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ELECTION TO FILL FIVE SERA BOARD POSTS SLATED FOR JUNE

Elections will be held soon, probably in June, to fill the five vacancies which occur this summer on the SERA Board of Directors. Woody Myers, SERA Board Chairman, said that the date of the elections would be announced in the immediate future.

Five new Board members are elected annually to serve two-year terms on the ten-member board. This method enables five veteran board members to work for a year with the five incoming members. Myers said that the Board has found this policy to be more practical than electing an entire new board each time.

Five Terms Expire

The five terms that expire this summer will cause three Refinery vacancies (two hourly, one staff) and two Chemical vacancies (one hourly, one staff).

Shell's "Panorama of Lubrication" Presented To Pasadena Schools

"Panorama of Lubrication," a volume covering the basic principles of the science of lubrication, was presented to Pasadena High School by H. J. Lewis, Lube Department Manager, on behalf of the Shell Oil Company. The volume is one of an extremely limited edition published especially for educational institutions.

L. P. Card, director of Vocational Training in the Pasadena Independent School District, accepted the volume on behalf of the schools. Mr. Card said that he was pleased to place the volume in the school's Vocational Technical Library.

Mr. Lewis said that Shell Oil Company had developed these studies of lubrication over the past twenty years for the benefit of large users of lubricants, chiefly industrial concerns. They proved popular not only with the industrial audience for whom they were designed, but also with teachers at trade and industrial schools.

Nominated for the Refinery hourly positions are A. C. Rainey, Instrument Shop; W. D. Antone, Control Lab; H. D. Smith, Instrument Shop; J. Norton, Welding; G. W. Amonett, Pipe Shop; M. P. Hunter, Carpenter's Shop, and J. May, Control Lab.

Nominees for the Refinery's lone staff vacancy are A. M. Yammazzo, Engineering; R. G. Hill, P & IR; G. W. George, Inspector, J. R. Jones, Accounting.

Four men have been nominated for the Chemical hourly position. They are W. A. Moerman, Boiler Shop; N. F. Smith, Pipe Shop; C. C. Bridges, Pipe Shop, and J. W. Dickens, Electrician.

Chemical Nominees

The nominees for the Chemical staff vacancy are R. E. Burge, Research; C. H. Zapp, Shipping; P. H. Leyhe, Laboratory, and Doris Winner, Administration.

Refinery board members whose terms expire this summer are Juanita Nelson, Engineering Field (staff) and Woody Myers, Control

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"Accept these pencils not only as an award, but as a reminder to continue to work safely," C. L. Wilson, Area Supervisor, told 1100 Houston Refinery employees at a recent safety meeting during which time pencils were presented to the men and women who teamed up to work a million man-hours without a disabling injury. (More Photos on Page Two)

Employees Receive Safety-Award Pencils

Yellow and red mechanical pencils, bearing the Shell Pecten, are very much in evidence around Houston Refinery these days. Employees at Houston Refinery had been able to work more than a million man hours without losing time due to injuries.

These handsome pencils were awarded to safety-minded Refinery employees recently for working a million man-hours without a disabling injury.

When the safety mark was reached on February 15, it was the first time since 1940 that em-

ployees at Houston Refinery had been able to work more than a million man hours without losing time due to injuries. Besides the Shell emblem, the pencils also bears the number of injury-free hours worked (1,273,200), the dates those safe hours were worked (11-17-53 to 2-15-54) and the name of the employee who received the pencils. All employees who worked together in reaching the million safe man-hours received the award.

Representatives of the various departments accepted the pencils in behalf of their fellow-employees at a safety meeting in the Shops on May 14.

W. J. (Bill) Snow, Assistant Master Mechanic, conducted the meeting, and after a few opening remarks, introduced the main speaker, C. L. Wilson, Area Supervisor.

Pencils A Reminder

Mr. Wilson, who has over 29 years of Shell service and who is regarded as one of Houston Refinery's most safety-minded employees, asked the men and women to accept the pencils not only as a reward for their fine record, but as a reminder to continue to work safely.

"To work safely," Mr. Wilson said, "you must think about our safety rules and put them to practice."

Some 1100 employees listened attentively as Curnie urged them (Continued on Page Two)

SAFETY BULLETIN

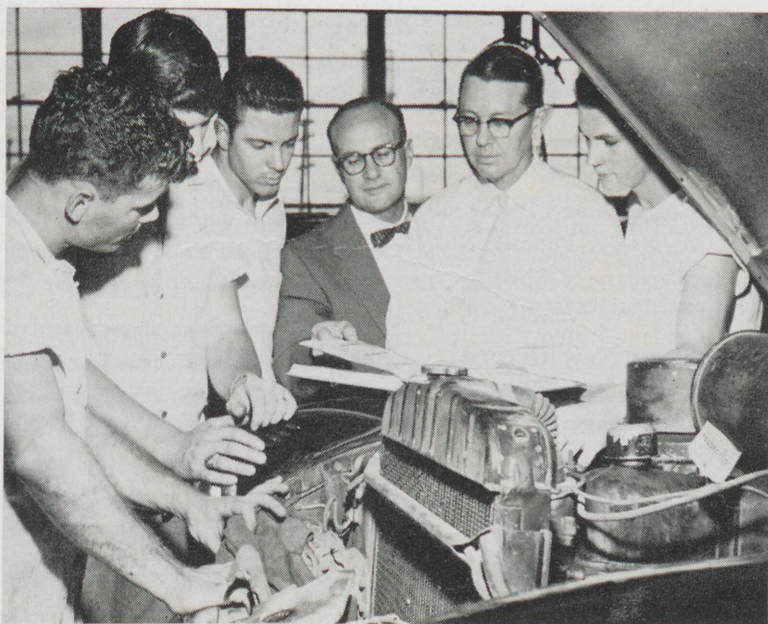
The Manufacturing Department of Shell Oil Company has been awarded a certificate by the National Safety Council in recognition of its outstanding achievement in reducing the frequency of disabling injuring during the year of 1953, Head Office announced.

The combined frequency rate of the five Shell Refineries was 3.21 as compared with 3.52 during the 1952 contest year. The average frequency of the nineteen companies competing in this contest group was 3.63.

Meerbott to Leave For Holland in July

W. K. Meerbott, Research, is scheduled to leave in July for the Netherlands where he will spend a year on special assignment. Bill, who has 12 years experience in the Research Lab, will be stationed at the Royal Dutch Shell Laboratories in Amsterdam.

Accompanied by his wife and two children, he is due to sail from New York on July 2. While Bill is abroad, a Shell man from the Netherlands will come to work in Houston Refinery Research Lab.



H. J. Lewis, Lube Department Manager, points out a major point of interest in "Panorama of Lubrication" to L. P. Card, Vocational Training Director of the Pasadena Independent School District, and a group of Auto Mechanic students at Pasadena High. Mr. Lewis presented the book to the school on behalf of Shell Oil Company. Pictured are Guy Foster, Bill Perdue, A. C. Dowell, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Card, Ben Harrison.



SERA Land Open; Dunderdale Needs Volunteer Workers

Many months of hard work, planning and teamwork were climaxed recently when the SERA property on Clear Creek near Friendswood was opened to SERA members. Improvements on the 50-acre site are still underway, however, and will continue to be for some time.

More Facilities Planned

While SERA members and their families are already enjoying the spaciousness of the club site, the property at present offers but a few of the many facilities which have been planned.

