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THEY HELPED ORGANIZE the Houston Society of Industrial Engineers to promote their profession. Fred Macy (insert) was chosen one of four directors of the new group. George Colvin (left), Ed Walichowski, James Stover, and Frank Colburn were prime figures in organization of the society.

## Shell Employees Help Form Houston Society Of Industrial Engineers

Fred D. Macy of Shell Refinery has been elected one of the four directors of the newly organized Houston Society of Industrial Engineers.

Shell representatives have joined with those of over fifteen companies throughout Houston to organize the new group.

Fred Colburn of the Chemical Plant was chairman of the constitutional committee. Other Shell employees on the committee were Fred Macy, George Colvin, James (Smoky) Stover, all of the Refinery. Other Refinery personnel in the society are Dunson Dunaway and Ed Walichowski.

Purposes of the Houston Society of Industrial Engineers are as follows:

1. To study personal and technical industrial problems and to promote the exchange of pertinent ideas.
2. To foster and study new developments.
3. To promote high ethical standards and practices.
4. To promote a clear understanding and wider use by management and labor of the principles of Industrial Engineering.
5. To encourage and assist education and research in areas of interest to Industrial Engineers.

## Lenox Smith Retires

Lenox W. Smith retired Dec. 1 after a long illness. He first began work for Shell in September 1929.

Mr. Smith was a Treater No. 1 when he retired from the company. He and Mrs. Smith have a home at 4316 Dallas, Houston.

## Shellegram Changes To Newer Type-Face

How do you like the "new look" of the Shellegram? We traded our faithful old Caslon type for some crisp new Franklin.

And check the little drawings at the top of each column. You'll notice a difference in the Mail Bag too. It now has the military title of Mail Call and some new illustrations. Births became Who's New; New Employees are now, Have You Met; and Weddings changed to Wedding Bells. Service Birthday pictures are run just for twenty years and over.

Look over these changes. These were made to give you a more attractive and interesting Shellegram.

## R. C. Grothe Retires

R. C. Grothe has retired from Shell after a long illness. He was Assistant Foreman of the Boiler House in Utilities. He joined Shell in June 1929, as a Tractor Driver in Automotive. In July 1929, he transferred to the Boiler and Power House as a Water Tender Helper. In 1932, he was made Assistant Water Tender.



Mr. Grothe became the Shift Foreman of the Boiler House in May 1937 and was made Assistant Foreman of the Boiler House in August 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Grothe live in Golden Acres. He is a native of Paige, Tex.

## WE'RE PROUD

### Tucker, Murray Named Credit Union Officers

Vivian S. Tucker, a member of the Public Relations Committee of the State Credit Union League, has recently been elected secretary and treasurer of the Houston Area Credit Union. This Chapter embraces 110 credit unions in the City of Houston and Harris County.

Joseph P. Murray, our local Credit Union Treasurer and past president of the Houston Chapter, has been elected Alternate Director of the Federal Credit Unions. Mr. Murray also holds a state office as a member of the Educational Committee.

## Jules Carville Selected Assistant Chief Engineer



JULES CARVILLE

### Wood River Man Takes Over Duties Jan. 15

Jules Carville became Assistant Chief Engineer, Field, for Houston Refinery January 15.

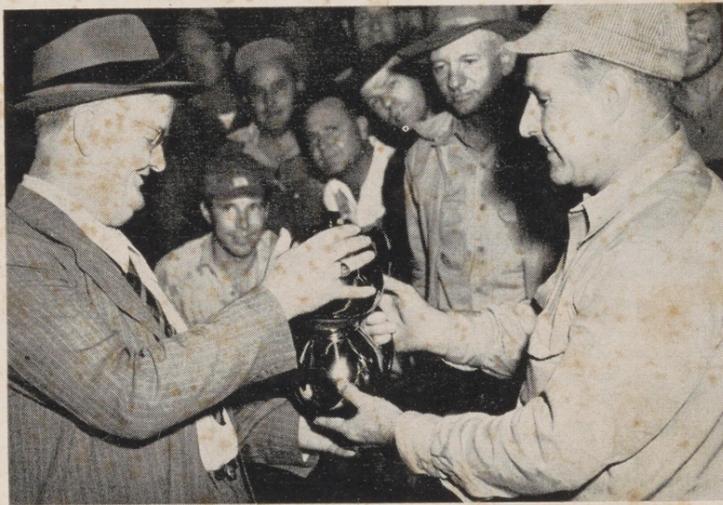
Previous to coming to Houston, Mr. Carville was Master Mechanic at Wood River.

He received his bachelor of science degree in Electrical Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1932. Following his graduation, he was employed as a Machinist's Helper at Norco Refinery. He advanced to the position of Utilities Engineer before he was called into military service.

Mr. Carville served in the Corps of Engineers of the Army from June, 1941, to December, 1945. He spent several years in Africa and Europe.

Returning from service, he became Senior Engineer at Norco. In August, 1950, he was transferred to Wood River, where he was Master Mechanic until he came to Houston.

## Banquet Marks Retirement Of Two After Combined 57 Years Of Service



BILL MATTHEWS receives a farewell gift from his friends.

### Workers Present Gifts As Buddy, Bill Leave

It's retirement for two of the Refinery's well known men—one who has 33 years of service with the company, topping all but one Refinery employee with length of Shell employment.

Orville Felton, known to everyone as Buddy, leaves Shell after 33 years, and William E. (Bill) Mathews retires with almost 24 years service.

#### Workers Honor Pair

A group of fellow workers honored the pair with a banquet shortly before Buddy and Bill retired. They presented Bill with a government bond, and gave Buddy fishing tackle and equipment of every variety.

Buddy made his debut into Shell employment as a Pipefitter Helper at Wood River in Dec. 1918. He was made Assistant Pipefitter

Foreman in February 1922 and became Foreman in May 1938. Zone



ORVILLE FELTON

Supervisor in the Engineering Office followed in January 1931, and

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## Recreation Center

### SERA To Expand, Change For Future

(Editor's Note: Here is a report we've all been awaiting on SERA progress toward securing a recreational center. It was prepared by one of the SERA Board members, Elmo Montz.)

Most members of SERA are aware that their representatives and directors have for some time had ambitions for a recreational center. Such a center would be capable of accommodating all the activities now engaged in by the present club. Ideally, it would have a large ballroom, a swimming pool, a golf course, picnic facilities, rooms for small club meetings, and all the other equipment needed for relaxation and games.

Some background information may be of assistance in understanding the problems faced and the present plans of approach to them.

#### First Attempt

The first organized attempt to set up the project was made in 1949. The SERA board, of which Terry Lighthouse was then business manager, had surveys made and plans drawn for a recreational center and golf course. It was to be located on what is known as the East Property of the Refinery.

While considerable research and planning were done at this time, the plan was finally discarded. There were two major objections to it. The management was reluctant to see a large investment made in an area which might be

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(Editor's Note: J. R. "Porky" Lamb, who rode out his service aboard a mine-sweeper off the coast of Japan, is now writing Mail Call.)

Dear Friends:

This letter comes with several purposes. First, I want to tell you how much the monthly check means to me and my wife. We really do appreciate it and the promptness with which it comes each month.

We also enjoy both the Shellegram and the Shell News, which we receive regularly.

I have had a change of station and want to give you my new address for the Shellegram and Shell news.

Best regards to everyone and hope to be back there before many months.

Sincerely yours,  
Harry A. Hayes, Jr.

T/Sgt. Harry A. Hayes, Jr.  
Hq. Sq. 9th Air Force  
Pope Air Force Base  
Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Dear Jimmie:

Wish you knew how much we appreciated receiving the check for the two months pay period. Didn't realize when working in Industrial Relations and forwarding those checks to the boys just how much they meant to them (or should I say to their wives?). Always knew Shell had a wonderful military policy, but now I "feel" it.

We are becoming quite accustomed to our new place of abode. There are only 499 just like it in this housing project, but it is very comfortable. The people are warm and friendly. The Navy regulars stay in one place for only a two year period usually, so they have no homes or yards or other material goods to take care of, and consequently they sit back, relax and really enjoy life. And it hasn't taken us long to learn to loaf—easiest occupation we've ever undertaken.

Thanks to Shell again and give our best to all.

Sincerely,  
Norman and Pat Weaver

517 Knox  
Orange, Texas

Another year has ended and a new has begun. A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, a joyous and a blessed one. Here's hoping the new year will bring us much happiness and expecting more of you boys a return to home and Shell. They say each new year brings changes and this change is our hope.

**Lucky Leaves**

Two lucky ones to get Christmas leaves and visit Shell friends were Cpl. Frank Morrison, USAF, and Cpl. Billy Hughes, USMC. They paid us a lengthy visit and we were very happy to see them again, Frank again, that is. Think I will join the Air Force next time, hear they give 15 days leave every six weeks. Right Frank!

The first and hope not the last visit from Billy, since enlisting

in the Marine Corps was an enjoyable one. Corporal Hughes is stationed at Oceanside, Calif., at Camp Pendleton as a clerk in the Battalion Office. A few months in the Marine Corps and now a Corporal! Keep up the good work Bill. They have generals in the Marine corps too.

**Calling All Wives**

Well have come up on a new idea since receiving a letter from one of Shell's servicemen's wife. If the men can't write, let's hear from the wives sometime and give us the low down on the ole man. Some seem to be a little shy. From Pat (Mosher) Weaver's letter, she might have him signing up in the regulars. Sounds like a nice easy life, Pat. Have room for tired ole guests on the weekend?

