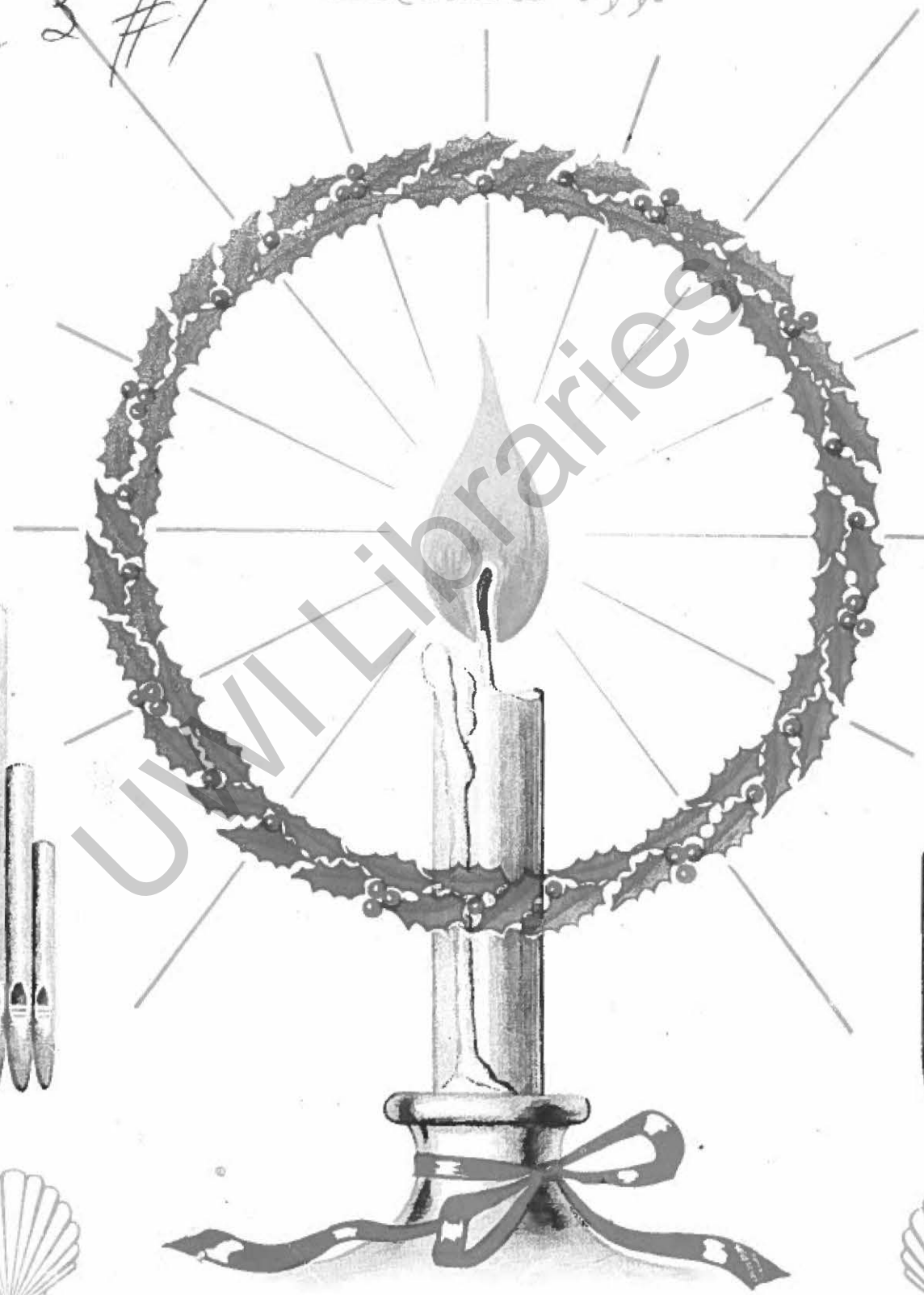
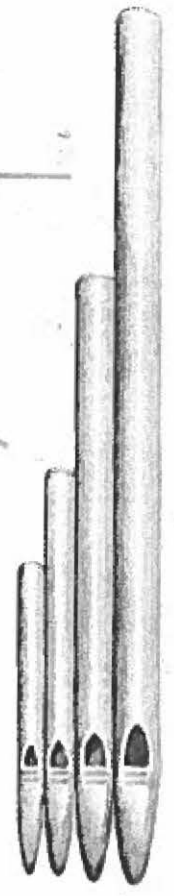
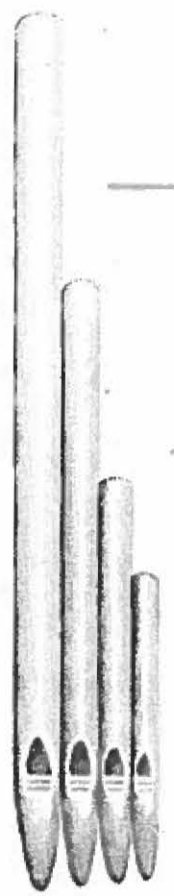


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# Season's Greetings



For the first time for many years I shall be spending Christmas with my wife and all our four children. Although we shall be thousands of miles away from you on Christmas Day, my wife and I will be thinking of you and wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. Madden



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## Around the Departments

Once again the Christmas Season is upon us and we shall be celebrating with the rest of the Christian world the Birth of Our Lord. This Christmas will be an international horizon heavily clouded, probably more so than any Christmas since the end of World War II. We do hope that tolerance for the other fellow's way of life and respect for the rights of humanity will prevail and that Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men will become a reality and not an empty saying.

The Editorial Staff of UBOTIMES wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On Sunday, 28th October, the U.B.A.A. Penal Club played a return series of indoor games with the U.B.A.A. Mahaica Club. Table tennis, billiards and all-fours were played and Point Fortin won the table tennis and all-fours, whilst Penal won the billiards. With Point Fortin players mentioned first, the results were as follows:

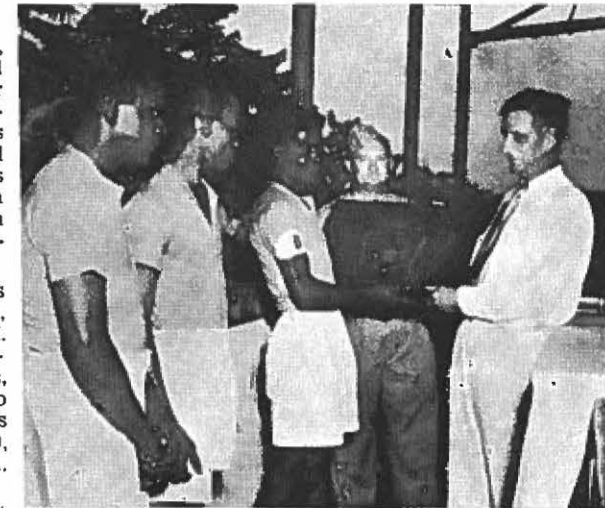
**TABLE TENNIS:** C. Williams won from A. Ramberran, 21-12, 7-7; F. Blake won from H. Glass, 21-9, 21-19; L. Christopher won from D. R. Charles, 21-10, 21-7; F. Alexander lost to alroop, 26-28, 11-21; N. James won from B. Ghuran, 19-21, 22-20, 15-15; G. Maharaj won from A. Bekharry, 21-18, 21-15.

**BILLIARDS:** V. Sylvester lost to A. Ramberran, 103-150; E. Charles lost to E. Boodoo, 78-100; R. Scott won from A. Bekharry, 100-56; C. Williams lost to A. Lewis, 89-100; A. Corbie won from A. Lamy, 100-35; H. Ridgeman won from W. Jones, 100-32; and R. Mills lost to S. soon, 96-100.

**ALL-FOURS:** Point Fortin just edged out their rivals by 57-56. There is no doubt that these inter-Club games are highly looked forward to by both Clubs and this occasion was no exception. A really good day's entertainment was

enjoyed by the participants and the organisers, including the Ladies' Section who provided the tea, are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion.

The Annual Inter-Departmental Artificial Respiration Competition for the Haidar Ali Shield was held recently on the Mahaica Sports Ground. The Competition, which was being held for the fourth time, is open to all employees of the Company. The competing teams are required to



Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager, presents the Haidar Ali Shield to the winning team in the Artificial Respiration Competition. Left to Right: Messrs. H. King, S. Thornhill, A. Arnasalam (Capt.), and Mr. S. J. Riley (Fire and Safety Officer). H. Mahabirsingh, another member of the winning team, was not caught by our camera.

rescue a man from each of four settings without endangering themselves. In each case it is assumed that the victim was trapped in the danger area, and due to congestion of the lungs his breathing has stopped and he is unconscious. The teams were required to remove the victim from the danger area to a safe area, apply artificial respiration, obtain medical aid and, when he has recovered, remove him to the ambulance. Twelve teams entered for the competition and a high standard was set by all of them. The winners were the Fire and Safety Team under the leadership of A. Arnasalam, with a total of 75 points. Teams from the Volunteer Fire Brigade headed by C. Spencer and D. Lee Sam came second and third respectively with totals of 74 and 73 points. At the conclusion of the competition the Shield and prizes were presented to the successful contestants by Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager. We extend our congratulations to the winning teams and to the Fire and Safety Officer on a well organised function.

On the 23rd September, the Apprentices' Technical School held their first Parents' Day and it proved to be an outstanding success. The parents arrived at 2.00 p.m. and after being introduced to the School Staff they were shown round the School and Hostel. This was followed by a tour

of the Refinery and Shops Area and on their return tea was served at the Hostel. An inter-Apprentice football match on the Techier Village ground gave parents an opportunity of seeing the lads at play and the day was rounded off by a return to the Hostel for refreshments before the parents left. Some 75 relatives accepted the Company's invitation to the Parents' Day function and the apprentices thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of showing the operation of the various machines in the School to their relatives. After tea, the Senior Industrial Relations Supervisor welcomed the parents and introduced Mr. W. E. Madden, the General Manager, who pointed out that parents had a great responsibility towards their children and whilst the Company was doing all it could to provide the apprentices with a thorough practical and theoretical training in the Apprentices' Technical School and build up the boys' characters through the environment created in the Hostel, a great responsibility still rested on the parents and they should realise that the influence of good parents was something for which there was no substitute.

We were glad to have this opportunity of meeting the parents and relatives of our apprentices and from the expressions of appreciation received it is obvious that parents are fully alive to the splendid opportunity which our Apprentice Training Scheme presents to their boys.

The results of the examination covering the work done in the Apprentices' Technical School during the first term of the 1951/52 Session have now been issued and we congratulate apprentices E. Ramsey, L. Springer, A. Rawlins and T. Lloyd on their good showing. The results of the City and Guilds of London examinations which were held in March of this year, have now been received and the value and efficiency of the training being given to apprentices in our Apprentices' Technical School is vividly illustrated by the fact that we secured 15 passes out of a total of 18 candidates entered. This is easily the best record for any Centre in the island, and we are proud of the fine showing made by our lads. The complete pass list is as follows:—

.... and Apprentice Hugh Smith shows his skill to his parents on Parents' Day. Mr. I. Steels and Mr. B. Sanders look on interestedly.



