

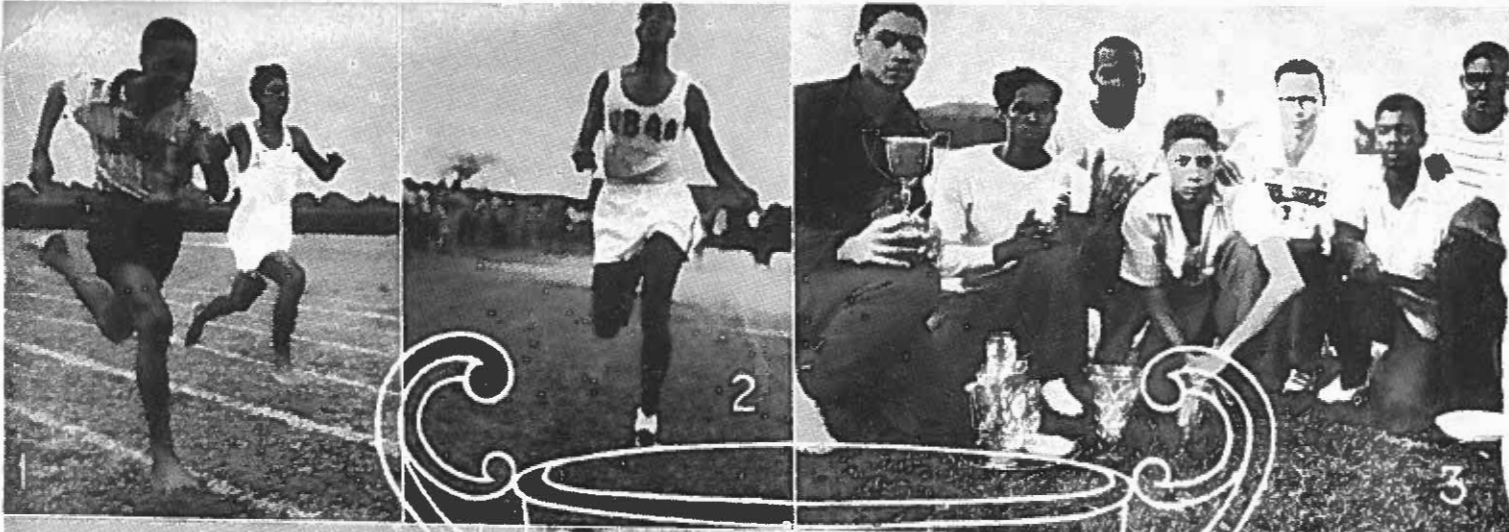
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Around the Departments Appointments and Promotions

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

Mr. M. A. Tong, formerly of the Lago Oil Company, Aruba, who is attached to the Audit Section of the Accounts Department; Mr. R. K. Dubrishing, formerly of the Handicraft Centre, San Fernando, who has joined the I. R. & P. Department as an Instructor at the Apprentices Technical School; Mr. Ethelston McClean, who has joined the staff of the Refinery Office; Mr. G. A. Jardine, who is employed as an Accounts Clerk at the Port-of-Spain Office; Mr. V. R. Pinard, who has joined the Engineering Department; Mr. Clarence J. Thompson, who has joined the Transport Department; Eric Chimming, who has been appointed Hoist Maintenance supervisor in the Production Department.

The following have been promoted to Junior Staff status:

Messrs. E. Hinds and N. A. Mike (Accounts), Mr. Norman Cave (Transport), Mr. John Allen (Drilling), Mr. Patrick Corbie (Port-of-Spain Office), Messrs. C. Nakid and G. Abraham (Refinery Distillation), Mr. F. Gabriel (Engineering), Messrs. P. Johnson, P. Huggins, R. A. Haynes, R. Gopee and C. L. Mark (Materials), Mr. V. George (Production), Mr. C. H. McClean (I. R. Office), and Mr. A. J. Watson (T.N.A.).

The following other promotions have been made:—
Mr. E. Dorset from Office Boy, Medical Department, to Grade II Clerk, Field Engineering Office; Messrs. A. Christopher and P. Moodie from Motor Mechanic "A", to Garage Chargehand; Mr. Vernon Mungo from Office Boy, Central Engineering Office, to Clerk, Grade II; Mr. D. Taitt from Watchman "C", to Estate Constable; Mr. B. James (Refinery) from Gauger "A", to Foreman Gauger;

Mr. A. H. Barker (Refinery) from Motor Mechanic "A", to Foreman Motor Mechanic; Mr. J. Woodruffe (Refinery) from Carpenter, to Foreman Carpenter; Mr. J. L. Galloway (Refinery) from Office Boy, to Clerk, Grade II; Mr. A. Mitchell (Engineering) from Welder "A", to Foreman Welder; Mr. F. Beharry (Materials) from Checker, to Clerk, Grade II; Mr. R. Robertson (Production) from Headman/Winchman, to Foreman; Mr. L. Gaubert (Production) from Chargehand Motor Mechanic, to Foreman Motor Mechanic;

Mr. E. Martin (Production) from Gathering Station Gauger, to Clerk, Grade II; Mr. C. Crepin from Chargehand Fitter "A", to Foreman Fitter; Mr. R. Narinesingh from Checker "A", to Clerk-Checker, Grade II; Mr. B. Gobin from Chargehand Electrician "A", to Foreman Electrician; Mr. H. Dilleh from Stores Attendant "A", to Clerk, Grade II; Mr. C. Gooding from Chargehand Welder "A", to Welder Foreman; Mr. J. S. Victor from Office Boy (Lands & Legal), to Clerk, Grade II, Materials, and Mr. H. Judge (Field Engineering) from Chargehand Motor Mechanic "A", to Foreman (General).