A personal but pleasant surprise visit was paid me by Betty Barlow, Disbursing Seaman, Christ-



BETTY BARLOW

mas Eve. Another lucky guy, I mean gal, to get home over the Christmas holidays. She is now stationed at NAS, Memphis, Tennessee, attached to the Disbursing Section. What the Navy can do for some people! Oooh la la, she looks plenty sharp men. Looking forward to another visit in the near future.

Some come and some go, and two to return to Shell this month were Civilians First Class O. L. Osborne and L. Byrd. O. L. Osborne, who was in the Marines has returned to the Control Lab. L. Byrd, who has been flying into the blue yonder with the Army Air Force, is settling down to being a Machinist in the Machine Shop. Welcome back men and may your returns be pleasant and permanent.

**EXPRESSES THANKS**

I would like to express to all the supervisors and men how much I appreciated their consideration and generosity at this time of my retirement. It has been a pleasure working with you.

William E. (Bill) Mathews

**Plans Explained**

**SERA Announces New Program Aiming For Recreation Center**

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later needed for plant expansion. Hindsight proves that reasoning correct. The new Platforming Unit will occupy part of that property. A second reason was that the terrain had few natural advantages for landscaping. The cost of landscaping would have been prohibitive.

**Position To Proceed**

This was the first of a total of four separate plans, the most recent of which was formulated in June of 1951. To go into each in detail would make this unnecessarily lengthy. Suffice it to say that with each plan, new experience was gained. The board now feels that it is in a position to proceed with realistic concrete effort.

There must be changes within the organization itself. It should be realized that heretofore SERA has been a social organization only. It has operated on a budget, during its most prosperous year, of some \$12,000, with all money going to the support of activities ranging from softball to bridge clubs.

**Concrete Effort**

During 1950 it was realized that some concrete financial effort must be made if the goal of obtaining recreational facilities was to be reached. Along the line \$5,000 was deposited in the Shell Credit Union to be used toward this project. A \$1,000 bond was also added to this building fund. Additional deposits will be made at the close of 1951.

SERA now proposes to add to its social activities the task of organizing, building, and operating a recreational center. For this center to serve its purpose, it would eventually represent a quarter million dollar project.

**Improve Cash Position**

It is obvious that SERA must improve its cash position at least sufficiently to buy land. During recent balloting the members of SERA passed an amendment to the by-laws increasing the yearly dues to \$3.00. The Company had previously offered to increase its contribution per member to this amount. This increase will serve to supplement the present income toward eventually obtaining permanent recreational facilities. As mentioned, this job is well underway.

**Vital Facts**

It should be mentioned at this time that management has been very cooperative in making a survey of other employee clubs in this area. Some of the facts which have come to light are as follows:

1. The membership of SERA must be able to present management with some concrete assurance of a strong interest. It would be neither fair nor very wise to enter into a quarter million dollar project which would be used by only one out of four or one out of five employees.
2. Both the Company and SERA members will have to contribute some share of the project's expenses. The members must, in order to show their interest, pay at least what they can of the center's worth to them and management has already demonstrated its willingness to help.
3. The center would develop over a period of two to six years. While this may seem over-long, the time is necessary to provide a strong foundation for a lasting project.

4. The present SERA would no longer be in existence. In its place would be an organization set up to operate and enjoy the new facilities, in addition to continuing present activities.

5. SERA must change, as mentioned, from intentional 100% spending to a more economical budget with a definite savings plan.

6. SERA must continue to be a successful social organization. In fact, it must have increased interest. It must continue all or most of its current activities, even if on a reduced budget.

**Interest For Success**

It cannot be over-emphasized that interest and participation are the keystone to the project's success. It may be that sufficient interest does not now exist to proceed. Interest indication will come from the success of the current membership drive; the willingness of people to work as board members and activity chairmen; and the participation by members in activities. SERA is a strong organization with some 2200 members.

Plans for a recreational center have progressed continuously for five years, even when all members were not aware of it. A large amount of work has been done. Some money has been set aside toward a permanent center. A

**DOC FATHER TIME AGAIN**

Doc Coombs played Father Time again and rang out the old year for Shell employees who attended the New Year's Dance. Sponsored by the SERA, the dance was given in the Exhibit Hall of the Shamrock.

It is estimated that 52 million motor vehicles will be on U. S. roads in 1952. The 52 million registrations represent an increase of six per cent over 1951. It is now theoretically possible for every man, woman and child in the United States to go riding at the same time.

study is now being made of the financial organization of the club with a view to improving it. A large number of possible sites have been investigated. A desirable site has been located, purchase of which is being considered at this time. Results of the current membership drive will to an appreciable extent govern the decision as to the purchasing of this property.

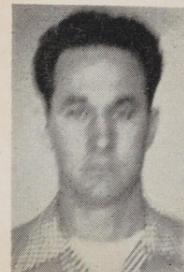
These facts are at least very encouraging. If you wish to offer help beyond the average, there is much work yet to be done. If you would like to offer help in the current membership drive or building plans, call Art Doyle at 242, or Elmo Montz at 417.

**Military Leaves Refinery**



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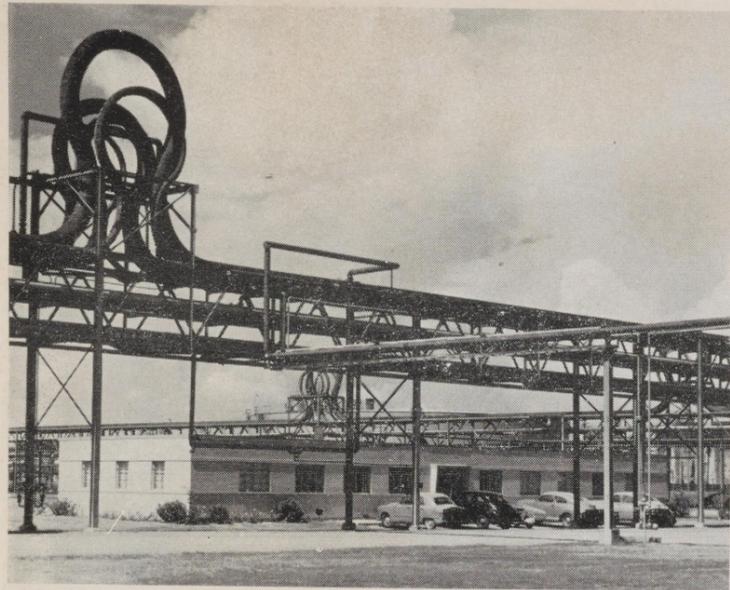
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FIELD OFFICE for the engineers is located just south of the shop building.

of three or four, each having a group leader or project engineer. Besides the actual designing and drafting, other important functions in connection with the Drafting Room include reproduction (printing and photostating) of drawings and keeping of the Engineering Department files.

**"Trouble Shooting"**

As mentioned before, the chief inspector works directly under the assistant chief engineer and has an adjoining office. The previous article described the many important duties of the field inspectors in "trouble shooting" around the refinery's equipment and spotting possible failures before they happen.

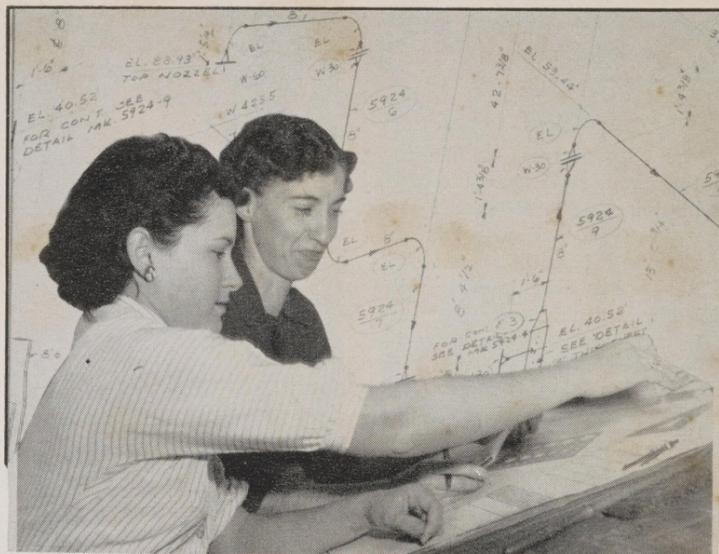
**Many Duties**

The design and rating work needed by the Inspection Division is done in the chief inspector's office. It's up to this group to do the following:

1. Work with the Technological Department, Drafting Room, and outside manufacturers on design of new equipment. This includes checking quotations, drawings and specifications.
2. Prepare pressure ratings on existing equipment.
3. Maintain a complete set of pressure vessel drawing and rating files.
4. Order or cooperate with Drafting Room in ordering materials recommended by field inspectors.
5. Keep records of all special items in order for maintenance and expedite delivery of such materials.
6. Work with the Drafting Room in making up drawings showing vessel details not included in the manufacturers' drawings.
7. Maintain an up-to-date list of all vessels showing correct name and location.
8. Maintain a set of plot-plan drawings showing location of all vessels.
9. Check suitability of on-hand or salvage material for new projects.

**Heat Exchange Engineer**

The heat exchange engineer is also a member of the Inspection Division's office staff. His duties include handling of tube-bundle requests, also designing and keeping drawings and other records connected with heat exchange equipment. Then there's the corrosion co-ordinator, who correlates the information on corrosion of metallic equipment as he obtains it from operators, technologists,



LUCKY ENGINEERS to have feminine members of their group. Here Jo Schwartz (left) and Lamona Cherry represent the personnel of the drafting room who make the detailed drawings and charts needed at the plant.

**Good Housekeepers**  
**Co-Ordination, Design, Supervision**  
**Included In Vast Job Of Engineering**

(Editor's Note: This is the fifteenth in a series of articles intended to familiarize Shellegram readers with the operations and organization at Houston Refinery.)