George Harlan, Engineering, is working with the SERA Planning Committee in the selection of proper sites for each of the units which have been planned, including boat facilities, rest rooms, an enlarged barn for parties, children's playground, swimming pool, horseshoe pitching and golf putting areas, club house, barbecue pits, picnic tables, roads, parking lots, and power lines. Some of these facilities are already in use; some are under construction and others figure in long-range planning.

Woody Myers, SERA Board Chairman, said that there is an urgent need for volunteers to assist in all phases of construction, such as installing water, power and picnic facilities on the grounds. Myers said that Refinery and Chemical employes are needed to volunteer as much of their spare time as possible to cut down on construction expenses.

Volunteer Help Needed

To schedule the work of the volunteers, coordinators have been appointed at the Refinery and Chemical Plant. J. J. Staton and J. D. Lewis, both of Engineering, have been named Refinery coordinators, and they can be reached at Extension 542 or 543. Abner Burrow, G Department, is Chemical labor coordinator, and his extension is Chemical 294. Volunteers are asked to advise the coordinators when they can be available and what type of work they can do. Myers said that the appeal for help on construction will be in effect indefinitely.

Ralph Dunderdale, Refinery Carpenter's Shop, is in charge of the property, and he will act as construction foreman for the next six months. Ralph has been living on the property since late April when it was purchased for \$51,000.

The club site was open for inspection only during May.

HOUSE FOR SALE

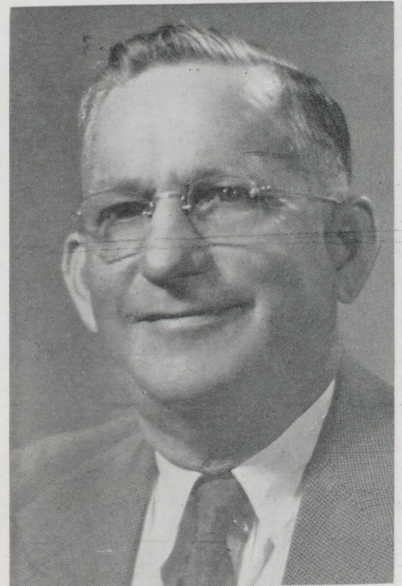
Three-bedroom home, 1013 Delmas in Houston. Cyclone fence, convenient to Refinery. Selling for equity. Phone WO-9128.

C. S. Hodges Retires After 25 Years

C. S. Hodges, Pumper No. 1 in the Dispatching Department, retired on pension May 1. First employed as a Carpenter's Helper in 1929, Charlie was presented with a gold watch for his 25 years of Shell service prior to his retirement.

When queried as to his future plans, Charlie said that he plans to go into either the electrical or the pigeon-raising business.

Charlie and his wife, who live at 6815 Roswell, have four children.



HODGES

D. B. Dorrell presents the award pencil to M. A. Neely, who accepted on behalf of the Dispatching Department, in the upper left photo. Upper right, Barney Fogleman presents to H. F. McFall, Cat Cracking Department Representative, the safety award. Ralph Mace, lower left, accepts the award pencil from Bob Haldane in behalf of Engineer Field Employees. The honor of posting the magic number "71" goes to W. T. Polson, Operator No. 1, Cat Cracking, (lower right), who submitted the slogan which appears on the Safety Record Board: "Safety Helps Employees Live Longer."

Employees Awarded Safety Pencils

(Continued from Page One) Selected to receive the award pencil on behalf of the employees of the Dispatching Department was M. A. Neely, Pumper No. 1, who has 22 years of Shell service and an excellent safety record.

Cooperation Needed

To point up the fact that it takes the hard work and cooperation of all departments to maintain a successful safety record such as the one proudly owned by Houston Refinery, Supervisors of the Dispatching and Operations Department, as well as Engineering Field, were called upon to give short talks and to present the safety-award pencils to representatives of their respective departments. The remainder of the pencils were distributed at the close of the program.

D. B. (Buster) Dorrell, Dispatching Department Manager, reported that one large company attributed its poor safety record to what is commonly known as "day-dreaming." He said a good rule to follow is to "keep your mind on your business at all times when you're on the job."

Barney Fogleman, Cat Cracking Department Manager, called on the employees of all departments to work toward bigger and better safety records. He presented the award pencil to H. F. McFall, Operator No. 1 - Shift Foreman, who accepted on behalf of the Operations Department employees.

Start on New Record

Bob Haldane, Chief Engineer, congratulated the men in the Engineering Field for their fine safety work, pointing out that the employees of this department have to be especially observant of the safety rules. Ralph Mace, who has 19 years of Shell service and who is an Instrument Man No. 1, accepted the award on behalf of the Engineering Field employees.

SESC's Initial Dance Of Year Draws 200

SESC's first dance of 1954, held in April at Club Delisa on Bennington Street, drew some 200 members and guests, according to Gib Gibson, SESC's publicity chairman.

Gibson reported that the affair was a grand success, noting that many new faces from the Refinery and Chemical Plant were seen.

A top-notch floor show featured the dancing of "Cookie" and the dance team of "Snake Hip" and "July" Jones. Grady Gaines and his orchestra supplied the music for both the dancing and the floor show.

H. O. B. Kezzee served as Dance Chairman.



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Cub Scouts Study Petroleum Industry; Refinery Supplies Films, Equipment



M. W. Gable, Engineering, threads the projector prior to showing the Shell Film "Birth of an Oil Field" to the Cubs of Pack 47 during their recent Oil program. T. A. Hiatt, Research, Assistant Pack Master, stands by to lend a hand. The Cubs are, clockwise: Don Mendel, son of Oscar Mendel, Engineering; Kerry Davidson; Mike Thompson, whose Dad, F. P., is in Chemical's P & IR, and Tom Hiatt, Mr. Hiatt's son.

Oil was the theme-of-the-month observed by the Cub Scouts during April. By furnishing manpower and materials, Houston Refinery helped the Cubs of this area to make a success of their observance and study of oil.

Each month the Cub Packs over the nation are directed to center their activities and programs around a single theme. Since there is naturally a great deal of interest in the petroleum industry in this area, the nearby Cubs were especially enthusiastic about the April theme. And as a result of this interest, they went to great lengths in setting up their programs.

Shell Provides Equipment

Shellites interested in Cub Scouting borrowed films, displays and equipment from Houston Refinery for use at Pack and Den meetings throughout the month. Myron Gable, Engineering; John Moyers, Dispatching; George Martin and T. A. Hiatt, Research, and Les Reeves, Control Lab, are typical of the Refinery men who happily gave of their time to assist the Cubs.

Pack 207, of which Mr. Martin is Secretary of the Pack Committee, put on a skit in which the Cubs portrayed the various jobs of the men of the petroleum industry, including geologists, chemists, drillers, derrickmen, operators and service-stationmen, etc. Mr. Martin said that the youngsters got a real thrill out of using hard hats and other refinery equipment that was furnished by Shell. According to Mr. Martin, the 115 adults and Cubs who attended Pack 207's meeting at St. Mary's School at Rosedale and Ennis also enjoyed the Shell film, "Drilling for Oil."

Construct Scale Models

Mr. Reeves, whose son Keith is a member of Pasadena's Pack 566, arranged with the Refinery Training Section for the use of several Shell films which helped to illustrate a display that showed various phases of oil production. Using Tinker Toy sets, the youngsters of Pack 566 constructed a number of scale models with moving parts.

