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SRERA To Give Sports Dance Friday, June 28

By Arky

Are you ready for another hop? Woodie Myers has a few tentative plans for one to come off Friday, June 28, from 8:30 to 12:30.

If the date doesn't hit your payday, you can go, anyhow, by skipping lunch once, because the fee will probably be only four bits for SRERA members and one buck for non-members.

There isn't a cooler place, for dancing, than the End O'Main, and you couldn't find a bigger, slicker dance floor at twice the price. Even though the whole club won't be available for Shell, there will be room galore for everybody.

So far, it looks as though Albino Torres' orchestra will be making the blue notes, rumba rhythms, and reet-beats.

Whatever the situation, you can't lose, because this is a "sports dance," and that means comfortable clothes for everybody.

If you stayed away from the ranch house in April for fear it would be a little too rustic, try this one on for size.

Tony Gibson Pitches No-Hit No-Run Game

The Shell softball team playing in the Houston Recreation League started the season off with a bang, with Tony Gibson, a returning veteran pitching a no-hit, no-run game, and striking out 12 of 15 men facing him.

Hank Nannen's home run was the feature of the initial meet, as it drove in two men on the bases, "Shorty" Baker and "Pee Wee" Kohler. The score ended 3-0 over the Sinclair Rubber Plant.

In a walk-away game played Wednesday, June 5, at Mason Park, the Shell ball club tied into the Sinclair Oil team to wallop them 10-1. Star hurler Tony Gibson pitched a beautiful one-hit game. As a result of this pairing, Shell has now moved into a tie for second place in the league.

The second game in the league was with Met. Food Center. Gibson pitched a swell brand of ball, allowing only two hits, but in one inning everything seemed to happen to the Shell boys, and errors cost them the game. The score was 6-3 in Met. Food Center's favor.

The Shell club is managed by "Pee Wee" Kohler and the roster is made up of the following players: Hank Nannen, Scotty Smith, Johnny Dahl, Walter Cannon, Neal Barker, Jack Cade, John Arnold, D. L. Smith, Charles Finch, Tony Gibson, Fred Driskill, Bud Elskes, Faulkner and Williams.

Games in the Houston league are scheduled on Wednesday nights at Mason Field. Inclement weather has caused two of the games to be rained out, but the boys hope to make these up before the season gets too far along. Six teams are competing in the Houston league.

LEAGUE STANDING

| Team | Won | Lost |
|------------------|-----|------|
| Met. Food Center | 2 | 2 |
| Eastern States | 2 | 2 |
| Shell Oil | 1 | 1 |
| Sinclair Oil | 1 | 1 |
| Sinclair Rubber | 0 | 2 |
| Goodyear Rubber | 0 | 2 |

Ink on Bond Dates Fades, F C U Advises

In 1943 and 1944 numerous war bonds were sold in the refinery by the Federal Credit Union. Some of these bonds were "dated" with green ink.

It has come to the attention of FCU Treasurer Joe Murray that this green ink fades with the years. Since a person cannot redeem his war bonds if the "dating stamp" is not legible, the Credit Union advises all purchasers of war bonds to check them at the first opportunity.

If the dating stamp on a bond purchased from the Credit Union is not clear, or if it appears to be fading, the holders of such bonds are urged to bring them to the Credit Union office for clarification.

Accidents Break Safety Record

Refinery Short Of Goal

On May 27 and May 30 the Houston Refinery's Safety Record of 92 days, or 905,925 man hours, was terminated when two disabling injuries were experienced at the Welding shop.

The accident which occurred on May 27 was the result of a welder helper receiving a small burn on his arm and this burn later developed infection. He was treated promptly, but in spite of this, his condition did not improve and the doctor advised that the man remain off two days because of the danger involved.

In the second case a welder helper fell on his knees when he was tripped by a fabricated pipe which veered suddenly as it was being raised with chain falls at the Welding shop. The helper suffered a fracture of the knee cap as a result of the fall.

This latter accident is an indication of the care that all workmen should exercise when lifting material. It is pointed out that employees should always keep themselves in the clear so that when a load is being raised, it will swing away from an individual rather than towards him. Another safer method is the use of a tag line for handling loads.

It is unfortunate that these accidents should be experienced at this time since they caught the Refinery short of its 1,000,000 hour goal. Much has been accomplished, however, in the observance of safety regulations in the plant, and the workmen are to be congratulated (Continued on page 8)

Plans for July 4 Picnic Considered

Tentative plans for an all-day picnic to be held Thursday, July 4, are being made by the Recreation Association. Business Manager Claude Cassidy announced the appointment of Norman Thew, Gas Dept., and Pat Patterson, Chemical plant, as co-chairmen for the event.

The picnic will probably be held at one of the parks where a swimming pool is available. Dancing, too, has been suggested, and the committee hopes to card a softball game between the refinery and chemical teams during the afternoon.

Complete details of the July 4 picnic will be announced in forthcoming bulletins to all members.

Engineering Department Honors Robb and Toffier With Farewell Party at Alabama Cafeteria on May 13



Bob Haldane, right, is shown making the presentation of gifts to Lonnie Toffier, left, and E. S. Robb, at the farewell party held last month.

Lonnie received a gift certificate from Battelstein's and Robb was presented with a wrist watch.

At a farewell party for E. S. Robb, former Chief Engineer, and Lonnie Toffier, labor sub-foreman, held Monday, May 13, at the Alabama cafeteria, Bob Haldane, new Chief Engineer, presented both men with parting gifts, tokens from fellow workers in the refinery. Some 65 friends, mostly department managers and supervisors, were present at the gathering.

Toffier, after 12 years with the company, resigned to enter private business at his old trade of brick-mason.

Robb has been transferred to Shell Chemical Corporation in San Francisco. He holds an enviable record of advancement, having started out as a surveyor in Shell's Exploration department in 1926. He spent some time at both the East Chicago and Wood River refineries, and was promoted to assistant chief engineer of the Houston refinery in 1942. A year later he was made chief engineer.

Bob Haldane, Robb's successor, entered Shell's employ in 1930 as a gauger on the Dubbs. He progressed to technical assistant and then transferred to the Engineering department in 1934. On Haldane's return from three years of military service in 1945—he held the rank of major—he became assistant chief engineer.

Robb's "Last Will and Testament" which he read at the farewell party created such a furor (Continued on page 8)

Tied in City League

Oilers Defeat Prison Tigers 13 to 2 In Fast Sunday Game

With Nolan Scoggins pitching great ball and striking out 17 men, and Dixon Kirk driving in five runs with a double and two singles, the Shell Oilers defeated the Prison Tigers 13 to 2 at the Huntsville Prison, Sunday, May 26.

The Oilers took a 2 to 0 lead in the second inning on two singles. A walk and a hit batsman made it 4 to 0 in the fifth inning. Scoring two runs on three hits, the Tigers counted one run on a hit and an error. Shell sewed up the game in the seventh inning when Johnny Campo hit the left field wall for a double with the bases loaded.

Mantooth scored the Tigers' other run by hitting a long home run up in the right center stands.

The Oilers came back and scored five runs on four hits, a walk and an error in the ninth to end the scoring.

RESULTS

| Shell Oilers | AB | R | H | E | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kirk, cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| Campo, ss | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| Thurman, 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Wheeler, lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Bailey, lf-1b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Cassidy, rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Johnson, 2b | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Alston, 3b | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| Hayes, c | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Scoggins, p | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 37 | 13 | 11 | 3 | | | | | |
| Prison Tigers | AB | R | H | E | | | | | |
| Guedeal, ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Mantooth, rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| Davidson, lf-p | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Reivas, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| Hargrove, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Simpson, c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Flores, 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Mills, cf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Bond, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Duncan, p | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 34 | 2 | 6 | 3 | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Shell | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Prison | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Runs Batted in: Kirk, 5; Campo, 3; Thurman, 2; Hayes, 2; Alston; Mantooth, 2. Two base hits: Kirk, Campo. Home Runs: Mantooth.

Struck out by Scoggins: 17, 1; by Bond: 4; Davidson: 3; Duncan: 1. Base on balls by: Scoggins, 1; (Continued on page 5)

Mixed League Begins June 5

By Ray Kenard

The Shell Refinery mixed bowling league started rolling again at the brand new Pladium Lanes. Nearly one hundred SRERA members turned out Wednesday night, June 5, for the several times postponed opening.

In view of the large selection of brand new balls, fast smooth alleys and wonderful service, the mixed league's voted decision of half a year ago, to wait the opening of the Pladium Lanes before starting their winter-spring bowling, was completely justified.

The opening night was just a practice night, and the results will not count either in league standings or for individual averages. Next Wednesday, June 12, actual competition will begin with the following teams paired: Chemical vs. Isopropyl; Butadiene vs. Engineering; Control Lab vs. Main Office; Drafting vs. Utilities; Eng. Field vs. Technological; Industrial Relations vs. Instrument; Distillation vs. Isomerization; Gas vs. Acetone; Allyl vs. Analytical; Chloride vs. Alkylation.

A meeting will be held at nine o'clock, after all the teams have finished rolling on June 12, to elect new league officers. All bowlers are urged to attend.

The management of the alleys has requested that no one wear street shoes while bowling in order that the alleys can be kept in best condition.

Summer Scratch League Off To Flying Start

By Art Doyle

(When the Shellegram takes a vacation, the scribe has plenty to cover.)

The six-team Summer Scratch League opened May 24 at the Recreation Center Alleys. With three sessions completed, Research, with a power-laden outfit, marks itself as the team to beat.

On Friday, June 7, G. J. Reno stepped back into the line-up, and, banging the pins for 613, led Messrs. Morrison, Sartor, Henshaw, and Lee to three victories over Instrument Shop. In setting the high series to date, G. J. showed that Risinger has some competition for the "King pin" position among the bowlers.

Second place in the league is held by Pod Lab, once more captained by Q. C. "Never Quit" Stanberry. Their match with Thorn's 100 Octane was highlighted by Elmer Saxon who went into business as a bowling ball salesman. Anyone desiring to purchase a ball having the initials, E. S., please contact Elmer. Incidentally, Pod Lab, won three.

