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## Tench Named Refinery Manager

### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ '55 UF Drive Tops Last Year's Campaign

#### All-Out Effort Nets Total Of \$24,305.02

Contributions pledged during the 1955 Refinery-Chemical Plant United Fund Drive exceeded by more than 10 per cent the amount solicited last year!

This statement was released following final tabulations by the co-chairmen at both installations. They are H. B. Jarrett, Machine Shop and a member of the Workmen's Committee of the Oil Workers International Union (C. I. O.) Local 367, and Kemper Kaiser, P & IR, of the Refinery, and C. L. Martin, G Dept., chairman of the O.W.I.U. Workmen's Committee, and F. P. Thompson, P & IR, at the Chemical Plant.

#### Total \$24,305.02

A total of \$24,305.02 was pledged during the UF drive conducted simultaneously at the Refinery and Chemical Plant, which is \$3,164.25 more than was raised last year.

Houston Refinery's contribution to the 1955 effort was \$16,454.50, with 2215 employees, or 89 per cent, participating. This is the highest UF participation percentage that the Refinery has ever enjoyed.

At the Chemical Plant, \$7,850.52 was solicited, with 1,243 employees or 81 per cent participating.

By pledging \$16,454.50, Refinery employees topped last year's contribution of \$14,906.77 by \$1,547.73. When Chemical Plant's 1955 figure of \$7,850.52 was tallied, it meant an increase of \$1616.52 over last year's amount of \$6,234.00.

#### 27 100% Units

A total of 27 units at the two installations recorded 100 per cent participation, 17 of them being at the Refinery and 10 at the Chemical Plant.

Refinery units tallying 100 per cent participation include Cracking Cleanout, Economics & Scheduling, Effluent Control, Fire & Safety, Administration, Technology, Blacksmith, Carpenters, General Helpers, Linemen, Painters, Riggers, Tanners, Welders, Cafeteria, Treasury and Engineering Field Office.

Units recording 100 per cent participation at the Chemical Plant are Utilities, Research, Technology, Brickmasons, Laboratory, A and B Office, Stores Office, Lead Burners and P & IR Safety.



JOHN A. TENCH

#### New Manager Comes Here From Martinez

John A. Tench, Martinez, California Refinery Manager for the past five years, is Houston Refinery's new Manager.

A veteran of 26 years of service with Shell, he succeeds Paul E. Hurley, who died recently.

Mr. Tench joined Shell in 1928 at the company's Ventura, California, operations, and two years later he was transferred to the Martinez Refinery as a Technical Assistant.

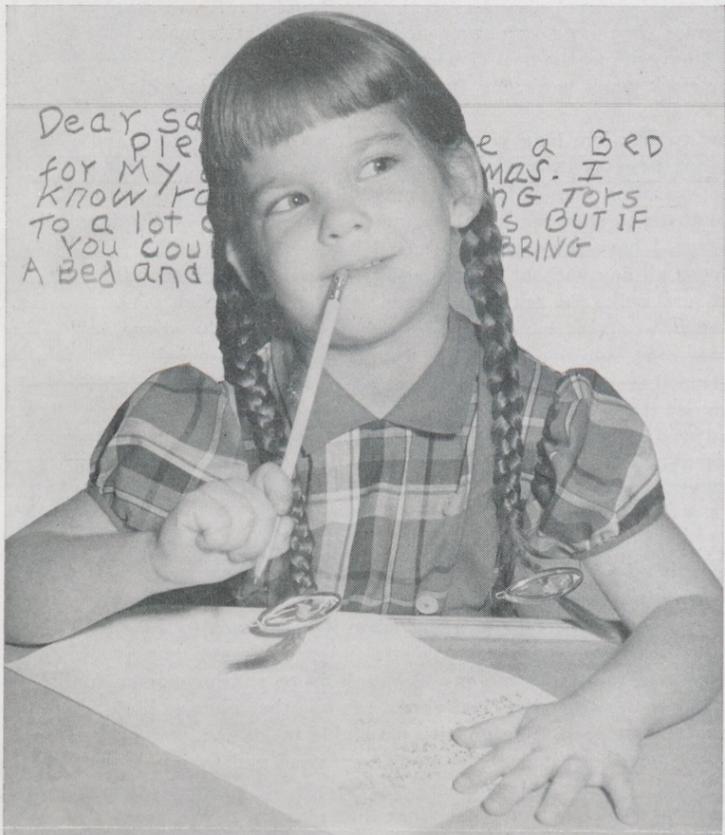
#### Has Varied Service

In 1934 he was named Manager of the Refinery's Distillation Department. Later that same year, he moved to Shell's Aruba Refinery to head its Cracking Department, returning to Martinez after almost four years to manage the Refinery's Cracking Department.

Mr. Tench was transferred in 1939 to Shell's San Francisco office where he became Manager of Refining Operations on the West Coast. He returned to Martinez in 1946, this time as Refinery Superintendent, and in 1949, he was appointed Refinery Manager.

#### Family of Four

Mr. Tench's family consists of his wife, Joan; son, Richard, 21, presently in the U. S. Air Force stationed in Alaska, and son, Brian, 15.



Five-year-old Penny Nowak is one of thousands of Shell employees' children who will write letters to Santa Claus this year to make known their Christmas wishes. Penny's parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Nowak, Refinery Control Laboratory.

## Season's Greetings

To Our Fellow Employees:

At this time of family reunions and friendships, we should like to send each member of our Shell family Best Wishes for a Joyful Christmas. May the promise of the New Year continue to shine brightly in all your lives throughout the twelve months ahead.

*John Tench*      *John Tench*

## Franzen Heads Chemical Plant's New Engineering Development Department

E. P. Franzen has been appointed to the Chemical Plant's newly-created position of Manager of Engineering Development Department, effective November 16.