Pack 47 of Pecan Park called upon Mr. Gable, father of two Cubs, to secure from Shell films, hard hats and other equipment for its oil program, which is covered pictorially on this page. Mr. Hiatt, assistant Cubmaster, conducted the meeting.



Ready to go on stage for their part in the Oil Pageant presented by Pack 47 are these "Roughnecks" of Mrs. M. W. Gable's Den. Wearing the hard hats furnished by Shell, these youngsters are, L to R, front row: Glenn Gable, John Bludworth and Bob Fried. Back row: Bill Bridges, Gene Gable and Russel Oilze. Some 200 witnessed the Cubs' Oil Program at Southmayd School. Mrs. M. W. Gable is seated at the desk.

Deer Park Lions Club Charter Members Include 15 Shellites

Ten Houston Refinery and five Chemical Plant employees are charter members of the newly-formed Deer Park Lions Club.

Houston Refinery charter members are A. J. Englishby and J. J. Staton, Engineering Field; H. J. Lewis and Jim Walker, Lube; C. L. Marshall and A. S. Mitchell, Thermal; G. L. Stewart, Treating; D. H. Wheeler, Engineering; J. L. Robinson, Research, and E. N. Maxwell, Pipeline.

Charter members from Chemical Plant are J. H. Arrington, R. M. Bessire and W. A. Prescott, of E Department, and R. H. Conner and R. B. Simmons of A Department.

The Deer Park club was sponsored by the La Porte Lions Club, whose President is T. C. Dunagan, Engineering Field.

Meeting nights of the newly-formed club are the first and third Thursdays of each month. The Lions are temporarily meeting at 6:15 in the Deer Park Methodist Church.

Seven of the Shellite charter



Happily showing off a photograph of his sister and her two children is Jack Woodard, Welding Shop. Jack recently located his sister in St. Louis after having been separated from her for 26 years. They're planning a reunion some time in June.

Jack Woodard Locates Sister, After 15 Years Of Searching

Jack Woodard's unquenching determination to find his sister has finally paid off—after 26 heart-rending years of fruitless searching.

Jack, a Refinery Welder's Helper was rewarded for his persistence on March 12 when he received a long-distance telephone call from St. Louis, Missouri. It was from his sister, Dorothea, from whom he had been separated since 1928.

Separated Early in Life

Dorothea and Jack became separated when their parents parted, and the children were adopted by different families in Dallas. By a cruel twist of fate, Jack's new home was also in Dallas, but the family that adopted Dorothea moved to Perryton, in West Texas.

Actually it was not until several years later that Jack realized he had been separated from his sister, for he was only two at the time and she was just five. But from the time Jack was old enough to realize that he had a sister, he never stopped looking until he found her.

Jack's search was interrupted from 1943 to 1946 while he served in the U. S. Army. Shortly before his discharge, he married, but immediately upon his return to Texas, Jack resumed the search that at times appeared utterly hopeless.

In July, 1952, he came to work

for Shell at Houston Refinery as a Welder's Helper. Jack, his wife and their two children make their home in Highlands.

Help From Dallas

On a recent trip to Dallas, Jack explained his dilemma to the Juvenile authorities there in the hope they would have some record of Dorothea's adoption. The Dallas officials were most helpful and eventually traced Dorothea to St. Louis, and the Juvenile department there did the rest.

Jack and Dorothea's long-distance telephone conversation began a happy correspondence whereby brother and sister exchanged information and photographs, all of which helped to fill in the blanks of 26 years.

Dorothea, like Jack, had married and has two children.

Now Jack is looking forward to June 7 when his vacation begins. He is going to drive his family to St. Louis for a wonderful reunion with Dorothea and her family.

But, for Jack and Dorothea, the long search is not yet over. There were three children in the family that separated 26 years ago. The whereabouts of the third and eldest, Edith, is still unknown. Jack and Dorothea, having found one another, think that together they can find Edith. And who can say they won't?

MILITARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

REFINERY



D. E. Stewart
Engineering
3-26-54
Air Force, Cadet



Fred Lannert
Engineering
3-10-54
Army, Private



W. A. Smith
2-19-54
Army, Pvt.
Laboratory



W. A. Shrode
1-7-54
Army, Pvt.
Laboratory



D. C. McIntyre
5-4-54
Army
Laboratory



J. W. Singleton
4-19-54
Army
Labor Dept.

CHEMICAL

Refinery Receives First Crude Oil Shipment 25 Years Ago This May

Twenty-five years ago this May, a key chapter in the story of Houston Refinery was written. It was in May, 1929, that began the movement of crude oil into the then new Houston Refinery—oil that travels a twisting trail through all the machinery of a modern refinery before it leaves transformed into the many products which play such major roles in the lives of all people.

Even though the actual refining of petroleum did not begin at Houston Refinery until August, 1929, the first step had been taken!

One can easily imagine the excitement and tension in that drama of 25 years ago. Shell officials over the nation came to Houston Refinery for the occasion. Refinery veterans recall that while there was little time for ceremonies on that busy day, there was an adequate supply of champagne on hand.

The several storage tanks which received the first crude oil still stand among the additional several hundred which have since been added.

One of the earliest scenes of Houston Refinery's Dock area is shown in the top photograph at the right. Taken in 1929, the photo gives an excellent illustration of the growth of Houston Refinery when contrasted with the lower scene, which is a photograph of the same area taken twenty-five years later.



Graduation Time Brings Honors To Children Of Refinery Employees

There are all too few headlines for the great majority of the nation's teen-agers who are decent, law-abiding and a credit to their communities. Unfortunately, it is the exploits of the small percentage of delinquents that are publicized.

Here is a group of sons and daughters of Houston Refinery employees who have made a name for themselves—a name their loved ones can justly be proud of. Here are just a few. There are many others, and as we learn noteworthy details about them, it will be our pleasure to pass that information along to you.

DENNIS BOATRIGHT

Dennis G. Boatright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Boatright, won top honors in the 1954 graduating class at Pasadena High School. Mr. Boatright is P & IR office supervisor.

Young Boatright is the only member of his graduating class to complete the senior high school course with a straight A record. On his fine scholastic record, he has been admitted to Rice Institute, where he will major in chemical engineering.

Dennis, who spent his entire 12 years of schooling in the Pasadena district, was vice-president of the school chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the Creative Writing Club, he has had two essays published in the National High School Prose Anthology.

In the Pasadena High School marching and concert bands, Dennis played the baritone horn and held the rank of Master Sergeant.

JERRY HARRIS

Among the May graduates of Deer Park High School is a lad who is destined to be long remembered as one of that school's outstanding athletes. He is Jerry Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris. Mr. Harris is Shift Fore-

man in the Cat Cracking Gas Department.

Jerry's athletic career began as a Freshman. Weighing all of 108 pounds, he quickly nailed down the first-string right halfback position, which he held during the four years he starred on the gridiron.

As captain of the hard-driving Deer Park football team, he led the Deers to the State Finals in 1952 and 1953, and was selected by some sports writers as the right halfback on the All-State Class A team during the past season. Jerry weighed more in his senior year than he ever had before, and that was 130 pounds.