To complete the summary of the night's play, Chemical Division led by "Lucky" Murrell took two from Risinger and the Control lab to hold third place. With nine games played the standings are as follows:

| Team | Won | Lost |
|------------------|-----|------|
| Research Lab | 7 | 2 |
| Pod Lab | 6 | 3 |
| Chem Div | 5 | 4 |
| Control Lab | 4 | 5 |
| Shell 100 Octane | 3 | 6 |
| Instrument Shop | 2 | 7 |

High individual game is held by Jeep Sartor with his 244. G. J. Reno claims high individual series by virtue of his 613.

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| Control Laboratory | Fred Norris |
| Utility Log | F. A. Bly |
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| | Patricia Mosher |
| | Marie Seburn |
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| Treaters | R. G. Funk |
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| Instrument Shop | D. C. Bailey |
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| Construction Office | Ed Hander |



SRERA Bowlers Due For 'Break'

A better break for the SRERA bowlers is in the offing it appears. Zone Representatives last week heard a recommendation by Bowling Chairman George Thorn for the allocation of funds to be used as supplemental prize money for the two bowling leagues.

Business Manager Claude Cassidy, who submitted the Bowling estimate to the Executive Committee, urged the group to consider the proposition as beginning with the winter season. The summer leagues are already underway, and the present budget of \$3.00 per team will apply, he said.

The new budget calls for approximately \$350 to be divided among the two leagues. Only members in good standing are eligible to bowl in the SRERA leagues, it was pointed out, and these bowlers, some 200 of them, constitute the back-bone of the organization. They will soon get an appropriation comparable to sums expended on other activities, it is believed.

FIELD AUTO

By Bill Telschow

The field automotive department is really taking the limelight here lately, with all the new tricks and glamour boys being added. Such Casanovas as L. W. Parrish, Tony Gibson and Joe J. Morris, and these glamour boys aren't what you'd call the "babying" type. They're the brawn type that would make fellows like Johnson, Taylor and Power take notice.

Tommy Reed also has a few well-known athletes, such as All-American Jack Frye of Missouri, and a local boy of Jeff Davis High. Jack was one of the greatest fullbacks to come out of Houston. You football followers back in the earlier 30's will well remember Jack.

There's Tony Gibson, the softball hurler of the refinery. Tony would make a nice baseball pitcher if he had the tutoring, for he has a great arm and he also hits a long ball. Better watch it, Tony, the girls like your wavy hair. It makes them seasick.

Another pretty well-known athlete of Reed's dept. is "Pud" Hammett. Pud played for Rice back in the days of Bill Wallace and John McCauley. He lettered in football three years and was also a catcher on the baseball team. Pud is one of the catchers for the Shell Oilers. He's just gotten off shift work and is now rounding into shape. A lot of you Rice fans probably still re-

CRACKING CRAX

By E. E. Smith

Once again, the Dubbs 1-8 are on stream with the news and views. Hold on, folks, here we go on our tour . . . The Cracking office was flooded during one of the recent "showers," so Opal Hickman had to wear a pair of borrowed boots. Opal wants pontoons to put on her desk to be on the safe side . . . R. Grange has quit the open spaces of Alta Vista to become a Pasadena city slicker . . . Most of the boys have returned from their globe-traveling with Uncle Sam. Among the recently returned vets are R. M. Estlinbaum, E. L. R. Steck, H. H. Palmer and this scribe. The sea stories are really getting choice these days.

Our best wishes go to H. B. Price's daughter who was injured in a hayride accident on May 29.

Congratulations are in order for A. L. Tilley and M. C. Syfert, both proud possessors of new daughters. No doubt both proud papas are experienced floor walkers by this time.

The boys are wondering why J. A. "Yes, dear" Gregg had to buy his lunch at the cafeteria a few weeks ago. It is rumored that he was "under" the doghouse . . . R. C. Gates and W. C. Felscher are still looking forward to the chicken dinner promised them by F. O. "Uncle Phil" Roberts three years ago. What's holding up the feast, Uncle Phil? . . . J. R. "Sea Gull" Deveaux is in the watch repairing business on the side. For confirmation, ask R. L. "Bob" Hardin. Sea Gull worked on Bob's watch, so now the watch is for sale. Any offers?

Beatrice "Lil" Boyette has returned from her vacation which was spent in St. Augustine, Texas. Lil was headed for New York but St. Augustine's tall buildings held her up . . . W. C. "Pee Wee" Felscher claims that R. D. "Shorty" Johnson violated the OPA. Shorty sold Pee Wee some six cent cigars for ten cents. How about a refund, Shorty? . . . J. W. "Call me Cap't John" Lisano is now in the market for a new car after turning his Buick into an accordion. R. C. "Hayburner" Gates has a horse for sale, Cap't. John.

M. W. "Hubba Hubba Hubert" Roberson has unanimously been awarded the story-telling title of the Dubbs 1-8. He was granted this coveted title on his squirrel and duck story renditions . . . J. L. "Sheriff" Burch is a candidate for constable at La Porte in the coming election. If elected, the boys will take up a collection and buy the sheriff a Dick Tracy detective outfit.

Vacations are in order so the next session promises some choice vacation tales. Have no fear, any items overlooked in this issue will

20-Year Man



E. B. WAGNER

Service Birthdays

JUNE

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| E. B. Wagner | Eng. Field |
| 15 Years | |
| G. E. Thorn | Eng. Field |
| 10 Years | |
| E. Bishop | Eng. Field |
| L. S. Buenger | Boiler & Power Hse. |
| A. S. Gilliam | Cracking |
| B. F. Harper | Eng. Field |
| A. C. Hogge, Jr. | Research Lab |
| J. S. Johnson | Engineering |
| W. D. Massey | Treating Dept. |
| D. B. Reed | Eng. Field |
| S. Y. Sanchez | Eng. Field |
| H. Smith | Slop Recovery |
| K. I. Stonequist | Eng. Field |
| J. F. Taylor | Chemical Plant |
| V. S. Tucker | Chemical Plant |

Territory of SRERA Zone Representatives

The following is a list of the recently elected SRERA Zone Representatives and the areas they represent:

J. T. Larkin, Machine Shop, and Barbara Robinson, Field Office, Zones 1 and 2. Territory represented: Machine Shop, Pipe Shop, Field Office, Welding Shop, Boilermaker Shop, Instrument Shop, Carpenter Shop.

Price S. Graves, Control Lab, Zone 3. Territory represented: Stores, Control Lab, Research Lab, Automotive.

Joe W. Morris, Loading, Zone 4. Territory represented: Loading, Topping, Treating, Car Shop.

Oscar P. Breeding, Cracking, Zone 5. Territory represented: Cracking, Gas, Utilities.

Helen Wills, Industrial Relations, Zone 6. Territory represented: Industrial Relations, Main Office, Engineering Office, Inspection.

W. D. Negrotto and Doris Pokluda, Chemical Plant, Zone 7. Territory represented: Chemical Plant.

Webb Receives Retirement Gifts From Topping Boys

The boys in the Topping dept. presented Harry Webb, former assistant department manager, with a pair of cowboy boots, gabardine trousers, two gabardine shirts, socks, a bathrobe, and a Stetson hat as a farewell gift on his retirement from the company on May 1.

Harry started out with Shell in April, 1922 at Wood River. He came to Houston at the opening of the Topping plant here in 1929. His plans for the future include a little bit of truck farming at his home in Girard, Illinois.

Harry requested the editor to express his thanks to the Topping boys for the wonderful gifts. "They

UTILITY LOG

By F. A. Bly

H. F. Laake is now our champion boatman by two falls. Twice he fell out of a speed boat while doing 40 m.p.h. Once he fell in the boat while it was tied to the dock. "Ace" Hearn will verify this statement . . . Mack Griffin is now considered an authority on wine, women and "bastilles." Bastilles in particular . . . Don Gates—Bonnie's immediate problem . . . Observed: Female applicants get a 15-minute interview, male applicants get a 5-minute interview. Also receptionist sharpened eight pencils for a co-worker. Personnel man with the deep voice, buzzed around just like a little bee.

Then there is the story about Fay Hilliard and the wheel barrow. For all practical purposes we'll let Fay tell the story. Morpheus, god of rest, and a western story magazine were implicated.

Most of our servicemen have returned to work. A. L. Keeney, L. S. Buenger, R. C. Whitley, W. E. Ursprung and D. J. Gates from the Army. B. J. Walter from the Seabees. J. C. Grissom from the Navy and W. E. Gray from the Marines. That leaves J. T. Nickell in the Navy yet to return.

If the job goes wrong, turn it over to M. P. Marrie. He will do his best to have it remedied as it should be, not hit or miss. Efficiency conscious, he truly is . . . Anita Gilstrap is getting to be quite an acrobat. She now does back flips over the watertender's bench. Really a good show, so they tell me. Maybe that's the reason Frank Pemberton had the seat on the scooter side car upholstered . . . I'll bet Firpo Bishop would look cute all dressed up in a little Lord Fauntleroy suit complete with hat, tie, and shoes to match . . . "Red" Massey's son is now Red's fight manager. He can really promote a battle . . . Ray Antrobus keeps Elmer Simon busy washing the floor. Ray is also about to displace Le Sueur as coffee king.

Wanted—one dog collar—O. J. Ruff . . . Charley Schaeffer would also like to have some polly wogs for his turtle.

Oscar Derrington, Pasadena's big butter and egg man, almost lost his good standing when the city council traced the recent "baby hurricane" to his home. Oscar had his new attic fan in operation. The wall paper was hanging on for dear life, the linoleum was eight inches off the floor, and all the furniture was doing the Rhumba. All on low speed too. Just think what might have happened if he had had it set on high. Shell Refinery might have had to buy another new cooling water tower.

Willie Landrum journeyed to Houston not long ago, so now little

Ferdinand, the baby calf, has a new toothbrush. Willie said halitosis convinced him the brush was necessary, although the first few days Willie would have to use it first just to show Ferdinand that it wasn't some kind of an evil device . . . To date H. R. Neal has raised one dog and two bunches of chickens (150 chickens in all) in his bathtub. Also, I understand Mrs. Neal doesn't appreciate herding chickens all over the house when Neal uses their home for his daily dip and splash session . . . Doc Bickley finally let the whole situation get out of hand. All he has on his mind is paint and more paint . . . Tony Ferrard's latest theme is the art of swabbing tonsils. Tony, once upon a time you said you didn't have tonsils. More explanation, please.

Store News

By R. G. Wall

E. E. Craig, one of the stars in the warehouse, succumbed to the mumps and had to spend a couple of weeks at home. We were glad to see him back this week—fully recovered and none the worse for the ordeal.

