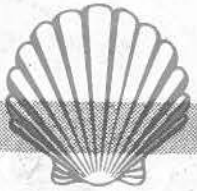


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## In Memoriam



### STANLEY JAMES IRESON

**T**O our intense sorrow the death of Mr. S. J. Ireson occurred on 24th November, 1954. He had been ill for 10 days and died in his sleep. Stan was probably the most widely-known member of our Staff, since from his arrival here in 1939 he had occupied the position of Senior Industrial Relations Supervisor, which brought him into direct contact with all hourly and weekly-paid employees, as well as with all Sections and categories of Staff.

In his address at the Service held in Stan's memory, the Rev. J. K. Allen paid an apt tribute when he referred to the quiet and unobtrusive way in which he worked in founding and developing **UBOTIMES**, in building up Techier Village and lately in organising the Techier Community Centre. In his every day work he was from time to time faced with problems necessitating decisions which he realised would be unpopular, but this never made him take the easy way out and avoid doing what he felt to be his duty. For this he was widely respected and even those who held opposing views could not help admiring his straightforward honesty of purpose and determination to do what he considered just and proper. With it all he displayed a sympathetic understanding, which caused him to be regarded with wide esteem and affection.

In August this year, Stan was present at the First graduation ceremony of our Apprentices Technical School, an institution which he in no small measure helped to create. He was also connected with Technical Training in a wider sphere as he was a member of Trinidad's Board of Industrial Training.

In the world of drama he established a considerable local reputation as author, producer and actor. His Christmas pantomimes became a tradition and their fame spread far and wide. **UBOTIMES** loses by his death not only its inspirer, founder and Editor, but the source of the greater part of its contents.

We extend to his widow and son and daughter our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

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## The Christmas Season

The Christmas Season is once again with us. Just to think of it gives us a sense of joy ; makes us want to do something about it ; carries us back to the days of our youth when we hung up our stocking to see what Santa Claus would fill it with. Christmas has given humanity more than any other day of the whole year, and on this occasion, when the international horizon is no less clouded than it has been several years past, there is more need than ever for the spirit of peace and goodwill amongst men and nations. It is the sincere wish of your Editors that you enjoy a Happy Christmas and, in the words of Charles Dickens, resolve ; "I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

## Around the Departments

*In the original make-up of this issue the inside front cover was occupied by a Christmas message from Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reid. In the circumstances they felt that this should give way to the tribute to Stan Ireson. Nevertheless they wish to take this opportunity of conveying Christmas greetings and good wishes to all members of U.B.O.T. Ltd.*

## Appointments and Promotions

**A**N announcement has recently been made by the Directors in London that Mr. L. H. J. Hersch, who was formerly an Assistant General Manager in Trinidad, has been appointed Head of Production Administration Department, B.P.M. the Hague, and that Mr. W. E. Madden, our previous General Manager in Trinidad, will become Manager of Materials Administration in London. Both of these appointments become effective in December 1954.

### Engineering Department :

S. Mohamed (Field) to Weekly Payroll as a Clerk Grade

II on 12th September ; R. Bonnette (Machine Shop) to Weekly Payroll as Foreman (Salvage Shop) on 5th September.

### Refinery :

R. Williams (Distillation) to Junior Staff on 1st September ; Messrs. Ramnathsingh and B. Spencer (Engineering) from Weekly Payroll to Junior Staff on 1st September ; L. Mills (Rail Transport) to Weekly Payroll as Foreman on 12th September ; Messrs. C. Andrews, S. Greaves, V. Huggins and R. Talbot (Power Plant) from Weekly Payroll to Junior Staff on 1st September ; Messrs. H. Alexis and J. I. Fraser (Marine) to Weekly Payroll as Launch Captains on 31st October.

### Materials :

G. S. Billy to Weekly Payroll as Clerk Grade II on the 31st October ; F. Belle, Trainee Stores Attendant promoted to Stores Attendant "B" on the 4th November.

### Penal Field :

A. Daniel (Production) to Weekly Payroll as Production Foreman on the 19th September ; E. Gittens (Production) to Weekly Payroll as Foreman Motor Mechanic ; Boodoo-singh (Materials) to Weekly Payroll as Main Warehouse Clerk Grade II on the 26th September ; R. Kanhai (Administration) to Weekly Payroll as Clerk/Checker Grade II on 31st October.

### Ortoire Area :

O. Colthrust (Engineering) to Weekly Payroll as Fore-

man Fitter on the 5th September ; C. B. Codrington (Production) to Weekly Payroll as Production Foreman on the 13th September.

**Estate Police :**

D. Scotland, Estate Sergeant (Weekly) promoted to Junior Staff as Sergeant-Major on the 9th August ; C. N. Baksh, Estate Corporal, to Estate Sergeant on 29th October, and E. Reid, Estate Constable to Estate Corporal on 29th October.

**Secretarial :**

F. A. Cumberbatch—Clerk, to Junior Staff on the 1st October.

We extend a cordial welcome to the following who have joined the Staff of U.B.O.T. Ltd. :—

Mr. P. A. Butt (Engineering), Mr. A. L. Crockford (Drilling), Mr. M. W. Godfrey (Management), Miss M. M. Wright, and Messrs. D. Lund, L. P. Lall, K. I. Maynard, E. C. Talma, Mr. M. F. Prevatt (Accounts), and Mr. G. E. P. Villanueva (Refinery).

C. A. Thomas and E. C. Wilson (I.R. & P.), Mr. M. F. Prevatt (Accounts), and Mr. G. E. P. Villanueva (Refinery).

Mr. F. G. Keightley (E.X.D.), Mr. J. L. Andrews (Management), Messrs. G. W. Lambert and J. Chattergoon (Refinery), Mr. S. de K. Inkim (Accounts), Messrs. C. J. Andrews, B. S. R. Barnes, A. K. Koo, and P. J. Smith (Trainees), Mr. K. I. Mills (I.R. & P.), and Mr. E. Eccles (Engineering).

## Fire & Safety and Red Cross News

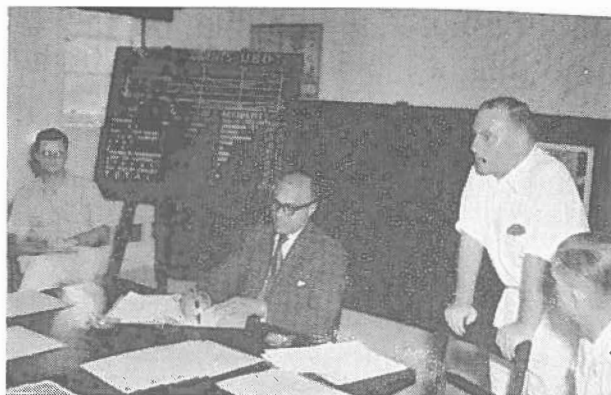
Members of the Penal Detachment of the Red Cross recently attended a series of First Aid lectures by the Company's Medical Officer, Dr. F. E. V. Cant, after which an examination was held at the U.B.O.T. Office, Penal, by Dr. Martin Sampath. The following were successful in passing :—

**First Year :** — Misses Theresa Pope, Esther Peters and Elina Peters, and Messrs. E. Alexander, E. Philbert, N. Flanders, W. I. Wilson, U. Nelson, R. Millington, C. James, A. Hannibal, A. Ramberan, Nandlal, R. Ramdath, D. Gonzales, L. Gittens, V. H. Campo, G. Dass, S. Lutchman, S. Balliram, and I. Flanders.

**Second Year :** — Estate Corporal C. Best, Messrs. C. Francis, T. Williams, C. Sargeant, J. Sahatoo, R. Ramjass, F. Rajpaul, Teeluckchan, S. Seepersad, B. Maragh, A. Boodhoo and H. Johnson.

The Penal Detachment now numbers over 50 persons, and under Estate Corporal C. Best, the Detachment's Commandant, good progress is being made in all directions.

The Safe Driving Awards won by U.B.O.T.'s drivers entered in 1953 Safe Driving Contest sponsored by the Road Safety Association of Trinidad & Tobago, were presented by



Mr. J. D. Hall addresses the gathering at the presentation of the Safe Driving Awards

Mr. Henry E. Hart, Chairman of the Southern Regional Committee, in Point Fortin, on Friday 12th November, and in Penal on Friday 19th November. Of the 127 drivers entered, 99 qualified for awards as follows :—

**First Year :** — Messrs. C. Archer, J. Davis, O. Phillip, G. Jack, J. Jones, N. Sequea, F. Brown, C. Husband, G. Jute, S. Olideen, J. Thomas, M. Gilbert, R. Johnson, R. Lochan, R. Simon.

**Second Year :** — Messrs. A. Tyrell, W. Baptiste, F. Imrie, R. Maharaj, R. Mitchell, A. Moore, V. Morenzie, E. Murray, S. McArthur, E. Reid, J. Skeete, V. Thomas, M. Dabideen, Y. Mohammed, C. D. Sultanti.

**Third Year :** — Messrs. E. Lawrence, L. Niles, C. Davis, C. O. Davis, C. Gonzales, W. Henry, C. Joseph, D. Morgan, J. Bachan, K. Balroop, E. Bowen, R. Johan, K. Russell, S. Seesaran, G. Surat.

**Fourth Year :** — Messrs. A. Alexis, S. Ali, C. Andrews, L. Brown, M. G. Hart, S. Lavine, E. Richards, K. Thomas, P. Maharaj, H. Persad.

**Fifth Year :** — Messrs. A. Ali, A. Acco, S. Acosta, A. Charles, G. Dinchong, A. Farrell, A. Joseph, G. Lall, L. Lyon, S. Maharaj, S. Singh, J. Mohammed, Sultan, C. Trim.

**Sixth Year :** — Messrs. S. Ali, C. Blades, E. Breerton, E. J. Daniel, L. Francis, F. Harris, E. James, D. Raguette, E. Rampersad, A. Taylor, E. Baboolal, L. Bramble, C. Carvalho, P. Diaz, T. Hagley, J. Holloway, P. Oudnarine, J. Raham, P. Registe, E. Williams, O. Esdelle, Jadunanan, D. Mohammed, M. Rajah, H. Seucharan, H. Harris, J. Lowkee, Mc A. Alexander, Ramnanan and J. Thorne.

We extend our congratulations to the drivers concerned and trust that their good records will be maintained in the future.



Mr. Henry E. Hart presents a Safe Driving Award to Mr. Rampersad

### Lady Young Cup :

A team representing Detachment 25-M and comprised of five Company employees, namely :—

H. Mohammed (Captain) . . . I. R. & P. Fire & Safety  
A. Arnasalam . . . . . I. R. & P. Fire & Safety  
G. Maharaj . . . . . Engineering Survey  
A. Dillon . . . . . Engineering Fields  
C. Hamilton . . . . . Refinery Laboratory,

was successful in winning the Lady Young Cup in the Island-wide First Aid Contest on the 27th November 1954.

This is the fourth occasion on which the Detachment has competed and won the trophy previously in 1951.