Jerry was named to the All-District football and basketball teams for three years and also earned letters in track and baseball. He was named Deer Park's best all-around athlete for two years in addition to winning the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award. In August, Jerry goes to Dallas to play in the North-South All-Star basketball game.

Held in high esteem by his coaches, teachers and classmates, Jerry was chosen "Mr. Deer Park of 1954." He has scholarship offers from several colleges, one of which he will choose to enter this fall.

JO NEEL MURDOCK

Jo Neel Murdock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murdock, is the valedictorian of the 1954 senior class at Incarnate Word Academy. Jo Neel, whose Dad is an Instrument Man No. 1, averaged 98.45 over four years of high school, her lowest grade being a 95 in Chemistry.

She was a member of the National Honor Society; the Student Council; the Latin Club and Our Lady's Sodality. She was also a duchess in last year's May Fete.

In the fall, Jo Neel plans to enroll in St. Thomas University, where she will major in education.

VIRGINIA SMITH

Virginia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and a low senior at Milby High School, is one of the 23 Houston art students to win a \$25 cash award for her entry in the National High School Art Exhibit. Mr. Smith is in the Automotive Division.

Her entry was originally entered in the Southeastern Texas Regional Exhibition at Foley Brothers where it was selected to be forwarded to the National exhibit to be placed in competition with pieces of art from all over the nation.

Virginia's creative effort, along with those of the other Houston winners, was shown this month in the Scholastic Art Awards' National High School Art Exhibition at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa.

JAMES McSHANE

James E. McShane, son of Howard J. McShane, Automotive, is the author of the essay "The American Merchant Marine—Life-line of Industry" which was judged the best of those submitted from Deer Park High School. The Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Houston Chapter sponsored the contest.

James and the prize-winning essayists from the other Houston area high schools were the guests of the Propeller Club on a trip down the Houston Channel aboard the yacht "Sam Houston" May 22 at which time each winner was presented a \$25 Savings Bond.

Young McShane is 17 years old and a senior at Deer Park High School.

FRANCES BAILEY

Frances Bailey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Bailey, Jr., Research Lab, graduates from Lamar High School with honors at the age of 16. Her dad is director of the Research Lab at Houston Refinery.

Frances' first three years of high school were spent at Acalanes High in Lafayette, California.

Enrolling in Lamar in September of last year, she immediately became a favorite of her new classmates. She sang with the "Choralettes" and performed with the Modern Dance group. She was nominated by her home room for May Queen and was elected Captain of her P. E. team. Despite her numerous activities, Frances

was still able to maintain a high average.

Miss Bailey will enter Rice Institute in the Fall.

DAN PHILLIPS

Seven seniors at La Porte High School are the sons and daughters of Houston Refinery employees. These include Dan Phillips, Virgil Calhoun, Charles Gault, Willard Morris, Gayle Baldauf, Carlos Donahoe and Toni Childs.

Dan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillips, Thermal Cracking, is one of the honor students in the senior class. He has the highest achievement record in the class for the year. He is a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the high school band, a member of the science club. He served as circulation manager of the Orange Pup, the school newspaper in 1953, and he is a member of Quill and Scroll. During the past four years he has served as president and vice president of his class, and he has served on the student council.

He plans to enter the University of Texas in September.

SERA ELECTIONS—

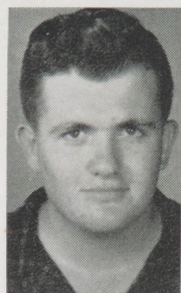
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Lab, and Ray-Diamond, Platforming (hourly).

Jo Kelley, P&IR, and Dixon Kirk, Instrument Shop, are the Chemical staff and hourly retiring board members, respectively.

Board members who are beginning the second half of their board terms include Kemper Kaiser, P & IR; Bill McLain, Engineering, and C. D. Fisher, Welding, of the Refinery, and Vic Clark, Engineering Field, and Neal Barker, Machine Shop, of Chemical.



Jo Neel



James



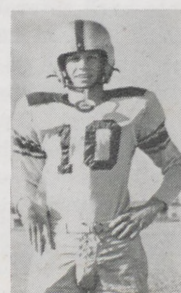
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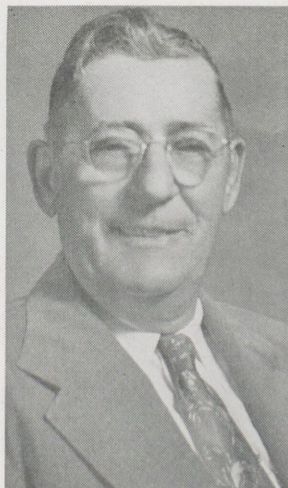
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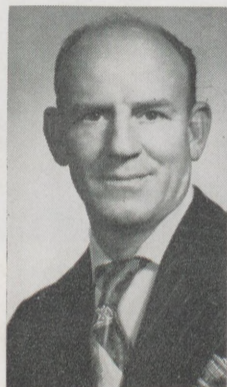
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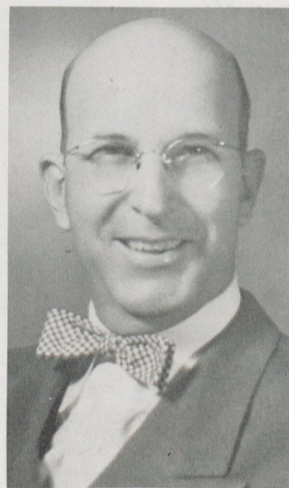
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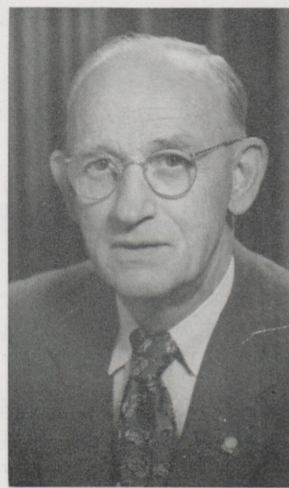
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MAY SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

Who can best tell the story of Houston's Refinery's 25-year record of growth and progress if not the employees who have been a part of the Refinery since it first went on stream in 1929. As the Refinery may point proudly to its record of achievement, so may these men. It is indeed fitting that these employees should celebrate their twenty-fifth year of Shell service in 1954—the Refinery's Silver Anniversary year.

Through the years, they have seen a steady improvement in working conditions, equipment and operating procedures. And they have seen the steady expansion of the Refinery. This is the story of progress which is their's to tell.

L. AARON

Lee Aaron, Utilities Department Operator, is well equipped to tell the story of Houston Refinery's 25 years of growth and progress. For Lee began his Shell service in the Refinery's inaugural year of 1929, when he was employed as a Pipefitter's Helper. He received his 25-year award in May.

Mr. Aaron readily recalls that there was no fence around the Refinery when he first reported for work and that the Main Gate was made of wood. He also remembers that the Clock House, Personnel Office and Hospital were all housed in a small wooden frame building and that the Main Office was for a time located in Warehouse No. 1.

Lee has ample cause to look forward to Father's Day as he and his wife, Mary, have nine children. The Aarons make their home at 212 South 5th St., La Porte. Gardening and fishing are Lee's spare time delights.

W. E. DEHART

Newcomers to Houston Refinery may find it difficult to believe that the Refinery was not always the beautiful, modern place that it is today. But William E. Dehart, Labor Foreman in the Engineering Field, can recall the time when

the Refinery was little more than a mud hole. That's because "Red" is a member of the select circle of employees with 25 years of Shell service, having received his gold watch in May.

