of the limitations of the rigs previously in use and consideration of the job requirements for a portable welding machine, Red drew on his many years of experience and came out with the model in the above illustration. It is a welding shop on wheels. The gasoline driven welding machine is well located behind the cab. The acetylene and oxygen bottles are safely contained in a turntable and both electric cable and gas welding hose are neatly rolled on cabs at both sides of the bed. A place has been provided for the drinking water bucket. The platform at the rear is a convenient work table and underneath drawer and compartment spaces have been provided for tools, welding rods and other equipment necessary for completing a job.

Congratulations to "Red" Richardson on his foresight and ingenuity he has displayed in developing this fine new portable welding machine which will add materially to the efficiency and safety of any welding job.

Houston Refinery Sets New All Time High Crude Intake

The following telegram was received on May 4 at the Houston refinery from Mr. C. E. Davis, Vice-President Manufacturing, Head Office, New York:

"We are all very pleased to learn that the Houston refinery has established a new all time high crude intake of 109,581 barrels daily for the month of April. This achievement is of special importance during the current period of acute shortage of all petroleum products and all concerned are to be congratulated."

C. E. Davis.

Congress Reduces the Income Tax

Community Property States

by R. R. McGregor
(General Tax Department)

After two unsuccessful attempts last year, Congress on April 2, 1948, enacted a tax reduction law that gives an estimated \$4,600,000,000 relief annually to the nation's 52,000,000 taxpayers, 7,400,000 of whom are removed from the tax rolls completely. Certain beneficial changes are also made in the estate and gift tax provisions but since most of us are not affected by these taxes this article is restricted to the individual income tax. Corporation taxes have not been

changed.

The Revenue Act of 1948 applies to 1948 and later years, i.e., taxable years beginning after December 31, 1947. The year 1947 and prior years are not affected. Reduction is accomplished in several ways:

(1) The personal and dependency exemptions are increased from \$500 to \$600 per person.

(2) There is no change in the basic normal and surtax rates. However, instead of the 5% reduction previously allowed, the tentative normal and surtax is to be reduced as follows:

If the Tentative Tax (Normal and Surtax) Is	The Reduction For 1948 Is:
Not over \$400	17%
Over \$400 but not over \$100,000	\$68 plus 12% of the excess over \$400
Over \$100,000	\$12,020 plus 9.75% of the excess over \$100,000

(3) The so-called "community property" principle is applied to all states. This permits husbands and wives to split their incomes for tax purposes—thus keeping the tax rate at lower levels. Residents of community property states already have this privilege under local law. Those who avail themselves of this opportunity file joint returns, divide their net income and exemptions by two, compute their tax on this basis, and multiply the result by two. This privilege may give a new benefit to residents of community property states, also, where either spouse has separate income since even separate income can now be divided between husband and wife by filing a joint return.

(4) Under the old law the standard deduction which the taxpayer could elect to take in lieu of itemizing his actual deductions for taxes, interest, contributions, etc., could not exceed \$500. Under the new law, if husband and wife file a joint return and have a combined gross income of \$5,000 or more, they may take a standard deduction of \$1,000 or an amount equal to 10% of their gross income, whichever is less. An unmarried person making a separate

return has the same privilege. However, if a husband and wife make separate returns, the maximum standard deduction which each may take remains at \$500 as before.

(5) An additional \$600 personal exemption is granted to taxpayers who are 65 or over. Thus, a retired Shell employee and his wife, both of whom are over 65 have a total personal exemption of \$2,400 (\$1,200 each). No additional exemption is allowed for dependents who are over 65 since the definition of a "dependent" remains unchanged.

(6) An additional \$600 personal exemption is granted to taxpayers who are blind.

While these provisions will generally result in a substantial reduction in tax, it should be noted that there is no provision in the new law which entitles the taxpayer to an immediate refund. As indicated hereafter, any overpayment will be refunded after the final return is filed in 1949, or, where a declaration of estimated tax has been filed a reduction in future installments may be effected by filing an amended declaration.

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Shellegram and Shell News To Sponsor "Vacation Story" Contest

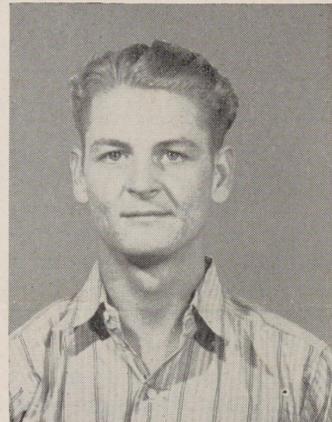
The "SHELLEGRAM," in cooperation with SHELL NEWS, plans to sponsor a 1948 "Vacation Story" Contest. For the two most interesting stories submitted to the "SHELLEGRAM" editor describing a vacation trip or experience, an employee, or a member of his immediate family, will be awarded prizes of \$25 and \$15.

Similar contests are being conducted by other Shell local employee publications. From among all the local prize winners, SHELL NEWS will select the three most interesting stories and award prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$50. The story winning first prize in the round-up will be published in SHELL NEWS at the conclusion of the contest, together with the names of the runners-up and local contest winners. Rules for the "Vacation Story" Contest are as follows:

- Contest is open to all employees.
- Only one entry will be accepted from any one family. It must be written either by the employee or a member of his immediate family who accompanies him or her on the vacation.
- Any story written must be about experiences or happenings occurring during the 1948 vacation and shall directly concern the employee or members of his immediate family.
- All stories must be received by October 10, 1948, by the Shellegram editor.
- All stories should include:
 - Name of the individual submitting it.
 - Identification of the locality where the vacation experience or experiences related in the story took place.
 - When the vacation occurred.
 - A brief description of the vacation experiences.
 - Illustrative material, clippings, photos of scenery, etc.
 - A statement of not less than 500 nor more than 1,000 words.
- All stories will be judged by a special committee to be announced later. The decision of the judges will be final.
- All stories will become the property of The Shellegram and will not be returned unless so requested at the time of submission.

- All stories will be judged on the basis of interest, color and the novelty of the vacation experience. Grammar and spelling will not be considered as an essential.
- All stories should be submitted on plain white, unruled paper, preferably 8½" x 11", written on one side only in typewriting, or handwritten in ink. Photographs should be clipped to the story and identified on the back by the owner's name, date taken, the location, and a short description of the subject matter of the picture.

In Memoriam



Shell Refinery
Huey Harrison Scott, 26, of 214½ South Main Street, Pasadena, an Operator Number One at the refinery's new lube plant, died May 21 in a Pasadena Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 22 at the Memorial Baptist Church, with Rev. L. D. Hale officiating. Burial was at Haynesville, Louisiana.

Scott was born in Magnolia, Arkansas, but later moved to Haynesville, Louisiana where he attended school. He first came to work for Shell in October of 1941 as a General Helper in the Engineering Field Department. In November of 1942 he was granted a Military Leave of Absence and served in the Medical Department of the U. S. Army. He was discharged in December, 1945 and returned to work at the Houston refinery soon after. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his widow; his mother, Mrs. H. E. Scott of Haynesville; sisters, Miss Jimmie Scott, Haynesville, and Mrs. Cleo Odum of Homer, Louisiana; niece, Miss Frances Louise Madden of Homer, Louisiana.

The Shellegram joins with Mr. Scott's many friends in extending heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife and relatives.

Shell Chemical

Mr. Robert L. Davis passed away suddenly on May 19, 1948. At the time of his death Mr. Davis was assigned as a Maintenance Foreman in our Houston Plant. Mr. Davis had been employed by Shell at Houston since 1935. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Daugherty Davis.

SERA To Sponsor First Big Bowling Tournament Soon

The first Shell Bowling Tournament will be held on successive week-ends in the near future at one of the Recreation Bowling Alleys in Houston.

George Thorn disclosed plans for this event recently, including the fact that \$500 is being contributed by the S. E. R. A. toward defraying expenses and supplying prize money. Singles, doubles, and five-man team events will be rolled at the nominal entry fee of 50 cents per event. For those bowling in all events, there will be "all events" prizes based on the total pins bowled in singles, doubles, and five-man team competition. League averages as of ay 6 will be used and handicaps given on the basis of 66 2/3% for men and 75% for women.

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From Someone Who Cares

By Walter R. Humphrey

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Mr. Humphrey for his column in "The Home Towner" which appears regularly in The Fort Worth Press. With so many of us planning vacations by automobile this summer, it is a timely message. Our thanks to Mr. Humphrey for permission to reprint his fine editorial.)

Most warnings we heed only in the most casual way.

We think that some of them "listen good" but then we proceed to forget all about them.

Then, some day when we least expect it, something happens because we did not heed the warning and we remember it vividly. But too late.

One warning which has been given to me many times I recall over and over. It has branded itself on my mind.

It is a warning which is the stronger because it contains the elements of love and affection, too.

SELDOM, WHEN I depart from home on an automobile trip, do I fail to receive these words of caution from my wife as I go out of the door:

"Drive carefully. I love you."

Somehow, that strikes me as more than just a warning, more than just a statement of affection.

It impresses me keenly with the responsibility to my family which I undertake when I hit the highway . . . a responsibility to come home safely.

At home so much depends on me and my ability to earn a livelihood for my family, to see that the family is fed, clothed, housed, entertained, educated, provided for in emergencies.

Insurance is a good asset and an indispensable one but it's so much better to be alive as long as possible to do the necessary things for your family personally, in the flesh!

WHEN MY FOOT pushes the accelerator a little too close to the floorboard as my car sails down the highway, I'm often reminded of that warning and the love behind it.