### First Aid Examination :

Forty-eight members of the Detachment have qualified to sit a First Aid Examination which would be held on Saturday, 4th December, 1954.



Mr. G. L. Reid presenting a 35-year emblem to Mr. A. F. Hamilton

## Long Service Emblems

On 16th November, the annual ceremony for the distribution of Long Service Emblems for those employees with a minimum of 20 years service, took place in the Seamen's Club. For the first time wives of recipients were invited to attend the function and it was a pleasure to see a number of them among the visitors.

Mr. G. L. Reid, our General Manager, before presenting the emblems, made a short speech in which he gave an outline of the history of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, the origin and expansion of our own Company and its relation to the Group both in the size and the complexity of its operations.

He went on to say that since last year 17 more employees had joined the ranks of those who had completed 25 years' service and 13 more had now completed 30 years' service. The oldest employee receiving an emblem was Mr. A. F. Hamilton of the Refinery, who had completed 35 years' service.

At the end of the proceedings, all those present were provided with refreshments.

Emblems for those employees with less than 20 years service were presented by Department Heads at "on the job" ceremonies.

### 35 YEARS :

A. F. Hamilton (Refinery).

### 30 YEARS :

E. F. Peters (Port-of-Spain), F. Passey, F. Thomas (Penal), M. Telesford (Drilling), N. D. Alleyne, J. Hunt



Mr. F. Clarke (Materials) presents a 10-year emblem to Mr. W. Jack

(Transport), W. R. E. Furlonge (Engineering), C. Bynoe, R. George, C. F. Williams, M. Simon, G. Patterson (Refinery), H. Noel (Materials).

### 25 YEARS :

F. R. Gransauil, F. Perelion, H. A. Kay (Production), B. Julien (Exp. Eng. Mud Plt.), J. Williams (Penal), R. P. Brown (Administration), E. F. Morrison (Secretarial), S. Z. Claxton (Exp. Engineering), A. F. Harewood (Accounts), E. Pope, H. Trim (Drilling), F. Clarke, I. Charles (Materials), C. R. Delauney-Belleville, McD. Lai Fook, J. McCall, L. Bridgeman, Ethelbert Reefer, Edgar Reefer (Refinery).

### 20 YEARS :

N. John, H. St. Vincent (Production), B. Gobin, E. DeCoteau, C. C. Black, C. F. D. Sandiford (Penal), L. Garraway, A. Cape (Drilling), C. Crease, H. St. John (I.R. & P.), V. E. Lalla, D. Paterson, A. H. Ammon, K. R. Lewis, B. Jones, N. Hackshaw, R. Badal, D. Benjamin, M. Mootoo, F. Noble, A. Alexander, McD. Burke, A. S. David, V. N. Franco (Engineering), H. Lewis, P. Philbert (Transport), H. B. Philipps, G. E. R. Harris, A. Leon, C. E. McColman, A. Phillip, R. Best, A. Fayne, I. Jackie, R. Benthon (Refinery).



Mr. J. L. Winter presents an emblem to Mr. G. A. Camps of the Port-of-Spain Office



Mr. F. Anderson, Field Supt., Penal, presents a 15-year emblem to Mr. C. Mapp

15 YEARS :

H. Blankestijn, L. Andrews, M. Roberts, C. Simeon, D. Roland, C. Carvalho, R. Noel, J. Henry, L. Gaubert (Production) N. Fullerton, M. Cobbler, J. M. Grimme, E. A. Robertson, R. Charles, J. Roberts, C. Buckmyer (Drilling) S. McPhie, J. Clarke, J. James (Port-of-Spain) J. Alexis, L. Francis, A. Charles, G. Payne, R. Branker (Transportation) A. Rahman, H. E. Walrond (Medical) G. H. E. Edwards, M. C. Nimblett, C. B. Singh, A. F. Soverall (Accounts) W. Collins, N. Mitchell, G. Williams, C. Neil, (I.R. & P.) J. Handel (Land & Legal) C. J. B. Mejias (Secretarial) J. D. Hall (Management) D. John, C. McLean, R. Bonnett, J. Francois, A. Mitchell, A. Dublin, M. Burrows, M. Celestine, A. Lange, M. Taylor, V. Modeste, F. Henry, C. Antoine, I. Pierre, A. Bartholomew, J. Edmund, L. George, F. Sammy, A. Williams (Engineering) J. Regis, I. Faltine, S. Matthew, S. McBain, E. Matthew, C. Thomas (Ortoire Area) I. Abasali, C. E. Blades, L. C. Busby, W. La Borde, R. D. Picou, J. A. Suku, R. Francis, N. Charles, S. Crichlow, R. Lesse, E. Monroe (Materials) A. Melrose, P. Maharaj, M. Rajah, S. Alexander, R. Ali, G. Koylas, S. Marchan, S. Sookhram, E. Alexander, J. Bazzey, F. Basanta, J. Berkley, J. Cudjoe, B. Belmontes, A. Mapp, J. C. Cuffy, C. Lowkee, C. Mapp, T. Wilschut (Penal) E. J. Dawson, V. Bethel, K. Codrington, J. Virgil, A. Gilbert, C. R. Talbot, E. Bertrand, J. Dickerson, D. Guialdo, J. Tirado, W. Grant, C. Gibson, S. Charles, C. Cross, D. Scipio, E. Caesar, S. Darabie, H. Estrado, A. Harper, L. Quashie, F. A. Wilson (Refinery).



Mr. I. L. Winter (Port-of-Spain), presents a 15-year emblem to S. McPhie.

## Techier Village Welfare Community

Now that the Community Centre in Techier Village has been opened, the Welfare Committee is doing its best to stimulate interest in communal activities, and the following Sections have been organised :—

Literary, Debating and Library, Recreation and Sports, Handicrafts and Domestic Science, Dramatics, Music and Arts, Village Beautification, Encouragement and Guidance of worthwhile Youth Movements, and Entertainment.

A permanent Village Choir is in the making, a Boy Scout Troop with a membership of 40 has been organised, a Junior Red Cross link with a membership of 30 is in being, and a Needle-work Class with some 25 pupils has also been organised. Consultations are being held with the Education Extension Department with a view to obtaining instruction in basketry for a group of 30, a Girl Guide Troop is being organised, and it is hoped to have a Drawing Class functioning shortly. The Dramatic Group have entered for the St. Patrick Drama Festival, and although they cannot be expected to win, it is hoped that this, their first effort, will lay the foundation for future successes.

A number of functions have been arranged with the object of raising funds for the various activities, and the sum of \$400, has been advanced by the Company in order that essential items may be purchased for the various Sections' basic requirements. As has been stressed on many occasions, the Techier Village Welfare Committee, in co-operation with the Company, can only function if it has the wholehearted support of the residents, and it is to be hoped that those groups which have not yet come within the orbit of the Committee will do so in the near future. In order to facilitate this, certain changes to the constitution of the Committee are contemplated by which it is hoped that all sections of the activities carried on in Techier Village will have elected representation on the Committee. Details will be announced as soon as they have been worked out.

On October 30th the Techier Village Welfare Committee were hosts to the County of St. Patrick Conference of Village Councils, and morning and afternoon sessions were held in the Community Centre. Amongst the distinguished guests who addressed the Conference was Mr. G. L. Reid, U.B.O.T.'s General Manager, who said that the Company were pleased and honoured that Techier Village had been selected as the place in which this third Conference should be held. He pointed out that U.B.O.T. Ltd. is extremely interested in the development of community efforts, and the building in which the Conference was being held was but one example of what can be achieved through goodwill and communal effort. Mr. Reid went on to say :

"There are times of course when we must think as individuals and of our own individual problems, but equally important there are times when we must think as a community. This country is now going through a period of awakening of civic consciousness which, if fostered and developed along the lines of community efforts and thought, can only result in the production of a high class of citizens who are able and willing to play a leading part in the orderly development of their country. Village Councils and Associations are proving to be the training grounds for these future leaders, and not the least part of their value is in bringing together people of different classes and outlooks who are prepared — while on occasions they may agree to disagree — to work together in harmony. This, I think, is the fundamental lesson to be learned from the organizations which you have established, and which are so well represented here to-day."

We congratulate the Techier Village Welfare Committee on their organization of this function, and trust it will serve as an incentive to even greater efforts.

## Education and Training

The six U.B.O.T. Exhibitions to Secondary Schools awarded this year have been won by the following :—

Marva Barker, daughter of Mr. Arthur Barker of the M. & O. Shops, who was a pupil of the Point Fortin Intermediate R. C. School has chosen Bishop's High School, Port-of-Spain.

Elton Chongasingh, son of Mr. A. Chongasingh of the Materials Department, who was a pupil of the Point Fortin E. C. School has selected Fatima College Port-of-Spain.

Angela Brooks, daughter of Mr. S. E. Brooks of the Accounts Department, who attended the Point Fortin E. C. School will now attend St. Joseph's Convent, Port-of-Spain.

Randolph Peters, son of Mr. Edgar Peters of the Refinery (Marine) Department, who attended the Egypt Government School has chosen St. Mary's College.

Jack Wong, son of Mr. A. Wong of the Port-of-Spain Office, who was a pupil of the Tranquillity Boys' Intermediate School has elected to attend Queen's Royal College, Port-of-Spain.

Mungal Chattergoon, son of Mr. J. Chattergoon of the Refinery (Accounts) Department, who attended the San Fernando Government School has chosen Presentation College, San Fernando.

These scholarships are tenable at Secondary Schools in the Colony for a period of four years and we extend our congratulations to these young people and their proud parents.

It was with regret that we heard of the resignation from the Company's service of Mr. I. H. Steels, former Assistant Training Supervisor at the Apprentices Technical School. Incidentally, Mr. Steels was married during September to Miss K. Kinsey, formerly of the Clifton Hill School. We understand that Mr. Steels has started a career in the Aircraft Manufacturing Industry and we extend our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Steels for the future. We take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. D. Lund, who has now arrived to take Mr. Steels' place.

Mr. R. Dubrisingh, one of the Apprentices Technical School Instructors, has now taken over the Chairmanship of the Literary Section of the Apprentices Club from Mr. L. E. Connell. We have been asked by the apprentices to extend their sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Connell on his transfer to the Industrial Relations Office.

A much appreciated gift of 40 Volumes by a member of the Staff to the Apprentices Library has given considerable impetus to this rapidly growing Section of our Apprentice activities.

The Dramatic Section of the Apprentices Club, under the leadership of Mr. L. E. Connell and Mr. K. Corbie are hard at work preparing for the presentation of their next production "MUGGY THE CAT BURGLAR".

Officers for the ensuing year have been appointed for the Apprentice Training Scheme as follows :—

Student Apprentice A. H. Legall (Captain). Apprentice L. R. Broomes and H. O. Smith (Prefects), Apprentices A. Goyeau and S. Ramphal (Monitors). This Group meets each week to discuss matters affecting the welfare, discipline, etc. of the apprentices and does much to maintain the good reputation which U.B.O.T. apprentices have earned for themselves.

