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RECREATION GROUP PLANS GALA LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Norco Bowlers Invited For Return Match

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Shell Refinery Employees Recreation Association held May 14, the representatives voted to extend an invitation to the Norco Refinery team for a return bowling match in Houston on Labor Day week-end. A tentative program for this occasion has been set-up:

Saturday, September 1 — Norco Bowling Team Arrives. Tour the Refinery. Dance, Rice Hotel, 8 p. m.

Sunday, September 2—Barbeque. Golf Tournament, Badminton, Archery, Horseshoes, Washers, Bingo, Baseball Game.

Monday, September 3 — Bowling Match, Palace Alley, 2 p. m., Banquet, 6:30 p. m.

Pipeline Included

The Committee favorably considered the addition of the following sections to the By-Laws of the S.R.E.R.A.:

1. Employees of the Army-Navy office and the Shell Pipe Line shall be permitted to join the S.R.E.R.A. while the said persons are employed in this particular occupation and at this particular location.

2. Representatives of each respective Zone (of which the Executive Committee is composed) shall not be permitted to hold any other office or serve as a Committee Chairman of the Association.

The Secretary was directed to circulate a questionnaire among the active members concerning the choice of recreation facilities desired and the possible location of such facilities. Results of this survey will enable the Executive Committee to draw up formal plans for the acquisition of permanent Association-owned recreation facilities.

Present at the meeting were: A. F. "Jeep" Sartor, M. L. Bartley, Paul Murrell, Claude Cassidy, Business Manager, Fay Hilliard, and Patricia Mosher. Joe Daigle and Joe Thompson were unable to attend.

"Beat Garden Insects to the Punch" Is Advice of Horticulture Expert

This year there will be a real need for every home garden possible and for all the home canning that can be done. Information gathered points to a serious food shortage brought about by increased demands on this country's food supply since the victory in Europe. Considering that 40 per cent of the produce consumed in 1944 was raised by home gardens, and with rationing still a part of the war program, more and more Shell employees are urged to engage in raising fresh vegetables.

"Grow-A-Garden" booklets, "Better Homes and Gardens" 1945 Vegetable Garden Guide and "Better Homes and Gardens" 1945 Canning Guide are among the free garden advice literature obtainable at the Industrial Relations office.

For the home gardener who is looking for inexpensive means of combating insects, J. W. Johnston, Horticulture Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, suggests the surest way to prevent insects in early spring, in mid-summer, or late in the fall is to beat them to the punch.

'Babe' Loughridge, Boudreaux Lead Tennis Doubles

Those people you see hugging all the phones on Thursday mornings are the same ones who rush madly down to the Municipal Tennis Courts, Sabine at Capitol, every Wednesday night at 7:30, after gulping down their Wheaties, to leap about like the gazelle, swinging tennis racquets with abandon, and shouting such interesting things as "deuce," "love," "add," and "ugh!"

What they're doing is trying to get to the top of their tennis ladders. The only way they can do that is beat the sox off of such unsuspecting top-notch players as J. C. Boudreaux and "Babe" Loughridge on the men's doubles ladder, or Q. C. Stanberry and Ruth Bramlett of the mixed doubles, or "Babe" Loughridge, DeLargey and "Barney" Orfield, in that order, on the men's singles ladder, or Ann Wright and Anna Greenwood on the women's doubles, or Ruth Bramlett, Ann Wright, and Charlie Sutton on the women's singles ladder.

You see, match-play has really stimulated interest in tennis (not that it needed a shot in the arm). If all these 68 players could buy tennis balls in wholesale lots, and if the contenders to the top rungs could have more luck, the Recreation Association could really pat itself on the back for making everybody happy.

In case you're interested in the latest ladder standings, complete records of the previous week's matches are issued to all the members of the tennis club by J. C. Boudreaux and Tex Sears, co-chairmen. You can't tell, by the scores, what a walloping some of the teams got. Nor can you realize how tiresome those deuce games are, until you've come out some cool Wednesday night to see everybody out in his (Continued on page 3)

Lt. F. A. Lagana Dies in Germany



First Lt. F. A. Lagana was killed in action in Germany, April 6, according to word received from the War Department by his brother, Rev. Frank A. Lagana, of the Shrine of the True Cross, Dickinson, Texas.

Lt. Lagana was with the Tenth Armored Division and has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. Details of his death reveal that he was shot in the head by an enemy sniper when he left to summon medical aid for one of his wounded men.

Employed in the Cracking Dept. June 6, 1936, he entered military service in January, 1941 and was commissioned July 14, 1942. Six months later he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He was sent overseas in the early part of last February.

Podbielniak Lab Maintains Lead In Scratch Loop

In the sixth week of competition in the Refinery Scratch League, the Podbielniak Lab bowlers are maintaining a consistent first place and are way out in front with 14 games won and 4 lost. The hustling Podbielniak Lab team, headed by H. Christianson, captain, are showing a strong spirit of teamwork.

H. Christianson, 169, and Curtis Stanberry, 168, are high men for the Pod team as well as holding third and fourth high average in the league. A Lewis, 155, Jack St. Clair, 153, C. Bateman, 151, and Floyd Reitz, 143 make up the remainder of the team.

Bowling on Friday nights at 6:45 at the Recreation Center Lanes, the six-team league has recently changed over from a 4-man to a 5-man team by taking on several new bowlers whose averages were too high for the mixed league, which also bowls on Friday nights at the Center Lanes.

The Control Lab team, whose high man is B. A. Risinger, is in second place with 11 games won and 7 lost, coming up from the number five slot held at the beginning of the season. Members of the Control team are B. A. Risinger, 176, captain J. Larkin, 155, J. Dahl, 153, (Continued on page 2)

A.W.O.L. ABSENTEES

TOTAL FOR MAY . . . 2873

On May 5, 135 employees were absent. We wonder what the figures are for Okinawa. Very probably they were that high—in deaths of American men, fighting for the very ones who are laying off the job.

REFINERY SHORT IN SEVENTH WAR LOAN QUOTA; END NEAR

C. E. Davis Takes Over Post of V.P.; Taylor Resigns

C. E. "Gene" Davis has been promoted to Vice-President of Manufacturing effective June 15, according to an announcement made by President Fraser on May 21.

Mr. Davis replaces J. F. M. Taylor who resigned his high position with Shell to return to California for personal interests. During his many years with Shell Mr. Taylor has contributed in no small measure to technological advances in the refining branch of the industry, according to Mr. Fraser, and it is with deep regret that his resignation was accepted. He was also interested very much in safety and sponsored the J. F. M. Taylor Safety Cup award to the refinery maintaining the highest record of man hours worked without a disabling injury.

Mr. Davis began his services with Shell 28 years ago as a shipping clerk in the Cushing Refinery. After serving many years at various refineries, one of which was the Houston Refinery and where he is well known to the old timers here, Mr. Davis was promoted to Assistant to the Manager in the Manufacturing Department in 1933 and since had risen to General Manager of Manufacturing which position he will hold until he takes over the duties of vice-president.

81 Per Cent Raised In Ten Day Period

The Seventh War Loan Drive in the Houston Refinery was conducted in a whirlwind 10-day campaign beginning May 24 and ending June 4, with 81 per cent of the \$174,375 quota pledged up to the present writing.

While regular payroll bond deductions for the months of April, May and June constituted a large majority of the quota, \$36,134 worth of extra E bonds were purchased, \$8,363 in extra payroll deductions and \$27,771 in cash sales.

Officially the Seventh War Loan Drive will end June 30, and employees still have time to sign up for those extra bonds in order to reach the 100 per cent mark.

Preparation for the Refinery campaign was made by a War Bond Committee composed of Helen Wills, B. H. Broughton, S. Pattillo, E. F. Napp, R. J. Young, Doris Garner, Virgil Lehmborg, Norman Koneman, W. W. Hollifield, and George Delaney. Through the close co-operation of department heads, a corps of solicitors was organized to canvass the Refinery and encourage the sale of extra war bonds among the employees.

Much credit goes to this enthusiastic group who volunteered to take on such a gigantic task.

To advertise the campaign posters were placed throughout the (Continued on page 3)

Shell Oilers Win Three and Lose Three In City Amateur League

The Shell Oilers lost their tie for first place in the Major City Amateur Baseball league June 7 when they lost a close decision to the Brown Ship Yard Rockets, 4-5. The game was a make-up for the one rained out at Mason Park on the previous Sunday.

Shell went into the game with the Rockets with three wins and two losses, one of four teams tied for the top berth in the six-team closely-matched league.

Defeat Wilson Cubs 15-8

In a slugfest on May 27, the Oilers defeated the Wilson Cubs on the S. P. diamond 15-8 after spotting the Cubs four runs in the first inning. Walter Cannon, instrument shop, led the barrage against the Cubs with three runs and three hits out of four times at bat. His hits drove in four tallies to account for seven of the fifteen runs.

Maurice Kopp, Topping, started as pitcher and gave way to A. H. Loughridge, pipe shop, who gave up two runs and five hits in five innings. He walked two and struck out one to get credit for the win. Johnny Campo, machine shop, left his post at first base and finished the last three innings and whiffed seven of the nine men facing him. Campo also had a good day at bat, driving in four runs with his two hits, one of which was a mighty triple deep in center.

Shell Beats Rapid in 9th

Tied up at 1-1 going into the ninth inning, the Oilers unloosed a barrage of four runs to defeat the Rapid Blue Print Toms May 20 at St. Thomas field. Roy Cox, Treating department, led the hitting getting three for five. A. H. Loughridge

went the route for Shell permitting only five hits, issuing no passes and striking out four. Loughridge also accounted for two of Shell's twelve hits.

Brown Swing Shift Trounces Oilers

The Brown Shipyard Swingshifters capitalized on 13 hits and 8 Shell errors to down the Oilers 12-3 on May 13. Although Shell garnered 12 hits three runs was the best they could put across. Triples by Cannon, Mancuso, and Daniel failed to find Oilers on base. J. W. Morris drove (Continued on page 2)

Gas No. 2 Sets Pace in Mixed Bowling League

Finishing their fourth week of competition at the Recreation Center Bowling Alleys, Friday night, bowlers of the Gas Department No. 2 team held a precarious lead of one game over Tech Department No. 1 and Main Office, both tied for the second place berth.

Trailing the leaders in the popular fourteen team summer mixed league are five more teams who are only three games out of first place. Bowling begins at 6:45 p. m.

June 8 Results

Friday night's games found Main Office taking 3 from Research; Tech No. 1 took 3 from Tech No. 2; Gas No. 2 over Engineering Office No. 2 with two games; Engineering No. 1 took the odd game from Inspectors as did Gas No. 1 from En- (Continued on page 2)

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SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE — 15 YEARS

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JUNE — 10 YEARS

O. B. Anderson, Engineering Field (MLA)
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MAY — 15 YEARS

W. O. Miller, Marine Dept.
W. W. Smith, Engineering Field.

MAY — 10 YEARS

H. M. Baines, Engineering Field.
C. E. Battestin, Cracking.
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C. N. Evans, Engineering Field.
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T. L. Hill, Engineering Field.
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L. D. Marsac, Treating (MLA)
J. B. Masterson, Engineering Field.
J. V. Newsom, Engineering Field.
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L. J. Schumacher, Cracking.
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H. Waltz, Engineering Field.
A. L. Williams, Treating
T. J. Sudbeck, Topping.
J. A. Sullivan, Treating (MLA)
F. J. Sweeney, Treating.
E. J. Vollers, Topping.
F. Walker, Engineering Field.
V. E. Wilson, Treating.

Golf Tournament Set For July On Hermann Course

Plans for forthcoming golf tournament have not been finalized by a Recreation Association committee composed of Charley Brockmeyer, chairman, Louie Hubbell and Bert Mueller but the trio is able to report that the meet will be held either the second or third Sunday in July.

Hermann Park is the site chosen for the tournament, winners of which will be decided on a handicap basis thus giving all participants an even chance at the prizes whether they be high scorers or experts. Money for the prizes is already "on hand."