By Marx Isaacs

refrigeration engineer, and civil engineer are directly under his supervision. Of these, only the offices of the first two are in the Main Office building.

**Acts As Co-ordinator**

The office engineer acts as co-ordinator between operating, technological and engineering personnel in various stages of design work. This includes supervision of designing drafting, supplying of material lists, reproduction of prints and checking of details in connection with sizing and final selection of equipment items, such as pumps, compressors, structural steel, and piping.

Working directly under the office engineer are the cost control engineer and the chief draftsman.

**Estimate And Control**

The Cost Control Section is responsible for estimating and controlling the labor and material expenses required for all maintenance and construction projects.

The drafting room occupies a large portion of the first floor space in the south section of the Main Office. Here the development and design of new refinery construction projects as well as of additions and revisions to existing processes are accomplished. The draftsmen are divided into groups

The previous article described the manifold duties of those refinery "good housekeepers", the Engineering Department, in keeping all of our equipment, from door-knobs to huge operating units, in tip-top shape at all times. The major portion of the supervision, co-ordination, designing, and other paper work connected with this tremendous task originates in the various Engineering Offices, whose functions we'll talk about in this chapter.

**Chief Engineer**

Let's begin with the sections located in the Main Office. In charge of all field and office activities of the Engineering Department is the chief engineer, whose position ranks in importance with that of the refinery assistant superintendents.

The assistant chief engineer in charge of all office sections has adjoining headquarters. The organization chart on this page shows that the office engineer, chief inspector, cathodic and paint protection engineers, chief instrument engineer, lubrication engineer, preventative maintenance engineer,

inspectors and preventive maintenance engineers.

Corrosion preventive for underground piping is handled by the cathodic protection engineer, whose office is located in the old Control Laboratory building. In the same room is the paint protection engineer, who specifies, tests, and selects the paints and other protective coatings needed for refinery equipment.

**Surveying And Leases**

The civil, or project, engineer has headquarters in the oil field office on the west side of the refinery. He supervises the highway, railroad, and drainage engineering, construction property surveying, contracts and leases.

The new engineering field office, adjacent to the Central Shops, houses the lubrication, refrigeration and preventive maintenance engineers.

The lubrication engineer prescribes the type and grade of lubricant, as well as the time period between oil changes, for all refinery equipment requiring lubrication. He also conducts oil and grease tests on equipment in conjunction with Shell's Products Application Department.

Refrigeration and air-conditioning needs are filled by the refrigeration engineer, who analyses such requirements, designs the systems, requisitions material, and works with the project engineer on utility supplies.

The Preventive Maintenance Engineering Group is charged with

the responsibility of investigating all complex recurrent or potential maintenance problems. Its work is divided into four main sections:

1. Tools used by craftsmen.
2. Plant change estimates and designs.
3. Electrical engineering.
4. Mechanical problems.

The remaining division directly under the supervision of the assistant chief engineer is the Instrument Engineering Section, located in the old Control Laboratory building. This group plans and develops methods for improving overall performance of plant instrumentation, checks specifications on instruments purchased and supervises their installation and operation.

**All Instruments**

All instruments on the refinery, whether in laboratory application or on operating units, are within the scope of the instrument engineers. Instrument usages include indicating or controlling temperatures, pressures, and flow rates of crude oil and its refinery products (liquids and gases), steam and water.

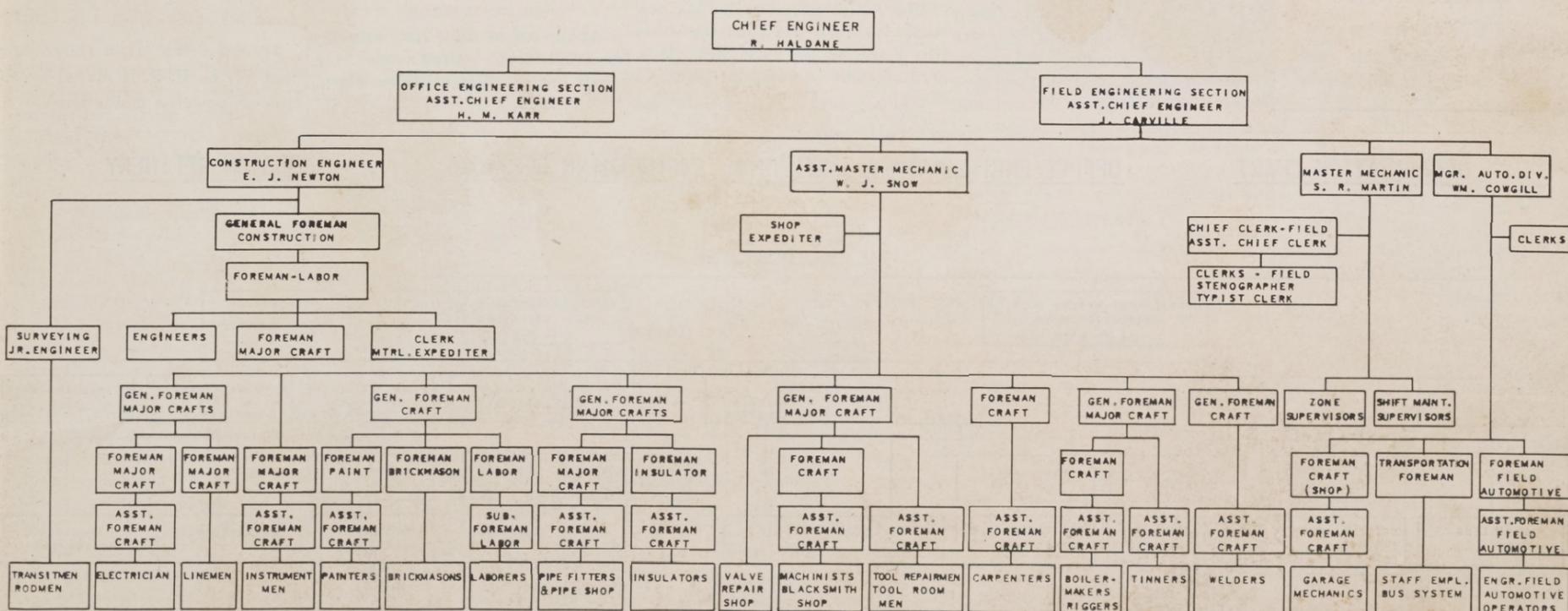
Working directly under the chief engineer is the Industrial Engineering section, with headquarters in the Construction Office, directly across the road from the refinery cafeteria. This division aids in scheduling and planning major refinery maintenance, makes job evaluations and analyses, special investigations and surveys, method

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**ORGANIZATION CHART**

**ENGINEERING FIELD SECTION**

**HOUSTON REFINERY**





### CRACKING

We regret that one of the deer hunters had some hard luck on his trip. A. S. Mitchell had to leave the hunt and was hospitalized for an injury that was aggravated by his deer hunting. We wish him a rapid recovery.

Harry Tidwell is still recovering from his vacation accident in the hospital at Van Buren, Arkansas. Hurry up, Harry, and come back to Texas.

Congratulations to L. H. Vienhage for the addition of the daughter to his family. Your worries have just started.

President R. D. Johnson of the SREBC has been re-elected without any opposition. What's the matter, Shorty, have you got hold of something you can't turn loose?

#### Situation In Hand

One of our technicians, who is also a school teacher, tells this reporter that the situation is well in hand, as to the female students. Don't want any more competition, or not very confident of your ability?



### PERSONNEL AND INDUSTRIAL REVELATIONS

A crisp walk, a quick easy smile, and an air of genuine interest tell you that you've just met Art Flint, new Manager of Personnel and Industrial Relations. If you haven't met him yet, stop him and introduce yourself. You'll both be glad you did.

When R. D. Weatherford left the P&IR Department this month, the group presented him with a fountain pen and instructions to use it to keep them posted. Seems that Uncle Sam had more seniority than P&IR, so R. D. chose the Air Force.

Sharon Lou, newest arrival in the Hallmark family, is the cause of the extra sparkle in Jimmy's eyes these days. If the sparkle grows a little dim sometimes, it is because Jimmy works days and Sharon likes the night shift.

Worry and a rocking chair have these two things in common: they give you something to do, but don't get you very far.

#### DIVIDEND FLASH

Credit Union members voted a 4.5 dividend this year at a meeting just held.



THERE'S THE STORY, says P. N. Lane (left), pointing to a recent article in "Petroleum Processing" about a new method of fuel treatment devised by L. J. Duke.

### Good-bye Clogging

## Duke, Reiley Find Improved Method Of Treating Fuel For Domestic Use

If you ever woke up shivering in an icy house because the furnace got clogged up, you'll appreciate an idea of L. J. Duke and Earl Reiley that is called Shell Development Company's U.S. Patent 2,563,369.

Translated, it means they invented a process designed to prevent clogging of regulator valves, screens and pumps, in the domestic fuel system through improved treating of the fuel.

#### The Clay's The Thing

It all has to do with clay. Now it's clear that clay probably meant a lot to cave dwellers, but what could it have to do with the comfort of a modern home?

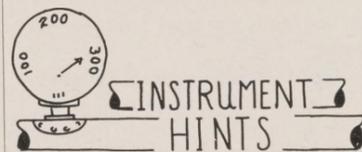
An article in "Petroleum Processing" discusses the recent patent and shows what clay can do. The problem of eliminating screen clogging tendency, odor, storage instability, etc. is a serious problem in fuel oils. The conventional treating method involves agitation with sulfuric acid followed by neutralization of the separated sour oil phase with aqueous alkali.