In order to stimulate an interest in Volley Ball amongst apprentices, one of the best Volley Ball teams in the Island was invited to Point Fortin and played exhibition games on the Apprentices Hostel ground.

It is good to hear that U.B.O.T. apprentices are doing well in the Inter-oilfield Apprentices Football Tournament,



Jack Wong



Angela Brooks



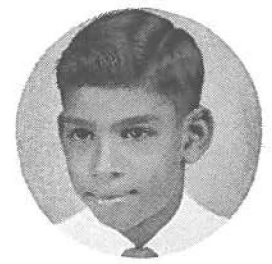
Randolph Peters



Marva Barker



Elton Chongasingh



Mungal Chattergoon

and they have won all their matches in the first round. It is to be hoped that once again the Rowdy Cup will find its way to Point Fortin.

On October 5th our apprentices had the opportunity of welcoming a large group of apprentices from the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission, and on October 8th they had the honour of a visit from 16 members of the UNESCO and Caribbean Commission Conference on Education.



U.B.O.T. Apprentices Football Team 1954

# Turf Wickets at the Queen's Park Oval

As our readers are doubtless aware, cricket had always been played on a matting wicket at the Queen's Park Oval, although this was about the only remaining matting wicket in the world on which Test cricket was played.

One of the major difficulties to producing a turf wicket was the devastating attack of the mole crickets which, by feeding on the grass roots, can lay bare whole areas of turf.



Springer, R. J. Collier and J. Hislop, salesman, Thompson Co., Ltd.

In 1953 Mr. P. Boltjes, then U.B.O.T's Agronomist, approached the Queen's Park Cricket Club with a view to their laying down experimental grass wickets either side of the matting and during this process he offered to spray the soil with aldrin, the new Shell insecticide, which had been shown to give a highly effective control of this pest.

These experimental wickets proved so successful that the Club voted to remove the matting and replace it by a turf wicket. In April 1954 Mr. Boltjes was transferred to Peru and his place was taken by Mr. R. J. Collier who supervised the aldrin spraying of the new wicket with the co-operation of Messrs. Thompson & Co., Ltd., U.B.O.T's Agricultural Chemical distributors, who carried out the spraying. Several applications of aldrin were given as



Mr. S. J. Ireson presenting the prize to Mr. L. E. Connell for his winning entry in the recent Photographic Competition.

successive layers of soil were built up and then a final spraying given when the turf had been laid.

Thus for the first time in Trinidad's cricket history a Test match will be played on turf when the Australians visit the West Indies next year.

## Club News

The Annual General Meeting of the U.B.A.A. Mahaica and Parrylands Clubs was held on the 4th November when the following persons took office: Mr. S. J. Ireson, Chairman; Mr. S. Coombs, Secretary; Mr. S. Duncan, Committee Member for Mahaica, and Mr. C. Pierre, Committee Member for Parrylands. Nominations by the House Committee for various Chairmen to lead the sub-Sections were announced and Secretaries were elected. The following is the complete list:—

**Billiards** — Mr. F. Alexander (Chairman), and Mr. L. Christopher, Secretary;

**Ladies Section** — Mesdames: Kelly and Dublin;

**Cards** — Mr. M. Patiram (Chairman), and Mr. A. Smith, Secretary;

**Boxing** — Supt. J. C. Archer (Chairman), and Mr. C. Cornwall, Secretary;

**Table Tennis** — Mr. Carl Williams (Chairman), and Mr. O. John, Secretary;

**Physical Training** — Mr. M. Pierre (Chairman), and Mr. R. De Gale, Secretary;

**Literary & Debating** — Mr. T. Jean (Chairman), and Mr. V. Drakes, Secretary;

**Draughts** — Mr. D. John (Chairman), and Supt. J. C. Archer, Secretary.

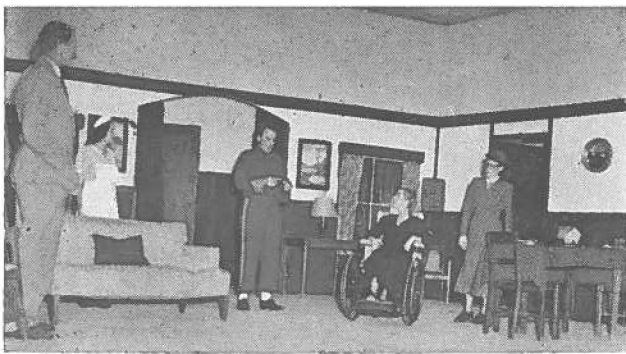
The Chairman took the opportunity of pointing out that the House Committee, with the assured co-operation of the U.B.A.A. Executive Council, would do all in their power to make the Clubs the social rendezvous for members and their wives, which they should be, but in the final analysis it would be up to the members also to do their part. A Club could only be as good as its members wanted it to be, and he appealed to all concerned to give the House Committee and the various sub-Committees their full support.

The Mahaica (U.B.) Club have carried out a full programme of activities, the highlights of which were the Annual Dance held on October 2nd, from 8.30 p.m. to 4.00 a.m. As usual, this dance was well attended by members and their families and friends and it went literally with a swing from start to finish.

Another highlight of the Club's activities was the three-evening event organised by the Literary Section. On November 4th, the topic was "Forum on Education" with particular reference to the Missen Report, and the principal speakers were Dr. Eric Williams, B.A., Ph. D. and Dr. Winston Mahabir, P.M.B. On November 5th and 6th, lectures were given by Dr. Eric Williams on "What is a West Indian", and "The Contemporary British West Indian Novel". The attendance at these functions was one of the largest seen at the Club for a long time and the officers of the Literary Section are to be congratulated on their fine efforts.

Congratulations to Dr. F. E. V. Cant, whose boat "Quack Quack" racing for the first time, won two events at the recent Trinidad Yacht Club Regatta held in Grenada.

The Clifton Hill (U.B.) Club was beautifully decorated on the occasion of the Anniversary Dance which was held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 20th November. The occasion was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Rance. The Police Band, under the direction of Supt. R. Dennison, played for dancing which continued into the early hours of the morning.



A scene from the play "Night Must Fall".

## Amateur Dramatics

One of the best "straight" productions seen in Point Fortin for some while was the Dramatic Section of the Clifton Hill (U.B.) Club's production of "Night Must Fall" by Emyln Williams. The production was noteworthy for the fact that four of the nine members of the cast, and the producer, were all newcomers to the Point Fortin stage. Mr. J. A. Blair had the difficult task of opening the play in a short prologue and his excellent rendering of the Lord Chief Justice's part got the play off to a good start. Mrs. Kate Harcourt, as Mrs. Bramson, gave a very convincing performance as the neurotic victim; Miss Pamela Nicholas, in the role of Olivia Grayne, confirmed the dramatic ability which she had shown in a previous production; Mrs. Winifred Johnson, one of the newcomers, as Nurse Libby, gave an excellent first performance which augurs well for future productions. Mr. "Tiny" Lewes, as Hubert Laurie, got the most out of a rather stock character, and Mrs. Lillian Lewis as the cook gave one of her best comedy performances to date. Mrs. Betty Lucie-Smith, as the maid, was another who gave a convincing first performance in a comedy part from which she extracted full measure; Mr. S. Bracebridge, as the Police Inspector, carried his part well, although a little more forcefulness at times would have helped. The performance of the evening was undoubtedly that given by Mr. Ian Wheldon, in the difficult role of Dan. For a first performance he gave a remarkable character study and exploited to the full the many acting opportunities which the part contains. Mr. Wheldon has a pleasant delivery, personality and stage presence which should make him an invaluable acquisition to local dramatics. In Mr. Peter L. Smith, the Section has acquired a competent producer who obviously knows what he is doing. The suspense was well maintained, climaxes were worked up to in an effective manner, the timing and lighting shades were good. The backstage boys, under the direction of Mr. Lou Allcock, did their usual competent job on the set. All in all, this was a very polished production of which everyone concerned may justifiably be proud.

Mr. W. L. Buning presents a clock to Mr. A. Raphael on the occasion of his retirement.



Mrs. R. P. Brown receiving a bouquet from Miss Kanhai, daughter of Mr. Kanhai of the Land & Legal Dept.

## Retirements and Valedictory Functions

Estate Constable S. Scott, who recently resigned from the Company's service in order to further his studies, was given a farewell presentation at the Estate Police Recreation Room, when his colleagues took the opportunity of wishing him every success.

Mr. J. V. Bastien, Head Teacher of the Point Fortin Intermediate R. C. School and Chairman of the Literary Section of the Mahaica (U.B.) Club, was guest of honour at a function held in the Club to celebrate his transfer as Acting Inspector of Schools (North Trinidad). Mr. Bastien will be greatly missed by the Section for his invaluable contributions and guidance.

The colleagues of Mr. Rudolph Williams, of the Refinery, gathered at a local restaurant recently to honour him on the occasion of his transfer to the status of Student Apprentice. A presentation of a pen and pencil set was made to Mr. Williams.

On the 16th of October, Mr. & Mrs. R. P. Brown were guests of honour at a farewell function at Penal given by employees and other well wishers. The occasion was Mr. Brown's transfer to Point Fortin as Field Superintendent. He was assured by Mr. Carl Black that it had been a pleasure to work under his jurisdiction, and all the other employees of the Penal Division wished to associate themselves with this statement. During the course of the function Mr. Brown was presented with a pair of binoculars, and Mrs. Brown received a wooden salad bowl, the accompanying spoon and fork having carved heads. After replying to the toast in his honour, Mr. Brown presented a cup inscribed "The Dick Brown Cup" with two miniatures, to be competed for on an annual basis by the All-Fours enthusiasts of the U.B.A.A. Penal Club.

Another gay farewell function held in the U.B.A.A. Penal Club was that given by the Oil Gauging Section in honour of Mr. E. Thomson on the occasion of his transfer to the Ortoire Area. After referring to Mr. Thomson's sterling qualities, Mr. I de Coteau, head gauger, presented him with a musical cigarette box worked in spanish leather.

Another bright evening in the U.B.A.A. Penal Club was the bachelor party given by the friends and colleagues of Mr. J. Raman Nair, on the occasion of his recent marriage when the opportunity was taken to present him with a tea set.

## Rest of the News



Mr. C. B. Mathison addresses the guests at the farewell party held in the Mahaica (U.B.) Club in honour of Mr. J. L. Andrews.

Anthony Raphael of the Geological Laboratory, who left on pre-retirement leave was presented with a chiming clock by his colleagues in the Geological Department when they all took the opportunity of wishing him continued health and happiness in his retirement.

Mr. J. L. Andrews, Production Manager, was transferred to London Office in October and before he left he was guest of honour at farewell functions held in the Clifton Hill (U.B.) Club and the Mahaica (U.B.) Club. At the former function, Mr. Andrews was presented with a silver coffee service and a saman chest, and at the latter function he was presented with a chiming clock. During his stay in Trinidad, Mr. Andrews endeared himself to all classes of the community and we feel sure we are expressing the sentiments of our readers when we wish him every success in his new appointment. We should like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. M. W. Godfrey, who has replaced Mr. Andrews as Production Manager.