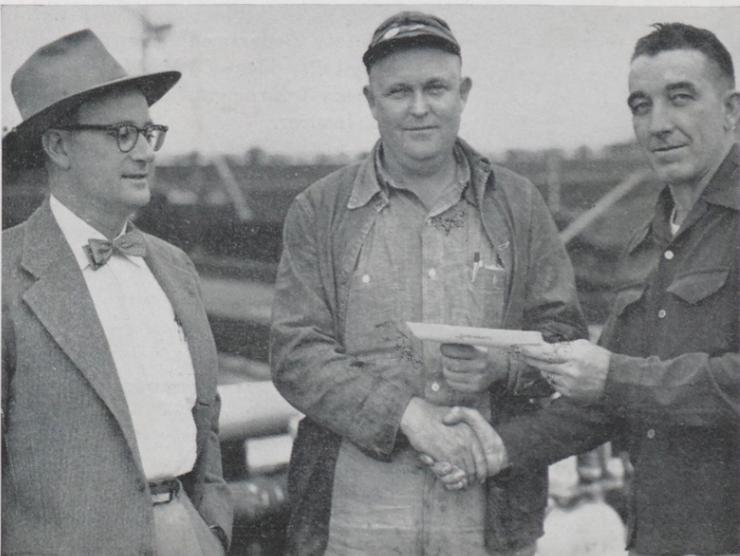
A native of Burlington, Iowa, Earl Franzen is a graduate of Iowa State College, having received a B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering.

Houston, however, is not new territory for Mr. Franzen as he started his Shell career here in December of 1946 when he was first employed at the Chemical Plant as an Engineer.

He was transferred to the Technological Department in June of 1949 and returned to the Engineering Department on October 1, 1950, as a Project Engineer. Since January of 1952, he has been assigned to the Constructing Group of Head Office Engineering.



E. P. FRANZEN  
Heads New Department



W. F. Green, Dispatching, center, receives from SERA prexy H. D. (Rosie) Smith, Instrument Shop, right, a \$20 Gift Certificate, as SERA Business Manager H. J. Lewis, Lube, looks on. Green's name was drawn from among employees who have worked eight or more hours at the SERA club site. There will be a drawing every time 100 employees put in eight or more hours of work on the SERA property at Friendswood.

# REPORTERS'

# ROUNDUP



R. K. Hopper's colleagues in the Utilities Department presented him with a Shakespeare rod and reel, complete with assorted lures, upon his retirement. Pictured in the usual order at the presentation are F. T. Wilks, C. T. Williams, F. L. Pemberton, Hopper, B. L. Allen and C. S. MacGregor.

R. K. Hopper, Utility Operator in Utilities, joined the ranks of Shell pensioners on November 21 after almost 25 years of service. Mr. Hopper plans to divide his retirement time between looking after his rent property and hunting and fishing.

He was first employed as a Pipefitter's Helper in 1930 and then transferred to Effluent Control, where he remained until 1933 when he joined the Utilities Department, where he remained until his retirement.

Mr. Hopper and his wife make their home at 1236 Rutland in Houston.



F. J. Shindler, Refinery Welding Shop, was elected to his fifth term as chief of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department at a recent meeting during which eight other Refinery and Chemical employees were elected to offices.

Mr. Shindler has served as chief since the department was organized in September, 1950.

The other Shell employees elected to office include:

O. L. Chappell, Chemical Plant Machine Shop, second assistant chief, and H. B. Kesterson, Chemical Plant G Department, third assistant chief.

J. T. Cutrer, Chemical Plant G Department, Captain, and W. L. Gailey, Chemical P&R Department, lieutenant.

C. G. Hollingsworth, Chemical Safety Department, President, and Past President C. M. Wolters, Refinery Instrument Shop, Secretary-Treasurer.

J. Walker, Refinery Lube Department, Vice-President, and J. T. Folds, Refinery Research Lab, trustee.

J. L. Robinson, Refinery Research Lab, is the outgoing Secretary-Treasurer.

According to Chief Shindler, the department was organized in September, 1950 on the suggestion of



F. J. SHINDLER

G. L. Stewart, Treating, then Fire Marshall, who cited the need for a volunteer fire department following the incorporation of the City of Deer Park.

J. Walker is the present Fire and Police Commissioner.



The Shell Choral Club, 60 mixed voices strong, will present a concert of Christmas and spiritual music at 7:30 Friday evening, December 17, at the Hellenic Orthodox Church, 3511 Yoakum Street in Houston.

Tickets for the concert are 75 cents for adults and children under 12 will be admitted free.

# The Return Of Gasper Goo!

## GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

Although the name will stir no memories for newcomers to Houston Refinery, mere mention of the name "Gasper Goo" causes old-timers immediately to hark back to the middle thirties when his laugh-provoking poems used to appear regularly in the old Shell Shock, forerunner of The Shellegram.

Houston Refinery's Twenty-fifth anniversary year, which is fast drawing to a close, would not be complete without recalling the fabulous legend of Gasper Goo. So many long-time employees have called for the return of Gasper Goo that this might be termed a command performance.

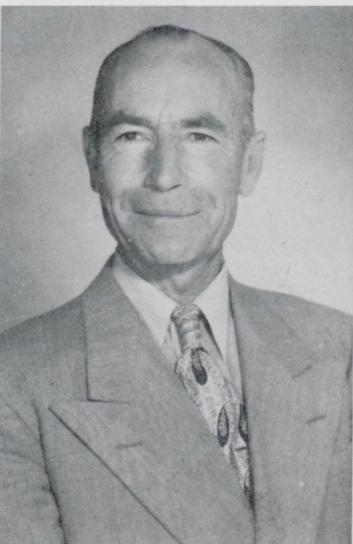
Of course, Gasper Goo was a pen name, but it was the only name by which his readers knew him. His identity was one of the Refinery's best kept secrets. Only the editor knew Gasper's real name until he was transferred to Shell's Montreal Refinery. Then, and only then, did he affix his real name of R. D. Boylan to his farewell piece.

The poems of Gasper Goo poked fun at the Refinery employees, and they loved it. In fact, they waited anxiously for the next edition of the paper to come out so they could read what Gasper had to say. How he was able to collect all that personal data on his associates without giving himself away is still a mystery.

When Don, as he was known here, revealed himself as the notorious Gasper Goo, it surprised everyone, for he had never given any indication of his literary talents. His clever poems left little doubt that he could turn a phrase, however. As a matter of fact, practically everyone in the Refinery had been suspected as being the culprit with the exception of Don. He worked in the Thermal Cracking Department.

After leaving here, Mr. Boylan spent 11 and a half years at the Montreal Refinery and recently completed ten years at the Wilmington Refinery. He is now Assistant Manager of the Cat Cracking Department at Wilmington Refinery.