Maybe not often enough! Possibly, if I think about it often enough, it will be a constant check on my carelessness or recklessness.

Surely it implies plenty to think about.

No one who is responsible for the well-being of others has a moral right to be careless with his own life or the lives of other people.

Carelessness under those circumstances is carelessness of the most selfish sort.

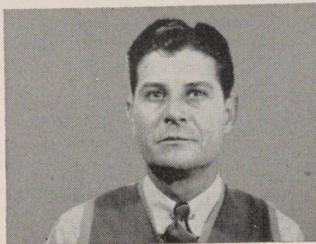
AN AUTOMOBILE can so easily be turned into a weapon of death.

There is no reason for it to be and a million reasons why it shouldn't.

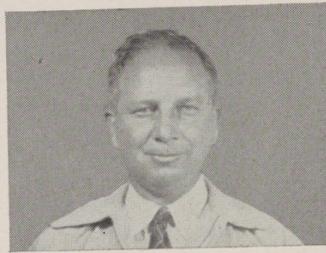
I have seen or heard many warnings about driving safely. The records, the statistics, the headlines in every day's newspaper reinforce the urgent nature of those warnings.

Yet none hits me so close to a vulnerable spot and impres-

Refinery Service Birthdays



Sam Costa, Auditor of Construction, more popularly known as Manager of the Shell Oilers Baseball team, this month completes his 15th year with the Shell Oil Company, having first come to work for the company in the Engineering Field Department in May of 1933 at the Houston refinery. Sam is a native of Houston, having attended Central High School. Before and during his employment at the refinery, Sam has been active in baseball, both professional and semi-professional. Costa is also a veteran of World War II, having served in Central Europe with the 805th Field Artillery Battalion.



A. Stewart Mitchell, Assistant Manager of the Cracking Department this month celebrates his 25th year with the Company. It was back in May of 1923 that Mitchell first came to work for Shell at the Wood River refinery as a Gauger. A native of Illinois, he was born at Carlinville and attended school there. In January, 1930, he was transferred from Wood River, to the Houston Refinery and the next month he was made Assistant Head Stillman and in December of 1942 he became Assistant Department Head.



Lee Hayes, Driver Number One in the Automotive Division of the Engineering Field Department this month completes ten years service with Shell. Lee was born in Hayes Louisiana where he attended school before going to work for the United States Engineering Department in Galveston. From that job he came to work for Shell at the Houston refinery in November of 1937. In 1939 he entered the Automotive Division. An exceptionally fine driver Hayes was only recently honored by the company for having completed 10 years of constant highway and city driving without an accident.

Shell Pipe Line Group Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

On April 20, at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Toledo, Ohio, 65 Shell employees celebrated the 10th anniversary of the "East Products Pipe Line". Chief speaker at the anniversary dinner was D. B. Hodges, Shell's Vice President—Transportation and Supplies.

First precision-dispatched pipe line for oil products in the United States, the line began operation in April, 1938, with an initial shipment of nearly 2,500,000 gallons of gasoline, and since then has carried more than three and a quarter billion gallons of automotive and aviation gasoline, kerosene and distillates.

The eight-inch line, crossing Illinois, Indiana and part of Ohio, has employees at Wood River, Vandalia, Effingham, and Casey in Illinois; Terre Haute, Carbon, Zionsville, and Muncie in Indiana; and at Lima, Ohio. The 100 miles of six-inch line extending beyond Lima has employees at Springfield and Columbus. Through the accurate control of product movement, the arrival time of a product at any given point along the line can be predicted within a range of only five minutes. Specially designed metering devices and scientifically spaced take-off points permit the removal of product tenders with virtually no mixing of products.

SERActivities

by Marx Isaacs

Barbecue Picnic

The annual barbecue picnic, free to SERA members and their families, is scheduled for Saturday July 24, at Milby Park. It'll be bigger and better than ever, so mark it on your calendar!

Bowling

The playoff matches between the top teams in the three SERA mixed bowling leagues will be staged at the Recreation Palace Bowling Lanes on the first three Saturdays in June.

The first SERA bowling tournament with competition in team play,

will be held on successive Saturdays, June 19 and 26. It's a real bargain for SERA bowlers who will bowl nine lines each for an entry fee of only \$1.50, which includes prize money. SERA donated \$500 toward this tournament.

Music Appreciation Club

A very successful concert was of-

J. W. Miller---11 Years of Safety



J. W. Miller, (above), Field Automotive Operator No. 1 is shown holding the five-eighths inch cable which caused a near accident when it snapped under strain and hit his hard hat. The near accident took place during the Shutdown of Dubbs No. 8 and happened while a truck driver was using Miller's Cat on a block while pulling the cable on a winch truck. The force of the blow

knocked Miller's hard hat from his head and brushed the side of his arm and head, but it did not break the skin. The fact that Miller was wearing his hard hat prevented what would probably have been a serious and painful accident and enabled him to maintain his record of 11 years with Shell and not a single lost time accident against his record.

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ferred May 17 at the Rice Hotel Liqueur Room with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gelus featured on violin and piano plus recordings. See pictures elsewhere in the "Shellegram."

Discount Plan

Further to last Shellegram's account of the discount plan for SERA members at B. F. Goodrich Co., 7500 Harrisburg, this firm has advised that it will give 25% off on tires and 30% discount on tubes. JOIN SERA NOW!

Membership Drive

SERA is striving to obtain list of new members, so JOIN SERA NOW if you want to get in on all the activities and attractive discount plans with various Houston dealers.

Main Office

By Gertrude Walters

Dick Miller, age 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller, employed as Port Maintenance Engineer for the National Oil Transport Company in New Orleans, was in an accident May 10. The accident occurred while he was riding on the National Oil Transport tug "Southern Cities" which was towing two empty barges



Dick Miller

into dry dock at Avondale. The "Southern Cities" was going downstream and one of the empty barges was rammed by another tug which was going upstream. The barge exploded and Dick received first and second degree burns on the upper part of his body and face, and third degree burns on his hands. He was in the Touro Infirmary in New Orleans where he was treated for his injuries.

Dick certainly has had more than his share of bad luck. In 1943, near San Francisco, California, the bomber on which he was going overseas hit a high tension line on the takeoff. The bomber caught on fire and the pilot crash-landed the plane. Two members of the crew burned to death and the rest received severe burns.

While Dick was on a bombing raid without fighter protection, over the Philippine Islands, fifty Jap planes attacked his squadron, and anti-aircraft from the ground shot up the plane. The entire crew was killed in the plane except Dick and one other member that bailed out and landed in the water. They were rescued by Philippine Guerillas. It took them sixty days to march to the other side of the Island where American troops picked them up. Shortly after this harrowing experience, Dick was in another plane crash on Milne Bay.

We are glad that Jane Carson returned to work, having recovered from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Jane was very fortunate to escape serious injuries.

Jimmy Kirk went to New Orleans to take a refresher course in Navy Supply Corps work. We hope the work did not keep him from enjoying the sights (!!!) and food of the French Quarters.

Congratulations are very much in order to Mr. and Mrs. Price S. Graves for the adoption of a baby girl, Dorothy Gayne, born April 5.

Water Commissioner of Pasadena, Texas, Everett Williams (better known as "Commiss.") will be on vacation relief duty for cargo inspectors. After many months of complaining about having to use the "out-dated" cars which no one else would drive, the cargo inspectors are elated over a green 1946 Chevrolet.

Quote—(Frenchie Arnold)—The Marine Department is growing and we hope that certain people will read this. Unquote.

Mr. Lucas and Mr. (Dutch) McKinnon of Exploration Research,

Personnelities

Fun was had by all at the recent farewell dinner given for Jack Morrison, who has been transferred to New York. It was a huge surprise to Jack, who was speechless upon arriving at Henri's Restaurant with Mr. and Mrs. Hale to find the members of the Industrial Relations Dept. waiting to greet him. Everyone turned out in their best bibs and tucker and that "Arkansas Gal," Etyle Mathews, even did us the honor of wearing shoes that night (ankle straps at that). Louie Grossheim made a find Master of Ceremonies for the first hour—but someone had to drop the gentle hint that the next day was a work day and it was about time to hit the road to dreamland. Everyone is certainly going to miss Jack, but we wish him the best of luck in his new assignment. For further details concerning the party—just ask Mary Faye Sherman who was "the life of the party."

Jimmy Hallmark is sporting a bright sunburn these days. Seems he attended a picnic recently and the liquid refreshments were in the sun.

Bernice Hughes has certainly improved on the version of "The Postman Always Rings Twice." Have you noticed the pretty flowers on her desk every day?

Mrs. Baker is looking mighty pretty these days with her new feather bob.

Have you noticed the gleams in the eyes of Joe Smith, Ada Hamilton, and Ed Schlesinger? The wedding bells will be ringing for all three in the very near future. Congratulations to Joe and Ada for hooking their men (Leap Year, you know.) I'm sure Ed would claim that he was the one that was chased in his case, though. Just like a man.

I guess you have noticed the new arrangement of the office in Industrial Relations. We need a road map, too. Helen Fleming, who handles insurance, claims she is going to run up a Blue Cross flag so people inquiring about Blue Cross can find her desk.

Louie Grossheim and Glenn Boatright just can't get used to the new fashions the girls are wearing these days (peeping petticoats). They just can't understand why last year it was a disgrace and this year it is fashionable.

Vacations are wonderful events for everyone except for Kemper Kaiser and Betty McCambridge who

accompanied by Mr. Laurent of Norco, recently made a trip to New York to attend the annual Office Managers' Meeting. Mr. Laurent stopped off at Houston on his way home and included a visit to the refinery, renewing acquaintances with his many friends.

