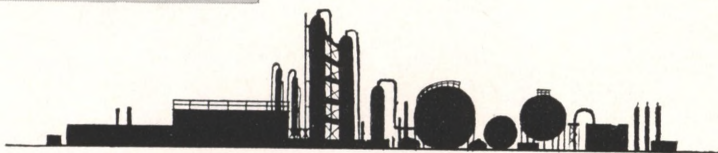


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## Refinery Announces New Operating Department

### Aromatics Dept. Includes Platformers 1, 2 and ACU

Houston Refinery will have a new operating department, effective January 1, 1956.

Refinery Manager John Tench announced that the new department will comprise the existing Platformer No. 1 and Aromatics Concentration Unit and the new Platformer No. 2, which is expected to be placed on stream about February 1 of next year.

nologist in the Gas Department to his new assignment.

H. F. Tighe, Senior Technologist in the Technological Department, will be promoted to assistant manager of the Lubricating Oils Department, effective January 1. He will be assigned to the "B" Section, and L. J. Lambin will take over the "A" Section.

J. H. Tomfohrde and Norman Thew will continue as assistant managers in the Gas Department.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS



Kitzmiller



Renquist

#### PROMOTED TO ASSISTANTS



Tighe



Maggio

#### Kitzmiller to Manage

The new department will be known as the Aromatics Department and will have as its manager K. J. Kitzmiller, who has been manager of the Gas Department since 1954.

M. L. Renquist, assistant manager of the Lubricating Oils Department, has been named to replace Mr. Kitzmiller as manager of the Gas Department on January 1.

#### Maggio Promoted

Assistant Department Managers of the new Aromatics Department will be W. P. Raarup, presently an assistant manager of the Gas department, and V. A. Maggio, who will be promoted from Tech-

### Shell Establishes Fellowships For Math, Science Teachers

To offset the decreased teaching of science at the high school level, 60 outstanding high school teachers of mathematics, chemistry, and physics are being offered Fellowships for special summer seminar courses of graduate level classes, lectures by outstanding scientists, and visits to modern industrial installations and research laboratories.

The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, will underwrite the cost of the program, designated as the Shell Merit Fellowships for High School Science and Mathematics Teachers. Thirty Fellowships will be administered by Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and 30 Fellowships by Stanford University of Palo Alto, California.

#### Chosen on Merit

High school teachers, chosen on the basis of merit and demonstrated leadership qualities, will receive travel allowances, all tuition and fees, living expenses on the university campus and \$500 in cash to make up for the loss of potential summer earnings. Both universities will offer graduate credit for the work.

"We consider the new program outlined by the Shell Companies Foundation offers strong and needed support to high school science teachers, who can encourage their students to major in physics, chemistry, and mathematics in college and thus increase the number of graduates in these fields," Refinery Manager John Tench and Plant Manager Glenn Purcell stated.

#### Nation Needs Teachers

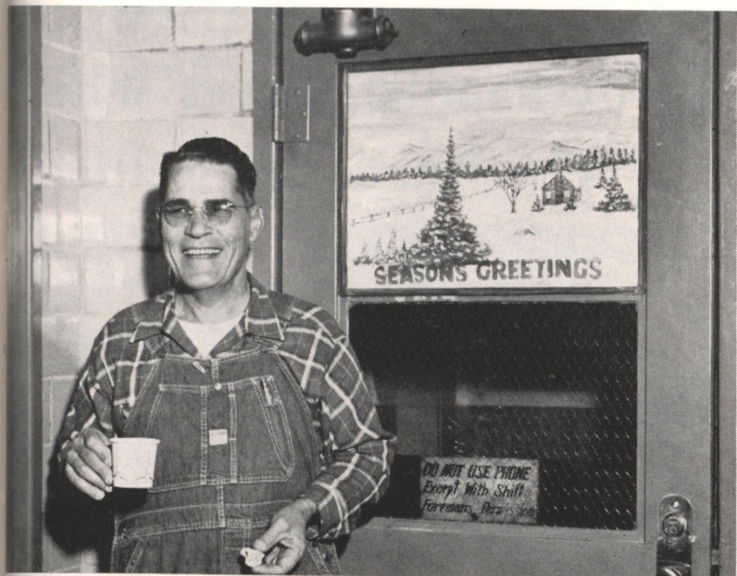
"Shell's interest in this matter is not selfish. While we need increasing numbers of science graduates for our own organization, the nation as a whole is going to need more and more of them. In the long run, every citizen will benefit

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### CU PASSES \$2,000,000 MARK



W. E. Jensen, Control Lab, right, unknowingly made the deposit last month that brought the Credit Union's assets to more than \$2,000,000. When informed that his deposit made history, Mr. Jensen, a CU member since 1937, obligingly re-enacted the scene for the photographer to record for posterity. With Mr. Jensen are Dr. W. A. Bailey, CU president, and Alene Dalley, clerk.



W. M. Bluhm, Operator No. 1 at the Chemical Plant smiles a Christmas greeting to all his fellow Shell Employees. He stands by a casin painting done by H. L. Green, Painter No. 1 at the G-450, 500 Unit. Other signs painted by Mr. Green are on page 5.

### Season's Greetings

With the approach of Christmas it is a pleasure to extend greetings to our friends, old and new, and to acknowledge the fine spirit of cooperation that makes our work together a warm and personal relationship rather than a mere business association.

May you and your family have a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

### Shell Service Stations Serve As Toy Collection Centers

Shell Oil Company service stations once again have been designated as toy collection headquarters for the "Toys for tots," a good-will program sponsored annually by the

Houston Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Don Yarborough, president of the Houston Jaycees, urged every family to drop good, usable tops at any Shell service station, all of which have been designated to receive these toys.

Nearly 30,000 toys were collected in 1954, and Mr Yarborough said the target for this year has been set at 50,000. Toys will be distributed, as last year, through a "toy store," where parents of needy children will be able to pick up toys for their family. This method of distribution is being used because "we feel it preserves the true spirit of Christmas giving for the children, since they need never know where the toys came from," said Mr. Yarborough.

### Early Turn-Around For Cat Cracker

Turn-around of the cat cracker, originally scheduled for March 15, was begun November 27 due to the condition of the reactor cyclones. It was found that the cyclones were allowing excessive amounts of catalyst to be carried out of the reactor to the fractionator. Turn-around of the unit is expected to last three weeks. The cat cracker, which has operated as long as 19½ months between turn-arounds, had its most recent turn-around 14 months ago.

# REPORTERS'



# ROUNDUP

## Irv Weissman Invents New Post Office Game That May Even Replace Scrabble

Irv Weissman is a Refinery Technologist and a young man of many interests: Photography, flying, hunting, and, of course, his better half, Janice.