Bowlers Hortense Barrell and Louise Ross enjoyed the junket to Norco's Plant Day celebration. They report that the welcome mat was out in style, and a good time was had by all . . . Louise left for her vacation following the festivities, and we are now advised that due to an emergency appendectomy, she will be delayed a few weeks in getting back. Tough break, and we hope she recovers quickly.

When Jack Cade received his tax refund from Uncle Sam, the department visioned a party, but Jack quickly allocated it to his creditors, and we all rolled in our tongues.

Ye scribe is also just back from a vacation to Des Moines, Iowa, visiting the folks. Also attended a coin collectors convention and was thoroughly amazed to see pennies auctioned off for five and six dollars. Quite an increase over face value.

The vacation schedule will hit the warehouse hard the next few weeks. Jesse Jones has been gone a week; Troy Overstreet and Harry Gilmore start on the 10th. Both are lucky fifteen-year men so we won't see them for three long weeks. We will gladly accept any voluntary help.

Bill: "Have you seen one of those instruments that can tell when a man is lying?"

Hank: "Seen one? I married one!"

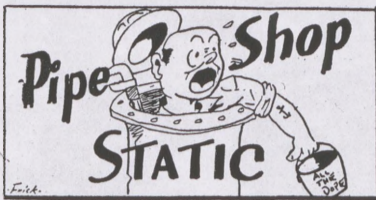
In poker it's always darkest just before you've drawn.

Head Injury Averted

H. M. Wallace, pipefitter No. 1, escaped injury recently when a 1-1/2" X 3" X 18" piece of timber fell about 35 feet and struck his hard hat. Howard is pictured holding the timber and his hat which protected him from accident.

The smiling pipefitter has worked seven years and four months without a disabling injury, and this fine record is apparently the observance of the safety rules





The fishing season is on. Come to the Pipe shop for full information. If these pipefitters can fit pipe as good as they can fish, ole Joe Shell has some of the best pipefitters to be found.

Why does "Half Pint" Cunningham wear a rain coat on a hot day? Could it be sunburn?

We have information that "Strawberry" Scott has a nice lot of fryers, and Len Laura is noted for his cooking. Could there be any connection? How about it, boys?

Looks like "Crooner" Mayberry is making room for some store teeth.

"Teck" Ireton spent a couple of days at his favorite sport—bending pipe.

We are told that Ed "Coon Hunter" Clark drives his Buick around the block; gets out and rests and admires its lines; then rides another block.

"Hot Shot" Weatherly was seen dancing a jig the other day while changing clothes. He had a very good reason because he had ants in his pants.

Earl Mantooh has transferred to the Chemical plant and "Kid" Kelly (of coon hunter fame) has returned to the refinery.

Ray Sawyer certainly does enjoy walking in that sawdust while working vacation relief in the pipe shop.

Elected to Attend "Boys' State"



Donald Edward Napp, above, son of E. F. "Hickey" Napp of the Dispatching dept., was selected by the American Legion Post to attend the annual "Lone Star Boys' State" in Austin, June 9-16.

"Boys' State" is sponsored each year by the American Legion to teach youth the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. More than 300 high school boys will attend the mythical state to receive training in the practical aspects of state government.

Donald was chosen as the average American boy, or citizen of "Lone Star Boys' State," on the basis of good marks, character, ambition, leadership, and the ability to mix well with others. He will enter his senior year in high school next fall.

Just a few weeks ago Donald was inducted as senior counselor of the newly organized DeMolay chapter in Pasadena.

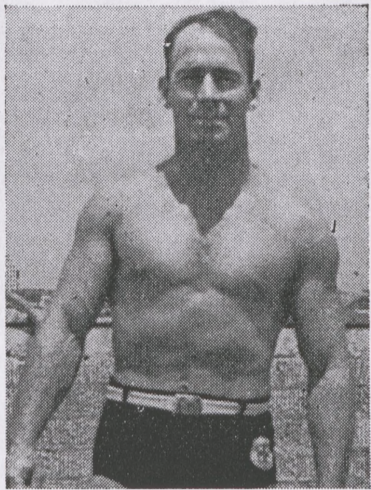
Needless to say, all of Hickey's friends share with him the pride he feels in the outstanding achievements of his boy.

A man went to see his doctor about a sharp pain in his back which had been troubling him all day. The doctor examined him and after a few seconds the pain vanished.

The man was very relieved and said: "That's quick work, doctor; was it rheumatism?"

"No," the doctor replied. "Your suspenders were twisted."

Ruled Out



L. B. Jones, Topping Dept., was also entered in the five-mile swimming contest, but through a streak of bad luck, came in fourth in the race.

Shell Clashes With Sinclair

The Shell SRERA's were edged 14 to 10 by the Sinclair Refinery team Saturday, May 18.

After a shaky start which saw the Sinclair boys push across 12 (two earned) runs in the first two innings, "Fatboy" Steck settled down to some classy hurling and limited the winners to one hit and two unearned runs in the final five innings.

Ed Rees (pride of the Control lab) had a perfect nite at bat and in the field. After having made a difficult running catch of Ray Thornton's terrific line slash in the fifth inning, Rees in the seventh smashed a hard single over second base and amazed the crowd by stretching it into a triple. The boys are now calling him "Rabbit" Rees. Cade and Steck clouted triples for the SRERA's.

(NOTE: Because of the fact that Earl Steck, the SRERA star pitcher has been assigned to shift duty, the SRERA team is badly in need of pitching talent. Anyone desiring to pitch, or knowing of a pitcher, please call Jesse Posey at 545 or Lucky Lowe at 372. All games will be played at the Pasadena City Park. Prospective softballers do not necessarily have to be members of the SRERA.)

The Shell SRERA's played their next League game Saturday, May 25, at the Pasadena City Park. Time 8:00 p.m. Admission to the games is free.

Miller, Harlan Head Camera Club

Numerous requests for a camera club have been received by the Executive Committee of the SRERA. With the appointment of Ralph Miller, Topping dept., and George Harlan, Chemical plant, to head a committee for camera and photography enthusiasts, the Zone Representatives feel that a step has been taken in the right direction.

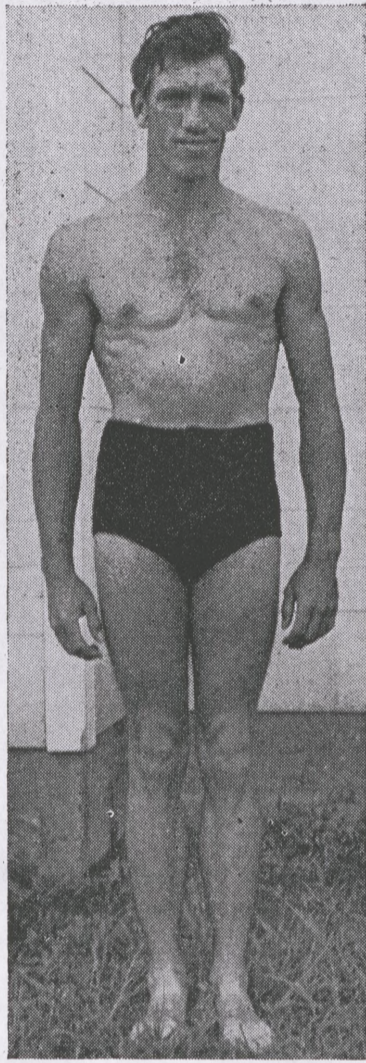
Various thoughts on such a club have been expressed, but before definite plans are drawn up, the co-chairmen would like to have more ideas from those who are interested in belonging to the camera club. Any suggestions or ideas as to how the club might be run, or what the members might expect from the SRERA to put in operation facilities for developing, enlarging, etc. are solicited by the Camera club committee.

A plan for submitting pictures to be published in the Shellegram with cash prizes to be awarded by the SRERA is also being considered.

"Eddie, are you the oldest in your family?"

"No, ma'am—both pop and ma are older than me."

Splash Day Winner



R. C. GENTRY

R. C. Gentry of the Chemical plant won first place and a \$500 cash prize at Galveston in the five-mile swimming race during Splash Day festivities.

Gentry said this was his first time to compete in salt water swimming. He finished the five-mile race in one hour and 39 minutes. Eighteen other swimmers were entered in the event which started at the east jetties and ended at Murdock's.

"The waves were about eight feet high at times, breaking quite a ways out," Gentry said when questioned about the race. "If it hadn't been for the waves that helped shove us along, it would have taken several hours."

Gentry has been an amateur swimmer for the past ten years, it was learned.

Golf Takes On Bright Outlook

Casting an envious eye at the Texaco County Club, the Shell golfers last week began to sign up for the SRERA-sponsored golf association.

As soon as the registration is completed, and there are approximately 40 or more golfers who are expected to participate, competitions in the form of tournaments and possibly team events will be scheduled.

The success of this new golf association might very well be the foundation of a Shell Country Club.

Members of the organizing committee include Charlie Brockmeyer of the Engineering dept., Art Doyle and Jack Morrison of the Tech dept. Another co-chairman from the Chemical plant, who at this writing had not been named, will work along with the golf committee.

Dubbs 9 Boys Hold Barbecue

Nothing but praise goes to Gene Elliott and J. D. Gore for the fine barbecue they prepared at the recent barbecue attended by some two dozen Dubbs 9 employees.

The boys on Dubbs 9 get together twice a year, according to Oscar Breeding, for a barbecue with all the trimmings. The affair this time was held at the staff section barbecue hut on May 10. It started at four in the afternoon and lasted throughout the evening.

Those who attended were: T. P. Hopkins, H. D. Smith, John Dunlap, W. H. McDonald, Lou Harling, Weldon Lawther, Bill Carpenter, Wally Coale, A. H. Carlisle, G. Y. Mason, Walter Felscher, "Red" O'Neal, Larry Gruber, Charlie Williams, Charlie Battestin, P. P. Phillips, W. B. Musgrove, Fenton Coffman, Davy Crockett, Oscar Breeding, J. D. Gore, and Gene Elliott.

Stuart Mitchell, one of the main originators of the get-together, was unable to attend. Mitch's Mother was in an accident and he had to leave for Illinois to be with her. The boys greatly missed having Mitch with them, but are happy to learn his Mother is progressing nicely.