Apprentice L. St. Laurent explaining to his mother the intricacies of an engine....

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (2nd Year Special) :**  
Messrs. M. Golah, S. Jeffers, O. Louison, M. Mohamed, H. Raghunanan, S. Moore and E. Panchorie — 1st Class.

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (3rd Year Special) :**  
Mr. E. Ramsey (1st Class), Messrs. M. Nancoo, E. Bernard, and R. Ramsaran (2nd Class).

**MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICAL WORK (3rd Year Special) :**  
Messrs. L. de Silva and R. Ramharacksingh (1st Class), Messrs. F. James and L. Springer (2nd Class).

The older apprentices, who have only had the benefit of the Apprentices' Technical School since its inception, also did well, and there is no doubt that the specialised training which they have been receiving during the past two years has been of considerable benefit to them. The pass list for these apprentices is as follows :

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (2nd Year Special) :**  
Messrs. R. Sewnath, E. Eccles, V. Chin Kit and J. Mills (1st Class), and Mr. C. Murray (2nd Class).

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (3rd Year Special) :**  
Mr. E. Brathwaite (1st Class), Mr. T. Charles (2nd Class).

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (Practical) :**  
Messrs. E. Eccles and V. Chin Kit.  
**MOTOR VEHICLE MECH. WORK : Section 1 (Theory Only) :**  
Messrs. A. Dee and A. Neckles (2nd Class).

We extend our congratulations to the apprentices and their Instructors on the excellent results obtained and look forward with confidence to the stiffer examinations which the boys will have to face in the coming years of their apprenticeship.

On the 8th September, our apprentices journeyed to Port-of-Spain to engage the Progressive Institute in indoor

Apprentice Hamid Mohamed....



.... Apprentice Louis de Silva....

and outdoor games. Arriving in Port-of-Spain about 1000 a.m., the apprentices were first of all taken to Maracas Bay, and after lunch table tennis and other games were played. A football match followed, which our lads unfortunately lost and after the match our boys were entertained at the Progressive Institute before returning to Point Fortin. A most enjoyable day was spent and we look forward to seeing the students of the Progressive Institute in Point Fortin.



.... and Apprentice Alvin Dorset show their parents how a big lathe operates. Incidentally, Apprentice Louis de Silva was the first prize winner in the last UBOTIMES Safety Pool Competition.

The Apprentices' Inter-Oilfield Football Competition for the Rowdy Cup is well under way and, at the time of going to Press, our apprentices have done very well. They have played three matches of which they have won two and drawn one. Are they going to pull off the double by winning the Football Cup as well as the Cricket Cup?

The friends of Mr. John Watts, who left here in 1946 for studies in the United States of America, will be interested to hear that he is now at the University of New York where reports indicate that he is doing very well. Mr. Watts,

who has been elected to serve a second term as President of the West Indian Students' Association, hopes to qualify soon as a Dental Surgeon.

Miss Yolande Mathison of the Port-of-Spain Office Staff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mathison of the I.R. & P. Department, has become engaged to Mr. Noel Wyatt of Port-of-Spain. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wyatt.

Patrol Leader Jennifer Law, daughter of Mr. D. S. Law, Manager of our Port-of-Spain Office, and Mrs. Law, has been awarded the first Queen's Guide Award to be given in Trinidad. The Award is the highest honour any Girl Guide



Patrol Leader Jennifer Law, receives the Queen's Guide Award from Lady Rance, wife of His Excellency the Governor.

can win, and it is given for all-round efficiency in Guiding work. The presentation was made by Lady Rance, wife of His Excellency the Governor, and we extend our congratulations to Miss Law on the high honour she has received.

The U.B.O.T. Safety Pool Contest in our September issue was again very successful, although on this occasion there was only one "all correct" solution sent in. This was the effort of Mr. L. A. de Silva of the Apprentices' Technical School, who thereby wins the first prize of \$20.00. Although the Apprentices' Technical School has won three consolation prizes in the past, this is the first time they have won a first prize. The ten consolation prizes of \$5.00 each were won by Messrs. R. Charles and C. Rodriguez (Materials), Raymond Eccles, A. McLean and R. Walker (Production), A. Ramsaran (Refinery), J. D. Rahman (Transport), Mohammed Shah and Harry Dass (Penal), and Mrs. Catherine Thomas (Engineering).

We extend our congratulations to the prize-winners and to those who did not win a prize on this occasion we wish better luck in the Safety Crossword Puzzle published in this issue.

The 1951 First Aid Examination of the Point Fortin Detachment of the British Red Cross Society was held on the 13th October when 23 persons (including 16 employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd.) passed the examination successfully. The examiners were Dr. K. P. Beaubrun and Dr. S. Abidh, and they complimented the Detachment on the high standard achieved. The following are the successful U.B.O.T. candidates: Messrs. D. Alfred (Company Guards), P. Cornwallis (Materials), W. Kitson and G. Maharaj (Refinery), C. Fullerton, A. Dillon, G. E. Harris and C. Spencer (Engineering), S. Joseph, H. King, D. Lee Sam, H. Mahabirsingh, S. J.

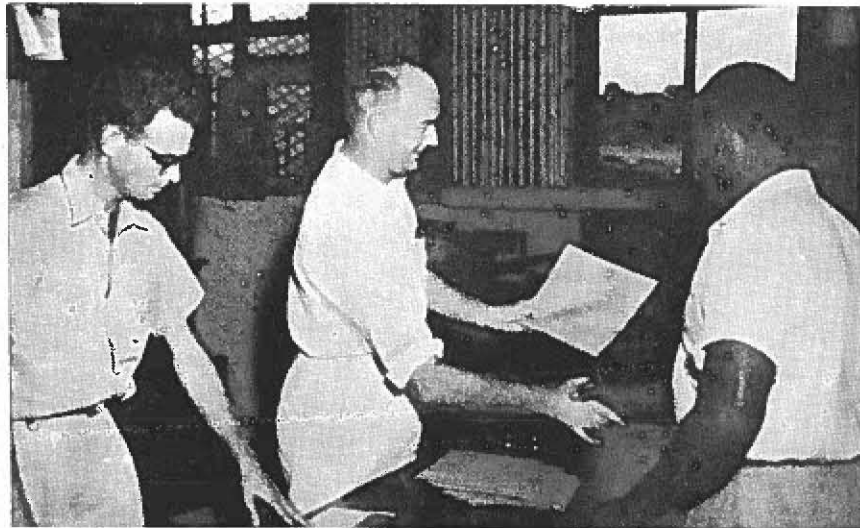
Riley, A. Arnasalam, S. Thornhill and H. Mohammed (I. R. & P. Fire & Safety).

We congratulate the Point Fortin Detachment on another outstanding success.

A welcome addition to the communal life of Point Fortin has been the establishment of a Children's Breakfast Shed through the agency of a willing band of public-spirited workers in Point Fortin Village. The Breakfast Shed was opened in October and children coming from a distance to the three schools in Point Fortin are now assured of a hot midday meal at an economic price. We wish every success to this worthy cause.

The awards won in the Road Safety Association Safe

Driving Contest for 1950 were presented to our drivers at functions held in Point Fortin on the 26th September and at Penal on the 27th September. The presentations were made by Mr. Victor Frost, representing the Road Safety Association, and Mr. T. M. Forgan, Acting General Manager, and other Company officials were present. Seventy-nine Awards were won by U.B.O.T. drivers and we congratulate the winners on their good Safety record. Awards were made to the following: Messrs. Persad Maharaj, McMillan Alexander, Jadunanan, Harold Seucharan, Hezekiah Harris, Mohamed Rajah, Joseph Thorne, Jacob Mohamed, Rammanan, Sultan, Harry Persad, Jaichand Lowkee, Fred



Mr. R. P. Brown, Field Superintendent of the Penal Division, presents Safe Driving Awards to the Penal Division drivers. At left is Mr. B. M. Rostant, who is in charge of Transport in the Penal Division.



Mr. Victor Frost, representing the Road Safety Association, presents Safe Driving Awards to the Point Fortin drivers. At right are Mr. R. St. J. Birch, Acting Transport Superintendent, and Mr. T. M. Forgan, Acting General Manager.

Passey, Coleridge Esdelle, Charles D. Sultanti, Dill Mohammed, Theophilus Nedd, Sylvester Acosta, Christopher Trim, Ahamad Ali, Subrat Ali, Clarence Andrews, Enoch Andrews, Errol Baboolal, William Behrue, George A. Belfon, Lawrence Bramble, Elton Brereton, Luther Brown, Carlos Carvalho, Ashton Charles, Augustus Charles, Nathaniel Cumberbatch, Joseph Daniel, Deorajsingh, Philip Diaz, Victor Duncan, Anthony Farrell, Lionel Francis, Nathaniel Francois, Cyril Glasgow, Theron Hagley, Frank Harris, Michael G. Hart, Joseph Holloway, Francis Alexander, George Lall, Sylvester Lavine, Sooraj Nath Maharaj, Edgar Murray, Charles Nanan, Leslie Niles, Paul Oudnarine, George Payne, Cornelius Pierre, Dugald Raguette, Eric Rampersad, Serinaryne Singh Archibald Taylor, Kenneth Thomas, Joseph Badrie, Edward Williams, Ivan Alexander, Joseph Alexis, Jable Francis, Nearl Frederick, Joseph Rahman, Antonio Acco, Bernard Superville, Gregorio Dinchong, Edgar James, Alexander Joseph, Sydney McPhie, Paul Cecil Registe, Alfred Garcia, Cecil Blades, Everest Richards, Lionel B. Thompson and Lionel Lyon.

We have to record the following promotions:

Mr. N. St. George Francis of the Penal Division Engineering Section, to Foreman Motor Mechanic. He has been employed by the Company as an "A" Class Mechanic and Chargehand Motor Mechanic since 1947.

Mr. J. Russell of the Penal Production Department, who has been promoted to Foreman Instrument Fitter. Mr. Russell

was employed by the Company as Instrument Fitter "B" and "A" from 1943 to 1949, and he rejoined the Company in the early part of this year.

Mr. N. Nimblett of the EXD, who has been promoted to Laboratory Assistant Grade II. Mr. Nimblett had previously been employed as a Tester in the EXD Laboratory.

Mr. C. Serieux, who has been promoted to Junior Staff and now occupies the post of Junior Shift Engineer on the s.s. "Juanita".

Mr. T. W. Farfan, who has been promoted to Junior Staff and now occupies the post of Cashier at our Port-of-Spain Office.