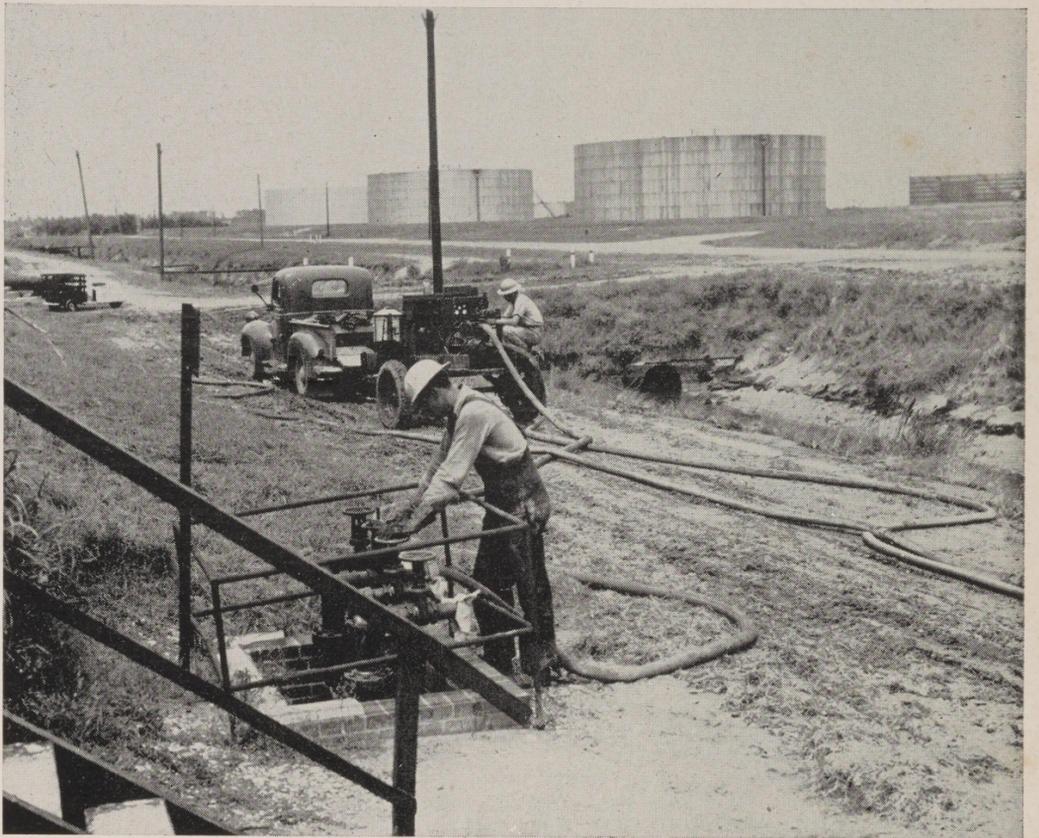
Another trip made by Mr. Lucas was to Corpus Christi on May 6 as a representative of NOMA (National Office Management Association) to speak before the Ninth District Convention of the National Stationers' Association. Incidentally, Mr. Lucas has been elected President for the ensuing year, of the Houston NOMA Chapter.

Happy to add to our personnel, Fannie Mae Baldwin, sister of ex-employee Helen Baldwin. Fannie Mae is replacing Peggy James in the mail and file room. Peggy is joining the Stenographic Department. Robbie Lee Mitchell is being transferred from Stenographic to the Construction Office.

Waldo Oliphant's family is visiting relatives in Arkansas City, and Waldo is realizing more than ever how nice it is to have good neighbors.

Many of our old friends attended the Manufacturing-Technical Meeting in Galveston. Among those who came by to see us were Messrs. A. H. Garrison, J. B. Dunlap, G. Purcell, and Walter Myers.

Testing Assembly on Dry Powder Foam Line



This is an overall picture of the testing assembly in actual operation on a dry powder foam line. In the foreground, C. H. Brinkman, a General Helper operates the valve

as R. B. Humphreys controls the pressure at the portable water pump. The suction hose off the fire

handle vacation schedules for the hourly employees. Kemper is pulling his hair out strand by strand and Betty is having a hard time digesting those fingernails she is chewing off.

We want to congratulate our bowling team for their grand performance during the past weeks. The members on the team are Ann Wright, Mary Faye Sherman, Betty McCambridge, Ed Schlesinger, Red Matson and Porky Lamb. Keep up the good work.

Willie Mae Tate is anxiously awaiting the end of her night course at the University of Houston. All except the final exam, of course. In case you have been suffering under the illusion that they have an Indian squaw working in Industrial Relations, rest your fears, it's only Peggy Vaden who didn't have sense enough to come in out of the sun.

Periodic inspections are considered one of the most important factors of our fire prevention program. The most elaborate fire equipment installation is only worth half the protection it might afford if regular periodic inspections are neglected. Every effort is made to make three general inspections of our fire equipment installations every year. This applies to water and foam lines and all types of hose. The smaller equipment, such as extinguishers, etc. are inspected more frequently.

Illustrated above is an action picture of the method used in applying a hydrostatic test to the dry foam system lines. A portable booster pump is moved from tank to tank and with water from the fire hydrant, a 200 PSI test is placed on the foam lines to each chamber. The lines are, of course, first blinded at the tank before the test. Any failures which appear at the time of inspection are repaired with a minimum of delay.

water plug can be seen at the far left hand side of the picture, while the discharge hose from the pump is connected to the foam line directly below the control valve.

CONTROL LAB

The Laboratory Dance at Kemah hit an all time high—and brother we do mean high!

From all accounts—and the appearance of the daylight crew, everyone had a wonderful time.

Of course, it ended where all good Lab parties do—at "Doug Lawrence's."

As usual, Barbara Porter caused a sensation.

Everyone was glad to see Johnnie Dahl, who, by the way, is enroute to New York.

Virgil Reichardt grew a mustache for the occasion.

Woodie Myers had a nice run of luck.

And all the time Carl Robertus has been telling us he was married.

Never could find which table Will Weilinks was under.

George Livingston is already talking about the next one.

In the midst of our gaiety, we wish to extend sympathy to the Lube Plant as we wash our hands of Charles Reedy, Joe Worth, George Roberts, Robert Gars, and B. C. Parker.

You could do worse, you know, we still have Bill Darby, H. M. Miller and George Livingston—just to mention a few.

Then there's this new crop of fellows.

It didn't take long for Jack McClement to make his. A gusher blew in, in the flash room, so Smilin' Jack quit and went back to the University of Texas.

Lyons invested quite a bit in the Bus club and is now its chief stockholder.

McDuffy is trying to grow a mustache—at least he claims it's a mustache.

Then there's these fellows Terry and Shirley who are really a surprise. Sorry to report Jack Agness has left us to get some book learnin'.

"But how on earth did you come to get so completely intoxicated?" asked the magistrate.

"I got in bad company, your honor. You see, there were four of us. I had a bottle of whisky—and the other three don't touch the stuff."

Anderson-Weatherred



Miss Mary Etta Weatherred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Bate Weatherred of Abilene became the bride of Ollie Bernard Anderson, son of Mrs. Ollie Bernard Anderson of Houston in a simple ceremony solemnized at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Crouch.

Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of McMurry College, Abilene and is at present teaching in the Houston Public School System. She will receive her Master's degree from the University of Houston this summer. Mr. Anderson attended the University of Houston and is an Electrician Number One in the Refinery, having started work with Shell in 1935.

The Andersons are making their home at 7335 Thurow Street in Houston.

The above picture shows the couple immediately following the wedding ceremony as they were leaving for their honeymoon trip to New Orleans.

Shell Chemical

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

Ed Overholtz has completed fifteen years service with the Company this year instead of ten years as stated in the last issue of the Shellgram. Excuse please. Ed.

STORES

Have you noticed the smiling faces of Stores Department personnel? We are really proud of our new offices and storehouse.

Newcomers to this department are: Carl King, L. E. Wallace, Ted Mielke, Howard Thompson and Lloyd Garrett.

Groover Noonan says there are all kinds of brother-in-laws in Stores Dept. Incidentally, anyone interested in free coffee see Groover at ten and two each day.

Barbara Gibson starts the vacation season rolling on June 1. Jean Cowles, our speedy typist, will be doing double duty for a couple of weeks while Barbara is gone.

That new grey Plymouth that sits out in the parking lot all day belongs to "Mike" Michelman, one of our old-timers. How about a ride Mike?

Will someone please call B. L. (Thumbs) Stanley on 232 and ask what his first name is?

C. H. Van Hees recently made a week-end trip to the old home town in Louisiana.

Did you see the haircut Deluxe Bill Wheelock had the other day? All for \$1.00, too! Some bargain!

Fred Gerbode is a busy man these days getting all set up in the new warehouse—aren't we all!

LABORATORY

Don Smith is the most recent addition to the laboratory staff. He comes to us from the army.

"Pinky" Martin really plays it smart. He left his better half home on the day they moved to Pasadena while he came out to work.

WANTED: A CHIGGER REMEDY.

Send replies to Ed Templeton, Dorothy Goerte or Don Rindsberg. Have tried label varnish and chloroform but the critters are still alive after 4 to 5 days.

A boy, William Michael, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz., was added to the Emmet Wallace household on May 17. Congratulations!

The "most beautiful cow girl" was picked at Bandera the week-end of May 21. Of course that has nothing to do with the fact that Joe Bunn, Bill Smith, Nick Gianakos and Paul Coffman were there at that time.