"Why are the medieval centuries called the 'Dark Ages'?"
Because it was the Knight time."

Control Lab Takes First In Winter League

By Art Doyle

The stage was set for a dramatic finish. The leading contestants in the Shell Refinery Scratch League were tied for first place and were carded to bowl opposite one another on the last night of the season, Friday, May 17.

It was "Ri" Risinger and Co. against the Instrument Shop team of Charley Brockmeyer rolling on adjoining alleys at the Recreation Center Lanes. The old left-hander, Charley, tried hard and threw a 570 against the Control lab, but after winning the first game by a narrow margin of 8 pins, the Laboratory aggregation easily captured the remaining two games and proved they were the class of the league.

Risinger, Johnny Dahl and Chet Fiecko all bettered 500, while Jimmy Boudreaux barely missed with a 486.

With Instrument Shop settled in the second place slot, Pod lab backed into third while losing two to the eighth place Refinery Eng. Field.

Research, in defeating Shell 100 Octane twice, broke the fourth berth tie with the Chemical Division and finished but one game behind Pod lab.

To complete the picture, Chemical Division lost three to Main Office, who thereby finished sixth.

High individual game of the season went to L. Moore who rolled 258. Ri Risinger captured the high individual series for the League with his 651.

Pod lab came out on top with high team game and high team series by posting 804 for high game and 2190 for high series.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDING

| Team | W | L | Prize Money |
|------------------|----|----|-------------|
| Control Lab | 60 | 45 | \$73.43 |
| Instrument Shop | 57 | 48 | 56.83 |
| Pod Lab | 55 | 50 | 44.14 |
| Research Lab | 54 | 51 | 35.10 |
| Chem Div | 52 | 53 | 33.80 |
| Main Office | 50 | 55 | 32.50 |
| Shell 100 Octane | 49 | 56 | 31.85 |
| Ref. Eng. Field | 43 | 62 | 27.95 |

Susie: "If you put a mama duck, a papa duck and five little ducks in a box and shake them up, what would you have?"
Que: "A box of quackers."

SHELL REFINERY EMPLOYEES' RECREATION ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL, 1945 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 1946

| | 1st Qtr.'45 | 2nd Qtr.'45 | 3rd Qtr.'45 | 4th Qtr.'46 | Total Fiscal Year |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Dues | \$547.50 | \$ 631.50 | \$334.50 | \$656.00 | \$2,169.50 |
| Profit on Dance, 5-5-45 | 9.15 | | | | 9.15 |
| Profit on Coco-Cola | | 550.00 | | | 550.00 |
| Profit on Dance, 12-1-45 | | | 56.90 | | 56.90 |
| Interest on U. S. Government Bond | | | | 12.50 | 12.50 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$556.65 | \$1,181.50 | \$391.40 | \$668.50 | \$2,798.05 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | | |
| Supplies and Miscellaneous | \$ 11.95 | \$ 18.75 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 36.17 | \$ 71.87 |
| Baseball | 62.35 | 96.00 | 21.50 | 150.00 | 329.85 |
| Basketball | 2.50 | | | 57.59 | 60.09 |
| Bowling | 271.16 | 66.20 | 47.06 | | 384.42 |
| Equipment | 30.09 | | | | 30.09 |
| Watermelon Party | | 57.95 | | | 57.95 |
| Labor Day Festival | 50.00 | 770.16 | 70.13 | | 890.29 |
| Miniature Golf | | 5.60 | | | 5.60 |
| Tennis | | 29.50 | | | 29.50 |
| Loss on Dance, 2-2-46 | | | | 65.85 | 65.85 |
| Volleyball | | | | 19.21 | 19.21 |
| Card Party | | | | 46.13 | 46.13 |
| Softball | | | | 64.00 | 64.00 |
| Ice Skating Party | | | | 5.25 | 5.25 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$397.96 | \$1,074.25 | \$143.69 | \$444.20 | \$2,060.10 |
| NET RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD | \$158.69 | \$ 107.25 | \$247.71 | \$224.30 | \$ 737.95 |
| CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 1946 | | | | | |
| Cash Balance April 1, 1945 | \$1,551.62 | | | | |
| Operating Profit as above | 737.95 | | | | |
| TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR | \$2,289.57 | | | | |
| Cash on Hand | | | | \$ 15.00 | |
| Cash in the Bank | | | | 1,274.57 | |
| U. S. Government Bond | | | | 1,000.00 | |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR | | | | \$2,289.57 | |

GARAGE NOTES

Perhaps you're wondering about all the wolf howls that were emanating from the dark greasy recesses of the garage recently. The explanation is simple. Lil' Glen Moore had gone on his two weeks vacation, and we had one of the field office "queens" with us, namely June Crane, the gal with the green eyes, and all that stuff and stuff . . . Never had the garage office been as popular as it was at that time. The guys were falling over each other trying to get thru the office door. What has June got that Glen Moore hasn't got?!!

Have you noticed the outbreak of varied and colorful headgear among the bus drivers? One man in particular, "Lucky" Lueckemeyer, has been wearing a nifty snap brim straw number that seems to be the apple of his eye. The chapeaux of the rest of the drivers run the gamut from tams to ten-gallon numbers. It's a relief to get out from under those organ grinder's lids at that! . . . In the spring a young man's fancy, etc. That must be what's happening to Jack Thomas and cute little Barbara, another field office siren. Anyhoo, you can see them every morning in the clock house whispering and giggling.

"Barefoot" Barfoot is the proud papa of a bouncing baby boy. I don't know just when the happy event took place, but I understand the mother and child are doing fine, which is more than can be said for Barfoot. He looks like he'd been bounced a couple of times. Congrats, son. . . Hugh Payne is having a hard time trying to keep up with his love life and still arise in time to make a six o'clock deadline on the bus, I understand the lucky gal is over in the Main Office. No names, yet . . . E. W. Purvis, the answer to a maiden's prayer, seems to have hit a snag with his technique. A certain little "hello" girl cut his water off and took his meter out. Tough luck, Purv, ol' keed. Better luck next try.

E. G. Mitchell, P. P. Dowdy, Mike Bady, and the rest of the auto force have been on the up and up for the last two weeks. At least as far as your scribe can determine. They'll slip some of these days and a nice juicy little item will inform all and sundry of their misdemeanors . . . McShane is the proud possessor of a batch of black kittens that were presented to him by some nondescript female feline. Mc found them in his paint locker one fine morning and has been passing out the cigars as tho' he'd done something

This is all old news due to the fact that Ye Ed took her vacation and a few more weeks off but the deadline has caught up with us—yea, verily, it has passed us in a cloud of dust, so this is it. More next time—more, if not better.

Householder—"Well, I see you brought your tools with you.
Plumber—"Yeah, I'm getting more absent-minded every day."

She Won a Prize



Highlight of Norco Plant Day Festivities- - - - - The Dance



Plant Day Opening Ceremony



The Bathing Beauty Contest



Control Lab News

By Louise Cox

"Farmer Joe" Tipton was out to shake hands with the boys. A pound off here, pound off there—here a pound off, there a pound off. An' that tan! Now everyone wants to move to the Valley . . . The girls say that beautiful classic, "Detour," is tops on their hit parade. Should we read that "detour" sign! . . . Donald ("Can House" Henry), couldn't you spare just one beaker for coffee? "Coffee ready, Brewer?" . . . Willie (he prefers to

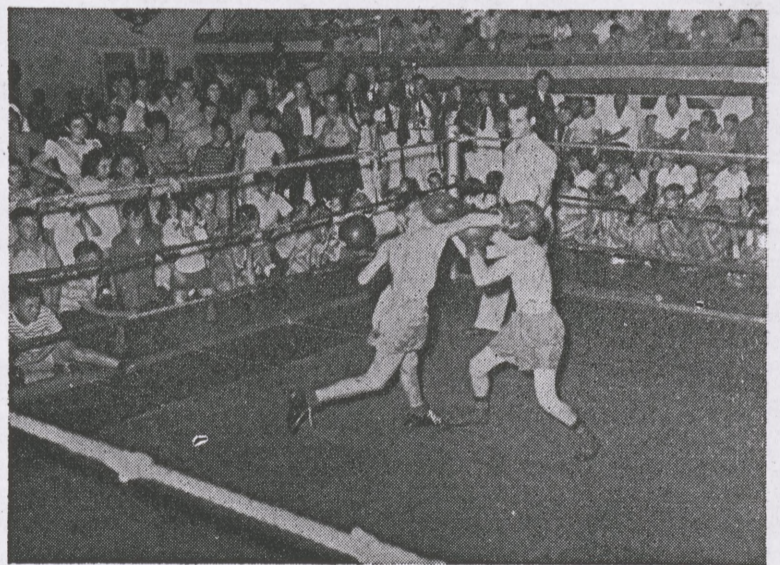
be called Everett) Williams is back in the groove.

It looked for a while as if J. B. Floyd and Virgil Reichardt would never make it, but they finally did . . . We are really glad to have all the fellows back. Some of 'em just said "hello," and the next day had a job at the various units. Several decided on book larnin'. A few went back to the old country (East Texas). An' Stewart come home, looked 'em over and decided he couldn't beat that gal in gay Paree . . . The guys that are left have made a few changes to give the place a homey

Milling Around the Grounds



Bantam Weight Boxing Was Popular



atmosphere. A box of "cope" is taking the place of the beaker of daisies on the gasoline machine. They are hanging coats in what wuz the "powder" room.

What the best dressed Lab tester is now wearing has changed, too . . . No more red, green and baby blue slacks and shirts. They are definite-

ly out this season. We are featuring, bell-bottom trousers, khaki pinks, and that lovely shade called "olive drab" . . . 'N those nifty hairdos are almost a memory.

Wildcat drilling below 6,000 ft. is proceeding in Nova Scotia by an American oil company.

The Champs



There could be nothing but smiles for the Houston team after their third victory in as many matches over the Norco bowlers. Left to right, George Thorn, Paul Murrell, B. A. Risinger, Charlie Brockmeyer, "Jeep" Sartor and Q. C. Stanberry.