The time for the start of the tournament is also determined with the ten or twelve foursomes teeing off starting at 1:30 p.m. Between forty and 48 employees are expected to participate. Bulletins will be posted for signatures to determine the interested employees.

Claude Cassidy, business manager of SRERA, is assisting the committee in making the preparations.

He's at it again! Yep, when you start hearing that worn-out phrase, "It happened while I was on my vacation," you can be sure Troy Overstreet has had his. Vacation, I mean.

The United Nations have their "Big Three" and Stores now has its "Three B's." No, no, that's Walt Disney who has the three little pigs.

STORE NEWS

By A. M. Eaton

Looks like we'll never be through finding all those hidden talents of Earl Craig. Now he's a draftsman. Hope he finds a nice quiet corner for H. P. Brewer's office in that new warehouse.

It's certainly wonderful to be able to see with whom you work, or is it? Anyhow, since the warehouse got those new fluorescent lights some wonderful discoveries have been made. Such as . . .

Apologies to Edie Hennessy as a result of last month's statement about blondes in the warehouse. After close inspection the writer admits she can be considered a blonde, so . . . Stores didn't lose its only blonde when Mozelle Nelson left.

Don't give up people! Someday Miss "B" will get settled and anyway it wasn't exactly her idea to be moved in the first place. But now she is back in her old corner, hard at it. (I don't know what, why ask me?)

Here's one for the books . . . Louise Ross and Nadine Hill left their lunch on a service station pump island when they boarded their bus for work the other day and later had it picked up and brought to them. When they opened the lunch they found that someone had taken the bananas and pickles and had replaced them with a nice cantaloupe.

Those of us who knew him "when" were certainly glad to see T/Sgt. H. C. (Hank) Nannen when he stopped by Stores last week. After 25 months in Egypt with the Quartermaster Corps, Hank was home on a well deserved forty-five day furlough. The proud father he was, telling about his baby daughter whom he'd never seen, and we don't blame him. Hurry back, Hank! It was swell seeing you again.

Two down, and one to go! Let's buy more War Bonds, and finish this one quicker! Buy more bonds on payroll savings—for the Mighty Seventh!

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BASEBALL RESULTS

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one into deep left for a home run. H. D. Smith and E. R. Johnson shared the pitching duties with Smith getting credit for the loss. The Oilers were minus five of their regular players.

MAY 13

SHELL	Ab	R	H	E
Mancuso, cf-c	4	1	2	0
Johnson, ss-p	5	0	3	0
Wheeler, 3b	4	0	0	2
Morris, c-cf	5	1	2	3
Cannon, 2b-ss	4	0	1	1
Daniel, lf	4	1	1	1
Warren, rf-1b	4	0	1	1
Matthews, 1b	2	0	1	0
Thomas, rf	2	0	0	0
Smith, p-2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	35	3	12	8

Brown Swing Shift	Ab	R	H	E
Delahoosa, ss	5	0	0	0
Berry, 2b	5	1	0	0
Ferrell, lf	4	1	1	0
Brown, rf	5	2	3	0
Nash, cf	4	1	2	0
McElary, 1b	2	1	2	1
Sawfford, 3b	4	1	0	1
Stepans, c	5	3	2	0
Scroggins, p	4	2	3	0
Totals	37	12	13	2

Runs batted in, Johnson 2; Morris, Brown, 3; Scroggins 2; Berry 2; Stepans 2; Nash 2; McElary. Two base hits, Mancuso. Three base hits, Mancuso, Cannon, Daniel. Home run Morris. Stolen bases, Johnson, Brown, Berry. Sacrifice hits, Wheeler. Strike outs by Smith 9; Johnson 2; Scroggins 12. Base on balls by Smith 2; Johnson 1; Scroggins 1.

MAY 20, 1945

SHELL	Ab	R	H	E
Wheeler, cf	3	2	0	0
Johnson, ss	3	0	0	1
Cox, lf	3	1	3	0
Morris, 2b	5	0	1	1
Cannon, 3b	5	1	1	0
Daniel, 1b	5	0	2	0
Woodland, rf	5	0	2	0
Mancuso, c	5	0	1	0
Loughridge, p	5	1	2	0
Totals	39	5	12	2

Rapid Blue Print	Ab	R	H	E
O'Rourke, 2b	3	0	1	0
Romano, ss	4	0	0	2
Kaustener, lf	4	0	2	0
Finch, 3b-p	3	0	1	0
O'Connor, c	4	0	0	0
Deasy, 1b	4	0	0	0
Hollman, rf	3	1	1	0
Williams, cf	4	0	0	1
Kintin, p	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	5	3

Shell Oilers 100 000 004
Rapid Blue Print 000 000 010
Runs batted in, Cox 3; Cannon 2. Three base hits, Cannon. Strike outs by Loughridge 4; by Kintin 4. Base on balls by Kintin 3. Stolen bases, O'Rourke, Wheeler, Johnson. Hit by pitcher, Loughridge 2. Hits off Kintin 10 in 8 1-3; Finch 2 2-3. Sacrifice hits Wheeler, Johnson.

MAY 27

SHELL	Ab	R	H	E
Carlisle, rf	2	3	1	0
Daniel, rf	2	0	0	0
Johnson, ss	5	2	2	1
Campo, 1b-p	3	2	2	0
Morris, 2b	3	1	0	0
Cannon, 3b	4	3	3	1
Cox, lf	3	2	2	0
Wheeler, cf	2	0	0	0
Sivley, c	1	0	0	0
Mancuso, c	3	0	1	0
Kopp, p	0	0	0	0
Loughridge, p	3	2	1	0
Totals	31	15	12	2

One day's hospitalization for a wounded man costs \$5. The average amputation case requires eight months; a plastic surgery, one year. We can't save their suffering—but we can help pay the bill for the best medical care possible! Do your part by buying more bonds in the Mighty Seventh! . . . through Payroll Savings.

Wilson Cubs	Ab	R	H	E
Walton, cf	4	1	3	0
Holling, 1b	4	1	1	0
Wilson, 3b-p	4	2	2	0
Frye, rf	4	2	2	0
Torck, 2b	5	0	2	0
Clark, c	5	0	0	0
Cain, lf-2b	4	0	0	0
Carpenter, ss	3	1	0	1
Malina, p-lf	4	1	1	0
Totals	35	8	11	1

Wilson Cubs	400	002	200
Shell Oilers	332	041	20x

Runs batted in, Cannon 4; Campo 4; Cox 3; Johnson, Mancuso, Carlisle, Morris, Loughridge, Walton, 3; Wilson 2; Torek 2; Frye. Two base hit, Cox. Three base hit, Campo. Base on balls off Loughridge 2; Wilson 2; Milina 2. Struck out by Loughridge 1; Campo 7; Wilson 3; Malina 1. Hits off Kopp, 4 in one inning; off Loughridge five in five innings; off Campo two in three; off Milina eight in five; off Wilson four in three. Left on bases, Shell 7; Wilson 5. Winning pitcher, Loughridge. Losing pitcher, Milina.

BATING AVERAGES

(Through June 8)

Players	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	pc
Campo	3	2	2	0	1	0	.666
Cox	12	3	7	1	0	0	.583
Matthews	2	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Cannon	20	5	9	0	1	0	.450
Carlisle	11	5	4	0	1	0	.363
Johnson	21	4	7	0	0	0	.333
Morris	22	4	7	0	1	1	.318
Loughridge	10	3	3	0	0	0	.300
Mancuso	14	3	4	1	1	0	.285
Daniel	11	1	3	0	1	0	.272
Woodland	8	0	2	0	0	0	.250
Smith	7	1	1	0	0	0	.142
Wheeler	19	3	1	0	0	0	.052
Sirley	7	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kopp	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Pitching Record

	W	L
Loughridge	3	0
Smith	0	1
Kopp	0	1

MAJOR CITY STANDING

Teams	Played	Won	Lost
Shell	5	3	2
Brown Swingshift	5	3	2
Brown Rockets	5	3	2
Empire Broom	5	3	2
Rapid Blueprint	5	2	3
Wilson Cubs	5	1	4

Employees Warned Of High Rate Of Finger Injuries

A campaign to make employees "finger conscious" was begun by the Safety Department in a recent bulletin which called attention to a total of 26 needless accidents which required employees to visit the company doctor for treatment of such injuries.

It was pointed out that only individual efforts can prevent injuries to fingers, especially when such injuries were caused by dropped objects, tools, etc.

For the five month period of 1945 the injuries were listed by departments as follows: Automotive 2; Boilermakers 1, Car Shop 3, Chemical Division operations 1, Chemical Division Engineering 6, Cracking 1, Docks 1, Gas 2, Labor 2, Control Laboratory 1, Machinists 3, Pipefitters 3. By months the totals were: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 7, and May 4.

One disabling injury was reported during the month of May, that occurring to A. A. Rider, employed in the pipe department. Rider was attempting to unstop a burner on a lead melting pot when the fuel hose became disconnected. The liquid which sprayed out of the hose flashed from the hot pot resulting in first and second burns on both arms and hands and about the face and neck. Rider is recovering satisfactorily and will be off approximately six weeks.

Mixed Bowling ---

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Engineering Field, Chemical Division No. 1 over Control Lab, and Chemical Division No. 3 over Chemical Division No. 2.

LEAGUE STANDING

Team	Won	Lost
Gas Dept. No. 2	9	3
Tech Dept. No. 1	8	4
Main Office	8	4
Inspectors	7	5
Gas Dept. No. 1	7	5
Tech Dept. No. 2	6	6
Chem. Div. No. 2	6	6
Eng. Office No. 1	6	6
Chem. Div. No. 1	6	6
Control Lab.	5	7
Eng. Office No. 2	5	7
Eng. Field	5	7
Chem. Div. No. 3	4	8
Research	2	10

High Individual Game (men)
C. Suggs 223

High Individual Series (men)
C. Suggs 560

High Individual Game (women)
J. Schwartz & L. Ross 180

High Individual Series (women)
L. Ross 465

Scratch League---

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Dave Smith, 152, C. Cunningham, 149 and P. Sharp, 148.

Other teams in the league are the Instrument Shop, Chemical Division, Research Lab, and Cat Crackers.

Paul Murrell, Chemical Division, bowled 251 for high game, and B. A. Risinger, Control Lab, rolled 603 pins for high series. Risinger also leads the league with his 176.

LEAGUE STANDING

Team	Won	Lost
Podbielniak Lab	14	4
Control Lab	11	7
Instrument Shop	8	10
Chemical Division	7	11
Research Lab	7	11
Cat. Crackers	7	11

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TENNIS STANDINGS

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best form, best shorts, and best spirit, making like the gazelle.