While browsing through his American Postal Guide one day, the thought occurred to him that there are so many different and oddly-named towns in these United States of ours, that practically any message or slogan could be made up from the names of these towns.

So Irv promptly composed a couple of Shell advertising slogans and, using his trusty Postal Guide, picked out the towns whose names most nearly suited his slogans, using Shell, Wyoming, as his key town. Then he sent post cards to the postmasters of these towns and requested that they return them post marked.

With the post cards placed in order, the post marks of

Irv's first slogan read like this:

- Shell (Wyoming)
- Exie (Kentucky)
- Juan (Kentucky)
- Hundred (West Va.)
- America (Alabama)
- Best (Texas)
- Luber (Arkansas)

Do you get the message? It's—

Shell X-100 is America's Best Lube.

Irv's second set of post marked post cards read as follows:

- Shell (Wyoming)
- Premium (Kentucky)
- Gas (Kansas)
- Witt (Illinois)
- Tea (South Dakota)
- Sealy (Texas)
- Pie (West Virginia)
- Goode (Virginia)
- Forum (Arkansas)
- Auto (West Virginia)

This one is a cinch— Shell Premium Gasoline With TCP is Good for your Automobile.

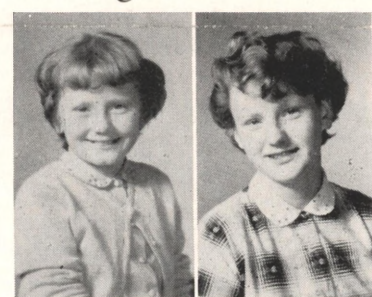
Irv may have unknowingly invented a game that might well replace scrabble.

## Vanston's Daughter Wins Legion Contest

Lorna Vanston, 13-year-old daughter of R. W. Vanston of Automotive, was awarded first place in the Junior Activities Scrap Book contest at the National Convention of the American Legion at Miami, Fla.

The scrap book consisted of an essay on the lives of the presidents of the United States.

Lorna and her ten-year-old sister, Mary, entered the only two scrap books from Texas, and of all the entries from most of the states, Lorna's was judged best at the national convention. This is quite a compliment to Texas; how-



ever, the Vanstons moved here from Illinois just three years ago.

Both of the talented Vanston girls attend Immaculate Conception school, where Lorna is in the eighth grade and Mary is in the fifth.



## Shellegram Meant For Young and Old

Without a doubt, this is one of the prettiest of Shellegram readers. The smiling face behind the paper belongs to Diane Byrd, who is all of 20-months old. Her proud father is E. O. Byrd of Automotive.



## Mr. and Mrs. Hale Vacation in Cuba



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hale (Automotive) recently returned from a vacation in Cuba. Left, Jack poses beside a Shell gasoline tank in Havana. On the right, Mr. and Mrs. Hale take a last look at Cuba before boarding the plane for the return trip.



Among the 150 experienced Shell employees who transferred to Anacortes are many former Houstonians, a number of whom are above: B. W. Fitzgerald, G. H. Penland, E. R. Olson, H. H. Vienhage, D. E. Stewart, J. C. Poe, B. B. Carr.

## Houstonian Sees Many Familiar Faces While Helping to Start Up New Anacortes Refinery

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce may not know it, but it has a roving ambassador in Harry Kennedy, Operating Assistant in the Utilities Department.

Harry spent a month in Anacortes where, along with a number of other Houston Refinery men, he helped to put the new Shell Refinery on stream.

He has been praising the climate, scenery, hunting and fishing of the Pacific Northwest since his return to the Lone Star State.

Just a few minutes drive from the Anacortes Refinery, he happily reports, there is deer and bear hunting and salmon fishing.

### Happy Over Refinery

"The people of Anacortes were really happy to have the new Shell Refinery located there," he said.

Between the Houston men sent to Anacortes to assist in the start up of operations and those who transferred there, Harry said that it was like "old home week" in the state of Washington.

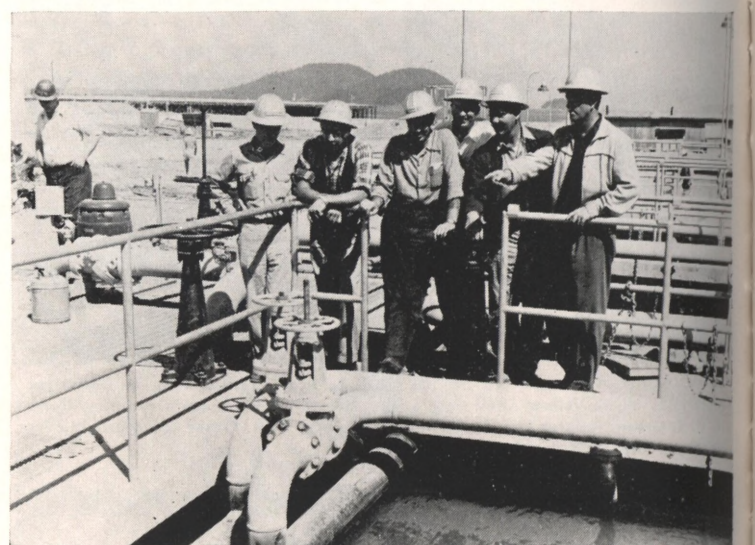
As a matter of fact, in the boiler house at the new Refinery, three of the four shift foremen worked with Kennedy in the Utilities department at Houston Refinery (W. E. Gray, R. M. Mattox and U. D. Roberts). One of the first class operators, D. H. Benedict, is also a former Houstonian. In addition, the zone pipefitter (Coy Poe) and zone instrument man (B. E. Carr) held similar positions at Houston.

### Uses Cigarette Lighter

"With all of these experienced Houstonians on hand, starting the boiler was no problem," Harry said, adding: "When the time came to light the boiler, there was no gas, oil or air available, so we built a barn fire in the furnace, and I used my cigarette lighter to start the fire."

Before he returned to Houston, the Shell employees gave a grand picnic on Lopez Island, one of the many islands near Anacortes.

"There were so many familiar faces there, it seemed like I was back in Houston attending an SERA picnic. We had barbecued salmon that must have weighed between 25 and 30 pounds each, and they were cooked over alder wood."



Shift Foreman U. D. Roberts (extreme right), another former Houstonian, tells a group in training about a section of the effluent control facilities, which are regarded among the best available in the industry.



Zone Foreman A. H. Carlisle, second from right, formerly at the Houston Refinery, explains a blueprint to three of the many local men who have been employed at Shell's refinery at Anacortes, in the Pacific Northwest.

### 41 Former Houstonians Now at Anacortes

With the arrival of Dave Smith as Senior Technologist, there are 41 former Houston people at Anacortes.