First employed as a Carpenter's Helper at the Refinery in 1929, "Red" remembers that while construction was going on during those early years the men wore hip boots to avoid having their shoes and clothes covered with mud. Indeed, newcomers may take the beauty of the Refinery for granted, but "Red" is more inclined to think of the progress that has been made.

Mr. Dehart and his wife, Willie Mary, make their home at 7302 Ave. B., Houston. All of their five children—except their youngest daughter—are married.

Fishing and boat repairing are Red's hobbies.

A. J. ENGLISHBY

Construction on Houston Refinery was going full steam ahead when Albert J. Englishby was first employed in 1929 as a Mechanic's Helper. "Stringer" has progressed up the promotional ladder in the Engineering Field to his present position of Zone Supervisor, and this month he observes his twenty-fifth Shell service birthday.

CHEMICAL

TEN YEARS

- K. B. Cofer, Laboratory
- S. R. Deaton, Jr., Engineering
- R. W. Progress, Engineering

REFINERY

FIFTEEN YEARS

- M. A. Engelbrecht, Engineering
- G. P. Lively, Jr., Lubricating Oils

TEN YEARS

- F. D. Dunham, Engineering
- R. L. Kinghton, Automotive
- G. N. Moore, Engineering
- A. Pouncy, Engineering
- J. J. Scott, Engineering
- B. D. White, Gas

"Stringer" attended high school in Lawnsdale, Ark., before coming to Texas. He and his wife, Marilyn, make their home at 506 11th Street, Deer Park.

Besides hunting and fishing, Mr. Englishby is a gunsmith hobbyist.

S. J. GENNUSA

Sam J. Gennusa, Ethyl Blender in the Dispatching Department, receives his gold watch in May, symbol of 25 years of Shell service.

Sam was first employed at Houston Refinery as a Carpenter's Helper, and his lingering memory of the early years is, as he puts it, "Mud, mud and more mud."

Through the years, he has been a Dockman, Gauger and Pumper in the Dispatching Department.

Sam's favorite pastimes are fishing and watching football and baseball games. He and his wife, Beryle, reside at 2816 Rosedale in Houston.

W. M. GEORGE

It's 25 years of Shell service in May for William M. George. Now a Shift Foreman in Dispatching, Bill started out as a Carpenter's

Helper in 1929. He has also worked on the Casinghead Racks and as a Pumper at the Pump House; an Operator at the Ethyl Plants, and an Ethyl Blender.

As Bill recalls, construction was underway on the Treaters, Car Barns, Loading Racks, Casinghead Racks, Main Oil Pumphouse, Main Oil Separator, Dock Pump House, Boiler House, Badgers and several others.

Bill manages a Little League Baseball team and occasionally goes fishing and hunting. He and his wife, Grace, make their home at 718 South Center St., Pasadena. They have three children.

S. H. HALL

If you are interested in knowing the details about the early history and progress of Houston Refinery, Samford H. Hall is the man to talk to. Better known as Sam, he came to work at Houston Refinery in 1929 as a Draftsman in the Engineering Department. Now a Shift Foreman in Topping, Sam celebrates his twenty-fifth year of Shell service this month.

Reminiscing back to that first year of construction, Sam recalls that the winter of 1929 was one of the worst he has ever experienced. There was almost six inches of snow at one time, and it was usually bitterly cold. Despite the poor weather conditions, Sam relates that construction on Dubbs 1 through 4 went rapidly ahead, and that the Cooling Water Towers were quickly completed, but they were only half their present size.

Sam and his wife, Anita, live at 426 South Iowa, in La Porte. They have three children. He is a member of the Arabia Shrine Temple and the Bayshore Recreation Association.

E. E. OGELTHORPE

Elmer E. Oglethorpe, Locomotive Operator in the Automotive Department, relates that to the best of his recollection there were only four completed buildings when he was first employed at Houston Refinery as a Pipefitter's Helper in

1929. He receives his 25-year service award in May.

The Garage and Warehouses 1, 2 and 3 were the only buildings that Elmer remembers as being completed when he first reported to the Refinery. He says the foundations were being dug for Dubbs 1 through 6 and for Badger Stills 1 through 3.

Elmer and his wife, Mary, live at 206 Olive in Pasadena, and they have two children. Elmer's favorite pastime is fishing.

O. ROBERTS

Olin Roberts, No. 1 Operator in Treating, saw a ship for the first time when he reported for work at Houston Refinery 25 years ago. Bob, who receives his gold service watch this month, recalls that when he saw the ship through the trees, it looked like it was coming across the prairie.

Bob came to Houston from Hoss-ton, which is in northern Louisiana, probably accounting for his lack of nautical experience.

He and his wife, Mildred, have three children—one of whom is in the Air Force—and they reside at 1102 Claxton in Houston. Bob calls himself a sidewalk superintendent because he enjoys watching construction work. His other hobbies are fishing and hunting.

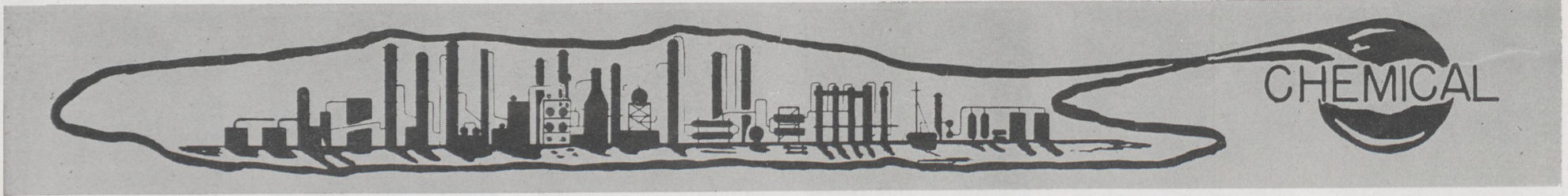
J. H. SIMONEAUX

J. H. Simoneaux, supervisor of office services in the Treasury Department, celebrates 25 years of Shell service in May.

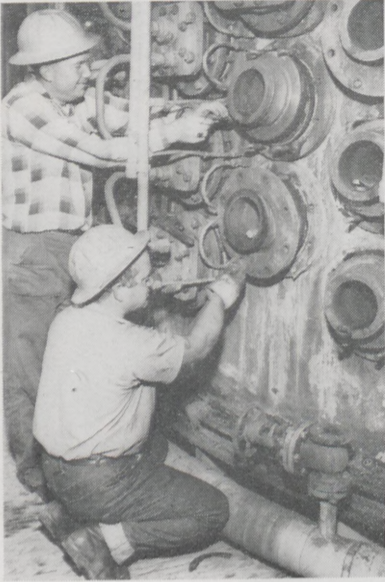
Mr. Simoneaux spent his first years with Shell at the Norco, Louisiana, Refinery, being first employed there in 1929 as a Sample Boy. He held various positions in the Laboratory, Cracking and Treasury departments at Norco before coming to Houston Refinery.

With his wife, Ruth, and two children, Mr. Simoneaux resides at 3842 Southmore in Houston.