TEAM STANDING

No.	Team	Matches	Pts
2	Chem. Div. & Con. Lab	28	57
1	Engineers & Tech	22	56
3	Gas Dept.	19	51
4	Research Lab.	15	37

MEN'S SINGLES LADDER

1. Loughridge	1
2. Delargey	2
3. Orfield	3
4. Wolfe	3
5. Lee	4
6. Morrison	4
7. Taylor	2
8. Stanberry	2
9. Dicks	1
10. Carnes	1
11. Anderson	3
12. Kapranos	4
13. Doyle	1
14. Okie	2
15. Roen	2
16. Dobratz	4
17. Frech	3
18. Boudreaux	1
19. Hyatt	1
20. Ramsey	1
21. Graham	2
22. Isaacs	1
23. L. Myers	1
24. W. Myers	2
25. Murdock	2
26. Risinger	2
27. Dahl	2
28. Kunruether	1
29. Muires	4

MEN'S SINGLES RESULTS JUNE 6

Anderson (3) defeated Okie (2) 6-2, 6-4.
 Kapranos (4) won by default from Roen (2).
 Frech (3) leading Hyatt (1) 8-6, 3-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES LADDER

1. Wright & Greenwood	3
2. Bramlett & Garrison	2
3. Mosher & Sears	2
4. Munyer & Burch	4
5. Garner & Kelley	1
6. Toland & McDowell	1
7. Walker & Hill	4
8. Barrell & Ross	1
9. Roenigk & Todd	3
10. Miller & Sutton	4
11. Brooks & Wolfe	2
12. Lawrence & Mathews	2
13. Reitz & Okie	2
14. Weisbeck & Parker	2

WOMEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS JUNE 6

Toland and McDowell (1) defeated Miller and Sutton (4) 6-0, 6-1.
 Hill and Walker (4) defeated Barrell and Ross (1) 6-1, 6-2.
 Wright and Greenwood (3) defeated Munyer and Burch (4) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES LADDER

Team No.	Rank
1. Loughridge & Boudreaux	1
2. Morrison & Lee	4
3. Okie & Roen	2
4. Good & Thew	3
5. Delargey & Taylor	2
6. Dicks & Doyle	1
7. Naschke & Orfield	3
8. Wolf & Enderson	3
9. Kapranos & Dobratz	4
10. Wilson & Myers	4
11. Carnes & Myers	1
12. Risinger & Dahl	2
13. Graham & Murdock	2
14. Hyatt & Isaacs	1
15. Frech & Delong	3
16. Kincannon & Meerbott	4

MEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS JUNE 6

Morrison and Lee (4) defeated Orfield and Naschke (3) 6-3, 6-3.
 Carnes and L. Myers (1) defeated Frech and Delong (3) 6-3, 7-9, 6-4.
 Dobratz and Kapranos (4) defeated Wilson and W. Myers (2) 6-3, 6-3.
 Graham and Murdock (2) defeated Hyatt and Isaacs (1) 6-2, 6-2.
 Enderson and Wolfe (3) defeated Carnes and L. Myers (1) 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLE LADDER

1. Ruth Bramlett	2
2. Ann Wright	3
3. C. Sutton	4
4. Tex Sears	2
5. Doris Garner	1
6. Pat Mosher	2
7. H. Barrell	1
8. Sue McDowell	1
9. P. Munyer	4
10. Ernestine Brooks	2
11. C. S. Burch	4
12. Annie Mae Lawrence	2
13. Alice Walker	4
14. Louise Ross	1
15. Jane Okie	2
16. E. Brandon	1
17. D. Weisbeck	2
18. R. Wolfe	2
19. F. Toland	1

WOMEN'S SINGLES RESULTS JUNE 6

Barrell (1) defeated Walker (4) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
 Okie (2) defeated Weisbeck (2) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
 Barrell (1) won by default from Brooks (2).

MIXED DOUBLES LADDER

1. Stanberry & Bramlett	2
2. Kincannon & Sutton	4
3. Meerbott & Burch	4
4. Isaacs & Brandon	1
5. Boudreaux & Garner	1
6. Okie & Okie	2
7. Taylor & Mosher	2
8. Delargey & Sears	2
9. Sutton & Lee	4
10. Reitz & Reitz	2

MIXED DOUBLES RESULTS JUNE 6

Mosher and Taylor (2) defeated Reitz and Reitz (2) 6-1, 6-2.

Bond Drive ---

(Continued from page 1)

plant in offices and shops, and bulletins and descriptive pamphlets were distributed to employees.

During the week of May 28—June 2 a musical program was featured each day at the 7th War Loan Booth erected in the main dining room of the cafeteria. Two fifteen-minute presentations of local talent were offered and war bond statistics were announced while employees ate lunch.

Among the plant entertainers were C. D. Fisher, Welding Shop, who gave out with sweet harmonica renditions; a Research Lab trio composed of Peg Munyer, Helene Thomas and Marjorie Twa, who harmonized on several of the latest hit tunes; A. B. Cruse, Instrument Shop, who hit the ivories with a strictly "by ear" touch; and Harry Kennedy, who deftly wrung by-gone melodies from the olde pianny. S. W. "Kappy" Kapranos was the suave master of ceremonies.

On the closing program Ray Kenard, Tech Dept. employee, whose discharge from the Navy lent weight to his words, urged fellow employees to go "all-out" in purchasing war bonds during the Mighty Seventh.

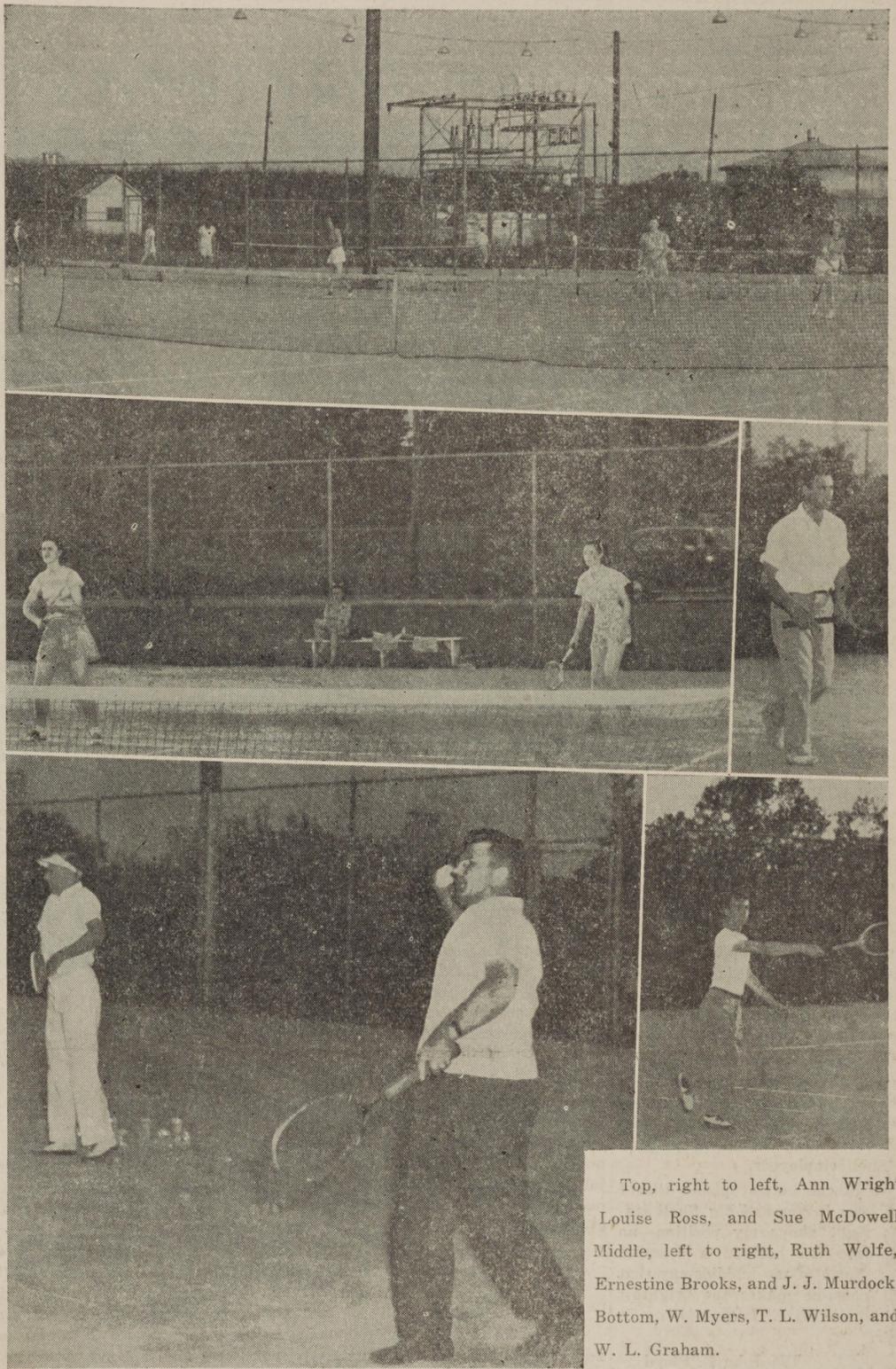
In connection with the campaign a three-day showing of thrilling, powerful war films was conducted by Jimmy Hallmark. Movies were shown at the Pipe Shop, the cafeteria, and at the Chemical Division twice daily on May 28, 29 and 30 with a total attendance of 357 employees.

Purchasers of Extra E Bonds were advised of available certificates to the 7th War Loan Boxing Carnival on Tuesday, June 26, 1945 sponsored by the Elks.

18 days are left until the 7th War Loan Drive ends. Employees have until June 23 for hourly payroll and June 25 for staff payroll to authorize extra bond deductions. Cash applications will be received up to June 30, the War Bond Committee stated.

TWO DOWN AND ONE TO GO! HASTEN FINAL VICTORY BY BUYING BIGGER BONDS IN THE 7th!

Tennis Enthusiasts Compete Each Wednesday Night



Top, right to left, Ann Wright, Louise Ross, and Sue McDowell. Middle, left to right, Ruth Wolfe, Ernestine Brooks, and J. J. Murdock. Bottom, W. Myers, T. L. Wilson, and W. L. Graham.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

The first part of last month we welcomed Messrs. R. B. High, Manager of Shell's Washington Office, and T. T. Thompson, Assistant Manager of New York Purchasing (both of whom need no introduction to Houston old-timers) who dropped in to look us over.

Mr. R. S. Douglass, our big boss, has been here all month and he and Mr. McCarty may be seen making the daily rounds of the job jumping from gully to gulch, and back to gully again, among the works of excavation during each early morning sunrise. Seems as though there is a rumor that a pair of the dirt excavators are 2.2 hours behind production schedule on account of timeout required one day to get Doug's automobile out of a clearly defined ditch. Of course, that's just the grapevine, and of course, we wouldn't ask, but it is causing Ed Hander to have a h— of a time trying to explain an extra .00001 cent per cubic yard excavation cost per mule hour for the month.

Mr. L. A. Lohman, Assistant Manager of N. Y. Office Industrial Relations, was another visitor for a few days. At an odd moment and solely for the sake of conversation, we feel sure, he inquired of the poker playing proclivities of the

construction office gang, but we had to point out that our hot and sultry climate was not overly conducive to such activities just now.

Welcome to the fold, barrister Fred Macey, who hasn't been in his office enough to warm up his chair. Stick around more, Fred, so we can learn more about you. You need not be frightened by our obvious request that you stop the buses in front of our office so that we can get off or on without walking a "fur piece."

We regret the resignation of our secretary, Mrs. Betty Lee, who returned to Ohio where her husband was transferred by the Air Forces, and welcome newcomers, Mrs. Bette Lou Clement and Miss Della Faye Freeman, to our staff.

Ron Ward visited Wood River the first part of the month, during the catalytic cracking unit shutdown here. He says he is not sure, but he believes the St. Louis breweries are still on stream, and that the rough plane ride back to Houston was the only unusual sensation he experienced on the entire trip. (Wood River papers, do not copy!) Anyway, he says he can get John Dunlap, who was up there, too, to vouch for him.

If you have ever wondered how the staccato of the San Francisco Conference might blend in with the wailing of a bunch of banshees, drop in on Ed Underwood's daily drop-

out design session with certain members of the Tech Dept. promptly at 10, 2 and 4 o'clock each day.

Overheard in Stenographic Dept. Lisa Brandon explaining to our new addition, Bette Lou Clement, about GUY DERRICK DEAD MEN. "The proper way to spell GUY is G-U-Y," says Lisa. "Oh! I understand, you mean the man's name," replies Bette Lou.

Anyone interested in seeing a Free Peep Show Variety of subjects offered, see Ronnie Ward, our "on the spot photographer."