Mary Austin was presented with two place settings of china as a wedding gift from her friends here at the plant. Most of the fellows here think it's far too delicate for a man to wash or dry. (This note to Keith, her husband).

It's vacation and fishing time for Dan Burns. The latest information had him at Valley Mills, Texas and points west.

Gerry McKinley was in New York for two weeks of leisure. Incidentally it's happened to him again—his roommate M. Henshaw is getting married in June; in November Leyhe left him for wedded bliss. Now Gerry insists he's going to live with himself to see what he can do for "that guy".

Again this month the laboratory can report a forthcoming wedding—the date: soon in June and the victim, pardon—the groom to be, V. C. Cochran.

W. G. Hall is the proud possessor of a new 1948 Plymouth sedan. Ed Templeton improved his situation by buying the one Bill discarded. Ed claimed his old car was still in good shape but he wouldn't sell it to anyone of his friends—so we wonder or do we know?

Our best wishes to Paul Leyhe

while he is on sick leave.

ENGINEERING

Phyrne Hunter has joined the Engineering fold. We hope she is as happy to be in here as we are to have her.

The love bug has bitten again and made its kill as far as Noda Bown is concerned. She will take that big step sometime this summer. We would wish her happiness, but from that sparkle in her eyes and the gleam on her face, she does not need that wish.

We sure miss Walt Visinsky since he graduated across the street with the more learned class.

Mr. Walters is off to St. Louis this week-end. In the meantime, he is being relieved by Joe Eberman.

Speaking of Joe Eberman, can you imagine his falling in the ocean while on a recent fishing trip? That was the reason for the absence of his glasses Monday, but he came to work yesterday with a brand new pair trimmed in a luscious shade of pink! They really do something for you, Joe.

You haven't lived until you've seen Faye Wismer's yellow petticoat. It is really something to be seen!

George Harlan still works here.

The Engineering Department's top flight softball team headed by "3 no hit Hill" is making a mark for itself in the athletic world. Four (4) games have been scheduled—1 won by forfeit, 1 was lost when the opponents showed up, and 2 were rained out. For full details see F. L. Fredrickson and G. L. Barnhill (Flub and Glub)!

That big smile on Harry E. Lewis' face and the candy and cigars are for that new baby boy! Congratulations Harry!

We don't hear much from the Maintenance across the street except that Mr. Boutte knows how to get into his office when it is locked—just ask Jack London.

By the way, we wonder why Judy Beth is wearing such a lovely beaming smile these days—could it be those hall conferences?

PERSONNELITIES

Looks as though IR&P started the vacation season off with a bang! If recently you took a stroll toward any golf links, you found Elmer Saxon every day, rain or shine, enjoying a week's vacation. Pat

Chemical Plant Service Birthdays



WILLIAM G. HALL
May—10 Years

William "Bill" Hall began his Shell experience at Shell Point, Pittsburgh, California in the summer of 1937. Following his graduation from the University of California in 1938 he returned to Shell Point as a Laboratory Tester. Bill was on Military Leave from 1940 to 1946, attaining the rank of Lt. Commander in the Navy. Since these Navy years Bill has been assigned as a Chemist at the Houston Plant.

Mosher took a week of her vacation to help her brother Bob get hitched. Look out Pat, it may be contagious. Last week-end whom should we see at the Hi-Hat but our own little red head, Gloria Donaldson. (Seems like Gloria did the typing on this).

Last week, Marie Ferrero our lady in white celebrated her birthday in a big way. After work she changed to a very cute pink sun back dress. One of the fellows stopped by and said, "Say nurse, did you spill mercurchrome all over you?" Must hang my close on this line for now—so long!

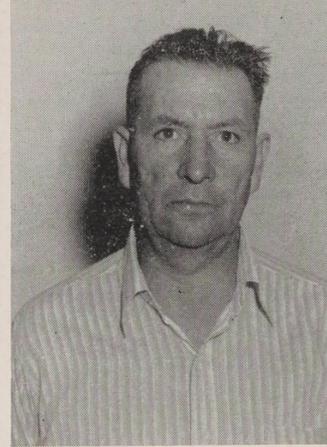
C-G DEPARTMENT

The C Department office had a close call last week. After being banished to the plant shacks, the maintenance department took pity on them, and made room for them in their new building.

New men are coming into the C Department at such a rapid rate that helpers are becoming first class operators before they finish breaking in on their intial jobs, or so it would seem. Poor ol' Don Cook may need the rest cure after trying to keep up with operator scheduling much longer.

Floyd Reitz' children asked their mother who the strange man was that came to dinner. Floyd has practically set up light housekeeping at the plant.

Grant Shaw's wife had a baby girl several weeks ago. He has not seen the child, since his wife is still



MURPHY PAPPAN
May—15 Years

Murphy "Pappy" Pappan was first employed at Arkansas City Refinery in 1932 as a laborer. Though an Oklahoman Murphy came to work at the Houston Refinery in 1938. He has been working in the Chemical Plant since 1942 where he is a Boilermaker No. 1.

in California. He has been bragging about the baby, on the basis of one foggy snapshot he received. Nothing like a proud parent!

A DEPARTMENT

Walt Stokes is sojourning "Back Home in Ole Indiana" on his vacation. Lucky Boy!

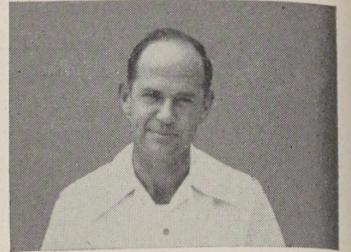
"Little Kernel" Leach came back from a few days accumulated off time "sporting" a discolored eye which he says was self imposed while working on an addition to his home. The hammer slipped. My the stories one hears without asking for them.

"Pinky" Martin has joined the growing number of Pasadenites and reports that he is really enjoying the extra time afforded by living so near the plant . . .

SHIPPING

Mr. Penick and the former Plant Superintendent, Platt Okie, took a little jaunt around the country the other day. Jim made a final leap into the driver's seat before his old boss-man could scald his tonsils with that last cup of coffee. Jim said he wasn't afraid of Platt's driving but the payment on his life insurance had passed the grace period.

G. W. Richardson is making last minute preparations for that vacation to sunny California. He says he



A. P. TOWELL
May—15 Years

Arthur Towell, "Doc" to his fellow workers, joined Shell at the Wood River Refinery as a Gauger in 1933 "Doc" joined Shell Chemical in 1943 at the Torrance Plant. While his work as Chief Engineering Inspector at the Houston Plant comes first, he is an avid golfer and bowler in our recreation circles. Doc is a graduate of the Missouri School of Mines.

Eberman Emerging



From Submergence

Enthusiasm is one of the prime requisites of the successful fisherman, but when the enthusiasm leads to jumping into the water after the fish, then the game may be subject to question. The enthusiastic angler shown emerging from submergence is Joe Eberman. With the fishing tackle being plentiful and of good quality, we suggest that Joe should invest in a good line and pole and refrain from these cave man antics. You can usually catch more fish with a line and pole too, Joe

hates to leave Texas even for two weeks but after a return visit to California, he can appreciate Texas more.—Conversion—?

Mr. Shore's past has finally caught up with him. With a ready and ever convincing tongue, Harry tried to explain how he thought the 1946 Plymouth he was driving belonged to the company. He is now out on bail and plans to have his glasses changed very soon.

OPERATIONS

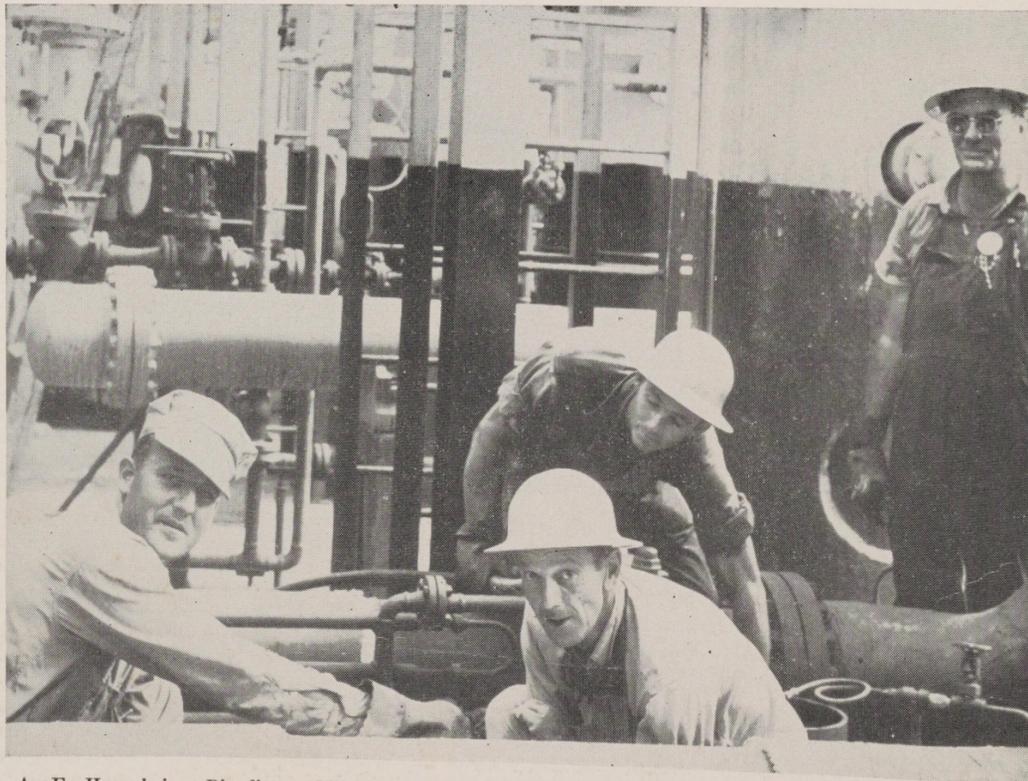
Everyone in E Department regrets losing Junior Hollingsworth to the G Department, however, best wishes and lots of luck in the new department. Also, we welcome "Red" Dunkin as his replacement.