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A Close Up Of Routine Maintenance On the Mantius Concentrator Unit



P. A. Avery (standing) and B. E. Rodgers remove back-up-ring flanges from the concentrator.

"Routine, just routine maintenance," is the answer when you ask someone what is going on in the plant, but the word routine is the key in that phrase. The fact that this key is always turning means that we can keep our production door open. During shutdown on a plant, men from all crafts are working together to repair and clean the equipment. Because the maintenance is routine, everything can be kept in its most efficient working condition.

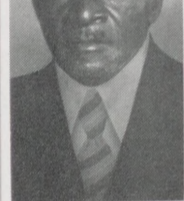
The Mantius, a sulfuric acid concentrator, was shut down for its annual repair and clean-out recently. It is one of five acid concentrators in the acid concentrator area in A Plant. The Mantius, one of the older pieces of equipment in the Plant, was installed in 1941. Routine repairs and inspections have kept this unit operating satisfactorily.

The repair and clean-out job on the Mantius involves removing the

heating tubes from the concentrator drum, washing and scraping the tubes, cleaning the interior of the drum and repairing brick and lead work.

Death Takes C. Wilkins

Cornelius Wilkins, retired Shell employee, died February 28, 1954 after a long illness at his home in Cleveland, Texas.



A Shell veteran of seventeen years, he retired on pension in September, 1948. Wilkins was a Gardner at the Chemical Plant before his retirement. He is survived by his widow, Tempie Wilkins and one son, who lives in Houston.



Mrs. Clarke examines her new Mixmaster with satisfaction.



The lucky Clarke boys gather around "The world's best cook,"—their wonderful Mom.

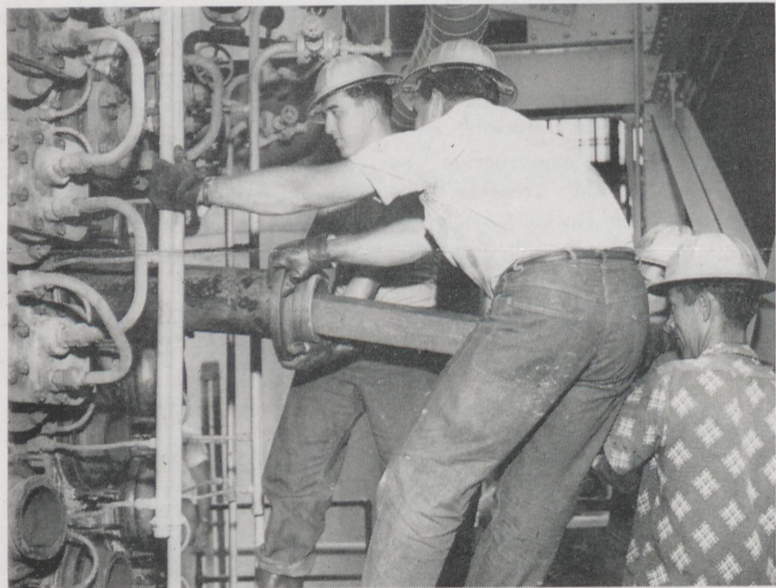
Mrs. Clarke Claims Mixmaster; Cake Baking Contest First Prize

Mrs. Victor Clarke, wife of Vic Clarke of Engineering Field Office, won the first prize in a cake baking contest sponsored by Norman Furniture Company of Pasadena. The prize was a Mixmaster. The cakes entered in the contest were taken to Boys Harbor for the kiddies to enjoy after the judging.

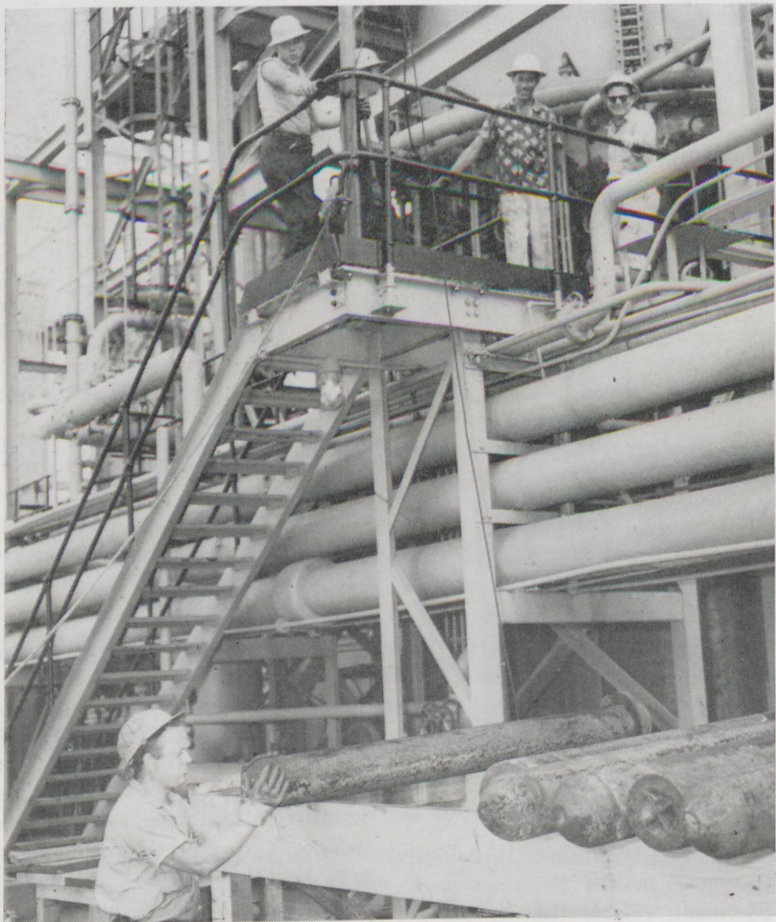
Mrs. Clarke's cake was a scrumptious white cake. "First thing I ever won in my life," remarked Katherine. The judges can sure

understand Vic's contented look with a cook like that at home. Katherine used the now famous \$50,000 Pillsbury recipe and, really brought a beautiful cake down to the contest. The cakes were all beautiful and winning the Mixmaster was no easy matter.

Vic and Katherine have two children, Ronnie five years and Ricky 10 months. The Clarkes live at 1505 Locklaine Dr. in Pasadena.



J. A. Miller, O. M. Smith, J. P. Callaghan and J. E. Barnhill (left to right) pull heating tube from Mantius concentrator.



B. E. Rodgers rolls heating tube into place on cleaning rack after J. A. Miller, J. P. Callaghan, and J. E. Barnhill have lowered it from the platform. Pete Newton, in dark glasses, is the Assistant Area Foreman for the Mantius shutdown.

Here and There

Sullins Takes Sunday School Class on Fishing Trip; Desk & Derrick Members Attend Bosses' Night Party

The Welding Department had a "You All Come" party at the End-O-Main, April 9th. Don Domingue gave a dancing exhibition, and Cotton Overturf and R. Bragg furnished songs. The J. D. Dillards, the H. W. Deckers, the R. B. Stwarts, the J. R. Browns, the Don Domingues, and Cotton Overturf and friend Helen Stewart answered roll call for the event.

Our hats are off to A. C. Sullins, who found time to take eight 11 year old boys from his Sunday School Class to Dolans Gravel pits near Cleveland, Texas recently for an over night fishing and camping trip.

W. A. Prescott, E. Dept., has been appointed to the office of City Fire Marshal of Deer Park, Texas—Congratulations "Smokey."

