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Around the Departments

PREPARATIONS are under way for the 1952 intake to our Apprentice Training Scheme and a few days after publication of this issue of UBOTIMES the boys fortunate enough to have been selected will be taking up residence at the Apprentices' Hostel ready to commence their 5-year period of apprenticeship. The keenness to enter our Apprentice Training Scheme shows no sign of diminishing and this year some 400 applications were received from candidates all over the Island. Of this number, 206 were selected to sit the entrance examinations which were conducted simultaneously at the Junior Technical School in San Fernando, and in Point Fortin. Based on the examination results, 75 of the successful candidates were selected for individual interview either in Port-of-Spain, San Fernando or Point Fortin, and from these the final selection was made.

As our readers are aware, a high standard is expected from all boys who enter the Scheme and those who do not come up to this standard cannot be allowed to continue. The object of the Scheme is to provide efficient artisans and craftsmen for the Company's workshops and operations, and although every boy will receive an apprentice training, it is hoped that the best ones will be able to go on for further training for eventual placing in supervisory positions. Naturally, the Company would like to see as many as possible of the sons of their employees in the Apprentice Training Scheme, but at the same time it must be borne in mind that no discrimination can be exercised and the successful candidates are selected entirely on their individual merits. We congratulate the boys who have been fortunate enough to be selected for this year's intake and wish them a happy and successful career with the Company.

We are also able to report on the Regional Scholarship Scheme which was initiated by the Company in 1950. This Scheme enables outstanding local boys who have passed

the Higher School Certificate with credits in scientific subjects, to be engaged by the Company for special training in the Fields, Shops and Refinery, with a view to a Scholarship at a Technical College or University in England for those who show sufficient promise. The method of selection

is by arrangement with the Principals of the Colleges in the Island who are asked to recommend the year's best boys whose educational standards and general character measure up to the Company's requirements. The boys recommended by the Principals of the Colleges are invited to Point Fortin as guests of the Company and are shown around the Refinery and Workshops. They are interviewed by Management and Department Heads under whom they will ultimately receive their training, and the successful candidates are then given a preliminary training period which covers approximately 18 months divided into three equal periods of about 26 weeks each, to be spent in the Exploitation Engineering Department, Engineering Department and the Refinery respectively. At the successful conclusion of the local training period, it is decided which branch of the Industry the trainee is best equipped to pursue and the Company then arranges to send him to either a Technical College or University in the United Kingdom to work for a degree in the subject chosen. After qualifying, the Company is prepared to offer him employment in Trinidad if he so desires, but without other than moral obligation on his part to accept.

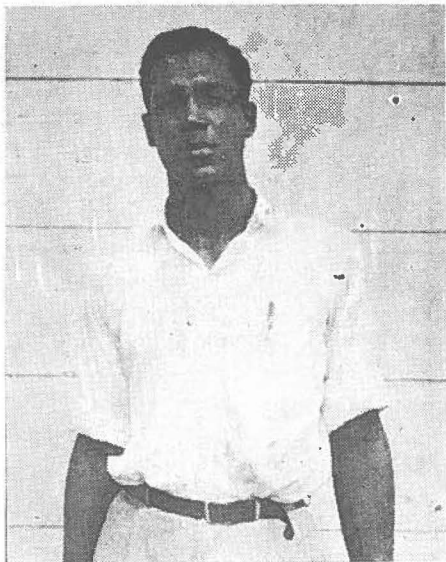
In 1950, Mr. G. M. Richards and Mr. V. W. L. Pryce, both of Queen's Royal College, were selected, and the former is now at Manchester University where he is doing very well. Mr. Pryce was subsequently offered a Scholarship to the University College of the West Indies in Jamaica and was therefore unable to continue with us.

In 1951 Mr. K. A. Cazabon and Mr. N. E. Lai Fook, both

Our Inside Front Cover

- 1). N. Preddie (right) wins the 220 yds. open Flat Race from O. Pierre (middle) and G. Yam-mie.
- 2). W. Tull winning the one-mile Flat Race from L. Modeste.
- 3). C. Turton winning the 220 yds. Flat Race open to U.B.O.T. employees.
- 4). Miss Honora Turton breaks the tape ahead of Miss Julie Charles in the 100 yds. Flat Race open to Ladies.
- 5). L. Modeste romps home winner of the 880 yds. Flat Race open.
- 6). E. Toussaint, Long Jump winner, gives an exhibition jump.
- 7). C. Turton receiving 1st prize from Mrs. J. D. Hall for winning the 100 yds. Flat Race open to U.B.O.T. Employees. Other prize winners are E. Toussaint (left) and L. Gloudon (right).
- 8). W. Lee Fook winning the sack race.
- 9). The finish of the three-legged race won by N. Brown and G. Jack.
- 10). E. Toussaint (extreme right) winning the 100 yds. Flat Race (open "B" Class) from E. Turton (black trunks) and Constable Lucas (extreme left).

of St. Mary's College, were selected, and are now in England preparing to enter a University in September. The successful candidates this year are Mr. E. T. Chin Shong of Queen's Royal College, and Mr. Kenneth Stephen Oswald Julien of St. Mary's College. Mr. Chin Shong, like Mr. V. W. L. Pryce in 1950, has been awarded an Island Scholarship to the University College of the West Indies in Jamaica and will therefore be unable to accept our offer.



Mr. K. S. O. Julien.

Mr. Julien is the nephew of Mr. N. O. Julien, a much respected member of the Senior Staff, and we extend our best wishes to young Mr. Julien for a very successful career.

The following promotions have occurred :

Mr. H. Ifill Foreman of the Engineering Department (Fields Section), to Junior Staff status.

Messrs. Deyton Alfred, Frank E. Bishop, Winston N. Nelson, Stephen Scott, Roy W. Slater and Theophilus Williams, formerly of the Watchman Service, who have been appointed Estate Constables in the Estate Police Force.

Messrs. George Lendor and James A. Roberts of the Materials Department, to Foreman Despatcher.

Mr. Isaac Elliott of the Carpenter Shop, to Foreman Carpenter, in the Refinery Engineering Section.

Mr. Alvin Fayne of the Refinery Marine Section, to Foreman.

Congratulations to all of them.

The front cover design for this issue of UBOTIMES was specially painted for us by Mr. Bissoon Ramdial of the Draughting Department, who is not yet 19 years of age. This is the first cover design submitted by anyone, other than a member of the Senior Staff, which we have been able to utilise, and we think our readers will agree that Mr. Ramdial shows exceptional promise as an artist. We are grateful to him for permitting us to use his painting and hope that this will be the forerunner of many more artistic achievements for UBOTIMES and the world of art.

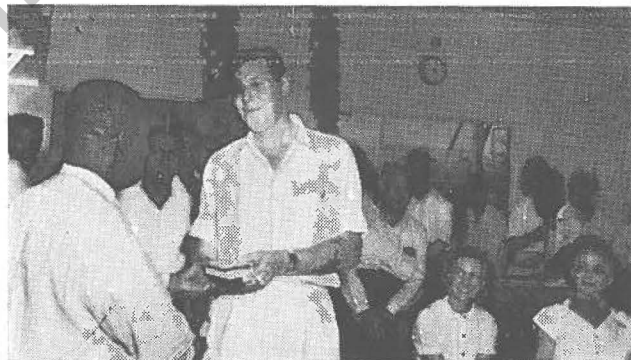
In the December issue of UBOTIMES we referred to a welcome addition to the communal life of Point Fortin with the establishment of a Children's Breakfast Shed through the agency of a willing band of public-spirited workers in Point Fortin Village. Since its opening last October, the

Breakfast Shed has fulfilled a very necessary need amongst children coming from a distance to the three schools in Point Fortin. Between 60 and 90 children are given a hot lunch every day.. Of these, 32 pay nothing at all and the remainder only 8¢ per meal. This enterprise, which is under the direction of Mrs. Melvina St. Louis, deserves the support of the entire Point Fortin community, especially as those running it are doing so on a completely voluntary basis.

On Wednesday, 28th May, we had the pleasure of welcoming His Excellency the Governor of Surinam Mr. J. Klaasesz and Mrs. Klaasesz, who were paying a brief visit to Trinidad at the same time as the Surinam Philharmonic Orchestra were here. His Excellency was impressed with the model township which is the Point Fortin of today and he was particularly impressed with the Apprentices' Technical School, the Hospital and our housing estates.

Smallbore Rifle Shooting is again in the news and we are glad to be able to congratulate Mr. W. G. Cooke, who gained second prize in the Trinidad Rifle Association Open Shoot with a score of 198 out of a possible 200. In addition to this fine performance, Mr. Cooke, together with Mr. P. Henderson and Mr. I. Steels, were members of the South Trinidad Rifle Association team which won the Inter-Club Cup against the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture and the Cadets team. We are pleased to record that the Trinidad team, half of the members of which were from the United British Club, came second to Jamaica in the 1951 Colonial Shoot, being beaten by only three points.

Mr. F. R. Callender, Head of the I. R. & P. Department, has been transferred to the Shell Administration in Venezuela and before his departure he was the guest of honour at a presentation ceremony held in the Industrial Relations Office when the Staff of the I. R. & P. Department presented him with an engraved silver cigarette box. We wish Mr.



Mr. J. A. Soverall presents Mr. F. R. Callender with a silver cigarette box on behalf of the Staff of the I.R. and P. Dept.

and Mrs. Callender all the best of luck in their new environment and take this opportunity of extending a welcome to Mr. R. M. Harcourt who succeeds Mr. Callender as Head of the I. R. & P. Department.

On Sunday, 25th May, the Point Fortin/Penal combined cricket team defeated the Port-of-Spain Office side in the first annual competition for the Forgan Cup. The match was closely contested and the Point Fortin/Penal side scored 96 runs (Bratt 29, Arismendez 31) against the Port-of-Spain total of 88 (Wong 28, Gonsalves 17, McPhie 14). The match was played on the Government House grounds at St. Ann's, and lunch and tea was served at the Boy Scouts' Headquarters. The Point Fortin/Penal team have thus secured the first lien on the Forgan Cup, but our Port-

of-Spain correspondent has asked us to warn them that next year's match will show quite a different result.