On Friday October the 1st, a large number of Senior Staff members from Penal and Ortoire gathered together in the Senior Staff Club, Penal, to bid farewell to Mr. J. L. Andrews. Mrs. Andrews who had preceded her husband to the United Kingdom was not present, but he received on behalf of his wife and himself, a saman coffee table set from friends and well-wishers of the Penal Division.

Senior Staff members of Penal and Ortoire, and friends from the Trinidad & Tobago Electricity Commission (Penal) held a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brown at the Penal (U.B.) Club on Friday 15th October. After being presented with a chiming (8-day) clock, Mrs. Brown was asked to present the Brown Trophy to the winners of the Handicap Tennis Tournament, Mrs. G. M. Z. Scott and Mr. D. V. Townsend. Community singing followed to end an enjoyable evening.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomson got together on Thursday 4th November at the Penal (U.B.) Club to wish them the best of luck on their transfer to the Ortoire Area, where Mr. Thomson becomes a Section Head of production activities. During the evening, they were presented with a tea set in appreciation of all their hard work on the Club Committee.

The Rugger match held on the 2nd October proved to be a great attraction and ended in a draw, 13-all. In the evening a Chicken Barbecue was followed by a Steel Band Dance and, judging by the number of people who attended, proved to be very popular.

U.B.O.T.'s Medical Staff played their full part in the Government campaign against Yellow Fever by giving a total of 8,352 yellow fever inoculations in Point Fortin, and 5,367 in Penal. Considerable work has also been done in searching for and destroying possible breeding places of the aedes egypti mosquito and in general sanitation work in the Point Fortin area.

Congratulations to Mr. E. E. Phills, of the Accounts Department, who has been admitted an Associate Member of the Cost Accountants Association, and Associate Member of the Corporation of Certified Secretaries, and an Associate Member of the Institute of Book-keepers.

Congratulations to Mr. Mohan Maharaj, of the Accounts Department, on his engagement to Miss Basdaye Devi, daughter of Mr. Goberdhan Fundit, J.P. of Siparia Old Road, Fyzabad.

As reported on our back page, entries for the Photographic Competition announced in the September issue of UBOTIMES were disappointingly small and it was therefore decided to award only two of the three prizes. These were won by Mr. L. E. Connell, of the Industrial Relations Office, and Mr. H. A. Dukhie, of the Transport Office. We extend our congratulations to the winners.

The many friends of Mr. A. H. Davis, of the Industrial Relations Office, will be glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress after his recent long illness in the United Kingdom. He has asked us to publish the following message:—

"I shall be grateful if you will assist me in sending seasonal greetings to all my friends in Trinidad, through the medium of the Christmas issue of your magazine.

After just under seven months in hospital, I have been discharged and now hope that I am on the road to recovery.

My wife joins me in sending our good wishes, which we aspire to deliver in person during the coming year."



Mrs. E. F. Morrison presents Mr. J. L. Andrews with a chiming clock, the parting gift of the Mahaica Club.

The Penal Estate Police held a farewell party for Mr. R. P. Brown prior to his transfer to Point Fortin. Mr. A. P. Christie, Industrial Relations Supervisor of the Penal Division, presented Mr. Brown with a brief case as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the Penal Estate Police Force. Chairman at the function was Asst. Supt. J. Demas of the Trinidad Police Force, who, in accepting the chair paid high tribute to Mr. Brown whom he said had always assisted the Police whenever the need arose and had been a very co-operative J.P. The Penal Estate Police Force also won high praise for the smart and impressive turnout when they were inspected by Asst. Supt. Demas who was accompanied by Mr. Brown.

Members of the Penal Junior Staff had a very pleasant day's outing to Mayaro on Sunday 7th November last. Mr. B. J. de Verteuil, Field Superintendent of the Ortoire Area, very kindly met the excursionists at Well CO-16 (Catshill) and showed them around the area. From there they were taken to Balata East where they saw the start of the Penal/Ortoire trunk line and its pump station. The party then went on to Mayaro beach where they spent the rest of the day.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. Jagassar, wife of Mr. Rooplal Jagassar of the Materials Department, Penal Division. Mrs. Jagassar has been in the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando, for some time. UBOTIMES wishes her a speedy recovery.

The Penal United British Credit Union is proud to announce details of the rapid progress made during its short period of operation. The Union was organised in January of the current year with a membership of 32, which has now risen to over 250, with a total paid-up share capital of over \$9,000 and a cash in hand balance of \$6,000. It is however with regret that we have to record the resignation of the President, Mr. R. P. Brown, upon his transfer to Point Fortin.



We extend congratulations to the following —

Mr. V. Bravo, of the Estate Police Force, and Mrs. Bravo on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. H. Sampson, of the Estate Police Force, and Mrs. Sampson on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. C. E. Maingot, of the Penal Division, and Mrs. Maingot on the birth of a daughter, Jacqueline.

Mr. Albert George, of the Camp and Estates Section, and Mrs. George on the birth of a son, Ruthven Russell.

Mr. Mahabir Singh, of the Refinery Office, and Mrs. Singh on the birth of a daughter, Deborrah Shirley.

Mr. Mohammed Khan, of the Refinery Shipping Section, and Mrs. Khan on the birth of a son, Shakar Kalamain.

Mr. Herbert H. Tyson, of the Refinery Office, and Mrs. Tyson on the birth of a daughter on the 11th November.

Mr. A. D. Boot, of the Drilling Department, and Mrs. Boot on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. E. H. Gwyn of the Sales Department, Port-of-Spain Office, and Mrs. Gwyn on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. A. Joseph, of the Geological Department, and Mrs. Joseph on the birth of a daughter, Indra.

Mr. V. Sylvester, of the Refinery Laboratory, and Mrs. Sylvester on the birth of a son.

Mr. E. C. Valentine, of the Penal Materials Department, and Mrs. Valentine on the birth of a daughter, Carol.

Mr. Bohitanand Marajh, of the Penal Estate Police, and Mrs. Marajh on the birth of a daughter, Margaret.

Mr. A. Hannibal, of the Penal Estate Police, and Mrs. Hannibal on the birth of a daughter, Vera.

Mr. H. Johnson, of the Penal Estate Police, and Mrs. Johnson on the birth of a daughter, Gail.

Mr. Cyril Sukhoo, of the Penal Engineering Department, and Mrs. Sukhoo on the birth of a son, Kelvin.

Mr. H. Koylass, of the Penal Production Department, and Mrs. Koylass on the birth of a son, Howard Lennox.

Mr. E. Francis, of the Penal Materials Department and Mrs. Francis on the birth of twin boys, Mitchell and Michael.

Mr. A. I. Gharbaran, of the Penal Accounts Department, and Mrs. Gharbaran on the birth of a son, Rafick Ali.

Estate Corporal E. Reid, of the Estate Police Force, and Mrs. Reid on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. F. R. Gransaul, of the Production Department, and Mrs. Gransaul on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Gerald Felix, of the Engineering Department, Penal Division, was married on the 26th September to Miss Cecilio Janeth of Lachoo's Road, Penal. The ceremony took place at the St. Paul's Anglican Church, San Fernando, after which a reception was held at the groom's residence, Penal Junction.

Mr. Trevor Robinson, of the Production Department Point Fortin, was married on 6th November to Miss Elba Cortes. The ceremony took place at the San Juan R. C. Church after which a reception was held at 82, Real Street, San Juan. The honeymoon was spent in Tobago.

Mr. Jerome Ferdinand, Chief Steward of the Penal U.B. Club was married on 3rd October to Miss Adelaide Cupid of Penal Junction. The ceremony took place at Erin R. C. Church after which a reception was held at the groom's residence, in Penal.

Mr. Clifford Baptiste, of the Ortoire Area, was married on the 31st October to Miss Margaret St. Louis, of Grenada. A reception was afterwards held at the home of Mr. F. Thomas, of the Penal Division, after which the newly weds left for Rio Claro where they took up residence.

Mr. J. Raman Nair, of the Accounts Department Penal Division, was married recently to Miss Beryl Chinnia, of Inverness. The former Miss Chinnia was a Government Education Officer.

## Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the following deaths and offer our sincerest condolences to the families concerned :

Mrs. A. D. Gittens, wife of Mr. Roy Gittens, of the M. & O. Shops, who died on the 29th of September.

The one-year old twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hewitt, of the Ortoire Area, who died on the 27th of October.

Mr. Masley Charles, Transport labourer of the Field Engineering Section, who died on the 10th September at St. Ann's Hospital, Port-of-Spain.

Mr. Lennard Samuel, Blacksmith helper of the Blacksmith Shop, who died on the 24th of October at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, Point Fortin, after a short illness.

Mr. James Campbell, Watchman of the Estate Police Department, who died on the 14th November whilst on his way to work.

Mr. Cassington Carr, Engine Fitter of the Field Engineering Rig Section, who died on the 19th November at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, Point Fortin, after a short illness.

Mr. C. L. Joseph (Junior Staff) of the Production Department, who died suddenly at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, Point Fortin.

## Sports

### FOOTBALL



Once again the Christmas issue of UBOTIMES is not very helpful to football statisticians as at the time of writing this article, most of the Cup-tie games have just entered the final stages with everyone anxiously awaiting the results.

#### Mark-Moody Stuart Shield :

As readers are aware, for the first time in its soccer history, the U.B.A.A. entered two first class teams in the Southern Zone Amateur Football League Competition, *i.e.*, U.B.A.A. "A" and U.B.A.A. "B". In the first round, the "B" team were only able to draw two games but in the second round they defeated Spitfire, Apex, and L.A.S.C. (formerly T.L.L.) of Pointe-a-Pierre. This last mentioned victory incidentally broke the string of defeats suffered by U.B.A.A. teams on the Guaracara Park at Pointe-a-Pierre. By these successes, the entry of a "B" team has achieved the purpose for which such a venture was intended. The younger players of the team have gained the necessary experience which will obviously serve them in good stead for possible promotion to the "A" team. Undoubtedly, the most outstanding player of this team was Cecil McMillan, a clever inside-right, whose grand football throughout the season was always a worry to opposing defence men. The more experienced "Robby" Charles, in the back line, had some splendid games and was the mainstay of the defence.

At the end of the first round, the "A" team occupied the second position in the League table, Forest Reserve F.C. holding the first place with a lead of 3 points, with Spitfire F.C. just one point below our team. When Spitfire defeated Forest Reserve by 3 goals to one, UBOTS were right back in the running for championship honours but could not of course afford to drop a single point. T.P.D. were beaten by 2 goals to nil; U.B.A.A. "B" were defeated by 3 goals to nil; Spitfire fought all the way, but were conquered by one goal to nil; Apex were humbled to the tune of 4 goals to 1; and L.A.S.C. were defeated by one goal

to nil. Meanwhile Forest Reserve, following their defeat at the hands of Spitfire, also dropped another point in their drawn game with L.A.S.C. At this stage, U.B.A.A. "A" and Forest Reserve were equal in points, but our opponents had the better goal average. Our meeting with them was therefore a virtual final, and when we defeated them by 2 goals to 1, UBOTS registered their thirteenth lien on the beautiful Mark-Moody Stuart Shield. UBOTIMES extends its heartiest congratulations to the U.B.A.A. "A" team on their splendid achievement.