OUR INSIDE FRONT COVER

1. The Apprentices' race with A. Harrington in the lead.
2. R. De Gale (Accounts Office) winning the mile.
3. The winners of the Coronation Cup.
4. Inniss James (extreme left), wins the 100 yards "B" Class event.
5. Mr. K. Edwards (Group Leader), receives the Coronation Cup from Mrs. R. M. Harcourt.
6. The James brothers winning the three-legged race.
7. Inniss James receives his prize from Mrs. B. E. Thompson for winning the 100 yards "B" Class event.
8. Belgrave Bonaparte, of TASPO fame, playing his double ping-pong.
9. A non-Coronation Cup 100 yards event in progress.
10. Clayton Lynch (Engineering Shops) and Leroy Williams (Port-of-Spain Office), joint winners of the "Victor Ludorum".
11. V. James wins the high jump for Juniors.
12. Striking finish of the girls' 100 yards race.

Education and Training

Our 1953 Regional Technical Trainees, Messrs. P. J. Smith, B. S. R. Barnes and C. J. Andrews are now coming to the end of their preliminary training, and we have been informed that they have been accepted by Loughborough College of Technology, England, which they will enter in September with a view to obtaining diplomas in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Kenneth Koo, who was awarded a Company Scholarship after working for some time as a Mud Assistant, will enter Loughborough together with these trainees to do a similar course. Also leaving for the United Kingdom later this year is Mr. G. M. S. Lambert, who joined the Company as a Mud Assistant and was subsequently awarded a Scholarship. In October, he will enter the University of Birmingham to take a course in Petroleum

Technology. Mr. N. J. Masson, who has been employed in the Personnel Office for the past year, and Mr. Ronald Martin, a former student of Queen's Royal College, have been selected as this year's Regional Trainees, and recently started their preliminary training. We wish all these young men success in their careers.

The four students who started the theoretical training course for Student Apprentice Drillers late last year satisfactorily completed it in mid-March and moved out to the fields to spend a month each in the Rigging-up and Movable Sections, the Production Department and the Mud Laboratory. Subjects covered during the course were Drilling Technology, Mud, Geology, and Exploitation Engineering. Earlier this year U.B.O.T. announced vacancies for more Drilling and Production trainees, and the hundred-odd applications received are now being examined.

The 1954 intake for our Apprentice Training Scheme is now under way, and applications have been received from well over 300 lads.

Mr. Louis de Silva, who joined our Apprentice Training Scheme in 1949, sails for the United Kingdom in August to join Leyland Motors Ltd. for a 12-month course in light diesel engineering. De Silva was one of the first boys to join U.B.O.T.'s Apprentice Training Scheme, and the Company undertook through its Head Office in London to make arrangements for his training and accommodation. UBOTIMES wishes him all success in his new venture, and we look forward to his return to Trinidad.

Mr. Gob'n Maharaj, of the Refinery, has resigned from the Company to further his studies in the United Kingdom. Before his departure, his colleagues presented him with a pen and pencil set. Mr. Joseph Scipio, of the M. & O. Shops, has also resigned to study in England. We wish them both every success.

The recently revived Literary Section of the United British (Mahaica) Club has drawn up a six-month programme which started in April with a talk by Mr. C. B. Mathison, Staff Supervisor, on "Point Fortin—Past, Present and Future". Last month the Section held a successful musical evening, and in July Mr. Theophilus Jean and Mr. J. Jemmott will speak on the subject, "Trinidad Youth—Whither?". In August members will hold a social evening.

The Literary Section of the Apprentices Technical School has formed a Birthday Club to observe the birthdays of members. A Management Committee has been elected, consisting of Messrs. Trevor Lloyd (Chairman), S. Ramphal, P. Bachoo and F. James.

From the West Indian representative of the British Institute of Technology comes news which should be of interest to many employees. The Institute has decided to grant



Mr. N. J. Masson (above) and Mr. Ronald Martin (below), this year's Regional Technical Trainees.



a 10 per cent discount on cash fees for correspondence courses taken by Company-sponsored students. Arrangements for courses can be made through the Industrial Relations Office or the Personnel Office.

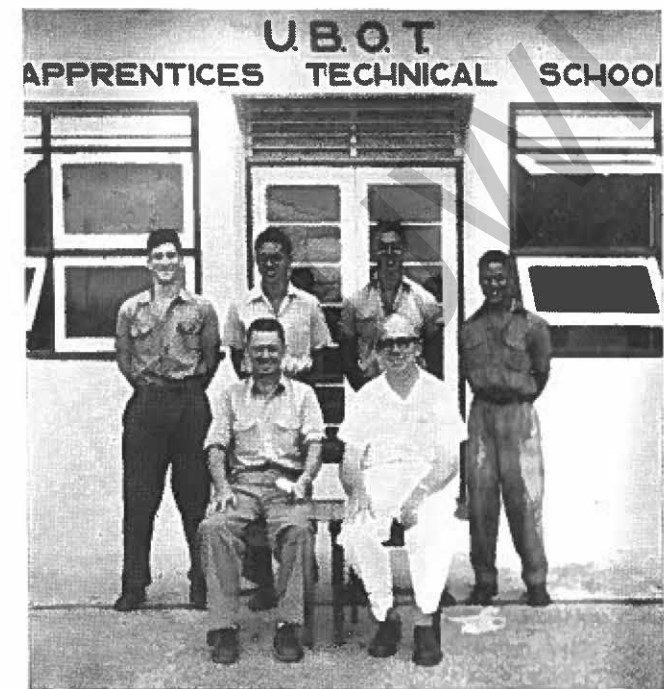
Figures released by the Board of Industrial Training show that the Trinidad Oil Industry accounts for nearly 50 per cent (219) of the Colony's 505 registered apprentices, with Government services following next with a total of 61.