Mr. C. Bridgwood, Chief Engineer, has been transferred to the Shell Administration in Egypt and has now left Trinidad, together with Mrs. Bridgwood and their daughter, in order to take up his new appointment. Before his departure, a presentation ceremony was held in the Seamen's Club when Mr. Bridgwood was presented with several beautiful gifts from the Staff of the Engineering Department



Mr. J. L. Andrews making the presentation to Mr. C. Bridgwood prior to his departure from Trinidad.

and his colleagues in other Departments. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgwood have been a very popular couple during the many years they spent in Trinidad and it was with genuine regret that we said goodbye to them.

We extend to them our best wishes for the future.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. E. Gwyn, wife of our Senior Salesman, Port-of-Spain Office, has had to go to the U.S.A. for an operation. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Gwyn for a speedy recovery.

Our Port-of-Spain Office cricket team has not been favoured with the best of luck in the matches they have played so far in the Merchants 2nd Class Competition and it is to be hoped that the end of the season will see them in a better position than they are now. The annual fixture with the Port Services Club took place on Sunday, 7th April, when the match ended in a draw. As is usual on these occasions, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day's cricket.

Mr. William Maughan of the Refinery Electrical Section, has announced his engagement to Miss Phyllis Ammon of San Fernando.

We are also informed that Mr. Henry Oliver Bridgeman of the Refinery Distillation Section, has announced his engagement to Miss Norma Dorset of Point Fortin, and is expected to join the ranks of the Benedicts in August.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Maughan and to Mr. Bridgeman.

The christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aldric Hamilton of the Refinery Distillation Section, took place on Sunday, 25th May, at the Point Fortin Roman

Catholic Church when she received the names of Gregoria Annette. We extend our best wishes for this young lady's future.

Mr. A. Rogers, who has been attached to the Staff of the Engineering Department for several years has now been transferred to the Secretarial Department due to the departure of Mr. E. E. Andre, who has been transferred to the Hospital as Administrator. Mr. Rogers' position in the Engineering Department has been filled by Mr. C. R. St. Clair La Borde. We wish these Staff members every success in their new positions.

The Annual General Meeting of the United British Junior Staff Club was held on May 29 and the Committee for 1952/53 comprises the following:—

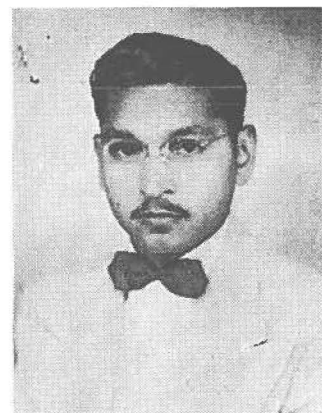
President, Mr. E. C. Taylor; Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Valentine; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. R. Coombs.

Committee Members: Messrs. V. E. Lalla, T. N. Arismendez and E. A. Gonzales.

We feel sure the new Committee will worthily uphold the traditions of the Club.

We have been asked by Mr. and Mrs. A. Codrington of the Engineering Department (Fields Section), to extend their thanks and appreciation to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of the Hospital for the care and attention received by Mrs. Codrington during her recent operation.

The Annual Inspection of the Southern Division of the British Red Cross Society was held on Saturday, 10th May, at Harris Promenade, San Fernando, when the Point Fortin Detachment were well to the fore. During the Inspection, Mr. C. Cornwall of the Refinery Electrical Section, was presented with his First Aid Certificate and Mr. H. Mohammed, Commandant of the Point Fortin Detachment, was presented with two bars for efficiency, having passed his 6th and 7th examinations in First Aid for 1950 and 1951 respectively. Mr. Mohammed, who is a member of the Staff of the Fire and Safety Section, recently received news of his success in a Correspondence Course in Industrial Safety Engineering which he took from the University of Wisconsin in the U.S.A.

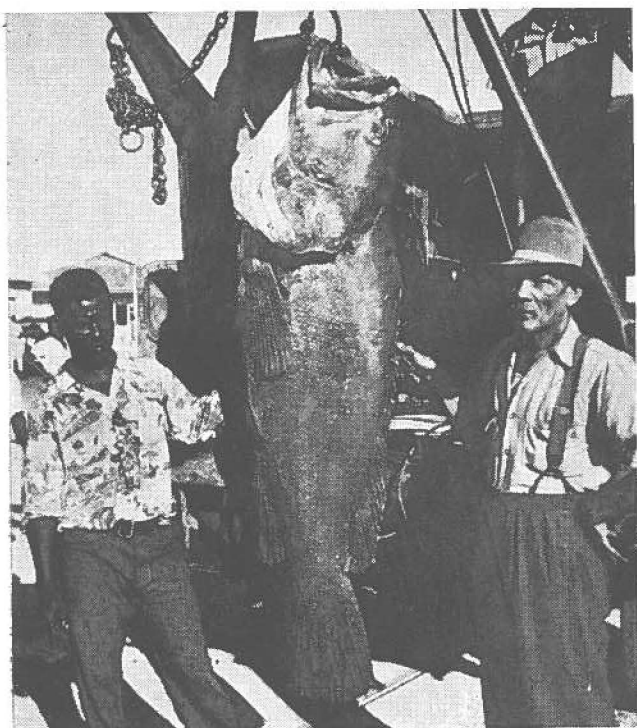


Mr. Hanif Mohammed.

Mr. H. Mahabirsingh of the Fire and Safety Section, who is also a member of the Point Fortin Red Cross Detachment, spent the three days following Easter Monday, at the San Fernando Colonial Hospital, where he gained invaluable experience in First Aid work. Mr. Mahabirsingh undertook these duties as part of his practical training in Red Cross work.

We are glad to see the Point Fortin Detachment continues to be in the news and we wish them every success.

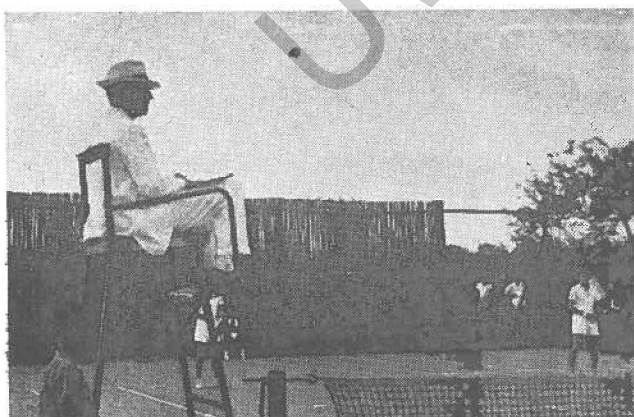
We are used to fishy stories around the Southern oil-fields, but as the accompanying photograph shows, the



The 200 lb. grouper caught off the Point Fortin Jetty.

grouper caught by Mr. M. Bethel and Mr. L. Eno of the Refinery Marine Section, was no story. The fish, which weighed over 200 pounds, was caught off our jetty at Point Fortin and its captors had all their work cut out to land it. 200 pounds is a good-sized fish in any man's language and we congratulate Messrs. Bethel and Eno on their prowess.

On Sunday, 18th May, the second Tennis Court at the United British Junior Staff Club was formally opened by Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager. The short ceremony was followed by a fine exhibition of tennis by some of the Island's best tennis players, Messrs. F. Gun-Munro, Jean Ho, Eric Forjonel and Gerry Gomez. Needless to say, there was a large attendance to see these champions in action. Mr. Madden umpired the match.



Mr. W. E. Madden umpiring the tennis games after the formal opening of the new tennis court at the United British Junior Staff Club.

The Company are to be congratulated for having provided this very welcome additional amenity to the United British Junior Staff Club.

Mr. T. M. Forgan, Assistant General Manager, has left Trinidad on long leave, Mrs. Forgan and their two daughters having preceded him. We understand that Mr. Forgan will not be returning to Trinidad and we therefore take this opportunity of extending our good wishes to him for the future and to welcome Mr. J. D. Hall, who has succeeded Mr. Forgan as Assistant General Manager.

In the March issue of UBOTIMES we displayed photographs of Shell Magazines from all over the world and we inadvertently stated that "Burmah-Shell News" was the House Magazine for Burmah. The publication in question is of course the House Magazine for India and we apologise to our friends on the other side of the world for this editorial slip.

The 'WHAT'S WRONG' Competition conducted in the March issue of UBOTIMES resulted in a win for Mr. L. Ellis of the Carpenter Shop, who managed to find no less than 598 hazards in the picture. Mr. Ellis thus wins the first prize of \$20.00, and this was presented to him by Mr. J. Colquhoun at a function held in the Carpenters' Shop. The ten Consolation Prizes of \$5.00 were won by Messrs. D. Louison and H. Mohammed (I.R. & P.), Carlton McLean and George Huggins (M. & O. Shops), Mr. Arnold Neckles (Penal Transport), Mr. Eddie Robain (Penal Engineering), Mr. Seecharan Kissoon (Penal Exploitation), Mr. A. B. Maul (Accounts), Mr. N. C. Shrubbs (Materials), and Mr. A. F. Cummings (EXD.).



Mr. J. Colquhoun presents Mr. L. Ellis with the first prize of Twenty Dollars in the "WHAT'S WRONG" Safety Competition.

We congratulate Mr. L. Ellis and the other prizewinners on their success, and the losers have another opportunity of winning one of the prizes by turning to our back cover and trying to provide the right answers to the Road Safety Contest being conducted in this issue.

Amongst the many Staff transfers which have occurred recently was that of Mr. J. W. Arscott of the Engineering Department, who has been transferred to the Shell Administration in Venezuela. Before his departure a function was held in the Chief Engineer's Office when Mr. C. Bridgwood presented Mr. Arscott with a pocket alarm clock and a wallet as a token of appreciation from his colleagues in the Department. Mrs. Arscott has now joined her husband in Venezuela and we wish them both every success.