Mr. V. A. Huggins, who has been promoted to the post of Foreman Turbine Driver. Mr. Huggins has been employed as an Engine Fitter "B" and "A" since 1943 and became a Turbine Driver when the new Power Plant was put into operation early this year.

Our readers will recall that in the last issue of UBOTIMES we had the pleasure of announcing that the Company had decided to grant annually three exhibitions, to be known as "U.B.O.T. Exhibitions", which would be open to the sons of its employees or, at the sole discretion of the Company, to the son of any approved person closely associated with the Company.

The first awards, based on the results of the Government College Exhibition Examination, have now been announced



Winners of the U.B.O.T. Exhibitions.

Top: Enayat Ali.

Middle: Michael Arneaud.

Bottom: John Chin Yuen Kee.



proud parents, we wish them every success and good fortune in their scholastic ambitions.



at the Annual Competition of the Trinidad Rifle Association held at Maraval, Port-of-Spain. Mr. E. L. Johnson of the Accounts Department, consolidated his position as Trinidad's leading smallbore shot by winning the Championship and the B.S.A. Cup for the fourth year running, this time setting a new record of 1,581 out of 1,600 points. This success was followed by his selection as a member of the victorious Trinidad team in the Anchor Cup Competition at the Trinidad Rifle Association Meeting, Trinidad scoring 822 points to 784 by Barbados and 778 by British Guiana. Other smallbore successes were recorded by Mr. E. L. Johnson with a further two first and three second places, Mr. J. P. Summers of the Accounts Department, with one second and third place in the aggregate, Mr. W. G. Cooke of the Accounts Department, with one second and fourth place in the aggregate, and Mr. P. J. Crawford of the Refinery, with one first and fifth place in the aggregate. As will be seen, U.B.O.T. took four of the five places in the aggregate. At Maraval, prize-winners included Mr. A. Chongasing of the Materials Department, with one first and one fifth place in the "Tyro" class, and Major E. L. Sealy of the Company Guards, with one third place in the "Expert" class.

We extend our congratulations to all those in the prize list and hope to report the names of those selected for the Trinidad smallbore team in our next issue.

The Annual General Meeting of the United British Athletic Association Clubs was held on 24th October in the Club House at Mahaica when Mr. N. Burnett was elected as the Parrylands Club representative and Mr. Luther Brown was elected as the Mahaica Club representative. We feel sure that these two gentlemen will worthily represent the Club members on the House Committee.

Mr. Conrad Bishop of the Draughting Department, has announced his engagement to Miss Gloria Boisson of Port-of-Spain. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Bishop.

When the list of passes in connection with the Government College Exhibition Examination was published recently, residents of Point Fortin were very pleased to note that Master Dennis Best, son of Mr. W. Best, Headteacher of the Point Fortin E.C. School, had tied for first place in this Island-wide examination. In extending our congratulations to Mr. W. Best, we should also like to wish the best of good luck for the future to Master Dennis Best.

Mr. Winston Patterson has been transferred from the Refinery Engineering Office to the EXD. Prior to his transfer his colleagues made him a presentation of a pen and pencil set, the presentation being made by Mr. F. A. Lewis, Refinery Engineer. We wish Mr. Patterson the best of luck in his new assignment.

The Table Tennis Cup donated to the U.B.A.A. Penal Club by Mr. K. E. Edwards, former member of the Accounts Department of the Penal Division, was competed for recently when Mr. Basdeo Ghuran of the Accounts Department, convincingly outplayed Mr. Chankersingh to the tune of 14-21 21-18, 21-14. Consolation prizes were won by Messrs. Chankersingh and H. Koylass.

We are very glad to hear that Mr. L. Dopwell, who was seriously injured in the recent boiler explosion at Penal is making good progress and we wish him a speedy return to complete health.

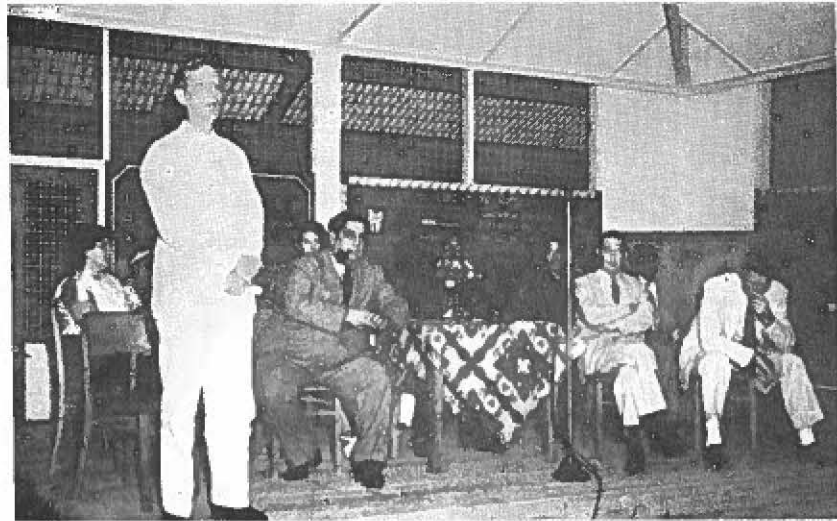
The traditional Guy Fawkes' Day was celebrated at Point Fortin and Penal with a fireworks display and bonfire for the children—and their parents! Fortunately, the weather, which had been threatening all day, kept fine and we were able to burn Guy Fawkes without the weatherman interfering.

Amongst recent transfers to and from the Penal Division are Mr. D. J. White of the Accounts Department, who temporarily relieved Mr. G. I. W. A. Whyte, Mr. C. Elcock, who has been transferred to the Penal Engineering Section, Mr. H. Sisley and Mr. P. Davey, who have been transferred to the EXD at Penal, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arscott, who have now returned to Point Fortin on the return of Mr. J. A. C. Pickering.

Mrs. Clara Superville, wife of Mr. B. Superville of the Garage Section, and Mrs. Albertha Kittell, wife of Mr. Phillip Kittell of the Refinery Engineering, recently underwent operations for appendicitis at the San Fernando Colonial Hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery to health.

The new Point Fortin School, which had actually been functioning for several weeks previously, received its formal opening on 4th October last when, in the presence of a distinguished gathering, Mrs. Gomes, wife of the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce and Acting Minister of Education and Social Services, performed the opening ceremony. At the function which followed, the Honourable Albert Gomes praised the assistance and co-operation which had been given by the General Manager and Staff of U.B.O.T. Ltd. in the erection of the school which he said, would be of lasting benefit to the district as a whole.

Continuing, the Minister said that the need for schools was uppermost in the minds of Members of the Government and the school shortage was being felt not only in Trinidad but in every part of the world. Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager, after thanking the various speakers for the re-



Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager, speaking at the opening of the new Point Fortin School. At left is Mrs. Gomes and on the right may be seen the Hon. Albert Gomes, Mr. Goberdhan (Inspector of Schools), Rev. Allen, Capt. Daniel (Director of Education), County Councillor E. F. Shurland and Mr. F. R. Callender, of the I. R. & P. Department.

Manager at Shell's Refinery at Stanlow, has now been appointed General Manager at Shell-haven. We feel sure the many friends of Mr. Grant amongst the Staff and employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd., will wish us to extend their congratulations to him on his promotion and to wish him every success in his new environment.

October was a good month for Schools in the southern part of the Island. In addition to the formal opening of the Point Fortin Government School, a Canadian Mission School was opened at Penal. Mrs. R. P. Brown, wife of the Field Superintendent of the Penal

Division cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of the new school. A large audience of parents, teachers, and pupils listened to speeches by the Honourable Roy Joseph, Minister of Education and Social Services, Captain E. W. Daniel, Director of Education, and other distinguished visitors. The twin buildings which comprise the school are situated on a terraced site and U.B.O.T. Ltd. were glad to be able to supply the machines, operators, and technical advice for the preparation of the site. It is interesting to note that the first school ever established in Penal was opened in 1904 on this same site when, with the inducement of coloured post cards, some 60 pupils were enticed on to the school roll. Today, some 1,250 pupils appear on the roll, thus making it the biggest school of its kind in Trinidad.



We extend a welcome to:—

Messrs. A. E. Bushell, G. E. Chan, R. St. C. Cumberbatch (EXD), A. R. C. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Gomez, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Tuts (Refinery), Mr. J. A. C. Pickering, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Hara (Engineering), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patterson (Drilling), Mr. K. E. Edwards (Accounts), and Mr. T. B. O'Brien (Port-of-Spain Office).



Messrs. B. Lewis and W. F. McBride (Drilling), Mr. A. Mohammed (Draughting), Mrs. J. H. Poon Tip (Port-of-Spain Office), Mr. G. M. Richards (Trainee), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alston (Production), Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellis (Engineering), Mr. N. McG. Bain, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Williams (Refinery), Mr. B. Sanders (I. R. & P.), Messrs. G. H. A. Magnee, J. E. C. Rees, C. J. B. Rijnhout, H. Van Bilderbeek and K. F. Weydema (Geological-Seismic Survey Party).

The Annual Dance of the United British Junior Staff Club was held on the 6th October and a very large gathering of members and their guests enjoyed dancing to the strains of a 13-piece orchestra from Port-of-Spain. The dance floor was very tastefully decorated and a delicious supper had been prepared by the ladies. The Annual Dances by this Club are always very gay affairs and this year's was no exception. The Club Committee are to be congratulated on the excellent way in which the dance was organised and for the adequate arrangements made for the large crowd which attended.



The animated scene during the Annual Dance of the United British Junior Staff Club.



We extend our congratulations to the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Greaves of the Power Plant, on the birth of a son, Cazmere Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gibbings of the Accounts Department, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arscott of the Engineering Department, on the birth of a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, on the 10th October.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Berry of the Engineering Department, on the birth of a son, James Robert, on the 8th November.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wilson of the Refinery Distillation, on the birth of a daughter, Etheldra Margaret, on the 17th October.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Corbie of the Draughting Department, on the birth of a daughter, Sandra, on the 22nd October.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Joseph of the Transport Department, on the birth of a daughter on the 21st October.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin of the M. & O. Shops Section, on the birth of a son, on the 27th October.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Marcelle of the Production Department, on the birth of a son, Edward, on the 15th October.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Joseph of the Shipping Section, Port-of-Spain Office, on the birth of a son, Larry Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Guialdo of the Refinery Engineering Section, on the birth of a son, Francis, on the 10th October.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Blake of the Refinery Engineering Section, on the birth of a son, Henry Antoine.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Reid of the Penal Division Drilling Department, on the birth of a son on the 22nd October.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gabriel of the Penal Division M. & O. Section, on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Samuel of the Garage Section, on the birth of a son, Dennis, on the 30th October.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Valentine of the Survey Section, on the birth of a son, Christopher, on the 6th November.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffith of the Electrical Section, on the birth of a daughter, Valerie Lourine, on the 26th September.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Nicholas of the Company Guards, on the birth of a son, Glenn Nestor, on 27th October.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel of the Power Station, on the birth of a son, Edward, on the 5th October.