Unanswered questions of the month—

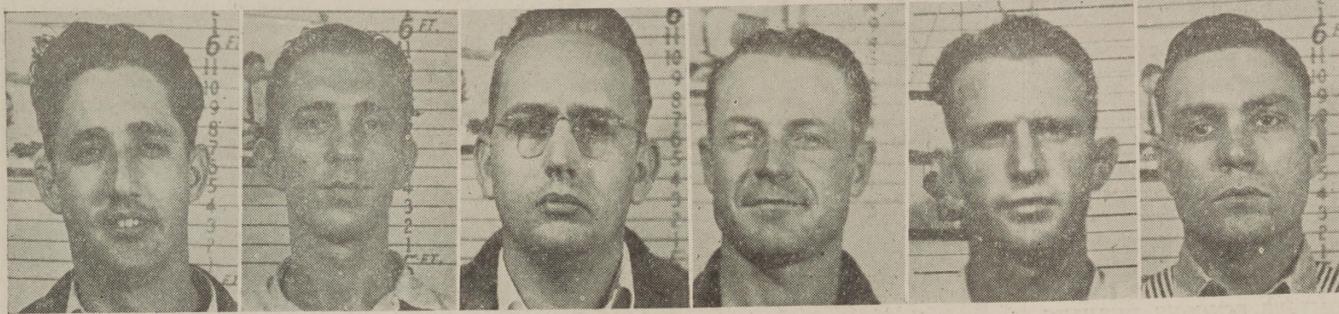
1. Who is the bird who enticed the bird to build a nest in Mr. McGillicuddy McCarty's rain gauge, or was it a plain case of "Chic Sales appeal?"

2. What was so secretive in seeing a Fred Hander and Fred Macey had to retire for three solid hours together in Fred's office the other day, not before they had pulled down all the shades and completely blackened out the door glass? Could it be another one of Hander's lascivious lyrics in the making? — You just have to watch that guy!

3. What has old man Newton got that we haven't to rate that "Nootsie" stuff?

Buy War Bonds today—for a better tomorrow!

MILITARY LEAVES



A. W. WILLIAMS
Eng. Field
5-30-45

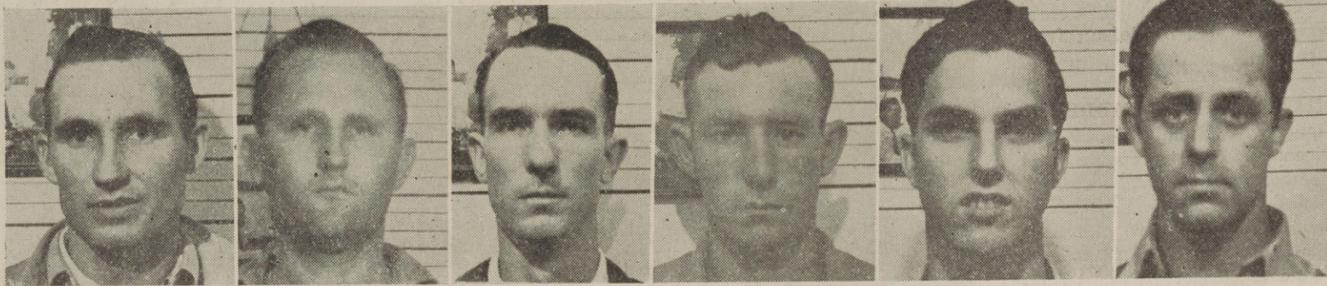
S. P. DAVIS
Topping
5-31-45

D. O. HENRY
Control Lab.
5-16-45

R. R. KLECHKA
Eng. Field
5-16-45

B. G. BAGWELL
Docks
5-9-45

T. W. OSBURN
Dispatching
6-4-45



H. C. SANDERS
Eng. Field
5-22-45

B. J. ROYALL
Eng. Field
5-19-45

W. D. BALLEW
Eng. Field
5-19-45

A. G. WOODLAND
Topping
5-26-45

R. L. GAVIN
Eng. Field
5-18-45

D. V. ALBRO
Eng. Field
5-12-45

Germany
April 27, 1945

I have seen quite a lot of Germany in the past couple of months and I have plans to see quite a bit more. I was the recipient of two battle stars and a probable third.

We just completed a crossing of the (censored) river and it was a tough job, however we made it without meeting too much resistance. I have several stories compiled for future bull sessions with the Shell employees.

Two of the hottest places that I have been in yet had big Shell stations right above my position—an up-to-date fox hole in a concrete cellar. Some of my buddies say that Shell gasoline makes the brightest and hottest fire. I can't deny it either.

T/5 John B. Floyd

Corpus Christi, Texas
March 29, 1945

Just received the Shellegram, the first one I have received for some time. Surely enjoyed reading it so keep the good work up. Am still getting the Shell News and Readers' Digest for which I would like to say thanks a million.

I was transferred to a different unit a few weeks ago. I am in a Flight Test unit overhauling Hell-divers that have been sent back to the states from combat zones.

Passed through Houston a few days ago while I was on leave. Didn't have time to visit the plant but did get to talk to some of the gang on the phone. Sure will be glad when I get back among the snuff dippers. And here's hoping it won't be long before all of Joe Shell's boys come home.

James R. Duty, AMM2 c

CORRECTION

Apologies to S/Sgt. Ralph J. Young and 2nd Lt. R. G. Walton for the mistake made in identifying Lt. Walton's picture appearing in the May issue of the Shellegram as being that of Sgt. Young.

Lt. Walton, who came home on leave recently, was employed in the Research Lab prior to entering the Army Air Force November 1, 1943. He received his commission in June, 1944 and is stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Philippines
May 14, 1945

My last Family Allowance form was sent in from the Hawaiian Islands. At present we are in the Philippines working on a project that will probably be part of a permanent post-war naval operating base.

These F. A. forms certainly remind me what a generous company I am working for. The end of the war seems in sight now, and I am hoping that I'll be back on my old job with the company before it is necessary to send an other renewal application.

Louis N. Harling, SF3/c

Lawrenceville, Ill.
May 25, 1945

I received the 10-year tie chain and I want to thank you very much for it. It is a mighty good feeling to know that my seniority goes on and my job is waiting for me when I return from the Armed Services. I'm anxiously waiting for the day I can return. Thanks again.

Pfc. Lester D. Marsac

Camp Parks, Calif.
May 28, 1945

I am stationed here in Camp Parks but things are changing now as the shifting of military personnel is taking place all over the country. Don't know how long I will be here.

I again thank the Company for the Family Allowance which really comes in handy and is appreciated by each man on military leave. I'm looking forward to coming back to my job before so very long.

Chester R. Dukes, SF2/c

Dale Mabry Field, Fla.
May 15, 1945

I received the most delightful surprise when I received Shell's letter of May 8 and found that I was receiving my Ten Year Service Emblem.

When I first went to work for Shell I often dreamed that maybe I would be one of the lucky men who some day might have among their possessions an emblem showing that they had completed ten years with a wonderful company.

There are so many days and yearly happenings that this emblem brings back to my memory that it is very nice to recollect with happy

thoughts the years of the past. I am still looking forward to the day when I can return to my job. I can always say with a great admiration that I sure work for the best company in the U. S.

With two down and one to go, maybe we in the armed services may be returning to our old job in the not too distant future.

Sgt. Richard F. Hefley

Galveston, Texas

After a long period of hospitalization at Keesler Field, Mississippi, I am now back on duty at Galveston Army Air Field, and very glad to be back in Texas. I am engaged in doing drafting for the statistical office at headquarters and surely enjoy my work. My recent visit to the old refinery was indeed a happy one, and may I add that the place looked awfully good to me.

The family allowance check has been a life saver during my illness, and again Mrs. Young and I thank you very much.

I am really looking forward to being back with the old gang in the near future, or as soon as we can finish off the Japs.

Pfc. Charles D. Young

Assam, India
April 12, 1945

The Monsoon season has started now. That is the season of the year when it rains so much over here. Believe me, I thought it could rain in Texas, but this place has got it beat. And after the rain the sun comes out and it is really hot. Outside of all the rain everything else remains the same.

I guess the news of the surrender of Germany caused quite a bit of excitement at the Refinery. I imagine there were some celebrations. We had a few over here. So much for that, but it was really a sweet peace of news. The tough fight is ahead yet.

I have been receiving the Shellegram right along. I am really happy to see it, for that is one of my favorite papers from home.

I see that Shell has numerous recreation activities now. Sure wish I was there to join a few of them. We have a good baseball team in our squadron. We play every Sunday.

I have got three scars that will stay with me for life since I have

been over here. However, they were through carelessness.

Pfc. Johnson Sanders

Camp Fannin, Texas
May 16, 1945

For the past seven months I have been company clerk for Company A, 59th Battalion, 12th Training Regiment, however, in a few days I will be transferred to the Information and Education Office, which, I think, is one of the best branches of the Army. There I will be able to improve my own knowledge plus giving out what I know (and learn) to the hundreds of men who are taking Basic Training in this Regiment. There's much to be learned in my new job, but I think I will have "plenty of time" to learn it. According to the point system I should be a civilian in only five years and one month, but I'm not kicking because the Army isn't such a hard outfit to work for.

It's a real treat to read about all the bunch back there in the Shellegram every month. Of course, I always turn to the Laboratory news first, but before I have set the paper aside, I have read it from cover to cover. Lots of the names are unfamiliar to me, but most of them I know very well. Congratulations to all of you on the Refinery Recreation Association; it's the best thing that ever happened to Shell Refinery. I had the pleasure of being at one of the dances sponsored by that organization a few months ago, and I really enjoyed it even though I couldn't stay long.

Now that Germany is thoroughly whipped, we can concentrate on those little yellow snakes, and don't let anyone tell you we don't need much gasoline in this Army. We use a lot of it even in the Infantry where the "paddle-foot" never gets an opportunity to sit in a vehicle of any description. Our job is not nearly finished now, and I, for one, won't be ready to settle down until it is. Japan has a powerful Army and Navy, and they don't give up quite as quickly as the other two nations did. They think that they can still whip the world, and they're ready to die to prove it. Tell the fellows and girls out there at the Refinery to keep pitching, and I'm sure all of us will do the same.

T/5 W. D. "Bill" Antone

NOTICE

The Shellegram staff will welcome any requests, suggestions, or comments from our employees in the services as to material they would like to see published which would give them more information about fellow employees on the war fronts or news from the home fronts.

Pacific Area
May 17, 1945

I'm still getting along fine, and I sure hope you fellows at the Refinery are O.K. I'm with the Fifth Marine Division, and wondered if you would get my Shellegram started this way now.

How are all the fellows over at the Garage? Remember me to Cappy.

It's very nice out here where I'm stationed. Be sure and tell Buddie Felton that I said hello and all the boys in the Field Office.

Cpl. Gerald S. Higgins

Spokane, Washington
May 18, 1945

Hearing from the Refinery nearly a month ago was a pleasant boost for my morale.

We boys in the hospital seem to do a lot of thinking, and the Houston refinery is often in my mind. I am anxious to be back with you to learn the many new faces I shall find, and to see the growth of our Refinery.

The date of my return to Houston is indefinite. I will not be discharged from the hospital until my leg is right, and the doctors do not feel like committing themselves on a situation which must take its own sweet time to end. I am anticipating a favorable report on a recent X-ray, for I feel entirely too well to spend many more days in bed. My best wishes to you all.

S/Sgt. Walter S. Fruland



Perry P. Dowdy, Chief Motor Machinist's Mate, and former Automotive Dept. employee, who participated in three major campaigns in the Solomons, New Guinea and Admiralty Islands.