The Dramatic Section of the United British Junior Staff Club will be celebrating their anniversary towards the end of July and they are doing this by producing three

one-act plays. Mr. C. K. Johnson is producing "The Colonel Engages His Daughter" by Mary Ingliss, Mr. Frank Western is producing "The Anniversary" by Anton Chekov, and Mr. S. J. Ireson is producing "The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs. We feel sure that these productions will maintain the high standard which this Group has set themselves and we hope to report on them in our next issue.

On Wednesday, 21st May, Mr. S. J. Ireson gave the lecture on Play Production and Stage Management which he has been giving the Groups taking part in the Arts Festival and judging by the questions asked at the end of the lecture, there can be no doubt regarding the keenness of our local Thespians. At the end of the lecture, Mr. Ireson spent a few minutes explaining the necessity for audiences in Trinidad to have a better understanding of the type of play which they were watching. He referred to the unfortunate laughter which so often comes from audiences in Trinidad during the playing of tense scenes on the stage. He expressed the opinion that audiences in Trinidad had not had the opportunity of seeing plays performed in professional theatres and did not realise that audiences went to the theatre in a particular frame of mind. If they were going to see a comedy or farce they expected to be amused and to laugh, but if they were going to see a drama or a tragedy, they went in quite a different frame of mind and they certainly would not roar with laughter during the performance. He went on to say that he felt audiences in Trinidad understood only one means of expressing their feelings — by laughter — and that unless they had had a good laugh, they had not been entertained. They had not yet realised that one could leave the theatre with a fine sense of having been entertained without having laughed once. He felt that the theatre in Trinidad would never get beyond the stage of light comedy or farce unless audiences could be educated to realise that serious plays were not meant to be the subject of laughter from the audience and he referred to the forthcoming production of "The Monkey's Paw" as an example. In the first part of the play the acting and dialogue is lighthearted, leading to drama in the middle of the play, and culminating in sheer horror at the end. Audiences would be expected to laugh at some of the passages in the beginning but during the middle and end of the play there should be absolute silence. Actors and actresses cannot be expected to put everything they have into a tense scene whilst laughter is coming from the audience.

It is to be hoped that the remarks made by Mr. Ireson at the end of his lecture will result in a better audience reaction to plays not only in Point Fortin but throughout Trinidad in general.

Mr. T. A. Dent has been transferred to the Shell Administration in Borneo and has now left Trinidad accompanied by Mrs. Dent and their three children. Before his



Mr. T. A. Dent (centre) with members of the Refinery Staff after the presentation ceremony held in his honour.

departure, the Staff and employees of the Refinery made him a presentation and expressed their regret at his departure from Trinidad. Mr. and Mrs. Dent have been very popular during their long stay in this Island and their departure will be regretted by all of us. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Dent the best of luck in their new environment and take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. E. J. Dawson, who has taken over Mr. Dent's duties as Refinery Manager.

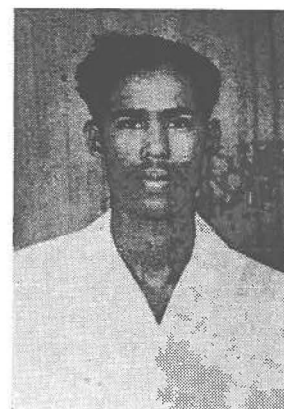
Amongst recent transfers to and from the Penal Division are the following:—

Mr. G. W. I. A. Whyte of the Accounts Department, to Point Fortin, and Mr. R. B. Brown of the same Department, to Penal. Before his departure from Penal, Mr. Whyte was the recipient of a clock, presented to him by the Clerical Staff of the Penal Office.

Mr. E. Thompson of the Production Department, to Point Fortin, and Mr. W. G. Alston of the same Department, to Penal. Mr. Alston is no stranger to Penal, having been stationed there on two previous occasions.

Mr. J. A. C. Pickering of the Engineering Department, to Point Fortin, to replace Mr. W. H. Berry, who has left on long leave. Before his departure, a presentation in the shape of an under-water fishing gun was made to Mr. Pickering by Mr. C. Nightingale on behalf of the Staff and Employees of the Engineering Department.

The United British Prize, which is awarded to the best student of the year at the Point Fortin R.C. Intermediate School, was won for 1951/52 by Wilbur Sylvester Rahman, who is the son of Mr. Joseph Rahman of the Transportation Department. For his prize, Wilbur will receive a beautifully bound volume of Shakespeare's works and a silver medal. With the United British Prize, provided the winner is a boy, goes an undertaking of employment with the Company and this year's fortunate winner has been engaged for the Clerical Staff of the Industrial Relations and Personnel Department. We congratulate him on winning this coveted prize and wish him the best of luck in his career with the Company.



Mr. W. S. Rahman.

The Estate Constables and Watchmen in the Penal Division were at home to a visiting Estate Police Force cricket team from Point Fortin on Easter Monday. On arrival, the visitors were taken on a sightseeing tour and after being entertained to lunch, the teams took the field. After a keenly contested game, the Point Fortin team emerged winners and were presented with a cricket flag designed and prepared through the efforts of Estate Constable C. Best of Penal. We hope that this fixture will develop into an annual event.

Mr. C. A. Daniel of the M. & O. Shops Section, has announced his engagement to Miss O. Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wells of Forest Reserve, Fyzabad. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Daniel.

Mr. John Baptiste of our Port-of-Spain Office, has announced his engagement to Miss Angela Rodriguez of Port-of-Spain, and Mr. Lio Gopeesingh of the Refinery Department, has also announced his engagement to Miss Merle Sherwood of Icaos. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Baptiste and to Mr. Gopeesingh.

As our readers are aware, no one in Point Fortin is more keen on tennis than our General Manager, Mr. W. E. Madden, and it is no secret that he will shortly be leaving Trinidad to take up an appointment with the London Office

of the Shell Group. His interest in Staff and Employee relations is also very well known and it therefore came as no surprise to us to learn that he had presented a trophy, to be known as the Madden Cup, for a bi-annual tennis competition between members of the United British Junior Staff Club and members of the United British Club. The first of these bi-annual games was concluded on June 7th when, in a most exciting series of matches, the United British Club just managed to win by three matches to two after having been led by two matches to nothing. Details of the results are as follows :—

SINGLES

1. C. Mejias (*U.B.J.S. Club*) beat D. J. Sedgley (*U.B. Club*) 6—2, 6—0.
2. M. St. John (*U.B.J.S. Club*) beat K. Warner (*U.B. Club*) 6—1, 6—2.

DOUBLES

1. A. Moore and I. C. Morgan (*U.B. Club*) beat E. Singh and L. Arneaud (*U.B.J.S. Club*) 6—1, 6—3.
2. W. E. Madden and G. M. Scott (*U.B. Club*) beat R. E. Valentine and I. Look Yan (*U.B.J.S. Club*) 6—2, 6—1.
3. A. R. Hughes and A. P. Christie (*U.B. Club*) beat A. B. Maul and P. Cornwallis (*U.B.J.S. Club*) 6—1, 6—0.

At the conclusion of the series, the trophy was presented to the victors by Mrs. J. D. Hall, and we congratulate them for having fought back so gallantly to retrieve what appeared to be a disastrous beginning. We extend our condolences to the members of the United British Junior Staff Club team who put up such a splendid display of tennis and who so nearly carried the Club to victory in this all-important fixture. May they have better luck in the next series to be played in December on the courts of the United British Junior Staff Club.



We extend our congratulations to the following :—

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gokool of the Refinery Engineering Section, on the birth of a son, Alvin Harry, on the 1st March.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrichand Dan of the Refinery Engineering Section, on the birth of a son, Krishna, on the 26th April.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gopee of the Survey Section, on the birth of a son, on the 18th May.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ible of the Refinery Electrical Section, on the birth of a daughter, on the 15th May.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Douglas of the Refinery Electrical Section, on the birth of a daughter, on the 6th May.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sweeney of the Refinery Electrical Section, on the birth of a daughter, on the 16th May.

Estate Constable and Mrs. J. George of the Estate Police Force, on the birth of a daughter, Yolande, on the 28th March.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Toussaint of the Production Department, on the birth of a son, Gabriel, on the 24th March.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Woods of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a daughter, Stephanie, on the 23rd March.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Griffith of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a daughter, Gloria, on the 16th March.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Courtney of the I. R. & P. Department, on the birth of a son, Edghill Anselem, on the 13th March.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Alexander of the Transport Department, on the birth of a daughter, Eastlyn. The young lady was christened on the 13th of April.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Thompson of the M. & O. Section, on the birth of a daughter, at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, on the 15th April.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Nightingale of the Electrical Section, Penal Division, on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. James of the M. & O. Shops Section, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Stafford of the M. & O. Shops Section, on the birth of a daughter, on the 15th May.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Santana of the Refinery Marine Section, on the birth of a son, on the 22nd May.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Shrubbs of the Materials Department, on the birth of a daughter, on the 26th May.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patterson of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a daughter, on the 28th May.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Upton of the Refinery Engineering, on the birth of a son, on the 3rd June.



Miss Yolande Mathison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mathison of the I. R. & P. Department, was married on the 13th April to Mr. Noel Wyatt of Port-of-Spain. The ceremony took place at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church,



Mr. and Mrs. N. Wyatt after their wedding.

Point Fortin, and a reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents when a large number of guests were present. Mrs. Wyatt is on the Staff of our Port-of-Spain Office and prior to her marriage she was presented with a beautiful canteen of silver from her colleagues.

Mr. Edwin Simon of the Refinery Distillation Section, was married on Sunday, 15th June, to Miss D. Cragwell of Point Fortin. The ceremony took place at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Point Fortin, and was attended by many friends and well-wishers.

Mr. L. Ramnarine of the Engineering Department (Fields Section), was married recently to Miss Latchan of Bois Bourg, Cedros. The wedding was performed according to Hindu rites and was attended by many friends of the bride and bridegroom.