#### KNOCK-OUT SERIES

##### Coronation Cup :

UBOTS, present holders, retained this trophy with a 4 goals to nil victory over L.A.S.C.

##### Oil Well Supply Cup :

In this competition U.B.A.A. "A" defeated their first round opponents, Forest Reserve F.C., but were defeated by L.A.S.C. by one goal to nil.

##### Stephens Charity Cup :

U.B.A.A. "A" won their first game by 6 goals to 1 from the "B" team and went on to beat Hawks F.C. by 5 goals to 1, thus qualifying to meet the winner of the game between T.P.D. and Spitfire in the final.

##### Duckham Cup :

U.B.A.A. "A" were knocked out in the first round of this competition by L.A.S.C. at Guaracara Park.

##### Danboline Cup :

As champions of the S.A.F.L. for 1954, U.B.A.A. "A" have qualified to meet the champions of the S.A.F.A. to determine the Southern champions.

##### Gooden-Chisholm Cup :

Once again U.B.A.A. "A" as winners of the Mark-Moody Stuart Shield for 1954 have qualified to meet the champions of the Port-of-Spain League.

##### F. A. Trophy :

This is the most prized soccer award in Trinidad football, and U.B.A.A. "A" as winners of the Southern Zone will once again clash with Providence F.C. of the Port-of-Spain League in the final. Readers will recall that U.B.A.A. shared the trophy with Providence in 1952.

##### Johnstone Shield :

After ruling the second division teams of the S.A.F.L. for the past 7 successive years, the U.B.A.A. Second Eleven have at last been dethroned. We are pleased however to report that another Point Fortin team, *i.e.*, the HAWKS F.C., have won the Division in which we were contesting and now have to play the winners of the other Zone for the Trophy. We wish them the best of luck.

#### INTER-DEPARTMENT

##### Toone Cup :

No fewer than 5 teams took part in this competition, in which all members of the U.B.A.A. are allowed to play. At the time of writing, Junior Offices, comprising of Office Boys and the younger Clerks, are well on the way to win this trophy. They have won the two games that they have played while Transport, their nearest rivals, have completed their games for a total of only 5 points. Junior Offices therefore have only to amass two further points from their remaining games to win this trophy for 1954.

##### Connock Cup :

Five teams also participated in this competition. The Refinery, A.T.S., Production, I.R. & P., and Field Engineering. These games provide a great deal of fun and laughter by their total disregard of the rules of the game. The Refinery have completed their engagements with a total of 7 points but Field Engineering, should they win their last

game against the A.T.S., will be level on points with them and a final match will have to be played between these teams to determine the 1954 winners.

### TABLE TENNIS



On the 3rd November, 1954, a team from the U.B.A.A. were "at home" to the K.T.O. players and although the homesters won the series by the wide margin of 6 games to 1, the visitors provided stiff opposition. With U.B.A.A. players mentioned first, here are the winners,—

- K. Pope lost to R. Wiltshire — 21-17, 27-29, 20-22 ;
- L. Christopher won from R. Mitchell — 21-18, 19-21, 21-17 ;
- O. John beat S. Francis — 21-17, 21-19 ;
- P. Thomas defeated B. Francis — 21-13, 20-22, 21-16 ;

C. Williams outplayed S. Wiltshire — 21-10, 21-16 ;

R. Thomas defeated A. Adams — 21-11, 21-14 ;

F. Mohammed won from C. Julien — 21-16, 21-9.

### RIFLE SHOOTING

This form of sport has been an old feature in U.B.O.T., and we now feel the time has come when the marksmen of this section should have their activities known to our many readers. The U.B.O.T. Rifle Section is now about 100 strong and was originally mainly comprised of ex-servicemen who are by now completely outnumbered. The Annual House Competition took place on Sunday 24th and Sunday 31st October 1954, at the Mahaica Rifle Range, and it was encouraging to see the younger members emerge winners in several shoots. N. Bradshaw, of the Electrical Section, A. Eridgemohansingh and E. Abdool of the A.T.S. being outstanding in this respect. A Bridgemohansingh eventually won the Pat Date Challenge Cup.

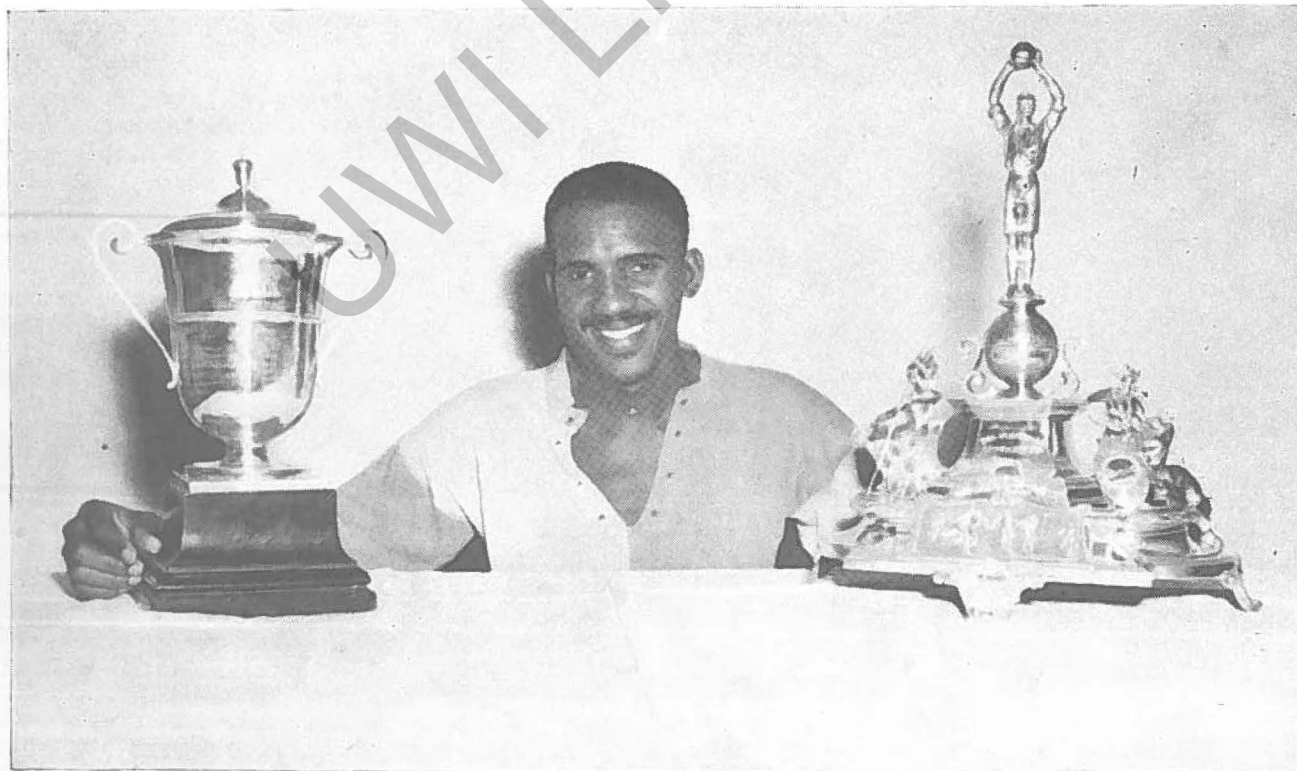
Congratulations to Estate Constable J. Thomas who was successful in winning several prizes in the 24th Trinidad Rifle Association Competition.

### OTHER INDOOR GAMES

The Christmas Tournaments in Billiards, All-Fours, and Table Tennis are now in progress at the Mahaica (U.B.) Club and at the time of writing, there is no definite indication as to eventual winners.

#### *Sportsman of The Year :*

The return of ballot papers in the "Sportsman of the Year" Contest was most disappointing, nine only having been received. Your Editors therefore have no alternative but to declare No Contest.



Jubilant Fedo Lloyd, Captain of the U.B.A.A. "A" proudly displays the Gooden Chisholm Cup (left) and F. A. Trophy (right) won by his team when they defeated Sporting Club F. C. 4-0 and Providence F. C. 4-2 — respectively.

# The Penal Division

## Part III

**I**N the September issue of UBOTIMES, the activities of those Departments strictly concerned with the winning of oil, i.e. Exploitation Engineering, Drilling and Production, was the subject of the second article in this series. In this, the third and final article in the series, we shall deal with the activities of the various other Departments which go to make up the Penal Division.

### Engineering Department

The complex and varied nature of the activities which are so simply and easily grouped together under the title Engineering Department could in themselves form the subject for a series of articles. Any attempt therefore to condense a description of their activities into part of an article does not permit of anything but the briefest of summaries. Mr. A. Melrose, as Resident Engineer, is responsible for the co-ordination of the efforts of the various Sections which go to form the Engineering Department, i.e. Survey, Erection, Field Engineering, Civil Engineering, Machine Shops, Maintenance & Overhaul, and Electrical.

One of the tasks which rates high on the priority list of the Department is the preparation of well sites for the Drilling Department. This entails the combined services of the Survey Section who peg out the location, the Civil Engineering Section supervised by Messrs. R. A. Kevan, C. Sukhoo and C. P. Sandiford who clear and bulldoze the site, construct necessary service roads, and cast derrick, boiler and pump foundations, the Field Engineering Section with Messrs. T. Wilschut, L. Mills and C. Neckles who install the pumps and boilers, run steam, water and mud lines and the Electrical Section under Messrs. P. V. Lewes and J. Sutherland who make all the necessary electrical connections and installations.

In addition to these activities there is of course the maintenance and overhaul of hoists, pumps and other heavy equipment which is done in the M. & O. Workshop under the supervision of Mr. T. Wilschut and Mr. N. Lewis.

New construction in the way of buildings, tanks, pipelines etc. is just another priority item on the varied list of tasks allotted to the Engineering Department. The maintenance and repair of existing installations and buildings must also, of course, be carried out.

The preparation of contract payment orders, monthly reports, project costs, statistics etc. is supervised by the Chief Clerk, Mr. H. Maharaj assisted by Messrs. D. R. Charles and R. Seedial.

### Transport Department

It can readily be realised that to keep the many and varied components which comprise a modern oilfield functioning smoothly an efficient and modern Transport Department is essential.

### Division

When a new drilling location has been prepared by the Engineering Department it is the responsibility of the Transport Department to arrange for the necessary equipment such as boilers for the boiler station, draw-works, rotary table, crown and travelling blocks, swivel etc. to be transported to the location and sited. During drilling operations it is necessary for the well to be supplied with casing, drill pipe, cement, barytes etc. and all these operations must be carefully scheduled to ensure that drilling is not delayed by lack of materials.