#### Combination Method

The treating method devised by the Shell men uses a combination acid-clay treatment and improves the quality of the fuel oil. It includes a proper combination of a controlled sulfuric acid treat and

neutralization of the acidity with clay in conjunction with air blowing followed by a filter.

Clay is an old story for Duke because the clay used in treating here is much like the soil where he used to play near his father's farm in Georgia. This is the story of a boy who got away from the farm, but couldn't get away from the soil.



### INSTRUMENT HINTS

Don Bailey could make money writing "Advice for the Lovelorn". Are you still just holding their hands, Don?

W. O. "Tiger" Childs goes duck hunting and shoots snakes instead. Andy Anderson says that at least he can master a horse. He's breaking another one.

If someone would tie Morris Clipper's hands he couldn't say a word.

Jim Smith seems to like his new zone job very well, judging from the smile on his face these days. S. E. Yandle is pushing again.

Simon warns everyone to get

their fishing tackle in good shape, for they will be biting soon.

In this first edition of 1952 we would like to wish a happy and prosperous 1952 to all of the Instrument Shop gang and their families. If this coming year is any more productive in the way of additions to the instrument shop families, it will have to be prosperous.

If you fishermen would get caught up on your house painting, screen repairs, etc., maybe we could get together on another good fishing trip.

#### Best And Last

To the fair maidens of Shell we offer Melvin (Swede) Canuteson, Don S. Bailey and D. J. Darbonne. They are not only the best bachelors we have, but they are the only ones.

Congratulations to the H. I. Simons. They have a new baby girl at home now. (P.S. He passed out 18c cigars).

You of the SERA dance committee deserve a pat on the back for the excellent dance and music that was furnished New Years Eve. Heard many people say it was the best yet

Will somebody please teach Willie Childs how to play "42"? Haven't seen him smile in several weeks.

Hate to see Buddy Felten, Zone Supervisor at the cat cracker retire. The Instrument Shop will certainly miss such a fine gentleman.



### BOILER-HOUSE

D. B. Brady is back from a 10 day vacation trip to Oklahoma. He said he arrived there in the middle of a snow storm much to the delight of his three children.

Anyone needing any excavating work done or dirt hauled, contact U. D. Roberts. I understand he is an expert and will work cheap.

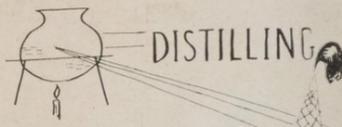
#### No Luck—No Buck

W. E. Strait is back from a seven day deer hunt. Willie said the only bucks he saw were dead ones that someone else had killed.

#### Come Seven—Gone Seven

The only person we know who can pick more football games wrong than George Wright of the Houston Press is the Boiler House's own grid expert, R. J. McKenzie. The last week of the season, Mac picked seven games and had seven losers.

At the end of 1951, 2,487 employees had been retired under the Shell Pension Plan since its inception in 1938.



### DISTILLING

Red Howell is now a "yacht" owner. His pilot is Tiny Harris Red spells it pile-it. Red's crew also consists of a diver, and he is Ray "the pearl" Diamond. The diving dog belongs to Tiny. What a crew! Look out seagulls!

#### Really Swell

Boots Leach, Tiny Harris and wish to thank the men of the Distilling Department for their splendid cooperation with us on the recent United Fund Drive. The response was really swell. It was pleasure being a solicitor for this worthy cause.

Big Square Dance class is starting in Pasadena Memorial Building. For information on this call 477 and ask for Davis. Square dancing is good wholesome fun and exercise. The best of instructors will be used for this class so get some of your friends together and get in early. The "Longhorn Square Dance Club" and Pasadena Recreation are co-sponsoring this class.

#### Waiting For Clover

All our guys are back from ML with the exception of "Motor Mac" Clover, who I understand is sweating out a long ocean voyage at the present time.

C. C. "You Can't Take It With You" Miller, better known as "Money Bags", explained the fine points of his air-conditioning with some of the old country boys.

What duck hunters wuz lost the other day in Chocolate Bay? On sez to another "I don't like being in a strange boat in weather like this."

### Buddy, Bill --

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Master Mechanic was the next step up in July 1933. In December 1937, Buddy was transferred to Houston Refinery as Zone Supervisor.

#### Plans For Retirement

Mr. and Mrs. Felton live at 5209 Chenevert in Houston. Plans for retirement include fishing, travel, and building a new home.

Bill Mathews began his career with Shell as a welder at the East Chicago Refinery in September 1926. He came to Houston as Welder in February 1929, and was made Assistant Welder Foreman in April 1937.

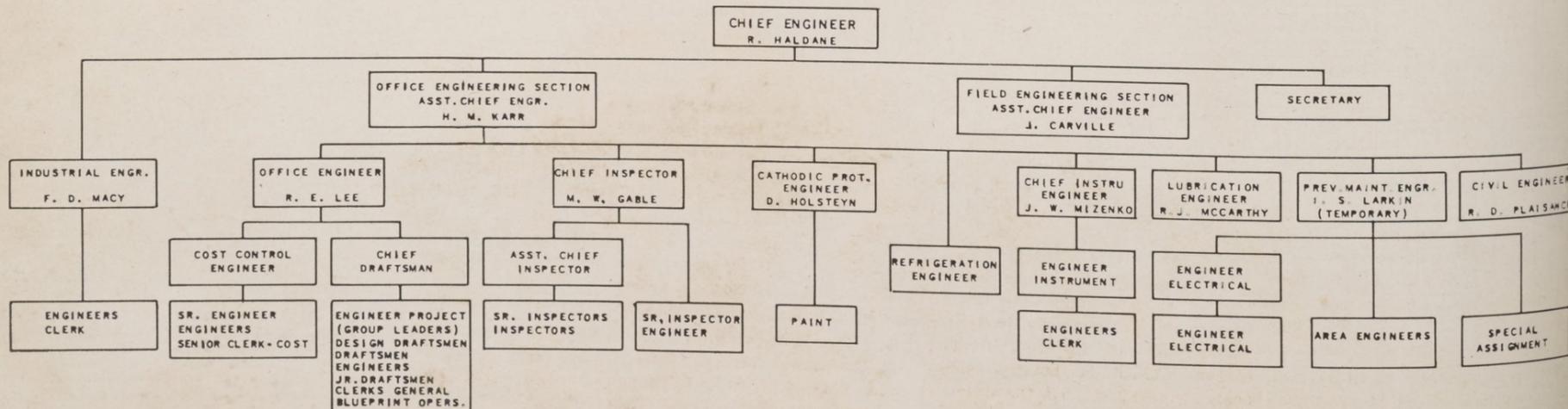
Mr. and Mrs. Mathews live at 7001 Sherman in Houston.

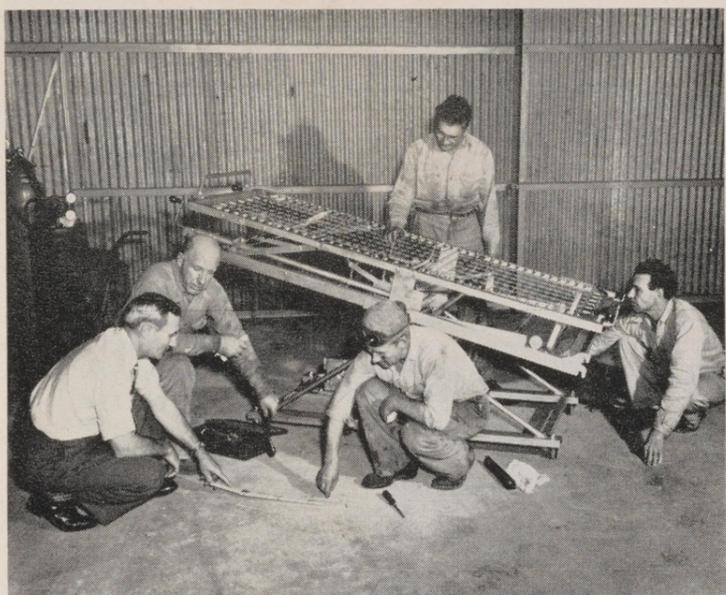
Three-fourths of all freight tonnage in the U. S. is moved by petroleum-powered motor trucks.

### ORGANIZATION CHART

### OFFICE ENGINEERING & INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING SECTIONS

### HOUSTON REFINERY





A "ROCKING BED" FOR A FRIEND IN NEED.—These men of Shell Oil Company's automotive department in Houston put the finishing touches on a "rocking bed", a new type of breathing aid which allows polio patients to be removed for short periods from an uncomfortable iron lung. The men built the bed for a former co-worker, who lies stricken with the dread disease in Abilene, when the "rocking bed" available at the hospital would not accommodate their six-foot, five-inch friend. Left to right, foreground, C. P. Reynolds, E. J. Strawn, Earl Weeden. At rear, left to right, John Hall, George Stephenson.

Victim Of Polio

Shell Men Build King-Size Bed To Speed Recovery Of Friend

A husky 30-year-old automotive engineer is now on the second lap of the road to recovery from poliomyelitis, thanks to the efforts of some generous and ingenious co-workers.

When George Engle, who works for the Shell Oil Company in Midland, was stricken with the dread disease a little over two months ago, he was taken to Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene for treatment. Treating Engle, however, proved to be something of a problem—regulation equipment just wouldn't accommodate his six-foot, five-inch frame.

Rocking Bed Needed

The doctors managed to convert a "twin" lung, built to hold a child at each end, so that George would fit. But providing a rocking bed, a breathing aid used to "wean" a patient from the lung, was another matter.

A rocking bed looks very much like a common hospital bed, except that beneath it is a mechanism which causes the bed to incline first with the head down, then with the foot. This rocking motion is synchronized with the patient's breathing so that air is expelled from his lungs when the head is down and drawn into them when the foot is lowered.