Asked to supply The Shellegram with several of his old poems, Mr. Boylan graciously consented. He also agreed to write a new poem for publication during the Anniversary year. The poem, which appears at the top of this page, proves that he has lost none of the old touch even though he has been away from "the scene of the crime" all these years.



R. D. BOYLAN

You probably have forgotten 'twas oh so long ago,  
When men worked for a living and reaped what they would sow.  
Way down in Deer Park, Texas where Shell made liquid gold,  
We worked and swore together and started growing old.  
Now as we wander down the path of life's eternal light,  
Some things are soon forgotten while others stand out bright.  
Back in those days I had a clock, a fiendish sort of thing.  
It seemed to give it great delight to wake me with a ring.  
And like the old proverbial mule with tail and fetlocks cropt,  
It ran when e'er it felt the urge and other times it stopped.  
It chose to stop one rainy night when I worked twelve to eight,  
And sure enough when I awoke the time was plenty late.  
I whooped and yelled and soon the family all were wide awake.  
I cursed that clock and everyone connected with its make.  
As I barged out the door, I heard my little daughter sob;  
Our clock won't work, my Daddy's late, he's apt to lose his job.

Now twenty-five long years have past, we think of swans and song,  
As our twenty-five-year watches tick merrily along.  
The sparkling diamonds in our pins with emblem gold is rimmed,  
Are there to show us just how much our eyes have really dimmed.  
Oh yes, I have the same old clock I had it fixed up right.  
It runs all day without a hitch and then runs through the night.  
But now unlike the mule that stops, it's full of devilish glee.  
It rings at six each morning and whoops and laughs at me.  
'Twas only last October that it cut loose with a squawl.  
I jumped from bed and grabbed a slat and knocked it through the wall.  
I cursed it as of long ago when it refused to ring,  
And wished the man in Hades who had made the blooming thing;  
And when the noise had all died down a voice piped up and said,  
"My Grandpa must have eighty points, he's going back to bed."

Ah! Eighty Points! It seems to me I've worked from day of birth.  
I wouldn't trade one little point for all the youth on earth.  
We may be "fuddy duddies" and "Grandpas" one and all,  
But we kept this company going when its back was to the wall.  
Now when I look upon my favorite fishing pole and gun.  
They seem to say "Come on old boy, let's go and have some fun";  
And when we start the final climb, the one that goes so high,  
I can almost see St. Peter with a twinkle in his eye.  
As we come hobbling up the steps with tired and aching joints,  
He'll say, "You're welcome here my friends—if you have eighty points.  
But if by chance you've had a clock that's kept you in its spell,  
You cannot take it with you, so just let it go to H---."

Gasper Goo

## HERE'S AN "OLDIE" FROM OUT OF THE FILES

### NOSTALGIA

"Oh! what is so rare as a day in June?"

Some hair-brained poet said,  
And such were the thoughts of this dreaming duck  
As his idle words I read.  
Yeah! What is so rare as a day in June?

I've something more to tell:  
The man who wrote that nonsense  
Must have lived in Montreal!  
As the wind comes howling out of the north  
And flutters the Scotchman's kilts,  
And the frigid snow is belly deep  
To a tall giraffe on stilts,  
While the northern lights make ghostly streaks  
On a cold dreary sky,  
I think of my friends in Houston,  
While they're drinking rot-gut rye.

If I but had those lovely days  
To live once more again,  
I would tell you I am sorry  
That I razzed you with my pen.  
I'd tell my old friend Hatcher,  
(He's the one that razzed me worse)

That I thought he was a hero  
To protect the faithful nurse.  
And, yes, the boys upon the stills  
I'd tell a thing or two,  
Of how I rue the things I've said  
To them, as Gasper Goo.  
If I could just be there once more  
To spread the apple sauce,  
I wouldn't even mention "peaches"  
To my old friend "Hoss."  
And Green, I'd ask his pardon  
From upon my bended knees:  
I really don't believe the tale  
About the pup and fleas.  
Now something else I'd like to say

While words are running loose,  
I had the proof and saw the spot  
Where Chandler shot the moose.  
Now, White, alright my boy, alright,

Please heed not my talk;  
A man who rides as well as you  
Would be a fool to walk.  
And, Mitch, when you were in the ring

Where heroes push and shove,  
I saw the guy that hit you  
Put a horse-shoe in his glove.  
And many other things I've said,  
That make my Conscience hurt,  
About the warehouse master mind  
So lively and alert.  
Yes, all about the office force,  
Whose lives are full of grief—  
I hope you all forgave me  
What I wrote about your chief.  
There's just one more I'd like to make—

His name I've never told:  
He stands so high among you  
That I couldn't be so bold.  
It doesn't matter how a man  
May carry on a fight,  
If he's born to be a hero  
It's bound to come to light.  
Now Nero made us history  
While he fiddled by the flame,  
He'd just as well "played marbles"  
Cause it's practically the same.  
So, friends, I'll bid thee all adieu;  
Let's hope to meet again  
When everything's forgotten  
That I've told you with my pen;  
When we lift our gallon steins  
And then throw out our chest  
And drink a toast to Houston,  
The place we all love best.

R. D. BOYLAN

(Alias GASPHER GOO)



A continuous flow of autos drove into the new Shell Service Station when it held its Opening.



Dealer and Mrs. Kennedy take care of a customer.

## Shell Service Station Grand Opening Creates Carnival Atmosphere

A Carnival atmosphere prevailed as the new Shell Service Station, located at the entrance to Houston Refinery, held its formal opening on November 5.

There were a bevy of salesmen

and a trio of pretty girls to dispense free sacks of sugar to Mom and Dad and balloons and suckers to the kiddies, and to register patrons for the three valuable prizes.

Shell employees were fortunate

enough to win all three of the electric ice cream freezer.

prizes: F. G. Reitz, Chemical P & R Department, won 150 gallons of TCP; W. T. Hill, Chemical Engineering Department, won a clock-radio, and W. E. Dehart, Refinery Engineering Department, won an

Chemical Plant employees who

Dealer and Mrs. J. G. Kennedy helped to make the opening a "tremendous success," as he put it. He were on hand throughout the long day to greet as many of the patrons as it was physically possible to do. Mr. Kennedy expressed his appreciation to the Refinery and Park for the opening."

