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SERA LEADERSHIP for 1951 springs primarily from the persons pictured above. Members of the board are Jack Staton (second from the left), Ann Wright (fourth), H. D. Smith (sixth), J. E. Collins (eighth), Keith Messenger (ninth), N. F. Smith (tenth), and Reba Haskinson (eleventh). Others are Theda Kelley, board alternate member (first), Ed Nicar, assistant business manager (third), Art Doyle, business manager (fifth), and Wendy Groves, secretary-treasurer, (seventh).

SERA Sets \$11,835 Budget To Cover Nineteen Activities

A 1951 budget of \$11,835 has been set up by the Shell Employees Recreation Association. In it, 19 different activities have thus far been granted funds.

Biggest hunk, \$3500, goes into the yearly all-day spree for the whole SERA family, the picnic. Other activities are:

Outdoor club, under Harry Sandland, which this year also has charge of the fishing derby;

Dances, under Ken Hines, both free and pay. Announcement of three future pay dances are elsewhere in this issue;

Softball, under Cleve O'Toole;

Bowling, under Dave Smith;

Gun Club, under Hugo Leuders, which is fast-approaching completion on its building and shooting facilities;

Touch football;

Stag show;

Deep sea fishing, which broke in last year in a most successful manner;

Bridge club, under John Wallin;

Style show;

Men's golf, under Tom Green and Russ LeRoy;

Semi-pro baseball, under Kemper Kaiser;

Music-Book club, new last year and up to 80-member participation now, under Marx Isaacs;

Tennis, under Archie Hood, for men and women;

Basketball, under Dixon Kirk;

Camera club, under Bill Bryan;

Women's golf, a brand new one this year which has started off with a bang;

Garden club.

In addition, a fund of \$1500 has been earmarked for entry into the Building Fund.

Contingency funds have been set at \$750 and \$400 has been set aside for miscellaneous expenses.

As of mid-March, membership in SERA stood at 1736. This is

somewhat ahead of membership figures at this same time last year so SERA leaders feel reasonably certain that the roles will list over 2,000 for the second successive year by mid-year.

April 16 Deadline To Enter, Change Blue Cross Status

April 16 is the deadline to apply for membership or changes in types of coverage of Blue Cross Hospitalization and Blue Shield Medical and Surgical plans.

Two types of coverage are available: Comprehensive and Preferred. Information on them can be gotten from Mary Faye Sherman, Personnel and Industrial Relations.

To enroll in the plans or to make out transfer cards (if you are already a member but wish to make a change in how you are covered), cards must be filled out in duplicate at Personnel & Industrial Relations or, when P & IR is not open, at the Hospital.

4-Month Holiday On Premiums For Life Insurance

For four straight months, members of the Group Life Insurance plan will not have to make any premium payments.

During March, April, May, and June, deductions from pay checks will not be made, the company announced recently. The deduction "holiday" is being made as a form of dividend distribution. It affects all members taking part in the plan prior to September 1, 1950.

Red Cross Drive Given Good Boost By Shellites

A collection totaling \$3,588.95 was made by Refinery and Chemical Plant employees for the American Red Cross drive in March.

At the Refinery, about two-thirds of the total employees contributed making up a Red Cross kitty of \$2,993.95.

Engineering Field employees did a particularly outstanding job of increasing their participation in the drive. Their contributions were up about 614 percent over 1950's figures.

Several groups had 100 percent participation. They included: Administrative, Cracking Office, Main Oil Pumphouse, Economics & Scheduling, Blacksmiths, Insulators, Painters, Valve Repair, Welding, P & IR, Stores, Technological, Effluent Control.

Don Foshee, Johnny Garrison, Bob Hill, Jim Smith, Is Larkin, Marx Isaacs, and Ann Risinger headed up the drive in the Refinery.

Employee contributions totaled \$595 at the Houston Plant. The collections were handled by the following representatives: Vivian Tucker, Elizabeth Black, Mary Catherine McAfee, Lennox Norton, Harry Morey, Jack Cunningham, Walter Stokes, Fred Taylor, Joe Eberman, Virginia Lowery, Jean Shivel, Betty McCauley, Jean Williams, Doris Winner, John Lacy, Ken Parks, Juanita Price, and Victor Clarke.

M.E.R. At All-Time High

When you hear an oil man use the initials M.E.R., he's probably referring to the Maximum Efficiency Rate at which production of crude oil can take place without injury to producing formations and without sacrificing ultimate oil recovery. M.E.R. in the

McCarty Back To Direct Construction At Refinery

After a two-year absence spent mostly in Montreal, Canada, John H. McCarty has returned as Superintendent of Construction for the Houston Refinery.

Three of the men who went with Mr. McCarty to Montreal also have returned. They are E. L. Green, C. C. Bateman, and C. L. Shultz.

In his more than 21 years with Shell, Mr. McCarty has been located at East Chicago, St. Louis, and New York, as well as Houston and Montreal. This return marks his third entry here. He came first to Houston as Chief Inspector in May 1941, staying until July 1943. He returned as Construction Superintendent in April 1945, staying until January 1949.

Native of San Bernardino, Calif., Mr. McCarty graduated from high school there. He has his BS in Civil Engineering from Purdue University, in Indiana.



John H. McCarty

Oilers Opener April 20

by Kemper Kaiser

With the first scheduled game only a few weeks away, the Shell Oilers baseball squad is whipping itself into shape under the guidance of Manager Allen Thurman.

Among those reporting to "The Preacher" are several veterans from last year's successful team. They include:

Sibert Gault, catcher;

June Graves, Bobby Schroeder, and Ed Schaak, pitchers;

Hilbert Boerr, Roy Pitts, Al Pustejovsky, and Frankie Sparacino, infielders;

Billy Rister, Hal Ellington, Dixon Kirk, Grover Noonan, outfielders. Grover is the Stan Musial of semi-pro ball; every other year, he plays outfield and in between he plays first base.

Several newcomers are working out with the team. One of the best looking players among them is a young lad by the name of Whittington, according to Lawrence Mancuso, the club's business manager. He is trying for first base.

Tommy White and Fred Pepper are to join the team, possibly in May.

The pitching staff runs wholly to right-handers this year, and Thurman is searching for a port sider.

Home Games in Pasadena

All home games this year will be played at the Pasadena High baseball park. The park is well lighted and most of the games will be played at night.

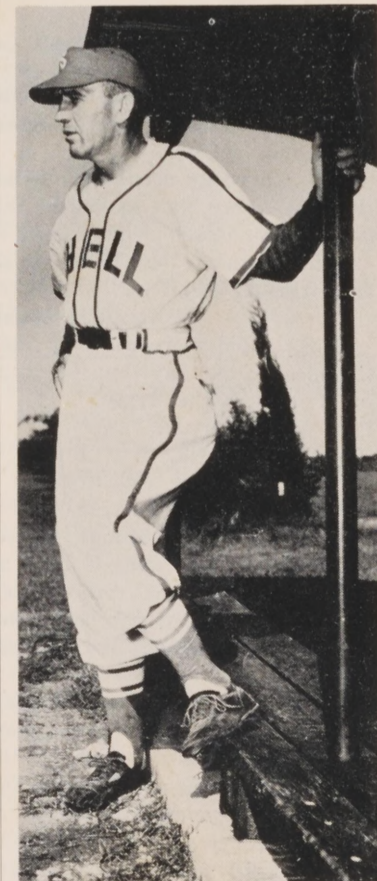
The Shellmen open the season at home (Pasadena) on Friday, April

United States is at an all-time high of at least 6,200,000 barrels of crude daily. This compares with 4,750,000 barrels per day when the U. S. entered World War II.

30, against their old rivals from Baytown, the Humble Oilers. Game time will be 8 p.m.

Also on the home docket are games with Rice Institute (April 24), Angelo's Cafe of Houston (April 26), Plymouth Oilers from Sinton (May 3 and 4). Game time: 8 p.m.

The Oilers will meet all the strong semi-pro teams in this area during the season. Among them will be Weimar, Victoria, Baytown, Brenham, Huntsville, Rosenberg, Conroe, Bryan, the Esso Oilers of Baton Rouge, the Philco All-Stars of Houston.



Al Thurman

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Letters from the G. I. Mailbag

Feb. 11, 1951.

You know, just a little over two weeks ago I was a Mr., now I'm one of the 2 million Pvts. in the U. S. Army. But this is the new Army where they let you off at noon Saturday until 5:45 Monday morning. But just to let you know that you are still in the Army, they give you shots Saturday morning so your arm will be sore all weekend. On Sundays you can sleep as late as you want. I slept until 11:00 this morning, but I was taking a chance that someone would think up something to do and get me to do it.