The standard bed available at the hospital was neither long enough nor strong enough. After a short time it broke down, depriving Engle of this vital treatment.

Friends Came In

And that's where the friends came in—when Engle's fellow employees in Midland heard of his plight they decided to build a rocking bed themselves. When they found they didn't have the necessary equipment in Midland, they passed the word along to Shell's automotive department in Houston. There, at the company's big garage, the men came up with what is thought to be the first hydraulic-drive rocking bed ever built.

With this type drive, Engle's bed operates more smoothly than ordinary models. It also provides a greater speed range and facilities

for infinite speed control.

Over Seven Feet

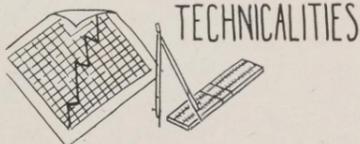
The other outstanding feature of the bed, of course, is its size. It is seven feet, two inches long, which gives Engle room to spare. Standard beds of this type are six feet, six inches long.

Building the bed for Engle took about two weeks and a lot of hard work and ingenuity. Using, wherever possible, parts which were available at the Shell garage, the men worked into the nights and on weekends rushing the bed to completion. Two polio specialists in Houston became interested in the project and contributed professional advice. The bed was dismantled and reassembled twice before all the kinks were ironed out.

King-Size

When it was operating satisfactorily, the bed was loaded on a truck and delivered immediately to Abilene. And now that Engle has his own king-size rocking bed, he is able to spend as much as three hours a day outside the uncomfortable iron lung. The doctors expect the bed to be a big factor in his recovery, and he will spend more and more time on it as his condition improves.

And it's hard to say who feels best about the whole thing, the man with the king-size bed, or those with the king-size hearts.



TECHNICALITIES

Roland Maddox (can't keep him out of this column, somehow) received a Christmas gift from his wife, Phyllis, with the inscription "To the nut in my life." When he saw what it was, Roland quipped, "Thanks for the nutcracker, sweet."

Kick-Off Lunch

Tech's annual Christmas lunch, on Dec. 19, was bigger and better than ever. This yearly party is Tech's "kick-off" for the Yuletide season. About 50 hungry technologists, etc., stuffed themselves gleefully on an abundance of ham,



RESEARCH

Things were really popping with the laboratory crowd during the holiday season. Santa Claus brought our laboratory circuit riders home for Christmas from a plush resort in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., thirty miles from San Diego. The occasion was the semi-annual meeting of Shell Oil Co. and Shell Development Co., where Elmons Claridge, Fred Kunreuther, Put Hines, Julius Heldman, Cliff Hogge, Stan Marple, John Marshall, and Bob Bell all gave papers.

Terrific Connie

A big hand to Connie Allan for her original Christmas cards which were the official greeting from us to Shell plants and personnel throughout this country, England, and Holland. These cards were true laboratory products, composites from the wax lab, the drafting desk, and the glass shop.

Probably Charlie Carstens had the most unusual Christmas tree in the whole refinery. His was made of fluorescent minerals in shades of green, gold, and blue ground up and stuck on the black background of Ray Coffney's unit where ultra-violet light brought out all their beauty.

Some of our better singers limbered up their pipes for church choir singing. Among these were Ed Roe, Dr. Baker, Bill Jameson, Al Hiett, Jimmy Martin, Elmond Claridge, Stan Marple, Jay Cunningham, Bill Hinds, and Pop Weathers.

Candle Maker

Charlie Jones was in a class all by himself. Seems he is the dean of Christmas candle makers, having picked up the old German know-how in his family as a boy. Each year he and his wife make candles in all shapes for the children who come calling at their house on Christmas.

Twenty two of us took our vacations during the holidays and scattered like leaves over the country. . . . Aileen Jackson to Hillsboro; Tom McLean to Youngstown, Ohio, where it was 15 degrees below zero; Bob Olson to Omaha; Nadine Goodman to Kyle; Bob Johnston to Baltimore; Jimmy Crocoll to Buffalo; Nelse Alexander to Huntsville and Gatesville; Kerry Arabian to Phoenix; Ruth Eckman to Rockford, Ill., where ice and snow were terrific; Gene Grigassy to Pittsburg; and Julius Heldman to New York City. L. A. Woods went to East Texas where he helped his family build a cabin. Francis Sullivan stayed home to visit with her Marine brother. Ben Post conceded a trip to Oklahoma City for a few days but came home to scratch his permanent golf bug bite afterwards. Jeep Sartor and Harry Sandland spent their vacations together down in Rockport, where Harry caught a 5 1/4 pound trout and probably took some color movies of ducks

cheese, potato salad, coffee and Elsa's inimitable applesauce cake.

It was a real holiday to have Sergeant Ralph Harris pay the refinery a visit. Ralph is our technologist who departed on military leave in November, 1950. Looks like the army agrees with him—added weight, ruddy complexion, and military bearing. Good luck, Ralph, and hurry back!

Toys For Whom

"Junior" Lewis ran into a safety hazard playing with his young daughter's toy helicopter. The

to add to the 150 feet he already has of mallards and pintails. Fred Basham spent his vacation in bed resignedly with flu bugs. Then there was the Pasadena crowd. They were quiet, they say, just adding to their wast-lines. . . Clovis Davis, Elmond Claridge, Guy Zingery, and John Marshall. Larry Maas didn't conform, though. His Green Hornet and a Greyhound bus got too familiar and one of Larry's fenders got sheared off. Also Ed Roe wasn't scheduled for a vacation, but he nearly got one when a Pasadena cop caught him for shooting off fireworks.

More new people! Frank Pinkerton from Oklahoma A. & M. and graduate work just lately at the University of Florida; Chester Heaton, who probably owns several of those gas wells at Carthage and who is a nephew of the registrar of A & M; Noah Dorman from Nacogdoches, who came here single but "spoken for"; Paul Rogers from Corsicana; and V. E. Dunn from Centerville.

Boys Outnumbered

That's not to mention our new babies. The Marshall Andres and the Tom Greens had girls, but the Bill Jamesons and Nelse Carraways evened the score with boys. Looks like it's going to be a woman's world, because of the 144 laboratory children. . . you're right . . . there are 81 girls and 63 boys. Well, you can't blame Wally Lawhon who has three—all boys.

Ray Coffey and Julius Heldman have both accepted the Cadillac standard of living. Ray got himself a new black "Cat" with window lifts lately, just in time to get a traffic ticket which listed him as "Unemployed". Now how do you think we ought to take that?

Yours for a bigger and better 1952. Research sends best wishes to all.



YOUNGEST FISHERMAN, Charlie Thompson, displays two beauties.

ENGINEERING—

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studies and improvements and time studies.

So, you see that the "good house-keeping" job done by the Engineering Department, a job receiving a multitude of compliments from refinery visitors for its outward aspects, requires a quite complicated organization of a large number of engineering specialists.

deep cut on his finger prevented him from practice on her toy accordion. (Who were the toys for anyhow?)



A HIGH-STEPPING blonde drum major is Arlene Dunham, La Porte High School Drum Major and daughter of J. L. Dunham, Pipefitter at Shell Refinery. The blonde, five foot three inch lass is a senior this year. Her twin brother, Arlen, played right guard on La Porte's conference winning team this year.



MIGHTY GOOD FISHING adds up to 400 lbs. of speckled trout for Maynor Thompson (left), John Woods, and P. M. Sharp.

FISHERMEN'S PARADISE

Even the truth sounds good in this fish story—400 lbs. of fish in five days. P. M. Sharp of Construction, John Woods of Labor and Maynor Thompson and son Charlie caught the trout on the Arroyo Colorado below Rio Hondo 30 miles from Port Isabell in the Laguna Madre area.

Plastic plugs seemed to be the secret of their luck in catching large speckled trout. Largest one weighed 7 3/8 lbs.

What did they do with them all? Had a fish fry for friends.



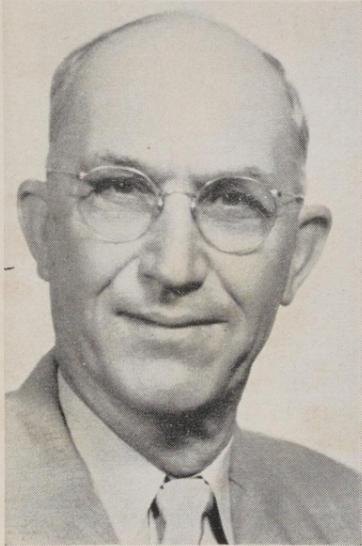
TREASURY

The closest any of our hunters have come to a deer this year was seeing one on the fender of a truck in front of the office recently. Ray Armstrong got to shoot at one, but all he hit was the top of a tree he was under. Good thing some of us have neighbors who can't use all they bring home.

We'll miss Thelma, who became Mrs. Bob Morrison recently. Although she won't be in the office, she'll still be a member of our Shell family since Bob works at Shell Chemical.

Christmas came early for A. B. Chaffin this year as he acquired himself a wife. Al and Daisy are living in Garden Villas, and we all wish them lots of luck and happiness.

# CHEMICAL



## J. J. Brown Retires After Twenty Years

After twenty years and eight months, J. J. Brown has retired. He began his career with Shell as a Carpenter at the Houston Refinery in February 1929. When Shell Chemical was organized in 1946, he was transferred as Assistant Maintenance Foreman. In 1948 he was made Maintenance Foreman and has served in this capacity until he was retired on December 31, 1951.

Mr. Brown was born in Leesville, La. and attended Leesville High School.

Prior to coming with Shell he was in construction work in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will continue to reside in Houston, where they have made their home for many years, but his plans for the future are indefinite.