## R.R. System Modernization Program Nears Completion

The Refinery railroad system's revision and extension program, made necessary by the rapid growth of the Refinery and Chemical Plant, is due to be completed by the end of the year.

With the recent installation of the track that leads into the west side of the Chemical Plant, the modernization program entered its final stages. When it is completed, the revitalized system will offer these chief features over the old:

- \* There will be a net increase of approximately two miles of track. Construction included the installation of 18,000 feet of track and the removal of 8000 feet.

- \* Available storage space will be increased by about 200 tank cars.

- \* There will be a net increase of 14 turnouts in the system which will speed up the movement of cars from one track to another.

### Project OK'd in '48

This program has been under the supervision of Civil Engineer Roy D. Plaisance since it was approved as an active project by Head Office on July 13, 1948. Work on the project was done on a labor contract basis, with Shell furnishing all of the material.

Mr. Plaisance pointed out that the project was conceived and

planning was begun a year before it was approved.

"We made a study of our existing system and realized that our operations on the system, as it was then, would be limited if planned expansion programs of both the Refinery and the Chemical Plant materialized."

### Growth Alters Plan

Ironically, the original plans for the new system called for the new track into the west side of the Chemical Plant to cross the Refinery main road at a point different from where it was actually installed recently. When the main road was constructed in the spring of 1948, two rails were installed across the road so that it would not have to be torn up at a later date.

However, subsequent revisions in the expansion program of the Chemical Plant voided these plans. This necessitated a new layout and, of course, a new road crossing.

Except for those installations and revisions that were done in very obvious locations, practically all of the work on the expansion program has gone by unnoticed. Through the years, a number of obstacles have had to be hurdled before work could progress.

Telephone and power poles have had to be moved; fences torn down

and rebuilt; the casinghead concrete road, storm drains and sewers and about a dozen pipe lines had to be re-routed; all foreign line pipe lines had to be cased for safety reasons and a 90-foot truss had to be installed.

Then, too, much of the work had to be correlated during simultaneous shutdowns at the Chemical Plant and the Refinery, and all of the work had to be done without interrupting switching operations.

### Teamwork is Key

It's obvious, therefore, that the railroad modernization program is another example of the result of close cooperation and teamwork in the plants. Mr. Plaisance expressed his appreciation to all those who helped on the project, singling out for special praise the engineers who were assigned to his office at various times. These include R. R. Leville, who is at present permanently assigned to the Civil Engineer's office.



Civil Engineer Roy D. Plaisance, right, and R. R. Leville study blue prints of the revised railroad system while standing on the East crossover of the Port Terminal Railroad Association Line.



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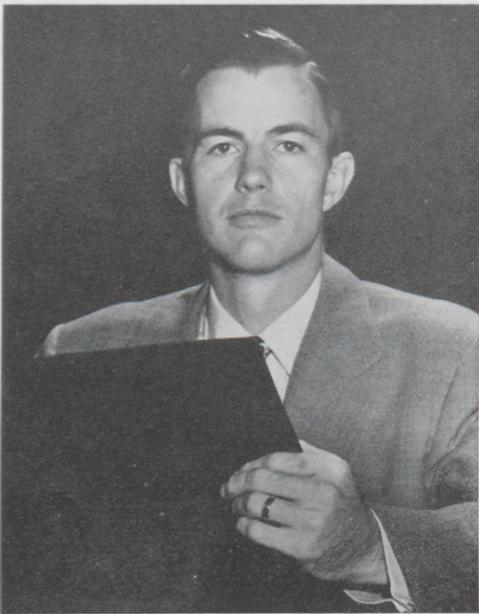
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The Refinery locomotive moves cars onto the new storage tracks on the East side of the Refinery. Some 75-80 cars carrying products are received in and shipped out of the two plants daily.



At this season we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. However, we know little of the infancy and youth of the boy Jesus. It is principally by the activities of manhood that He wrote His extraordinary chapter in history. Jesus demonstrated God's concern for man and his continuing desire to lead him to life "more abundantly." Christ is the supreme revelation of God; truly "the Word was made flesh." Christ chose leaders and set up His church for the advancement of His work among men. With Him may we unite in striving "till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God."

ELDER FRED OLSON  
(Economics & Scheduling)  
The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ  
Of Latter Day Saints.  
Pasadena Mission



"If you love me keep my Commandments." (John 14: 15).

This is the season in which we think of our Saviour more, for we are celebrating His birth. We should think of Him always and show our love for Him by keeping His commandments.

Let us also remember that "the family that prays together, stays together." And let us keep in tune with the Lord through prayer, and by doing so, we cannot go wrong. It is my prayer that we will all have an enjoyable Christmas.

ELDER MARSHALL G. CROSBY  
(Insulators)  
Jacinto City Mission  
The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ  
Of Latter Day Saints.



Michael, 10, Douglas, 6, Donald, 8, David, 12, and  
M. L. Renquist (Gas Department)

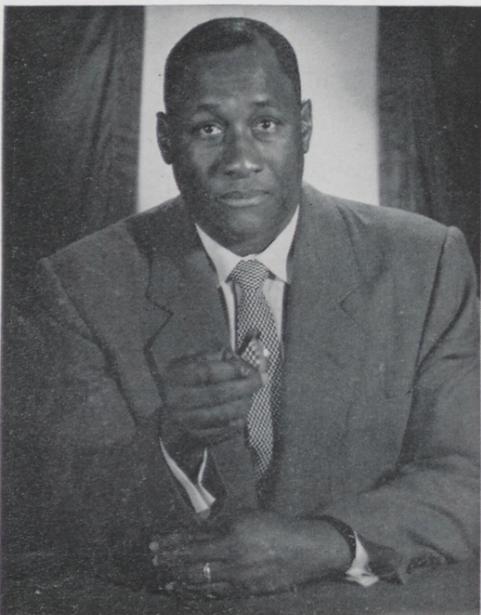
*Peace on earth... good*



Much of the world has forgotten how Christmas came to be; yet there is a deep and abiding reason and it is the same: yesterday and today and forever. Consider seriously the real meaning of the advent of Christ. He is timeless. He is with God in the beginning. He was before the patriarch Abraham. He knew the will of His Father who sent Him. He is to be to the end of the world.