Mr. and Mrs. H. John of the Power Station, on the birth of a son, Peter, on the 27th October.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Matthew of the Erection Section, on the birth of a son, Emmanuel, on the 21st October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McMillan of I. R. & P. (Labour and Welfare), on the birth of a daughter, Jestina.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bodkin of Camp Maintenance Section, on the birth of a son, Lester, on the 27th October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Quamina of the Refinery Engineering Section, on the birth of twin daughters, Marion and Marionette, on the 3rd November.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Raphael of Camp Maintenance Section, on the birth of a son, Gerrard Vincent, on the 1st November.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Oosterbaan of the Geological Department, on the birth of a son, on the 11th November.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Verdonk of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a son, on the 7th November.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Latus, of the Geological Department, on the birth of a son, Antony Blakiston, on the 16th November.

Estate Constable and Mrs. L. Alexander, of the Company Guard Force, on the birth of a daughter, Shirley Angelia, on the 5th November.



Mr. V. Jananan, of the Accounts Department, was married on the 22nd September to Miss Sylvérine Ramcharran, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ramcharran of San Fernando. The wedding took place at the Susamachar



Mrs. Gomes cuts the ribbon at the opening of the new Point Fortin School.

marks made in respect of the Company, himself, and the Staff of U.B.O.T. Ltd., urged the children to take every opportunity of the educational facilities now being made available to them, and to the parents he emphasised that education was only a part of the training which children needed to become good citizens. He urged them not to shirk their responsibilities but to see that their children did the things which would one day make them proud citizens of Trinidad and any community in which they might live.

News has been received from England that Mr. J. Grant, a former Refinery Manager and Assistant General Manager in Trinidad, and who has been Assistant General

Presbyterian Church, San Fernando, and the honeymoon was spent in Tobago.

Mr. Cosmos Andrews, of the Refinery Engineering Electrical Power Plant, was married on the 15th September to Miss Mable Bourne. The wedding took place at the La Brea R. C. Church.

The Sacred Heart Church in Port-of-Spain was the scene of a pretty wedding on the 6th October when Mr. Harold Campbell, of our Port-of-Spain Office Staff, married



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell leaving the Sacred Heart Church, Port-of-Spain, after their wedding.

Miss Vilma Maria Fernandes, daughter of Mrs. Carmen Fernandes and the late Mr. Herman Fernandes. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's sister and the honeymoon was spent in Tobago.

The St. Paul's Anglican Church, San Fernando, was the scene of a wedding between Mr. F. Lewis of the M. & O. Shops and Miss Sylvia Lewis, daughter of Mr. A. Lewis and the late Mrs. Lewis, on September 30th. A reception was afterwards held at 176, Pointe-a-Pierre Road, and Mayaro was chosen for the honeymoon.

Mr. A. Grenade, of the Production Department, was married to Miss Rosamond George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. George, of the Garage Section. The ceremony was performed at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Point Fortin, on 14th of October and was followed by a reception at the bride's home in Techier Village.

A pretty wedding according to Muslim rights took place on Sunday 11th November when Mr. E. Imamshah Sultan, of the Refinery Drum Factory, married Miss Aphrose Hookmally Ali, of Boodoosingh Village. The honeymoon was spent at Tobago.

Mr. John Handel, of the Lands & Legal Department, was married on the 7th October to Miss Lucille Herbert, of Buenos Ayres. The wedding took place at the Erin R. C. Church.

On the 16th September, Mr. R. A. Brown, of the Penal Division, was married to Miss Daphne Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peters of Siparia. The wedding took place at the R. C. Church, Siparia, and a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. The honeymoon was spent at Bombshell Bay, Gasparee. Prior to his wedding, Mr. R. A. Brown was guest of honour at a presentation ceremony in the U.B.A.A. Penal Club when his colleagues presented him with a dinner and coffee set.

Mr. A. Codrington, of the Erection Section, was married to Miss Felise Doyle, of Port-of-Spain, on the 24th October. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Allen at the St. Mark's Anglican Church, Point Fortin, and a reception was afterwards held at Techier Village.

Mr. Edric Floyd, of the Garage Section, was married to Miss Joyce Seymour, on the 28th October. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Allen at the St. Mark's Anglican Church, Point Fortin. A reception was afterwards held at Buenos Ayres.

Mr. Aldric Hamilton, of the Refinery Distillation Section, was married on 25th November, to Miss Leah McIntosh, of Chatham Village. The wedding took place at the Erin R. C. Church. On the 21st November, the bridegroom was presented with a tea set as a wedding gift from his colleagues in the Distillation Section.

We extend our best wishes for the future to all these couples.

## Obituary

It is with deep regret we have to announce the following deaths and offer our sincerest condolences to the families concerned:—

Mr. Owen Williams, of the Refinery Laboratory, son of Mr. A. ("Blues") Williams of the Refinery Engineering, which occurred on the 26th September at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando.



The late Owen Williams.

Mr. Tudor Mitchell, of the Transport Department, which occurred on the 1st November. The late Tudor Mitchell had been employed by the Company since June, 1949.

Mrs. Sarah O'Llayne, mother of Mr. A. W. Sylvester, of the M. & O. Shops Section, on the 31st October.

Mrs. Gertrude Jackie, mother of Mr. Francis Jackie and Mr. McLeod Jackie of the Production and Engineering Departments respectively, who died at Santa Cruz on the 26th September, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. Lionel Garcia, of the Penal Engineering Department, which occurred on the 16th October. The late Lionel Garcia had been employed by the Company since 1938.

Mr. John Cox, of the Field Engineering Section, which occurred on the 24th September. The late John Cox had been employed by the Company since July, 1948.

Mr. Simon Jones, pensioner, which occurred on 9th November. The late Simon Jones had been in the Company's service since 1930 and had been on the retired list for several years.

Mr. George Francis, pensioner, who died on 3rd November. The late George Francis had been employed almost continuously with the Company since 1927 and had been on the retired list since January, 1950.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Toney, of the

Refinery Engineering Section, which occurred at the San Fernando Colonial Hospital on 5th November.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips, of the Camp Maintenance Section, which occurred at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando, on the 21st October.

Mrs. Jainab Rahim, mother of Estate Constable Rahim, of Irois Forest, who died at the Colonial Hospital Port-of-Spain on the 21st October.

## In Memoriam

At this Season of the year, essentially a time when families unite, our thoughts go out to the bereaved families of those employees who lost their lives in the recent boiler explosion which occurred at Penal. Sympathy, however heartfelt it may be, cannot replace a loved one, and this Christmas for the families of the deceased men must inevitably be a sad one.

On behalf of the Directors and Staff of our London Office, and the Management, Staff, and employees in Trinidad of U.B.O.T., Ltd., we extend our sincerest condolences to the families of the following: Ragoonath, Fireman, of Avocat Village, Oropouche; Ramkhalawan Balkaran, Chart Attendant, of Palmyra Village, San Fernando; Fitzroy Fraser, Pump Fitter, of Noel Street, Couva; Lionel Baptiste, Fitter, of Canaan Village, San Fernando; Tarsoo, Fireman, of Lahoo Road, Penal; and Eden Mowlah, Fireman, of Kaitwaroo Trace, Penal.

## Sports Flash!

As the Presses start to roll off this issue of UBOTIMES we are able to report the results of several of the football trophies which our team has competed for. The S.A.F.L. Shield, symbol of League Championship, was already safely in our possession several weeks ago. In the Duckham Cup our boys were successful in beating Pointe-a-Pierre F.C. by 5 goals to 1 and in the Danboline Cup we beat the champions of the S.A.F.A. (Hurricanes F.C.) by 1 goal to nil. Our old rivals, Pointe-a-Pierre F.C., were successful in stopping the winning run which our team was enjoying by defeating us at Pointe-a-Pierre in the Stephens Charity Cup by a solitary penalty goal.

We had hoped to be able to record the result of the final for the Oilwell Supply Cup which was played on December 5. We again faced Pointe-a-Pierre F.C., this time on our own ground but, due to an unfortunate incident which occurred three minutes before the final whistle was due to go, the match had to be abandoned. At that time our team were in the lead by 3 goals to 1 and as we go to Press a decision regarding a replay or otherwise is awaited from the S.A.F.L.

On Saturday, December 1, the long-awaited match for the Football Association Trophy came off in Port-of-Spain when we faced the winners of the Northern part of the island, Providence F.C. At the end of the normal hour's play, both teams were deadlocked in a draw and

extra time became necessary. Despite Herculean efforts by our forward line, who bombarded the Providence goal unmercifully, good fortune was against us and the teams left the field with the score still at 1-1. The T.A.F.A. has decided that there shall be no replay and that UBOTS and Providence will be joint holders of the Trophy. The fast and exciting game was watched by His Excellency the Governor, Government Ministers, and a large contingent of supporters from Point Fortin which included representatives from the Management downwards. On Saturday evening, at a presentation ceremony held at the Hotel Normandic, His Excellency presented the Trophy to be held jointly by the two teams and at the same time token presentations of medals were made to the players; the balance of the medals will be presented later.



Mr. A. P. Christie  
Chairman of the U.B.A.A. Football  
Section Committee.

The only other trophy still to be competed for is the Gooden-Chisholm Cup and this match will be played too late for us to include the result in this Sports Flash.

In conclusion, there can be no doubt that our football team has again had an extremely successful season and we feel sure our readers will want to extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. P. Christie and his enthusiastic and hard working Committee, and the players and officials who have all contributed so energetically to another fine season of football.

# Port-of-Spain Office

By A. WONG  
(Accounts Department)

**P**ORT-OF-SPAIN can justifiably claim to be the main gateway of the Company's operations in Trinidad, for through this terminal must pass all materials used at Point Fortin and the outlying fields. In addition, all visitors, as well as Staff on leave or transfer must come through this "gateway", as also must the tankers, freighters and the smaller vessels taking out our products to other West Indian islands and far away lands. It will thus be realised that our Port-of-Spain Office plays a very important part in the Company's operations and on its efficient running depends the smooth flow of Staff, materials, and our products.

Port-of-Spain Office is under the Management of Mr. D. S. Law, who during his 30 years service with the Company (over 25 of which have been spent as Manager of the Port-of-Spain Office) has seen our operations grow from the mere trickle they were to the present proportions.

The Office is divided into Sections, each under the control of a Section Head who in turn is responsible to the Office Manager. The Secretarial Section is under the control of Mr. W. W. Morris, the Customs-Materials-Transportation-Personnel Section is controlled by Mr. A. J. Abraham, the Shipping Section is administered by Mr. C. A. Lyon, the Marine Section is the responsibility of Mr. C. G. Goddard, while the Accounts Section is under the control of Mr. A. Wong. In addition, the Port-of-Spain Office is the headquarters of our Sales Representatives, Messrs. E. H. Gwyn and C. D. Harris, and of the head of our Land and Legal Department, Mr. J. L. Winter.