The Losers



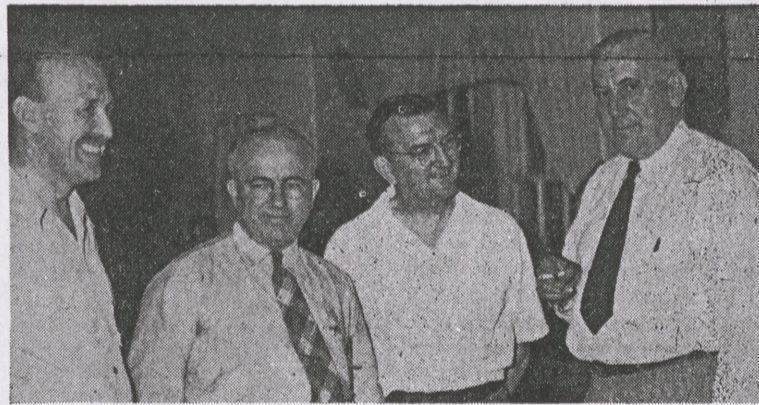
The Norco bowlers suffered their third defeat in a row at the hands of the Houston Refinery team. Standing, left to right, S. J. Oertling, Ronnie Thomas, and Bob Holliday. Kneeling, left to right, J. A. Bourgeois, Al Lambka, and Bill Bodin.

Norco and Houston Women Bowlers



Houston team Captain, Hortense Barrell, "beginners" on winning the women's bowling left in center of picture, congratulates Norco's match. Mary Louise Dufresne and her swell bunch of

Shell Officials

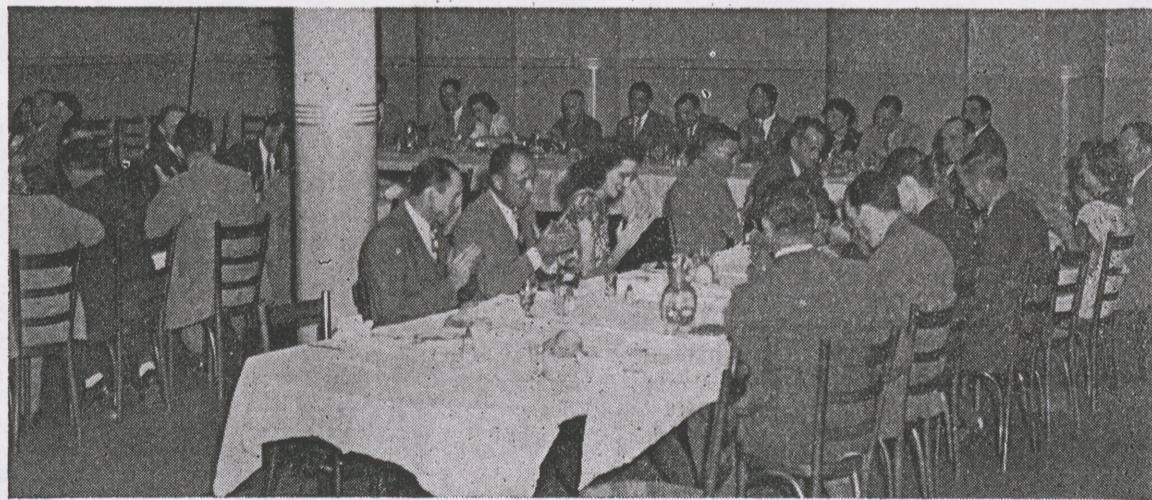


Everyone enjoyed the Plant Day festivities, including W. B. Stewart, P. E. Foster, P. E. Hurley and R. B. High.

Roy Faulk, seated, and P. E. Foster look on as Paul Hurley presents the men's bowling trophy to George Thorn.



The Victory Banquet at Arnaud's



"Shorty" Ory pays off to P. E. Foster after losing a bet on the Norco bowlers.

--- Oilers Defeat ---

(Continued from page 1)

Bond, 2; Davidson, 3. Double plays: Guedal to Hargrove; Davidson to Guedal. Wild pitch: Davidson. Pass ball: Simpson.

Hit by pitcher: Scoggins—Hargrove; Bond—Scoggins. Left on bases: Shell, 8; Prison, 8. Losing pitcher: Bond.

Baton Rouge

The Shell Oilers will go to Baton Rouge, La. to play the strong Esso nine of Baton Rouge on June 8 and 9. The players will leave Houston at 5:00 a.m. Saturday, arriving in Baton Rouge in time to play a ball game Saturday nite and a day game Sunday.

Manager Thurman stated that the Shell nine had been strengthened with the signing of Fred Pepper, right hand pitcher, and Eddie Stroenski at third base.

The Oilers have been playing

good ball this season and have some fine games lined up for the future, such as out of town games with Waco on July 20 and 21 and games with the Austin Seven-Up Bottlers at Austin.

Major League

The Oilers are now tied for first place in the major city league with Rapid Blue Print and Hughes Tool Co. Each has dropped one game.

The Oilers were scheduled to meet Rapid Blue Print Saturday, June 8, but this game will be played at a

later date so that the Shell boys can keep their Baton Rouge engagement.

Natural gas is believed to be a more economic raw material than coal for conversion to liquid hydrocarbons in some conversion processes.

American nationals own or control 70 percent of the world's total refining capacity.

--- Summer Scratch ---

(Continued from page 1)

Pod Lab garnered 890 points to post high team game, and Chem Div. rolled 2525 for high team series.

The high series of June 7: G. Reno, 234-613; B. Risinger, 216-561; P. Murrell, 199-543; E. Adlof, 188-542; M. Dobratz, 194-526; A. Doyle, 191-523; C. Fiecko, 189-509; W. George, 177-506, C. Stanberry, 188-503; G. Thorn, 180-503.

New methods of separating gaseous materials, as well as accessories, had to be invented while the atomic bomb was being developed; many of them will have applications in petroleum refining.

Rain Hampers Matches

Enthusiastic Tennis Program
Planned Despite Slow Start

By Sammy Lee

What with one thing and another, especially a rather uncooperative Jupiter Pluvius whose copious tears were not shed in sympathy, the SRERA tennis season has gotten off to a rather slow start. However, all bad things must come to an end, too, and with an interesting program in prospect, a successful season is to be expected.

At the present some 33 men and eight girls have signed up for the

various divisions of the ladder tournament now in progress, although most of these have not yet played matches. The Tennis Committee hopes this is mainly because of the rain.

Matches Arranged

Arrangements have been made to reserve courts at the City Tennis Courts at Sabine and Capitol on Monday nights. Matches are arranged and reservations are made through the Tennis committee: T. L. Wilson, R. J. DeLargey, and this reporter.

Although, the committee handles reservations for Monday nights only, matches in the ladder tournament may be played at any other time or place. The City courts are open every day through the week and also on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at night from 7 to 9 or 10.

The annual elimination tournament is scheduled to begin sometime in July, so all interested parties are warned to practice up since only a month or so remains before that date.

Play Sinclair

There is also a plan to arrange matches with other tennis organizations in this area, particularly the Sinclair Refinery group. Thus, a lot of good tennis is anticipated before the season is over.

In the ladder tournament, a person may challenge any one within three places above him. If he defeats the person above him, he is placed just above his vanquished opponent; if he loses, no change is made in the standings.

New Entries Urged

It is not too late to enter any division. In fact, more entries are solicited. Simply contact one of the Tennis committee, and the new entry will be placed in the appropriate ladder. The Committee wishes to point out that more than one challenge match may be played in any one week and urges that more people take advantage of this so that the ladders can be established fairly and quickly.

The entries and rankings in the five divisions (the men's singles has been divided into an "A" and a "B" ladder because of the large number of entries, though the two are really consecutive) are given as of June 10:

| MEN'S SINGLES | |
|---------------|-------------|
| "A" Ladder | "B" Ladder |
| 1. Loughridge | Baum |
| 2. Morrison | Wilson |
| 3. Lee | W. Myers |
| 4. Wolfe | Kunreuther |
| 5. DeLargey | Harlan |
| 6. Kirk | Okie |
| 7. Doyle | Lawrence |
| 8. Neyland | Lord |
| 9. Orfield | Mistrot |
| 10. Taylor | Morris |
| 11. Enderson | Reiley |
| 12. Dicks | Walton |
| 13. Stanberry | Blankenship |
| 14. Dobratz | Reitz |
| 15. Hyatt | Isaacs |
| 16. Hardwick | Kenard |
| 17. Floyd | |

MEN'S DOUBLES

No entries yet.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. Ann Wright
2. Pat Mosher
3. Colleen Stockford
4. Charlie Sutton
5. Theda R. Kelley
6. Anna Greenwood
7. Wanda Conway
8. M. K. Reitz

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1. Wright and Greenwood
2. Mosher and Kelley

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Reitz and Reitz



Little New York office's bespectacled and distinguished reporter R. D. Ward, (not to be confused with Montgomery Ward & Co.) has been transferred to our group of friends associated with Shell Chemical and has left the "diggins" to be handled in whatever way we see fit . . . First, we regret that you will find that our gleanings of news reporting, etc., cannot compare with his poet laureate degree of presentation and, secondly, we are unhappy to see him go but wish him the best of luck in every way in his new endeavor and associations.

Now that the tables have turned and the fact that Ron cannot censor what goes into this column, we would like to pass on certain information to his associates at the Chemical plant for their enjoyment and amusement. To begin the "low-down," you should get him to recite in his own and incomparable manner verses of scripture, limericks, and the like which you will find he has in his extensive repertoire that usually can only be obtained during his leisure hours and then only under certain conditions related to Mr. Budweiser's product, etc. Needless to say, it will be well worth anyone's time and effort to have such an audience. He also has certain other accomplishments that we are sure will be of interest, such as photography from 'all angles, etc., some of which may well fit into the program of his endeavor. Ron, we assure you that there will be no charge for this plug and hope that you will not back charge us for it.

Our super chief R. S. Douglass is again visiting us and has been gracious enough to bring with him some of that much longed for sunshine. We do hope he stays around long enough to enjoy a few games of golf and visit . . . John Nixon and "Newt" Newton, we would like to wish you the best of luck in your new endeavors. Do come around and see us occasionally.

One Monday morning not long ago, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that our chief keeper of the typewriters and teletype in Lisa Brandon's absence had tossed away her freedom of singleness and taken upon herself the responsibilities of marital wedlock. It was not difficult to discern that something very unusual had happened in her life by the beam and pinkish hue on her face. Della Freeman, we wish you the best of luck.

Gas Dep't Notes

By D. W. Stewart

Floyd Good and E. C. Ables ran into each other last week at a fishing camp in Louisiana. I've not seen Floyd to get his story of how good the fishing was, but Ables says it was very slow; he only caught 77.