Mr. H. B. Maharajh of the Transport Department, joined the ranks of the Benedicts on Saturday, 12th April, when he married Miss Angela Macklan of Penal.

Mr. D. A. Williams of the Engineering Department, Penal Division, was married to Miss G. W. Haggarty of the I. R. & P. Department, on Saturday, 12th April. The ceremony took place at the Susamachar Church, San Fernando, and the bride was given in marriage by Mr. J. A. C. Pickering. Mrs. J. Romanes attended the bride and Mr. J.



Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Williams leaving the Susamachar Church, San Fernando, after their wedding.

Romanes performed the duties of best man. Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the United British Penal Club at which many friends of the bride and bridegroom were present.

Mr. J. M. N. Laing of the Exploitation Engineering Department, was married on Easter Sunday to Miss Marie Louise Hone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hone of Forest Reserve. The wedding took place at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Forest Reserve, and Archdeacon F. R. Banks officiated at the ceremony. A reception was afterwards held at the Forest Reserve Club, and the honeymoon was spent in Tobago.

Mr. L. Joseph, Foreman of the Electrical Section, Penal Division, was married to Miss Leonora Mitchell of Penal, on Easter Sunday. The ceremony took place at the Roman Catholic Church at Siparia and a reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride in Penal.

Mr. Nathaniel Sookram of the Materials Department, joined the ranks of the Benedicts on the 13th April when he married Miss Girlie Jadoolal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jadoolal of Penal. The ceremony was performed according to Hindu rites at the home of the bride's parents and was attended by many friends and well-wishers. The reception was held at Cap-de-Ville, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. K. Maharaj.

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. Rupelto Montano of the Survey Section, on the 23rd March. The late Rupelto Montano had been employed with the Company since 1930.

Mr. Maynard Alexander, pensioner, formerly of the Production Department, on the 17th April. The late Maynard Alexander had been employed with the Company since 1934 and retired from active duties in August of last year.

Estate Constable Peter Rogers of the Estate Police Force, on the 11th May. The late Peter Rogers had been employed with the Company since 1945, and the interment took place at the Paradise Cemetery, San Fernando, with Police honours.

Mr. Ernest Douglas of the Refinery Marine Section, on the 17th May. The late Ernest Douglas had been employed by the Company as a motor mechanic since February 1948.

Mrs. Netta Lee Kin, wife of Mr. Joseph Lee Kin of the Refinery Engineering Section, which occurred on the 19th May at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando.

Mr. Chandoo Moah, father of Mr. N. Haniff of the Engineering Department (Fields Section), which occurred at Cap-de-Ville on the 16th May.

Deborah, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Charleau of the Engineering Department (M. & O. Shops Section), who survived her entry into this world by only five days.

Stanley, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kanhai of the Materials Department, who died under tragic circumstances on Monday, 2nd June.

Mr. Hayling Lambert, pensioner, formerly of the Materials Department, on the 5th June. The late Hayling Lambert had been employed with the Company since 1930 and retired from active duties in March 1951.

Mrs. Carmen Bastien, wife of Mr. C. Bastien of the Accounts Department, which occurred on the 12th May, at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando.



We extend a welcome to :—

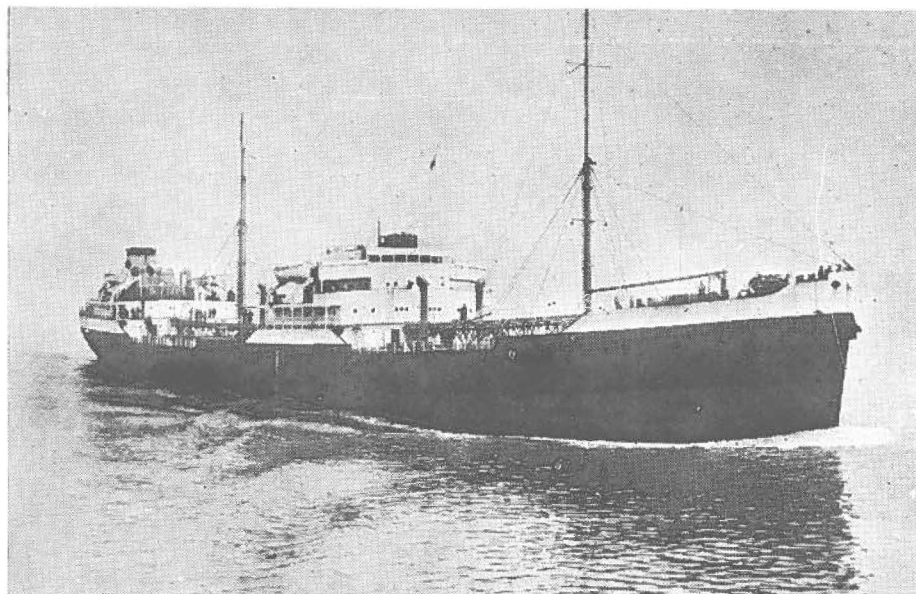
Messrs. W. E. Madden and J. D. Hall (Management), Messrs. L. J. Williams, H. F. S. Cotterell and B. d'Andrade (Refinery), Messrs. H. G. van Laar and W. D. Bell (EXD.), Messrs. G. L. Norkett, J. B. Sibbald and L. C. Smith (Drilling), Messrs. G. Favre and W. L. Buning (Geological), Mr. C. H. G. Wood (Lands and Legal), Messrs. R. M. Harcourt and B. Sanders (I. R. & P.), Messrs. W. G. Alston and H. A. Kay (Production), and Mr. D. J. Sedgley (Engineering).



Messrs. F. R. Callender and A. H. Davis (I. R. & P.), Messrs. D. P. B. Stewart, L. L. Mabey and W. A. Scott (Drilling), Messrs. C. R. Carter, T. A. Dent and P. J. Crawford (Refinery), Mr. R. P. Brown (Penal Division), Messrs. E. L. Johnson and C. R. Bascom (Accounts), Messrs. W. H. Berry, J. W. Arcsott, C. Bridgwood and C. J. Bonadie (Engineering), Messrs. A. M. Oosterbaan, P. Hasler and S. H. Jones (Geological), Mr. J. G. Ogilvie (Production), Dr. N. W. Ahin (Medical), Mr. T. M. Forgan (Management), Mr. L. S. Ricards (Materials), Mr. J. L. Winter (Lands and Legal), Mr. R. St. C. Cumberbatch (EXD.), and Mr. L. F. Lord (Draughting).

The Gas Turbine Goes To Sea

IF your eyes had turned seawards on Sunday 27th April you would have seen a tanker moored at the Jetty Head engaged in a routine loading operation. To the ordinary observer, she was just another Shell tanker doing a job of work but when she arrived in Port-of-Spain harbour on her way down to Point Fortin, she was the centre of attention from members of the Association of Me-



The Shell tanker D.E.S. Auris.

The *AURIS* was built in 1948, and at that time she was fitted with four diesel engines; allowances were made for the day when it would be possible to remove one of the diesel engines and in its place instal the gas turbine which was then in the process of being perfected.

The building of the gas turbine was suggested by Mr. John Lamb O.B.E., Head of Shell's Marine Research and Development Department, who was responsible for the design of *AURIS*. The British Thomson-Houston Company, undertook in co-operation with Shell, the building of the gas turbine. Both Shell and The British Thomson-Houston Company have had considerable experience in this field, having collaborated with Air Commodore Frank Whittle in the development of the first turbo-jet for aircraft.

The construction of the marine gas turbine began at Rugby in 1948, and the first test run took place in June 1950. Early in 1951 the factory tests were completed and in July 1951 the installation in the *AURIS* began, the gas turbine-alternator set replacing one of the four existing diesel-electric sets.

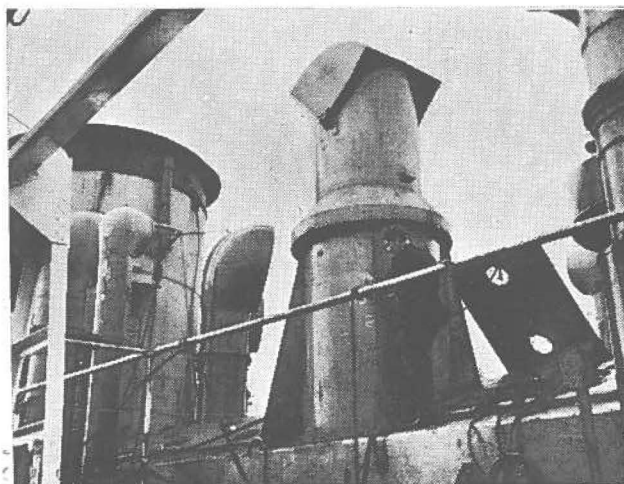
The gas turbine has been described as a



At left Mr. John Lamb, O.B.E. is seen discussing the project with Chief Engineer A. N. V. Beedle (second from left), Mr. R. M. Duggan (background), Captain F. T. Vine (Master of D.E.S. Auris) and 2nd Engineer R. T. Breeds (right foreground).

chanical Engineers who spent a considerable time swarming over her engine room. When the tanker arrived at Point Fortin, she was again the centre of attraction for the engineers and a large party, which included members of the Management, turned the engine room inside out. What was the reason for this curiosity on the part of these usually phlegmatic engineers? The answer was soon forthcoming, for the ship was none other than the 12,000 ton Shell tanker *AURIS* which is the world's first merchant ship to be powered by a gas turbine.

Welding the exhaust cowl of the gas turbine which, with the air intake, is mounted for'ard of the funnel.