In order to appreciate fully the complex nature of the work carried out by Port-of-Spain Office, let us look at each Section individually:—

## Secretarial Section:

To assist him in the work of this Section, Mr. W. W. Morris, who has completed 16 years' service with the Company, has one stenographer (Mrs. P. W. Archbald), and three typists (Miss M. Bryan, Miss Joyce Talma, and Mrs. D. Pereira). The Section is

responsible for all incoming and outgoing local and foreign mail which is collected from and distributed to all points of the Company's operations, including Point Fortin and Penal. Incoming and outgoing cables are also handled and in some cases this involves coding or decoding. Teletypes to and from Point Fortin are also handled by the Section in addition to the routine typing work which comprises letters, memoranda, statements, reports and other documents for the entire Office. The filing system is maintained by the Secretarial Section as also is the record of all incoming and outgoing correspondence.

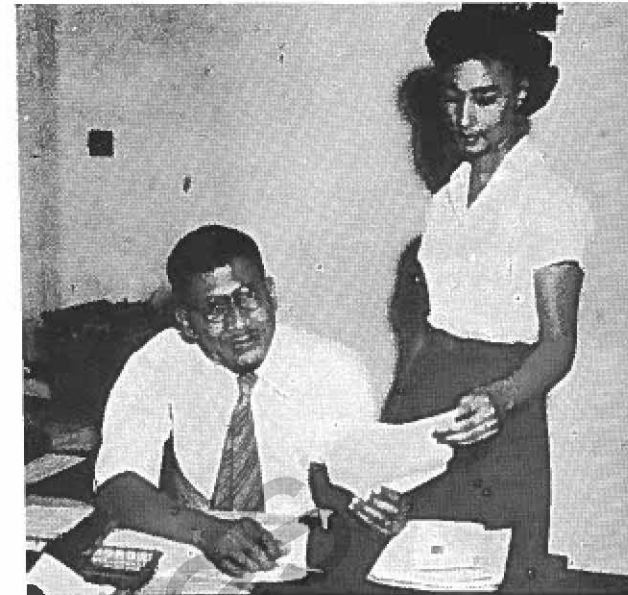
## Customs-Materials-Transportation-Personnel Section:

This Section is the largest in the Port-of-Spain Office and the efficiency with which the magnitude of jobs are carried out reflects great credit on the system which has been built up over the years by its chief, Mr. A. J. Abraham, who acts as assistant to the Port-of-Spain Office Manager. Incidentally, Mr. Abraham completed his 31st year of service with the Company in September.

The chief function of the Section is the handling of all materials imported or purchased locally, personal effects of Staff, drummed products shipped to the West Indies and the Guianas or for the local market, empty drums returned by customers locally and from abroad, arranging of freight, passages, hotel accommodation, transportation, etc., for our own Staff and also for Staff of Associated Companies coming to or passing through Trinidad. Materials brought by freighters are discharged into Government warehouses or on to the open wharves from where delivery is taken and the materials subsequently transported to Point Fortin or other areas as required, by barge, lighter, truck, or railroad. Barytes and heavy machinery are offloaded directly from steamer to barges, and cement, pipe, and other materials are sometimes handled in a similar manner. Material arriving by plane is placed into the private Bond at Piarco Airport and anything arriving by the Postal Service is retained at the Government Parcel Post Office. Before any item can be taken out of the aforementioned places, Customs Warrants—dutable or duty free according to Government classification—are prepared by Mr. G.



Mr. D. S. Law, Port-of-Spain Office Manager.



Mr. W. W. Morris and Miss Mary Bryan, of the Secretarial Section.

Stephens, with the assistance of Mr. C. Turton. These documents are subsequently handed to Customs Officials for checking after which the appropriate duty is paid and delivery taken. In the Dock Area, where the Government Warehouses are located, Mr. E. L. Charbonne, assisted by Messrs. D. Drakes and J. R. Fong Chong, have the responsibility of arranging with the Port Services Authorities for berths for barges, for the use of rail cars and cranes, for labour and stevedores, the checking of all items delivered, and where items are short-shipped the necessary certificates must be furnished. They also arrange for the examination of any packages required by Customs Officials, and when final Customs release is obtained they see to it that the material is consigned to its ultimate destination in Trinidad. Mr. C. P. Kerr, with the assistance of a Contractor, is responsible for similar work on the open wharves on the eastern side of the Customs House. It will readily be seen that the complicated nature of this work necessitates accurate records being kept and this is the responsibility of Mr. G. R. Ashing. The documents required by the Materials Department in maintaining their records are prepared by Mr. I. Thornhill, who has over 14 years' service with the Company, with the assistance of Mr. R. Gorib.



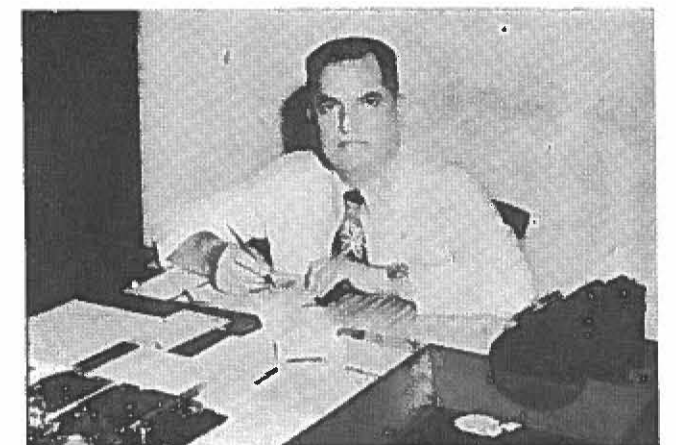
(L to R.) Mrs. D. Pereira, Mrs. P. W. Archbald and Miss Joyce Talma, also of the Secretarial Section.

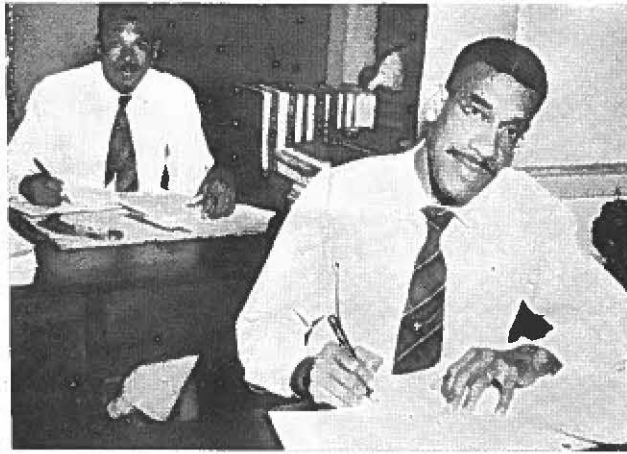
Another important aspect of the Section's work is the handling of materials for re-export, unaccompanied effects of Staff members, and the export of liquid carbonic gas and other local purchases for Associated Companies. The securing of freight space, preparation of shipping documents, export licences, etc., is undertaken by Mr. J. O'Neil who also assists the Lands and Legal Department by obtaining copies of Deeds, making Title searches and obtaining information from the Government Registrar's Office in Port-of-Spain. The preparation of documents for the shipment of packed products and return of empty drums is carried out by Mr. H. Chang Sing.

The importance of efficient and courteous facilities for incoming, outgoing, and transient Staff members and visitors needs no emphasis here. The attendant duties are multiple and include the booking of passages, preparation of travel documents, obtaining export licences, Bank Drafts, Passports, Police Certificates, the arranging of appointments for Consular Visas and attending to the numerous other documents with which one travels today. This work is handled by Mr. G. A. Camps and all those who have passed through his hands will agree that he certainly knows his business.

Local purchases are obviously an important item both to the Company and to the commercial and industrial establishments in the Island, and a large volume of business is done by this method. Mr. S. A. Ammon, who has 19 years' service with the Company, is responsible for locating material required, obtaining quotations, conducting the actual purchase,

Mr. A. J. Abraham, assistant to the Port-of-Spain Office Manager and head of the Customs-Materials-Transportation-Personnel Section.



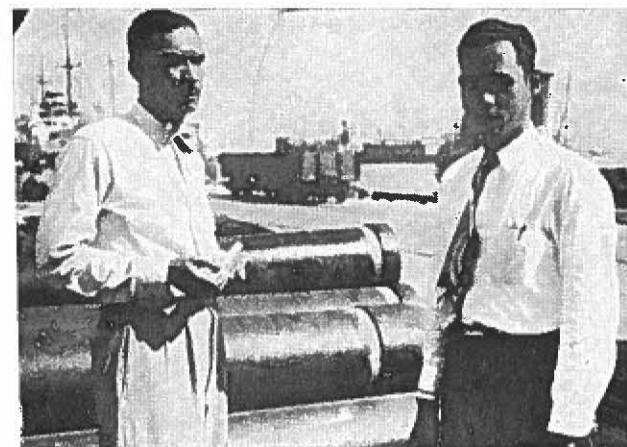


Customs Warrants are prepared by Mr. G. Stephens (right) with the assistance of Mr. C. Turton (left).

and arranging for subsequent delivery to the specified point.

#### Shipping Section :

The most frequently used method of transport to an island such as Trinidad is by ship and a business such as ours obviously requires the export of large quantities of products both in bulk and packed. Additionally, the ships which carry the cargo require fuel to drive their engines. It can readily be seen therefore that the Shipping Section must necessarily play a very important part in our operations. Under the supervision of Mr. C. A. Lyon, the Section operates on a 24-hour schedule. Bunker and cargo nominations are received from London (usually by cable), and advance arrangements are made with Point Fortin and the agents of vessels and other parties to avoid any delay in loading and clearing the ship when it arrives. For this purpose, the ETA (estimated time of arrival) is obtained from the agents of the vessel, or from the Master when



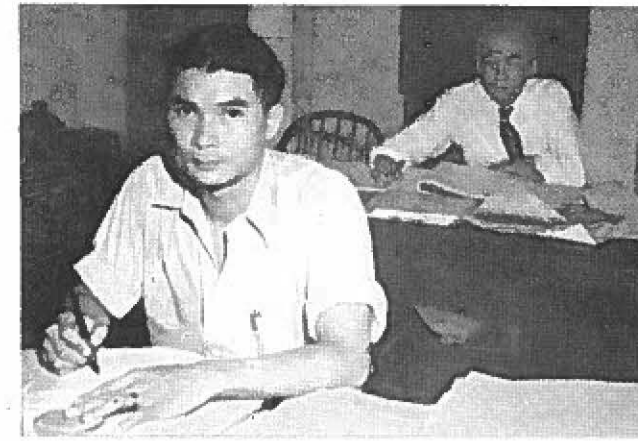
Checking in the Dock Area is the responsibility of Messrs. E. L. Charbonne (left) and J. R. Fong Chang.