In May the Government Education Extension Service started two four-week courses at the Point Fortin E.C. School for cultural groups and other organisations in Point Fortin and the surrounding areas. The first course dealt with the subject, "Where Government gets its money from and where it goes", while the second, which began on June 16, was designed to point out "What is the Government of Trinidad and Tobago". The lecturer was Mr. W. D. Best, one of our Industrial Relations Supervisors.

The Preparatory Course designed to give the sons of our employees a better chance of attaining the standard necessary for entry to the Apprentice Training Scheme has now come to an end. Although the results of the Course have in general been disappointing, nevertheless, the 17 boys were allowed to sit the entrance examination of the Apprentices Technical School, and the results are now awaited.

The six employees who took the Wireman's Course organised by the Company at the Apprentices Technical School sat the City and Guilds Examination in Electrical Installation (2nd Year Special) early in May, and we hope to be able to report their success in a future issue.

The first Inter-School Essay Competition sponsored by the Parvenu Association was held recently and was won by the Point Fortin Intermediate R.C. School. The prize for this contest, which will be held annually, is a silver cup. The award is based on the best average, but book prizes are also given to individuals. The following are this year's prize-winning pupils: Merle Lokai of the Intermediate R.C. School, who placed first; Daniel Lalla of the Point Fortin E.C. School, who was second, and C. Peters of Egypt Government School, who was third.



The four Student Apprentice Drillers together with Mr. P. Morris, Drilling Superintendent, and Mr. M. Mann of the Drilling Department, who was their instructor.

Visits

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming to Point Fortin Mr. E. C. Peet, Director of the Shell Petroleum Company, Dr. T. W. Evans, Vice-President-Director of the Research Shell Development Company, and Mr. A. P. Blair of the Staff Department of our London Office.

In April the Principals and Science Masters of Queen's Royal, St. Mary's, Fatima, Presentation and Naparima Colleges visited Point Fortin and were conducted around the various installations. Purpose of the visit was to provide the Heads of these schools with a clear picture of living and working conditions in Point Fortin which could be passed on to any of their students wishing to apply to the Company for employment.

A party of teachers from the Pupil Teachers' and Teachers' Provisional Certificate examination class, led by their tutor, Mr. Hilton White of the San Fernando Government School, paid us a visit on May 29th and were shown around by Mr. W. D. Best and Mr. O. Ormrod, who explained to them the various aspects of our Refinery operations.

The plan to have Company Foremen visit the Apprentices Technical School during working hours was put into effect recently and arrangements were made for some 70 Foremen to be taken around both the School and Hostel. Between April 22nd and May 22nd, groups of eight to ten Foremen were taken on a conducted tour and shown the standard of work turned out by the School, the way in which the apprentices work, and the conditions under which they live. Each tour was preceded by a short talk by the Training Supervisor and his Staff. Later, it is hoped to organise tours for other Company employees so that as many persons as possible may see for themselves the important work which our Apprentices Training Scheme is doing for the Company, Point Fortin, and Trinidad in general.

Fire and Safety and Red Cross News

As you read this issue of UBOTIMES, Stan Riley, who started UBOT's Fire and Safety Section, will be on his way to England, where he will holiday before taking up his new appointment with the Burmah-Shell Company in Bombay, India, as Fire and Safety Officer. Stan was transferred to

The party of teachers from the Pupil Teachers' and Teachers' Provisional Certificate examination class and their tutor, Mr. Hilton White (in bowtie).



A group of Company Foremen being shown around the Apprentices Technical School by Mr. L. E. Connell (centre with glasses).

Trinidad as Head Stillman in 1945 and in a very short time identified himself with safety work by starting training courses in the Refinery. In three years he had formed teams for applying artificial respiration, and in 1948 he organised the first industrial artificial respiration contest, an event which has been held annually ever since (see back



Stan Riley

cover). In July 1949 he was seconded from the Refinery to start the Fire and Safety Section and thus became the Company's first Fire and Safety Officer. He was also the Company's first Instructor for the Training Within Industry courses. Not content with this, he then formed a detachment of the Red Cross in Point Fortin, and today, thanks to his vigilance and enthusiasm, it is one of the most flourishing units in Trinidad. In 1951 he was made Divisional President of the Southern Division of the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society and a member of the Society's Executive. For his sterling work in the Movement, His Excellency the Governor Sir Hubert Rance, last year presented him with a Coronation Medal.