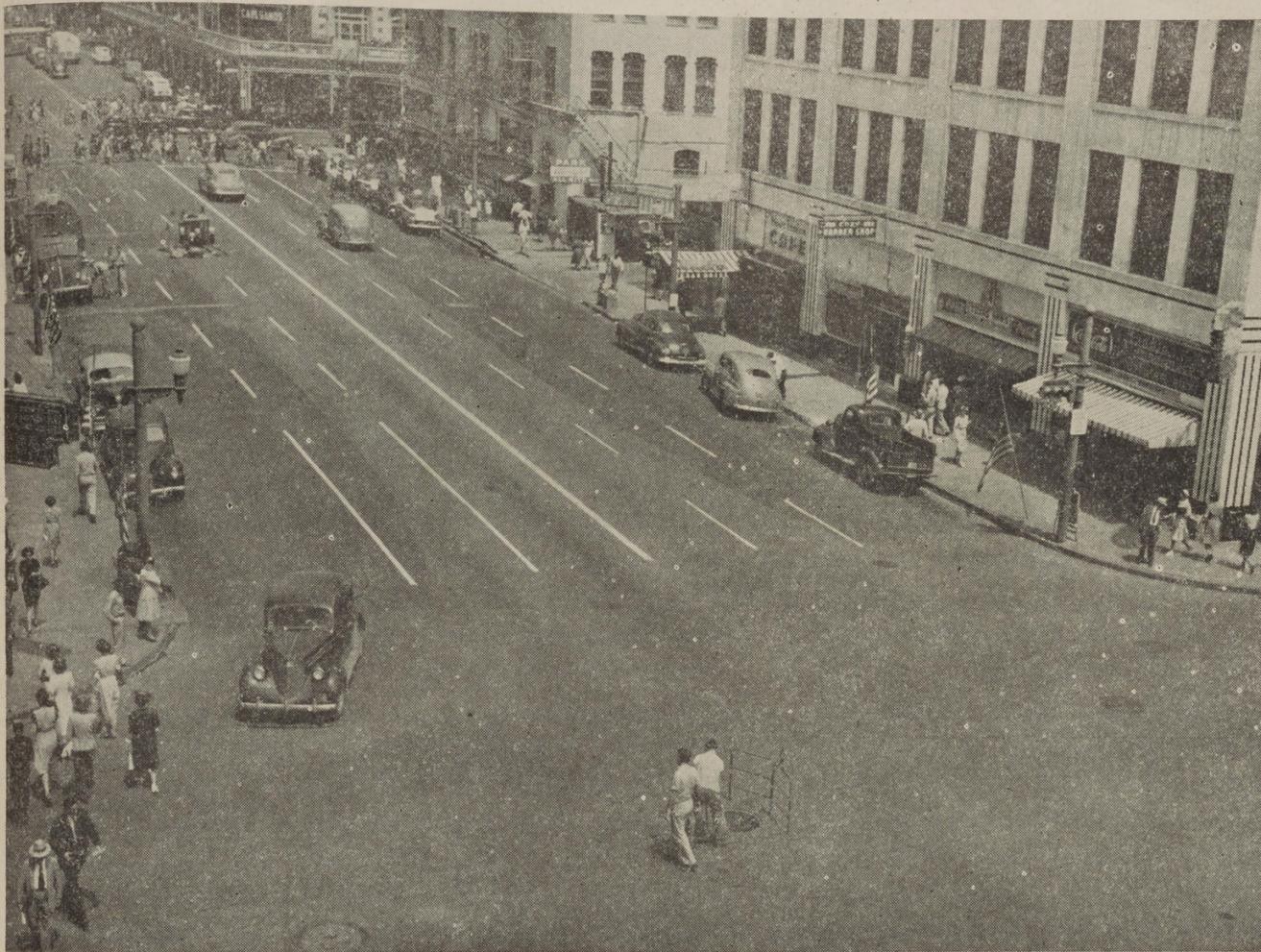
Overseas for two years, Chief Dowdy, while home on a 30-day furlough recently ordered six eggs for the first cafe he entered.

Dowdy's unit maintained light plants and heavy equipment. Once he obtained a "midnite issue" of five truckloads of Shell diesel which he carried with him to further bases, as he had had all he wanted of inferior diesel oils, he said. Questioned as to equipment and rations, Dowdy stated that they had good equipment and plenty of it. The food was good and the men had all the cigarettes they wanted.

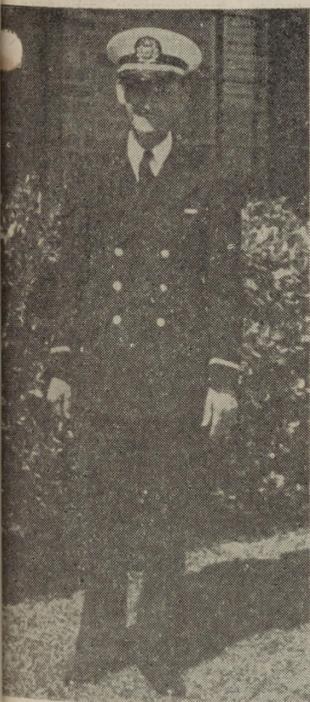
Chief Dowdy is now located at Port Hueneme, California.

A war half-won is not victory. Buy more war bonds, through payroll savings!

V. E. Day Observed Quietly in Houston



Texas Avenue from Fannin Street looking towards the Rice Hotel on Main and Texas at noon on V-E Day. Activity apparent is indicative of the sober manner in which Houstonians observed V-E Day. Celebration of the end of the war against Germany was withheld, no doubt, because of the fact that the majority of Harris County's 80,000 servicemen will be used in the war against the Japanese.



Ensign W. H. Jackson who returned for a visit to the Refinery while on a 14-day leave recently. Formerly employed in the Dispatching Dept. and with 16 years company service to his credit, Ensign Jackson went on military leave of absence in November, 1944. He attended officers training school at New London, Conn., where he received his commission and his engineer's license in the U. S. Maritime Service. Ensign Jackson says he is subject to call to go anywhere, possibly on a supply ship providing shuttle service to the Pacific islands.

Martinez, Calif.
May 17, 1945

I am still doing just fine here at Martinez. I like it very much. The old Pod operator and I have a chat very often. He is a great fellow.

My wife received the allowance check yesterday. We appreciate it very much. It sure is a great thing that Shell is doing for the service men.

I hope everything is going all right there. Tell everybody they are doing a great job. This thing will be over before long if they keep it up.

M. E. McNeil, S2/c

Germany
April 28, 1945

I haven't been able to write before now because we have been steadily on the move trying to help get this war over with so we can come back home.

I am somewhere in Germany, and I sure will be glad to get back to the States and to my many friends. You have all been so nice to me and my family and I really do appreciate it.

Cpl. Roger Williams

New Guinea
May 8, 1945

I am still stationed in New Guinea and have three other Shell boys here with me.

I hope to be soon moving on as we have almost finished our job here, I believe.

I want to thank you very much for the family allowance. I assure you it is much appreciated.

Tell the boys back there hello. Will be glad to get back on the job again.

G. A. Lindstrom, SF1/c

Davisville, Rhode Island

Our last tour of duty ended with the invasion of the St. Matthias Group in the Bismarck Archipelago, which is located between Raboul and Truk. Seven months later found us on our way back to God's country and I do mean "God's country." No one knows any better than I what a wonderful place the United States is.

This completed twenty-three months overseas duty for my battalion which included New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Florida Island, Ganutu, Tanambuga, New Zealand, New Georgia and the Russells.

We were truly a happy bunch of worn-out veterans when we passed under the Golden Gate bridge but none was too tired to cheer at the sight of land. The Navy band met us at the docks and while they rendered the latest song hits, the Red Cross gave us sweet milk by the quart—the second time in two long years.

As most of you know, my wife's death preceded my arrival in the States by two days. It was indeed a terrible shock, as well as heart-rending, to be confronted with such tragedy on my homecoming.

Due to my limited leave I failed to see a great number of my old friends, although I did manage to visit the gang in the instrument and electric shops. Words cannot express my feelings and happiness over the dinner party the boys of the instrument and electric shop gave me. My strongest desire is to be back on the job once more with my friends.

I want you all to know that you are doing a grand job here and your production is reaching the forces overseas in large quantities. Shell has been well represented in every operation we have participated in.

The Shellites I met while in the Seabees are Bill Vance, Cummings, Yandle, Mueller, B. Cole and Earl Mantooth. Hollis Weatherly was in my battalion overseas, but I failed

to see C. Rainey while visiting Yandle.

At this time I want to express my sincere appreciation for your kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings during my recent bereavement.

R. B. Mann, SF 1/c

India

I want to thank Shell for the kindness and generosity shown to employees in the armed forces. I, for one, have been helped to no small extent and I know that Shell has made life a lot easier for my wife and son.

Since I left the States last November, I've seen quite a bit of the world and most of it from the air. We had a very nice and exciting flight across but I'm not allowed to tell too much about the places that we stopped or the route we took. I can say that I visited the famous Taj Mahal and found it as beautiful as I'd heard it was.

As you probably know, I'm in the Medics and haven't seen much actual combat. My outfit stays behind the lines and supplies the front line troops with anything that they need or use. I was up along the front for a while but had no encounters with the Japanese. One of the Medical officers that was at the same place was killed one day by the Japs and it happened about 200 yards from me but that's the closest that any Japs got to me.

India is supposed to be a rich country but most of the people are very poor. Their life is very simple and their standard of living is so low that it really makes one sick to go around their living quarters.

I want to thank you for the recent issue of the Shellegram that I received last week and would appreciate any future copies that you could spare. Things seem to have changed quite a bit around the Refinery and I haven't been able to keep up with them. Give my regards to the personnel at the Control Lab, although there are quite a few that I don't know.

Pfc. Charles E. Reedy

France

April 25, 1945

I had the pleasure of spending a few days in London a while back. Thought there was no other place like the States. I hate to say it but England isn't bad at all. You know, I was in (censored) before I left the States and there isn't much difference in the two places. Also, heard a lot about Paris and everybody says it's similar, too. Before I return to the States, I hope to see it, too, but the way things look I'm not depending on it too much.

Well, how is the old gang at the Pipe shop by now, working hard as usual, I suppose? I believe I could stand a few hours of that good old overtime myself.

Oh, is Connie still around yet? I didn't get to see him when I visited the plant last. I don't see why some of you boys don't break down and drop me a few lines. Sharp said he would but never did. I suppose I'll have to write him a special invitation to get a few lines.

I've been receiving my Readers Digest and Shell News regularly. I got the Shellegram last month but it was the first for three months or more. Hope it comes in every month now as I like it very much. Also, it had some very good snapshots of the boys in the Service. It so happens I don't have any right offhand, but will try to send one in the near future.

Keep up the good work and keep them flying. Hope to see everyone soon. So long for now.

Pfc. Reed Laramore

Okinawa

May 7, 1945

This is to let you know of my present address as I would like to get the Shellegram more often. I have only received one since I have been overseas. But the one I received was appreciated and I just ate it up.

I am now in Okinawa, Shima, and there's not much news here.

Tell the boys in the Topping dept. hello for me.

Pvt. W. B. Harris

Camp Parks, Calif.
May 1, 1945

I'm an instructor on the rifle range here at Camp Parks, and like it fine. The way it looks now I won't have to go back overseas for quite awhile yet. Please send the Shellegram to me.

My best regards to everyone. Would like to have some letters from some of the gang.

J. C. Miller, SF1/c

Philippines

May 13, 1945

I have been moving around so fast lately that the Shellegram has just caught up with me. I received two this week and needless to say I really did enjoy them. I have been receiving the Readers Digest and Shell News pretty regular.

George O'Neill and Smitty wrote me that Shell has a new diesel electric locomotive. I sure would like to be there to try it out, but maybe it won't be so much longer now. Tell all the Shell gang hello and thanks again for all the past favors.

E. E. Oglethorpe, MM2/c

Fort Benning, Ga.
May 22, 1945

I arrived here May 20 to receive training in the Paratroopers. I will let you know how it feels to jump, and also something about the training it takes before anyone is qualified to jump as soon as I reach that part of the game.

I receive and enjoy the Shellegram, Shell News and the Readers Digest.

Pvt. Vernon Simpson

Shipping News

By A. W. Calhoun

Boy, oh boy, but it sure was good to see and talk to Rollie Bishop again—and was the old boy looking good—I'd say just larruping or something. Says Rollie, "Now for the Japs." Be sure and pay us another visit before you return to your outfit, fella.

And I had a long letter from Phil Hager, who is now pretty busy putting the "Krauts" on ice. Phil had spent a seven-day pass at some French resort and said that it sure was hard to readjust himself to eating a meal sitting at a table with food served on a plate, also sleeping on a bed with his shoes off while he slept. Rumors have them "right off to the Pacific" and Phil doesn't have enough points for a discharge.

J. E. Daniels was out visiting us recently. Glad to hear he's feeling better and hope his arm heals soon.

Don't fail to have Hickey Napp tell you just how "high hat" Dudley Ellis can be when passing you on the road in a bright red automobile with one of the "gentlemen" down in the plant. 'Taint funny, is it, Dudley? Or is it?