There is some compensation other than the yellow slip for those who work shifts. Have you heard Joe Allen's tales of the alligator hunts along the San Jacinto?; C. W. Sparks' account of how the B-24's won the war?; "Chile" Williams' demonstration of a cavalry attack?; "Pinky" Burr bragging on his little daughter?; Steve Ford's 12-gauge attack from a duck blind?; and J. F. Alford's endless counsel on astronomy, horse racing, or palm reading?

I. L. Ham went on another fishing trip last week. He came in telling us all about it. Someone asked him how many he caught? He said, "Oh, I didn't catch any." . . .

Joe Wheat said he wished they would quit dynamiting the channel for fish so he could get some sleep

Shell Chemical Corporation

By Pat Mosher

Golly ding and groan, for it's growing pains we are having, but we love it and the welcome mat is out in these hyar parts . . . All give a "glad eye" to Bob Jackson, military leave returnee. He is the little man who adds to the "Industrial" part of the Relations of Chem . . . Also to this department comes C. G. Sullivan from the Refinery to scrutinize those badges . . . The Steno department are gainers with blond Winn Franks, little and mighty Winona Pulliam, "Postman" Peggy Ponder, and the collegiate Doreen Dunlop for a three-months stay. It's a gay day to have 'em, so the saying goes from "Sophie" Tucker and "Sambo" Stutts.

An' the little gal with big brown eyes in the Payroll section is Martha Fox. Uh-huh, that's the name—no wolves down hyar . . . But in the same department we also bring you the goodlooker Clyde Hamilton, an original Cactus, who has a place of abode now, and also "Junior" Abright, hailing from Torrance, and loving his hotel stays.

The Tech Department offers some new faces: that "accomplishing much" Doug Flint and "Cowboy" Wilson . . . The Engineers letter up with a big "Glad to see you here" to Bob Walters from the Refinery, and an ex-seagoer, Fred Fredrickson . . . And more from the Refinery comes Jesse Posey and R. D. Ward. From over Norco way, we present Johnny Davies, the carrot-top fella.

The nurse has lost her uniform and ummmm—but now that appeal—golly, Emler Saxon sure gets 'em in a hurry. Just can't understand it—must be that golfing swing (who said that?), and it is told he resembles a noted star of the movies. Just call him "Clark" and watch his chest puff out. Yep, it works! . . . Keep missing that Marie Ferrero who is enjoying the climate and food of St. Joe's Infirmary. Ah, come on, hurry back! Us, and Elmer, too, just can't take much of this, no kiddin'! And we note, it's smiling Dick Hefley from operating to safety inspector . . . Yep, all is safe.

R. H. Hilbert is gloating over a new son, Jerry Wayne, who arrived on May 7, as a companion to little sister, Donna Carolyn. This is the first young man to arrive in the Hilbert home. While Father Hilbert had been assured by the medical attendants that they had never lost a father yet, R. H. said he really kept them guessing for a while. And Jimmie, it is true that babies open their eyes before nine days.

Janie Woodrome, a recent gain of the Industrial Relations department, marched down that long aisle and the lucky fella is Neil McNeil. So on Thursday last, we spread a lunch and a waffle iron (with recipe included) appears in the hand of the bride. No, you can't just plug it up and come out with waffles—that's a 1950 project with the aid of Flash Gordon, Inc. She'll be back after the honeymoon . . . Congratulations go to Shell for the presence of Vivian S. Tucker for a ten-year period as of June 8—that's the way it operates here—around Tucker . . . Vacationer Anna Greenwood goes home for a week but knows nothing of what goes on at that house. That's strange.

So "Pokie" Pokluda hits the weddings—three within two weeks. They tell us practice makes perfect. Could be . . .

V. Downey, the new "doc," arrives and is puttering about but quick. Greetings and salutations. If you need to get hep—whoops—help, just holler . . . Along the San Jacinto trail on Saturday evening, May 18, the Chemical Stores department employees journeyed for an enjoyable dinner. Attending were

Ivan and Bess Shore, Ike and Claudia McFarlin, Bazel (better known as "Sam Silver") and Billie Stanley, Ellis and Faye Rusk, B. B. "Red" and Sarah Relf, and Vernon and Dell Stephens. It's hard to say just who consumed the most food, but it has been whispered that Dell didn't lose a pound and it's just possible that several more people gained a pound. Expect you people who missed this one to make up for lost time at the next.

And the contribution from the Laboratory's Dorothy Blohm—called DOT'S DASHES:

The newest member of the laboratory staff is Nick Gianakos, who has been assigned the Herculean task of reconverting that old Pod. Nick, a native Tar Heel, came to Houston from—you guessed it, California! He, like E. S. Templeton, is an ex-Torrance-ite, so it was "old home week" when he came down. Does anyone know of a bachelor apartment for rent? . . . Ben H. Cummings returned May 27 from a trip to California. Business, he says, but we know it's really always like a vacation to get home to that wonderful state. We thought the rail strike would delay his return, but he says getting out of Texas was the real problem—14 hours in Dallas. "Lots of planes went by but none would take me!" . . . This isn't exactly flash news, but we think it deserves special mention: While lots of people are on several dealers' waiting lists for new cars, our Alice Cunningham has a brand new, but beautiful Plymouth club coupe! Need we tell you, our ex-meteorologist, now C4H6 analyst, was the first passenger, hmmm!

While "Big" Bill has a smug smile on his face 'cause he and Betty have found a house, Chrest Johnson's troubles are just beginning. He and Ruth are house-hunting after receiving their "E" award . . . The recent Pitts-McKinley huddle was to consult Gerry's "Subway Map of New York City." Mildred is the first vacationer of the season, and her plans sound exciting: first, by plane to her brother's graduation from West Point, then a look-see at "the City," and so on to Chicago to visit sister Connie at Northwestern, which is Mildred's alma mater, too.

Thought in passing: The Martin-Coy feud was a peaceful game of tiddledy-winks compared to the Ausin-Templeton hostilities . . . Unless you've read Mary Jane Ward's "The Snake Pit," you won't appreciate this item: After he'd just said he didn't know the difference between a wet mop and a dry mop we found Al Jaegar poring over some technical literature. In answer to our query as to what he was doing, came his answer, "Improving my mind!" . . . Mention a trip to anywhere—Lorraine pops out of the IR room to say "Go where?"—and she's ready to leave—but honest, she's stayed in Houston two week-ends in a row!

Reminiscence: Now that the "Acrolein Boys" are getting ready to turn their headaches over to the operating department, we can't help remembering how proud we were of five pounds of the viscous stuff after months of struggle . . . The arts of pipefitting are no longer a mystery to Mary Catherine Austin. Just ask her anything about unions, valves—also how to unplug a furnace!

There's more—some printable—but this is probably all there will be room for. We've saved this tidbit for the end—(Please don't cut it, Ed.) . . . We've heard names and nicknames, but this is one for the record we think. One day last week a new man from the loading rack came into Distillation to deliver a sample to E. S. Templeton. He asked Dan and Earl, "Who's Simpleton?" Honest, that's what he said—

A LITTLE CUT
IS A BIG OPENING
FOR A
BLOOD POISON
BUG





Since the last writing of this column, the Engineering office lost Bob Walters to the Chemical Corp. Bob has been everyone's friend and his pleasing personality will certainly be missed, but we are happy for him about his promotion. Good luck, Bob, and come see us . . . At the time of this scratching, it sounds like a small revolution in the office. An office (or a cage—no one knows for sure) is being constructed around Randall Lee's desk. We were hoping some new draftsmen could be hired before Randall would rate a padded cell . . . Believe it or not, someone unknown actually dropped me a few items for use in this column. Thanks to some one and keep it up.

It is suggested that Randall Lee arrange a match with Bob Hope on the 14th of June; so as to have more competition than what he gets from Bill Kubricht. I'll remain on the fence concerning this, but if Bill keeps hitting them down the fairway the way he has lately, we don't know which would be tougher to beat—Hope or Kubricht . . . I knew I would get something on you, Robert Botts. It says here that Bob is learning to rhumba. It goes further to say that maybe spit-balls are making him step high and lightly. How about this, Bob? Can you shake that hip? . . . The field inspectors have been seen lately playing around with a so-called "Penetron." They have gone through so many lines by hammer-testing that someone had to invent an instrument to do the job. Just read the dial and that's all there is to it. No, it won't cook, fellows. That invention is yet to come.

To Ye Ed: May I interrupt all this rambling to clarify a few items? I have been reading the Shellegram for some time now, and I have read so many different types of columns. For example, I turn to the Stores (that's a terrible place to turn to, even for an example). We read a column by Wall. It's plain, ordinary, dry-witted, just suited for the type of reader who opens up to the comic page, reads "Little Abner," and his reading is done . . . After arousing myself from this monotony, another column hits my eye—written by an "Arky" over in the test tube department where they make with the odors out of this world (we wish it was out of this world). From the beginning to the end, I am bounced and tossed around like riding the Harrisburg trailer. After getting my wind back, I discover I have derived nothing except a terrific hangover . . . Now, Dear Ed., to which extreme should a writer go? Friend "Arky" must have a marvelous vocabulary to use so many words and expressions that are non-understandable, and Friend Wall must write so that "Skipper" can read it by himself . . . Just tip me off, please ma'am, I'm pulling what little hair I have left trying to make this column match the rest.

We heard of a legal conference between Bill Rochelle and a client. Says Bill, "Now, if you want my honest opinion—" Said client interrupts, "Not your honest opinion, judge. I want your legal opinion." Stay with 'em, Bill . . . Billy Jean Gordy has been too happy lately. She must have made up with the boy friend. Who won the argument, Billy? . . . Bulletin: Buck Love was seen carrying a baby at South Main Amusement Park (near the liquor store). What's going on, Buck? Holding out on us? (Ed. Note: Be more explicit, Dawson. What size "baby"?)

According to Lew Hubbell, the

Shower For the Bride



Some Shell femmes who attended a kitchen shower recently for Madeline Scherer.

Top, Hallie Pyle, Ruth Bramlett, and "Sammie" Houston at whose home the shower was given.

Bottom, Florence Terry, the honoree, Madeline Scherer, and Evelyn Bankston.

Madeline resigned from Shell's employ not long ago and was followed by Sammie who also plans to enter the marital state.