### Stores

Lately, I have been overhearing some New Year's resolutions. Listed below are just a few.

**Del Stephens**—never to go fishing again unless the temperature is 95 or above.

**Howard Griffin**—not to look at any of the girls around here. (Well, not to whistle anyway).

**Toby Essary**—never to whistle at any girls (at least not any in bathing suits).

**Lilly Ruhmann**—not to drink over 8 cups of coffee a day.

**J. L. Tipton**—not to look at the mail girls doing jigs.

**Lloyd Garrett**—to buy at least one Buick.

**Mr. Shore**—to create a more friendly attitude among some of the people in Stores—especially during the "card game."

**Ralph Marsh**—to get to know each of the girls personally that are featured on the esquire blotters.

**Mr. VanHees**—to eat an apple a day to keep the doctor away.

**H. L. Nicholson**—to be in every night at 10 o'clock.

**B. L. Stanley**—to rest up all year for next year's Christmas party.

**Joe Lee**—to look more at the nightly television show and less at his beautiful wife.

**Virginia Brown**—never to go steady but to play the field.

**Judy Howell**—to be more like all the other people in Stores.

Yours truly resolves not to resolve.

Everybody in Stores wishes everyone else a Happy New Year.

### Engineering

Now that the Christmas season is over the Engineering Dept. is ready to settle down for a bright new year. Not without first recalling however the very nice time that the draftsmen and the girls in the department had at George Harlan's house.

**Jo Kelley** has just bubbled back to the Engineering Dept. from a nice vacation and coming back quite were **W. A. Gabig, K. H. Walker, and R. J. Gasperi.** **Bill Gabig and Ray Gasperi** did a lot of traveling on their vacations. Ray went all the way to Iowa. He is just now thawing out.

**Kirby Walker** spent his vacation showing off his fine son. Kirby's father was as pleased as a grandfather could be when he got to see his grand-son for the first time.

Thanks to **Mr. Cogan** and Pioneer Industrial, the six girls in the Department won't be dateless in 1952. Very thoughtful I'd say.

The boys have been asking **Faye Wismer** to wear her knitted (sigh) dress again soon. It seems to have caused quite a sensation.

It is rumored that **Pat Jevne's** favorite song is now "Undecided".

The **Ozalids** are now in the top place in the bowling league by 3 points. Good work you all, keep 'em falling.

Our New Year advice for everyone is to look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

### Operations

Howdy Gents:

Hope everyone has gotten over the holidays in good shape. From all accounts everybody had a very nice Christmas and a bang up time New Year's Eve.

Messrs. **F. G. Smith, D. L. Perry, N. A. Tippit, W. H. Griffin, G. E. Gray, F. M. Butler, B. K. Boyd, C. A. Parker** and **E. D. Roder** were guests at a big chicken fry at "A" Reactor Saturday night. Hey fellows, let's see if those donations are deductible. After all, they do it in Washington.

I guess the style show must be over down in "B" Department. I haven't seen any of those red, yellow and green bow ties lately. Don't you feel flashy anymore?

**Mr. C. A. Parker** has resolved to quit calling **B. K. Boyd**, Bucket Head.

**E. C. McClaskey** has moved down to show **E. E. Morris, A. G. Williams, and Pop Price** how to operate "B" Distillation. Good luck, Mack.

**Ex Aggie Greenwell** is slowly adjusting to the fact that his **Alma Mater** actually won the Thanksgiving day classic. Bill, you'll just have to overcome that feeling of inferiority you have about A & M.

Anyone wishing to join the Liars' Club of "A" Department contact **Scotty Smith**, President, **W. W. Moon**, 1st Vice President or **T. O. Talley**, 2nd Vice President.

**Mr. N. A. (Never Fail) Tippit** is the proud owner of a brand new Ford Victoria, and **Mr. N. L. Plachn** is driving a new Chrysler Windsor. Maybe **Dick Tracy** should look into this.

Effective today **C. E. Bautsck**

will not be referred to as "Onion Top". Reason. He is the new writer.

Christmas day someone called **S. Distillation** and asked **C. M. Thorpe** to pick up free turkey dinners at the warehouse. After dashing to the warehouse and checking at both cafes, he realized the hoax. He retrieved his lunch from the garbage can.

After three years of insults **S. F. Williams** disposed of his mustache. He is training to become a painter and found it difficult to keep the mustache the right color.

**Jack Owens** and **Little Crawford** and **Juke Box Maggots** are giving consultations on how to get rich without soiling your hands.

The new "C" Department look is the happy face of **T. M. Denman** after being promoted to 1st operator at S. Reactor.

**H. J. Roberts**, noted as Shell Chemical's most outstanding archer performed another amazing feat. He downed a humming bird at 100 yards. The atmosphere around S. Distillation is really invigorating.

### Research

Having survived the Holiday festivities, Research is once again back at the old stand. Reports from the Christmas party have been coming in steadily, but seem to be rather conflicting, the general concensus being that a good time was had by all at the party after the party. As to personalities we found that **Cliff Marshall** was quite a "talent scout" while **Gerry (I'm gonna get home when Pete gets home)** failed to show for the late evening get-together. Sentence—being ostracized for one month.

The next event on the Research social calendar during December was the gala New Year's Eve party at the Anderson's. From all reports 1952 could not have received a better welcome nor any party have had a finer host. From this one we derived a new name, **Lloyd "Siamese" Elken.**

In closing we wish to announce for **Don Melstrom** that 4.2 or no 4.2 he will in the future stand liable for only one "Beer frame" per game. Bowling can be expensive.

### Labor Department

**W. W. Williams** had some bad luck before Christmas. While doing some last minute shopping someone picked his pocket. Don't be such a trusting soul, **Woodrow.**

Lately **H. C. Alfred** has been going around singing, "Why does everything happen to me." He and **R. Napolian** spent Christmas in Louisiana. Except for plunging down a nine foot embankment the trip was very successful.

**H. V. Willis** spent his Christmas in Mexico. He reported a real nice time.

We are going to attempt to build our club up so we can have free entertainment for our club members, families and friends. The only way we can accomplish this is to get better participation from the members. We would like to see as good a turnout for our dances as we have for our annual picnic. Won't you all come out and help support your club?

I would like to wish for each and everyone of you a very prosperous New Year.

### Service Birthdays

#### TEN YEARS

- F. G. Watson, Administration
- F. M. Butler, Operations
- H. C. Crowder, Operations

#### Treasury

Since the resolutions have all been made and most of them already broken, we must start the daily grind of work.

**Winona Mikeska, Jeanne McDonald, Kay Shelton, and Mildred Shipp** were among the lucky ones who were on vacation during the holidays.

Boy, the mail room is really proud of **Glenda Boney**, our new mail girl, who got her drivers license. She passed the test with flying colors after all her worrying. We are very glad to have **Maudine Needham** who is another addition to our mail room. We hope



**P.F.C. Walter Fortune** stopped by to say hello to his friends at Chemican en route to Camp Cook, Cal.

that she too gets her license without any trouble.

We are going to miss **Marcia McCutcheon** and **Steve McAuliffe** who are leaving Shell. **Marcia** is going to business school to study secretarial work.

**Gladys Wehunt** has been transferred to the training building as a secretary. We are really going to miss her sweet smile around stenographic. Good luck to her in her new job.

**Frankie Jean Pidgeon** has left Shell to be a church secretary at the First Methodist Church in Houston. Good luck and good-bye to a wonderful girl. **Peggy Manuel** will take over as our new supply room girl.

**Juanita Price** has been going

## P. Sanders Guesses Identity Of Santa

**Paul Sanders** in Treasury is a firm believer in Santa Claus and he spotted Alias Santa Claus in the contest sponsored by the Houston Press.

Some last minute shopping on Christmas Eve made a trip to town necessary, so **Paul** began looking for the mystery man. He saw him and guessed his identity just as he began his walk for the day. This is one instance that waiting until the last minute to finish your Christmas shopping paid off.



GUARD YOUR FAMILY  
LEARN TO RECOGNIZE

## CANCER'S DANGER SIGNALS

- Any sore that does not heal
- A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere
- Unusual bleeding or discharge
- Any change in a wart or mole
- Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
- Persistent hoarseness or cough
- Any change in normal bowel habits

Be on the alert for cancer's symptoms. They may not mean cancer — but they should always mean a visit to your doctor.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

### ENGINEERING FIELD SAFETY RECORD (Hourly Employees)

PERIOD	Man Hours Worked	Number of Injuries	Number of Doctor Cases	Number of Disability Cases
'51—July, Aug., Sept.	253,037	749	22	4
'51—Oct., Nov., Dec.	273,717	802	32	2



**Personnelities**

Notice to one and all. Herewith is our list of New Years resolutions for the record.

**Marie Karney** resolves to give another open house next year for her friends that were unable to come over there this year.

**Don Cook** swears he will slow down on smoking. This man is a heavy, isn't he?

**Bartie Valls** would like to live up to the golf handicap that SERA has given him.

**John Lacy** resolves not to buy a new automobile this year just because he did last year.

**Bob Jackson** resolves not to let his timing method on barbecuing get the best of the barbecue.

**Mary Catherine McAfee** resolves not to sneeze so loud in 1952.

**Dorothy Shipp** resolves to slow down her Texas coffee habit.

**Barbara Monroe** resolves not to answer the phone in the Personnel Office by saying, "Grand Central."

**Madalyn Peacock** resolves to water her ivy plant at least once a week.

**Jo Jones** resolves not to spill her coffee in the hall in the mornings.

**Walt Fruland** resolves to share equally the ducks that he shoots in 1952 with the Personnel Department.

There are more people in Personnel and Industrial Relations, but apparently they can't afford to go on record. Safety first is their only excuse. No resolutions, none broken.