The former Houstonians include: Walter P. Barabash, Eng., L. C. Books, Instr. Eng., J. J. Carney, Technologist, A. H. Carlisle, Shift Foreman, Paul Cherry, Shift Foreman, A. G. Courtney, Sr. Insp. Eng., L. I. Deal, Craft Foreman, R. M. Ezell Jr., Craft Foreman, W. E. Gray, Shift Foreman, R. Gullick, Technologist, J. D. Harness, Shift Foreman, C. J. Hurst, Refinery Supervisor, L. W. Martin, Tab. Supervisor, R. M. Mattox, Shift Foreman, G. J. Mehler, Technologist, C. E. Reedy, Shift Foreman, G. J. Reno, Sr. Tech., G. E.

Roberts, Shift Foreman, U. D. Roberts, Shift Foreman, O. L. Scarborough, Craft Foreman, E. L. Schumacher, Chemist, R. E. Spencer, Craft Foreman, T. W. Thornton, Chemist, A. L. Tilley, Zone Foreman, T. L. Wilson, Eng., D. B. Smith, Sr. Tech., D. H. Benedict, Oper. No. 1.

B. B. Fitzgerald, Oper. No. 1, J. J. Irwin, Oper. No. 1, E. E. Juntunen, Oper. No. 1, E. R. Olson, Oper. No. 1, G. H. Penland Oper. No. 1, J. C. Poe, Craft Foreman, E. L. Schneider, Oper. No. 1, D. E. Stewart, Mech. No. 1, F. C. Summa, Oper. No. 1, R. E. Thurmond, Mech. No. 1, Electrician, L. H. Vienhage, Oper. No. 1, and B. B. Carr, Mech. No. 1, Instr. Rep. Eng.



Ten & Over Club members enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner at Club Delisa.

## About 75 Attend Service Club Celebration At Club Delisa

The Ten & Over Service Club party held at the Club Delisa on November 12 had almost perfect attendance. Approximately 75 of 81 eligible to attend (71 from the Refinery, seven from other locations and three pensioners) were on hand to enjoy barbecued chicken and beef, games and fellowship.

Door prizes of Shell products and cigarette lighters were given away during the party.

Members of the Ten & Over club also attended the Yates-Wheatley on Thanksgiving Day.

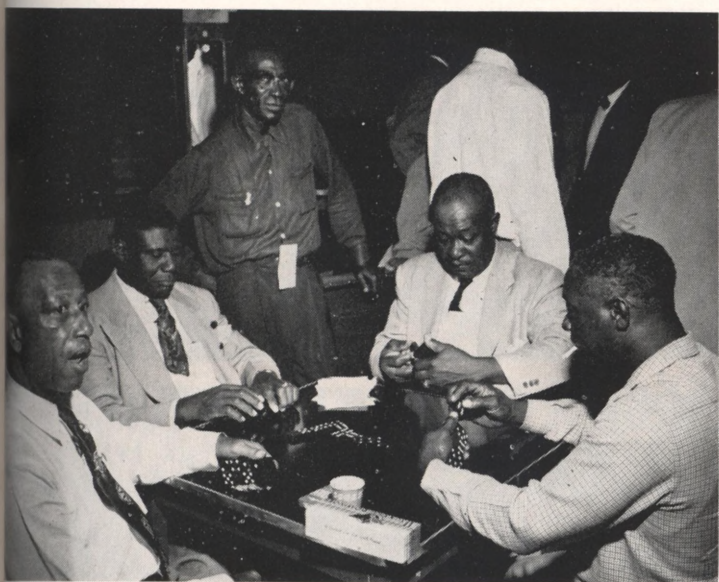
Sam Stewart, E. Simen and R. Fisher comprise the Club Committee.



Pensioner George Garret, center, enjoys a talk with old friends.



Pensioner John Stansbury, center, chats with two service club men.



A group of Ten & Over Service Club members enjoy a game of dominoes.



Sam Stewart of the Ten & Over Club Committee announces winner of door prize.

## Shell Plans Fellowships

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from larger numbers of trained scientists—and they must first start in high schools where they can receive a strong foundation in these subjects.

“The fact that the proportion of science majors among college graduates is steadily decreasing must alarm all of us who are interested in the future well-being of our country.”

### Recognizes Key Teachers

This important program has been hailed by educators as a well-deserved recognition of those instructors who must both teach sciences at the high school level and interest high school students in pursuing these subjects in college. A severe shortage of such teachers exists; over half the high schools in the country today do not offer courses in either chemistry or physics, chiefly because qualified teachers are not available. The number of high school science teachers graduating from college each year has decreased by 50 per cent since 1950.

Mathematics, physics or chemistry teachers with five years experience and known leadership ability will be eligible for the Fellowships. Thirty teachers from west of the Mississippi River will attend the eight-week Stanford program, while thirty from east of the Mississippi will be invited to a similar six-week session at Cornell.

### Top Schools Chosen

In addition to teachers, also eligible are present heads of departments, or supervisors with good backgrounds in any of the three sciences, since Shell is seeking to spread the recognition program as widely as possible among the nation's high schools.

Stanford and Cornell were selected by Shell because they are well placed among schools with outstanding science and education departments which are active in trying to remedy the acute shortage of high school science teachers. Final selection of applicants will be the full responsibility of Stanford and Cornell, to whom requests for application forms should be sent.

This new Fellowship Program is in addition to the Shell Companies Foundation's present \$350,000 aid-to-education program which includes 50 graduate fellowships and 20 grants in fundamental research in science and engineering at 41 colleges and universities.

### Report Injuries

Preventing injury to yourself is your first concern. But if an accident does occur and you suffer even the smallest injury, your aim should be to prevent it from developing into a serious disability. Left unattended, a minor injury can result in loss of health and well-being, loss of time from the job and eventual loss in income. All injuries, no matter how minor they may be should be reported when they occur.



Door prize winners, left to right, top row: C. J. Jimenez, G. Roque, Y. Leon. The bottom row consists of Genaro O'Bergon, J. Towers and Joe Casas.

## Santa Anita Restaurant Site Of Ten & Over Service Party

Santa Anita Restaurant was the setting for a Refinery Ten & Over Service Club party last month. Sixteen members and guests attended the affair and enjoyed a fried chicken and Mexican food dinner along with two technicolor movies.

Prize drawings were held for Shell products and cigar-

ette lighters.

Speakers included Joe Cosas and C. J. Jimenez, who were Co-Chairmen of the Service Club committee, and P. E. Keegan, Superintendent of Administration, and L. J. Hallmark, P & IR Manager.

Two pensioners, Joe Valdez and Emillio Samarippa, were among those present.



While waiting for the dinner to be served, Ten & Over Club members and guests oblige the Shellegram photographer with their very best smiles.



Pensioners Joe Valdez and Emillio Samarippa get together for an old-fashioned talk-fest during the Shell Ten Year & Over Service Club banquet.