Arrangements For Deep Sea Fishing Depend on Weather

Plans for a fishing excursion to be held this month are waiting on the weather, stated Charlie Murrell and Al Fraser, co-chairman of the deep sea fishing trip sponsored by the Recreation Association.

Several attempts to have a fishing excursion were thwarted by the weather last year, it will be remembered, and plans had to be canceled at the last minute, but if it is at all possible, members of the SRERA will go on a deep sea outing this summer, Charlie Murrell vowed.

Just as soon as conditions permit, bulletins and all details on the affair will be circulated among the members. For further information at present, any one interested in the trip is advised to contact Charlie Murrell at the Tin Shop, or A. L. Fraser, Chemical plant.

new 3-week vacation plan is a good idea. He spent several days attending the local golf tournament before motoring up to Illinois where he played some golf and still got back to Houston in time to get in a couple of days of golf before returning to work . . . C. C. Suggs is also enjoying three weeks vacation . . . Emmett Curtis spent part of his vacation attending the Baptist convention at Miami, Florida . . . Speaking of vacations, F. H. McLellan suddenly decided to take his ahead of schedule. Wonder why?

We are sorry to lose Jimmy Boudreaux, who recently resigned in order to assist his father in management of their business . . . The Engineering inspectors are really getting modern. First it was the Penetron. Now they have a Probo-log, an instrument used for checking condenser tubes. They just push the probe through the tube and the gadget tells them if it is good or bad. Any day now, we expect to see them using an electric eye for visual inspection.

Hugh Wynne didn't start mumbling to himself a few days ago without reason. He and John Schroeder decided a vessel at Topping No. 1 was operating at too high a pressure and decided to reduce the relief valve setting. Then the darn thing collapsed due to a vacuum.

(Editor's Passing Thought: It becomes more and more apparent that the Shellegram scribes, including the Editor, need "protection" insurance; but apparently not even Lloyd's of London would underwrite such a great risk.)

DUBBS 9

By Oscar Breeding

Well, it seems as if the Army is still grabbing our boys off. The latest to go is C. A. Janac, and believe me, I wish you luck, son.

The latest Shell dance brought quite a goodly crowd of Dubbs 9 boys out from hiding, and from the way they were enjoying themselves I'd say that shift work hasn't slowed them down one bit. I don't know just who had the biggest time, George Bramlett or Larry Gruber. I will say that Larry was in fine voice that night.

Lou Harling, it seems, has forsaken all desire to night club now. According to Lou, a quiet bridge game at home is more exciting.

I wonder if Paul Phillips is out of the "dog house" yet? I've known Phil for a long time but the other afternoon was the first time I've seen him so nervous and touchy.

The latest dope is that all boys going over to the "cat" cracker will have to be slide rule experts, so "Hoss" Matthews is getting the jump on the rest by giving this technician's tool a lot of study.

We nominate J. D. Gore as the "man of the week" for his title as "carp grabber supreme." If you want to hear a good one just question this individual about our last fishing trip to Sheldon. It's good.

Recreation Assn. Plans Busy Program

The following is the SRERA's activity schedule for the next four months:

JUNE: Bowling, George Thorn, chairman. Baseball, Lawrence Mancuso, chairman. Softball, Hank Nannen and Bill Hall, co-chairmen. Tennis, Bob DeLargey, T. L. Wilson and Sammy Lee, co-chairmen. Golf, Art Doyle and Charlie Brockmeyer. Dance, Woodie Myers. Fishing Excursion, Charlie Murrell and A. L. Fraser, co-chairmen.

JULY: Bowling, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf, Fishing Excursion. Camera Club, Ralph Miller and George Harlan, co-chairmen. Picnic, Norman Thew and Pat Patterson, co-chairmen.

AUGUST: Bowling, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf, Camera Club. Watermelon Party, J. D. Gore and Reba Haskinson, co-chairmen.

SEPTEMBER: Bowling, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Camera Club, Dance. Annual Barbecue, Fay Hilliard and Bob Jackson, co-chairmen.

Foreman: "Your noon hour's over. Didn't you hear that whistle?"

Worker: "Yes, sir, but I was waiting for the echo."



It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Ruby Ahm's husband, Shirley, who passed away June 5 following an illness of a few months. Ruby's many friends extend condolences and deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

Eddie Logan just returned from his vacation in Iowa. Along with other things he came back with a marked increase to his already fluent vocabulary of the merits of the Yankee north. Keep it up, Eddie. Henry Wallace left Iowa, too . . .

We really were sad to see Dick Horrocks hit the trail for the big city of New York. He wasn't back from military leave long enough for a lot of us to get acquainted with him. Nevertheless, here's good luck to you, Dick . . . The hourly payroll section suffered a loss when Faye Connolly decided to stay in Minnesota to try out the fishing in that land of lakes and to be with her husband while he attends school at the "gopher" university. That new face then at the posting desk is Kemper Kaiser who transferred from the field office . . . Jane Carson made a speedy recovery from her recent illness and is back at her typewriter in the stenographic dept. Looking mighty pert . . . It is really wonderful to see Dudley Ellis and George Box back at their desks after being off on lengthy sick leaves . . . The latest M.L.A. re-

turnee to the M.O. fold is Charles Walker in the shipping dept. Welcome back, "Red" . . . Edna Earle Nesbitt enjoyed her vacation in this nice cool spring weather. She reported a good time and rest, but like everyone else is ready for another vacation . . . The lovely addition to the stenographic section is Lois Owen. Welcome, Lois, we are most happy to have you with us . . . Texas six-footers have nothing on John "Curly" Foshier, New York auditor, who can turn the ceiling fan on while sitting in a chair.

Robert Patterson, another head office "figures" man, helps out with the reporting by telling of seeing Gertrude Walters and Martha Becker out horseback riding in Hermann Park. He had more to report but there isn't enough space to print it . . . Doris Mennike, one of the "hello" girls, is on vacation in New Braunfels, or Colorado, or most any place, according to the rumors . . . Janet Crane paid enough hush money on the "door knob" story to keep us from mentioning

this item about the overtime trip home in the station wagon . . .

Literary-minded people are Frieda Jacob and Fran Toland. Books all over the place. And not accounting books, either! . . . "Buster" Dorrell says L. C. Burroughs is in the market for overalls. Reason: William Robert (the Burroughs' first boy), born May 20, weighing 10 lbs. and 9 oz.!

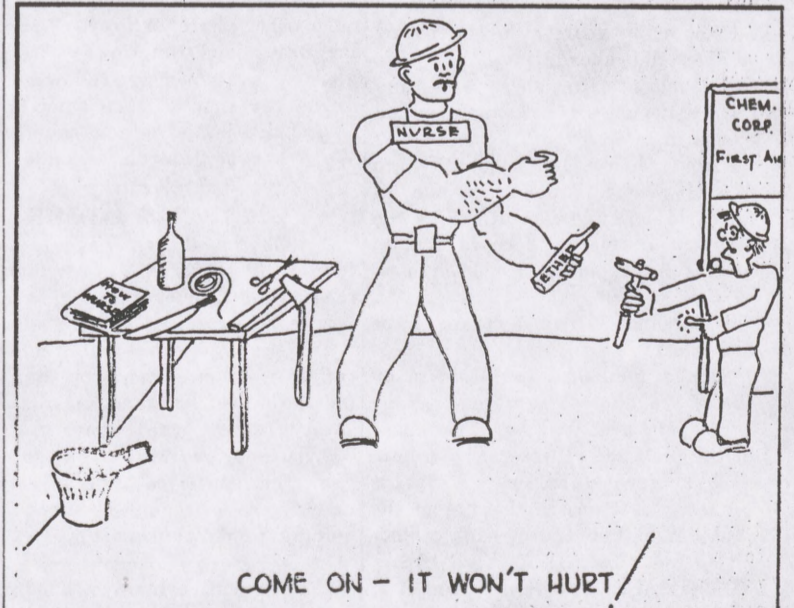
TECH TOPICS

Several of the Tech department "SUPERMEN", including "Senator" Raarup, "Haircut" Moyers, "Curley" Smith and "Swede" Orfield, had to take it easy for several days after assisting "House-mother" Elsa Graham in shuffling the weighty office furniture . . . Our great outdoorsman, W. R. Moeller, has that happy gleam in his eye in anticipation of a war-deferred hunting and fishing vacation in Yellowstone Park this month.

Well, girls, Marx Isaacs is back with us after spending 15 days in New York. He had a terrible time getting his vacation in order, nearly missed the train in New Orleans trying to get his suitcase checked through, and then in New York he had to wait three days for a room which suited him. And to top it all, he came back STILL SINGLE. I guess he figured the girls in Texas still overshadow the girls in New York.

As bowling secretary Marx was in a dither on the morning of the day the mixed league was to start rolling at the new Pladium Lanes. The boys had him almost convinced that the alleys had burned down again while he was on vacation. After much telephoning back and forth, Marx was relieved to hear that there was only a ceiling cave-in which wouldn't interfere with the start of the league.

Among the newer residents of Pasadena Gardens is Moss W. Armistead. Yes, girls, he's still available—just got a home for himself and his Mother, who came down from Virginia . . . Nominee for all-around athlete of the department is Ray Kenard, who is now going in for tennis, bowling, golf, swimming and wrestling, after indulging in the latter sport and basketball last season. . . Although Jack Morrison is no longer a member of the Tech dept. we can still gaze on his beaming countenance, as he's our neighbor in the office formerly occupied by Jack Parker.



COME ON - IT WON'T HURT!

Legend: During the absence of Marie Ferrero, nurse at the Chemical plant, husky Elmer Saxon, safety inspector, takes over the hospital duties.

Committeemen Begin Tenure Devoted to Recreation Needs

The newly-elected SRERA Zone Representatives began their term of office by holding several call meetings to pass on recreation matters requiring urgent attention.

Drawing up a tentative program for the year, the Executive Committee appointed several activity chairmen and set to work to carry out the plans for the forthcoming events.

By a unanimous vote the Committee re-appointed Claude Cassidy, Control lab, as business manager. His two assistants, also re-appointed, are M. E. Lowe, Chemical plant,

and B. A. Risinger, Research lab.

Temporarily splitting the duties of the secretary-treasurer, an action which will require a two-thirds vote of the entire membership to make it a permanent separation, the Executive Committee appointed Anna Greenwood, Chemical plant, as treasurer of the SRERA. The name of the new secretary will be announced later, the Committee advised.