"Wrong Way Buck" has decided to straighten up and fly right.

Then there's that awful predicament yours truly got into when Burt Redburn handed me what I thought was a snake on the way over to work one morning. I don't believe I'll ever get over it. I know I won't ever be the same.

G. W. Matthews, our department's motorcycle ace, can really carry Stagner, our pipefitter helper, high about the good quality of East Texas ribbon cane syrup. And Stag gets all serious about it, too.

We now present Ilean! Ilean Genusa. "Don't call me Singin' Sam no more," says Sam. "Just call me Ilean." Ask any of the boys at Casinghead Pumphouse about this one.

Since Bill Ray has taken Hanvy's schedule we wonder if he will also sing to the girls.

Buster Dorrell letting the gang in on some of the highlights of his recent visit to St. Louis. It's a big old world, ain't it, Buster?

Tom Osburn says that grass fire the tank builders started at the fire-wall of G-332 got the hottest, the quickest that he ever laid a piece of wet burlap on—and almost as soon as they got it put out, the same welder immediately started a worse one than before—"and then did my tongue run out," says Tom.

Bahn, did you know Conett broke his glasses?

Jack Hatcher, the new Cargo Inspector, breaking Joe Tipton in for extra work in that department. The general trend of conversation among our gaugers is that they'll sure be glad when they get down to some of that "most choice bird-dogging material" the Lab has to offer, for an inspector.

You should have Kathleen Williams tell you the story about Bill George and Cookie's race around the top of one of the R tanks. This is a good one!

Monroe Radford cooling off with a frosted root beer and a candy bar after a hot day down on the docks.

We hope Bartley has an enjoyable vacation. He is going to that Sunflower State.

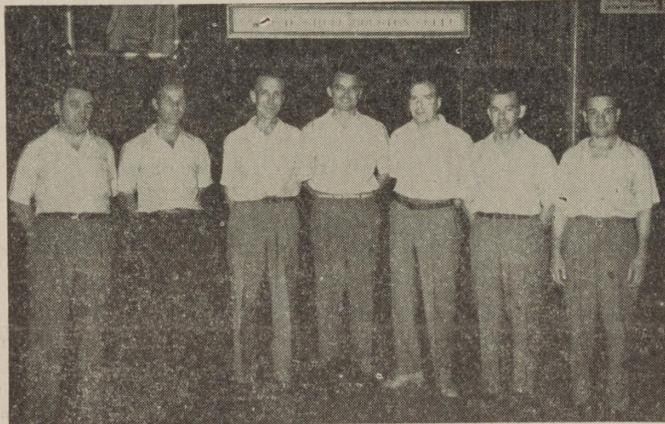
Can't get much baseball comment out of Preacher Montz or Ray Coop-

Houston And Norco Bowlers



Members of the victorious Houston Refinery bowling squad who trounced the hapless Norco kegmen during the Norco Plant Day challenge match on May 5. Left to right, A. F. Sartor, George Thorn, Claude

Cassidy, S.R.E.R.A. Business Manager, Paul Morrison, Patricia Mosher, Executive Chairman, holding the bowling trophy, B. A. Risinger, Jack St. Clair, and Dave Smith.



Norco Refinery bowlers who rolled a score of 4141 but were defeated by Houston Refinery's 4214 in the challenge match. Left to

right, E. J. Dupepe, W. J. Bodin, A. R. Lambka, S. J. Oertling, R. L. Holliday, B. Bertram, and J. A. Bourgeois.

CHEMICAL DIVISION

Maintenance News

By H. B. Jarrett

Alton Middleton of the Machine Shop lost the end of his middle finger of his right hand Tuesday, May 22. A pump weighing about 500 lbs. was dropped on his finger. He will keep Olen Hunley company in the tool room for quite some time.

er this season. I believe they both liked to have switched to the Phillies a few days ago, though.

"Commissioner" Baldwin all happy looking and everything waiting for his bike and another round of daylight shift. Boy, things sure do look good to this product of Walker County during sunlight hours.

That new sun hat you see going in and coming out of Main Oil Pumphouse is on no other than our good friend, Roy Shipp. Now all you need, Roy, is a set of spurs and a pair of boots. Oh, I see, you just don't wear them to work, eh!

The Loading Rack boys are surely going to miss Kay Barton while she is in New York on her vacation commencing June 16.

Dave Riffle, back from his vacation and with his sleeves rolled up. Says Dave, "There isn't near as many fish now as there was when I left here."

Let's not need Eleven. Let's put it over in this Mighty Seventh. Got your Bonds yet?

Absit Omen.

Why is the warehouse so crowded these days? Even the foremen are buying things. Couldn't be "the blonde," or could it?

Wonder how Pete Silber got in the dog house at home by working overtime? There's nothing like a good buddy, is there, Pete?

We heard Pat Wynne went out to show the boys how to play poker the other night. Pretty expensive teaching, wasn't it, Pat?

The new air compressor is really getting lots of attention. Every one in the plant has worked on it but Elmer, the safety man, and he hasn't had time.

Gene Potter is the new girl in the warehouse and she hails from the Control Lab. Better watch those wolves, Gene.

Koy came back to work telling about someone jumping on him and breaking his new teeth — \$85.00 worth. Since then Preacher Hodgson has left his at home. Says he is saving them for Sundays.

We really don't know how fast things are moving these days. An ex-serviceman told us that he came from Florida to Ellington Field, 1482 miles, in four hours flat. Are you sure of that, Boundereaux?

If we don't watch P. P. Dominy he'll be hooking radios up to these pumps out here to increase his business at home.

A. G. Thurman is being transferred to the Engineering Department about June 18. Mr. Brown from the refinery will take over part of his duties. We wish both of you the best of luck, fellows.

Gardening---

(Continued from page 1)

feeding on newly set out plants by wrapping a paper collar around their stems an inch below and two inches above the soil. In some localities, additional control is practiced by spreading poisoned bran-bait around the plants. (This practice admittedly is dangerous to birds.)

Both cabbage maggots and cut-worms are chewing types, that is, they actually bite off portions of the plant itself. Feeding in this fashion they are wide open to control by stomach poisons such as arsenicals and rotenone. Arsenicals, though, are dangerous to humans and should be used only early in the plant's life, if at all. Arsenical sprays and dusts never should be used after cabbage or other plants get into real growth or after the leaves have started to turn inward.

Dusting For Small Garden

Sprays or dusts can be used with almost equal success, but in the small garden dusts are perhaps easier to apply and more economical in that they require less equipment. All that you need is a bellows or plunger type of small duster and you are ready to go to work.

Spray Sucker Types

The sucking types of insects are another story and they require a different method of control. They do not eat portions of the plants, but instead pierce the plant tissue with their sucking tubes, blithely passing through any surface poison that may be on the plants. They must, therefore, be handled in another manner. For chewing insects, one may coat a plant with poison spray and rest assured that they will die. For sucking insects, a contact or smothering spray or dust is used. It must hit the insect itself in order to be effective.

Destroy Early

Good examples of the sucking type of insect are aphids, leafhoppers, and plant lice. Poisons that will enter their breathing apparatus and kill by smothering are nicotine sulphate, rotenone and pyrethrum (now in short supply). The time to guard against this type of insect is early, for it they are destroyed when first attacking your plants, subsequent egg-laying and hatching of much larger first, second, and possibly third broods will be eliminated.

The important thing to remember in combating garden insect pests is that a control that will kill chewing insects will not bother sucking insects at all, and vice versa. It is also well to remember that certain sprays are not good for certain plants. Arsenicals, for instance, tend to burn foliage, and should not be used on tender plants such as

Boilerhouse Steam

By F. A. Bly

I wish to apologize to Oscar "Bermilk" Derrington for a slight mis-statement of facts in last month's issue. When I said it was whole fifteen cents you carried in pocket change, it should have been a nickel, as all of us know you are one bit extravagant.

Since Harry "Honey Boy" Kennedy and Ace "Wow 'em De" Hearn have joined the chewing brigade, we now furnish them Copenhagen the last two hours of shift instead of the full eight as did in the past.

If Jim Stowers would pay the stallment collector once in a while he wouldn't have to come out and tell us stories about radios, niture, clothing, etc., being stolen out of his house.

The new floor washing machine was almost junked the morning sprayed water on Fay Hilliard's wine colored tie as well as put a nice curl in his collar. But one of the boilerhouse persons properly demonstrated the contraption for him, he decided to keep it.

R. C. Grothe was very much appointed in the dewberry collection he held amongst the neighborhood kids. After offering a prize of cents to the one that picked the berries, he says he only got five gallons of berries!

A cordial welcome is extended to little Anita Gilstrap, the new department clerk. May your work always be pleasant and agreeable, distractions, you'll soon get used to. Herbert "Bird-dog" Tooke, gazing out the Generator Room windows and Harrison is still wondering why.

T. L. "Red" Massey now on vacation. It won't be long until he is telling us about the big one he got away.

After "Fitter" White worried much about Jim O'Burke having safety permit, we thought may had taken over Louie Gross' job.

Enis "Doc" Bickley thinks the song about "The Lady in Black" slightly misphrased. He would have been much better off with "The Lady in Black."

Stewart, the new helper, that when he went through Africa, Sicily and Italy he was half as worried as he has been he went to work in the Boiler. I hear tell Mrs. Landrum is the limit of her patience the "Daisy June," the new calf, into the house just to kiss good night.

Mack Griffin in the hospital with an ulcerated stomach.

J. F. "Firpo" Bishop wants things pick up a little. He is templating a hamburger supper for his crew.

Overheard Le Suerer telling about some of the attractions at World's Fair.

I can't see why O. J. Ruffin has much affection for his pocket. Everybody knows it is just a most worn out and good-for-nothing knife in the plant. Half the he can't get it open.

As inventors, M. P. Marshall and Neal are just about tops. The west brainstorm is a boiler tube. The hot air around here for steam generates steam without water.

Silent Night still travels with Dickinson, or is it Galveston? Tony Perrard still looking for trouble.

He who found the "copy" and destroyed the worm! (Ed note: And how, Franch: "I

beans. More satisfactory is something like rotenone, not burn, if used properly.

OUR COUNTRY IS STILL AT WAR. ARE YOU? BUY U.S. BONDS FOR THE SEVENTH.

CHEMICAL DIVISION NEWS

Office News

By Vivian S. Tucker

Carl Mulvey, of the Drafting Department, tendered his resignation with Shell, effective May 5, in order to launch upon an architectural and engineering career for himself. Your many friends are sorry to lose you, Carl, but we do wish you success in your new venture.

Doris Pohluda, Dorothy Rudewig, Helen Kaup, Hazel Miers, Dolly Brennen, Edith Meier, Mary Catherine Austin, Mary O'Rourke, and Ruby Pollock spent the week-end at Galveston. They report a round of thrills and excitement, including a visit from a nocturnal male prowler who almost made it over the transom in their hotel room, had Dolly only kept quiet. The girls have voted to leave Dolly at home on the next trip.

To steal a phrase, "This is My Day," your reporter wishes to comment briefly on a recent trip to the West Coast. Perhaps the most effective way in which best to describe the vacation would be to quote the following excerpt from an article appearing in the San Francisco Daily Chronicle shortly after your reporter's arrival there: "Worst earthquake shock felt in San Francisco area since 1906." Greetings are extended by proxy to Houston Shellites from Morg Williams, Buzzton, Harry Kurtz, F. Kortlandt, W. P. Gage, A. J. Johnson, Al Horsley, Maurice Levy, Ross Holloway, M. Buck, H. Dishington, and Stella Duffy, and last, but not least, Ev Lindgren, now located in L. A.

Mr. McKay to Edith Meier: "Miss Meier, what does 'bc' (meaning 'blind copy' of letter) stand for?" Edith: (Thinking — what an ignoramus Mc is) Replies: "Before Christ."