Joe Casas and C. J. Jimenez deserve congratulations for their fine work as Co-Chairmen of last month's successful Ten & Over Service Club banquet.

# Steel Fabrication, Repair Keep Boilermakers Busy

Much of the fabrication and repair of steel structures in the Refinery is carried on by the Boilermakers.

Now, that is saying a mouthful, when you consider

the many steel structures in the refinery that have to be maintained.

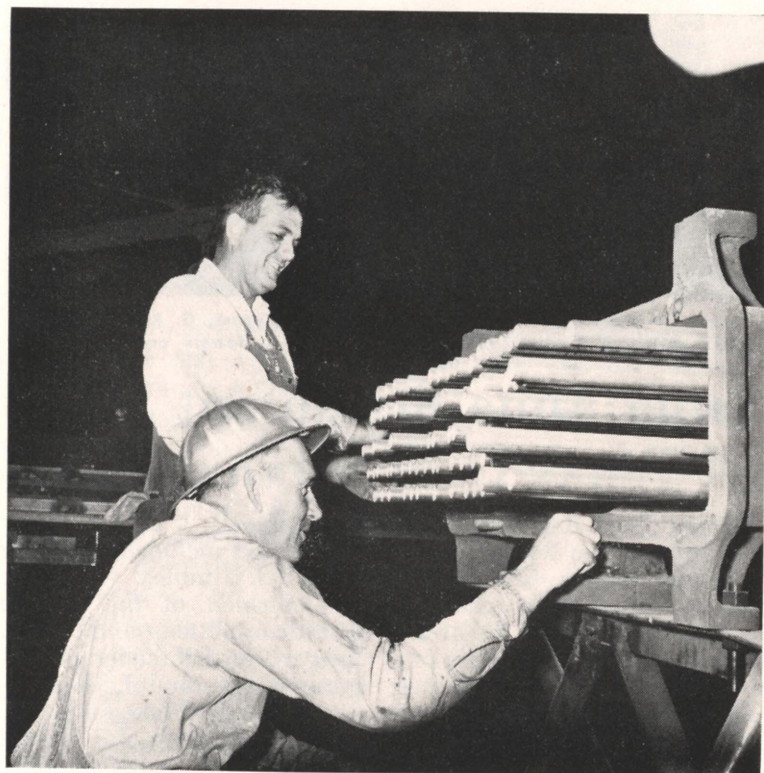
However, in describing the duties of the Boilermakers, you can't stop there; for it

doesn't begin to tell the whole story of the varied assignments and responsibilities entrusted to the men of this craft.

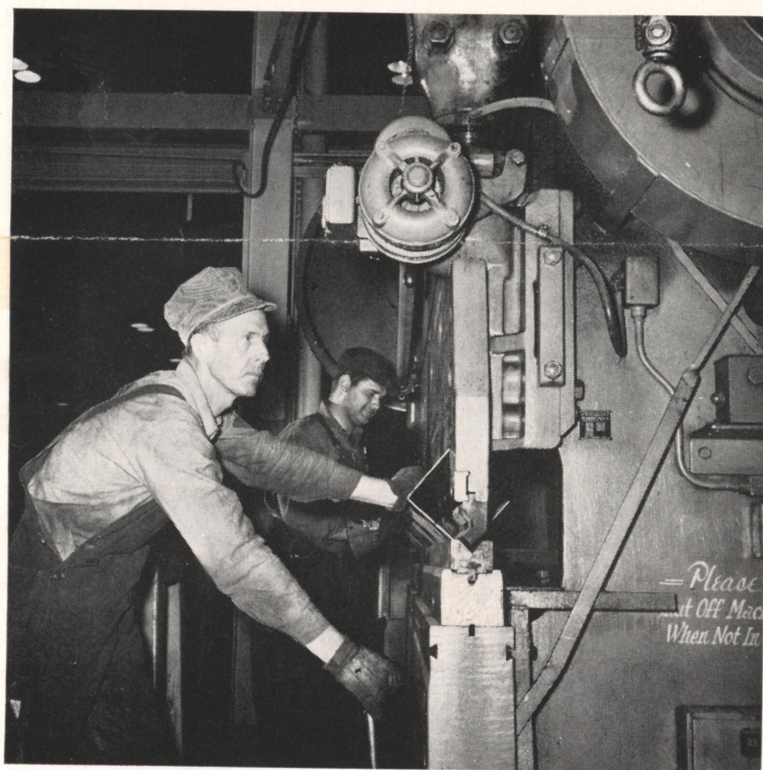
In addition the Boilermakers repair steam boilers; remove tubes and do repair work on furnaces; fabricate, dismantle and retube tube bundles; caulk storage tanks; re-

Surely, much of the fabricating and repair of steel structures is carried on by the Boilermakers, but you can see that the statement doesn't begin to tell the whole story. On this page, in words and pic-

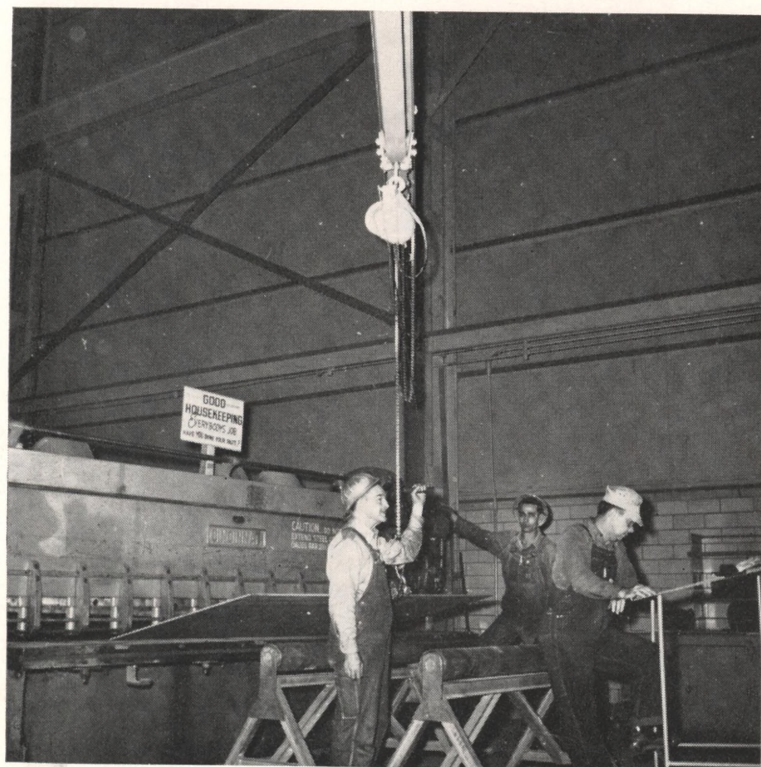
tures, is a brief glimpse into the overall work of the boilermakers, who, like all of the craftsmen, are essential to the efficient operations of the refinery.