Who are the two boys looking so eagerly toward the E Plant? However, fire watching isn't so rough especially on day shift for a while, eh, Reese and Tullos?

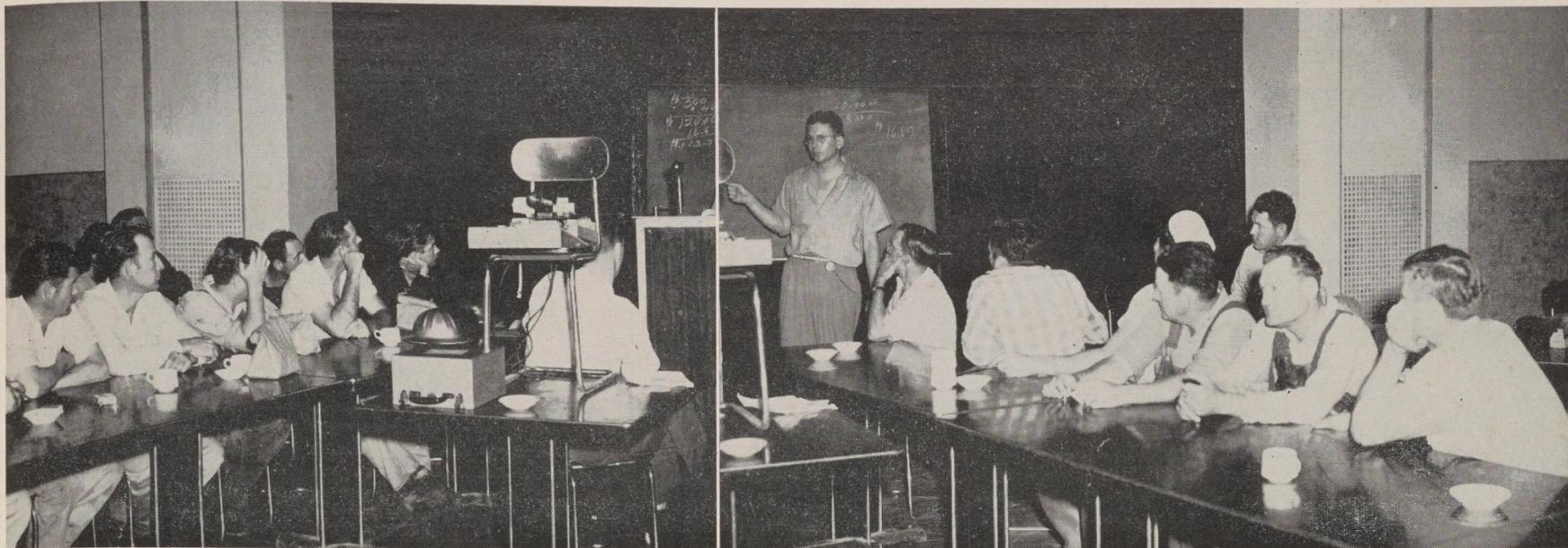
We wonder what formula Charlie Carter uses to work a graveyard shift and still look as happy and spry as a country girl at her first dance?

Is it true that "Gabby" Cook real-
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On the Job



A. E. Humphries, Pipefitter, M. ton, Pipefitter helper, and H. A. Harbes, Pipefitter, favor us with a quick hello while repairing some piping on the Hydrolizer at the AC Plant.



The Training Division of the refinery inaugurated in May the first in a series of two hour conferences to be held for all refinery personnel

in order to explain and discuss the Shell Retirement Plan. The program is designed to point out and explain the connection between the

Provident Fund and the Shell Pension plan, as well as the Federal Social Security Program. All departments will be scheduled to attend in

due time. Shown above is a group from the Engineering Field Department, the first that was scheduled for the conferences.

Shell Chemical

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ly talks to those feed gas compressors?

They tell me that "Big Stoop" Woodring knows more about this E plant than the designers and after following him around for a while I certainly agree that he does.

Here is a little tip for all who have been looking for a bargain in this era of high prices. Rumor has it that a man can just take a little cash and really get his money's worth in South Houston—that is, nearly everybody. Take Crowder now—he made his investment before prices came down. Why don't you move to Pasadena, H. C.?—Plug.

Back from vacation and looking forward to next year are Rash and Fink.

Seen on Trinity River recently trying to lure some of the finny tribe into the frying pan was M. F. Harmon and family. Here's hoping for better luck next time.

What made Tommy Thompson start digging so earnestly a short while back? Could he have heard some rumors? What gives, Son?

Anybody seeing McCullough wandering around like a man in a daze, please contact Woodring or Beaird—He won't be intoxicated. It's vacation time and the land of manana beckons—or could it be amnesia?

MORE OPERATIONS

A new contributor with an old pen in hand sits down to meet an "Eleventh hour dead line" which is tomorrow and this is what he recalls while dodging welders sparks:

(1) Big Moss flitting here and there bringing up S. B. A. Distillation and all the time griping about having to carry a thirty-five (35) pound "budle from heaven" two miles and make tracks for his wife after his car's fan belt, radiator and generator got tangled up.

(2) B. J. Crawford, of S Reactors, just now getting down to size where he has plenty of left-over G. I. clothes that will fit him. He claims he lost 10 pounds in 10 days. Now don't all you girls wish you knew how he does it, and he does it with the greatest of ease, too.

(3) An old familiar face, J. P. Okie who was recently transferred to San Francisco was down among the new units under construction. Although it is of no importance, the little incident that took place when Mr. Okie stepped into the control room of S Distillation will always be remembered by those present and the crowd broke up with a big laugh.

(4) Without a schedule in Braille, a blind man could tell you who is on duty at the furnaces by the delightful aroma of French fries and chops. And who could cause this? Well, the one and only Miss Knight.

(5) Although it has not been seen on the parking lot it is rumored that Shift Foreman Holliman is now driving a new Chevrolet, and at the unheard of no bonus, no under the counter side bet price. Tell us how you did it, Holliman.

(6) To the Smiths, R. L. that is, their new address is 1003 Herbert Street, Pasadena. With "Sandy" getting to be a big girl now they "just had to have another room".

(7) To all the new faces around about, welcome to the Shell Family, we hope you like your new work.

OPERATIONS AGAIN

Keeping it secret until the last minute, Jerry Walker and Estel G. Wooley were married and are making their home in Pasadena.

Jarvis Gene Rash and Lucille York were married May 1st and left for a honeymoon in Mexico. C. E. Wallace was best man and B. I. Manley usher.

I hear Manley and his girl friend helped redecorate Rash's new home in Greens Bayou, just when Rash will be called on to return the favor I don't know yet.

Why can't the maintenance men get hot plates in their new shop? Rumor has it that a certain machinist has a habit of leaning on hot plates, therefore the Safety Department won't allow them in the new shop.

S. F. Williams, "Little Hugo", wore a mustache for a while, an exact replica of Hugo Lueder's, but "Little Hugo's" wife must have returned.

Get "Mumbles" Sivley to explain force and press to you sometime.

GRAB BAG

The Golden Acres Volunteer Fire Department is rapidly being made ready to handle emergencies for the local dwellers, with Ed Overhultz, George Duschamp, and J. E. Mantooth of the Chemical Plant, and L. Willingham of the Refinery helping to man the pumps. This organization has already participated in one contest of "hosing up." At that time, however, George Duschamp let the all important ingredient, water, beat him to a connection, and phfffffft!!!!

The 4 to 12 Shifters' among the crafts had a whoop-er-do Bar-B-Cue Saturday, May 22, at the Old Scout Lake in the San Jacinto River bottoms. Among other delicacies, R. Bragg furnished one of his home grown hogs. Tales of the good time had by all are stirring around.

Jean Elliott was leaning on my shoulder and telling how some of our pretty young ladies had been after him to prepare a Bar-B-Cue for them. The way I heard it, he is just waiting on them for the time, the place, and the makings. What

Group Life Insurance

The merits and benefits of life insurance are well recognized by people everywhere. However, there are many different forms of life insurance. This is about one type with which Shell employees are quite familiar.

Group life insurance, as offered to Shell employees, enables them to obtain a substantial amount of insurance (roughly equal to one year's earnings) at a very low cost. The maximum cost to the employee is 60c per month per \$1,000 of life insurance. In some years due to favorable experience this cost has averaged as low as 45c per \$1,000 per month.

This extremely low cost is possible because of three principal characteristics of group life insurance namely (1) savings and spread of risk through mass purchasing and mass coverage (2) no cash surrender or loan values and (3) the insurance remains in effect at the group rate only during employment in the group covered by the insurance.

The need of the average employee for insurance protection for those dependent on him is usually greatest during his years of active employment. This need can be met in part by participation in a group insurance plan. Also, group insurance costs but a fraction of the cost of an ordinary life insurance policy

affording an equivalent amount of coverage.