Yet now, nearly two thousand years after his physical appearance in the world, that which matters is not how old He is, but, what will we do with this timeless Christ, this Saviour of the world, who has said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." May we learn to love Him, "who has first loved us."

ELDER M. B. BISHOP  
Catalytic Cracking  
The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ  
Of Latter Day Saints  
Pasadena Mission



When Jesus was here and dwelled among men, people had different opinions as to whether He was the Christ. One day He called His disciples together and asked them saying: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They replied, "Some say Thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets." He saith unto them, "But whom say ye that I am?" They answered, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God."

Jesus could perceive what was in their hearts but He wanted them, and He wants each one of us to ask ourselves this question as individuals: Whom do we say He is? The only way to give the correct answer is to have a personal relationship with Him, and know Him.

I am sure that we will find out that He is not only the Son of God, but He is our Creator, our Redeemer, and our friend.

REV. CORRIE AGNEW  
(Engineering Field)  
South End Christian Church  
Trinity, Texas.

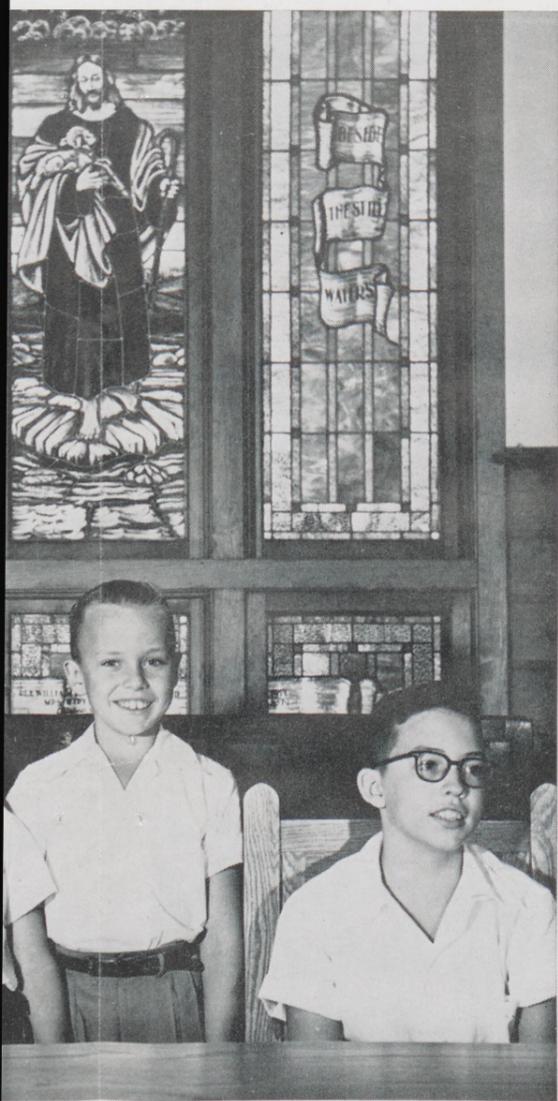


Christmas means many things: Santa Clause, colorful decorations, holly wreaths, and

All of these things are wonderful, but they are the material ingredients of a joyous celebration.

However, Christmas has a deeper, never-to-be forgotten meaning.

Houston Refinery has among its employed men many ordained preachers: men who have been called by God who have answered. It is appropriate that in our celebration of the birth of Christ we should look to these men for the spiritual meaning.



David, 8, and another boy, 12, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. [Name] (Gas Department).

As the Christmas season draws near, surely none of us will forget the true meaning and reason for Christmas. In the midst of our gaiety and celebration during this holiday season often times we forget that it is the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.”

It is through this matchless love that each of us can have “Peace on Earth and Good will toward men.”

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you.

BRO. H. M. ARCHER  
(Electrical Shop)  
First Baptist Church  
East Bernard, Texas.

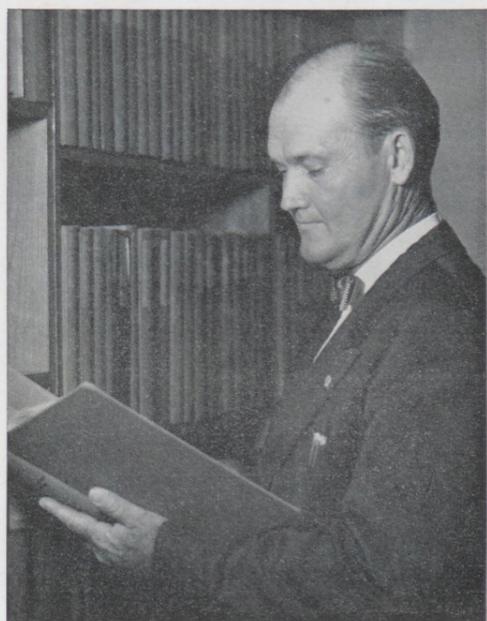
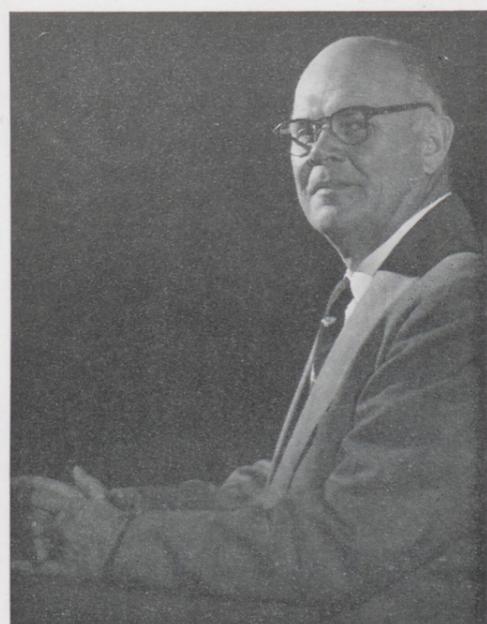
“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” (St. Luke 2: 13, 14).

“Peace,” searched for, hoped for, fought for, died for, yet, in many instances never attained. Mountains surmounted, wars won, but where is Peace? Is it just a mirage? Remaining always just beyond the grasp of man?