L. B. McAdams, standing, and C. L. Goehring inspect the tubes they have installed in the header of this open water-box condenser.



E. L. Martin, foreground, operates the press break and J. D. Wolchick assists. This machine shapes any form (channels, angles, etc.) 1/4" thick to 10' long.



This square shear can shear metal 1/2" thick to 12' in length. W. I. Peppers, operates shear, B. L. McManners mans the hoist, C. T. Burns checks blue print.

THIS IS ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE VARIOUS REFINERY CRAFTS

pair foamite chambers and steel stairways; repair towers and renew the trays in towers; fabricate and install various types of support brackets and even install practically all metal signs throughout the refinery. They generally perform hydrostatic tests on pressure vessels.

### Work With Other Crafts

By the very nature of these assignments, the Boilermakers often find themselves working in conjunction with other crafts. For instance, on a Shell-fabricated tank, the welders join the pieces of metal together, but the overall responsibility for the assembly of the tank falls to the Boilermakers.

To carry out these various and sundry assignments, there are ten shop boilermakers and 22 field boilermakers (18 work straight days and four work the 4 to 12 shift). The shop boilermakers have two helpers, the remainder of the helpers work in the field.

Houston Refinery's Boilermakers display a skill that comes only with experience, and that's because there's a wealth of experience in this craft, a total of over 400 years, or an average of about 14 years per man in the craft.

### Top Equipment Ready

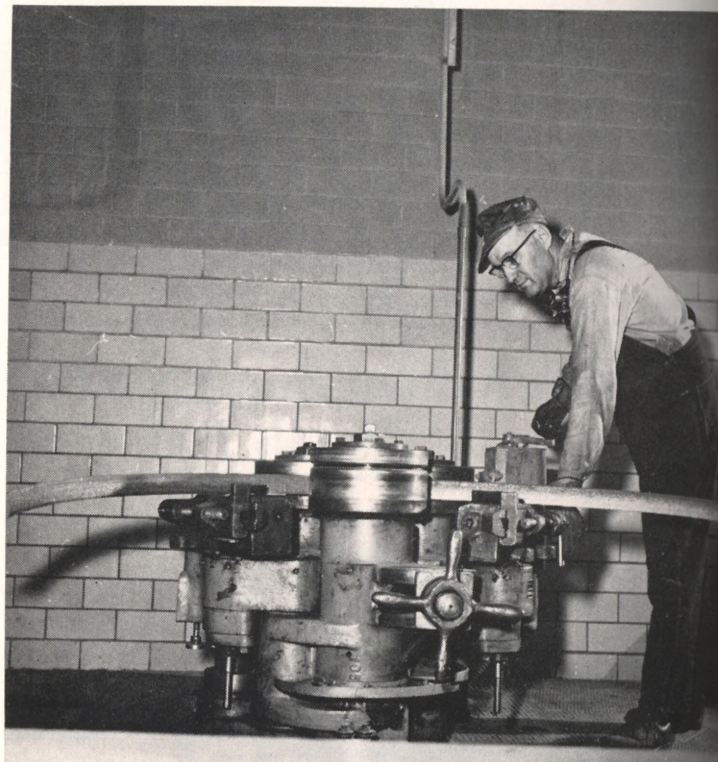
Most of the boilermakers' fabricating and repair work is performed in the shop, where the finest of modern equipment and tools are readily available.

As one veteran boilermaker explained it, "We bring into the shop everything we can carry through that door" (pointing to the huge door in the northeast corner of the Central Shops Building).

Some of the larger pieces of equipment located in the boiler shop are the plate rolls, square shear, press brake, circular shear, vertical rolls, punch and shear, drill press, tube cutters, tube cut off machine and tube rollers. With these tools, the skilled hands of the boilermakers are able to slice through thick pieces of steel in seconds and they can shape steel as easily as a child shapes clay.

### Much To Do In Field

Despite the volume and variety of work performed in the shop, there remains plenty for the field boilermakers to do. They dismantle steel equipment that needs to be repaired or replaced; repair boilers, tubulars, and furnaces and install new equipment. They use the tugger hoist, tube rolling devices and other tools of the trade.



M. D. Cothran uses a vertical roll machine to form a circle. This machine also rolls pipe, channel iron and is capable of shaping flat bars edge-wise.



C. D. Elliot, foreground, operates a punch and shear machine, which shears 8" x 8" angles 1/2" thick. W. L. Calhoun reams exchanger baffles in background.



W. I. Peppers, left, operates this plate roll machine while C. T. Burns assists with the hoist. This Boiler Shop machine rolls plate 3/4" thick and 8' long.

# SERA Holds Fall Dance; Plans Drive in January To Recruit New Members

A drive for new members will be conducted by the SERA in January.

A committee has been set up to contact employees who do not belong to the SERA in an effort to recruit them into the fold.

Both new and old members will be able to pay their annual \$5 dues by means of payroll deduction.

The SERA, which has a large club site to offer this year, sponsors an annual bar-b-que which many members feel is worth the price of the annual dues. In addition, the SERA sponsors a wide variety of social functions, such as dances, basketball teams, style shows and skeet shoots, at a savings to members.

This year's New Year's Eve dance will be held in the Alama Orchid, Flamingo and the Rooms, and the charge will be only \$6.50 per couple for members. This price includes set-ups and noisemakers.

Co-chairmen of the 1956 drive for new members are

Ann Wright and Walter Cannon, Refinery, and Juanita Price and Dixon Kirk, Chemical Plant.

### 125 ATTEND FALL DANCE

Last month's SERA-sponsored Blue Jean Jamboree attracted some 125 Shellites, who turned out in a wide assortment of western and informal attire to dance to the music of Joe Kennerty's Paladium Playboys.

Everyone seemed to have had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Kennerty, a Refinery Foreman, served up a variety of music: western, modern and even a few Latin-American numbers. The band also responded to a request for the Bunny-Hop, which left more than a few of the dancers breathless.

Dance Chairman Buddy Yannazzo thanked all of those who assisted him in staging the Jamboree and reminded those present of the upcoming New Year's Eve Dance.



This song called for a variety of different dance steps to be performed.



SERAers fill the floor to dance to this tune by Joe Kennerty's band.

## R. G. Schneider Named Ass't Mgr. Of Treating Dept.

R. G. Schneider, Senior Technologist in the Thermal Cracking Department, will be promoted to Assistant Manager of the Treating Department, effective January 1.

Mr. Schneider succeeds Q.



Schneider



Coffman

C. Stanberry, who will replace W. P. Bryan as assistant manager of the Distilling Department.

Bryan was transferred to the Thermal Cracking Department on December 1 to replace A. S. Mitchell who has announced his retirement at the end of this year.