However, as noted above, when the employee leaves Shell his group insurance comes to an end. Since termination, through retirement or for other reasons, eventually comes to all employees, this fact must be kept clearly in mind. The employee who recognizes this has to decide what—if anything—he wants to do about it—and his decision should take into account such factors as (a) amount of other life insurance he has in effect, (b) cash and regular income expected from the Shell Retirement Program and other sources, and (c) probable financial needs of himself and his dependents. It is a good idea for all of us, therefore, to review insurance needs periodically as it is quite likely that both needs and financial status will change from time to time during our lifetime.

Don't Leave Safety Habits at Work Take 'em Home

An oil worker who had been employed 15 years was careful to follow the plant instructions which prohibited the use of gasoline for any cleaning purposes.

He never suffered an accident; yet on a day off he took a small pan of gasoline crawled under his car and began washing the undercarriage. A neighbor bent over to get a better view of the proceedings lighting his pipe at the same time. In the flash of gasoline vapors that followed, the oil worker received painful burns.

A man shouldn't check his safety habits at the gate when he leaves the plant. They can help him avoid injury—and wives and kids can use safety hints too. A lot goes on around the house—storm windows come off; screens go on; windows are washed; rugs get cleaned. There are all kinds of lifting, moving, and climbing to be done.

Do the children and your wife know all the safety rules about lifting to avoid strain and hernia? Is the step-ladder in good repair? Who will wash the outside of the upstairs windows, and will he or she have a proper ladder to work from or proper life line protection if a ladder is not used?

A safety rule applies to a CONDITION or PRACTICE and not to a LOCATION. Unless every member of the family is a safety bug, you'll probably find more unsafe practices and conditions in your home than at the plant.

do you say, girls?

J. C. Odom enjoyed his vacation in the east part of East Texas along the Sabine River. His tale of his fishing made us sympathetic—"the big one really got away." But what an alibi; claims he was too early!

O. D. Walraven, Jr. is due to be quoted for his gem. While passing the construction area of the new South Shaver Elementary School in Pasadena he was heard to say, "So, a place for the little shavers."

Witnessed in the lunch room: To be staked to a cup of coffee Court Mabee, Jerry Hollister, and Ray Haynes ring their silver cartwheels on the paving.

I've been told that Henry Shaffer, Charlie Myers, and Bob Blankenship have such a mutual confidence in one another that they use the high window ledge to determine their coffee liability.

THE 19th HOLE

The SERA golf tournaments have revealed considerable golfing talent among our Chemical group (Talent? Should we say Enthusiasm?). Whatever it is, the word is out that we may hold a Plant golf tournament on Saturday, July 3rd. Keep that date in mind, for we want some competition. What do you say Harlan and Saxon?

Engineering Office

by Katy Sewell

With all this talk about this "HIGH POWERED" Red Rooster team, we thought it best to mention the Main Office team. They are a strong contender for the softball crown before and after the game, but somehow falter during the game. They played Research when only four players showed up for the opposition, and won. They received a forfeit from the Cracking Department, and lost to the Gas Department, making two wins and one loss. If they can just manage a few more forfeits, they will stay out of the cellar. Some of the "bone-creakers" are: Eichorn, Barabash, Dawson, Large, Lackey, Tipton, Parnell, Herring, Worsham, Doyle, Gross, Haldane and George. If you want to see a seasoned and smooth working club, don't see Main Office.

Had a swell time at the picnic, even though someone did put a crab in the ice bucket to slow down some of the thirsty ones. Forgot to mention the Drafting Room had another one of their swell picnics at Galveston Sunday, May 16; a wonderful time was had by all (as

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TECH TOPICS

Just can't seem to keep "Hoppy" out of this column. To get away from his seafaring activities with merely mentioning that he fell overboard from his sailboat recently, it was interesting to hear that "Hoppy" had to fill the part of a girl at a Square Dance Club session when there weren't enough real females to go around.

Dave Smith dropped a card from New York to the Unicycle Club (Raarup, Orfield and Moyers), telling of his efforts to locate sewing manufacturers and a milk chocolate receipt for the boys.

By the time you read this, Chief Technologist G. F. deRidder will be on his way to Holland on foreign leave for the summer months. He'll be missed by all the "technocrats", who wish him a most pleasant journey.

Marvin Yarotsky returned to Houston Refinery recently after a stay at Wood River, followed by a long stretch in Uncle Sam's army in Germany and some schooling at Columbia University. Welcome back, Marv.

Maybe you'll have a hard time visualizing a wrestling match between Art Doyle and Bob Jongedyk, but that's how these athletic members of the "Fearless Five" work up an appetite for their own cooking. Better go outdoors boys—you're damaging the furniture!

Lubricating Plant Operators Gather for Barbecue



Last month the men who will operate the refinery's new Lubricating Plant got together for a barbecue to celebrate the new plant's opening. The two top pictures show the members of the new department as they gathered for the eats. Below, L. O. Glover takes his

turn at serving himself, while C. M. Wolters gets a little impatient and displays his boarding house reach.

Income Tax

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The following tabulation illustrates the extent of the reduction for residents of community property states:

Annual Income After Deductions	Amount of Tax Reduction under Act as Compared with Prior Law	
	Single Person	Married Person
But Before Exemptions	No Dependents	No Dependents
\$2,000	\$ 52.60	\$ 57.20
3,000	75.06	81.20
4,000	90.46	105.20
5,000	110.78	129.20
6,000	128.98	150.12

*No tax under either old or new law.

WITHHOLDING ON WAGES

Effective as to wages paid on or after May 1, 1948, the withholding rates, which determine the amount of tax the company withholds from your pay check, will be reduced to reflect the reduction in tax liability. The following comparison illustrates the effect of the new law on the amount of tax to be withheld where wages are paid semi-monthly.

Semi-Monthly	Single Person		Married Person		Married Person With Dependents
	With No Dependents	With No Dependents	With No Dependents	With No Dependents	
Wages	Old Law	New Law	Old Law	New Law	Old Law
\$ 80	\$ 9.90	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.90	\$ 3.80	\$—0—
100	13.30	10.90	9.40	6.80	1.40
120	17.00	14.10	12.90	9.90	5.00
140	20.80	17.10	16.40	12.90	8.40
160	24.50	20.10	20.20	15.90	11.90
180	28.30	23.00	23.90	18.90	15.30
200	32.60	26.50	28.30	22.30	19.60

TAX RETURNS AND COMPUTATIONS

There is no change in the time for filing returns and most of the general rules remain as before. In other words, if you (1) use your withholding receipt as a return, allowing the Collector to compute your tax, or (2) use the "short form" return by reporting your income on Page 1 of the Form 1040, finding your tax from the table on Page 4, you will not have to concern yourself with a tax computation. The new exemptions and reductions will be given to you automatically and any refund which may be due will be made by the Collector. There is one new feature in connection with the "short form" return which is of interest. The table from which you find your tax has been set up in two parts, the second part being available for a husband and wife who desire to file a joint return.

The rules for using the "long form" of return (Form 1040) remain generally the same. In other words, if your income is \$5,000 or more, you can claim deductions amounting to more than 10% of your income, you must use the long form. The following example, comparing the computations under both the old and new law, will illustrate the changes:

John Doe, resident of a community property state, married, with two children, receives wages of \$4,500 from Shell in 1948. After taking into account the tax withheld by Shell during 1948, both under the old and new withholding tables, he will be entitled to a refund of \$45.76 which will be paid to him by the Collector following the filing of his 1948 return. Note that under the new law his tax is only \$261.44 as compared with \$375.24 if the old law had not been changed. This reduction of \$113.80 will be realized by John Doe in two ways: (1) by receiving a refund of \$45.76 instead of \$8.76 under the old law (an increase of \$37) and (2) \$76.80 increased take-home pay for the last 8 months of the year as a result of the lesser tax withheld by Shell.

	Old Law	New Law
1. Gross income	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
2. 1/2 Gross income	2,250.00	2,250.00
3. Less deductions which because of un-		

usual circumstances exceed 10% (1/2 of \$525)	262.50	262.50
4. 1/2 Net income	1,987.50	1,987.50
5. Less 1/2 personal exemptions		
6. Under old law (1/2 of 4 x \$500)	1,000.00	
7. Under new law (1/2 of 4 x \$600)		1,200.00
8. 1/2 Net income subject to normal and surtax	\$ 987.50	\$ 787.50
9. Tentative normal and surtax (rate is 20% on first \$2,000 bracket) on Line 8.	197.50	157.50
10. Less: Under old law 5% of Line 9	9.88	
Under new law 17% of Line 9		
11. Tax on Line 8 (1/2 income)	187.62	137.62
12. Multiply	2	2
13. Federal income tax on total income	\$ 375.24	\$ 261.44
14. Less tax withheld by Shell (\$128 from Jan. 1 to May 1, 1948 plus \$179.20 from May 1 to Dec. 31, 1948)		
15. Refund payable to John Doe on filing 1948 return (Line 14-Line 13)		\$ 45.76

DECLARATION OF ESTIMATE TAX

The only change made by the new law in this respect is as to the amount of tax to be withheld (Continued on Page 7)

Sweeny Leads Gulf Coast League; Shell Oilers Hold On To Second Place

The Shell Baseball team dropped five to two decision to Sweeny in a league game on Sunday May 16. Sweeny. This loss dropped the Oilers into second place leaving Sweeny as undisputed leader of the Gulf Coast Industrial League.

The Oilers were allowed only two hits by Lefty Heintschel as he pitched to victory. The Oilers meet Sweeny a couple of more times, however, and by the next game, help from the colleges should give Costa a much better balanced ball club. Brock outfielder and Jim Shamblin, infielder from Texas University, have come back to work. Shamblin had good seasons in the Southwestern Conference, helping Texas win the crown. These two boys should help the Oilers considerably.