The Tech. Dept., so we have been told, was, among other reasons, established for the purpose of improvement in methods, etc. Laurels go to Bob DeLarge for a new development in synthetic rubber. Although the discovery was accidental, it may prove to have merits. It seems our "Junior," weary of Post Toasties, invested in a new cook book and tried frying raw shrimp. Maybe his calculations went awry — but the shrimp turned into little bouncing rubber worms which refused to believe in the prescribed manner for a respectable fried shrimp — edible? Well perhaps not — but they definitely have commercial possibilities. On what page did you find the recipe, Bob, or shall we wait for an official report as Tech. Memo. No. 72½?

Stenogs will appreciate this one: "Good Morning, Ladies, I'm Clutterup from the Botheration Dept. I'm looking for a report by Schlitz, Glitz, or Quilfiddle — or did I write it? Guess I don't remember who wrote it, or the date — possibly 940 — perhaps in '33 or '35 — or it could have been before or after — at least we know they intended to write it. The subject, you say? Oh yes, yes — I believe it may have been about 'Better Business Methods,' or perhaps it was titled 'Efficient Memory,' or it could have been — well you guess with me, but anyway, I'd like to see a copy of it right now. My time's valuable — I'm a hurry!"

Francie stenog, after futile search: "Have you tried looking in our own desk for the report, Mr. Clutterup?"
Sorry, hadn't thought of that. But I'll be back, though, as I have a couple of Rush jobs for you — want them both out yesterday?"
Ah, how well we know what you mean. — WANTED: By several stenogs, A pleasant easy job of spring

plowing or cotton chopping on a quiet farm. Salary, secondary.

Contributions from J. E. Parkin, Eng. Dept.

The gents in the Eng. Dept. are taking up a collection to buy Paul (Bowling Banshee) Murrell a package of birdseed. They can't stop his whistle, so they're going to try improving it.

Did you hear Tommy Thomas ask Edith Meier if she liked the dress she had on as well as the ones they're wearing this year?

Long, tall and pockets full of money Roy (Casanova) Elliott, the gay lothario of the Eng. Dept. has wolfed out a new heart throb — he is no longer "Muscle-bound;" now he's just a "Palooka."

History of a Hot Plate: The following notations were taken from a plant log book:

One Day (male recorder): Please have electrician check hot plate for shock. It will shock .:;(".*") out of you when turned on high.

Next Day (female recorder): Hot plate too hot to handle without gloves, quite shocking to be exact. Comments: Note the feminine touch.

Treated Stuff

By R. G. Funk

Al Handrick trying to catch a rabbit in D tank area, or was he just out for a "run?"

Forest Sweeney says if L. W. Gibbons had used the Thomas treatment instead of Napthene soap on his hair, he would have as much hair as Sweeney has.

We hear that "Hog Jaw" Massey has quit dipping "cope" and is figuring on going back into the dairy business.

Rumor has it that L. W. Smith, B. R. Bursleson and A. E. Curry are trying to transfer to the Lab?

"Pop" MacGregor is getting ready to go on a vacation. Where to, Pop?

Why is it "Ha Ha" G. T. Jones won't let anybody but girls ride with him?

W. O. Pinkston calling "Soapy" A. L. Williams "Pancho."

Maybe it's a rumor (but they won't deny it) that "Doodle Bug" McCary and Ed Fulton from the Dubbs are getting married.

The Honorable Judge H. H. Haymes is spending a nice vacation paying a visit to that new granddaughter. Congratulations, "Uncle."

Olin Roberts and C. D. Young are big business men now. "We fixie."

Jim Woodard back in rare form again pitching for the La Porte team. "Nice going, Jim."

Humberto Antonia Terry has promised not to flirt with the ladies again. Believe me, Mr. Policeman.

"Goose Bill" Watts says he's been figuring on how many meals he will get at the San Jacinto Inn and how many fishing trips he can take as soon as the OPA finds out his landlord has been over-charging him \$15.00 a month. You should get the screens fixed for that. Here's hoping you do, "Goose."

Latest Flash from the Range:

Ray Cooper, owner, trainer and rider of ole paint, entered in the coming Rodeo July 4, says unless he can find some cure for distemper he may have to enter another broom-tail. A. H. Haymes recommends he contact his old cousin, Strawberry Scott.

PERSONNEL

Personalities

By Helen Willis

It bears repeating: Industrial Relations is certainly a cheery place to work in! The other evening when a rush job caused all hands to fall to after closing hours, the ride home on the overtime trip was a memorable one. Sure, the bunch was weary, but office cares were left behind and smiles lit up every face when R. J. Young led the group (you didn't know Dick could sing? He loves those West Texas ballads!) in that rousing, spirit-lifting "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." The serenade lasted all the way in as Driver Moore took "the Long Way Home."

A cordial welcome to Miss Evelyn Pederson, the new Women's Counselor, who replaces Mrs. Margaret Faust in the little green room. Mrs. Faust left the company's employ on May 15 to become a housewife. Her many friends wish her the best of luck and happiness.

Pat "Queenie" Mosher straight-talking a war bond sale to Bruno Simon when that hateful man (Louie to you) caused Simon to hold out for a more lucrative offer.

The birthday card Glenn Boatright's femmes gave him was nice enough for him to take home to "Sweetie-Face," but the greeting from those hourly payroll damsels . . . Wow!

It was sure lonesome around the I. D. office during that vacation period without Mrs. Winnie Baker's daily song session of "Rum and Coca Cola." Welcome back, Mrs. Baker.

Those twice weekly sessions in Brother Nolvlin Ward's "Wage and Salary" government sponsored training course are most enlightening. Generally, he buys the coffee at intermission, too.

Etoyle Mathews spending her vacation in the piney woods of Arkansas. It'll sure be hard to get shoes on her when she gets back.

"Tex" Sears is definitely in the dog house with Tech Dept.'s Ray Kenard on account of the water show being postponed. Ray made that long trip way across town and not only didn't get to see the show but didn't get to see Tex that night, either!

Rumor has it that Patrolman C. N. Frazier tries to hire all the pretty applicants into Plant Protection as his assistant.

Eight new patrolmen, all ex-servicemen, have joined the ranks of stalwart guards. Welcome to the Refinery Otis Garris, J. L. Yates, A. L. Harding, J. R. Woolsey, W. H. Peters, R. B. Robertson, Jack Nelson and E. L. Derrick.

Get Marie Ferrero to tell you that story about the new pair of pants she bought for her Dad. The things they don't put into material nowadays!

WILL YOURS?

For months, I've seen no magazines; I haven't touched a book; But how I've studied catalogues, And still I read and look.

Deep furrows mar my worried brow; My sight has grown quite dim, But inside something drives me on, I guess that's garden-vim.

I've made a million garden-plans, But every time I've changed them. Confronted by a lack of space, I've sadly rearranged them.

Perhaps my system's wrong or else My brain has missed a cog; Or — won't a garden hold as much As one small catalogue?

—Lyla Myers.

From the Gilcrafter, Menasha, Wis.

Main Office News

By Ann Wright

It seems to be time for the seasonal departures from the ole Main Office again as we bid farewell to a number of our friends this month.

Stenographic loses Isabel Cawley, whose serviceman-husband was transferred to Shreveport, La. Isabel should be well acquainted with the ways of the natives there, what with the number of people we have who hail from the "piney woods." Bow your head when you go over the Huey P. Long bridge, practice a good nasal "eh?," and they'll love you!

The Yield Department is minus Marie Dannelly, who accompanied her husband to Austin, and Edna Love, who is swapping flow sheets for crib sheets. The personnel situation has "Lochinvar" Logan scratching his head. Someone tip Eddie off to start wearing his bow ties again — for better luck.

Have you noticed Joe Simoneaux at noon in the cafeteria? He dashes madly thru his lunch each day, his eyes fondly glued to his heart's desire. Gulping his last bite, he rushes over, his arms outstretched, his lips eager. All that for an ice cream cone! Heh, heh, relax, Joe! The jig's up!

If you've noticed low flying clouds lately, it's probably Fay Connolly buzzing the building. Her Eighth

Air Force First Lieutenant Jim "my man" Connolly is on his way home.

Due home in the near future, also, is Sue Ann Herman's "Blackie," who spent the last 14 months in Brazil.

Off on leave of absence is Virginia Todd, whose husband, Lt. Todd, is temporarily home from the wars.

You know it's just plain onery to send the married men home and keep the single fellows overseas. After all, the single girl has to hook a guy, the wife just has to reel him in!

Ever notice how many trips Billy Wilson makes to the water fountain when Mr. Schneider is interviewing a new girl? He's back and forth quiet as a mouse, the rat that he is!

That sunny smile and good disposition of Jo Schwartz must be a result of that 180 bowling score she rolled last week. Whee!

Art Doyle is destined to be a bachelor forever. He has started a private campaign to hate women the rest of his life. He sez!

If we all get behind the Bond Drive, we can make our point before we roll up the 7th and pass the dice to the "slant-eyes" loaded with "snake-eyes!"

Research Laboratory News

By Arky

Sights you can see when you ain't got a gun:

Lillian Defee strolling around in a party flowered frock, just like she'd never left us for dear old Baylor (shades of a Razorback!)

Nadine Hill's 6½ foot George making an entrance at Eddie Castling's surprise hen party for Ann Bondy.

Johnny "Jingo" Muyres consoling fellow bowlers for splits and other like catastrophes.

Jack Morrison leading all those Rice engineers into the dark room without giving the girls fair warning.

Alex (that's what it sez, on his shiny hat) getting CCPP "up" by June 1, to cinch a bet with one Lovell.

Jay Cunningham bowling a "turkey."

That girl from the Main Office still hasn't caught on to the joke Kappy told about the proposal while he was very ably MC-ing the lunch-hour bond drive at the cafeteria.

And when Marx Isaacs heads for these here now parts, he's bird-dogging, gals!

"Shorty" Dolores Conner, who quit to follow horseracing with her husband, had better invest Gene Grigassy's dollar wisely. We get a party, if the horse isn't one of the Crosby string.

While everybody was speculating on RWB Johnston's possible leanings toward matrimony, based on the rumor that he was seen attending YMCA lectures on love and marriage, guess whodunit . . .

Susie! Yes, our Susson. It just goes to prove something or other.

Next effort for advice to lovelorn corner — find out more about Bert Hale — "the boy with the eyes . . . o-o-o-o," she moaned.

Mary Paige Hamilton deserted Shell, payday, to recuperate from a

year or so in the salt mines, so her husband will recognize her when he comes back.

That was Al Cherry (they said, after he'd left) who spent nearly a whole day getting re-acquainted with the Lab. He looked good to us.

And Mike Dobratz, recipient of an elegant piece of Termus Matthew's glass-blowing, asked to be shown where to push the middle valve down.

Nobody knew a tortilla from a peon, but that was swell Mexican fare Joyce Ellisor had for the gals. Took pitchers, too.

Almost forgot to mention Reno's inauguration of Jack O'Neal Day, on which day all eligible males came to work with their shirts unbuttoned to their waists. Elmer Mertz was fair-haired boy for the day. What did Jack have to say? Nothing.

It was Eddie Gelus who, after eating two chicken dinners, said, quote Gosh, that chicken was foul! unquote.

The day the little red salt pills were installed beside ye olde oaken bucket, Jeep Sartor made nineteen trips for water. If the things were perzen, he'd be carrying ice you-know-where today.

Passing thought: All the difference in the world between tall, blonde, quiet Dolores Frey and Connie Stiles.

Missing a train from Galveston and taking the 6:30 job back to Houston was a mess for the girls. About halfway they discovered it was headed for the Union Station. Charlie Sutton and Mary Paige left their cars at the S.P. station. Joyce expected to disembark at Pasadena, with Helene spending part of the night (until graveyard) with her. If I remember right, everybody just stayed on and rode back to Galveston.

Laboratory News

By Mary King

B. A. (Bowling Alley) Risinger and his partner in crime, J. B. (Junior Bowler) Dahl, had one of their salty tricks back-fire the other day!

Hear tell B. E. Land is the "keeper of the keys," as she controls the only key to the locker.

How that Marguerite Stump can blush!! She got a bit sunburned, too.