Also in the Thermal Cracking Department, B. F. Coffman was promoted from Shift Foreman to Operating Assistant.

## 40% of Shell Employees Are 10 & Over Veterans

Shell people are proud of the high percentage of long service men and women in the Company because their presence is proof of friendly relations and good opportunities. About 40 per cent of all its employees have been with the Shell organization more than 10 years. You can recognize these long-service people by the Service Award they wear—a gold miniature reproduction of the Shell emblem. After 15 years of service, and at succeeding five-year intervals, a distinctive jeweled emblem is awarded, and at 25 years of service a gold watch is presented.



View of those watching from the sidelines



Having fun dancing at the Jamboree

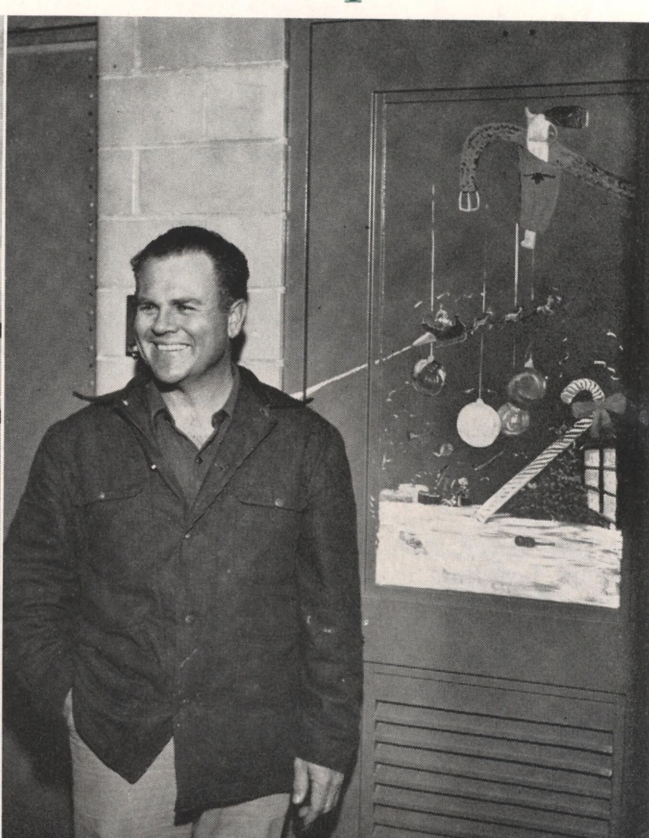
# Painter Green's Greetings Add to Christmas Spirit!



Safetyman C. G. Hollingsworth of P & IR opens the door to G-300 Control Room and finds a painting of a universal Christmas scene.



Greeting at M Plant took some special technique on Green's part. He used charcoal on white enamel which was only partially dry.



Painter, H. L. Green stands by his painting in H Plant, which depicts a boy dreaming of the Christmas toys he will receive from Santa.

## CHEMICAL PLANT HERE & THERE

News from *Robert Rain*, now on military leave, arrived recently in the form of a wedding announcement. *Bob* was married to *Miss Mary Louise Mabis* on November 26th at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Terre Haute, Indiana. *Bob* was working in the Epon Lab before leaving for the service in June of 1955.

*R. C. Brown*, Rigger, tried his skill at wild bull riding at the Pasadena Rodeo this year. *R. C.* rode one bull for four seconds and another for six seconds. *R. C.* plans to take this sport more seriously next season. He is busy now making a beautiful pair of Bull Spurs.

A letter from *Elaine Stovall*, Engineering, was judged the best of the hundreds entered in the "Trial" contest conducted by Loew's Theater and the Houston Chronicle.

*Elaine*, who is a stenographer, was awarded \$50 prize and made "foreman" of the grand jury which viewed the special showing of the courtroom movie drama "Trial."

*Elaine's* essay explained why it was every citizen's responsibility to serve when called to jury duty.

The first party at Wright's Club House was such a success that another Machine Shop Party was held on September 24th. A bigger crowd than the first time was present and an equally good time was had by all. Shrimp, Cheese Dip with all the trimmings, prepared by *Marie Wright*, *Betty Browning*, and *Joy Kincade* really went over big.

*Charlie Ford* surprised everyone when he came with wife *Dot*. They got married between the two parties.

Present were: *Virginia* and *Charlie Barr*, *Marie* and *Charles Winkler*, *Vera* and *Emmitt Lands*, *Helen* and *Preston Crockett*, *Norma* and *Jimmie Davidson*, *Dine* and *Walter Fields*, *Lavon* and *Eddie Heintschel*, *Mary Rayburn* and *Charlie Rusk*, *Joy* and *Elmo Kincade*, *Marie* and *K. Z. Wright*, *Cely* and *Jim Baldwin*, *Nelda* and *Louis Heinze*, *Dot* and *Charlie Ford*, *Betty* and *Floyd North*, *Berth* and *Carl English*, *Mary Ann Muldoor* and *Maxwell Quitt*, *Betty* and *Lee Browning*, *Jeanette Lane* and *Gus Voinka*, *Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Coleman*, *Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Richardson*, *Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Waldrip*, and *Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shive*.

*Melba Ray*, Stationery, is a woman of distinction at least unofficially. Without a complete check of the records it looks like *Melba* is the first woman at the Houston Plant to be called for jury duty, since the new law went into effect last year. *Melba* was called on November 14th to serve on a criminal case.

At right is a photograph of *Corporal Joseph W. Singleton*. The picture was taken at Wiesbaden, Germany where *Joe* is currently stationed. A member of the Labor Group, *Joe* left for military service in April of 1954. It looks as if Army life is agreeing with *Joe*.



## Three Plant Men Take Part In State Antelope Hunt



C. L. Holt, left, and L. P. Bassinger pose with their antelopes at Alpine, Texas.

Three Chemical Plant employees made the grade this year to attend the State Supervised Antelope Hunt. They were *Ray Cryer*, P & R Department, *Less Bassinger*, Laboratory, and *Claude Holt*, A Department.

For conservation reasons, the State allows only two 3 day antelope seasons a year. Both of the seasons are conducted in October. Persons wishing to attend the hunts send in their names months in advance. A few weeks before the season opens, names are

drawn at random from all of the applications. Approximately two hundred people are selected to attend.

Although all of the three men are hunting fans, this was the first antelope hunt for them. They found it an exciting sport. The antelope is much faster than a deer. The fellows found after a day of tracking them that the antelope was too hard to get close to. So they all had to make their shots at about 300 yards with the antelope running. They all turned out to be

## Plant Employees Enjoy Ten & Over Service Club Celebration At Club Matinee In November

Fourteen Chemical Plant employees enjoyed the 1955 colored service club celebration. The affair was held at the Club Matinee of the Crystal Hotel on Lyons Ave.