The pitching continues to stand fairly well and the hitters, Caspar, Noonan, Phillips and Pitts should start banging the ball around. Another note of newsworthy interest was when it was learned last week that Dixon Dirk, regular centerfielder is expected to rejoin the club soon. Kirk has been out of the lineup for several weeks with injury. His return will be greatly welcomed by Manager Costa. The return of Kirk, Shamblin and Brock, should give Sam Costa a good outfielders and fill the batting gap at second base when Shamblin is fitted into the slot. This decided improvement in the overall strength of the team should offer some interesting baseball on

the home diamond for the rest of the year. Shell fans are urged to take advantage of the fine, new grandstand at the Shell diamond and come out to give support to their team.

The batting averages and pitching records of the Oilers for their first eight games, including three contests with Baytown and one with the Fresh Air Circulator team, in addition to the scheduled league tilts, are listed below.

Batting Averages

Player	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	avg.
Yawn	10	0	3	2	0	0	.300
Phillips	27	6	7	0	1	0	.259
Noonan	32	3	8	1	0	0	.250
Cassidy	33	3	8	0	1	0	.242
Thurman	9	1	2	1	0	0	.222
Savarini	9	2	2	0	0	0	.222
Stanfield	14	1	3	0	0	0	.214
Bollman	11	1	2	1	0	0	.181
Pitts	30	2	5	0	0	0	.166
Amason	10	1	1	0	0	0	.100
Team Average							.221

Pitching Averages

Player	W	L	IP	SO	BB
Allen	2	1	27	17	7
Harms	1	0	7	1	4
Telschow	1	0	10	9	6
Bishop	0	1	10	5	1
Schroeder	1	1	11	6	5

League Standing as of May 23, 1948:

Team	Won	Lost
Sweeny	4	0
Shell	3	1
Pan American	2	2
Eastern States	2	2
Carbide	1	3
Sinclair	0	4

Income Tax

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st made a declaration. The old law required a declaration if the taxpayer's wages subject to withholding could reasonably be expected to exceed \$5,000 plus \$500 for his exemption except his own. The new law requires a declaration if taxpayer's wages subject to withholding may reasonably be expected to exceed \$4,500 plus \$600 each exemption including his own. In a community property state where the wife is entitled to one-half of the community income, this means that a declaration of estimated tax be filed, either separately or jointly, only if their combined community income is in excess of \$9,000 plus \$600 for each exemption to which they are entitled.

In addition, under the old law if an individual expected to receive more than \$100 of income not subject to withholding, he was required to file a declaration provided his total income was over \$500. This rule is continued except the net figure is increased to \$600.

In view of the reduction in tax, many taxpayers who filed a declaration on or before March 15, 1948, will now find that their estimate is too high. In such case they may:

- 1) Continue to pay the installments shown on the original estimate and obtain a refund or credit after filing the final 1948 return, or
- 2) File an amended declaration on or before June 15, 1948, September 15, 1948, or January 15, 1949, thereby effecting a reduction in the remaining installments due.

While the above comments cover most of the new provisions which are of general interest, there are a number of refinements and special applications which for the sake of brevity are not touched upon. It is suggested that you contact your local Collector for advice on any special problem, or, if you are one of those unusual individuals who doesn't mind reading about taxes and wish to solve your own problem, you will find a substantial amount of literature available.

Golfers Get Going In Year's First SERA Tournament

The S.E.R.A. sports calendar turns to golf as the season for that fiendish sport hits its stride. On Saturday, April 24 fifty-nine golfers turned out to participate in the year's first event at Hermann Park. With prizes awarded on both a gross and net basis, every one had a chance to win, but of course, some were luckier than others. Winning prizes of sport supply certificates and golf balls were the following:

Gross Basis

- Red Washmon—76
- Bert Mueller—77
- Elmer Saxon—81
- Allen Lewis—82
- Boutte—83
- Sam Costa—84

Net Basis

- Cal Lawrence—61
- J. L. Miller—64
- Jack Morrison—66
- Ballantine—66
- Alford—68
- Hill—68
- Whitney—69
- Beaman—69
- Pilorz—69

The next tournament is scheduled for May 29, again at Hermann Park. Next month's tournament will be at Memorial Park. Looks like a good year for golfers.

Summer Scratch League Underway; Premium Is Winner Of Winter Title

To a bowler the start of a new league is like the coming of spring in Alaska, or perhaps more like the New Year since the old average is forgotten and all the new resolutions concerning bowling are to be kept. On May 19th the Summer Scratch League started and apparently Bob Jackson kept his eye on the spot, slowed down his approach, rolled the ball and followed through because his 581 was high for the evening and well over Bob's average for the Winter League which closed

the week before. Another who saw the light was Walt Visinsky with 569.

The result of the evening's play left two teams tied for first: Chemical, led by Barney Barnhill and Xylene captained by Bill Enderson. The Winter League which finished a week earlier was a close race all the way, with Stanberry's Premium team outlasting Brockmeyer's Engineers by two games.

The final standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Premium	61	44
Engineers	59	46
Toluene	55	50
Xylene	54	51
Research	54	51
X-100	50	55
Chemical	49	56
Ethanol	38	67

High Individual Series—B. Risinger—685
High Individual Game—I. Larkin—256
High Team Series—Engineers—2629
High Team Game—Chemical—966

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blankenship have a brand new baby daughter, born on Mother's day. Mary Lee Blankenship said it was the ugliest baby—looking just like Jelly, no hair and a turned up nose. Mary Lee was only fooling though 'cause Wee daughter Blankenship looked beautiful to me.

This is a welcome to the newcomers in the Analytical Section—Truett Cook and Knox Montgomery.

by Marx Isaacs
"Old Devil Deadline" caught us just too soon to include the final standings in the winter-spring mixed bowling leagues, excepting those in the Shell Chemical league, which finished its season six days ahead of the other two.

In the Refinery Lawndale league, the final standings of the four top teams still hang in the balance at this writing, with only one night left.

Standings as of May 19 were:

Team	W	L
Control Lab.	82	58
Ind. Relations*	81	59
Inspection	79	61
Utilities**	76	64
Research	70	70
Cracking	69	71
Instr. Engineers	65	75
Dispatching	61	79
Isomerization	60	80
Engineering	57	83

Wednesday has been chosen as the night for the combined Shell Chemical and refinery summer league at Lawndale, in which 10 or 12 teams will participate.

In the refinery league at the Pla-

dium, with one night left, the first two places are securely held by Gas and Drafting, respectively, with Main Office two points ahead of Technological for third place, giving the latter mullets only an outside chance of finishing in the extra prize money going to the three topers. This league will continue at the Pladium for the summer, beginning June 2, but will have to seek other alleys for next fall.

Standings as of May 19 were:

Team	W	L
Gas*	84	52
Drafting	74	62
Main Office	66	70
Technological	64	72
Analytical	61	75
Distillation	59	77

(*)—High Team Game and Series—999-2620

High Individual Game and Series (Men)—P. Urbanek—249-547

High Individual Game and Series (Women)—H. Zarrell—220-514

The Pladium league needs bowlers. Contact Marx Isaacs (telephone No. 482) if you want in. The Shell Chemical league at Lawndale finished its spring season May 20, the major changes in standings on the last night being Ramrodgers' and Jobbers' jump from a tie for eighth to a tie for fourth place. Dugooders and Lizzzewhizzex, finishing first and second, respectively, will represent the Shell Chemical league in the playoffs early in June against two refinery mixed teams.

Final Standings in the spring season of the Shell Chemical league were:

Team	W	L
Dugooders	57	31
Lizzzewhizzex*	50	38
Mickey Finn	48	40
Ramrodgers	46	42
Jobbers**	46	42
Construction	45	43
Fubar 5	45	43
?	45	43
Rhetasots	44	44
Laboratory	38	50
Forget-Me-Knots	36	52
Tee Dee	28	60

(*)—High Team Game and Series—996-2879

(**)—Second Highest Team Game (winning prize)—988

High Game (Men)—H. Lewis—255

High Game (Women)—F. Rodgers—246

High Series (Men)—K. Behrens—663

High Series (Women)—L. O'Bryan—611

Two big bowling events are in the offing, both to occur on successive Saturdays the first half of June at the Recreation Palace alleys, opposite Rice Institute on South Main. First, there are the mixed league playoff matches between the top teams of the three mixed leagues. Running simultaneously, but arranged to avoid conflicts, will be the first SERA bowling tournament, with entries from the scratch and mixed leagues in team, singles and doubles competition. SERA has made a large contribution to this event, so the entry fee for nine lines per bowler is only \$1.50.

Carelessness Here - Just Hurts Your Score... Carelessness Here can mean BLINDNESS!

WEAR YOUR GOGGLES!

Utility Log

By F. A. Bly

We are having quite a shake up here in our department. Every day one of the older men transfers and we get a brand new man in his place. As it stands now I know about ten men around here, not counting the higher intelligence and his staff of assistant intelligence and brains. This radical change is due to expansion, not only here in Utilities but the refinery as a whole. We also have acquired a few new expressions such as—cut 5 on the stack or raise 5 lbs. on the 250. Then when the Chem. plant want an extra 50,000 lbs. of steam, well that's simple, just cut out all the low pressure boilers, if you don't believe it ask fireman McGraw. One of the big changes in the near future will be the moving of all pressure gauges, level glasses, etc. from the front of the boiler house to the generator control room. Understand this change is strictly for the convenience of such water tenders that are susceptible to heat and noise.