Joe Simoneaux, Main Office, was re-appointed chairman of the Finance committee. The other two members of this committee who were appointed are Floyd Reitz, Chemical plant, and F. J. Brown, Instrument shop. It is the duty of the Finance Committee to set up a budget for the SRERA in an effort to allocate the proper funds to each activity planned.

The Executive Committee also voted to meet twice a month to expedite handling arrangements for the various activities.

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that requests to have it printed here have been received. Probably Robb didn't anticipate having it published quite so widely, but his declaration follows:

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
I, Egerton S. Robb, of the City of Houston, State of Texas, being of questionable mind and terrible memory do make and publish this my last will and testament prior to my incarnation into the city of the Golden Gate in the State of California.

I give, devise and bequeath to Mr. Foster one well used, very rugged, nicely polished, excellently balanced, engineering department equipped with the usual accessories of fitness, good humor, tall stories, love for hard liquor and, a goodly portion of that all-American virtue, just plain "bull." To him I bequeath also the opening drink of the annual engineering office Christmas party with the earnest hope that it will help him to keep his stories straight.

I give, devise and bequeath to Mr. Bob Haldane all the headaches, both real and imaginary that infest the Chief Engineer's office. To him I bequeath all the hairs which the ravages of time have caused to fall from my head during my tenure as Chief Engineer. To him I bequeath also the joys and the satisfaction that come from the successes of the engineering organization and the cooperation which has been extended most generously by all departments in the refinery.

I give, devise and bequeath to the obnoxious Burning Pond all of my mistakes and errors, my impatience and lost temper, my hasty words and wrong examples with the specific request that they be completely consumed in its fires that they be remembered no more.

I give, devise and bequeath to you one and all my sincere appreciation for the helpful cooperation which has been extended, for the friendly associations and the constructive exchange of ideas, for your patience, your good will, for your encouragement and counsel when the road was steep and rough. For each of you I trust many years of useful happy services lie ahead, and that Life will reach into its richest stores and reward you with blessings beyond measure.

I give, devise and bequeath unto myself a heart full of wonderful memories of my associations at the Houston Refinery, there to remain always as a most cherished possession.

I appoint Father Time executor of my estate without bond.

Signed, published and declared by the above named Egerton S. Robb as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have here unto subscribed our names at his request as witnesses thereto, in the presence of him and of each other.

(Signed) E. S. ROBB.

WITNESSES: The Boiler House
Dubbs No. 9
Dock No. 4

Shell Team Wins Women's League

The Shell Refiners won the Women's Division of the Commercial Bowling League with a total of 90 points, four points above their nearest competitor, Make-Up, who finished the season with 86 points.

The Commercial League ended Friday, May 10. Since the Shell girls were in Norco on that date, they played off their final match before leaving the city.

The Shell team received prize money amounting to approximately \$75.00. This sum was divided among the following players: Hortense Barrell, Patricia Mosher, Louise Ross, Ann Windham, Ann Wright, Jo Schwartz and Faye Connolly.

Ann Windham finished the season with a high game of 230. High series was won by Iris Rock of Make-Up team with 539.

The Refiners captured the high team game with their 652, and Make-Up's 1731 score was high team series for the league.

The Shell girls hope to enter the major city league next fall. They have a strong team and were far ahead of the other teams in the League that just ended.

Car Shop Notes

By Henry Simon

Well, fellows, the old bachelor is not a bachelor any more. "Pistol Pete" Falgout spent his vacation in Louisiana, and when he returned he was a married man. Congratulations, Pete.

Ed Stanley and Ray Holmes are on vacation at present. Ray may not feel like working after three weeks of vacation. How about it, Ray?

Three of the old crew have returned to the car shop. They are none other than "Whitey" Womble, Ira Brown and Jim Dowdy. We are glad to have you back, fellows.

The car shop is sure quiet since J. L. Laird is not here to sound off. We miss you, Laird.

-- Accidents Break --

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for their perseverance in attempting to prevent accidents and disabling injuries.

The fight is on again and the refinery is once more battling to move the safety hand on the big safety record board above the 1,000,000 hour mark. To achieve this goal the concerted efforts of all employees is required. Are YOU helping to do your part?

Government estimates 1946 domestic crude-oil production at less than 4,200,000 bbls. per day.

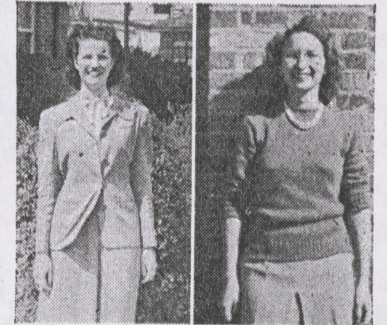
They Win Commercial League



These Shell lassies coasted to a 90-point win in the Women's Division of the Commercial Bowling League. Their lead was never threatened at any time during the season.

Top, left to right, Jo Schwartz, Ann Windham, Hortense Barrell, Pat Mosher, and Louise Ross.

Lower, Faye Connolly, left, and Ann Wright.



Research Lab News

By Arky

Thoughts while baking to a rusty with-almonds shade on the sandy, sandy beach (you can't get this black basking in the sunshine of a smile, Kiddo):

Charlie was-Sutton is vacationing in Canada, with that lucky guy, Paul. . . and the Ken Trains saw the Gus Friedells and Alice Walker while they were up East. . . Only one more month and we can run a research problem of our own for two weeks. . . (And wear comfortable clothes while we're doing it. White, mebbe) . . . Reminds us that Bob Dicks, tired of reading by bustime, just boards the bus that has the knees showing in the doorway. . . That's Wally Hay playing bridge in our corner, city-wards; didn't take him long to get acclimated

Note to Sam Davis, Topping: The feud's off; our Sam Davis is back. Just happened to find him out in "the barn" with Doug. . . Doug was prob'ly wising him up about THINGS, as only Doug can. Sam doesn't look dumb, though.

That's some bunch out there in Annex D (ye gods!) They named one of their recent catalysts, "Supercat out of nickel sulfate by Walton." . . . They might've kept it simple, like Tom Wier's brain-child called "Tom-cat."

Entries Defeated In County Tourney

"Babe" Loughridge and Jack Morrison were defeated by Ronk and Rutherford Tuesday, June 4, in the Men's doubles of the Harris County Tennis Tournament by the score of 6-0, 6-4, although the match was much closer than the score indicates.

Two Shellite entries in the men's singles met similar fates Sunday, June 2. Art Doyle lost to Roger Robinson 6-0, 6-0, and Sammy Lee was set down by A. W. Cottingham 6-1, 12-10.

Although not particularly happy about the results, the Shell contestants merely gritted their respective teeth and muttered something about "next time."

One authority predicts demand for petroleum products in the U.S. in 1946 as equal to 1944 actual consumption.

Speaking of names (we were), see how these nicknames register: "Butterball," "Punkin," "Kitten," "Fat Brat," "Cuddles," and "Lil' Abner." Know 'em? . . . R. Pinckney Trainer calls somebody "Brush-puss"—probably one o' the boys. . . Danno growls menacingly when a Shellegram deadline rears its ugly head and there's a dearth of names and noos. Have a chocolate, boy; R. J. talked me out of needling you. This time. . . What kind of look is that on Risinger's face when the fellows call him "7-pin"?

And who is gonna make up some brand new cliches to take the place of some of "Some days you can't make a nickel," "Low Blow!", and the saddest are these, "Bid your Hand"? . . . Meanwhile, you wonder why the girls don't get their names in here—don't you?

Sure, Frances and Peggy were down at Galveston, that week-end. Berniece was, too. So was liddle Annie Alderpuss.

But we women got to stick together; this bein' a female is a cut-throat bizness. . . Ye Ed would've cut this; way back there, if she'd ever heard Stanno Marple read it aloud. . . Then you wouldn't have met Melba and Pat, or the fellow who thinks the lab's fulla characters. . .

Note to Dick Rosencrantz, recent visitor from N.Y. erfice, who sed he reads this stuff: Egad, man!

As an immediate result of the general exodus, last payday, Ray Clerc will be breaking in a new pipe-fitter, and Mary Paige will don a dress, as befits the O'Neal lab.

Note to Ed.—mebbe you'd better start giving Ben Post orientation lectures on colyumizing, while he's in the right frame 'f mind, from sessions with Jimmy Hallmark. I'm afraid he's really gonna have his colyum all about one person. He just has that gleam in his good eye.

Passing thought: Grigassy has that stockroom operating like clockwork. You can even order a short beer, for all the good it'll do you.

Time to baste lightly and roast the other side—oops! these strapless jobs!!!

Instrument Hints

By Don C. Bailey

All good things must come to an end, so Ross Phillips, the new assistant Instrument foreman, has returned to work. Ross made a tour of the eastern part of the U.S. He visited Shell's Wood River Refinery, the New York Main Office, and several instrument maker's factories. He was gone three weeks, and now he is passing on to us the new ideas and general information he gathered.

"Swede" Canuteson has returned from the rubber plant. He served out his voluntary sentence, and was he glad to get back. . . Turner Hill has gone to the rubber plant for good. We will miss him, but I will bet "Midget" Hightower will welcome him with open arms. . . We also get a long "termer" from the rubber plant in the person of J. L. "Pappy" Daily. Pappy takes Hill's old Gas zone over.

"Red" Sproule, the coon hunter, is calling G. M. "Crook" Cole an "EX-coon hunter." Red said he could not get "Crook" out of the old rocking chair. . . "Dear John" Courville has returned from his two weeks vacation looking fresh and ready for another year of hard work. Dubbs zone will take that fresh look out of him. . . S. E. "Porky" Yandle has returned from his long illness. Porky claims the old waist line is coming down from now on out.

Perry Wells also has returned from his vacation. I wonder if the old "bow and arrow" state will be the same since his return. . . Dutch "EX-muscles" Gilbert is the newest member of the instrument shop's "Shelly Belly Club" . . . The following men are to be congratulated on being set up to second class instrument men: F. C. "Arky" Carnell, Jim Nail, and Frank Brown.

"Dinky" McLaughlin reports that his wonderful garden has gone down with the rain. Mac said even the stems are rotten.

Estimated demand for new homes in the U.S. in 1946 is about a million units, whereas estimated supply is only about 450,000 or less than half.