**Engineering Field**

Wedding bells are ringing again in Pasadena. This time they are for **Anita Hand** and **J. R. Rollo**. Anita is the daughter of C. V. Hand in the Instrument Shop.

**G. D. Shannon** is still leading the Electric Shop as far as dependents are concerned. One of his Christmas presents was another son.

With the big holidays in the past, things seem to be back to normal again. **R. R. Pomenoy** has his Prince Albert tobacco and papers handy for all who want to change to ready rolls. **Red Gaither's** face has lost some of the familiar "Flush" color and **Guy Dodson** is back answering the telephone after working as Electric Shop Assistant Foreman replacing **G. D. Shannon** while he was on vacation.

Well, football season is over, but the main subject is the outcome of the different bowl games. **P. A. West** has finally convinced everyone that if Georgia Tech hadn't kicked the field goal that won the game 17 to 14, it would have ended in a tie. Boy, that is really figuring it close.

We would like to welcome some new faces to the Machine Shop—**Palmer** and **Moss** from "C" Department, **Gillis**, **Slovak**, **Dargle** and **Davenport** from P & R Department; and **Stevens** from Pipe Shop. While we are welcoming people we want to give a hearty welcome to **George Kenkel** who is back from the service. Their loss is our gain.

**Jimmie Davidson** is the new fash-

ion plate of the Machine Shop. He was seen in Pasadena the other night all dressed up with two tone shoe strings. Just cost a few cents more to go really first class, eh Jim.

We really have a live cowboy in our department now. **Preacher Hodgson** has recently purchased two complete outfits — horses, saddles, and all the accessories. **Preacher** said that he only fell off



**LT. CLAUDE LEVINGE** visited the Boilermaker Shop while he was at home. He is a Flight Instructor at Pensacola, Florida.

twice recently and the only difference he noticed from twenty years ago is that the ground is a little bit harder.

**Laboratory**

**Chuck Kelley** went to New York for his vacation. His folks knew that he was going to spend the holidays up there in Yankee land, but what they didn't know was that he was transferred to the Union Laboratories and would thus stay a while.

Apparently "Scotty" Bazard doesn't read the bulletin board. On Monday he informed one of his buddies that the grapevine had it that we were going to get a raise. The raise was announced on the previous Friday.

On December 20th it was generally agreed that the greeting should not be "Good Morning" but rather "Hullo—shut up."

**Too Much Food**

**Les Bassinger**, **Steve Thomas**, **Trygve Brye** from the lab and **Milt Gugenheim** from Operations recently got their limits of ducks on a trip down Corpus way. In addition three of the group picked up cases of good food poisoning. However, in the case of **Les**, his buddies blame the quantity of food rather than the quality.

With the recent addition to his family and even before that, **Guy Dutcher** firmly established himself as the leading father of the laboratory. He now has three boys and three girls.

During the lunch period a group of the fellows were discussing how cheaply they used to get by on dates. **Frank Avilla** set the record, claiming that he could leave with five cents and return with four.

**Tom "catfish" Inglett** and **Willie Paul McNeill** are still feuding.

**Bert Owens** says that his little boy is really growing these days. He is gaining a pound a week. Bert has it figured that at this rate at ten years old, the boy will weigh 520 pounds. Some boy.

**Olin Hysaw** has finally decided



**CHEMICAL**

Dec. 8: **Nancy Lynn**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Noonan (Shipping). Weight 8 lbs.

Dec. 13: **Deborah Jeannine**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Jones (Instrument Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 5½ oz.

Dec. 14: **Scott Andrew**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Malone (Operations). Weight 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Dec. 15: **David John** and **Douglas Robert**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Salyer (Pipe Shop). Weight 5 lbs. 7½ oz and 5 lbs 8½ oz.

Dec. 19: **Robert Gergory**, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Murphey (Machine Shop). Weight 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Dec. 19: **Timothy Joseph**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shannon (Electric Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Dec. 22: **Theresa Jane**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moon (Pipe Shop). Weight 7 lbs.

Dec. 24: **Diane Lynn**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Holmes (Paint Shop). Weight 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Jan. 5: **William Patrick**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Etheridge (Paint Shop). Weight 7 lbs. 6 oz.

**REFINERY**

When the stork hits the Lube Plant, it hits hard. **J. A. Cassaro** took his vacation to welcome a baby girl, **Andrea** into the family. **Burke J. Landry**, also of Lube A, was to fill in for Cassaro.

That's right. **Burke** called to say he couldn't make it. His wife just had a baby girl also.

Nov. 18: **Donald Wayne**, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Shrabanek (Eng.-Field). Weight: 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Dec. 4: **Andrea**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cassaro (Lube). Weight: 9 lbs. 2 oz.

Dec. 5: **Carl Elliott**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cox (Eng.-Field). Weight: 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Dec. 5: **Elizabeth Alloyse**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Landry (Lube). Weight: 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Dec. 6: **Michael**, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Leonard (Boiler House). Weight: 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Dec. 7: **Robert Edgar**, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Parnell (Eng.). Weight: 8 lbs. 11½ oz.

Dec. 8: **Thomas D. Murray, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Murray (Control Lab). Weight: 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Dec. 10: **William Martin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tilley (Eng.-Field). Weight: 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Dec. 12: **Cecilia Byrle**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Reeves (Machine Shop).

Dec. 12: **Glenda Roynell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kingsbury (Cracking Cleanout). Weight: 6 lbs. 12½ oz.

Dec. 12: **Harlan Wayne**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shoults (Machine Shop). Weight: 6 lbs. 10 oz.

Dec. 13: **Rebecca Lynne**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Lowe (Cat Cracking). Weight: 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Dec. 14: **Gloria Jean**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Warren (Cracking). Weight: 8 lbs. 6 oz.

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that he can't kill ducks or catch fish so he has taken up golf. He is looking for a good used set of

**Gib Morgan — Wildcatter**

Widespread use by oil men of the words "wildcat" and "wildcatter" to designate respectively an exploratory well and the man who drills it has puzzled historians for almost three generations.

Some say the exploratory driller usually works in territory so rugged and primitive that only the real four-legged wildcat (*Felis Catus*) can live there. A few individuals imply that, since only one out of every nine strict wildcats finds oil, the phrase may have something to do with games of chance.

Finally, there are those who hold that, because an exploratory driller and his four-footed namesake take orders from no one, show lots of initiative and know-how, and have short tempers when (1) the former brings in one dry hole after another at the whopping cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars each, and (2) the latter is not eating regularly either, the nickname is both apt and obvious.

While scientist and linguists puzzle over the matter, the Texas Folk-Lore Society and Author **Moody C. Boatwright** have come up with an explanation that is worthy of **Davy Crockett's** yarn spinning.



It now appears that the term "wildcat" was first applied to **Gib Morgan**, the famous driller and tall tale teller of the early days of oil.

It all began when **Gib** was trying his hand at exploratory drilling down in Texas in the early '90's. That was before the great Spindletop strike and business wasn't so good. In fact, **Gib** said it was downright mediocre. Time after time he would drill a dry hole in likely territory while his

biggest rival, **Bill BeGee**, would drill half a mile away and hit a rich new field.

**Gib** had lost three fortunes and was well down on his fourth and last one when he hit on an idea: He pulled up thousands of his "dusters", sawed them into fence post holes, and sold them to ranchers who were just beginning to fence their cattle ranges. That revenue helped some but his luck didn't improve even though he imported a new-fangled geologist from New York to help him instead of spinning his hat into the air and drilling where it fell, the way he had used to do back home in Pennsylvania. He got poorer and poorer until, to meet his payroll he had to check out of his boarding house and go live with his sister-in-law, **Sally**.



This **Sally** was quite a character, just like all the **Morgan** in-laws had to be to live with the **Morgans**. She had been a school teacher, so she was very strict. She had come down to Texas to sell fence posts and barbed wire. So she was stingy, she ate only osage oranges and drank only sassafras tea. They made her so tough the only way she could get any real exercise was to walk a stretch of barbed wire fence in her bare feet with a spitting, scratching *Felis Catus* under each arm.

Naturally the oil men in the neighbor stopped to watch when **Sally** took her morning constitutional. And, just as naturally, they began to speak of **Gib** as "the man who boards with the strict wildcatter." Pretty soon folks who didn't know him personally got the idea that **Gib** himself was the wildcatter.

No telling how far this sort of thing would have gone, but **Gib** finally got so thin on **Sally's** diet that a rancher figured he was a fence post and started to load **Gib** on truck. That really was the last straw. **Morgan** sold his drilling equipment to **McGee** and used the proceeds to buy a good French restaurant in New Orleans. They say he gained 105 pounds before he returned to Texas and the oil fields.

clubs and some one to show him how to hold the caddy.

Everyone out here knows the the mean man, **Mr. Roy McCollum**.

According to him he whips his wife at the slightest provocation. Well, we went by his home Saturday to see if he would like to go with us to get some oysters. His wife said that when he got through hanging up his washing in the back yard and swept the kitchen she guessed it would be all right for him to go. After a short delay, we made the trip.

**Alley Oop Richardson** just returned from what used to be the Piney Woods where he spent his vacation. He says it is Stump County now.

**United Fund Pledges Payable In Lunch Room**

For your convenience in making payments on your United Fund pledges, the following method for handling payments was initiated on January 7.

On the Monday following each hourly payday, collectors will be located in the lunchroom from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. It is hoped that the period from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. will give an opportunity to all employees working during the day to make their payments during their lunch period. The period from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. should give an opportunity to shift workers to make their payments at shift change time.