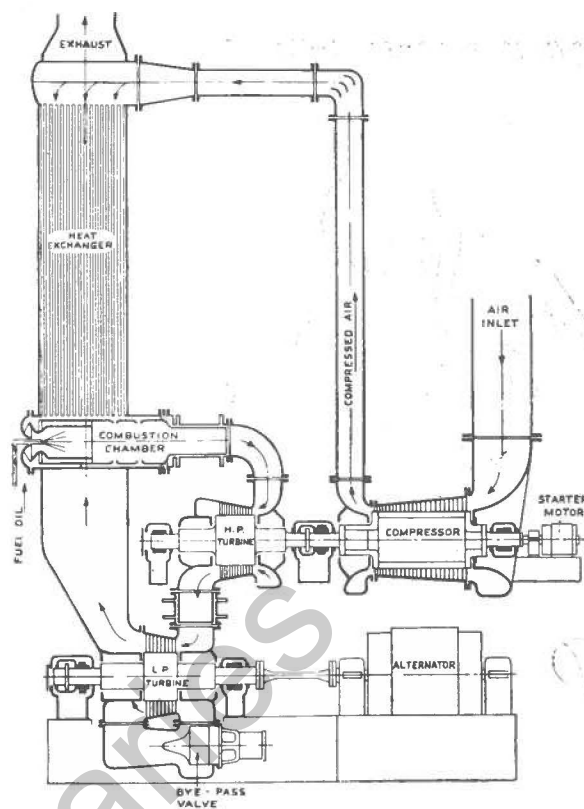
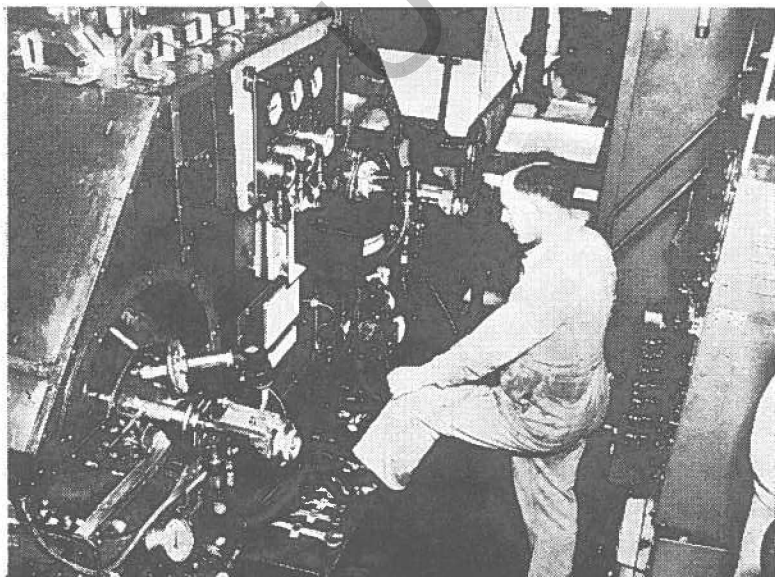


marriage between a jet engine and an ordinary steam turbine. It has a number of advantages over other kinds of marine engines inasmuch as it has only two moving parts, against scores in other engines; consequently there is less wear and tear and risk of failure is reduced. Other factors are lower running costs, relatively less weight and smaller space required, while its principal advantage over the steam turbine is the elimination of boilers and condensers.

Besides the gas turbine alternator, the engine room of the *AURIS* contains three diesel engines, but when the *AURIS* recently completed the first transatlantic voyage to be made entirely on gas turbine power, the diesel generators, which provide three-quarters of the total propelling power, were shut down after the pilot was dropped and the ship proceeded on the turbine only. During the 3,897 mile voyage the turbine operated continuously for 543 hours and the ship's speed averaged 7.35 knots. The performance of the turbine throughout the voyage was remarkably consistent indicating a high degree of combustion efficiency and absence of fouling in the principal components. So marked was the absence of vibration during this period that it was impossible, even by placing a hand on the engine casing, to be certain that the gas turbine was in fact running. Under the full load only a slight whistling noise could be heard.

The fuel burned was a heavy grade fuel oil of 1,500 secs. viscosity, on which the gas turbine has been running successfully for some time. This is first purified in the manner which has proved so successful in the case of diesel engines, i.e. the fuel is heated to 180°F. temperature and then passed through a centrifugal purifier and clarifier arranged in series. The fuel is then injected into the turbine at 350 lb. sq. in. and at a temperature of 220°F. The lubricating oil used averages less than $\frac{3}{4}$ gallon

An engineer at the instrument panel and control valves in the engine room of the Auris.



Diagrammatic layout of gas turbine set.

per day. This compares with the consumption of 15 gallons a day for the normal type of diesel engine of similar horsepower.

On the return journey to the United Kingdom the *AURIS* used the whole of her propelling equipment, i.e. the three diesel generators and the gas turbine alternator in order to give the ship its designed speed of 12 knots.

As for future developments, no decision will be taken until the new equipment has been fully tested over two or three round trips in the *AURIS*.

AURIS is commanded by Captain Vine of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, who has been a Shell tanker Master for 29 years, while responsibility for the running of the gas turbine rests with Chief Engineer A. N. V. Beedle, of Blackheath, London. Chief Engineer Beedle is the son of an old Shell man who will be remembered by all who worked in Mexico.

The installation of the marine gas turbine alternator set in *D.E.S. AURIS* marks an extremely important development in ship propulsion and establishes a British lead in this field.

We in Shell are proud of the achievement.



The Draughting Department

By J. B. EDWARDS
(Industrial Relations Office)

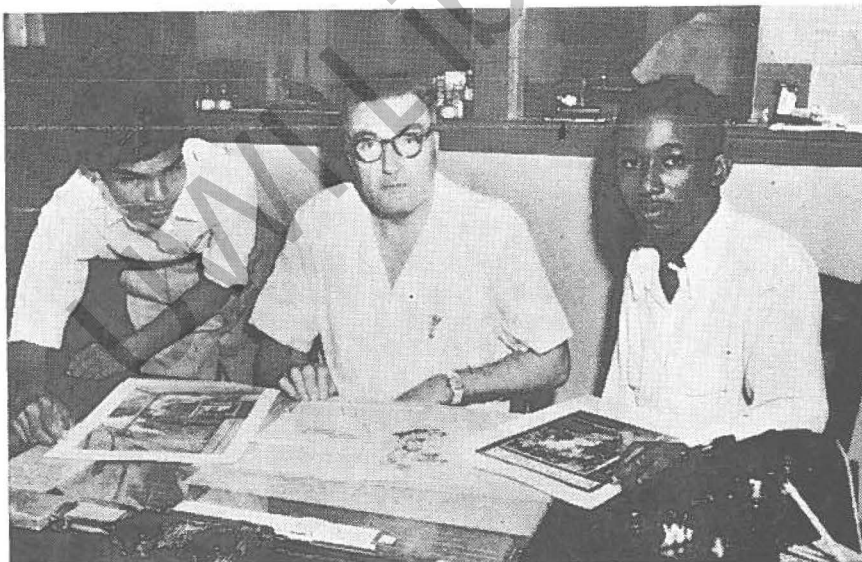
PRIOR to 1936 all Departments of the Company, the nature of whose work required maps, tracings, etc., had draughtsmen as a part of their Departmental Staff. The Draughting Department as we know it today was established in 1936 by Mr. J. Schreuder when all the draughtsmen from these various Departments were centralised. In 1938 Mr. M. J. Glerum, our present Chief Draughtsman, came to Trinidad and took over the direction of the Department and the development of this important Section of the Company's operation is a tribute to him and his draughtsmen, many of whom have been working in the Department since its inception.

At this stage, we should like to make it clear that this article will not include the Draughting Section of the Engineering Department which is accommodated in the same office space as the Draughting Department. The Section in question is a specialised one dealing only with engineering draughtsmanship and is under the direct control of the Chief Engineer. It is hoped to cover this Section in a future article.

The work of the Draughting Department is of an extremely varied nature and we therefore find it

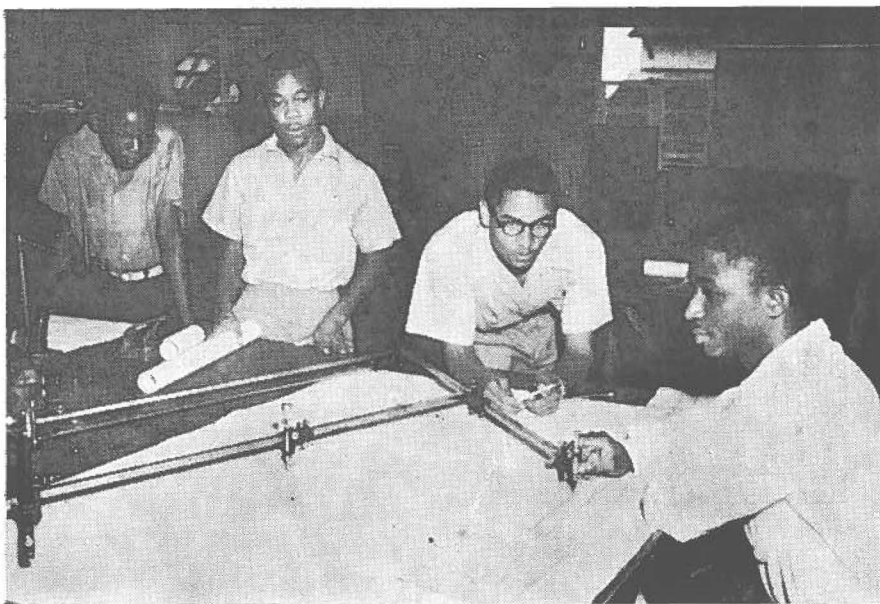
sub-divided into a number of Sections each of which specialises in a particular type of work. The first of these is the Geological Section, of which Mr. I. F. Harnanan is the Senior Draughtsman. He is assisted by Mr. K. Ramdial and they have five draughtsmen and one trainee under their direction. As the name implies, this Section deals with all the draughting requirements of the Geological Department which, as

you may well imagine, are varied and often complex. To get a better idea of this, let us briefly follow a geologist assigned to do a survey of a particular area. His first requirement is a series of spot maps of the area to be surveyed. These are drawn in this Section on a heavy cartridge paper usually to a scale of 1/5,000 and comprise the co-ordinate lines, monuments and triangulation stations, concession



Mr. M. J. Glerum discusses the front cover of *UBOTIMES* with Mr. B. Ramdial (left) and Mr. E. R. Andrews (left). Mr. Ramdial designed and painted the front cover of this issue of our House Magazine.

boundaries, main roads, rivers and any other important items of topographical interest. Armed with these spot maps the geologist goes out to conduct his survey. At frequent intervals, usually fortnightly or monthly, the geologist sends to the Draughting Department his copies of the spot maps bearing plottings of the results of his geological investigations.