The Army is training me for a new job. When I get out I will be able to go back to Shell and take a janitor's job right over. Here in Georgia, they use soft coal for heating and cooking, so just about the time you get something clean some soot gets it all dirty again.

Well, that is enough about the Army. All I want is some news from Shell. You can send the Shell News and all other papers to my new address.

Tell everybody around the office that the Army isn't as bad as this letter may sound.

Well, I guess that is about all from this 17 day Pvt.

Walter L. Fortune.

P. S.: I did more work at Shell Chemical in one day than I've done in 17 days in the Army!

Pvt. W. L. Fortune

Camp Gordon, Ga.

Feb. 18, 1951

Now that I am through processing for the time being, I have an address that I can receive mail through. If any of you have some spare time, I would like to hear from you.

There is not much to tell about the processing. Just routine. Most of you have been through the same thing. However, it is no fun to take a physical in a room at 28 degrees.

Since I have been here, I have seen two Shell boys, S/Sgt. Dor-

sett and Sgt. Stevens. I also saw O'Toole at a basketball game. He was referee.

I am still learning about this new Air Force. There have been a lot of changes in policies, such as: laxity in military discipline, courtesy and respect. Maybe I was taught on a little strict side but I think it is necessary for efficiency.

I want to thank the company for the bonus check I received. It is felt by all of us that I have talked to that we are a few of the fortunate ones. There are boys called back every day that do not receive anything from their employers. I think Shell's military leave plan is tops.

Yours truly
Lee Byrd

M/Sgt. Lee Byrd
Ellington Air Field Base

Feb. 2, 1951

I will start off by saying hello to all and hoping you are all well. I see by the Shellegram that you have a new boss, or should I say we.

I am doing fine. Had a good trip to Hong Kong and Singapore. We were the first ship there since the outbreak in Korea. We even had our picture in the paper! I have been gone 6 months now and there is no telling how long I will be in. But hope it isn't long. There are about three Shell boys here (Yokosuka, Japan): J. F. Lieder from the Pipe Shop and I hear that J. D. Hornburg is here but I haven't been able to see him. He is also of Pipe Shop.

I guess Bucko and Joe Worth are having quite a time of it. Hope they are back to work soon.

Give my regards to the guys at the lube plant and also the boiler house. I will close for now.

Feb. 16 1951

Just a few lines to say I am fine. Hope everyone there is the same.

My government allowance has changed as I have a new baby girl at home. She was born February

Military Leaves

Refinery



H. F. Buchholz
2-27-51
Army, Pvt.
Research



A. G. Courtney
3-12-51
Air Force, 1st Lt.
Engineering



J. D. Eppes
3-1-51
Air Force, 2nd Lt.
Electric Shop



R. Gullick, Jr.
3-8-51
Navy, LTJG
Treating



W. C. Hawkins
3-1-51
Air Force, Capt.
Engineering



H. J. Lewis
3-12-51
Air Force, Capt.
Engineering



D. G. March
2-26-51
Navy, MEG3
Plant Protection



R. J. O'Brien
3-12-51
Air Force, 1st Lt.
Engineering



C. J. Plant, Jr.
3-12-51
Air Force, 1st Lt.
Engineering



L. C. Tuggle
3-9-51
Air Force, 1st Lt.
Engineering

7, 1951, and named Deborah Elaine. We are leaving here about the 23rd of this month for Hong Kong I hope the commies don't beat us there. I have heard through the grapevine that Hornburg is back with the company. I was aboard his ship a few days ago and that is what they told me.

Guess I will close for now, hoping to hear from some of you soon. Tell the gang, hello.

Ed

E. R. Watson, BMG2
USS Albuquerque

(Editor's Note: No, Ed, Hornburg isn't back with us although he did stop by and see us awhile back. If you received your February Shellegram, there's a story in it about Hornburg. We were tickled to see him, and hope you will stop by to see us too when you're anywhere near Houston Refinery.)

Feb 20, 1951

Just a few lines to say hello and hope this finds all of you happy civilians happy. I have kinda covered territory since leaving Houston. We left there at 3:10 p.m., February 3rd by American Airlines and arrived in San Diego 12:30 a.m. February 4. We stayed there from the 4th through the 13th, being processed, including tests, drills, and 5 medical shots—cowpox, typhoid, cholera, typhus, and tetanus.

Had a couple good liberties there. The scenery out here is quite beautiful and I'm beginning to wonder what us Texans have to brag about. Well, on February the 13th we received orders to proceed to San Francisco for transportation to our destination. My destination—um! Pearl Harbor, to pick up a mine sweeper, USS Curlew, AMS-8.

The trip from Diego here is quite picturesque. The orange groves, calavo orchards, are something to see along with the train ride through the mountains. We arrived here on the 14th, finding we go through the same process here with the exception we only receive two booster shots to the cholera and typhus. By now we feel and look like a sieve, me especially, since I had a burr haircut yesterday. I have now acquired the name Eyes and Ears Lamb, since that is about all you see of me walking down the ramp.

This is the new Navy though. In the barracks now we have automatic Bendix washers, dryers, and television. Of course, this might cease after they get all of us reserves in and signed over in the USN for six years. At present, we reserves are known as the H & H Boys—Harry's Heroes.

I am at the present at Treasure Island, just across from S. F. and

Chemical



J. N. Childs
2-14-51
Air Force, 1st Lt.
Machine Shop



L. D. Coddington
1-2-51
Army, Sgt.
Paint Shop



B. J. Crawford
1-16-51
Air Force, Sgt.
Operations



W. A. Fortune, Jr.
1-25-51
Army, Pvt.
Treasury

Alcatraz;—no connection to the latter however; um I wonder. Oh yes plug—plug—directly across from my barracks on the base here is none other than a Shell filling station. I told you this is a new Navy—nothing but the best for the best.

By the way, ask Perry if he remembers our dear Captain here—Captain Simpson, by name. They says he has been here since WW1 almost that is. I have run across very few guys I know. There were two in disbursing in San Diego who worked at Shell but can't remember their names. However there are a million Texans here. If they release just Texas Navy men, we would have no Navy—Texas Brags, again.

Have received a few lines from our Wave, B. J. Barlow. Sounds as though she is an "old salt" now, or a snow bound one.

I have called home several times since being here and received my check. Appreciate it very much. There were about three Shell Pipe Line men on the train from Diego to here and guys listening to us explaining our benefits were quite astounded. Might have quite a few applications at the end of this affair!

I have not as yet received a permanent address. However, as soon as I do I will submit, remit, or send same. My best regards to all and as soon as I get a permanent address, hope to hear from you. Enough of this chatter.

As ever
Porky

J. R. Lamb, YNT2
Treasure Island



R. F. Larkin
2-22-51
Marines, PFC
Paint Shop



E. D. Richardson
1-30-51
Air Force, S/Sgt.
Operations

Feb. 28, 1951

Received your letter written January 31 quite some time ago. We've just about completed our repairs so we'll be leaving here very soon now. We're heading back to Sasebo, Japan, and from there back to Korea.

I am now the proud father of a baby boy. He was born February 17, 1951, weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. We named him Jeff Alan.

I took a picture of the Shell storage tanks while going through the Shimomo Seki Straits also, but since Joe Sporer sent it to you before I could, I'll just hang onto mine.

I've seen Watson a few times since returning from Korea. He got back from Hong Kong about the same time we got back. I think he left again last night.

How's everything going at the Refinery? I sure wish I were back.

Sincerely yours,
J. F. Lieder

J. F. Lieder, EMP3
USS Glendale

March 4, 1951

There isn't much time for letter writing around here but I will try to write you a few lines.

In case any of you would like to know what it is like in Marine boot camp, I will try to give you a general idea. You are up at 5 a.m. and in bed at 10 p.m. During the day we drill and attend classes. The discipline here is very rigid but other than that it isn't so bad.

I want to say hello to all my friends. I miss them, as I do the refinery, but I am gradually adjusting myself here.

Maybe I will have the chance to learn something here that will help me later on at the refinery. I have done fairly well on my qualification tests. I passed both the radio and typing tests.

I would like very much to receive the Shellegram. I don't suppose you can send it until you get my address.

Today is wash day, so I will close and go do my washing. Maybe I will have time to write more later.

As ever,
Billy Hughes

Pvt. B. L. Hughes
San Diego, Calif.

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Feb. 3, 1951

Here we are back on the same ole grind again. Making another trip only this time it is much further south and very warm. It is about 110 degrees in the Fire-room and it is really a relief after four hours to get topside.

I tried to get out while I was in Houston but as I only had three days there and every moment was so filled, I couldn't make it. But as everything looks now, I'll be back in August unless something else comes up that none of us are looking for.