M. French says, "Seven weeks of graveyards! I just couldn't do it. There has been a mistake."—There was!

Wanna buy: Tool chest, soap, or a good sponge. Delbert Warwick acting purchasing agent and Bud McGrath as the super salesman.

Grabbing at Galveston: H. Seigle did all the rowing while T. J. Cross (ex-sailor of no little note) was stuck with piloting the craft. "Sailor Boy" C. E. Holmes found out you can't row the boat with both paddles on the same side. Result: four dozen crabs and a large appetite with no place to eat.

Raguth stuck his head in the window and asked: "Here I am, Louise. Did you call?"

The nite of the storm and the fire at the pumphouse will long be remembered at the Lab. The fire crew attended the fire in pouring down rain. Everybody got soaking wet while the lights were going on and off at the Lab. Lightning everywhere and some of the more frightened ones took off for the gate. "Fire-bug" Baldwin full of advice and trying to direct operations with a busted umbrella. Back at the Lab was Cross having the girls "Man your battle stations" while B. Allen with his lantern kept the lightning from scaring the girls too much. Norris was taking advantage of the situation by investigating the spare lunches. Blaylock and Tipton didn't waste any time getting to the Lab as soon as the lights went out—to save the girls, of course. Whatta nite!

Bramlett claims Cox was the cause of her losing "Albera"—with help so hard to get!

Tucker says she doesn't know what will happen to her "rumors" if someone up and buys her furniture.

Did you hear what the philosopher had to tell Gregurek on the beach at Galveston?

Hear Sellers has a . . . "bird-dog" with a new back-door technique.

Why does Terry prefer schedule No. 4?

The Lab will miss Margie Wilson's smiling countenance when she leaves to take up her new job as X-Ray Technician.

Theiss has a new bird-dog and she didn't use "banana splits" for bait either.

Everett Williams claims he is hustling those gas tickets for his dear old grandfather who is unable to walk.

Christianson and Bradley are having a field-day hauling the girls out to get tank-car samples on their nice new scooter.

And then Besser and Thompson will have their little social talks—and at the Doctor's office, too . . .

English, Waddell and Bonin took a trip to Galveston but they report

the bird-dogging material not up to to par.

Betty Russell is wondering where the scales are that used to be in the Experimental Lab.

Those of you who didn't attend the dance missed lots of fun. Those who did attend were the Pattersons, the Meyers, the Hunters, the Lawrences, the Pedigos, the Kings, the Dukes, the McGraths, Lois Ross, Allene Garrison, Florence Terry, and Hazel Bonin. Last but not least was Mr. and Mrs. Harkness, and we wonder if Mr. Harkness ever found what he was looking for.

V. E. Lehmborg took his vacation and went to San Antonio and brought back a bride. Congratulations to both of you!

Speaking of trainees, Fulton has offered a pink lolly pop to the tester with the best attendance record.

Byron Allen contends it's getting to where a fellow has to buy his own snuff now.

Floyd Remke, SP 3/c, came around to see us recently. Floyd is stationed in Long Beach, California, doing some petroleum inspection for the Navy.

Gas Dep't News

By D. W. Stewart

Jimmie Gates has returned, after a sick leave of five weeks. The increase in his waist line tells us that the rest agreed with you, Jimmie.

N. W. Christensen finds there are headaches in the cattle business as well as in the oil industry.

J. A. Carmena is going good in his night club out on Highland road. He is now featuring the "Bar X Cowboys" who also advertise for him over the radio.

E. L. Thomas makes a blind date with Isaac O'Neal. As you know, Father O'Neal is in the blind business.

See E. L. Thomas if you are short on cigarettes, he has quit the habit.

E. D. Runnels has returned after a sick leave. Glad to see you back "Toar."

Vacations are being enjoyed by many, and how lucky you are if you have planned to go after the 21 of June since many are replanning the miles that they can travel because of the increase in gasoline to A&B holders.

The writer is very happy over the arrival of the new baby boy, Robert Wilson, who came into his home on April 22, and, by the way, L. S. Smith says this is his birthday, too.

Ann Windham is now an authority on the safe way to wear your hair while on the job; she has just completed a correspondence course on this subject. If you are a new comer to the plant, please see her.

Ada May Smith says that she does not do any bird-dogging—how about that Poly Plant?

This Department is going strong in the summer bowling league, but it is too early to say who will be the champs.

L. O. Lord wants to be of service to everyone and this is special to shift workers. Lawrence will trade a graveyard for a daylight and not charge any boot.

The writer was unable to find any mail or get information on any of our boys in service, but at home and across we say hello and the best of health in our "Prayer."

Business Group To Aid Veterans

Formation of the Harris County Veterans' Procurement Committee by a group of local business men was completed recently for the purpose of absorbing 80,000 returning Harris County veterans into the community and helping them secure the type of jobs their skill, talents and ability qualify them to fill. At a meeting held early in May by Mayor Otis Massey, County Judge Glenn Perry, Chamber of Commerce President George Sawtelle, heads of the Community Chest and other business and civic leaders, the advisability of following the lead of other communities and forming such a committee was discussed at length.

Oil Man Heads Group

E. I. (Tommy) Thompson, local oil man and active civic leader, was named chairman of the committee with the following sub-chairmen to assist him in planning and organizing the work: Liaison, Henry Ruland, Houston Electric Company; Placement, Ed Morris, Hughes Tool Company; Contact, W. S. Traill, Shulte - United; Finance, Holly Brock, Union Central Life Ins. Company; Publicity, A. B. Penny, Humble Oil & Refining Co.; Housing, Frank Sharp, Realtor and Builder; Operational Research, J. V. McGoodwin, Committee for Economic Development; Secretary, Henry Stanley, Chamber of Commerce; Treasurer, Leslie Coleman, Second National Bank. A score of industrial and civic leaders will be asked to serve as an advisory board.

Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, Director, and Dr. Bernice Milburn Moore, consultant of the Hogg Foundation, Austin, were selected to assist in the organization plans.

In commenting on the functions of the group, Mr. Thompson said: "It is not the intent or purpose of the committee to duplicate the work of any existing agency or organization. This is a community-wide project and all agencies are manifesting a splendid spirit of cooperation and helpfulness."

Industries Cooperate

Close cooperation will be maintained between the committee and Harris County industrial and business firms for the purpose of supplying jobs to the returning men as soon as possible after their release from service.

"It is the desire of the committee to eliminate as much as possible any confusion that might arise among returning veterans," Chairman Thompson said. "Instead of reporting from one agency to another when he is released from service in order to secure information on re-employment, schooling, medical care, etc., the discharged man will be invited to make use of the facilities of this committee for the information and help he will need in re-establishing himself in civilian life."

As soon as a full-time paid director (which position will be held by a returning veteran) and necessary office help is secured, the committee will begin functioning on a full-time basis.

The Old Timer was holding forth, down at the liquid amber bar, spilling another of his tall tales. "So there we were," he declared, "deep in the Philippine jungles, me and my patrol squad, and we was up against it plenty. Our food was gone, our ammunition was gone, our whiskey was gone—and us all parched with thirst."

"But," upped a young rookie, "Wasn't there any water?" "Water?" echoed the Old Timer scornfully, "who would be wanting to wash up at a time like that?"

A fat man has one advantage over his thin brother—he knows where his cigar ashes will fall.

Lt. C. E. Battestin Back on the Job

Charley Battestin returned from the wars to his job in the Houston Refinery on June 11.

Minus his right eye, lost when enemy artillery burst above his head at St. Lo, France, shortly after the invasion, but undaunted by his handicap, Charley has returned to Houston after nearly a year in government hospitals, purchased a 25 acre farm in Allendale from his salary and funds his wife has saved, and is well started on his civilian readjustment.

A lieutenant liaison officer with the Third Armored Division of the First Army, he landed in France five days after the invasion began and was incapacitated in less than a month.

He had high praise for the London office of Shell which he visited and where he was treated royally just as Shell men are treated, he said. One incident he recalls in all of his experiences is the one about a night patrol. Taking five men in the pitch blackness, he led the patrol, holding hands, on a wide sweep to search for Germans. At one point while wriggling through some of France's famous hedge rows the party was forced to drop hands and proceed individually through the hedge. They reunited on the other side and proceeded, eventually winding up back in camp.

They discovered that somewhere down the line they had picked up three Germans who were just as surprised at the Americans. Charley says he got credit for the three prisoners.

Chinese Government Representative Visits

A representative of the Chinese government has been visiting the Houston Refinery for the past few days as one stop on a United States sponsored tour of the oil industry which is expected to help China improve her petroleum industry.

C. D. Shiah, member of the technical committee of National Resources Commission of China, has spent the past several months in the United States and comes to the Houston Plant after visits to Eastern States, Crown and Sinclair refineries in this area.

Born in Peking, Shiah finished his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and for the past seven years has lived in Chungking where he is chief engineer of the Tong Li Oil Works. This is a small refinery in Chungking which uses Tung oil obtained from the seed of the Tung tree for light fuel oils. Before the war Tung oil was used in the U. S. in the manufacture of varnishes and paints. Shiah is also consulting engineer for the Kansu Petroleum Administration located in northwestern China. This company manufactures a light grade of gasoline from crude oil obtained in the area, which is used in motor vehicles.

Shiah is 31 years old, (32 in China where a child is one at birth) and will be gone from his wife and two children for approximately one year on this trip.

Speaking a good grade of English, he reports that the American soldiers are well regarded in his native country where the U. S. is considered China's true friend and benefactor. Shell has a big business in China, he stated. Natives, despite the cruelty of the Japanese, have managed to subsist on the basic two cups of rice per day. The Japanese have occupied only China's principal seacoast cities, and ten miles from these the Chinese lines are still established. With the opening of the Burma Road, supplies to outfit the Chinese army are showing almost immediate results, he averred, by

CAR SHOP

By Sudsy

Walter Wojcik back on the job smiles after a few days off to the Miss Virginia Tafelski of Waverly, Texas, as his bride. I will have to put a bug in Virginia's ear that Walter is crazy about apple pie. We all wish both lots of luck and plenty of happiness.

The Car Shop bowling team composed of O. E. Hutchinson, Capt. Joe Janak, N. J. Campbell and J. Irby came out in fourth place after a tight fight the last two games which was a three-way for third place. N. J. Campbell high average for the team. Come gang, better luck next time.

Don't know why but every day morning Coburn is in the house or something. It's always "Sudsy, I'll have to have a today." He need say no more. I know the standing order by he

Bessie Mae Ellison came out tell everyone good-bye. There plenty of hand shakes, and one was issued. Did you see who the lucky one? Well, if you were there to see how red his face far be it from me to tell who. Best of health and luck, Bessie we all miss you.

Ray Holmes, the little man at the Car Shop, looking for car legs and other tank car ailments.

Ed Dobson and his helper, Burnett, chewing gum to beat the band—there just hasn't been Bugler or Beechnut lately.

Wilcox back on the job all after taking off for a few days with his Marine son who has been the South Pacific for twenty months and come back with a scratch. We know you are proud of him, Wilcox.

Things are getting better all time, H. J. Fontenote who has been to the Pipe Shop several months is back. He said he missed the Shop Frenchman too much.

We want to thank T/Sgt. T. Herren for his most interesting letter of March 14 written from cutta, India. Hope I have the ure of meeting all the Car boys who are now in the when they return. Let's have more of those letters.

To my surprise a few Sunday who should drive up to my looking oh, so forlorn but Dawson. He had a sad tale that his wife was out of town anyhow I took him in and after an hour he left with tooth pick in his mouth. What indigestion?

You should see that Blythe selling war bonds to the Shopmen. Didn't I hear you wanted to go to the Arkansas so you wouldn't see it!

Don't say you can't afford to buy more War Bonds! Thousands of American soldiers couldn't afford to lose an arm, or a leg—but they Help make their road back home a little easier. Buy War Bonds until it helps! Enlist in the Mighty Seventh!

MEN ARE STILL DYING! MUST KEEP BUYING! BUY WAR BONDS FOR THE SEVENTH!

the recent drives of his armies. At one time statistics indicated that the Chinese had for every ten soldiers, he