Mr. E. R. Andrews (right) uses the pantograph to reduce a Schlumberger log. Looking on (from left to right) are Mr. L. L. Fullerton, Mr. W. H. Mills and Mr. R. Waterman.

Copies of his findings, to a scale of 1/10,000 are made for inclusion in the geologist's Monthly Progress Report. As the investigation progresses the Geological Section of the Draughting Department receives an ever-increasing amount of information which will have to be incorporated into a final map showing the geologist's findings of the survey. It is this final map which is the test of the skill, neatness and accuracy of the geological draughtsman. Accurate tracings of all the geological information on the various spot maps have to be made and carefully checked and when these are completed prints are made. From these emerge the maps which are incorporated in the geologist's final report. Many of us perhaps, during visits to the Draughting Department, have noticed one or another member of Mr. Harnanan's Section deeply engrossed in colouring one of these maps and, indeed, we may have said, "well, he is only splashing on colours. Anyone can do that". Later, when we realise that each particular shade of

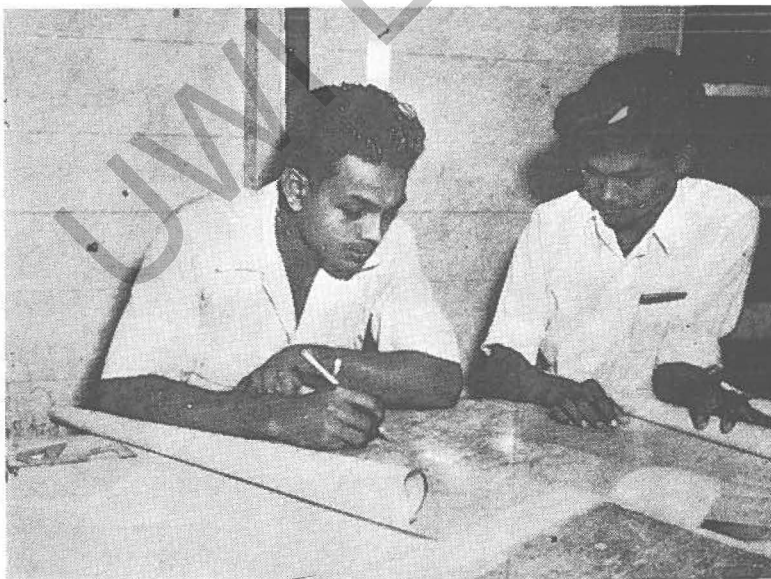
colour is a code for a specific geological formation, we begin to realise that a slip can create untold difficulties.

As well as geological and compilation maps, Mr. Harnanan's group prepare palaeontological charts, graph sections, stratigraphical columns, profiles, and any other draughting requirements of the Geological Department.

Closely related to Mr. Harnanan's section is the Lands and Legal Section consisting of Mr. Ramnarase and his assistant. Again the name is self-explanatory, and the Section is responsible for the preparation of all maps required by the Lands and Legal Department. Indeed, the number and variety of maps prepared by this Section are legion and accuracy is the all-important factor. It would not be an easy task to give a detailed account of the numbers and types of maps prepared by this Section, but a glance at the article on the Lands and Legal Department in the last issue of this House Magazine will surely convince the reader of the complexity of work done by this Section of the Draughting Department.

The third Section is the Exploitation Engineering and Production Section or, as it is familiarly known, the EXD. Section, consisting of seven draughtsmen

under Mr. F. Harding, Senior Draughtsman, and Mr. L. Bartholomew, his deputy. Available space prevents a detailed account of all work done by this Section, but the following summary gives a fair indication of the more important duties of this team. For every well drilled by The United British Oilfields of Trinidad Ltd., and for many of those drilled by other Companies operating in the Island, the Draughting Department prepares "Strip-logs". These are, in

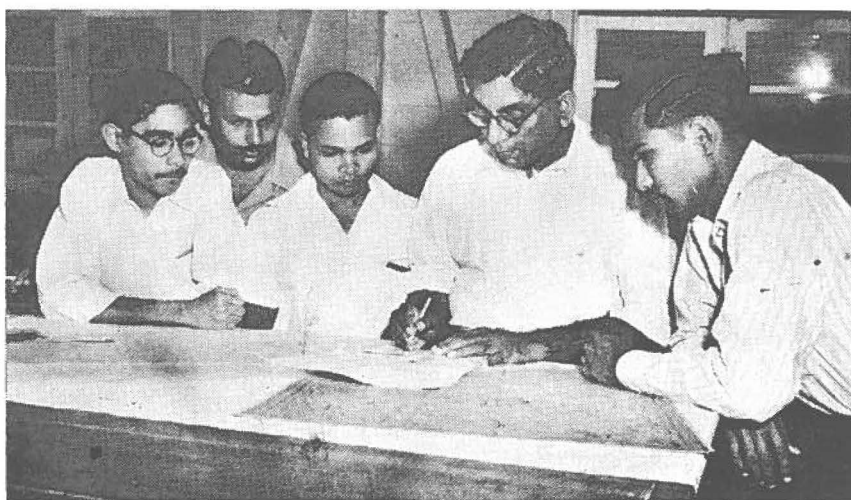


Mr. Ramnarase explains to his assistant, Mr. B. Ramdial, the complexities of the work done by him for the Lands & Legal Department.

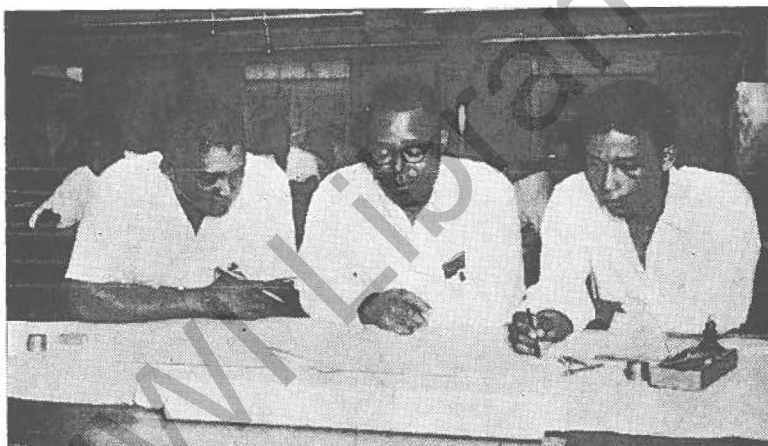
effect, miniature pictures of the drilled holes and show the formations encountered, deviation and dip indications, casing strings, electric logging, producing intervals, and many other features which are re-

quired for EXD. and production records. This Section prepares production maps, monthly progress maps and charts, Schlumberger logs and other electrical surveys, sub-surface contour maps and cross sections. It can be said that Mr. Harding's Section is to the EXD. and Production Departments what Mr. Harnanan's Section is to the Geological Department and that all EXD. and Production information which requires the deft hand and finishing touch of a draughtsman finds its way there. As our readers will have gathered, the work here is essentially of a team nature but we feel that Mr. K. Corbie should be given special mention as the Section's graph expert. The number of graphs and charts required from this Section is truly monumental and this young man is fully occupied on their compilation. Another member of this Section who must be singled out for special reference is Mr. E. R. Andrews. He can truly be called the artist of the Draughting Department and his work includes posters and other creative artistry. For a number of years Mr. Andrews has rendered invaluable assistance to the Editorial Staff of our House Magazine by his creative ability with pen and brush.

The fourth division of the Draughting Department is a team of three, Mr. S. E.



The Geological Section is one of the most important in the Department and here we see Mr. I. F. Harnanan (centre) discussing a new project with some of his draughtsmen. From left to right are Mr. H. Maraj, Mr. K. Ramdial, Mr. R. Ramracha, Mr. I. F. Harnanan, and Mr. D. Ramkissoon.



Mr. F. Harding, (centre) Head of the EXD and Production Section, plans the difficult work of the Section with Mr. L. Bartholomew (left) and Mr. K. Corbie (right).

The Section Head of the Topographical Section, Mr. S. E. Morris, calculating an area with the help of the planimeter. The two draughtsmen looking on are Mr. W. L. B. Furlonge (centre) and Mr. H. Rampaul (right)



Morris, Senior Draughtsman, assisted by Messrs. W. L. B. Furlonge and H. Rampaul. These constitute the Topographical Section and are responsible for the draughting of all topographical maps of areas in which our Company is operating. Readers will appreciate that this type of work is one requiring much skill in drawing and an extremely high degree of accuracy. Just as the three other Sections, the Topographical Sec-

tion works in close conjunction with another Department and in this case it is the Survey Section of the Engineering Department. All maps and plans prepared by this team are made from the information, plottings, etc., supplied by the Company surveyors. Practically every Department requires maps for some purpose or another and Mr. Morris' Section are the suppliers. Road maps, location maps, pipeline and equipment maps, lease maps, power lines, building applications and site plans are a few of the types turned out by this Section. We may not all realise that new projects such as the Power Plant, Techier and Mahaica housing,

roads, Production Stations, etc., require extremely accurate large-scale maps before such projects are laid out, and the Topographical Section produce them with great efficiency.