This is, of course, but one aspect of the work of the Transport Department and one must not forget the work done by the cars and buses on maintaining general passenger services, changing drillers and drilling crews and the numerous other jobs necessitating the use of heavy and light transport.

It needs but little imagination to visualise the fleet of trucks, trailers, cars and buses that are necessary to enable Mr. C. A. Pozzo di Borgo and his assistant Mr. C. Mapp to handle the railway like time-table such operations demand.

To keep such a fleet on the road, servicing and preventative maintenance are essential and this is handled by the Garage Section under the supervision of Mr. B. Young.

### Materials Department

Probably the most essential ingredient in all the complex and variegated operations necessary to operate and maintain an efficient oilfield is the material to do the job. The most efficient engineer, the most prolific driller would find it impossible to make progress without tools and equipment, and it is the duty of the Materials Department to see that these are available when required. To enable this to be done a large and up to date warehouse building is maintained in Penal under the direction of Mr. E. C. Valentine. Here not only are the physical stocks of materials and equipment kept but also the very exacting records of receipts and consumption which are most essential if adequate stocks are to be maintained at all times.

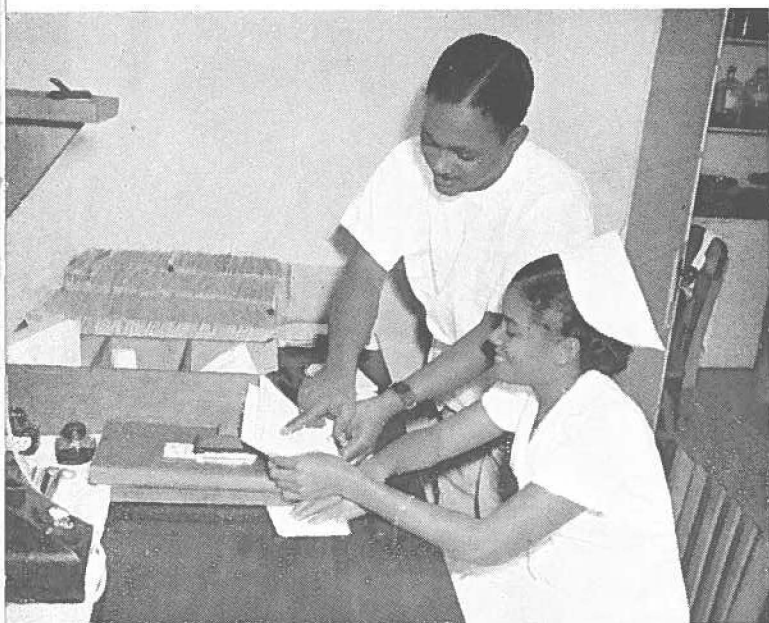
In addition to the normal Warehouse there is also a Movable Section under the care of Mr. B. L. Deele. This Section is responsible for the heavy tools and equipment used by the Drilling and Production Departments in the drilling and maintenance of the wells.

### Accounts Department

Possibly one of the least appreciated Departments in any commercial enterprise is the Accounts Department. Operating Departments invariably consider the Accountants as unpopular schoolmasters continually watching over them, but proper control of expenditure is one of the primary factors which contribute to the success or failure of any business. Inasmuch as the accounting must, of necessity, take into consideration the operations of the Company as



Messrs. Charles and Seedial of the Engineering Dept.



Mr. Pinheiro and Miss Farmer in consultation

Mr. J. B. Sutherland at a Transformer Station.

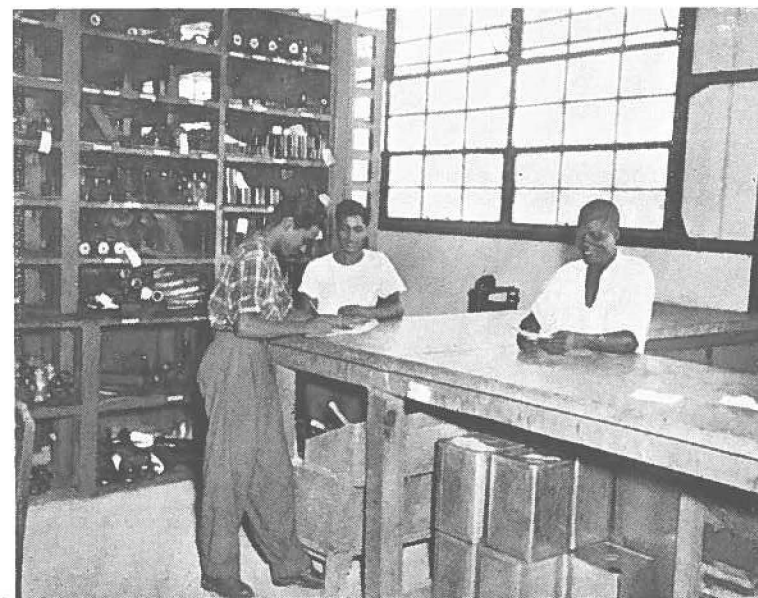


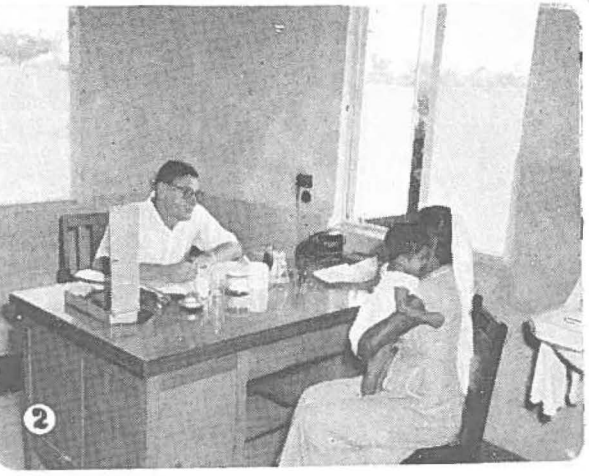
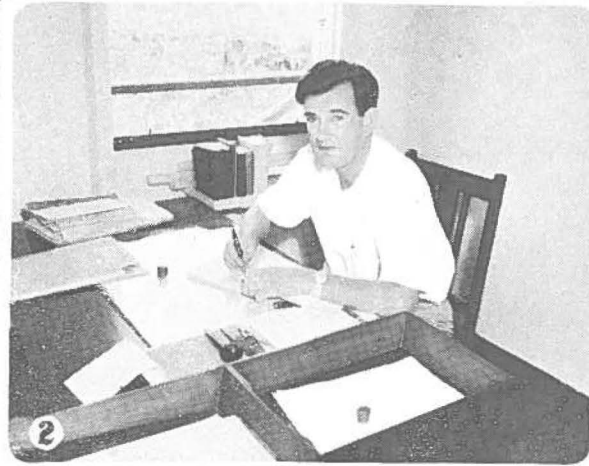
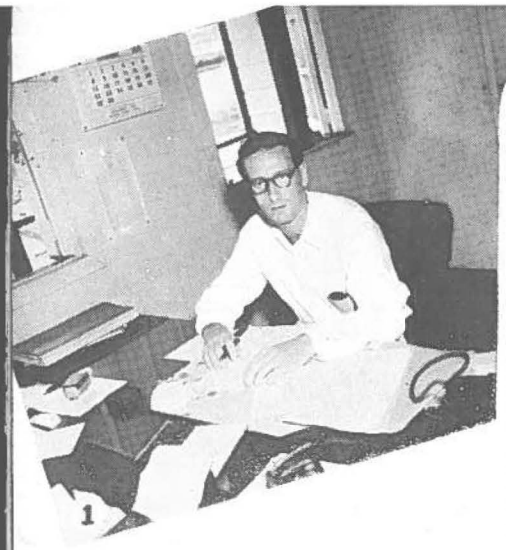
Surveyors at work — Messrs. Kevan and Sandiford



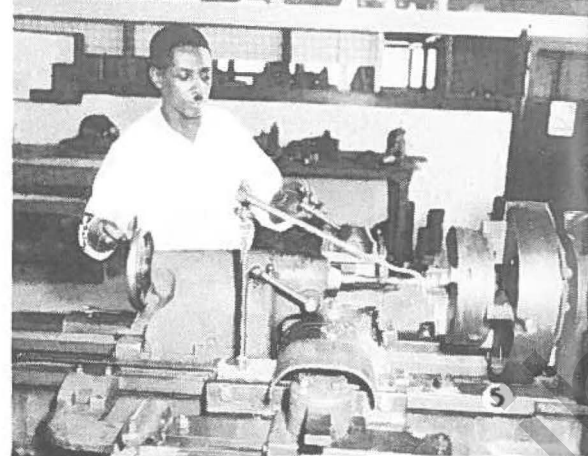
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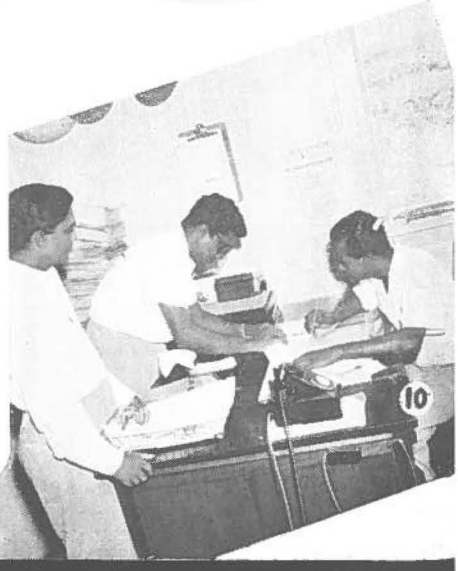
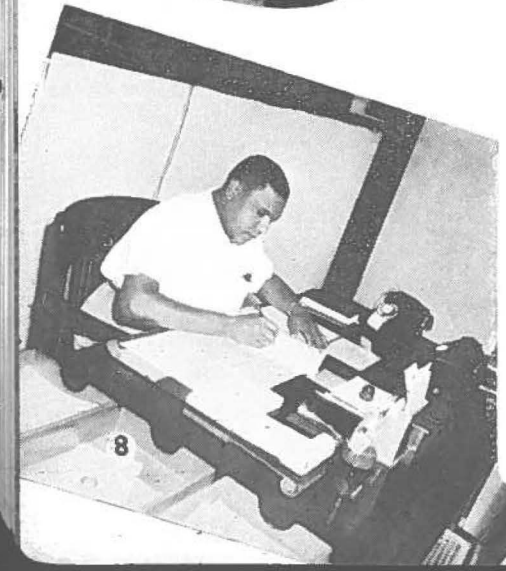
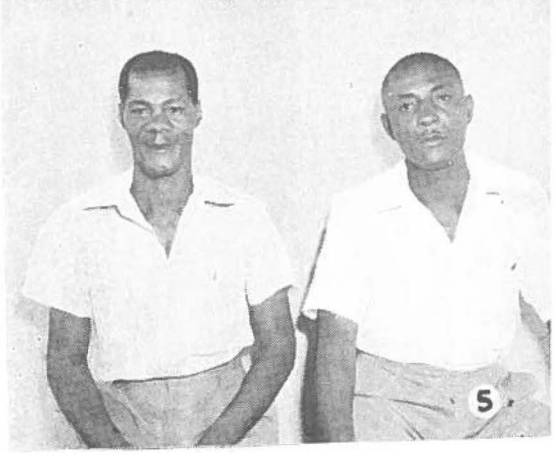




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1. Mr. D. V. Townsend — Field Accountant.
  2. Mr. R. A. Kevan — Civil Engineer.
  3. Mr. A. Melrose — Resident Engineer.
  4. Messrs. Lewis and Neckles — Engineering Dept.
  5. E. Gabriel, Turner at work in the Machine Shop.
  6. Mr. H. Harris of the Transport Dept.
  7. Gooram of the Administration Sanitary Gang.
  8. Mr. E. C. Valentine — Materials Superintendent.
  9. Mr. T. Wilschut — Field Engineer.
  10. Messrs. A. P. Christie and Maturahsingh of the Industrial Relations Dept.