we ourselves are the representatives, and a daily shipping programme is then prepared and distributed to all concerned. Documentation is handled by Mr. E. N. Arneaud, who has been with the Company since 1932, and with the assistance of Mr. R. Joseph he is responsible for the preparation of Bills of Lading, Consular Invoices, Shipping Documents, Cable or Letter Advices, Exchange Control forms, etc., in connection with all the loadings handled by the Section and consigned to various parts of the world (excluding shipments to the West Indies and the Guianas, documents for which are prepared by another Section). Our Boarding Representatives, Messrs. A. Watson and Joey Gonzales, are responsible for the Agency side of the Shipping Section. This covers the requirements of vessels owned or chartered by the Shell Group, or vessels coming to Trinidad to take the main bulk of their cargo from us. Their duties include the making of arrangements with the Port Health Officer or Immigration Authorities to obtain "Pratique", entering and clearing of the



M. G. A. Camps checking arrival schedules at the Tourist Bureau on the Wharves.

vessel, arranging for a pilot when the ship is required to go down to Point Fortin or in cases where the Captain is not "au fait" with Trinidad waters, with Ship Chandlers for stores, with the Master for cash requirements, for the services of a Doctor or Dentist if required, with Engineering firms for any repairs, and the preparation of the necessary consular and shipping documents for clearing the vessel. The large volume of bunkers supplied to ships in Port-of-Spain harbour are delivered by the *s.s. Juanita* and *s.s. Ormer*, U.B.O.T's two bunkering barges, and in conjunction with the Shipping Section at Point Fortin, the Port-of-Spain Shipping Section programmes these supplies and arranges for sufficient stocks of fuel and diesel oil to be available on these coast-wise tankers to ensure that our commitments are fulfilled, and that the high standard of Shell's world-wide bunkering service are maintained. The preparation of the necessary documents and the checking of gauges with the



Documents covering shipments of packed products and returned empty drums are prepared by Mr. H. Chang Sing (left) and Mr. G. R. Ashing (right) keeps the records required for checking on the Wharves.

ships officers is the responsibility of Messrs. H. Campbell, R. Basanta and A. Pereira.

#### Marine Section :

The operation of the craft attached to this Section was the subject of an article written by Captain L. N. Parry, in a previous issue of *UBOTIMES* and in this present article we shall therefore only briefly mention the work carried out by the Section in Port-of-Spain.

Mr. C. G. Goddard is the Section Head and his assistant is Mr. Henry Arthur, who has 31 years' service with the Company to his credit. The Section is responsible for the operation of the launches, tugs and barges between Point Fortin and Port-of-Spain, and in the Harbour itself and they also supervise the berthing and unberthing of barges for the Shipping and Customs Sections as well as providing launch service for the crews of the *s.s. Juanita* and *s.s. Ormer*, and for the transport of the Boarding Representatives, bunkering clerks, and personnel of vessels for which we are agents.

#### Accounts Section :

Accounting, whether of money, oil, or materials, is an indispensable part of the work done in any Department, and the Port-of-Spain Office is no exception to this rule. Under the guidance of Mr. A. Wong, who began his career with the Company in August 1937, the Accounts Section supplies the Port-of-Spain share of the information covering revenue, expenditure, oil stocks and sales figures, cost of ma-

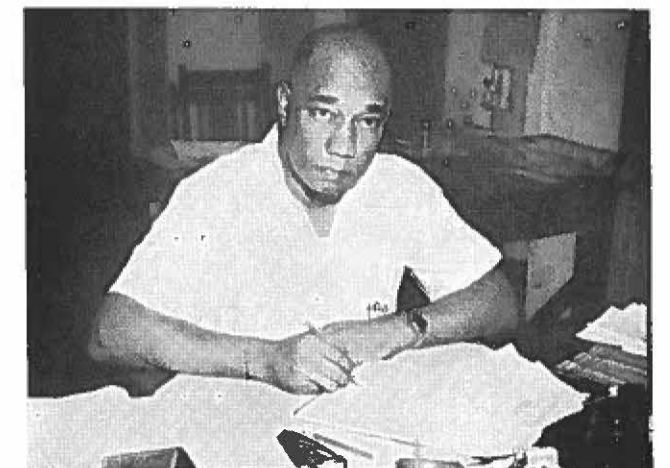
terials, invoices, etc., necessary for the compilation of the returns required by London, Associated Companies, agents, customers, and other interested parties. Mr. U. Mohammed, who has been with the Company over 16 years, and Mr. J. Borel, are responsible for the oil stocks and sales figures. Their duties include the keeping of records and the preparation of all advices, documents (excluding those prepared by the Shipping Section) and other work connected with the selling of bunkers, bulk cargoes, packed products shipped to the local export markets and sales from the Shell Leaseholds Distributing Company installation at Wrightson Road. Mr. Borel also assists the Cashier in the payment of wages to hourly and weekly paid employees. Mr. E. Kwang is in charge of the compilation and distribution of ships disbursement accounts and the preparation of credit notes and payment vouchers for freight in connection with the return of empty drums. Mr. J. Baptiste, with Miss Y. Mathison and Miss S. Yew Woon, look after the preparation of the Port-of-Spain payroll, pricing of



Messrs. J. R. Nightingale (right) and D. Drakes checking material on the Wharves.

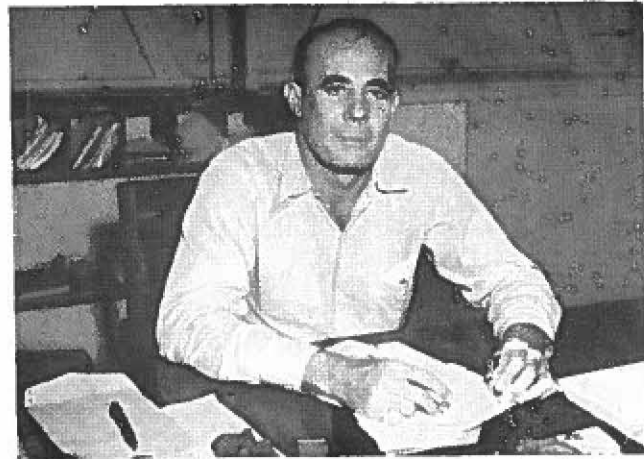
M.R.S's, typing of invoices, Bills of Lading, Certificates of Origin and other documents, the preparation of payment vouchers for wages to dock workers, allotments for Associated Companies, and sundry accounts. Mr. A. M. Adimoolah, the "all rounder" of the Section, is responsible for the preparation of invoices covering packed products shipped to our many distant markets, preparation of invoices for liftings by B.W.I.A. aircraft, the counterchecking of invoices, and the reconciliation of duty paid on imported materials. He also acts as relief clerk for other members of the Section on leave.

Mr. S. A. Ammon is responsible for all Local Purchases.

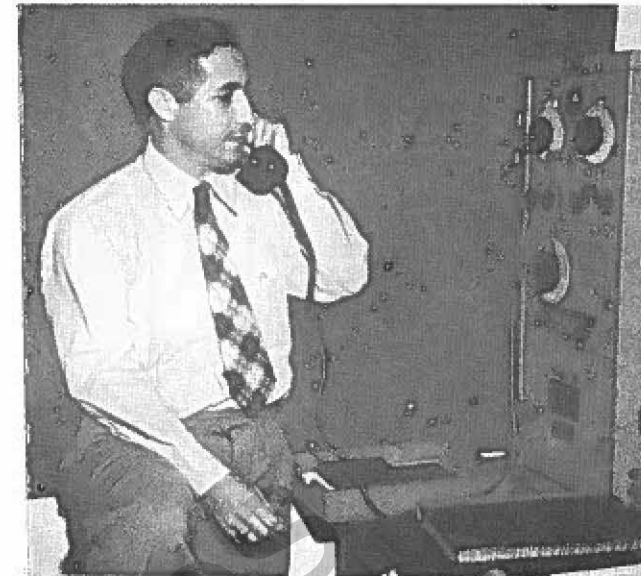




Mr. A. Wong is responsible for the Accounting in the Port-of-Spain Office.



Mr. C. G. Goddard is in charge of the Marine Section in Port-of-Spain.



Mr. C. A. Lyon talking by radio-telephone to the s.s. Juanita.

Office Manager, a post he has occupied since 1945 when he was transferred from Point Fortin after a six-year spell with the Transportation Department.

The Exchange Switchboard operated by Miss M. D'Andrade, has five main lines serving the Port-of-Spain Office. Internal communication is also maintained through this Board and the operator is kept busy dialing the numbers of various Port-of-Spain firms, or connecting up members of the office with Point Fortin.

The Office Boys are Messrs. E. Scow and E. Wong, and their duties comprise those usually associated with office boys the world over.

Sales:

In the capable hands of Messrs. E. H. Gwyn and C. D. Harris, rests the responsibility for marketing



Mr. F. (Clarke) Peters (left) and Mr. E. Peters are the Messengers attached to the Office.



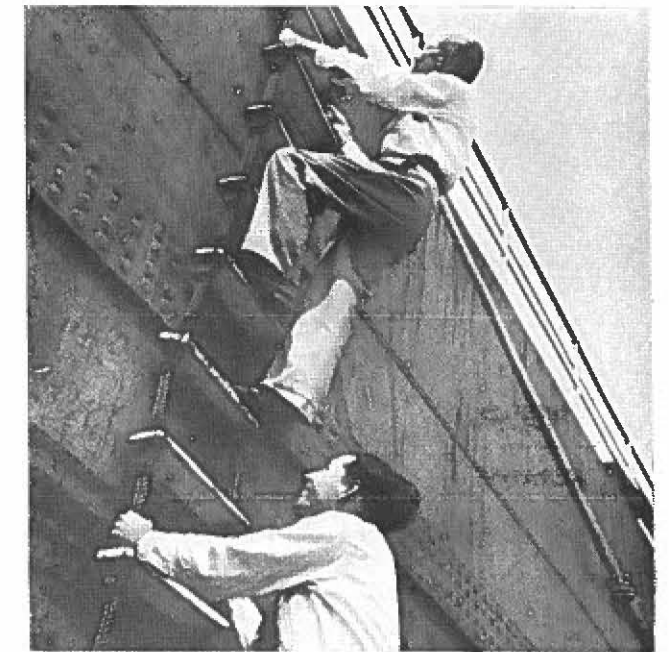
(L to R) Messrs. J. Baptiste, E. Kwang, U. Mohamed, and A. M. Adimoolah, of the Accounts Section.



Miss M. D'Andrade efficiently handles the five main telephone lines serving the Port-of-Spain Office.

The Cashier, Mr. T. Farfan, is the guardian of all incoming and outgoing cash and he is responsible for keeping up to date the Payments Cash Book and other subsidiary records, preparing the daily, weekly and monthly returns, supervising the filling of pay envelopes and ensuring that at all times the actual cash in hand is in accord with the relative records.