It’s only a reality to those that hear the Master’s call. As He spoke Peace to the stormy sea, so has He spoken to millions of troubled hearts.

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (St. John 14: 27).

REV. R. E. McANALLY  
(Effluent Control)  
Mason Drive Baptist Church,  
Houston, Texas.



*“good will toward men...”*

“For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11).

This is the fulfillment of the promise found in Isaiah 9:6. So we have Christmas; Christ to the many. But Christ can be to the man only what he is to the individual. May we each take him to our heart by faith, and look forward to the fulfillment of the promise found in Acts 1: 11 of His appearing again, with as much anticipation as we do the coming holidays. Merry Christmas!

REV. J. G. SPARKS  
(Automotive)  
Landmark Missionary Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas.

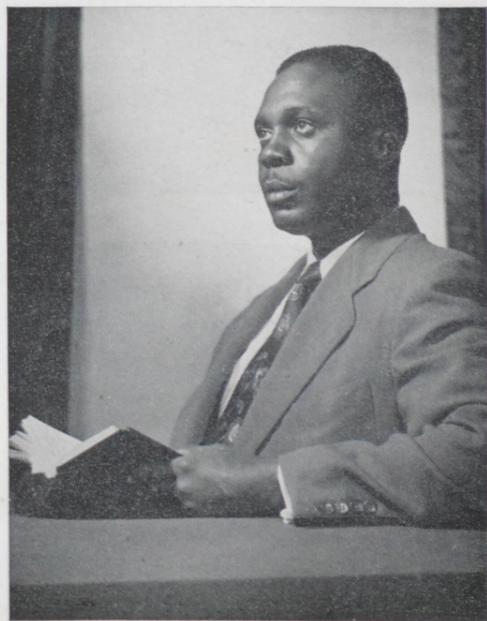


The Saviour of the world has come, and He came to a lost world to die, for your sins and mine. Thus spoke Isaiah of the Saviour of the world before His coming into the flesh. (Isa. 9: 6).

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” (Matt. 1: 18).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (St. John 3: 16).

REV. L. EDWARDS  
(Engineering Field)  
Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas.



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### 150 Attend Chemical Plant Service Club's Second Event Of Year...



The Chemical Plant Service Club members attended the second and third events of their 1954 calendar on October 23 and November 6.

The Milby Park Clubhouse accomodated one hundred and fifty members at the barbecue before the Rice-Texas football game on October 23. It started out to be a mighty wet day, but by game time the sun had found its way to the front of the clouds and the crowd watched the Rice Owls take the Texas Longhorns for a 13 to 7 ride. Twenty-eight new members turned out for the big affair. First year members were: J. T. Arterbury, W. M. Bluhm, J. S. Brice, J. H. Burns, C. R. Carter, C. E. Clemons, S. J. Cook, J. T. Cutrer, S. R. Deaton, O. Hysaw, W. A. Idoux, A. M. Isbell, J. W. McKinney, J. A. Middleton, W. C. Morgan, C. A. Mosley, R. L. Payne, R. W. Progress, W. C. Rodgers, D. J. Start, E. E. Stringfellow, M. L. Stroud, M. L. Tanner, H. L. Thomas, L. G. Utecht, A. L. Woodring and J. B. Worthen.



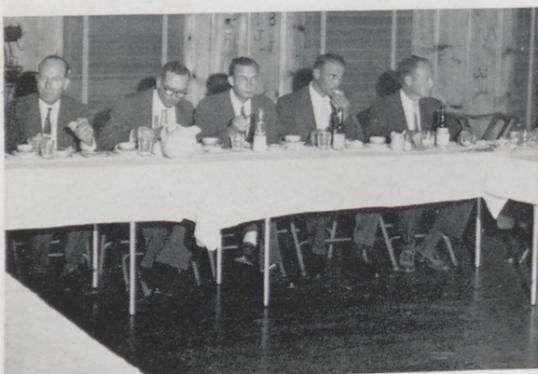
### ... 36 Participate in Third And Last Service Club Party Of '54



A pleasant evening was spent on November 6th by thirty-six members of the Ten and Over Club, who attended the third event of the year. The program included a social hour and dinner at the Brand Room of Kelleys and the Opera, "Madame Butterfly," at the newly remodeled Music Hall. R. M. Bessire, K. B. Cofer, L. S. Dagg, G. W. Harlan and W. W. Hollifield were the first-year members in attendance.

After dinner most of the men were joined by their wives, who accompanied them to the opera.

It was a particularly special evening for the Don Rindsbergs, who celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary that evening.



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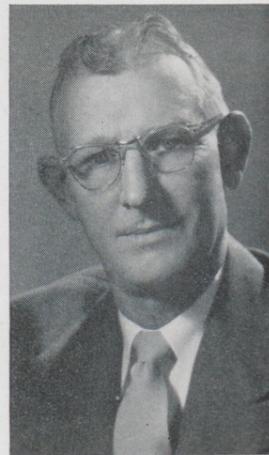
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# DECEMBER SHELL SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

## CHEMICAL

### A. L. BURROW

December marks twenty-five years of service with Shell for A. L. Burrow, Operating Assistant in G Department. He was first employed at Shell Oil's Houston Refinery as an Assistant Mechanical Engineer, and came to the Chemical Plant in June of 1947.

A native of Houston, Ab attended Sam Houston High School and Texas A. & M. Photography and gardening are Ab's favorite hobbies. The Burrows have a good size garden and get much of their fresh fruit and vegetables from the garden. Ab and his wife, Martha, live at 1214 Witter in Pasadena.

### H. W. FISHER

H. W. Fisher completes twenty-five years of Shell service this December. First employed at the Refinery as a Pressureman in 1929, Harley is now a Shift Foreman in F & R Department at the Chemical Plant.

A native of Mashulaville, Mississippi, Harley now lives in Pasadena with his wife, Boyce and their sixteen year old daughter, Dianne. For the past nine years Harley has been an active member of the Pasadena School Board. He also works with the Exchange Club and Pasadena Recreation Association.