Will be glad when we get mail again because I'll probably get my Shellegram which I look forward to very much. It gives me all the news and late developments of good ole Shell.

Am enclosing a picture of the ship like I promised Mr. Fruland when I called out in Houston.

So will close for now and give the Fireroom another four hours of my time. I have the midnight.

Sincerely yours,
Melvin M. Miller

M. M. Miller, BT1
USS Cape Esperance

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Feb. 4, 1951

I hope you don't think because I haven't written lately that I had forgotten Shell Chemical Corporation; because it is a long way from that. In fact, Shell Chemical has a soft place in my heart like it never had before I was called back into the Navy!

I have been receiving my Shellegram regularly and it has sure meant a lot to me to be able to keep up with the news and events back there at Shell. I want to thank you again for it.

This tanker life has really been a busy life these last couple of months. Last month we made a trip to Antiwetok, in the Marshall Islands. We took a load of gasoline and deisel oil down there. It took us 21 days to make the trip. We got back to Pearl Harbor last Wednesday. We will load up with aviation gasoline next Tuesday and get underway for Antiwetok again Wednesday. If everything goes to schedule we should be back into Pearl Harbor the last part of February or the first of March. From the rate we have been going,

What Would You Do If An A-Bomb Hit?

The clear concise story of how to protect yourself in case of an atomic attack without a Geiger counter, protective clothing, or special training has been recently published by the Civil Defense Office of the National Security Resources Board.

The booklet "Survival Under Atomic Attack" describes the dangers of the atom bomb, and the steps that can be taken to escape them. Where to go during atomic attack, how to prepare a house, precautions against radioactivity—are all explained in detail.

Individual copies of the booklet at 10 cents each, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.

these things will never rust from sitting dead in the water.

I am now top Electrician, as the Chief Electrician was transferred to shore duty and a third class took his place, so the Chief left everything to me except the difference in pay. Ha!

I wish to express my appreciation for the letter column in the Shellegram for men in the military service as it is only through it that I am able to keep in touch with many of the boys I formerly worked with. I enjoy reading it very much.

Give all the gang my regards.

Sincerely,
Bill Stricklin.

Bill Stricklin, EMP1
USS Tombigbee.

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Feb. 14, 1951

Just a few lines to let you know my address has been changed now to one which seems like it will be permanent for quite awhile.

Sure have done a lot of flying since I left Shell. Flew to San Diego to Frisco, to Pearl Harbor, to Wake, to Yokosuka, where I caught my ship, which is a converted aircraft carrier. Seems like it will be good duty as we are heading back for the states now. Will probably be there for a few weeks. (Please excuse this writing as this ship is pitching like a bucking bronco.)

How's everybody there? All working hard and steady, I suppose. Tell that north-side bum to give me a change of schedule with some overtime in it.

Guess Edith is the leading woman bowler by now. Be sure to tell all the gang hello and to drop a line. Ran into Sporer the other day in Yokosuka; sure was good to see somebody from Shell.

Well, guess I'll secure the line of gab for now and put it in the mail. Answer whenever possible. And thanks for all you have done for me.

As ever,
John

J. H. Williams, MEC1
USS Sitkoh Bay

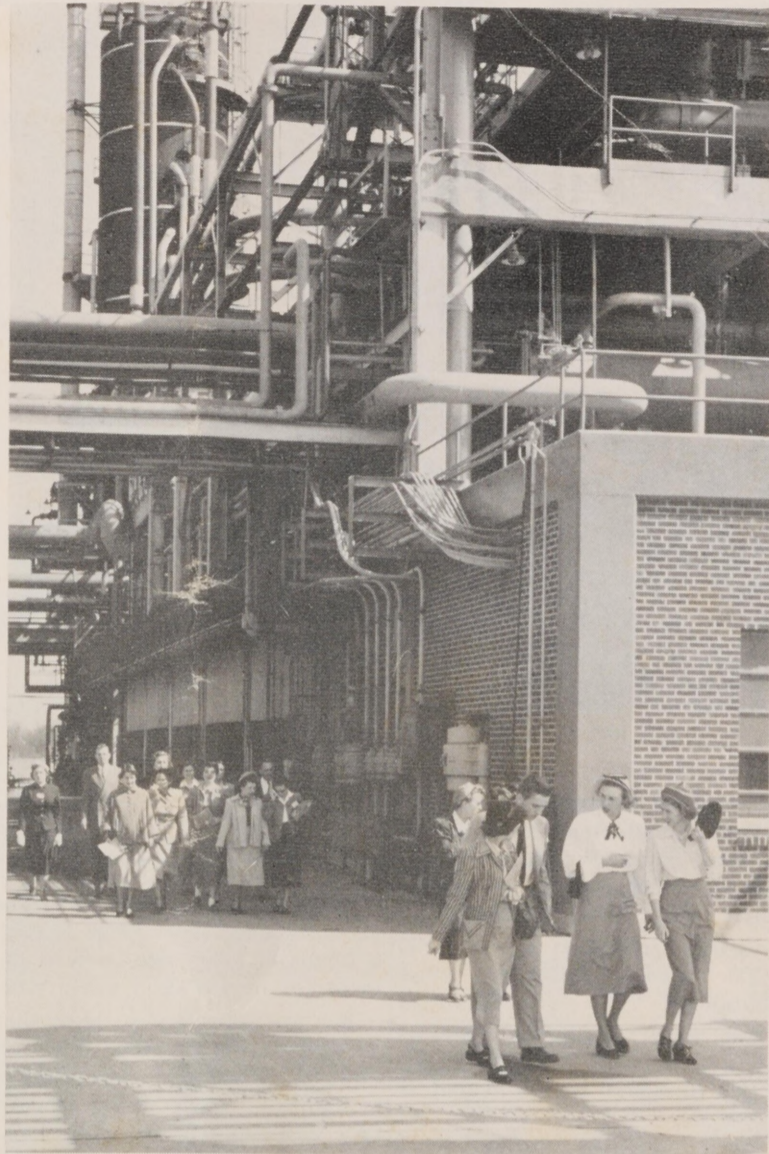
FLOSSIE THANKS

A Sincere Thank You to All for the lovely lamp and electric blanket you gave me. I shall never forget the pleasant years spent at Houston Refinery and I miss you all very much.

Come by and see me sometime.

Flossie Johnson
1515 Lawson

Busman's Holiday



FORTY DESK AND DERRICK club members visited the Refinery and Chemical Plant late in February. The Desk and Derrick club is an organization for women employed in the oil industry. The interested young women toured the Refinery in the morning, lunched at the Refinery Cafeteria, then toured the Chemical Plant in the afternoon.

Shell Colas Used To Make Nation's "Roads Of Oil"

A Florida tennis court, a New York bridge, a grade crossing at Nashville, and a highway through the White Mountains of Vermont all have one thing in common—they're paved with asphalt. An ancient ally of contractors and builders, this tough black binder has been resisting weather and wear since the dawn of history.

Because of its ability to absorb shock from the quick starting and stopping of busses and trucks, as well as the abrasion and vibration of aircraft, asphalt is considered the best possible pavement. More than 85 percent of our city streets are of asphalt construction, and some of the largest airports in the world are paved with this engineering material. A multiplicity of uses of asphalt include bridge floors, driveways, and parking areas.

In the past, men used asphalt found in natural deposits in varying states of purity known in the trade as "natural asphalt". Now, almost all of it is obtained as the residue from the distillation of crude petroleum which contain varying percentages of asphalt.

Asphalt products used for paving are extremely durable, resistant to weather, and readily available in a number of forms. It is a comparatively low cost material. There is a steady demand for asphaltic products which can be handled cold, requiring no heat for application.

To meet this demand for a cold

applied material, asphalt is emulsified in a variety of types. Finely divided particles of asphalt are held suspended in water by chemicals. In paving, these emulsions are combined with aggregate (a mineral mixture such as sand, broken stone, or gravel) and spread over the surface to be covered. The carrier (water) gradually evaporates or drains off, and the particles of asphalt coalesce, forming a continuous film which binds the aggregate together.

Shell manufactures the highest quality of asphaltic emulsions called Shell Colas (from COLD ASphalt). Produced in several grades, with differing character-

Shortage Of Cash Restricting Loans Of Credit Union

A shortage of cash for loans has caused the Credit Union to place some new restrictions on loan checks, at least temporarily, according to information released by Credit Union treasurer, Joseph P. Murray.

The restrictions went into effect on March 7. Under them, checks will be issued as governed by the following four considerations:

1. The purpose of the loan.
2. The member's record with the Credit Union, including the length of his membership.
3. The member's ability to repay and his Company seniority.
4. The size of the loan; small loans to receive preference.