At the annual inspection of the Southern Red Cross units, held in San Fernando on May 22, the succeeding Divisional President, Mrs. Cynthia McNaughton Jones, presented him with a silver comb and brush set in appreciation of his valuable services. Like the community, UBOTIMES is indebted to Stan Riley for the two years when he was our official photographer. We take this opportunity to wish Stan and Jennifer Riley the best of luck in their new environment, and we think we can truthfully say in their case that Trinidad's loss is India's gain. We also take this opportunity of welcoming the new Fire and Safety Officer, Mr. J. Logan, who arrived early in June.

Twenty-seven members of the Point Fortin Red Cross Detachment took part in the annual inspection of the Southern Division of the Red Cross held at Harris Promenade, San Fernando, on May 22. Mr. Hanif Mohammed of the Fire and Safety Office, Commandant of the Point Fortin unit, had the honour of bearing the Queen's Colours. The newly appointed Colony Director of the Red Cross, Air Vice-Marshal Vincent, inspected the detachments, and Mrs. Vincent distributed First Aid Certificates.

Inauguration of the recently formed Penal Red Cross Detachment was held on May 12th in the presence of a distinguished gathering which included Mrs. Cynthia McNaughton Jones, Divisional President of the Southern



Mr. M. Rojas, of the Materials Department, winner of the last UBOTIMES Safety Contest, receives his prize from Mr. F. Clarke, Materials Superintendent.

Mr. M. Rojas, of the Materials Department, was the winner of the \$15 first prize for the Safety Contest published in the March issue of UBOTIMES. Of 185 entries his was the only one with all the answers correct. The ten consolation prizes were won by Messrs. Arnold Neckles (Garage), M. Dillon (Exploitation), Allick Sylvan (Refinery), Roderick Pierre (Materials), C. Carrington (Refinery), Aldwin Sandiford (Penal Field), Milton Gray (I.R. & P.), Joseph Roberts (Drilling), Raymond Ramsarran (I.R. & P.), Eddie Procope (M. & O. Shops).

UBOTIMES extends congratulations to the winners.

Sport

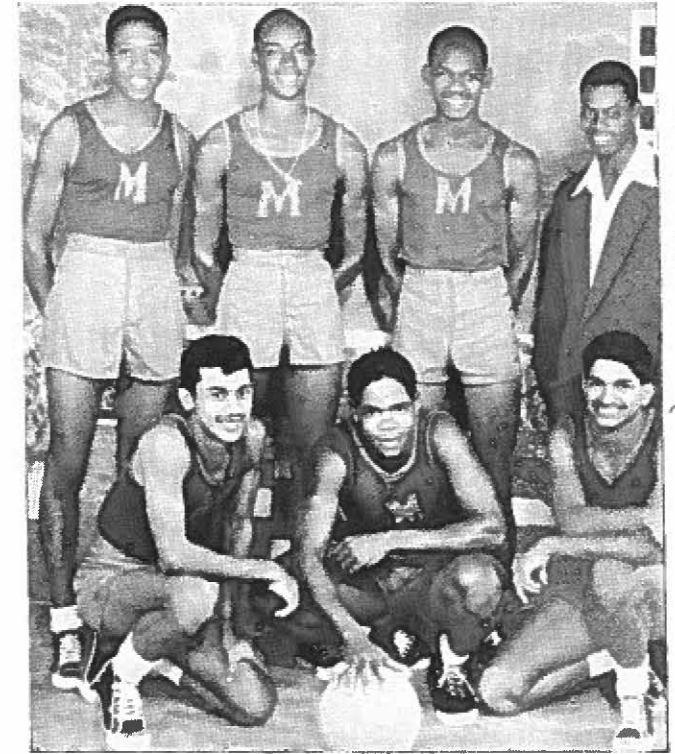
As we go to Press, the U.B.A.A. First XI, captained by C. H. McClean, UBOTIMES sports editor, are engaged in the final of the St. Patrick Cricket Competition against Ste. Marie C.C. of Cedros, the team which defeated them the week before when it seemed that the cup would easily be in their grasp for another year. Ste. Marie and Antilles were the only teams to stop our boys who ran through T.P.D., Middlesex, Brighton and Dynamos Youths. These victories were due in general to the fine performance of the team as a whole and in particular to good batting by Goslyn Worrell who scored the first century of the competition, L. Jones and E. Jordan, and to good bowling displays by fast bowler Buxton Peters and the captain himself. We hope that in the next issue we are able to report our winning of the cup for the sixth time.

In the Second Class competition two teams were entered. Once again the "A" side had a poor season, but the "B" team, captained by Joe de Gannes, have done well, and at the time of writing are scheduled to contest the divisional final. Of the five games played by this young side, three were won outright, one on first innings points, while the other was lost.

This year the committee organising the Inter-Depart-

won the first game, which was played on their ground, but lost the second which was played at Mahaica.

The Penal U.B.A.A. Club held their Ninth Annual Cycle and Athletic Sports Meeting on Sunday, May 9th, and, as in past years, they were thoroughly successful. Especially keen rivalry was displayed in the races confined to Company employees, with Leo Brewster, who won both the 100 and 220 yards, emerging champion. The open sprint events were won by C. Williams of T.P.D. Sports Club, the middle



Michigan, Point Fortin's first basketball team.

distance races by the Colony's champion, Ken Hyland, and the ladies events by Miss Honora Turton. Mrs. R. M. Harcourt, wife of the Head of the I.R. & P. Department, distributed the prizes.

A few young men, the majority of whom are Company employees, have formed the first basketball team in Point Fortin. Michigan, as the side is called, took part in the

Mr. Leroy Williams, of the Port-of-Spain Office, winner of the high jump event at the Penal Sports Meeting, receives his prize from Mrs. R. M. Harcourt.