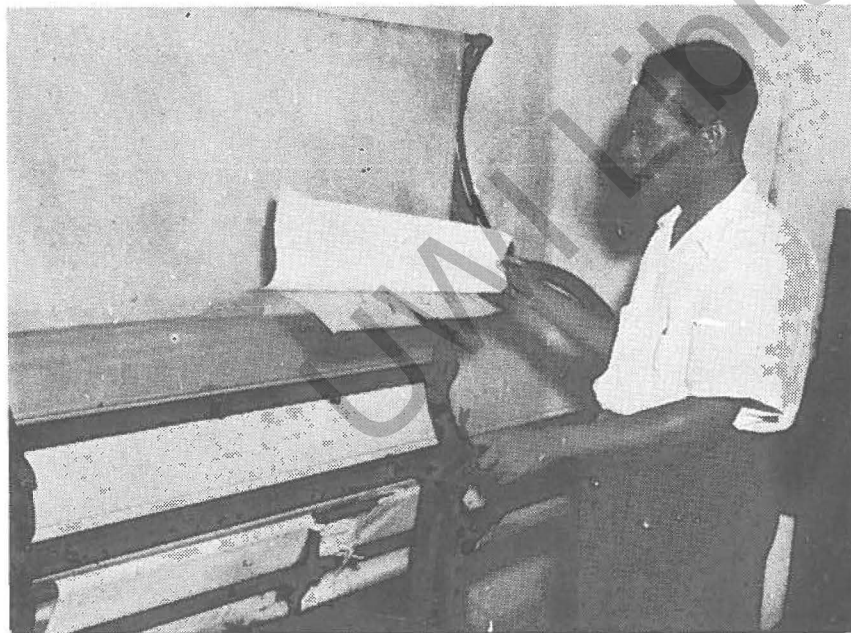
It has been said that at the very moment a map is printed it becomes out of date and, with new constructions, new wells and all other projects of the Company this is very true of our topographical maps. It will therefore be appreciated that a very important part of the work of this Section is keeping up to date the variety of maps turned out by them.

The fifth and final Section of the Draughting Department consists of the "back room boys", Mr. M. Dillon and Mr. K. Ali. That these two are occasionally forgotten when we think of the Draughting Department is due to the fact that they are both tucked away downstairs, but we should not under-estimate the importance of their work in the Printing



The photostat machine plays a very important part in the work of the Draughting Department and here we see Mr. K. Ali operating it.

skill in handling the intricate mechanism of the photostat machine. This machine is actually an enormous camera equipped with a large lens. It is especially designed for fast and correct copying, the copies being photographed facsimiles, made on sensitized paper. Photostatic work is very much in demand nowadays mainly because it produces accurate reduced or enlarged prints of maps, plans, documents, letters, etc., and also because it is a quick, accurate, and automatic method of preparing any number of identical copies.



Mr. M. Dillon making one of the innumerable white prints which are so necessary to the Company's operations.

Room. This Section naturally falls into two parts, the printing and the photographic, the former being handled by Mr. Dillon. He prepares all the white prints of maps, plans, engineering drawings, etc., and, when we realise that his output is frequently more than 1,500 per month, we can truthfully call him a busy man. Mr. Ali controls all the photographic work and in his short stay with us has acquired great

Although the Draughting Department is the second smallest Department in the Company, its twenty-two employees have a very envious long service record, and six of them show a combined total of one hundred and twenty-nine years of service. Mr. M. J. Glerum has been with the Shell Group for twenty-six years, Mr. L. Bartholomew comes next with twenty-two years' service and he is closely followed by Mr. I. F. Harnanan and Mr. F. Harding with twenty-one years' service, Mr. S. E. Morris with twenty years' service, and Mr. W. L. B. Furlonge with nineteen years' service. Apart from these veterans, several others are on the way to upholding the long service tradition of the Department with periods varying from six to eleven years. Team work is essential in the Draughting Department and a team can only work together satisfactorily if they are happy. The fact that the Staff of the Department work so well together is proof of the happy spirit of co-operation which Mr. Glerum and his Section Heads have been able to develop and maintain.



Spotlight on Sport

by Clyde McLean

CRICKET



Arousing unusually keen interest amongst the public of Point Fortin this year, has been the grand old game, cricket. It is safe to say that the grand stand at Mahaica has never seen such large cricket crowds cheering every stroke made by the batsmen and the brilliant fielding displayed by the fieldsmen.

St. Patrick Cup Competition:

Our readers will recall that in our last issue U.B.A.A. 1st XI were quite sure that despite the apparently weak combinations they expected to field in the above competition they would give many a strong team a most embarrassing time. Our defeat at the hands of T.P.D. C.C. has already been reported and a couple of changes in the team for our second game against Antilles C.C. brought about a much happier result. Our opponents, playing at home, won the toss and on a perfect wicket sent us in to bat. Our batsmen took advantage of the situation and L. Dopwell, in particular, with a breezy knock of 88 runs enabled us to amass the respectable total of 224 runs at the end of the day's play. On the following Saturday, Antilles took their turn at the crease and some destructive bowling by B. Peters and R. Valentine, who took 6 and 3 wickets respectively, bundled the boys back for 63 runs. The follow-on was enforced, but Lady Luck was still against them and on this occasion they could only score 41 runs and thus enabled U.B.A.A. to win by an innings, a day ahead of schedule. With one defeat and one victory chalked up, renewed vigour seemed to get hold of our players. Barrackpore were our visitors for the third engagement, and a win in this game would keep us well within the running for championship honours. The wicket was good when our opponents decided to bat and with remarkably good fielding and bowling by our boys they could only muster 84 runs, R. Valen-

tine getting 4 wickets for 20 runs and B. Peters 4 for 34. Our batsmen fared a little better and a lead of 49 runs was established. Useful scores came from L. Nagaur (29), L. Dopwell (23) and C. McClean (21). When Barrackpore returned to have their second knock they lost 4 wickets before the arrears were wiped off and it looked an easy win for us. Our fieldsmen then had a run of bad luck and Barrackpore seized the opportunity to get easy runs. P. Alleyne, veteran all-rounder, was their topscorer with a splendid knock of 93 runs out of his team's total of 209. At 3.10 p.m. on the last day we were set with the task of making 164 runs in 155 minutes. This was not impossible and our boys faced the situation confidently. Although we made a good start, the bad luck continued and wickets fell at regular intervals until, with 15 runs still needed the last batsman came in. R. Valentine (57 not out) had been carrying most of the batting on his shoulders and remained at the crease to bring victory to U.B.A.A. by 1 run almost on the stroke of time. Another Point Fortin team, Middlesex C.C., who are newcomers to the competition, had been making light work of all their opponents. They had played three matches without dropping a single point. Under these circumstances, our match against them was a key fixture and a virtual semi-final. The clashing of two teams hailing from the same district in any line of sport always creates unusual local interest and this game was no exception. Heavy showers around midday on the first day did not detract from the interest of the spectators but play had to be postponed until 2.30 p.m. U.B.A.A. won the toss and sent Middlesex in to bat on the rain-affected pitch. Our pace bowlers could get no help from the wicket and the spinners, L. Dopwell and C. McClean, were soon introduced. This met with immediate success as the former had Bhagwan stumped in his second over. Our tall-scoring opponents found run-getting a problem as the slow bowling on the turning wicket continued to baffle their batsmen. R. Charles (26), F. Hackett (19) and L. Celestine (15 not out) were top-scorers in their total of 102 runs. With ten minutes to bat, U.B.O.T. opened their innings with Theo. Arismandez and R. Valentine. Middlesex, an outstanding fielding side, lived up to their reputation and a brilliant slip catch by L. Celestine off a pacy delivery from Clayton Lynch put us one wicket down without a single run on the board. On the second day, rain again

interfered with the start and we were faced with the same type of wicket on which to continue our knock. Some fine spin bowling by A. Frederick and C. Roberts resulted in our team collecting the low score of 76 runs, Henry Juman being the only batsman to play the bowling with any success. Middlesex then returned to the crease and at the close of play for the second day had lost 2 wickets for 26 runs. A perfect wicket was presented us on the third and final day and again our spinners, C. McClean and L. Dopwell, with a match analysis of 8 for 73 and 8 for 74 respectively, proved the undoing of the Middlesex batsmen and they finished with a score of 121 runs. We were thus set with the task of making 147 runs in 130 minutes, and our opening batsmen gave us a grand start. With the first wicket falling at 39 runs and the second at 51, victory seemed in sight but the game took a dramatic turn when the Middlesex first innings bowling heroes clinched victory for them with five minutes to go. Middlesex C.C. thus still retain their unbeaten record.

Our second XI have been experiencing quite an indifferent season as they won their first two matches and then lost on 1st innings points to the youthful Dynamoes C.C., also of Point Fortin. This setback seemed to affect them adversely, and it was not until they went to Apex two matches later that they seemed to find their old form again. They did not maintain the promise shown, however, and in their following engagement against Presbyterian Youths of Fyzabad they went further down the table. After being led on first innings, U.B.A.A. went in to have a second knock and declared, giving their opponents 67 runs to make in just under an hour. Although they had nine of the opposing batsmen out for a meagre 19 runs, time robbed them of victory and the 12 points for a win.

Inter-Department Cricket :

Due to inclement weather at the close of the 1951 season, the presentation of the Tanner and Pracy Cups had to be left over until the current season, and on this occasion Mr. J. L. Andrews, Production Manager, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. E. Madden, made the presentation. Preceding the ceremony was a match between players selected from the champion sides and a team comprising "The Rest". At its conclusion, Mr. C. McClean, Chairman of the Competition Committee, introduced Mr. Andrews to the spectators and then called on

the Secretary, Mr. K. Corbie, to give a short account of the season's activities. Mr. Andrews then presented the Tanner Cup to Engineering Shops, the Pracy Cup to Penal, and individual prizes to A. Frederick of the Engineering Shops team, and B. Hankey of the Materials XI, for the best batting averages in the Tanner and Pracy Cup Competitions respectively, and to P. Nicholson and J. Francois for the best bowling figures.