## CHEMICAL

Because of change in adjusted accredited dates the following men celebrated their fifteenth service year with Shell in 1954:

### FIFTEEN YEARS JUNE

E. Smith, Engineering

### OCTOBER

C. E. Kinion, Engineering  
V. J. Kristinek, Engineering  
L. Stephen, Operations

### NOVEMBER

E. R. Mosley, Engineering

### DECEMBER

J. H. Hunt, P & IR

## REFINERY

### FIFTEEN YEARS

J. W. Brown, Engineering  
W. P. Zuber, Fire & Safety

### TEN YEARS

B. A. Hale, Fire & Safety  
E. Sprouse, Engineering

### C. GATES

A twenty-five year service award will belong to C. R. (Dick) Gates this month. A No. 1 Operator in Thermal Cracking, Mr. Gates began his Shell service at Houston Refinery in 1929 as a Carpenter.

Through the years, "Dick" has also worked in Dispatching, first as a Dock Helper and then at the Unloading Racks.

You can give "Dick" the wide open spaces in his free time because he enjoys riding horseback and rounding up cattle. He also is a member of the LaPorte Booster Club. The Gates' make their home at 310 5th Street in LaPorte. "Dick" and Leola Gates have two children.

### R. L. HARDIN, JR.

R. L. (Bob) Hardin, Jr., Shift Foreman in Thermal Cracking closes out 1954 by observing his twenty-fifth Shell service birthday.

"Bob" first came to work for Shell in 1929 as a Pipefitter's Helper at Houston Refinery. The following year he moved to the Cracking Department as an Operator, and in 1938 he was made a Stillman in Cracking.

A native of Camden, Arkansas, Mr. Hardin likes to go hunting and fishing in his spare time.

"Bob" and his wife, Imogene, have one son, and they live at 7430 Erath Street in Houston.

### H. F. IRETON

H. F. Ireton, better known, perhaps, as "Little Henry," chalks up 20 years of Shell service this month. He's a Pipefitter in the

Pipe Shop, where he has worked—except for a short time in Cracking Cleanout—since he was first employed at Houston in 1934.

"Little Henry," who has attended Pasadena Night School and the University of Houston, is active in the Shriner's and in his workshop at home.

He and his wife live at 7305 Ilex in Houston.

### A. A. HANDRICK

A. A. Handrick's first job at Houston Refinery was to help lay the 24 and 30 inch cooling water lines to the Topping and Cracking units. That was back in 1929. Twenty-five years have since elapsed, qualifying Mr. Handrick to enter the circle of employees with 25 years service.

From a Pipefitter's Helper, he moved to the Control Lab as a Sample Carrier, to the Treating Department as a Gauger and then an Operator, and then was made Shift Foreman in Lubricating Oils.

Mr. and Mrs. Handrick make their home at 209 Forrest Lane in Deer Park with their two children. Mr. Handrick likes to garden, golf and fish when time permits.

### J. H. O'FARRELL

Twenty-five years ago, J. H. (Jake) O'Farrell came to work for Shell at Houston Refinery as a Pipefitter; so this month, the 25 year service award will be his. He is now a No. 1 Pumper in Dispatching, having moved to that Department from Thermal Cracking.

"Jake" likes to go hunting and fishing in his spare time, but he also finds time to build houses.

He and his wife, Gertrude, live at 630 E. Crosstimbers in Houston.

### R. E. LEE

Randal E. Lee, Senior Engineer in the Engineering Office, began his Shell service as a Design Draftsman twenty-five years ago,

and will receive the service award this month.

He attended Eastern Illinois State and the International Correspondence School, in Scranton, Pa., where he received a diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Lee, who likes to play golf and putter around the house, also finds time to take part in the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the Army Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee reside at 3826 Ruth Street in Houston.

### R. PEMBERTON

Ralph "Bub" Pemberton marks 25 years of Shell service in December. He's a Zone Supervisor in Engineering Field.

It was in 1929 at Houston Refinery that "Bub" first joined Shell and his first position was Assistant Pipe Foreman. He was later made General Pipe and Insulator Foreman and then was promoted to Zone Supervisor.

Mr. Pemberton and his wife, Ruth, and their two children live at 7051 Linden in Houston. "Bub's" an outdoor enthusiast and he goes hunting and fishing when time allows.

### J. W. SANDERSON

J. W. Sanderson, better known as "Johnny," reaches the twentieth year mark of Shell service this month. He's an Electrical Craft Foreman, beginning his Shell career as a Lineman.

"Johnny" has a variety of spare time interests. He likes to fish, work in his vegetable garden and play cards.

He and his wife, Adeline, make their home at 315 S. Wafer in Pasadena.

### J. J. STATON

James Jefferson Staton (better known to his Refinery colleagues as "Jack") marks 25 years of Shell

service this month. He's a General Foreman in Engineering Field.

Beginning his Shell service in 1929 as a Pipefitter's Helper, he moved to Cracking Cleanout before being made Labor Sub-Foreman in 1935. In 1942 he moved up to Labor Foreman and to General Labor Foreman in 1947.

"Jack" and Freda Staton have three children, and the Staton family lives at 314 E. Second Street in Deer Park.



## CHEMICAL

Sept. 4: Byron Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. McAdams (Machine Shop).

Sept. 7: Joy Camille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Kincaid (Machine Shop).

Sept. 9: David Ladare, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Seger (G Department).

Sept. 10: John Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hickman (Pipe Shop).

Sept. 11: Doris Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cravey (Rigging Department).

Sept. 13: Keith Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lloyd (Shipping).

Sept. 15: Janet Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Green (Carpenter Shop).

Sept. 18: Susan Kaye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hogan (P&R Department).

Sept. 20: Christopher Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Matthews (Engineering).



## SERA DINNER-DANCE ATTRACTS LARGE, ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING

"It was certainly one of the finest SERA dances I have ever attended."

That one quote seems to most adequately sum up the consensus opinion of the 300 SERAers who attended the October Dinner Dance at the Alabama Orchid Room.

Everyone contacted had something good to say about the affair, complimenting either the music of Albino Torres, or the excellent manner in which the food was prepared, or both.

The evening started out with dinner, followed by dancing, and then coffee and pastry. Bob Eveld, Control Lab, was the dance chairman.



## SERA Sets New Year's Eve Dance At Shamrock

The SERA will hold its annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Shamrock Hotel Exposition Hall, and Russell Jackson's orchestra will provide the music.

Free set-ups and noise-makers will be included with the purchase of tickets, the price of which were not set at press time. Chairman Bob Eveld said that ticket sellers will be listed on Refinery and Chemical Plant bulletin boards.