Fred Lynch has a new Cadillac, and he has promised everyone a ride. Fred has a new zone now, it's C. Plant. Bill Hudson, has taken Fred's old zone. Machine Shop lost a good man in Homer Phillips to the Electric Shop. The smile on Lee Browning's face is for the new watch he got his wife.

Carpenter Shop boys, P. A. Bond and H. L. Herrod made important purchases lately. Bond has a new 1954 Ford and Herrod a new boat and motor.

Three brave lads of E Dept., Tommy Thompson, J. R. Ellis, and C. T. Draper, faced up to the business end of a surgeons' knife

and came off second best. Research is proud to boast that George Johnson was a speaker on the American Chemical Society's TV program April 29th. Mr. Johnson's part of the program dealt with petrochemistry and, in particular, Shell's products and their everyday uses.

Granville D. Edwards, who recently received a promotion to 1st Lieutenant and a Certificate of Achievement at Fort Knox, Kentucky, has returned from Military Leave to take over his former duties as Junior Chemist.



Edwards

Edwards was promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to the rank of 1st Lt. in February. Granville and his wife, Lavon reside at 5903 Annapolis St. in Houston.

April 8th was the night set aside by the Desk & Derrick members for Boss Appreciation Night. The club, whose membership is made up of girls working in the oil industry, celebrated the event with a cocktail party at which the girls played hostesses to their bosses. The party was held at the Rice Hotel's Crystal Ball Room. Following are some who attended: V. W. Wilson, I. Shultz, Jean Williams, Peggy Manuell, H. E.

Alcohol Travels Up Mississippi To Argo Plant

Shell Chemical Corporation has placed a new alcohol denaturing plant on stream at Argo, Illinois, not far from Chicago. The new facility is equipped to denature ethyl alcohol and make proprietary solvents, and ship them by drum, tank truck and tank car to customers throughout the Midwest.

The alcohol processed by the new installation is delivered to Argo by barge up the Mississippi River from Chemical's Houston Plant. It is stored at Argo and denatured as orders are received.

The new Argo installation is Shell Chemical's third denaturing plant. Shell's other denaturing locations are Houston, Texas and Sewaren, New Jersey. Facilities at the Sewaren Plant have recently been expanded to improve Shell Chemical's service to its customers along the East Coast.

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Stores Stenographer Plans Law Course

Many Shell employees are attending night school at the University of Houston, but Elaine Stovall, stenographer in Stores Department, is the only female employee we know who plans to study law. Elaine started her college career in February of 1950 and since that time she has chalked up 35 hours.

Elaine attends school on the campus four nights a week where she is taking classes in European History, American History and English at the present time. Her English class consists of an hour lecture followed by a 30-minute television program. Elaine plans

to have three minors, English, Government, and Economics.

Always going at a steady pace, Elaine still maintains an excellent grade average. She wrote an interpretation of "Gulliver's Travels" for an English assignment which was returned with an A and a professor's note which read in part: "I consider it a privilege to read such a well prepared and written paper."

Because her husband, Bill, was planning to study law, Elaine became interested in attending school also. Bill will receive his degree in accounting this June and he plans to go right into Law School.

Working full time and going to school four nights a week can keep anyone busy, but somehow Bill and Elaine get their housework done and manage to cultivate a vegetable garden. "Oh, it isn't a big garden, all we have are tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, green peppers, hot peppers, greens, peas, etc.," was Elaine's explanation.

Daisy Mae, 11 years old and Louisa, 4, are the Stovall's pet schnauzers. Elaine has had Daisy Mae, since the dog was a pup. They also require a little care—and bathing them every two weeks is no easy job.

Bill and Elaine are members of the Park Place Methodist Church where Bill also teaches a Sunday school class. The Stovalls live at 5442 Oriole St. in Houston.



ELAINE STOVALL



Bowling Teams Sport New Shirts

Members of five bowling teams, the Heavy-ends, the Misfits, the Ajays, the Sports, and the Rag Arms, are wearing colorful bowling shirts these days. The shirts have the team name in two-inch letters on the back and the member's name in small script on the front. The Ajays purchased their shirts with their prize money and some of the other teams are buying theirs individually.

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Each team has different color shirts or lettering. Tan with red, white with blue, white with green, and gray with blue are some of the color combinations the teams chose. The shirts are inexpensive and they really do color up the league. One thing for sure, they let you know the names of your bowling companions. Rip Collins is the President of the bowling league and Juanita Price is the Secretary. Summer teams have been formed, but if any SERA members would like to bowl extra be sure to call Juanita at 378.

Each team has different color shirts or



CHEMICAL

Frankie Lee Horne was married to Nathan Edwards, Pumper-Gauger in G Department, on April 17th. The wedding took place in the home of George and Wanda Beard, sister of the bride. The Edwards took a wedding trip to Florida, by way of New Orleans. The couple have made their home at 1520 1/2 Nashua in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scruggs are at home at 327 School Place in Houston after their marriage April 30th. The bride is the former Ann Maulsby of Rome, Georgia. The couple were married in the Chapel of St. Paul's Methodist Church. The reception which followed the ceremony was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Van Eaton III. Ann attended Tulsa University and Bill, who works in the Engineering Department, is a graduate of Iowa State College. On their honeymoon the couple stayed at the Galvez in Galveston.

REFINERY

Wedding bells rang out for Dale H. Stubblefield, Control Lab, on Apr. 30 when he took the hand of Jackie M. Witt of Houston in marriage. The ceremony took place at the Broadway Baptist Church in Houston.

Dale and his bride will make their home at 426 West 21st St., in Houston.

Accidents don't pay—ask the man who had one!



CHEMICAL

Nov. 19: Carolyn Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beaman (Laboratory).

Dec. 1: Candace Lorene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Essary (Stores).

Dec. 12: Virginia A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gasperi (P & R).

Feb. 2: Robert Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Witman (Research).

Feb. 3: Glenda Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen J. Harden (E Dept.).

Feb. 11: Lois Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lingor (Shipping).

Feb. 22: Nova K., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. West (Machine Shop).

Feb. 27: Jaque Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Coleman (Carpenter).

March 2: Steven Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Maas (A Dept.).

March 5: Sherian Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ashworth (Automotive).

March 10: Steven Darrel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Gregg (A Dept.).

March 10: Stephen Marcus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrel B. Kesterson (G Dept.).

March 12: Susan Renee', daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Pelouquin (Boiler Shop).

March 20: Cathy Denise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Randt (Pipe Shop).

March 21: Stephen Allen, son of



Bob Cavalier, Roger Coppage, Peggy Coury, Ralph Sproston, and Emory Davis are the MISFITS

Betty Jo and John S. Smith (Paint Shop).

March 22: Steven Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Davenport (Machine Shop).

March 24: Daryl Keaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Webb (A Dept.).

April 6: Shannon Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor III (Pipe Shop).

April 13: Catherine Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collier (Shipping).

April 15: Nanette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whittington (P & IR).

April 22: Elizabeth Ann, daughter of W. M. Anderson (Labora-

tory).

April 25: James William, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jones (Technological).

April 26: Gregory Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Williams (Paint Shop).

May 12: Rebecca Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fruland (P & IR).

REFINERY

Feb. 2: Judy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Evans (Lube).

Feb. 12: Sally Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Train (Research).

March 7: Lou Ann, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Kester E. McGaughey (Engineering).

March 25: Byron, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris (Surveying).

March 31: Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Scott (Control Lab).

April 2: Shelly Marine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Krebs (Surveying).