The messengers and watchman attached to Port-of-Spain Office are Mr. F. (Clarke) Peters, Mr. E. Peters, and Mr. F. Charles. The first named is a real "old timer" with the Company, having already received his 35-year Long Service Emblem. Mr. S. McPhie is the chauffeur attached to the Port-of-Spain



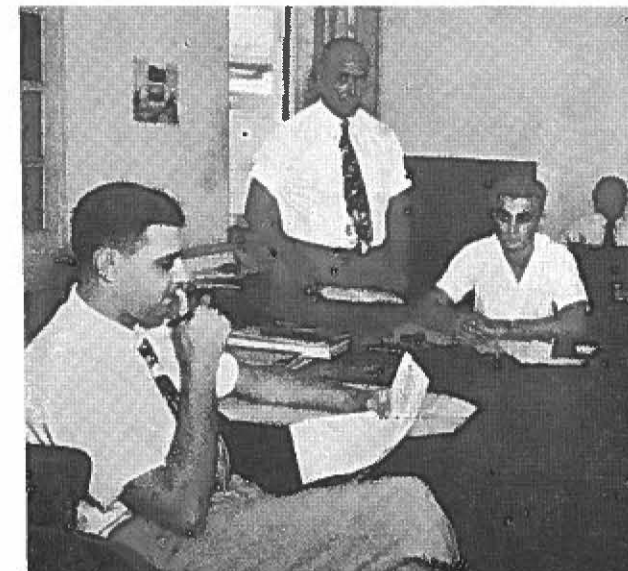
Messrs. A. Watson (top) and J. Gonzales go up the Jacob's Ladder to board a ship in the Harbour.



Mr. Henry Arthur goes aboard the Launch "Tarouba Bay."



(L to R) Miss S. Yew Woon (Accounts Section), Mr. K. Seow (Office Boy) and Miss Y. Mathison (Accounts Section).



Documentation in the Shipping Section is carried out by (L to R) Messrs. R. Basanta, E. N. Arneaud, A. Pereira and R. Joseph.

our packed products (Emulsions and Bituminous Products) and Shell chemicals (Teepol, etc.) in the local and local export markets. Their territory is a large one, including all the islands of the Caribbean and the Guianas to which places they make periodical visits or special visits when requested by our Agents for technical or other advice.

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As can readily be seen from the summary given in this article of the work carried out by the Port-of-Spain Office, this branch of the Company's activities is a highly important one and the fact that it operates so smoothly and efficiently reflects great credit on the Port-of-Spain Office Manager, Mr. D. S. Law, and his Staff and employees.

# \$64 QUESTIONS



# AND ANSWERS!!

EVERYONE among us has had, at some time or another, at least a little enjoyment from reading that unconscious humour called "Schoolboy Howlers". Many of us, perhaps, have also said "Well, it is funny, but no one really could have written such answers". Indeed, we might well have agreed with these sentiments were it not for the fact that a short while ago we thumbed through a number of test papers at the Labour and Welfare Office and gleaned the following information about people and the world in general.

We now know that George Washington invented the Steam Engine, that Mr. Aneurin Bevan is a Russian Commissar, that Mr. Trygve Lie is the Leader of the British Guiana Labour Party and that Stanley Matthews, as well as being an acrobatical expert, is the Prime Minister of England.

In 1945 the Port-of-Spain City Council must have been a very potent force since it included, we are told, Messrs. Timothy Roodal, Clement Attlee and Harry S. Truman. At about the same time Mr. Hudson Phillips was King, Messrs. Creech Jones and Roy Joseph were little boys and Joseph Stalin was the Prime Minister of France. At that time, too, Soldier Rock was in Korea, the Pyramids were small wild people, whilst the Leaning Tower of Pisa was a Bank in Scotland and Vesuvius was a port in France.

In subsequent years Mr. Attlee became President of America, Sir Walter Raleigh was an anchor in the Gulf of Paria and Stalin graduated to the positions of Primer of Russia and Chinese Governor.

More recently, with the speed of this modern age, the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway was moved to London, Mr. Trygve Lie succeeded Mr. Attlee as President of the U.S.A., the Hon. Ajodhasingh became Secretary of State for the Colonies and Florence Nightingale took over the duties of Prime Minister of England thus allow-

ing Stanley Matthews more time to indulge in his acrobatics as right wing for Blackpool. (This, of course, was the year that Blackpool won the coveted English F.A. Trophy!).

Undoubtedly inspired by Matthews' success at Wembley, Florence Nightingale must have decided to try her luck in other spheres since, we are told, she left for Greece and became a poet, then a singer, an actress and a Princess. Later she was the Maid of Orleans and, possibly to avoid being burned at the stake, finally settled disguised as a town in America.

The Pyramids too were not idle during this period — they soon lost their reputation of being small wild people, and settled as a race of people in Egypt who subsequently became restless and migrated to India and then to St. Lucia before finally settling themselves as Temples and Shrines in British Honduras.

Still thumbing through the same test papers, we ran into trouble, a historical paradox.

We all know that many great historians, including Mr. G. M. Trevelyan, wrote at some length about the storming of Quebec by General Wolfe and his Army. We would like to know why such a fuss was made about this operation when we have definite proof that the Heights of Abraham was 6 feet 2 inches. General Montcalm and Sarah probably had other ideas!

We would ask historians to note also that Pharaoh is the King of Egypt and Julius Caesar was an English author and a poet.

Having digested this wealth of knowledge, we moved on to the test papers of the somewhat older type



of lad with great anticipation . . . . we were not to be disappointed.

We soon discovered that there is some difference of opinion as to the precise occupation of a taxidermist — a quick numerical check of the answers, however, gave "taxi-driver" the edge over "rents and taxes collector" with "mechanical repair worker" running a bad third. Similarly, there were two schools of thought on the meaning of the word "celibate": the first was quite firm in the belief that it meant a man who lives in a state of complete happiness whilst the second maintained that it meant a destitute. (We think that there is a good deal of merit in both these versions!!!!)

It soon became apparent to us that the banking business in Scotland was not really a success since, according to one of our older candidates, the Leaning Tower of Pisa crossed the border to settle as the Tower of London. The Beefeaters must have raised some very serious objections to this move because the Tower set out on a lightning tour of Ireland, France and other European countries (excluding Italy), spent a brief period in Egypt in the guise of a Railway Station and was last reported to be in the mountains of Tibct.

In the Caribbean area there was a remarkable amount of movement beginning with the return of Soldier Rock from Korea to the Dragon's Mouth where it remained for a very short while before leaving for Barbados. Carrera Island cast off its moorings and, after cruising around the West Indian Islands, finally dropped anchor in Jamaica. Maracaibo made a small jump of a thousand odd miles into Dutch Guiana and Patos quit the Gulf of Paria for good and became a fruit. To compensate for this loss Vesuvius, we are told, came to the West Indies.

Amongst the personalities also, there were several major moves — Stanley Matthews was recalled from Blackpool to fill a post in the Cabinet and the Hon.



A. R. W. Robertson became Prime Minister of Jamaica. Doctor Mohammed Mosadecq took up an appointment on the staff of the



Colonial Hospital, Port-of-Spain whilst Mr. Aneurin Bevan became Secretary of State for the Colonies and, more recently, Prime Minister of England.

At this stage, it was becoming increasingly obvious that the test candidates were holding the upper hand and we therefore included in the tests the following teaser: "I have neither brothers nor sisters, but this boy's father is my father's son. What is the relationship of the boy to me?" This, of course, was our trump card, but it failed. One young expert sat back with a smile of self-satisfaction after completing this question. His answer read "Pleased to meet you, I am sure"!!!! (We immediately discontinued the use of this question.)

Our readers will surely agree that we have come into contact with applicants of, to say the least, an extremely original turn of mind. This originality has not only been confined to test papers but also to normal letters of application for employment. One youngster wanted to be a trainee dental mechanic — we earmarked him for the Drilling Department!!! Another, requesting clerical work, informed us that his knowledge of the operation of business machines was extensive. We discovered the machines to which he referred were diesel and gasolene engines. The Senior Industrial Relations Supervisor can boast of having the most misspelt name in the island, the permutation of the letters of his name being quite remarkable. One of the more popular versions is obviously derived from his association with dramatic activities, the son of IERE.

Finally, one of the youngsters who helped to give us all the foregoing valuable information tells us that his sex is medium, his mother is a male, the Cannon walked up the aisle and that the canon went off with a bang.

We surrender unconditionally!!

J.B.E.



(Editor's Note: The original answers embodied in the text of this article may be seen on request!)

# Spotlight on Sport

By CLYDE McCLEAN

## FOOTBALL:



**O**WING to the Christmas season, this issue of UBOTIMES has had to go to Press earlier than usual and by the time it appears the fate of most of the football trophies will have been decided.

Looking at the position of UBOTS at the time of going to Press the prospect is a rosy one and unless something catastrophic occurs in the closing weeks of the season our boys should again bring home most, if not all, of the trophies they have competed for.

### MARK MOODY STUART SHIELD:

Our readers will remember that pride of place at the end of the first round of this Shield series was held by Trinidad Leaseholds F.C. of Pointe-a-Pierre. This leading combination did not, however, continue to show their early form and UBOTS gained the ascendancy. By beating Apex F.C. on November 8th, we made sure that the Shield will once again come to Point Fortin. The return game between UBOTS and Pointe-a-Pierre was eagerly awaited by everyone and our lads had made up their minds that their defeat in the first round, which had stunned their staunchest supporters had to be avenged. A capacity crowd turned out on November 3rd, to see the two evenly balanced sides play a fast and thrilling game which was goalless up to half-time. After the resumption, things began to happen in no uncertain manner! Ivan de Gourville, our star forward, drew first blood with a fine shot which gave the Leaseholds goalkeeper no chance to save. Undaunted, Pointe-a-Pierre struck back and a fine effort by C. Roberts, their right winger, gave them the equaliser. The shouting had hardly died down when G. Worrell, who played a fine game throughout, ran past the Leaseholds defence to notch the winning goal. Our opponents reluctantly turned on the pressure in the remaining

minutes but our defence, with A. Carty outstanding, stood firm and we eventually ran off the winners by 2 goals to 1.

### OILWELL SUPPLY CUP:

After making light work of Apex F.C. in the first round of this knockout series, UBOTS took on Hawks, of 2nd Class fame, and beat them by 4 goals to nothing. A noteworthy feature of this game was the magnificent goalkeeping of the Hawks' custodian, Carlton Roberts, who kept the scoring down to a minimum.

### DUCKHAM CUP:

Our defeat of Spitfire F.C. to the tune of 6 goals to 1 gave us the right to meet Forest Reserve F.C. We played this match away from home, and although

Forest scored first, our boys ran off winners by 3-1. The final, between ourselves and Pointe-a-Pierre, should be a very keen game.