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1. Mr. H. Maharaj, Chief Clerk of the Engineering Dept.
  2. Dr. F. E. V. Cant in consultation with a patient.
  3. Mr. D. Rooplal, Cashier paying Mr. C. C. Black of the Production Dept.
  4. Mr. N. Lewis supervising work in the M. & O. Shop.
  5. Messrs. B. Young and C. Mapp of the Transport Dept.
  6. Mr. C. Sukhoo of the Engineering Dept.
  7. Mr. C. P. Sandiford of the Engineering Dept.
  8. Mechanic at work in the Garage.
  9. Mr. B. L. Declé in charge of Movables Section of Materials Dept.
  10. Messrs. Pariag, Lowkee and Ramgattie of the Accounts Dept.





Corporal Best detaching men for duty



Transport Yard, Penal

Interior view of Materials Warehouse



a whole, the Accounts Department in Penal is, of all the Departments, more closely controlled by its Point Fortin counterpart.

Mr. D. V. Townsend is the Accountant-in-charge in Penal and assisting him in the various Sections which make up his Department are Mr. D. Rooplal as Field Cashier, Mr. K. Pariag in charge of the hourly and weekly payroll, Mr. G. Lowkee of the Fields and General Distribution Section and Mr. I. Ramgattie in charge of the Typing Section.

### *Industrial Relations and Administration*

This Department is comparatively new to the Penal organisation as formerly the Industrial Relations problems of the Division were dealt with direct by Point Fortin. To meet the rapid expansion of employer/employee relationships it was realised that a full time Industrial Relations Supervisor was needed for the Penal area and an Office was therefore opened with Mr. A. P. Christie in charge.

In addition to the normal work of the Industrial Relations Department, the full scope of which was adequately covered by the articles in the March and June 1953 issues of *UBOTIMES*, the Industrial Relations Office in Penal is also responsible for general Camp cleaning and maintenance and control of the sanitation gangs. The Estate Police, Watchmen Service, and Fire & Safety work also fall within the sphere of its activities.

As in Point Fortin, the need for recreation has not been overlooked and in order that employees may enjoy their leisure hours the Company has provided Clubs, a sports field and pavilion.

Mr. B. Maturasingh assists Mr. A. P. Christie in taking care of the office and statistical records.

### *Medical Department*

To administer to the physical well being of the Staff and employees and to take initial care of emergencies and accidents, the Company has provided a modern dispensary at Penal which is at present under the charge of Dr. F. E. V. Cant. Assisting Dr. Cant in the care of the patients is the Dispenser, Mr. E. E. Pinheiro, and the nurse, Miss R. Farmer.

In concluding this article, mention must be made of the many long service employees who by their individual and collective efforts make it possible for the day to day work of the ancillary departments referred to in this article to function and thus enable the Departments directly concerned with the winning of oil to achieve their objective. Included amongst these individuals, all of whom have more than 15 years continuous service, are the following :— Messrs. Rahamut Ali, Cyril Christopher, Charles Cox, L. Daniel, Samuel Davidson, Joseph Gonzales, Welton Henry, Eugene Joseph, G. Koylas, Herbert Linton, Beharry Mohan, Lionel Morris, Joseph Paul, Fred Passey, Arthur Peters, Esau Simon, Rahim Bocus, Cecil de Verteuil, Benn Gobin, Lennard Mills and Raymond Narinesingh (Engineering Department), Mohamed Rajah and Hezekiah Harris (Transport), Lennard Flanders, Baboolal Bridgelal, and Elias Francis (Materials), H. P. Maharaj, Chaitoo, Goomram, Audrey Mapp and Daniel Ramlogan (Administration).

# Directional Drilling

By J. G. MACGOWN (Exd.)

**D**IRECTIONAL drilling is defined as the positive control of the direction taken by the bit while drilling is in progress.

Directional drilling is not new to Trinidad, having been carried out from time to time by U.B.O.T. Ltd. and other companies for some years. Increasing use is now being made of directional drilling to exploit oil accumulations which extend under the sea. The drilling derrick can be erected on land and the well can be deviated out under the ocean to produce an oil deposit which may be several thousand feet away. The companies recently employing this type of submarine drilling are T.N.A., Antilles and K.T.O.

As is well known, T.N.A. offshore drilling is carried out by U.B.O.T. Three wells have so far been completed under the sea off Point Ligoure and T.N.A. has now got a source of steady production.

The most common reason for deviating wells is to reach objectives which would be inaccessible for vertical drilling. For instance, oil may be produced from under buildings, rivers, etc. Another purpose is to drill a number of wells from one central location in order to save on earth moving and road building costs in rough terrain. If a fish (i.e. tools lost in the hole) cannot be recovered from a well, it is cemented in place and the borehole is deflected so as to sidetrack the fish. Sometimes if a vertical well strikes the



*End view of foundation. The rig is skidded 6' 6" towards the camera as each well is completed.*

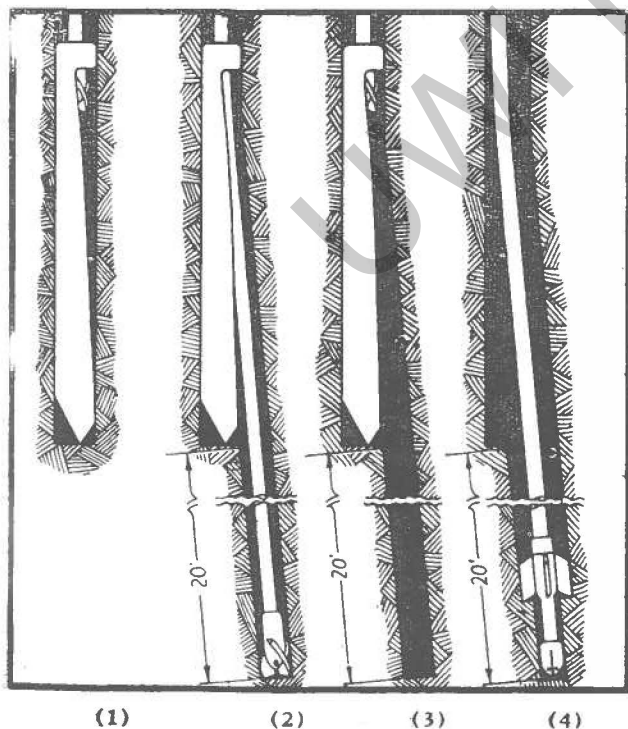


Fig. 1

reservoir sand too low on the structure and finds only water, it can be plugged back and deflected towards a higher point on the structure to find oil, thus saving the cost of drilling a new well. If a well is blowing wild and there is no means of controlling it, a relief well can be drilled some distance away and deviated so as to bottom at the same position as the wild well. Heavy mud can then be pumped down the relief well to kill the pressure in the original well.

## Directional Drilling Tools

Before proceeding further it is as well to get some idea of the tools used for deflecting a borehole. The most widely used tool is the whipstock. This consists of a tapered wedge shaped piece of steel fitted with a ring on top. The lower end of the drill pipe passes through this ring, and a bit of greater diameter than the ring is fitted on the bottom of the drill pipe. When the whipstock is being run into the hole it is held firmly on to the bit by means of a brass shear pin. On reaching the setting point, the whipstock is oriented in the desired direction, and then struck a hard blow on the bottom of the hole. This shears the pin and

at the same time seats the whipstock, which can now be "drilled off". By rotating and applying weight, the bit is made to travel down the tapered face of the whipstock, giving a "dog-leg" usually of about 2°. After "drilling off" about 20 feet below the whipstock, the bit is slowly raised until it catches in the ring, thus unseating the whipstock which can then be pulled out of the hole. The "rat-hole" which has been made in this way is of smaller diameter than the original hole, so it must next be enlarged by a reamer fitted with a pilot bit. The whole operation is illustrated in Fig. 1.

It is most important that the whipstock is set facing the correct direction. We cannot see down to the bottom of the hole so we must use some indirect means of orientation. One method used at shallow depth is the drill pipe alignment method illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. For this method the whipstock is pointed at surface in the desired direction (E). Clamps are then fitted at top and bottom

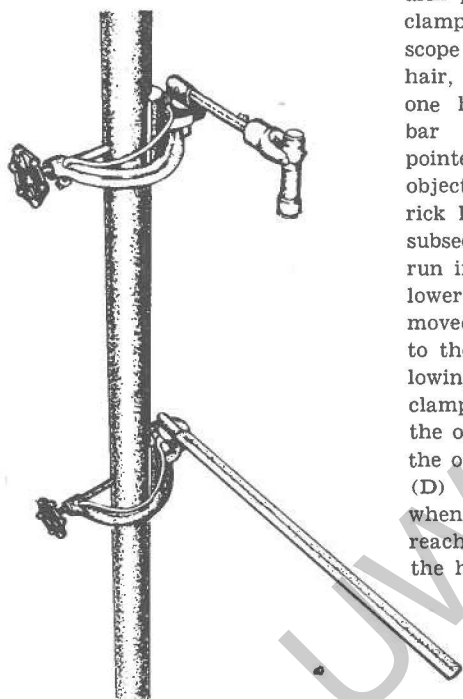


Fig. 2

of the first stand of drill pipe. The upper clamp holds a telescope (A) with a cross hair, while the lower one holds a sighting bar (B) which is pointed at some fixed object such as a derrick leg (C). As each subsequent stand is run into the hole, the lower clamp is removed and transferred to the top of the following stand. Each clamp is lined up with the one before so that the original alignment (D) is maintained when the whipstock reaches the bottom of the hole. The whipstock is therefore still facing the desired direction (E).