April 22: Martha Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Vienhage (Cracking).

April 25: Thomas David, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Guidry (Machine Shop).

April 30: Duana Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steck (Cracking).

Baird Sees Jockey-Brother In Famed Kentucky Derby

While many of us were following of racing at Churchill Downs be- the 1954 Kentucky Derby either fore the Derby. Top Fair, Fancy on radio or television, one Houston Diver, Fidget and I'm Expecting Refinery employee was excitedly were the horses which finished witnessing the race from inside the first under the urging of Robert track circle at fabulous Churchill Lee as his brother looked on. Downs.

J. F. Baird, Machinist No. 2, was J. F. can vouch for that. On one among the thousands crammed into of the days prior to the "World famed Churchill Downs in Louis- Series of Horse Racing," he ville, Kentucky, for the greatest watched his brother ride in eight of all horse races. And he was out of the nine scheduled races. viewing the spectacle with more Then on Derby Day, Robert Lee than the usual amount of interest had one second and two-thirds to —great though it always is. go along with an eleventh place finish with "Super Derby."

That's because astride one of the Derby long-shots was his brother, Robert Lee Baird, who owns the third best record of all the jockeys at Churchill Downs this year.

Sees First Derby

Although Robert Lee's mount, Super Devil, finished well out of the money, J. F. says that it was a great thrill watching his brother ride in the Big Race. While this was the first time J. F. had seen his brother in action at the Downs, it was the third time Robert Lee had been up in the Kentucky Derby.

Being on hand for the Derby was no accident for J. F. and his wife, Mabel Virginia. They had been planning the trip for six months, ever since he learned he would be able to take his vacation the last two weeks in April.

J. F. and Mabel Virginia arrived in Louisville Sunday night, April 20, in time to see his brother bring home four winners in the five days

Being a jockey is no soft touch, J. F. can vouch for that. On one of the days prior to the "World Series of Horse Racing," he watched his brother ride in eight of the nine scheduled races. Then on Derby Day, Robert Lee had one second and two-thirds to go along with an eleventh place finish with "Super Derby."

Standing Room Only

J. F. and his wife were given passes by his jockey brother, but all the seats had been sold out for months. So they viewed the Big Race from inside the track circle, which is reserved for standees. In the circle, canvas folding chairs were being sold for upwards of \$11.00, J. F. says.

The Shellite and his wife brought back with them from the Blue Grass country many treasured souvenirs and memories. Among them were photographs of Robert Lee astride his mounts in the winner's circle; the Kentucky Derby program autographed by all of the jockeys who rode in the Derby (including Eddie Arcaro and the triumphant Ray York), and a half-dozen Mint Julep glasses, which are sold for \$1.25 at the Derby. That price includes the contents, J. F. added, which unfortunately could not be preserved.



With J. F. Baird, looking on, his brother, Robert Lee, zooms across the finish line first, astride Top Fair (No. 4) in one of the races at Churchill Downs prior to the Kentucky Derby. The middle picture shows J. F. with his sister, jockey-brother and wife, in the usual order. The Bairds are photographed together in the winner's circle along with Top Fair's trainer and wife and the groomsman in the bottom photograph.

Personnel Changes

FROM TO

REFINERY

Automotive

E. G. MitchellMechanic No. 1 Foreman, Garage

Cracking

C. R. StringerGeneral Helper No. 1, Engineering Field Pipefitter Helper No. 2

Engineering

B. J. DubcakGeneral Helper No. 1 Lineman Helper No. 2
 J. J. ParrottTruckdriver No. 1, Automotive Inspector
 E. R. RouseTester No. 3, Control Lab Pipefitter Helper No. 2
 E. A. SessumsPresssureman, Cracking Lineman Helper No. 2
 R. L. SikoraPipefitter Helper No. 1 Lineman Helper No. 2

Treating

H. R. SchwartenTester No. 2, Control Lab Treater Helper No. 3

Utilities

L. D. JenningsPipefitter Helper No. 1 General Helper No. 1
 J. P. RinehartOperator No. 1 Shift Foreman
 W. E. UrsprungOperator No. 1 Shift Foreman
 B. J. WaltersOperator No. 1 Shift Foreman

CHEMICAL

E Department

K. C. BraudClerk, Treasury Clerk

Engineering

R. F. DementLoader, Shipping Boilermaker Helper No. 2
 R. E. DialGeneral Helper No. 1 Truck Driver No. 2
 W. T. EvansOperator Helper No. 1 Machine Helper No. 2
 J. T. FerrellGeneral Helper No. 1 Truck Driver No. 2
 L. J. GerberTruck Driver No. 2 Pipefitter Helper No. 2
 W. L. HowlLoader, Shipping Boilermaker Helper No. 2
 J. S. LingorRackman Electrician Helper No. 2
 H. A. PhillipsMachine Helper No. 1 Electrician Helper No. 2
 H. T. RayLoader, Shipping Pipefitter Helper No. 2
 B. E. TempleOperator Helper, E Boilermaker Helper No. 2
 W. H. YoungTruck Driver No. 2 Boilermaker Helper No. 2

G Department

W. A. GleichTechnologist, Tech. Tech. Assistant

P & IR

V. W. GarrettOperator No. 2, Hourly Gateman No. 1

P & R

H. V. SmithTechnologist, H. O. Tech. Assistant

MAY SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

(Continued from Page Five)

L. O. KNIGGE

L. O. Knigge has made welding his career and he has twenty-five years service to prove it. Lee was first employed at the Refinery in May of 1929 as a Welder No. 1. He has welded many a section of pipe since then and now he is the Assistant Foreman of the Welding Shop. La Grange is Lee's home town and like most Texans he enjoys fishing and hunting in his leisure time. The Knigges go to all the football games they can. Lee and Betty, his wife, are members of the First Baptist Church in Baytown. They make their home at 401 East Adobe, Baytown.

H. YAHR

Haakon Yahr, Shift Foreman in G Operations, has completed twenty-five years service with Shell. A native of Torpa, Norway, Mr. Yahr came to Texas in 1926 and became a U. S. citizen in 1932. His first job with the Refinery in 1929 was as a Painter No. 2. He has worked intermittently as a Gauger, Pumper, Operator, and Shift Foreman at the Refinery and Chemical Plant.

Mr. Yahr and his wife, Grace, are the parents of three children, age boys.

a son, Verl Ray, 10, and twin daughters, Helina Marie and Hilda Ann, 9. Haakon spends his spare time caring for the 2½ acres they own in Golden Acres. They have chickens, rabbits, pigeons, a goat, a horse, for the kiddies to ride, and a turtle, which belongs exclusively to Verl Ray. Mr. Yahr is a member of the Golden Acres Volunteer Fire Department.

E. G. MITCHELL

Observing his twentieth year of Shell service this month is E. G. Mitchell, Foreman in Automotive. He was first employed as a Mechanic in 1934 at Houston Refinery.

With his wife, Blanche, "Mitch" lives at 504 South 1st Street in La Porte. He enjoys reading and doing chores for the sick.

S. P. O'NEAL

S. P. O'Neal was first employed by Shell as a Pressureman in 1934 at Houston Refinery, and he celebrates his twentieth service birthday in May. His present position is Supervisor in the Gas Department.

Red and Celstine O'Neal make their home at 206 Forest Lane in Deer Park, Texas. They have two teen-

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