### STEPHENS CHARITY CUP:

Once again, Hawks F.C. were the hurdle over which we had to jump to enter another final. The game ended in a 3-nil victory for UBOTS, and our opponents in the final will again be Pointe-a-Pierre.

### F.A. TROPHY:

UBOTS, the present holders of the highest football trophy which Trinidad can offer, are in a very strong position to retain it, and writing just after our victory over the Trinidad Leaseholds F.C. of Pointe-a-Pierre to the tune of 4

goals to 2, only the winners of the Sporting Club F.C./Providence F.C. game in the North can deny us that achievement.

### GOODEN CHISHOLM & DANBOLINE CUPS:

UBOTS are in the finals of both these competitions. In the case of the Gooden Chisholm Cup they will come up against the T.A.F.A. Champions and against the victorious S.A.F.A. combination for the Danboline Cup.

### JOHNSTONE SHIELD:

UBOTS had the unique distinction of completing the first round of this 2nd Class tourney unbeaten, with 11 victories in as many games. Of these games, that against Hawks F.C. was the most interesting, due to the inter-district rivalry. Supporters of each team, showing as much keenness as that displayed at an inter-collegiate fixture, went to make up the biggest crowd ever to witness an S.A.F.L. 2nd Class

ENGINEERING SHOPS FOOTBALL TEAM 2nd XI.  
Winners of the Connock Cup:



Back Row : L. to R. — C. Batson, A. James, J. Francois  
Middle Row : L. to R. — A. Legall, J. Jaham, B. Balkaran  
Front Row : L. to R. — A. Laptiste, S. Gervais, L. Lessey,  
V. Leotaud and K. Rudder.

ENGINEERING SHOPS FOOTBALL TEAM 1st XI.  
Winners of the Toone Cup:



Back Row : L. to R. — K. Trotman, A. Corbie, L. Jordan  
Middle Row : L. to R. — J. Cape, C. Tom, J. Huggins  
Front Row : L. to R. — F. Lewis, F. Antonio, L. Nagaur, E. Mark and F. Lewis.

match at Mahaica Park, and saw UBOTS chalk up a 4-1 victory over their local rivals. The game started at a very fast pace, and after ten minutes of brilliant football by both teams, Andrew Torry, our goal scoring machine, climaxed a fine right wing movement with the best goal of the match, a crashing right footer. UBOTS increased their lead through Fedo Lloyd who shot well away from the Hawks' goalkeeper. A third goal soon after by Leo Brewster was not, in fairness to Hawks, a true indication of the run of play and they were soon rewarded when A. Baptiste, their right winger, reduced the lead. The second session saw Hawks maintaining a steady but fruitless pressure on the UBOTS defence and a final goal from Andrew Torry put the result beyond doubt.

In the second round, we began by dropping our first point to Apex F.C., beating T.P.D., sharing points with U.B.A.A. Penal, beating Brighton and going under, for the first time in two years, to Forest Reserve "B". These setbacks, however, have not affected UBOTS position at the top of the League table and once again we are the virtual champions.

### INTER-DEPARTMENT: Toone Cup:

No fewer than 8 teams took part in this 1st Class competition, in which all registered UBAA 1st and 2nd Class players of the S.A.F.L. were debarred from taking part. Refinery, last year's winners, came near to duplicating their 1950 triumph, but a determined Engineering Shops team, smartly led by their skipper and goalkeeper, Austin Corbie, won 6 matches and lost their seventh to an Offices team.

### Connock Cup:

Materials, Refinery, Apprentices Technical School and Engineering Shops participated in this competition. The last mentioned team, playing with the same determination as the Toone Cup winners, enabled their department to score a "double" and thus emulate the Refinery teams of 1949 and 1950. We extend our heartiest congratulations to them on their fine achievement.

### HERBERT CUP:

Our congratulations are extended to the United British Club on capturing this Cup. After losing in the first round to U.B.A.A. Colts XI, they came back to score a convincing 4-0 victory in the return encounter, and so keep them in the running for championship honours. A final game seemed inevitable, but for the first time in the history of the Competition, U.B. Junior Staff Club beat the Colts XI and thus knocked the latter out, leaving U.B. Club securely in possession of the trophy.

## TENNIS:



A few weeks ago, 12 members of the U.B. Junior Staff Club were guests of the Palms Tennis Club of San Fernando. A series of Doubles and Singles games were played and the following results show that the homesters, mentioned last, won by the odd game: R. Valentine lost to P. Hubah: 6-9, St. G. John won from P. Ramsdin: 9-7, C. Mejias lost to J. B. Sinanan: 4-9, E. Williams went under to

R. Jaggernauth: 2-9, while in the Doubles games R. Valentine/St. G. John lost to G. Hassanali/P. Ramsdin: 2-9, L. Arneaud/E. R. Singh won from C. Bayley/N. Jaggessar: 9-1, I. Look Yan/C. Mejias beat P. Hubah/L. Wilson: 9-6, P. Cornwallis/A. Maul defeated E. Samuel/L. Jaggernauth: 9-1. Mrs. V. Lord/Miss E. Piggot lost to Misses N. Selvon/C. Martin: 0-6.

### THOMPSON CUP:

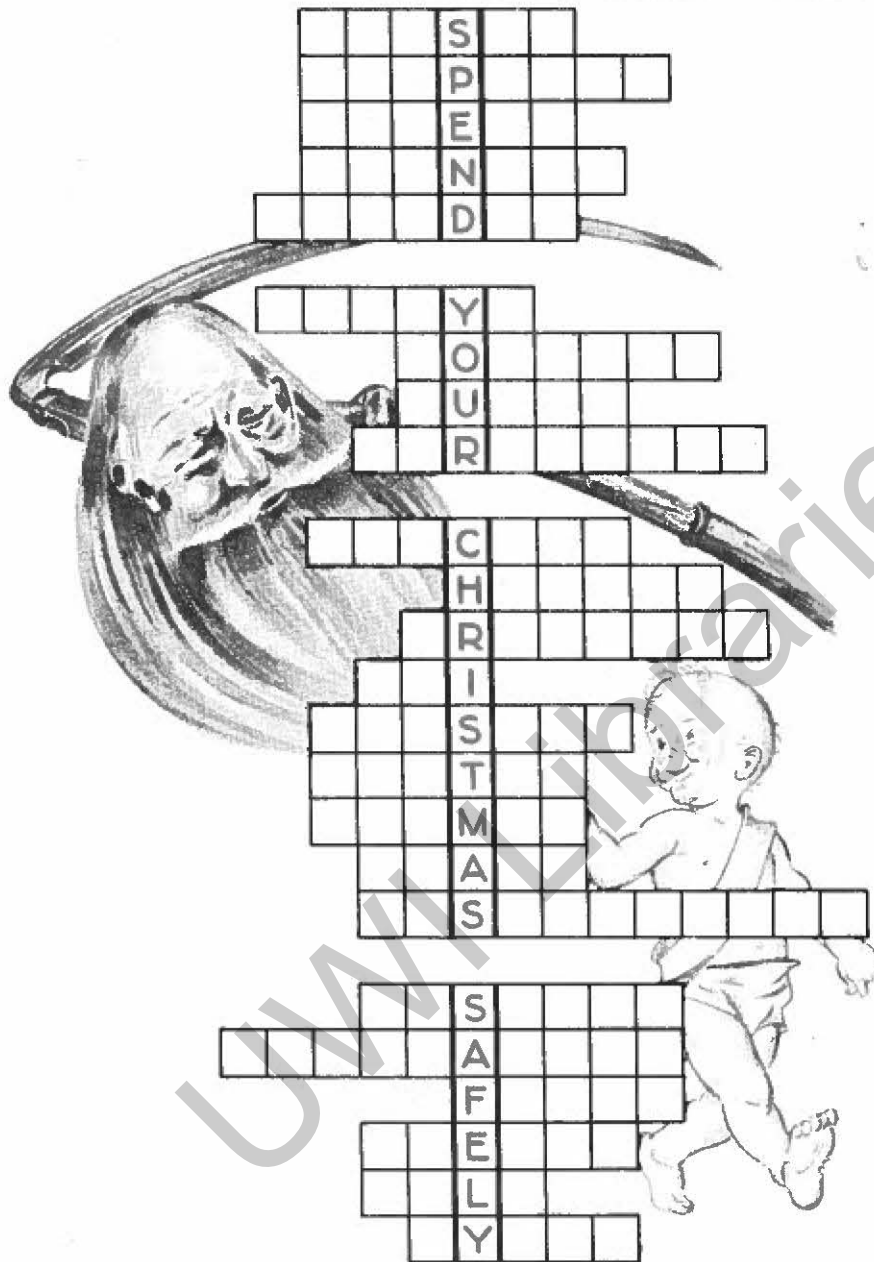
The annual tournament for this trophy began on October 24th. Although there are three classes, only one champion will be crowned, the winner of each class meeting in semi-final and final games.

Many of these matches now in progress have gone the three-set limit and even keener matches are expected as the tournament continues.

## TABLE TENNIS:

Once again, the spotlight falls on the versatile Carl Williams of inter-Colonial fame. In our last issue, we mentioned that Carl had reached the quarter-finals in the Island-wide Classified Singles tourney and lost to Taffy Critchlow who eventually became champion. We are pleased to report that in a more recent Island-wide Singles competition, he advanced two steps further into the Finals. It was unfortunate for Carl that he had to play 8 strenuous games before the 5 games he had to play with Critchlow and he was finally beaten in a series that thrilled the hundreds of spectators present. We predict it will not be long before Point Fortin boasts an Island Champion!

# UBOTIMES CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## CLUES

1. A neglected wound develops into this.
2. A careless worker's "rest resort".
3. Saves lives.
4. Many road accidents are caused through badly given . . . . .
5. Honorary Secretary of the Road Safety Association.
6. . . . . be careful.
7. Do not carry out chipping or grinding without them.
8. One who cares for the sick.
9. . . . . comes but once a year.
10. Not allowed in the Refinery without a Fire Permit.
11. Danger, risk.
12. This department won the Safety Shield in 1950.
13. Name of the donor of the Artificial Respiration Shield.
14. Should not have mushroomed heads.
15. An electrical safety item.
16. Driller not allowed on rig floor without one.
17. Name of the donor of the Safety Shield.
18. Often rendered artificially to save life.
19. Do not use gasoline for . . . . .
20. Where vehicles on your right have the "right of way".
21. Good housekeeping will prevent these.
22. An accident hazard if left on floors of workshops.
23. A derrickman always wears this when working aloft.
24. It is the responsibility of all drivers to check these.

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2. The clues are all across, no downs.
3. The competition is open to all employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd., but only one entry per person will be allowed.
4. The first correct or most nearly correct solution opened will be awarded the prize of TWENTY DOLLARS. The next most nearly correct solutions opened will be awarded TEN CONSOLATION PRIZES to the value of FIVE DOLLARS each.
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