Hanif Mohammed Southern Red Cross



Detachment of Penal Cross Society.



His Excellency the Governor presents Royal Humane Society certificates to Messrs. Sookhoo and Peters, of our Penal Division.

Division, and Mr. R. P. Brown, Field Superintendent of the Penal Division. The Detachment, led by Estate Corporal Best of the Penal Estate Police Force, were impressive in their first official parade, and we wish them all success in

Southern Basketball Competition for the first time last season and were runners-up. At the time of writing they have played two games in this year's competition and have convincingly won both.

In the Inter-Oilfield Apprentices Cricket Competition, one of our lads, R. Ramsaran, became the first oilfield apprentice to score a century this season. Playing as opening batsman, Ramsaran scored 121 not out against the T.L.L. Forest Reserve apprentices. Later he and Apprentice A. Legall were called for trials to select a Southern Colts team to play against Northern Colts. Ramsaran was eventually selected and deserves our congratulations. For their match against Central Colts, the Oilfield Apprentices Association selected five U.B.O.T. lads on their side. They were Trevor Lloyd, A. Legall, L. Springer, A. Ramharracksingh and Ramsaran.

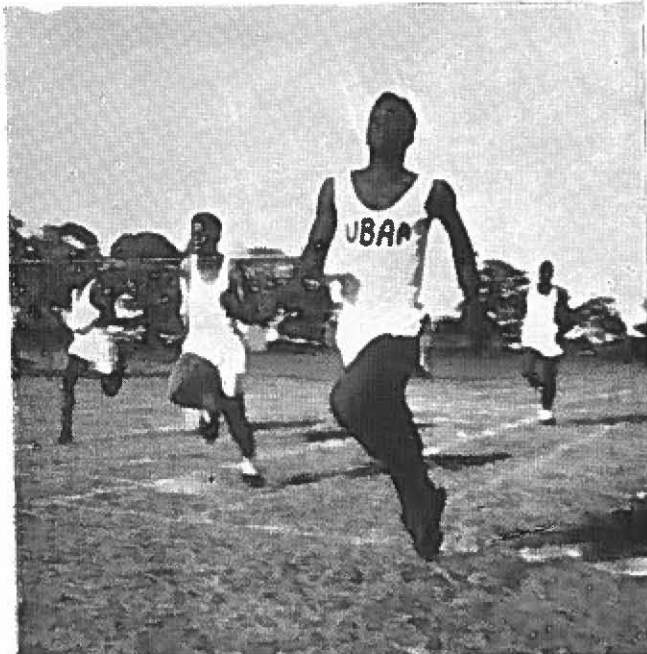
The Sports Section of the Apprentices Technical School Club recently held its annual general meeting and elected the following officers: S. Ramphal, Secretary; A. Layne, Captain and A. Saunders, Vice-Captain.

On Sunday May 1st, the Apprentices Sea Scout Troop took part in an island-wide Sea Scout Athletic Meeting, when Apprentice F. James won the high jump with a leap of 5' 5".

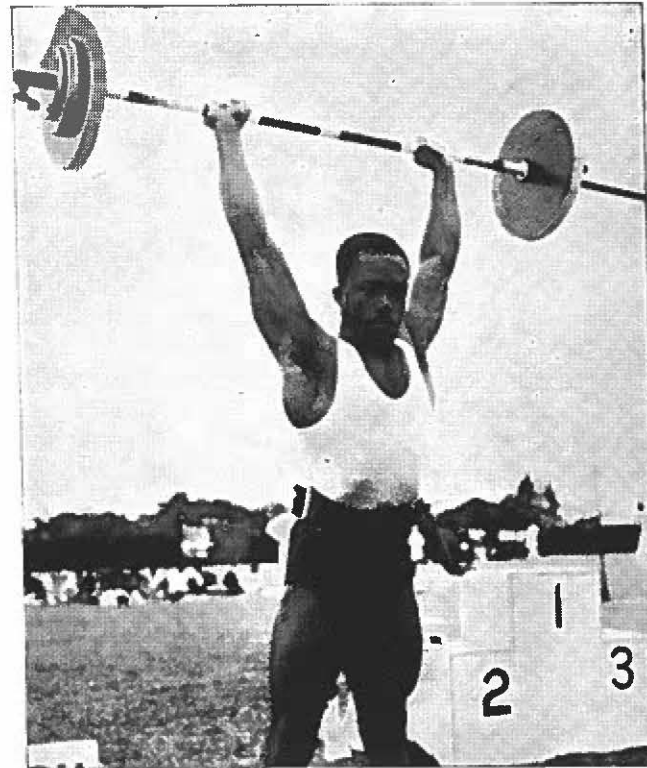
Congratulations to Mr. Richard Cameron of the Port-of-Spain Office, who won the Colony's Junior Singles Table Tennis Championship, and who also entered the Men's Singles Competition and reached the semi-finals in the Port-of-Spain zone.

Mr. John O'Neil of the Port-of-Spain Office, won the Open Singles Championship of the Glencoe Tennis Club, the first year that such a tournament has been held since the club was founded. Mr. O'Neil's name will therefore be the first to be engraved on the silver cup donated for this event.