Fried chicken and barbecue ribs were on the menu. They were served with all of the trimmings.

The colored service club now has eighteen members. Six of the eighteen have 20 years or more. *Central Gaddis* holds the longest record of twenty-three years.

The club as a whole totals two hundred and eighty-three years of Shell service.

Those present were: *John Holt*, *Albert Brown*, *Leon Alexander*, *Henly Ecby*, *Vertis Harris*, *Eddie Matthews*, *Central Gaddis*, *Roger Williams*, *Lewis Armstrong*, *Johnny Johnson*, *Jesse Smith*, and *O. E. Edwards*.

*George Washington* and *L. E. Morris* came in after the photos had been taken.

Other members of the club are *E. Hood* and *E. Smith*, *S. Johnson*, and *E. L. Sampson*.

### Oaks' Son Wins Debating Honors at College

*Steven Oaks*, ex-Lamarite and son of *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oaks*, has been making a big "freshman" splash at *William & Mary College* in *Williamsburg, Virginia*. *Steve* pledged *Kappa Sigma*, then went on to become the first freshman in the 262-year history of the college to make the four-man debate team.

November 11, he sparked *W&M* to victory in a 26-college debate meet by winning all his matches and first in impromptu speaking and second in over all speaking. *Mr. Oaks* is the Assistant Chief Engineer with *Shell Chemical*. *Mrs. Oaks* is Secretary to the Manager of the *Red Cross Chapter* in *Houston*.



Ray Cryer, P&R, displays his buck.

rather good shots too, even though they admitted that many shots were fired. Each man bagged his limit. *Ray* exclaimed "That the hunt was nothing like hunting in Southern Rhodesia, (where he went several years ago on a big game hunt) I have never hunted before with a game warden holding my hand." The fellows had a very enjoyable trip and the hunting was good. They attended the October 3, 4, and 5 hunt at *Massie West Ranch* in *Alpine, Texas*.



*Lewis Armstrong*, *Johnny Johnson*, *Jesse Smith* and *O. E. Edwards* (left to right) enjoy the delicious fried chicken and barbecue which were served.



*Henly Ecby*, *Vertis Harris* and *Eddie Matthews*, seated on the left side of the table, demonstrate how to polish off a plate of chicken in short order.



*Central Gaddis*, a 23 year Shell man, is at the Head of the table. *Roger Williams*, *Lewis Armstrong*, *Johnny Johnson* are at the right.



*John Holt*, *Albert Brown*, *Leon Alexander* (facing camera left to right) pause from their dinner to chat with their fellow service club members.

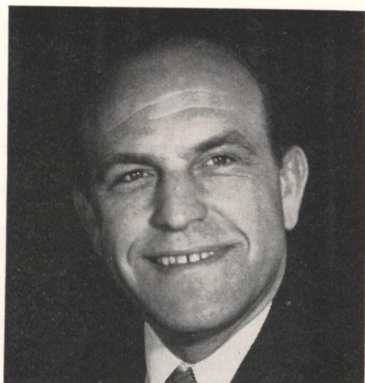
# Shell Service Birthdays

TEN YEARS  
*Refinery*

M. Armstrong, Treasury  
E. Childs, Catalytic Cracking  
W. Cubley, Utilities  
B. Ehrensberger, P & IR  
P. Harris, Engineering  
E. Howard, Thermal Cracking  
L. Jessee, Thermal Cracking  
T. Longman, Research  
S. MacGregor, Utilities  
D. Matteson, Gas  
A. Raschke, Engineering  
Smith, Engineering  
Toler, Engineering

*Chemical*

T. Beard, Operations.  
F. Cummings, Operations.  
C. Jenkins, Operations  
L. Stephenson, Engineering  
V. Thomas, Operations.  
M. Wood, Operations.



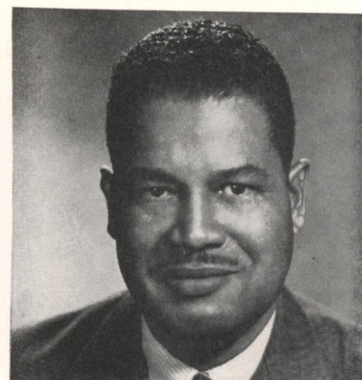
30 YEARS  
K. B. Field  
Treasury, Chemical



25 YEARS  
A. E. Curry  
Treating



20 YEARS  
J. B. Bradshaw  
Stores, Chemical



20 YEARS  
C. Eldridge  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
E. Simen  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
M. S. Davis  
Engineering



15 YEARS  
J. R. Herrmann  
Engineering



15 Years  
E. Hood  
Engineering, Chemical

## Two Plant Employee Pass "CPS" Examination

Jean Williams of Technological Department and Oma Cerrone of the Laboratory, both accomplished a rather significant deed recently. They became "Certified Professional Secretaries." Both Jean and Oma passed all six sections of the National Secretaries Association's examination for certifying professional secretaries on their first attempt.

The CPS exam, as it is most frequently called covers all phases of a secretaries job. Actual testing takes twelve hours. Sections on the test include: personal adjustment and human relations, business law, economics and business administration, secretarial accounting, stenography, and general secretarial and office procedures.

In the Houston Area there were only nine women who completed the exam and in the nation this year only one hundred and ninety.

Jean and Oma received the coveted certified professional secretary certificate at the Houston Chapter National secretaries Association's annual awards dinner in Lakeside Country Club.

Jean has been with Shell since October, 1949 and Oma came to work here in June of 1951.



Two Chemical Plant girls, Jean Williams, Tech. and Oma Cerrone, Lab. received notice that they had successfully completed all sections of the exam for Certified Professional Secretaries. It was both girls first attempt at the exam.

## McQueen Stars at Baytown Fair

Horace McQueen, 17 year old Senior at LaPorte High School, won the Grand Champion of the breeding class with his Brahma heifer (Lady) at the Baytown fair recently. He won the calf in the calf scramble at the Houston Fat Stock Show last February.

He also won 1st and 2nd place on a turkey tom and turkey hen.

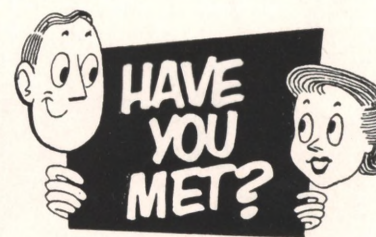
Horace is the son of T. F. McQueen, Shift Maintenance Foreman at the Chemical Plant. He is very active in 4-H Club work and is President of the LaPorte Club.

He won a trip to Junction

for a week in August as a result of good 4-H Club work. Horace plans to enter Texas A & M College next Fall.