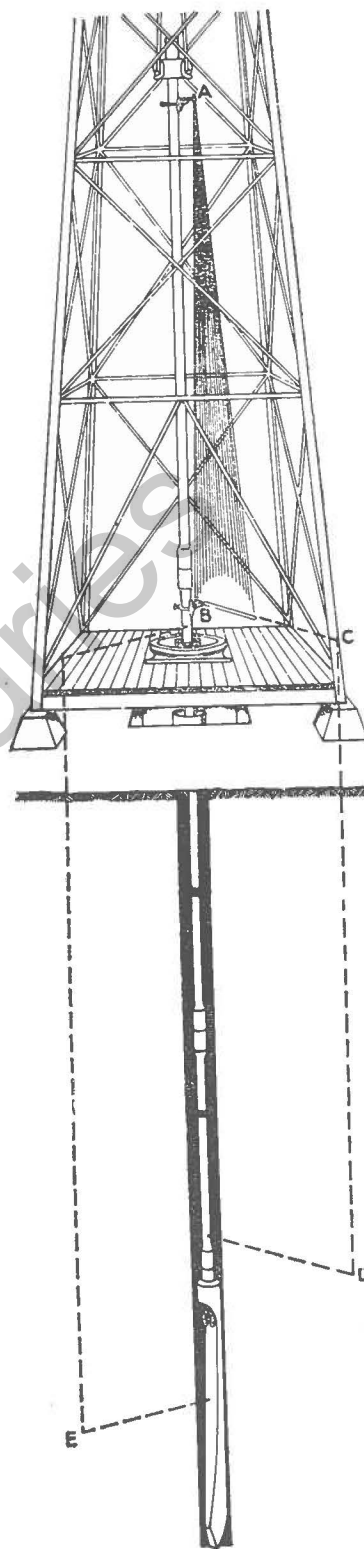
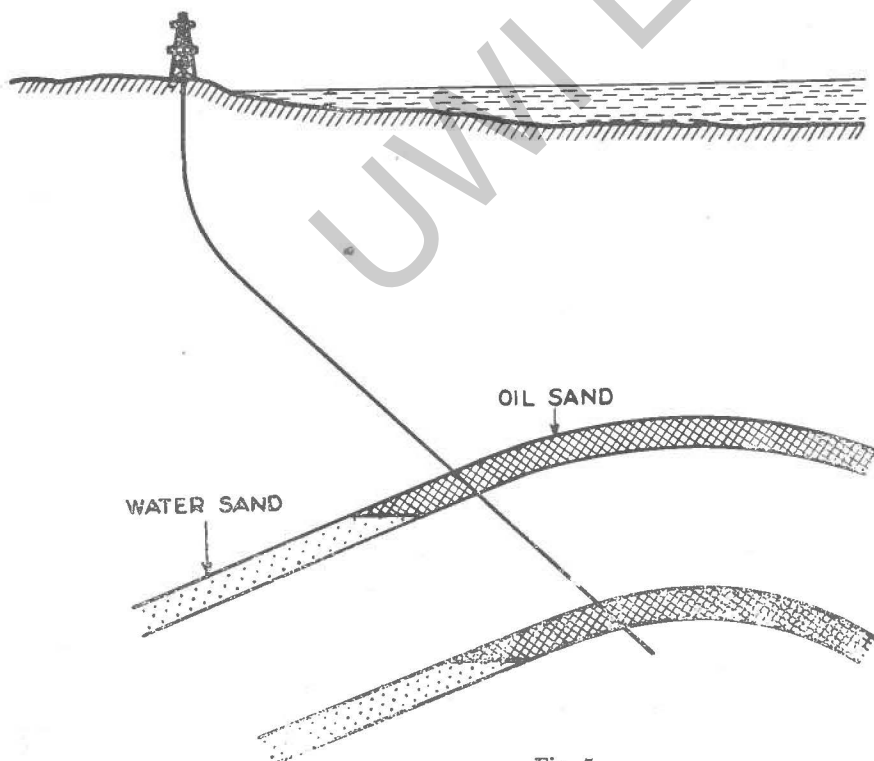
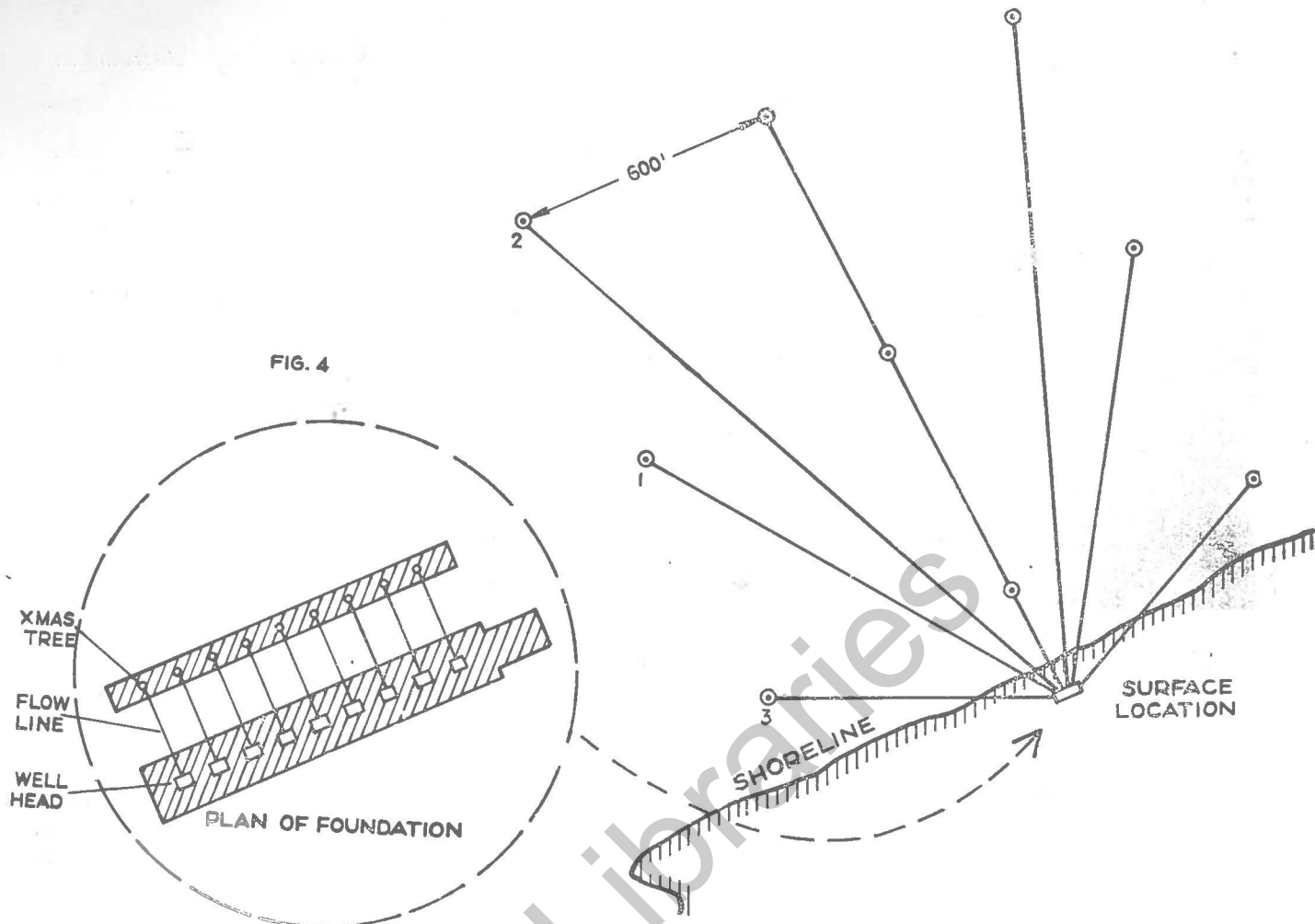


Fig. 3

When setting whipstocks at greater depths, the bottom hole orientation method is used. In this system a sub fitted with two magnets is run above the whipstock bit. After reaching bottom with the whipstock, a special instrument is run on a wire line. This instrument has a small turn table also equipped with a pair of magnets which line up with the pair in the sub. At the same time a plumb bob punches a small hole in a disc indicating the low side of the hole. The relationship between the low side of the hole and the direction in which the whipstock is facing is thus established. It is then a simple matter to turn the drill pipe at surface a certain number of degrees so that the whipstock at the bottom of the hole will face in the desired direction.



*Surface and Objective Locations*

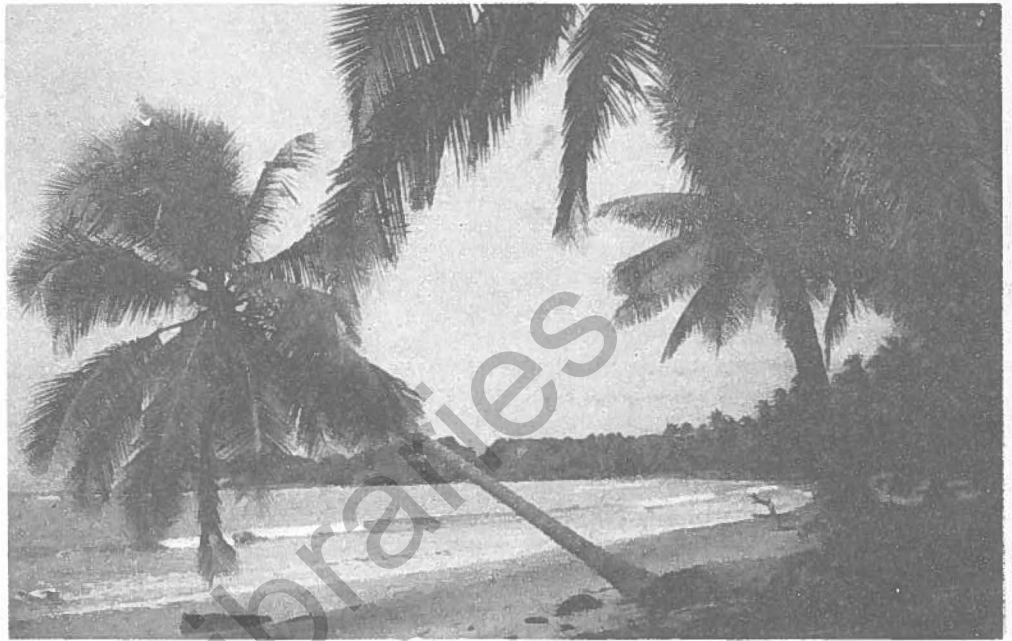
An interesting feature of the T.N.A. location at Point Ligoure is that the foundations have been designed to drill nine wells from the same surface location. The multiple foundation has been laid out with well centres 6' 6" apart, so that the complete rig can be skidded from one site to the next. There is also a remotely situated foundation for the Christmas trees of the completed wells. Fig. 4 represents the spacing plan at Point Ligoure on a 600' grid for 9 wells radiating under the sea from one surface location on the shore. Wells 1, 2 and 3 have already been drilled.

Fig. 5

# Photographic Competition

Entries for the Photographic Competition announced in the September issue of UBOTIMES were disappointingly small and in consequence it has been decided that only two prizes should be awarded.

The first prize goes to Mr. L. E. Connell, of the I.R. & P. Department, for the photograph reproduced at the right. The scene is of Columbus Bay, Cedros.



The winner of the second prize was Mr. H. A. Dukhie, of the Transport Office, with the photograph reproduced at the left. It is a beach scene which is familiar to us all.