Baker Cup :

Once again the U.B. Club have emerged winners of the Baker Cup, thereby completing a hat trick of wins. As was reported in our last issue, they had lost their first match but encouraged by the belief that a bad start often makes a good end, they redoubled their efforts and left the field victors in all their remaining matches. We again extend our warmest congratulations to them.

Dolly Cup :

Success did not attend our lads in the Apprentices' Technical School as it did in the previous year. The boys played three matches but could win only one at the expense of Forest Reserve. To all appearances, T.L.L. Pointe-a-Pierre apprentices, who have not lost a single engagement, will be the proud winners of this trophy, emblem of cricket supremacy amongst apprentices in the Southern oilfields.



Mr. J. L. Andrews presents the Pracy Cup to Mr. H. Williams, Captain of the Penal Division team.

ATHLETICS

Penal Sports :

Once again those responsible for athletics at Penal must be congratulated on distinguishing themselves as first class organisers. On Sunday, 4th May, the Seventh Annual Cycle and Athletic Sports Meeting was staged in grand fashion, and athletes from all parts of the Island participated. The presence of Wilfred Tull and Levi Modeste, both of international fame, added much lustre to the proceedings. During the Meeting prizes were presented by Mrs. J. D. Hall, wife of our new Assistant General Manager, and Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager. Several excellent performances were chalked up and the large crowd which was in attendance had a fine afternoon's sport. Particularly outstanding were the performances of C. Turton of our Port-of-Spain Office, who won two of the 100 yards events and the 220 yards open to U.B.O.T. employees only, and E. Toussaint of the Watchmen Service, who won the "B" Class 100 yards event and the long jump. Our inside front cover is dedicated to this Meeting, and our best

thanks are due to our friends in the Penal Division for having provided us with such grand entertainment.

TABLE TENNIS



Carl Williams continues to hold the spotlight in this field of sport. In the Southern Classified Singles, run by the Lanes Club of San Fernando, Carl has reached the semi-final, and we wish him the best of luck in the final encounter.

Indoor Games With Penal

U.B.A.A. of Point Fortin were guests of the U.B.A.A. of Penal on Whit Monday, June 2. It was a return engagement and during a most enjoyable day, Table Tennis, Billiards and All-Fours were played. Point Fortin, who emerged victors, made an almost complete sweep of the ball games but lost at All-Fours.

Hereunder are the results (Point Fortin mentioned first) :

Table Tennis :

P. Thomas won from J. Ramanir, 21-13, 21-13; J. Ackee lost to A. Bekharry, 7-21, 18-21; F. E. won from B. Ghuran, 21-18, 21-16; R. Scott won from R. Chankersingh, 21-18, 21-15; V. Sylves won from W. Jones, 14-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Billiards :

V. Sylvester won from A. Ramberran, 150-8; R. Scott won from G. Spence, 100-78; B. Mas won from E. Griffith, 100-62; H. George won from A. Lamy, 100-86; L. George won from W. Jones, 100-67; C. Tom lost to S. Kissoon, 88-100.

All-Fours :

Point Fortin 44 games. Penal 50 games.

FOOTBALL



Training has already begun in preparation for this ever-popular game, and by the time this issue of UBOTIMES is published, our players should be very near their best form.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. A. P. Christ and his boys for another successful season.

A Tribute To The Staff

We print below an extract from the Chairman's Statement published in the 54th Annual Report to shareholders of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company Limited

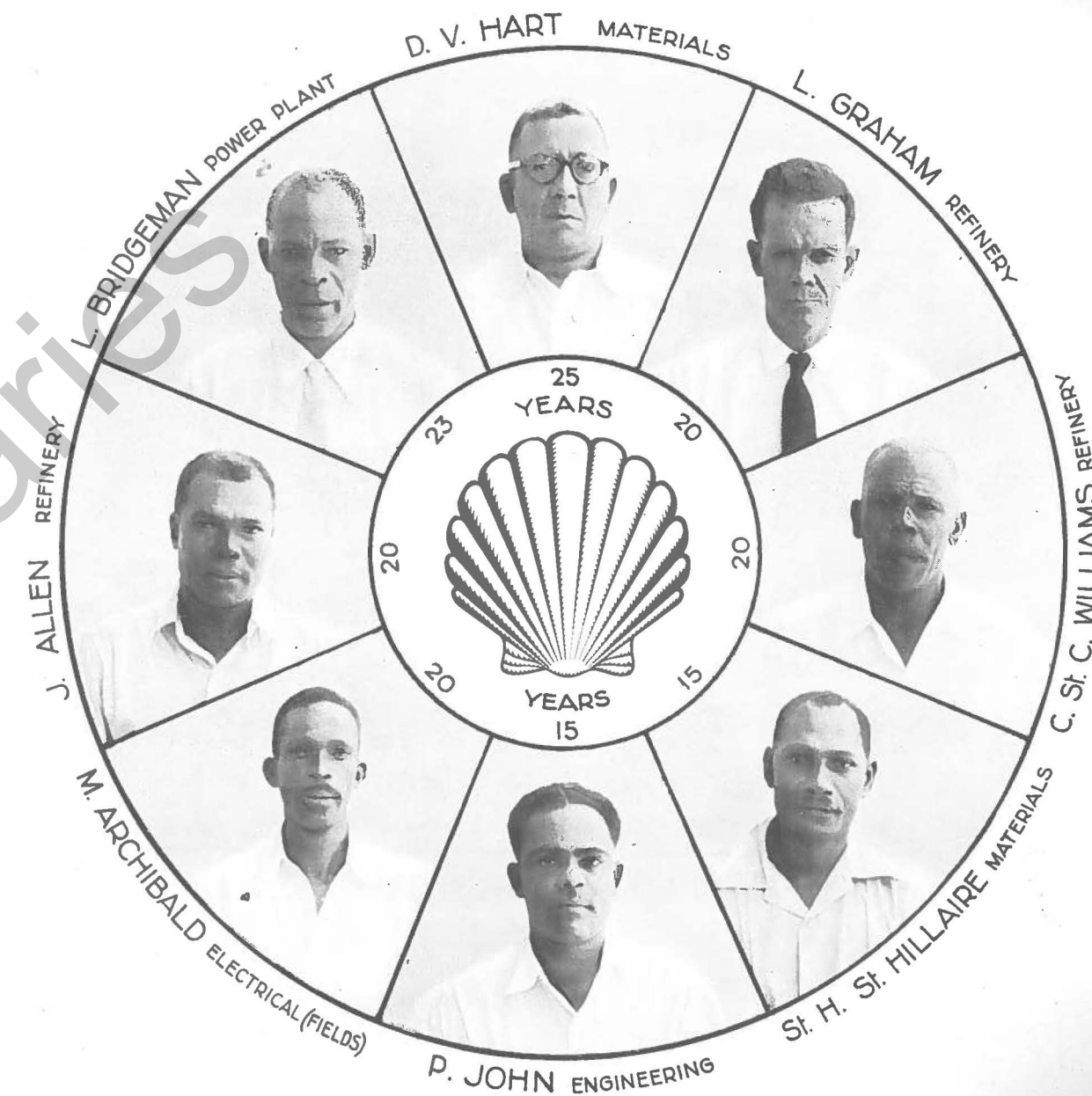
In achieving the successful trading results of 1951, the Group is once more greatly indebted to the enthusiasm and capacity of its personnel throughout the world. Many nations are represented on our staff, and it is our considered policy as far as possible to employ in our companies abroad the nationals of the countries in which we operate. To that end staff training has been intensified, and new training facilities are constantly being added in order to ensure that this policy is implemented as soon and as fully as possible. We are an international business and aim to further the cause of international goodwill wherever we can.

One of the fundamentals of the Group's personnel policy has always been to ensure that its companies are staffed at all times by men of high calibre, and that each man's particular abilities are utilised to the best advantage.

In aiming to achieve the highest standards of technical proficiency, we are trying to bring home to the leaders of universities and other educational institutions and their students that the highest service that can be rendered is for a man to fit himself in every way to engage in skilled industry.

It is the purpose of the Group to be in the forefront of employers in every country where it operates, and endeavour is made to cultivate an attitude of understanding towards the employee and a human approach to his problems at every level of management. The wisdom of this policy has again been demonstrated in the year that has passed, and it is with the greatest of pleasure that I record our appreciation of the loyal and unremitting work of the quarter of a million men and women in the service of the Group.

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS



and still going strong!

**STOP on Red
GO on Green
Don't sneak through
on the
"IN-BETWEEN"**



UBOTIMES ROAD SAFETY CONTEST!

Rules and Directions

1. The contest is open to all employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd.
2. Only one try per person is allowed.
3. Take a sheet of paper and give a brief answer to each question. At bottom of sheet fill in your name, registered number and Section, then place in an envelope addressed to the Fire & Safety Officer, U.B.O.T. Ltd., Point Fortin. The words SAFETY QUIZ must be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
4. The first correct or most nearly correct solution opened, will be awarded TWENTY DOLLARS. The next most nearly correct solutions opened will be awarded TEN CONSOLATION PRIZES of FIVE DOLLARS each.
5. Entries close on Friday, 8th August, 1952, at 4.00 p.m.
6. The decision of the Company is final in all matters connected with this competition.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the sequence of the traffic lights?
2. What is the order of the position of the traffic lights commencing at the top of the post?
3. There are two combinations of colour on traffic lights which never show together. What are they?
4. Are there any exceptions to the rule that in "built up" areas vehicles must only travel at 30 m.p.h.?
5. What should you not do when being overtaken if you are driving or riding a vehicle?
6. What do the following letters stand for — T.A.A., C.C.C.?
7. Give one example of a traffic sign surmounted by a red disc.
8. At traffic lights, what is the difference in the action required from :
 - (a) Car driver
 - (b) Pedal cyclist
 - (c) Man with donkey and cart
 - (d) Boy pushing barrow
9. You are riding a pedal cycle and come to traffic lights showing red. Could you under any circumstances continue your journey when the lights are still red?
10. When traffic is brought to a standstill at traffic lights, where, exactly, should the leading vehicle stop?