For the second time in three years the Coronation Cup, symbol of inter-department athletic supremacy, was won by the Combined Offices and I.R. & P. team when the U.B.A.A. held its annual Coronation Sports meeting at the Mahaica Oval on Whit Monday. Led by Mikey Pierre, of the Estate Police Force, who himself won the 100 Yards "A" Class Race, Combined Offices showed good all-round ability, though its victory was mainly due to the outstanding performances of Leroy Williams, of the Port-of-Spain Office, and Randolph DeGale, of the Accounts Department, who won the half-mile and mile races. Williams, who shared



V. James, wins the 100 yards event for boys under 15 at the Penal Sports.



Boysie Farrel, a member of the Davis Barbell Club, gives a weightlifting display at the Coronation Sports Meeting.

the Victor Ludorum with Clayton Lynch, of Engineering, won the 440 yards flat event, the High Jump and was third in the half-mile. Lynch won the 220 yards race, the Long Jump and was third in the "A" class 100 yards. A noteworthy performance was put in by Innis James, of the Refinery, who won both "B" class sprint events, thus helping his team to place second in the Coronation Cup contest. The three cycle races (non-Coronation Cup events) the half-mile, the mile and the three-mile were won by H. Bailey, of Field Engineering.

In recent weeks Doyle Griffith and Delbert Charleau, who both toured England with the Trinidad football team last year, have been passing on the lessons they picked up abroad to our other players, who have been busily preparing for the football season which starts in the next few weeks. At the recent General Meeting of the U.B.A.A.'s Football Section the following were chosen to look after our affairs: A. L. Torry (Chairman), C. Andrews (Hon. Secretary), A. Smith, L. Brown and C. McClean, UBOTIMES Sports Editor. Mr. McClean was also nominated to assist Mr. Andrews in his secretarial duties.

General

On May 26th residents of Techier Village went to the polls for the first time under the revised "constitution" to elect a new Welfare Committee. To ensure that every section of the village was represented on the Committee it had been decided to divide Techier Village into seven "constituencies" each returning one lady and one gentleman. The 14 persons thus chosen at the first ballot were:

Constituency A: Audrey Preddie and Matthew Gray (both unopposed).

Constituency B: Stella Simmons and Leonard George.

Constituency C: Phillippa Pierre and Hamilton Johnson.

Constituency D: Maudlin Dublin and Francis Wilson.

Constituency E: Doris Wells (unopposed) and James Niles.

Constituency F: Ruby George and Albert Vaughn.

Members of the Committee will normally serve two

years but to ensure continuity of policy and purpose, half will go out of office every year and elections will be held to appoint seven members to replace the outgoing ones. The ladies and the men will retire in turn, a draw deciding which does so first. Half of the recently elected Committee will therefore serve for only one year.

The first job of the new Committee was to appoint the following persons to pilot its sub-committees:

Hamilton Johnson and Winnifred Codrington (Literary, Debating and Library); Francis Wilson and Audrey Preddie (Recreation and Sports); Matthew Gray and Phillippa Pierre (Handicrafts and Domestic Science); James Niles and Stella Simmons (Dramatics, Music and Arts); Leonard George and Doris Wells (Village Beautification); Archibald Codrington and Ruby George (Encouragement and Guidance of worthwhile Youth Movements); Albert Vaughn and Maudlin Dublin (Entertainment). UBOTIMES wishes to congratulate the new members on their success at the polls and we are confident they will ably fulfil the important duties which have been entrusted to them.

We are grateful to Mr. Aldwin A. Sandiford, sign-painter, of the Penal Field, for having designed the front cover depicting Penal's double life of industry and agricul-



The recently elected Techier Village Welfare Committee holding its first meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. W. D. Best, Industrial Relations Supervisor.

Fernando Hospital was made possible by the Point Fortin Red Cross Detachment, is that he, too, is showing signs of progress.

Readers will be glad to learn that Mr. A. H. (Taffy) Davis, whose illness necessitated his being sent to the United Kingdom, is doing well. We look forward to his total recovery, and speedy return to Trinidad.

The Annual Dance of the United British (Penal) Club was held on Saturday, May 1 when, the clubhouse was, as usual, beautifully decorated. Members turned out in strength and had a very enjoyable evening.

From the United Kingdom comes news that recent visitors to Shell-Mex and British Petroleum's Fulham Depot were three Trinidadians—Rus Henderson, Max Cherrie and Sterling Betancourt—who have formed themselves into a steelband trio. During their visit they selected an empty oil drum, which they later converted into a "strum pan" for use on a BBC television programme demonstrating "Music the Trinidad Way".

Techier residents observed Mother's Day this year with a suitable little function at the new Community Centre, the first time that the Centre was used for such a purpose after the official opening (see middle pages). Mrs. R. M. Harcourt, wife of the Head of the Industrial Relations and Personnel Department, delivered an address and "crowned" Techier's oldest mother. Mrs. E. F. Morrison presided over the function.

A large and appreciative audience attended the piano-forte recital recently given by Carroll Hall, wife of Mr. R. J. Hall of the Production Department, at the United British (Clifton Hill) Club. Her programme included Beethoven's well-known Sonata Pathetique, Brahms' Rhapsodie in B Minor and Chopin's Revolutionary Etude. Mrs. Hall, who has a fascinating style, received prolonged applause, and at the conclusion Mrs. J. Prior presented her with a bouquet on behalf of the members of the Club. We are grateful to the artiste for such a treat.