Rumor has it that Frank "Firpo" Bishop has been shopping around for a desk and chair to match.

Willie Ursprung seen introducing his helper to some of the various pieces of equipment and telling of the problems involved when scraping paint off the back of his house, such as sunbathers in the opposite yard. That may be the reason he has been complaining about eye strain.

Earl Harridge, the tall handsome and distinguished looking gentleman in charge of the generating plant and training of generator plant operators is also reported to be Anita's "errand boy," a job formerly held by Frank Pemberton before his transfer to the East property. Congratulations Harridge and a word to Charlie Schaeffer—Earl is a man that does his work well and he'll see that your assistant has everything she needs and is not interfered with in any way.

Doc Bickley seems to have the political situation well in hand these days.

T. T. "Red" Massey has a good story about how a friend of his once cancelled his room and board bill.

I recently found out J. C. Grisom knows some people I do. He now thinks I'll behave, but he seems to have forgotten they are mutual friends.

Luther Martin, a hed headed gentleman in the Yield Dept, and most commonly referred to as "Curly" is very bad about talking in his sleep. If that beautiful blonde would encourage him as little bit more maybe he would stop and let the rest of us get some rest. If something doesn't happen soon, I'm going to turn him over to Darbonne, our romancing Frenchman, who knows all the answers.

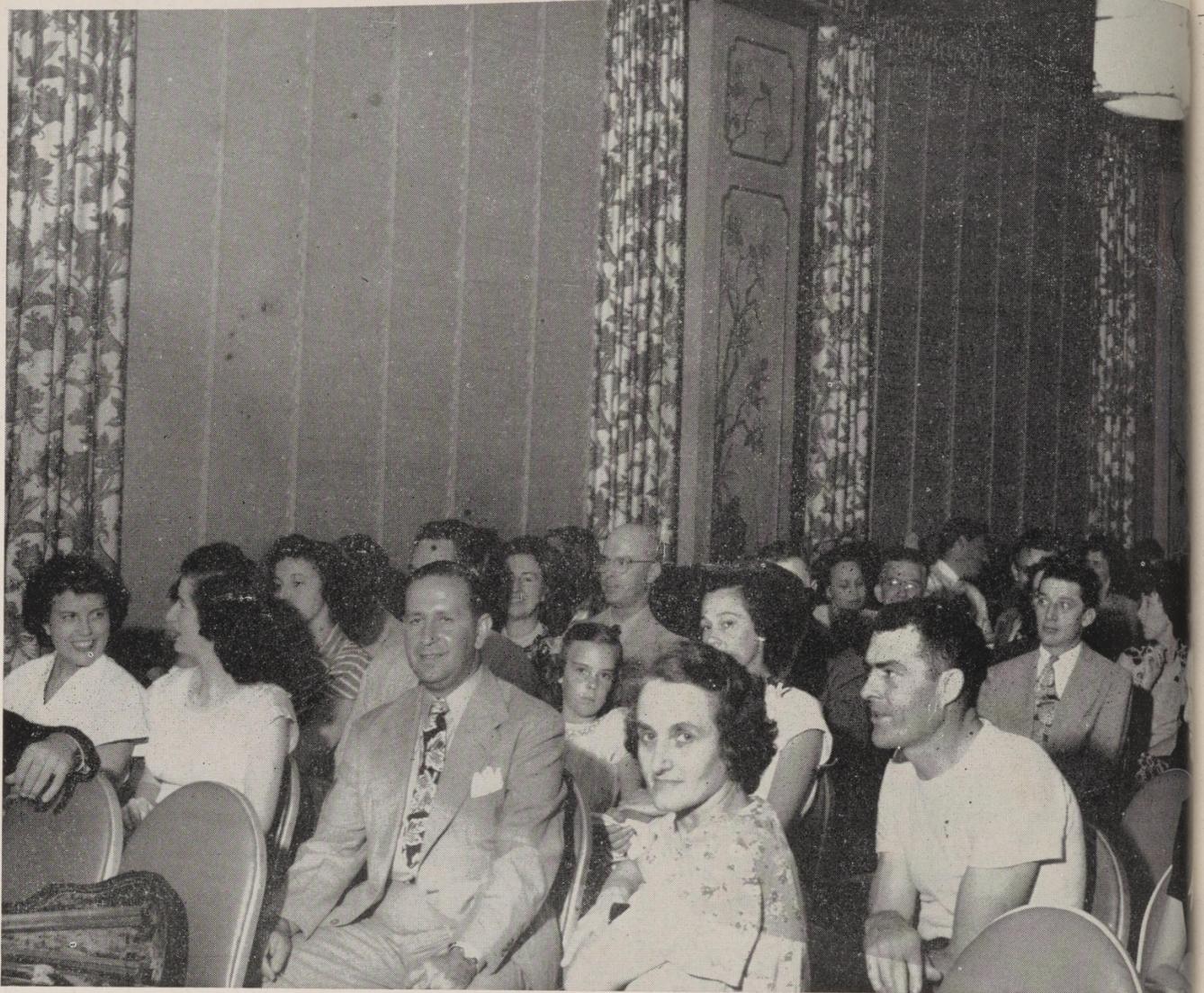
When Fay Hilliard calls McDonald and some of his other "aides" out of bed at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning he greets them with some of the strangest questions. I know because I heard him the night the water wells went off and we almost lost all the water. That was one night he could have used several red neckties all at once.

Ace Hearn and R. C. Grothe are now racing to see which is going to have their teeth out first.

This is a good time to introduce Mike Hawkins, the gentleman installing the Allis Chalmers generators in the generating plant. Since he hasn't had but 27 years experience installing Allis Chalmers equipment he would appreciate all the help you fellows can give him, such as getting in his way, asking foolish questions, etc. He is indeed very outstanding for his talkativeness, his appetite for barbecue and above all for his ability to hang on to his flashlight.

Wanted—One St. Bernard dog, a talking parrot (no profanity please) and two white mice.—Anita

Music Appreciation Club In Its Third Monthly Meeting



(Right)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gelus, guest artists at the third monthly meeting of the Music Appreciation Club performed a second Mozart Sonata as an encore to "A Study of the Sonata", which consisted of a discussion, with the aid of violin and piano, of Handel's Sonata No. 2 and Mozart's Sonata No. 4. The couple also performed several complete movements from each selection.

(Above)

The May meeting of the Music Appreciation Club was held in the Lacquer Room at the Rice Hotel. Members and guests thrilled to the soaring beauty of Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 3 performed by the Boston Symphony on standard recordings and by the London Philharmonic on special high fidelity recordings, enjoyed Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu", and laughed at the Scot humor of "Brigadoon" and the hilarious "Bogat" song from Finian's Rainbow, both Broadway music hits.



Gilstrap, Utilities office, Phone 271.

Anyone wanting to know what an old maid's nightmare is should see J. C. Churchwell. He says he knows.

Charlie Schaeffer recently conducted his kindergarten class through the Utilities dept.

Jim Stowers, Golden Acres grocer considering retiring from the Boiler House.

Al Keeney is reported to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

H. J. Kennedy looking like the cat that swallowed the canary.

Earl Herridge really believes in keeping gasoline in an automobile, especially a company car.

M. P. Marrie recovering from a bad case of job analyzing.

We want to thank the Lube-oil department Managers and especially Nick Bailes for escorting No. 8

Cooling Water tower operators through the Lube plant. We only wish we could remember the many

things he told us about the units and the products each unit will make.

Surely missed E. T. Herridge, wandering around St. Louis, while an electrical storm played havoc with the sub-station.

Magness Roark Aaron and Hill had the pleasure of putting No. 8 cooling water tower into service. Now when you guys at the Lube plant want water-call-us. On second thought, a bouquet for Fluor for the good job done constructing the tower and thanks to King Massey, project engineer and J. H. McCarty, Supt. of Construction.

R. O. Kay plus R. K. Hopper plus Tom Shields plus D-240 equals a real supply pump in time.

With Pasadena Ferry out let's leave it to B. L. Allen to keep the Lynchburg Ferry running.

For Pabst's Marine paint thinner see Harry Kennedy; Frank Pemberton for Schlitz boat ballast, and McDonald for not giving them the

next day off. We still think that Barney Walters would make a good boat painter.

Who's gonna keep time while Anita Gilstrap takes her vacation?

When you see a streak of lightning go through the plant at night, it's just the generator room boys checking sub-stations via scooters.

The boys working on stacks at Boiler house do not belong to Utilities department.

We'll miss Buchannon at 3 and 4 towers when he goes to Lube plant. We know they're getting a good operator.

Charlie Shaefer is a good hand at putting Sparling Meters in service.

It's time for another Utilities barbecue but don't tell Anita unless you furnish the Alka-seltzer.

The boys at cooling water pump house are taking up a collection to buy the Chemical plant a water well.

The Utilities softball team is improving hit by hit. Before the summer's over it may be run by run.

ENGINEERING—

(Continued from Page 8 usual)—never saw so much food. Hope we have more of them, only don't let Ed pick the spot, unless he trail. Speaking of Fielder, requested that all available be informed that he is very available. Seems as though not had to fight them off several weeks now.

Oh, yes, almost slipped my JO, someone told me you had take a couple of "safety pins" next time you go swimming Galveston.

Mr. Stillinger has really hit with all the girls in Engineering—he brings an arm-load of tiful flowers every morning wanted you to know we appreciate them and think they so pretty.

Janie, we are so glad to have back—sure missed your face.