Real Estate Loans

All future real estate loans will have an interest rate reduced to three-quarters of one percent. This reduction was made by the board of directors.

These loans will be approved as follows: "Subject to the acceptance of the completed papers by the Credit Union's attorney." Mr. Fred D. Jamail, in the Scanlan building, will handle the papers.

The pass book in which such loans are shown will have a large ¼ stamped in the "Fine" column.

The loans, of course, are subject to the loan restrictions described above.

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To attract additional shares to the Credit Union, restrictions on share deposits up to \$5,000 have been removed, it is announced.

Here's What Happened...

Five Years Ago

George Thorn proved he could sling a mean bowling ball when he tallied 198, 215, and 201 games for the 100-Octane keglers.

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The Shell Oilers played the Rice Owls in an exhibition game, losing by a 9-2 count. Oiler players were Bill Telschow, Nolan Scroggins, Sam Costa, Woodland, Kemper Kaiser, Allen Thurman, Johnny Campo, Eddie Johnson, Charlie Clement, Dixon Kirk, and Allen Hayes.

Ten Years Ago

Clarence Sharpe, organizing a flying club, revealed he had piled up over 300 hours flying time in his five years as a licensed pilot.

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Manufacture of solutized gasoline, a Shell first, was begun when the changeover of units in the Treating and Gas departments was completed. Work was still continuing on the new Solutizer unit.

istics for uses under different conditions, these products are all made to assure maximum and uniform coating of the aggregate, providing a positive seal against the entry of water.

Shell Colas is easy to handle, as it requires no heating prior to application. Non-congealing, it can be poured at any normal temperature and no expensive mixing or heating equipment is needed.

The finish of a Shell Colas surface may be made in different degrees of roughness or smoothness by varying the size of the mineral aggregate used as cover. Course

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News & Views from Here & There

Electric Shop

The electricians wanted to know why **Johnnie Sanderson's** hair has turned gray in the past few years. Might ask **Ernie Reeves** and **Ollie Gindratt**. They take his place around vacation time.

Brace up, **Zalesak**, everything will be okeh and you'll be a proud papa.

Harrison has changed up so many power circuits around the sub-stations, it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to trace it out.

Wagner and **Gindratt** are always going fishing, but never catch any fish. Wonder why? Might ask **Hinton**; he knows all the angles in the fishing line. Just stay away from those one-armed bandits in Galveston County.

Goerlich is the proud father of a boy born March 3 at 7:27 a.m. **Goerlich** was happy to pass the cigars around next Monday.



WHEN **BILL ROCHELLE** left Shell after 22 years of service, fellow Stores personnel presented him a brief case and a fond farewell. Bill is entering law practice in Houston. Pictured with Bill are **Al Eaton**, Stores manager, and **Edie Hennessy**.

Utilities

Bits of Steam

Congrats to the **Dickersons** on their blessed event, a baby girl born February 22. Those cigars were made by tobacco men, judging by the brand.

Congrats also to **E. Bickley**, promoted to shift foreman; and **J. A. Churchwell**, to Operator No. 1, generator room; **T. L. Land**, to water heaters; **T. H. Lee**, breaking in for first class.

Welcome back, **R. C. Grothe**, after an extended illness.

H. J. Kennedy has been confined to home nursing a burned foot.

T. L. Massey can be seen covering lots of territory these days, mostly on the 8 to 4 shift. And especially when he exchanges a 12 to 8 for an extra 8 to 4 shift.

J. F. Bishop is doing lots of The Lord's missionary work these days. Frank will take a week's vacation to attend a missionary convention in Springfield, Mo.

Al Keeney has been stepping up his log sheet data and also writing up economic suggestions.

J. E. Cooke and **D. B. Brady** are taking the wrinkles out of bottle-neck firing.

B. J. Walter and **O. Derrington** have given their unit a face cleaning.

Bits of KVA

Dodo Johnson: Slowing down on his portraits after having shot the works on his inspiring model, **Red Lee**, in the jungle scene.

E. P. Cashat: Always smiling. Must be Hadacol.

E. T. Horridge: Taking the wrinkles out of his new Gen. Wash. Robot.

Bits of Water

J. A. Stevens: Covering territory, looking for leaks.

A. M. McIlveen: Balancing load, everything under control.

B. Johnson: Watching pressures, shaking water samples.

T. L. Land: House cleaning, hoping for another deer hunt.

G. Baldauf: Checking manuals, looking for prints.

Bits of the Office

McDonald: Answering questions, catching up, digging in files, keeping his spark plug handy.

Fay Hilliard: Demonstrating his new safety shoes, beating the price rise.

E. T. Horridge: Buried in prints,

revising, reviewing, renewing.

Frank Pemberton: Made a tour to East Texas to visit the Indian village, no wooden nickels carried home.

Charlie Schaeffer: Crawling in boiler drums, gathering water tell-tales.

Bob Bray: Trying to translate my writing.

Ray Hornsby: Always helping in a big way.

Opal: Working during lunch hour.

Betty Lou: Smiling through shorthand.

Peggy James: Mystery Melody auditing the files.

R. C. Grothe: Taking it easy.

Bits of Life

Ten things which one never repents:

- Be good to everyone;
- Speak ill of no one;
- Reflect before deciding;
- Speak not when excited;
- Help the unfortunate;
- Admit your error;
- Be patient with all;
- Listen not to tale bearers;
- Mistrust unkind reports;
- Prepare to die.

(Sign over hospital door).

Technological

Ched Beecher pulled a real fast one on us and didn't say a word about being engaged until the announcement of his forthcoming marriage appeared in the Houston papers. Miss **Wynell** ("Windy") **Wilson** is the lucky girl. The nuptials come off on April 14.

Ched and those two "fair catches" **Ed Nicar** and "**Hoppy**", along with an old married man, **Marx Isaacs**, showed 42 assorted ladies of the Houston Desk and **Derrick Club** through the refinery on February 24. They reported a good yield of interesting phone numbers—oops! the bachelors did, that is!

Rentz Gullick, Jr., is the most recent Technologist to leave the refinery for the armed services. **Rentz** is a Navy lieutenant junior grade. He reported to San Diego on March 10 for eventual movement to Japan and placement on the USS **O'Brien**. Best of luck, **Rentz**; we all hope you'll be back soon.

Photographer **Bill Bryan** has a new "development", the arrival of 9 lb. 3 oz. **Bonita Paige** on March 3. **Bill** is reported doing okeh.

Pipe Shop

Since no reason was given for discontinuing "Pipe Shop Static" a couple of years ago, none is offered for beginning it again now.

We are all glad to hear that **Fitzgerald** is recovering from his recent illness. Also **Ray Sawyer** is recovering from his bit of hard luck with the motor scooter.

To the other men in the Pipe Shop who've been off sick—**Poe**, **Lockhart**, **Willard**, **Milholland**, **Barron**, **Laramore**, **Wicker**, and "**Rabbit**"—we hope you are well and with us soon.

The Pipe Shop office at noon these days has been an informal course in animal husbandry. **Bob Johansen** and **Homer Fricks** are raising dogs. **Phil Holmes** is raising dogs, goats, rabbits, and children. Everytime **Phil** calls a name, someone interrupts to ask which he is referring to!

Peter Brown became a grandfather last month, but he stoutly refused to hand out cigars on the occasion. Someone said he looked rather young to be "grandpa", to which **Brown** replied: "It's not the age that counts, it's the mileage". **Brown** will have to use that argument again soon if he expects to sell his Chevrolet.

The Pipe Shop lost two good men when **Churchill** transferred to Utilities and **Box** went to the Research Lab. Good luck in your new jobs, boys.

We notice "**Little Henry**" wore a new hat to work the other day. Wonder what he got on the old one that forced him to throw it away?

Glad to have **F. W. Darnell** back after being off sick a whole year. The boys say he looks good, having gained about three-quarters of a pound while he was off.

Suggested reading: For **George Amonett**, "The Fat Men's Book".

Needed: A calendar which gives the various hunting seasons, for sportsmen who want their vacations during the duck season, deer season, etc., but don't know what date to begin it.

Two little girls were discussing their families. "Why does your grandmother read the Bible so much?" asked one.

Replied the other: "I think she's cramming for her finals."

Control Lab

Well, whatcha know! **K. D. Benjamin** and **Ed Wright** have been turned out to graze in the green pastures.

O. L. Dodd has left us to go into business on his own. Cafe out on North Shepherd. Good luck, **Dodd**.

Understand **Bob Trammell** has decided to take Hot Rod Happy's place. At least, he has the car.