This year, for the first time in its existence, the United British (Mahaica) Club elected its Secretary, the person chosen to fill the post being Mr. Carlyle Andrews, of the Engineering Department. Hitherto the Management of the Company nominated the Secretary. Following are the other officers for the year: Mr. E. Morrison, President; Mr. W. R. Gibbings, Treasurer; and Miss P. King, Mr. T. Arismandez and Mr. I. F. Wilson, Committee members.



Mrs. Harcourt "crowns" Techier's oldest mother at a Mother's Day function held at the new Community Centre.



Rus Henderson Max Cherrie and Sterling Betancourt enjoy themselves testing drums during a recent visit to Shell Mex and British Petroleum's Fulham Depot. (Shell Photo)



Mr. Steve Crawford of the Production Department, Penal, was married on April 17 at the Notre Dame de Bon Secours Church, San Fernando, to Miss Kitty Nicholson, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Nicholson of San Fernando, and the late Mr. Nicholson. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Dr. Clyde Nicholson, was attended by two bridesmaids and two flower girls. After the ceremony a reception was held at Pointe-a-Pierre, and the honeymoon was spent in Tobago.

Mr. Randolph Rimple of the Refinery Laboratory, was married at the Cedros R.C. Church on May 23 to Miss Cynthia Celestine of Cedros. After the ceremony a reception, to which more than 300 guests were invited, was held at the bride's home. The honeymoon was spent at Bombshell Bay. Prior to the wedding, Mr. Rimple's colleagues at the Laboratory made him a present of a chiming clock.

Mr. Lionel Harewood of the Geological Department, was married on Easter Sunday to Miss Margaret Garvin at St. Mark's Church, Point Fortin, and a reception was after-



Mr. Randolph Rimple, of the Refinery Laboratory, and his bride after their marriage at the Cedros R.C. Church.



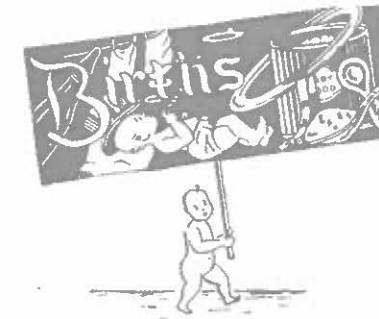
Dr. W. L. Buning, Chief Palaeontologist, presents Mr. Lionel Harewood, of the Geological Department, with a wedding gift of a cutlery set which was subscribed to by his colleagues.

wards held at the home of the bride's parents. Prior to the wedding Dr. W. L. Buning, Chief Palaeontologist, presented Mr. Harewood with a cutlery set on behalf of the Staff of the Geological Department.

Mr. E. Moore of the Camp Maintenance Section, Point Fortin, and Miss Mavis Alexander of Point Fortin, were married on April 17 at the Methodist Church, La Brea, and a reception was afterwards held at the Community Centre in Techier Village.

Mr. A. Mitchell of the Transport Department, was married to Miss Isabelle Williams on May 30 at the London Baptist Church, San Fernando.

To all these couples UBOTIMES extends best wishes for their future happiness.



We extend congratulations to the following :

Mr. M. Pierre of the Estate Police Force, and Mrs. Pierre, on the birth of twin boys.

Mr. G. C. Busby of the Accounts Department, and Mrs. Busby, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Daniel Baccus of the Refinery, and Mrs. Baccus, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Vernon Sandy of the Refinery, and Mrs. Sandy, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. N. Frederick of the Transport Department, and Mrs. Frederick, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. H. H. Soverall of the Exploitation Engineering, and Mrs. Soverall, on the birth of a son.

Mr. G. R. Ashing of the Port-of-Spain Office, and Mrs. Ashing, on the birth of a son.

Mr. L. E. Stoer, Marine Superintendent, and Mrs. Stoer, on the birth of a son.

Mr. F. Mitchell of the Shipping Section, and Mrs. Mitchell, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. E. E. Phills of the Accounts Department, and Mrs. Phills, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. B. J. de Verteuil, Penal Division, and Mrs. de Verteuil, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. B. L. Decle, Penal Division, and Mrs. Decle, on the birth of a son.

Mr. L. C. Allcock of the Engineering Department, and Mrs. Allcock, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. A. G. Verdaasdonk of the Production Department, and Mrs. Verdaasdonk, on the birth of a son.

Mr. J. C. Morgan of the Drilling Department, and Mrs. Morgan, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. E. J. de Verteuil of the Production Department, and Mrs. de Verteuil, on the birth of a son.

Mr. F. E. Cudjoe of the Refinery, and Mrs. Cudjoe, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. St. George John of the Materials Department, and Mrs. St. George John, on the birth of a son.

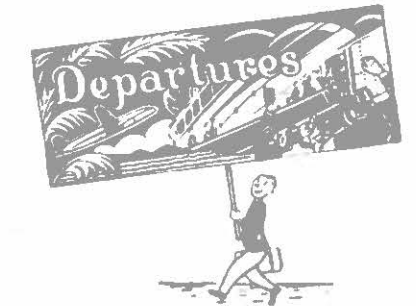
Mr. R. Small of the Accounts Department, and Mrs. Small, on the birth of a son.

Mr. H. S. D. Ifill of the Engineering Department, and Mrs. Ifill, on the birth of a daughter.