Horace McQueen with "Lady"



### CHEMICAL Engineering

G. A. King, Chemist  
J. B. Woodard, Jr., Lab Assistant

### Research

J. C. Fritz, Jr., Research Chemist  
D. D. Pearce, Librarian

### Treasury

D. G. Burkey, Stenographer  
J. P. Burleson, Jr., Clerk  
J. J. Dalehite, Jr., Clerk  
E. M. Williams, Jr., Duplicating Opr.

### REFINERY Research

Stanley Finelt, Research Engineer  
J. Q. Walker, Jr., Lab Assistant

### Treasury

Carole Louise Brown, Stenographer  
Helen Kay Kess, File & Mail Clerk

### Final UF Tabulations

Final tabulations revealed that Refinery and Chemical Plant employees contributed a total of \$28,563.62 to the 1956 United Fund Drive. Refinery employees pledged \$18,500 and Chemical Plant employees contributed \$10,563.

Two Refinery men not previously cited for their work as solicitors are D. L. Barfoot of Automotive and B. C. Allen of Cracking Cleanout.



Aug. 13: Deena Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Arnaman, Lube C.

Sept. 16: Sherry Gale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Walker.

Oct. 9: Frank Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sortine, Welding Shop.

Oct. 28: Donna Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stringer (Cracking Cleanout).

Oct. 31: Kerry Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bay, Welding Shop.

Nov. 11: Joy Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Smith.

Nov. 18: Howard Mathew, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Addox, (Lube).

### CHEMICAL

Sept. 29: Alton Joseph and Fred Paul, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin (Service).

Oct. 20: Darryl Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Randt (Pipe Shop).

Oct. 24: Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Murray (Service Department).

Nov. 18: Curtis Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herrod (Carpenter Shop).

## Joe & Moe

G. B. DUNN  
Paint Shop



### A Banquet For The Winners



H. A. Dufresne, R. L. Collins, H. E. Hughes, G. A. Summerlin, D. J. Shaw, L. G. Stansel, K. W. Greene and G. W. Kilgore are seated left to right. George Kilgore was the manager of this year's winning team.



R. T. Duncan, J. H. Denson, G. Purcell, W. R. Crow, N. F. Smith, W. U. Woodard, D. D. Jones, D. M. Hargroves and J. W. Hyde, left to right from the far end of the table pose for a photograph before they begin dinner.

### SERA SOFTBALL CHAMPS HONORED

Members of the SERA softball team, who won the City Industrial League last summer, were honored with a dinner by Shell Chemical recently. The team finished the season by defeating five teams in the playoffs. Their final game was a match between

two SERA teams.

Thirteen men of the team enjoyed the dinner which was held at Bill Williams of South Main. Glenn Purcell, Howard Hughes, Harry Dufresne, and Jim Hyde attended the dinner with the club.

### Six Teams Represent SERA In 1955-56 Basketball Wars

That thump-thump-thump-thump echoing in your ears is not the theme music of a popular TV and radio series. You're hearing the bounce of inflated cowhide on hardwoods; for the dribble, pass and shoot sport is with us once again.

At the start of this year's

basketball season, six SERA teams (evenly divided between Chemical and Refinery) were lined up for the tip off, and don't be surprised to find another trophy or two beside that softball cup after it's all over.

Refinery quintets are Shell X-100, managed by Bobby Schroeder; Shell Regulars, led by George Dulany, and Shell Premium, with Ed Swann as manager.

Chemical Plant teams are Shell Oilers, managed by Tully Stansel; George Kilgore's Shell Chemical, and J. Neidelhofer's Shell Trotters.

The Oilers, Trotters and X-100 teams are competing in the Houston league. The other three squads are playing in Pasadena leagues, the Regulars on Friday nights and the Chemical and Premium teams on Wednesday nights.

#### WEDDING BELLS

T. B. (Tommy) Harris of Lube C married Melba Mays in a civil service at Cameron, Texas, on November 5. Both bride and groom are natives of Rogers, Texas.

#### OFF SICK

M. L. MacLaughlin of the Instrument Shop has been off sick for several weeks, and his many friends in the Refinery hope to see him back on the job soon.

## Gibson's Son Converts From Star Baseball Pitcher to Champion Hand Grenade Hurler

From star baseball pitcher to champion grenade hurler. That's the story of Paint Foreman V. T. Gibson's 22-year-old son, Bob.

Pfc. Gibson, soldiering in Japan, was seeing plenty of mound duty with the IX Corps Padres just a few months ago. Now, he's the leading grenade thrower in the Northern Command.

When the small games tournament

went into action recently, young Gibson decided to enter the hand grenade throw. Even though his only previous experience was that brief period that every soldier receives in basic, he wanted to give it a try.

In the qualifying rounds at Camp Sendai, he scored an amazing 48 out of a possible 60—20 points from the prone position and 28 while kneeling.

Now, here's what one must do in order to achieve such a score: The target consists of three concentric circles just like a bullseye. The inner circle is five feet in diameter, the middle one 10 and the outer one 15.

Scoring is set so that a hit in direct center is worth five points, the 10 foot circle is valued at three points while the outer rim is good for one point. All throws at this target must be made from a distance of 80 feet.

A total of 12 tosses are allowed; six from the prone and six from the kneeling position. When throwing from the prone, the contestant must be lying flat on his back; the only leverage is what he supplies in his throwing arm.

In the Northern Command championships, Gibson had a total of 32 points, 11 more than his closest opponent.

Followers of Houston school-boy sports will recall that Bob was a five-sport man at Houston's Milby High, winning letters in football, basketball, baseball, tennis and track. In 1951 he was named to various all-star teams in football, basketball and baseball. Upon graduating from high school, he received professional offers from the St. Louis Cards and Pittsburgh Pirates, but he turned them down in favor of college.

At Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Gibson was a three-sport man (football, baseball, basketball) and during his senior year captained the Cisco baseball team. In his two years he was the hurling mainstay of the club, as he compiled a 15-3 record.

Bob, who will receive his discharge from the Army in the spring, is in charge of the football programs at Camps Fowler and Sendai, and he also supplies the officials for the regimental football contests.



Bob

### Deer Park Firemen Gain Revenge



Deer Park's volunteer Firemen gained sweet revenge in their annual football tussle with the La Porte Firemen, winning 6-0, in a game played on November 15 in La Porte. Many Shell men played on the Deer Team, above.

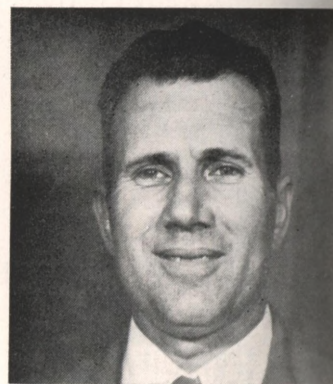


Beaten but unbowed, the Shell men on the La Porte Volunteer Fire Department pose for the cameramen. Actually, both teams were the winners since the Fire Departments of both towns shared in the game's proceeds.

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