Neil McDuffie has already begun to worry about his new son's future. From the hours he keeps, it looks as if he'll turn out to be a shift worker.

D. W. Hawes was pleasantly surprised in New Orleans when a pretty brunette walked up to him and asked him if he didn't work at Shell. Turned out to be **Totsy Threatt Peace**.

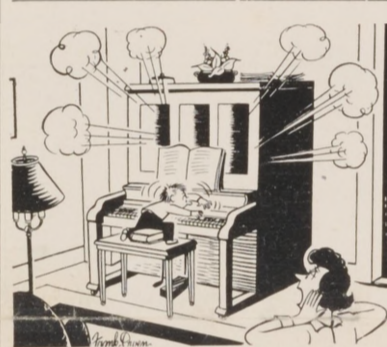
In case the lab seems to be lacking that certain something, it's because **Charlie Stebbins** has left us for the Marines.

And **Bill Enderson** has gone to the New York office.

Want to congratulate **Q. C. Stanberry**, **Tom Evans**, **Noel Lane**, and **Jim Morris** on their promotions.

Dorothy Curlee is back on the job with a new look. Mighty whistle-baitish.

Understand **Joyce Besser** looks fancy in her Easter outfit.



Engineering

Spring is in the Air:
Birds are tweeting,
Bees are buzzing,
Flowers are blossoming,—
Engineers have spring fever!

Pappy Heidrich is in the market for new parts for an automobile. If you have some for sale or trade, please contact him. It's funny but true: **Pappy** has bought a new Ford.

Let's not get excited, girls. The young gentleman you see working in **Van Pelt's** group is a very happily married man, so easy does it. **F. M. Casey**, welcome to the Drafting Room. We say that despite your comments on our Texas coffee. **Casey** brings his own Louisiana variety to work.

What is this old saying about how one should never brag too soon? Just to prove the point, allow me to recite a little incident:

Paul Harper was heard one morning commenting about how many times he had received his coffee free. Seems as though there were seven involved in speculating for a free cup of java. I don't know whether or not the other six framed **Paul**, but he was in a very sad state of mind, especially after his wife cut his allowance by 12 cents.

Reports have it that the floor of the Drafting Room is to be patched up. The draftsman-spread has become so great the floor has begun to give way.

George Hartsfield has turned from a digger of termites under the house to a catcher of cats in the attic. After discussing and

cussing ways and means to exterminate a stray cat who had hibernated in his attic, he finally caught "Mr. Cat". Then, instead of disposing of him, he gives the cat some warm milk and food and lets him go on his way. Who says a cat doesn't have nine lives?

We would like to extend our sympathy to **Ted Lackey**. His mother passed away Sunday, February 25.

Col. Lee should be able to tell us all about the atom bomb after taking in a two weeks' sit-down course given by the Industrial Mobilization Committee.

Karr had an extended trip to Chicago to complete plans on the approved platformer project.

Luke Hamilton still is trying to catch a catfish, but caught a boil instead. Results were four days plus a sharp knife wielded by the doctor.

Jim Thomas' worries are over. He had received his orders to report for a physical. "England is a lovely spot in the spring," says **Jim**.

Gene Grace not only had to worry about keeping everyone happy at work, but during pleasure hours as well. However, without the permit, he was unable to get us some heat at the End-O-Main. Everyone was seen shaking while dancing. Representing the Engineering Office there were **Nell Tullis**, **Jo Schwartz**, **Gene Grace**, **Joe Plant**, and yours truly.

Treasury

Peace and serenity have returned to the Main Office now that all annual audits have been completed.

With all the trading of flower seeds and advice between **George Herren**, **Bill Fly**, and "**Figgie**" **Ellis**, it appears that spring is just around the corner.

Speaking of planting reminds us of **Pete Schaff**, who thought he would save a few bucks by going to the woods to get a tree, rather than buy one. By the time he pays all those doctor bills for poison oak treatment, there'll probably be a pretty slim payout on his trip.

Everyone misses the face of **Charlie Stebbins**. **Charlie** was recalled to the Marine Corps. **Porky Lamb** writes that the Navy is treating him mighty fine.

Peggy James has just completed a rejuvenation of the Utilities Department files. That's why you've missed her for three weeks around the Main Office.

We've missed **Mr. Whitehead** too. He's been recuperating from a kidney ailment. **Lillian Shuey** is the girl who has kept the messages going over the wires in **Mr. Whitehead's** absence.

Flossie Johnson, the "Ex-Sec", welcomes any calls or visits by her co-workers. She says: "I do miss all of you."

We find "**Katie**" **Barbe** lamenting the fact that Spring is here and her yard remains bare. Seems she has had grass planted twice, but now believes it was planted at the wrong time of the year. Suggestion: Join the SERA Garden Club and learn all about landscaping, including grass planting. (plug).

In passing **Joe Simoneaux's** desk, we notice he's studying large blueprints. Bet he's figuring on a move of some sort. Since the shift of **Mr. Keegan** to **Mr. Lucas'** office, **Mr. Rogers** to **Mr. Keegan's**, and **Mr. Lucas** to **Mr. Rogers**, wonder if **Joe** is planning to move downstairs.

Oliphant Honored By Tabulating Group

Waldo Oliphant has been named president of the Houston Association of Tabulating Supervisors. The organization, of about 70 members, represents all of the major companies in the Houston area.

Supervisor of the Tabulating Section, Treasury Department, Waldo has been with Houston Refinery about 14 years. He has spent a total of about 7 years in tab work.

SHELL COLAS—

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stones provide an extra, anti-skid surface; finer chips are suitable for foot-paths; while sand makes the proper cover for playgrounds and tennis courts.

Markets for Shell Colas are federal, state, county, and municipal governments as well as highway contractors.

Stores

'Tis a little late, but still must mention the numerous personnel changes which have taken place in Stores. Besides acquiring a new CO in Al Eaton, we lost five other people and gained two. Coy Bearden and Bob Wall were transferred to Wood River and Houston Regional respectively, while Bill Rochelle and Z. O. Hamilton left Shell to enter other businesses.

Thelma "Swanie" Swanson was tearfully kissed goodbye by the male segment of the department upon her promotion to Treasury. Our new employees are Georgia Koenig, who hails from Baytown, and J. Jordy, from Deer Park.

We wish Jesse Drenon a speedy recovery from his operation this month.

Stores is in a selling mood these days with both Dunaway and Rae trying to sell Dodges.

Congrats to all in the department for reaching a 100 percent goal in Red Cross contributions. Mighty fine spirit.

Cracking

Something old has been taken away and something new has been added. The old politician, L. L. "Bill" Hay, has declined to enter the Pasadena elections and yours truly has thrown his hat in.

Probably shouldn't get wound up in political talk, but do want to say that I'll give you all the same consideration and will try to provide city utilities to residents before voting to extend services to those living outside.

The operators on Dubbs 4 think the new burners are pretty nice except for the noise. After working around the furnace a little while, there is not much hearing left. A blessing in disguise, huh?

Men who took their vacations early this year are Hargis, Kulhanek, Eskew, Calhoun, and English.

"Shorty" Johnson, the new President of the Employees' Bus Club is still finding the position has its disadvantages. He spent two weeks of his vacation trying to get it lined out.

Come on, men: give me some dope for this column. And how about a snapshot of your vacation days, or the big fish you caught? If you'll get the stuff to me, I'll see that it is submitted for the Shellegram.

Virtues are learned at mother's knee, vices at some other joint.

Service Birthdays

TWENTY YEARS



George P. HARTSFIELD
Engineering

TEN YEARS



Grady M. BLOUNT
Eng.-Field



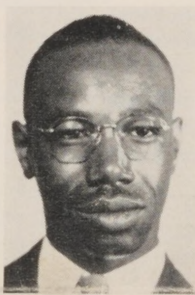
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Treating



Engene D. BURR
Lubricating



Harold R. BYRNE
Cracking



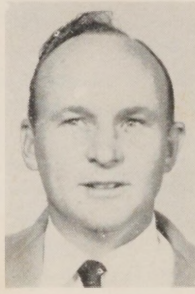
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Eng.-Field



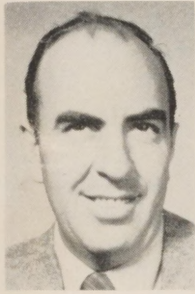
Jesse DRENON
Eng.-Field



Elbert R. ELLIOTT
Dispatching



James E. HARRIS
Distilling



Lloyd M. HUGHES
Eng.-Automotive



Calvin L. LAWRENCE
Eng.-Field



Carl W. LYONS
Lubricating



Maurice L. McLAUGHLIN
Eng.-Field



William A. STABS
Eng.-Field



Uluth M. TOMLINSON
Dispatching



Raymond O. WILLIAMS
Control Lab.