## Personnel Changes

### CHEMICAL

H. A. Briggs.....Loader, Shipping to Carpenter Helper No. 2 Eng. Field.  
 R. E. Burge, Jr.....Chemist, Research to Chemist, Laboratory.  
 W. H. Burke.....Technical Assistant, G to Chemist, Laboratory.  
 E. L. Colianni.....Operator Helper, P & R to Operator Helper, G Dept.  
 C. W. DeLong.....Senior Engineer, Head Office to Asst. Chief Engineer, Eng.  
 R. C. Dial.....General Helper No. 1 to Truck Driver No. 2, Eng. Field.  
 R. L. Fenelon.....Military Leave of Absence to Engineer, Eng.  
 J. K. Gordon.....Operator Helper, G to Gen. Helper No. 1, E Dept.  
 R. B. Hanning.....Asst. Department Manager, P & R to Sr. Technologist, Tech.  
 C. R. Harper.....Operator Helper, P & R to Loader, Shipping.  
 A. B. Harris.....Technical Assistant, P & R to Chemist, Laboratory.  
 R. C. Heath.....General Helper, Eng. Field to Loader, Shipping.  
 D. D. Hinze.....Operator Helper, G to Gen. Helper No. 1, Eng. Field.  
 H. E. Hughes.....Chief Engineer, Eng. to Asst Supt.—Tech., Administration.  
 J. W. Hyde.....Asst. Chief Engineer, Eng. to Chief Engineer, Eng.  
 F. L. Jackson.....Operator No. 1, P & R to Pipefitter Helper No. 2, Eng. Field.  
 R. W. Jones.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Asst., P & R Dept.  
 P. A. Kenney.....Military Leave of Absence to Engineer, Eng.  
 W. F. Key.....Technical Asst., P & R to Technical Asst., A Dept.  
 D. M. Lahr.....Loader, Shipping to Boilermaker Helper No. 2, Eng. Field.  
 J. L. Lemerond.....Chemist, Laboratory, to Chemist, Research.  
 P. H. Leyhe.....Senior Chemist, Lab. to Senior Chemist, Research.  
 R. D. Lundahl.....Chemist, Laboratory to Technologist, Tech.  
 J. C. McRoberts.....Clerk, G Dept. to Clerk, Treasury.  
 R. E. Moore.....Technologist, Tech. to Asst. Dept. Manager, P & R.  
 A. E. Nettles.....Operator Helper, G to Operator Helper, E Dept.  
 C. H. Rivers.....Technical Asst., A to Technical Asst., G.  
 H. E. Roberts.....Operator Helper, G to Loader, Shipping.  
 R. L. Russell.....Military Leave of Absence to Chemist, Lab.  
 J. T. Sargent.....Technologist, Tech., to Technical Asst., A.

B. L. Smith.....Stenographer, Treasury to Stenographer, Eng.  
 A. G. Thurman.....Engineer, Eng to Asst. Foreman Maintenance Zone, Eng.  
 B. C. Ubersnosky.....Jr. Chemist, Laboratory to Jr. Chemist, Research.  
 D. L. Tronson.....General Helper No. 1, Eng. to Counterman No. 2, Stores.  
 G. G. Velten.....Chemist, Laboratory to Chemist, Research.  
 T. L. Williamson.....Clerk, Treasury to Clerk, G Department.

### REFINERY

O. H. Abbott.....Pipefitter No. 2, Eng. Field, to Pipefitter No. 1.  
 H. D. Armstrong.....Garage Mech. Helper No. 2, Auto., to Garage Mech. Hlpr. No. 1.  
 C. L. Braddy.....Insulator No. 1 to Craft Foreman, Insulation.  
 J. D. Berridge.....Toolroom Man, Eng. Field, to Truck Driver No. 2, Automotive.  
 E. W. Dixon.....Truck Driver No. 2, Auto., to Switchman No. 2, Auto.  
 B. J. Dubcak.....Lineman Helper No. 2, Eng. Field, to Lineman Helper No. 1.  
 A. R. Flora.....Technologist, Tech., to Research Engineer, Research.  
 B. B. Geye.....Research Engineer, Tech., to Research Engineer, Treating.  
 W. A. Grady.....General Helper No. 2, Eng. Field, to General Helper No. 1.  
 W. J. Haflin.....Technologist, Gas, to Technologist, Tech.  
 M. E. Howze, Jr.....Welder Helper No. 1 (c), Eng. Field, to Welder Hlpr. No. 1 (b).  
 E. E. Mays.....Welder Helper No. 2, Eng. Field, to Welder Hlpr. No. 1.  
 E. McKnight.....Insulator Hlpr. No. 1 (c), Eng. Fld., to Ins. Hlpr. No. 1 (b).  
 P. E. Parker.....Machinist Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Field, to Machinist Hlpr. No. 1.  
 J. E. Parmele.....Truck Driver No. 1, Auto., to Switchman No. 2.  
 B. R. Payne.....Solutizer Treater Operator, Distilling, to Op. Hlpr., Poly Gas.  
 J. A. Potvin.....Technologist, Thermal Cracking, to Technologist, Cat Cracker.  
 E. A. Sessums.....Lineman Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Field, to Lineman Hlpr. No. 1.  
 R. L. Sikora.....Lineman Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Field, to Truck Driver No. 2, Auto.  
 H. L. Simon.....Instrument Man No. 2, Eng. Field, to Instrument Man No. 1.  
 E. B. Snider.....Mach. Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Field, to Mach Hlpr. No. 1.  
 O. F. Stidham.....Valve Repair Hlpr. No. 1, Eng. Field, to Truck Driver No. 2.  
 S. L. Vaughan.....Gen. Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Field, to Gen. Hlpr. No. 1.  
 L. E. Welch.....Welder Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Fld., to Truck Driver No. 2, Auto.  
 B. E. Whitehall.....Mach. Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Field, to Mach. Hlpr. No. 1.  
 J. H. Whittington.....Truck Driver No. 1, Auto., to Switchman No. 2.  
 E. E. Wilhelm.....Gen. Hlpr. No. 1, Eng. Field, to Truck Driver No. 2, Auto.  
 J. W. Worth.....Operator, Lube, to Special Tester, Control Lab.

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