# HOW TO KEEP A-HEAD



FLOYD CORNELL

ONCE upon a working day, there went an Instrument Man, who was known in the Refinery as Floyd Cornell, to work upon a shutdown of a mechanical construction called the HVI unit of the Lube Plant.

Now, this worker was plagued with wearing a round headpiece called a safety hat, which did sometimes get in his way. But he did wear it anyway as he worked.

When suddenly from above slipped a half-inch manifold off a scaffold, and lo, the object did hit him upon the head.

It leaveth a small dent in the hard hat, but the workman lived, happily.

Moral: It is better to use your head and have one left.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Kasmiersky are at home in Houston following their marriage Nov. 18 in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mrs. Kasmiersky is the former Dottie Lou Kulhanek of Ellinger. Mr. Kasmiersky is a Machinist in the Refinery.

Miss Ollie Kaltwasser became the bride of Dowell Naylor, Jr., in ceremonies performed at 8 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Park Place Lutheran Church. Mrs. Naylor works in the Field Office. The couple will be at home in Houston.

## Homer Briggs Dies

Homer C. Briggs, Shift Foreman of Section C, Lubricating Oils, passed away Dec. 18, 1951.



He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nora Briggs; a son, Gerald; and a daughter, Dorinda.

Mr. Briggs began work with Shell in December 1929 as a fitter Helper. He spent most of his company time in the Treating Department. In April 1948, he was transferred to Lubricating Oils, and he became Shift Foreman in February 1950.

## Classified

FOR SALE: Easy Spin Dryer. Just like new.

Dan Shook

UN-0435

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FOR SALE: House in Deer Park. Two bedrooms, central heating, attic fan. Directly across street from schools. 412 Second St. GR-9-2233

FOR SALE: Tape recorder, used one evening. \$20.00 off list price. E. B. Wallace

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HU-6-3195

Chem. 433

# Personnel Changes

## REFINERY

Engineering	FROM	TO
J. C. Baumbach	General Helper Eng.-Field	Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 1 Eng.-Field
J. H. Clinton	Operator No. 2 Cracking	Carpenter No. 1 Eng.-Field
G. H. Cousins	Machinist No. 1 Eng.-Field	Asst. Fore. Craft Mach. Eng.-Field
I. G. Loomis	Machinist No. 1 Eng.-Field	Fore. Craft Mach. Eng.-Field
F. Sparacino	General Helper Eng.-Field	Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 2 Eng.-Field
D. E. Wilson	Treater Helper No. 3 Treating	Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 2 Eng.-Field

Lubricating Oils	FROM	TO
R. M. Armstrong	Clerk Treasury	Clerk Lubricating Oils

Distilling	FROM	TO
D. C. Crouch	Gauger Dispatching	Stabilizer Opr. Hlpr. Distilling

Treasury	FROM	TO
K. F. Marr	Clerk Eng.-Field	Clerk Treasury

Stores	FROM	TO
B. J. Gibson	Clerk Treasury	Clerk Stores

Cracking	FROM	TO
K. A. Kellam	General Helper Eng.-Field	Pressureman Cracking
R. G. McCord	General Helper Eng.-Field	Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 2 Cracking
A. B. Winkler	Boilermaker Hlpr. No. 1 Eng.-Field	Operator Helper No. 1 Cracking

## CHEMICAL

Engineering Field	FROM	TO
L. M. Barnes	No. 1 Insulator Helper Engineering Field	No. 1 Insulator Engineering Field
R. L. Martin	Operator Helper G Operations	Pipefitter Helper No. 2 Engineering Field
E. C. Sivley	Operator No. 1 G Operations	Insulator Helper No. 2 Engineering Field

Operating A & B	FROM	TO
E. D. Roder	General Helper Engineering Field	General Opr. Helper A & B Operating
J. C. Thedford	General Helper Engineering Field	General Opr. Helper A & B Operating

Operating E	FROM	TO
R. J. Edwards	Operator No. 2 E Operating	Operator No. 1 E Operating

Operating G	FROM	TO
J. A. Hammons	Operator Helper A & B Operating	Operator Helper G Operating

Operating P & R	FROM	TO
H. D. Burt	General Helper Engineering Field	Operator Helper P & R Operating

Stores	FROM	TO
L. W. Hudson	Counterman No. 2 Stores	Counterman No. 1 Stores

Engineering	FROM	TO
R. M. Hodgson	Asst. Machinist Foreman Engineering Field	Asst. Foreman Mtee. Engineering

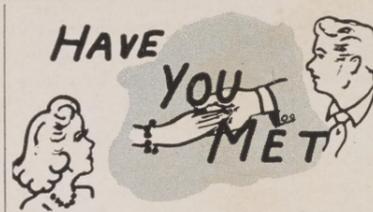
Laboratory	FROM	TO
H. H. Jenkins	Jr. Chemist Laboratory	Chemist Laboratory

Operations	FROM	TO
A. J. Dugas	Clerk Treasury	Clerk "G" Department
R. E. Morrison	Technologist Technological	Technical Assistant "G" Department

Treasury	FROM	TO
D. A. Henderson	Clerk "G" Department	Clerk Treasury

FOR RENT: Lovely unfurnished 4-room apartment, Venetian blinds, attic fan, near Broadmoor Shell bus line, 1515 Lawson, \$69.50. Flossie Johnson MI-5370

He: "I'm having a scotch and soda at the bar. What will you have?"  
She: "A husband, if it affects you the way I think it will."



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

## REFINERY

- Treasury  
M. Laura Hall, Mail Carrier  
Betty J. O'Keefe, Junior Stenographer  
R. Elaine Rogers, Stenographer P&IR  
A. M. Flint, Department Manager Technological  
G. E. Naniche, Jr. Technologist.  
Engineering  
J. Carville, Asst. Chief Engineer.  
J. A. Nepueux, Draftsman  
J. Stewart, Inspector  
R. C. Wesley, Clerk  
Control Lab  
Mary L. Burris, Stenographer

## CHEMICAL

- Stores  
Jewel F. Howell, Typist Clerk Treasury  
Glenda M. Boney, Jr. Clerk, Mail and File  
V. M. Cottrill, Clerk  
Operating A & B  
C. W. Miles, Operator Helper  
C. F. Puffer, Operator Helper  
Operating G  
J. K. Alexander, Operator Helper  
R. A. McClendon, Operator Helper  
Operating P & R  
W. G. Rice, General Operator Helper  
J. B. Bane, General Operator Helper  
Engineering Field  
E. E. Smith, General Helper  
E. D. Roder, General Helper  
L. D. Phillips, General Helper  
W. R. Crow, General Helper  
J. C. Thedford, General Helper  
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- Dec. 14: Larry Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Abbs (Gas). Weight: 6 lbs. 10 oz.  
Dec. 15: Nelson Wakefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelse Carraway (Research). Weight: 8 lbs. 2 oz.  
Dec. 17: Phillip James, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Walter (Boiler House). Weight: 5 lbs. 15 oz.  
Dec. 22: Samuel, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gage (Eng.-Field). Weight: 7 lbs. 7 oz.  
Dec. 25: Rita Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hayes (Treating). Weight: 6 lbs. 14 oz.  
Dec. 27: Kathryn Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Simon (Instrument Shop). Weight: 6 lbs. 8 oz.  
Dec. 27: Elizabeth Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Green (Research). Weight: 6 lbs. 4 oz.  
Dec. 27: Thomas Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. McDaniel (Research). Weight 8 lbs. 2 oz.  
Dec. 27: James Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bellinger (Machine Shop). Weight: 5 lbs. 11 oz.  
Dec. 29: Joyce Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. James (Eng.-Field). Weight: 6 lbs. 8 oz.  
Jan. 3: Sharon Lou, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hallmark (P&IR). Weight: 8 lbs. 6 oz.  
Jan. 3: Bruce Allen, son of Mr.

## Service Birthdays

Claude E. Cassidy celebrates 15 years service with Shell this month. The Assistant Chief Inspector of the Control Lab first came to Shell in September, 1928 as Water Boy. He was reemployed in April 1933, in the Dispatching Department where he worked as Gauger and Loader.

Mr. Cassidy transferred to the Control Lab as a Tester No. 4 in August, 1933. He was made Lab Foreman in 1945 and became Assistant Chief Inspector in September, 1946.

A native Texan, Cassidy was born and attended school in Dodge Texas. He recently completed adding several rooms on to his home at 6927 Palmetto, Houston, in his spare time.

### Fifteen Years Service

- V. T. Ellis, Jr., Treasury.
- O. C. Eugene, Eng.-Field.
- R. Fisher, Eng. Field.
- C. R. Shenton, Eng.-Field.
- E. Q. Whitney, Jr., Dispt.
- M. L. Wilson, Treasury.

### Ten Years Service

- C. J. Carstens, Jr., Research.
- C. A. Hargis, Cracking.
- Eda M. Hennessy, Stores.
- C. B. Kincannon, Research.
- H. L. Leonard, Eng.-Field.
- E. M. Lewis, Eng.-Field.
- L. B. McAdams, Eng.-Field.
- J. J. Morris, Eng.-Field.
- B. A. Risinger, Jr., Research.
- C. Sudduth, Eng.-Field.
- G. D. Yeary, Eng.-Field.

and Mrs. L. M. Hughes (Auto). Weight: 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Jan. 5: Sandra Kate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cargill (Tool Room). Weight: 5 lbs. 15 oz.

Jan. 8: Frederick Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dorflinger (Treasury). Weight: 6 lbs. 4 oz.

Jan. 11: John David, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Nepreux (Eng.). Weight: 8 lbs. 5 1/2 oz.

Jan. 12: Daryle Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Powell (Surveying). Weight: 8 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.

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