L. J. Grossheim — 30 Years



Louis J. Grossheim, a man who has made a career out of promoting safe working practices on the job, observed 30 years of service in February. Manager of the Fire and Safety Department, he's been in refinery safety work 21 of those years.

Louie's first job with the Company was as a tester in the laboratory at Wood River Refinery. He was employed there February 1, 1921, finding himself within easy reaching distance of his hometown in Alton, Ill., where he'd been born and attended school (St. Mary's).

In November 1923, he transferred to the Arkansas City Refinery. It was here that Louie started his career in safety, entering the Industrial Relations Department

as a Fire Inspector in March 1930.

Since July 1938, Houston Refinery has been home base for Louie. His rise in safety work since that time was constant, highlighted by his being named Supervisor of the Fire and Safety Division in February 1947. Previously a part of Industrial Relations, Fire and Safety was set up as a separate department in June 1949. Louie was named its manager.

Louie and Myrtle, his wife, are proud parents of son Robert, now in his third year at the University of St. Thomas, Houston. Bob has high hopes of becoming a lawyer, and expects to enter Loyola of the South, New Orleans, in June with that idea in mind.

Bruno Simon — 25 Years



Bruno Simon is the second Fire and Safety man to celebrate long service to Shell in February. He observed 25 years, 20 of which have been spent in fire inspection work.

Born in Virginia City, Minn., Bruno attended the schools of Mountain Iron, Minn. His first Shell job took him to Indiana, where he was a pipefitter helper at the East Chicago Refinery. He started in February 1926. About three years later, he entered his present line of work as an Assistant Fire Inspector.

Bruno came to Texas in July 1929 as Fire Inspector at this refinery. Now an Inspector—Fire

and Safety, he has had that classification since January 1945.

It was at East Chicago that Bruno met and later married his wife Josephine, a Chicago, Ill., girl. The couple now has two married daughters and three grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Muegge, lives in LaPorte (where the Simons also reside). She is the mother of a 5-year-old boy and a 3½-year-old girl. The other daughter, Mrs. Arlene Smylie and her family reside in Santa Fe, N.M. The Bruno Simons have not yet "met" Arlene's two-month-old son, but Bruno expects that to be taken care of when he takes his vacation this year.

CHEMICAL



E. S. Martin

V. L. Keldsen

Martin New Head Of A Dept. Keldsen To Rubber Reserve

Eugene S. Martin has been appointed as Acting Manager of A Department effective March 1, 1951, replacing Vernon L. Keldsen.

Mr. Keldsen has accepted an appointment with the Office of Rubber Reserve in Washington, D. C. He joined Shell in 1934. Mr. Keldsen had been at the Houston Plant since 1946. His many friends wished him well in this new assignment at a barbecue held just before he left.

Mr. Martin has served as an Assistant Department Manager in the Houston Plant Operating departments since October 1946. Before coming to Houston in June 1946, he had worked as a Technologist at Shell Oil's Wilmington refinery where he was originally employed in May 1942.

Mr. Martin and his wife Harriet live in Pasadena.

Operations

Oh me, minutes before dead line, spring fever has got me down, almost too sick to write. My sickness could be cured in a very lazy dose of medicine: two or three days under a big shade tree on a nice cool river bank and a cane fishing pole. But that is out, must keep my nose to the grind stone.

Talk about sickness, Charles "Tex" Martin's broken arm is still busted. Hope to see you soon "Tex."

O. L. Brown is so busy with his garden at LaPorte, he won't play golf. Boy that is serious. Talking about golf, you should see little Fred Trathan and Big Moose play

the game.

Little Crawford was insulted by the cartoon showing Wilburns pet coon having Crawford's coon dog up the tree.

This south breeze sure does bring in the baseball fever. I wonder if the Buffs will finish in the cellar again.

Wish to take time to welcome Doc Gaines as our new Asst. Dept. Manager.

We are all looking forward to a house warming party at J. D. and Ann Washburn's new home in Park Place.

R. C. Evans is now supporting a fancy '50 model Ford.

We lost two good operators to the Air Force this month. Pat Patterson and John Anderson. Best of luck to you. L. L. Jones was back on a short visit last month. He is stationed at Alexandria, La. Lary may be going back in service about the middle of April and John Thraikill may be going back into the Navy in June. There are quite a few reserves "sweating it out" at this time. Lt. Col. E. C. Crane, A Dist. helper, is now somewhere in Korea we've been told. Few people around here know the full story on Crane. Back in 1942 he led the first wave of Marines, which was the U. S. initial encounter with the Japs, on to the Florida Islands beach-head. Here's hoping that he will have all the luck this time that he had in the last war and will be back here with his family and friends soon.

Has anyone noticed Webb over at the Concentrators? That Mustache is really growing some. Gene Reed has about given up on growing a beard. Some one else is making his decisions lately. Any wed-

ding bells soon Gene?

Wade Moon is supposed to be back with us soon after a long seige in the hospital. We'll all be glad to see him back, but Partin says he's been absolutely lost without him.

We have heard so many reasons why "Pipe Bender" Coots was off sick we don't know which one to believe. They were paving the street and he couldn't get out? Any way we are glad to have him back.

Gentry and Woodring have moved down by the bay at Seabrook. Sounds like a big time to me.

We are glad to have Richardson back on daylights at the Compressor house after a short vacation on shiftwork.

D. P. Arrington has enrolled at the U. of Houston. He is taking a course in Agriculture, which will help him someday on that big ranch he will own.

Walker pulled his rank on helper Mosley recently to get a valve open, but the funny part of it was Walker didn't know at the time that he would be Mosley's helper the next day. We hear Walker had a busy day. How about it Walker?

Morrow still hasn't convinced Duncan and Purvis that some of the boys in Washington are fouling up the detail.

Draper says the only thing that will take that "Effluent" smell off is a bubble bath. This could be true, but when a guy gets in business for himself he likes to enjoy the finer things of life.

"L. P. G." Roberts is thinking about enrolling at the University of Houston—subject—bookkeeping.

Engineering

Vern Keldsen wasn't the only one Henry Bettencourt and Windy Rhoden of the Inspection Department said farewell to, at the barbecue. It was "George Washington" to whom they said the most good-bys.

Bill Scruggs, Engineer in Drafting, who recently joined the company, received his greetings from "Harry" and left March 1, for the Army. Best of luck, Bill, and we hope to see you after 21 months.

George Harlan's fishing cabin down near San Leon should be "first class" judging from all the work that has been done by Ralph Hilbert, Henry Bettencourt, "Doc" Towell, and George. They say Windy Rhoden always got there just as they were quitting for the day.

Treasury

The cost section hasn't been enlarged. It seems that is the only office space available for the use of Shell's internal auditors. The pleasant fellows that are here to see that we are doing things correctly are: John Carroll, formerly of Atlanta; Everett Sweet, formerly of Boston; and Don Connors, formerly of New York.

Mr. Hollifield said that when daughter Virginia was home between semesters at Baylor not only was his home telephone busy, he couldn't even get his exchange.

Anyone wanting advice concerning pouring concrete call Hank Shaffer. After weeks of frustration, he got his porch slab down.

Payroll is happy to announce that they have one of the finest supervisors. Seems Wilson has already treated Al Dugas to lunch and his plans are to do the same for the rest of his employees.

Lo and behold if "Conservative" Mabee didn't shock the rest of the staff with the loudest pair of orange socks ever seen by anyone we questioned. Changing your tune, Courtland?

Strange as it seems, Reba Haskinson is not taking her vacation this year, as she has done in the past. As we move on to other subjects, Al, when did you say you were taking your vacation?

Stores

Flash "Mr. and Mrs. Shell," with all ships at sea, we go to press.

Flash 1.—Mr. "Bones" Gerbode is all enthused over his new fire plug business. Heard said his business is all going to the dogs. We mean it!

Flash 2.—All Stores was in a dither and large smiles were seen to creep over our little faces as we heard the news, that Shell Oil Auditors were seen ambling down the hall.

Flash 3.—"Gonzales Hernandez" Garrett came back from a weekend in Mexico. He looks much darker; but he makes a mess of his speech when he tries to talk with a Spanish accent.

Flash 4.—Where last heard, Del Stephens was trying to make up her mind about buying a new Hornet, she means a Hudson, I guess.

Flash 4A.—I guess she will keep the old Hornet, just heard she made quite an impression on a Studebaker when they hit.

R. C. Bowling has recently re-

turned from his vacation in Fort Worth, a grand time was had by his wife, baby daughter and self, but he makes the suggestion we should have two vacations a year instead of one. Must need one to rest up from the other.

James Moore and wife were recently involved in a three car collision, Mrs. Moore was rushed to a hospital for treatment for a laceration on the head and for shock, she is doing fine now, but you should see that Studebaker.

If you don't have them, you may get them, if you get them, keep them, don't give them away. Pat Estes got them, now she doesn't want them. If you know anyone who wants them, she will give them. P. S. The measles.

Ed Hyett recently returned to work after an appendectomy. We're glad to have you back Ed.

Personnelities

The biggest scoop of the month will have passed when you read this. Ethel Thomas and Bob White.



Ethel Thomas

of Torrance, were married on March 8. Dorothy Shipp has replaced Ethel Thomas in our little group. Best wishes, Ethel, and welcome Dorothy.

Bartie Valls keeps chasing that little white ball all over the golf course. We're waiting to hear what your par-breaking formula is, boy. Come on, give!!!

Shipping

Melvin F. (Francis, if you please) Hogan has done it again. He traded in his Pontiac (THE SLEEPER) on a 1948 Ford which he christened "The Blue Beetle." Looks like he will have to live on cookies the next few months to pay for it.

Since this is the last yours truly will have the pleasure of writing for the Shellegram, I want to take the remainder of this space for a few personal words.

My last work day here will be March 23. To the Management, my department manager and supervisor and to the people with whom I've worked the past three years. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for making my job with Shell Chemical the most pleasant I have ever had. If ever the truth were spoken, I am doing so now, for I mean this in all sincerity. It is with regret that I leave, but I believe that in doing so I am bettering myself and am taking one more step toward the goal that each of us wishes to attain.

In previous issues I've made fun of Mr. Shores and "Honest Sam" Stringfellow, but take it from a guy who knows. They are at the top of the list as supervisors as well as men.

Goodby and good luck to a bunch of wonderful people.



THAT THE TORRANCE crew finds time for an occasional golf game is witnessed by this picture. Recognize any of them? Left to right: Royce Donkle, Joe Levada, C. T. Dybdal, Art Peterson, Oscar Odeguard, John Tyson, C. A. Trexel, Jr. and Bill Hayden.

Engineering Field

Another month has passed and we find Willie Nelson still adding to his "List" of Dentists, but to no avail—as yet no pipe smoking, no steaks, no restful nights and all because of "no teeth"—My! Such important little things.

What a quiet place the Electric Shop was with "Wild Bill" Faircloth on sick leave with pneumonia. Glad he had such a speedy recovery and is now back on the job.

New talent has been discovered in the Instrument Shop. Ray Smith has been promoted to a school teacher each morning. Quite a



WHEN F. A. WARD, former Pipefitter-Helper and now a Marine Pfc, visited the Plant early in March, the men gathered round to learn just what Korea is like. Left to right: J. L. Beeson, L. F. Pittman, F. G. Speer, Ward, W. W. Hargrove, and C. E. Kinion. Pfc Ward has been hospitalized at Corpus Christi for the past two months and is now ready to be assigned back to duty.

change from his initial profession as an "Uncle Remus" story-teller.

We welcome A. B. Cobb back with us after a short stay with the "G" Department Operations. We rather enjoy his "hillbilly" singing.

With spring and short sleeves just around the corner, we will probably find out why R. E. "Squeaky" Thurmond yells for the assistance of Howard Reichle, just to throw a simple switch—"Gee Wilikins" Bob, what muscles!!!

Word from Neil McKay (Tech) is that he saw "Woody" Woodward and his wife at Yosemite Park, California, while on vacation recently. Woody was enjoying a week-end leave taking pictures of the snow and all that goes with it. Neil reports Woody seemed to be pretty well adjusted to the Service life; at least he was enjoying the beauty of California.

T. "Tex" Martin, the tantalizing terror from Temple, is again in our midst, returning from his annual

vacation. It is a pleasure to welcome back such a genial and affable fellow worker. Everyone has been anticipating his return to hear about the wondrous adventures he must have had.

Tex took a tour through Old Mexico, stopping at Monterey and Saltillo. He says the view of the country from the mountains is well worth the trip. Incidentally he said the señoritas make very interesting scenery also. The only difficulty he encountered was about 4,000 Mexican strikers marching to see the President. They were going to stop the tourists from traveling in Mexico but finally decided not to.

Tex had the misfortune of becoming ill upon his return and had to remain in bed a week but is feeling fine now.

J. D. Dillard celebrated his 32nd birthday the 27th of February. He said nothing momentous happened, he just came out and worked.

In every group or organization there is always one person who receives the title and reputation of being a wolf. In the welding shop the honors go to a young man everyone knows, Gerald (Cotton) Overturf. If there is anyone who doesn't know "Cotton" just walk through the welding shop, then they'll know him. J. D. Dillard is the only man in the shop who can carry on an intelligent conversation with him and he just nods his head every once in awhile. Dillard learned this difficult con-

expressing his opinion will know why Cotton never had a chance.

R. B. Stewart is back with us after a six week leave following an emergency appendectomy.

L. E. Panzer passed his 31st birthday the 16th of February and said he felt like a spring chicken. Uncle Sam is looking for fine young National Guardsmen like him. His wife baked a cake to bring out here and give the shop men a piece with their lunch. Everyone agreed it was delicious.

J. W. Walters is still making that long trip to Jasper nearly every weekend to look at his cattle. He says. That's a long way just to look at a cow. He has admitted there might be a chicken mixed up with them though.

E. B. Tapley and I were talking about leading a dent in my fender the other day, and he promised to bring me some body-lead he had stored in his garage. Overturf overheard the last part of the conversation and remarked that he knew Tapley had plenty of body-lead but he didn't know he had enough to store some in his garage.

Laboratory

In a recent group leader's meeting the remark was made that if Jim Britton didn't go to church Shell would send Church to him—and that's what happened when Jim got a new employee by that name. Dan Burns and Lennox Norton came through with another pun to the effect that a rolling stone is supposed to gather no moss but the gas lab got two of them (Sam Moss and Duane Maas).

Sam Moss left for work in a hurry the other day, grabbing what he thought was his lunch. On the way to work he discovered he had a sack of tomatoes so he bought his lunch. Similarly Walt Moore also recently grabbed the wrong bag and discovered that his supposed lunch was garbage. Then until he realized what had happened, he thought he was in the dog house.

Lab employees are wondering when the next barbecue will be held—they were well represented at the last two and have high acclaim for the food served.

Aubrey, Orville and Mack had better look to their laurels as Dromgoole and Cofer have started into the used car business. Incidentally Ken is also a cattleman—some day we'll be saying "We knew them when—".

Les Bassinger has Walt Holmes believing that in attempting a certain trick with a lighted cigaret he accidentally swallowed it. What Walt doesn't know is that he actually saw another version of the same trick.

"Nick" Nikles has been transferred to Shell Chemical's Laboratory at Union N. J. We wish him the best of luck in his new undertaking.

Our chief, Virden Wilson, recently used a novel means of informing his wife that, while coming from one trip, he soon was going to leave on another. As he unpacked his suitcase, he casually remarked "I'll just hang these up— I won't have time to send them out to be pressed."

Nick and Jeanne Gianakas proudly announced the arrival of son Nicholas Herrick on March 16. You'll remember former Lab man Nick, now in Head Office, and Jeanne, formerly of our Engineering Department.

J. T. McMahan — 25 Years



It was one twenty-five year man to another when James T. McMahan received his service pin and wrist watch from B. M. Downey at the Houston Plant in February; Mr. Downey having received his awards last November.

Stillman beginning in 1932. In July 1945, Mr. McMahan was transferred to the Chemical Division, now Shell Chemical's Houston Plant, as a Labor Foreman. He is now General Foreman in charge of the Labor and the Automotive sections.

Mr. McMahan, known as "Gentleman Jim" by his many friends, has worked at three Shell plants. His first job was as a gauger at the Company's former refinery at Arkansas City. In May 1929 he transferred to the Houston Refinery where he worked as an Electrician No. 2 during several months of the early construction program. From January 1930 to July 1942 he worked in the Cracking Department, holding the job of

Mr. McMahan was born in Wichita, Kan. He attended Tulsa University and was quite a ball player in the early 1920's, playing as catcher on several semi-pro teams. His interest in sports has continued. Today his enthusiasm for the local sports clubs runs high. He is a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. McMahan and his wife, Sara, and their two daughters, Joyce Lee and Judy Mae, live in Country Club Place in Houston.

Service Birthdays

TWENTY YEARS



Otis WEAVER
Welding Shop

FIFTEEN YEARS



Robert K. WALTERS
Engineering

TEN YEARS



Eric J. DAVIDSON
Machine Shop



George WASHINGTON
Engineering Field

Technological

N. A. Iliff, who has been a part of our staff for the past several months, probably can tell most of the native Houstonians things they don't know about their oil industry. He has visited almost all of the producing fields and refineries and other type of processing plants in the area.

Frank Colburn and John Lacy have combined talents to prepare

a monumental Operators Manual for the Houston Plant. Ready for publishing this Spring, the manual will afford real self-education on the job.

We believe that Russ Leroy must have tendered his resignation to the F.B.I. (Fat Boys' Institute). Over heard him tell his friends he was going to start drinking his coffee with out cream. Please Russ, please don't carry this thing too far! Actually, Russ is courageously undertaking that tough job of calorie counting.



THESE MEN RECENTLY completed a general Steward training program. Front Row (left to right): H. L. Thomas, C. L. Lively, A. R. Gandy, D. W. Risinger, J. B. Thraillkill; Middle Row (left to right): M. C. Aldridge, J. H. Ware, R. Corley, S. H. Yarborough. Back Row (left to right): P. R. Jacobs, E. D. Stanley, F. M. Henshaw, J. R. Lacy (Training Supervisor), J. K. Moore, and W. H. Berkley.

Weddings

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Doris Elaine Finke and Ken Schmit were united in marriage in Houston on March 3. Doris is employed in the Research Laboratory of the Refinery and Ken is a Chemist in the Laboratory of the Chemical Plant.

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Myrtle Louise Stiner and Henry C. Davidson were united in marriage in Houston on January 26. Henry is employed in A Operating.

Betsy Langford and James Massey (Engineering) were married in Houston on February 16.

Ethel Thomas and Robert White exchanged nuptial vows in a ceremony in Houston on March 8. The new Mrs. White formerly was employed in Personnel and Industrial Relations. Bob, a former Houston Plant man, now works at Shell Chemical's Torrance Plant.

Births

REFINERY

February 7: Deborah Elaine, daughter of BMG2 and Mrs. Ed R. Watson (MLA from Lube A).

February 11: Robert Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leach (Distilling). Weight: 8 lbs., 1 oz.

February 10: Thomas Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Davis (Pipe Shop). Weight: 8 lbs. 15 oz.

February 14: Janice Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Foulds (Research). Weight: 6 lbs.

February 17: Jeff Alan, son of EMP3 and Mrs. J. F. Lieder (MLA from Pipe Shop). Weight: 8 lbs. 12 oz.

February 17: Charles William, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Wilson (Control Lab). Weight: 8 lbs. 6 oz.

February 21: Cynthia Sue and Marcia Ann, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Trammel (Instrument Shop). Weight: 5 lbs. 15 oz. and 6 lbs. respectively.

February 22: Martha Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dickerson (Utilities). Weight: 8 lbs. 1 oz.

February 27: Susan Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Basham (Research). Weight: 6 lbs. 14 oz.

March 3: Bonita Paige, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bryan (Technological). Weight: 9 lbs. 3 oz.

March 3: Richard R., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goerlich (Electric Shop). Weight: 7 lbs. 3 oz.

March 10: Michael Shannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve O'Toole (Engineering). Weight: 7 lbs.

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December 29: Candice Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Barr (Machine Shop). Weight: 7 lbs. 2 oz.

January 18: Gazette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Berry (Labor). Weight: 7 lbs.

January 27: Leslie Suzanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Britton (Lab). Weight: 7 lbs. 8 oz.

January 29: Cheryle Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mays (Lab).

January 30: Letha Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Meyer (Paint Shop). Weight: 7 lbs. 12 oz.

January 30: Robert Maitland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beseda (Engineering Field). Weight: 8 lbs. 5 oz.

Halfway House



THIS STRIKING PATTERN in black-and-white is made by the sun's rays filtering through the walls and roof of a lath house at the Shell Agricultural Laboratory, Modesto, Calif. Lath houses admit light and air but keep the blazing sun and hot, dry winds from tender plants just out of greenhouses and not yet sufficiently strong to flourish in the open. When the home-grown plants reach maturity, they are exposed to bugs, worms, fungi, and blight—so Shell researchers may experiment with pest extermination and crop growth chemicals derived from petroleum.

Five More Stations For Ozark Pipe Line

To provide for additional throughput in the 22-inch Ozark Pipe Line, its owners, Shell Pipe Line Corporation and The Texas Pipe Line Company, have agreed to build five new stations and increase the capacity of the five original ones. This expansion program was made necessary by increased demands for crude oil in the Midwest.

Originally designed to deliver 187,000 barrels daily, the Ozark Pipe Line has already attained a throughput of more than 218,000 barrels. The 22-inch Ozark Line, when expanded, is expected to carry 275,000 barrels daily, of which Shell Pipe Line's 55 percent share will be 148,000 barrels. This, with the 23,500 barrels daily capacity of the electrified, five-station 10-inch line over the same area, will give Shell Pipe Line a total capacity into Wood River of 172,000 barrels per day.

The first three of the five new Ozark stations will be located immediately adjacent to the present 10-inch stations: "Wildhorse" at Osage, "Grand Lake" at Fairland, and "Lawrence" at Emmett. The next, "Gasconade", will be about three miles east of Richland station, and the last, "Labadie", about a half mile beyond Oetters station.

February 5: William Andrew Jr., son of Mrs. W. A. Keepers (Automotive). Weight: 6 lbs. 7 oz.

February 8: Emily Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown (G Operations). Weight: 3 lbs. 14 oz.

February 9: Jimmy Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ross (G Operations). Weight: 8 lbs.

February 10: Robert Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris (Stores). Weight: 6 lbs. 4 oz.

February 15: Gary Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fink (E Operations). Weight: 9 lbs. 2 oz.

Three More Dances On Docket For '51

Three more dances, in addition to the free dances already held, are on the SERA docket for 1951. One will be held this spring, not too distant a pleasure. The others will be a fall dance and the New Year's Eve dance, the latter rapidly approaching the dimensions of Big Annual Event along with the all-family picnic.

Details on the dances are being formulated by a committee of seven under chairman Ken Hines. Other members are Sam Gennusa, Jean Williams, Iris Harmon, Dotie Sanders, Wendy Groves, and Art Doyle.

Bulletin To Publish SERA Events News

To keep members informed on coming events and tournament or contest results, the SERA plans to publish a bi-monthly bulletin on SERA activities. The bulletin will be called the SERAPHONE.

One of its features will be publication of the discount lists.

The SERAPHONE will be distributed in the Refinery and Chemical Plant to SERA members. Copies will also be sent to homes of members and non-members when applicable and pertinent information is published. It will be a multith bulletin.

SERAPHONE editor is Bob Hyde, Ref. 441, old Control Laboratory.

New Employees

REFINERY

Engineering
F. M. Casey, Jr., Draftsman.
F. D. Mock, Clerk-Field.
Treasury
G. L. Ashley, Mail Carrier.
Joyce A. Vial, Operator Key Punch.

Research

A. Boozer, Jr., Junior Laboratory Assistant.
C. E. Cates, Junior Laboratory Assistant.
W. R. Jordan, Jr., Junior Laboratory Assistant.

Stores

Georgia H. Koenig, Clerk-General.

CHEMICAL

Laboratory

W. H. Bonham, Jr., Junior Chemist.
D. M. Church, Junior Chemist.
G. L. Overbey, Junior Chemist.
J. T. Sargent, Junior Chemist.
J. T. Stokes, Junior Chemist.
D. D. Weaver, Junior Chemist.

Engineering

D. R. Bracewell, General Helper.
J. R. Brown, General Helper.
D. H. Dalrymple, Junior Engineer.
A. H. Duff, General Helper.
A. T. Lawless, General Helper.
F. W. Silva, General Helper.

Club To Show Films

Two films will be run off for Music and Book Club members at the April 13 session. One will be a British film of scenes from Shakespeare's "Macbeth", the second of a rehearsal and broadcast of the NBC program, "The Bell Telephone Hour".

On May 4, a recital by Barbara Casey, soprano, and an Arabian, pianist, will be given at the Ben Milam hotel. Both programs will be free to SERA members and their families.

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D. W. Tibbs	General Helper Engineering - Field	Tester No. 3 Control Lab.
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P. N. Lowe	Operator No. 2	Operator No. 1 Cracking-Catalytic
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Engineering		
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J. W. Clary	General Helper	Painter Helper No. 2
F. C. Hager	General Helper	Painter Helper No. 2

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C. H. Hobbs	Operator Helper A & B Department	Operator Helper G Department
I. L. Bocox	Operator Helper A & B Department	Operator Helper G Department
B. O. Norville	Operator Helper P & R Department	Operator Helper G Department
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Engineering		
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