We extend a warm welcome to :-

Messrs. R. J. Hall and F. H. A. Anderson (Production), S. F. Flaming, V. O. Bosse, E. Donaldson and R. A. W. Johnson (Engineering), W. Dekker, L. T. Dickinson (Drilling), Mr. R. M. Ancey (Materials), Mr. P. Bitterli (Geological), Dr. J. D. Meehan (Medical), and Mr. J. Logan (I.R. & P.).



Messrs. J. Stanley (Geological), J. van Norel (Production), P. B. Boltjes (Port-of-Spain Office), J. H. Romanes (Engineering), J. D. Hall (Management), and S. J. Riley (I.R. & P.).

Obituary

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

Augustus Louis Durieux, Materials Department, who died on April 28, 1954.

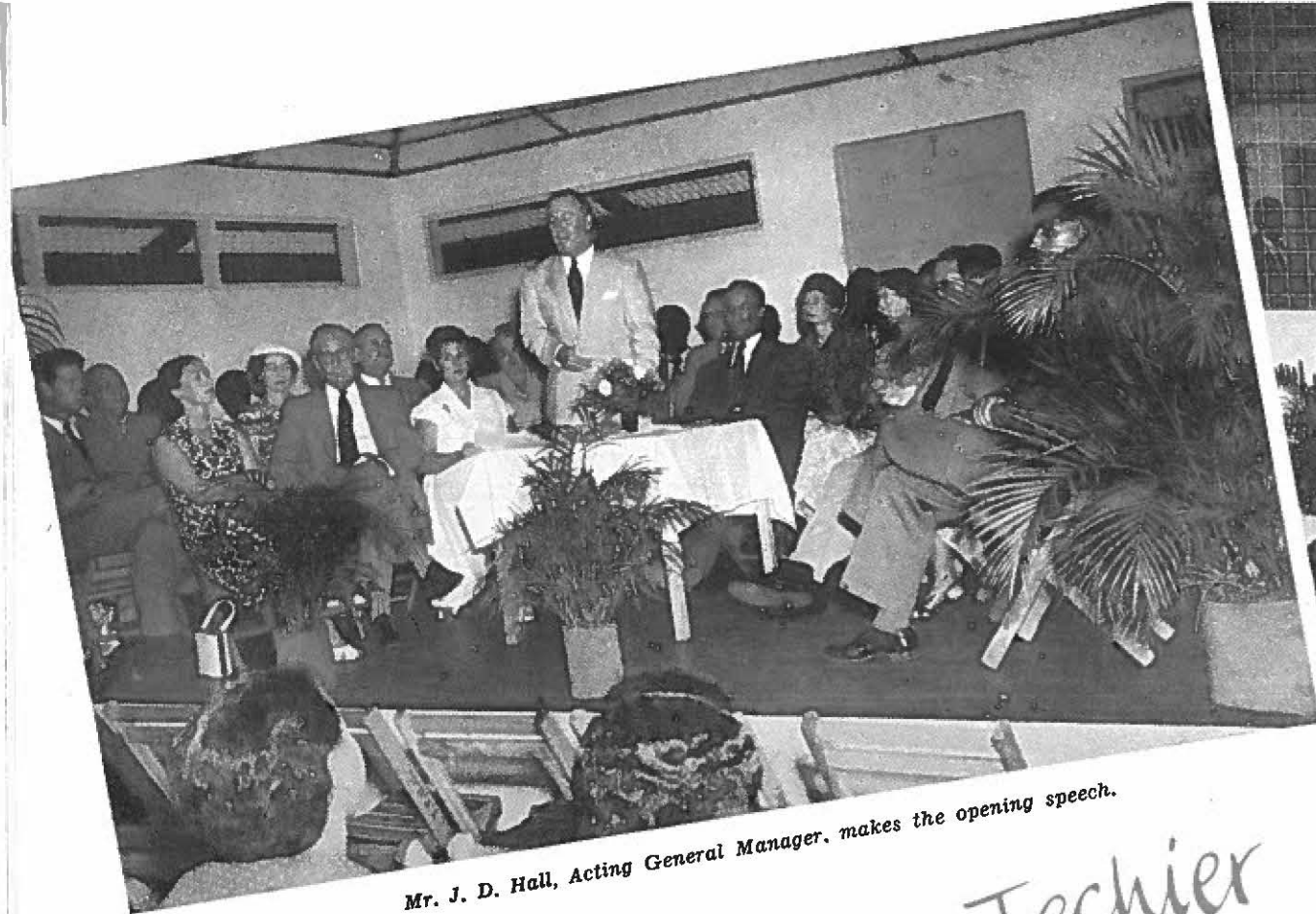
Lloyd B. Arneaud, Refinery, who died on May 3, 1954.

Victor Jananan, Accounts Department, who died on May 3, 1954.

James Robinson, M. & O. Shops, who died on May 29.

Godfrey Pascall, Refinery, who died on March 24.

Moses Charles, Electrical Department, under tragic circumstances on March 28.



Mr. J. D. Hall, Acting General Manager, makes the opening speech.



Mrs. J. D. Hall cuts the ribbon to open the Centre.



Mr. S. J. Ireson, Senior Industrial Relations Supervisor, addresses the gathering.

Techier Village Community Centre Opened

RESIDENTS of Techier Village had one of their most cherished ideals fulfilled on Saturday, April 24, when in the presence of a large gathering which included many Company officials, County Councillors, the Assistant Warden, other Government officials and prominent residents of Point Fortin, Mrs. J. D. Hall, wife of the Acting General Manager, opened the newly-erected Community Centre.

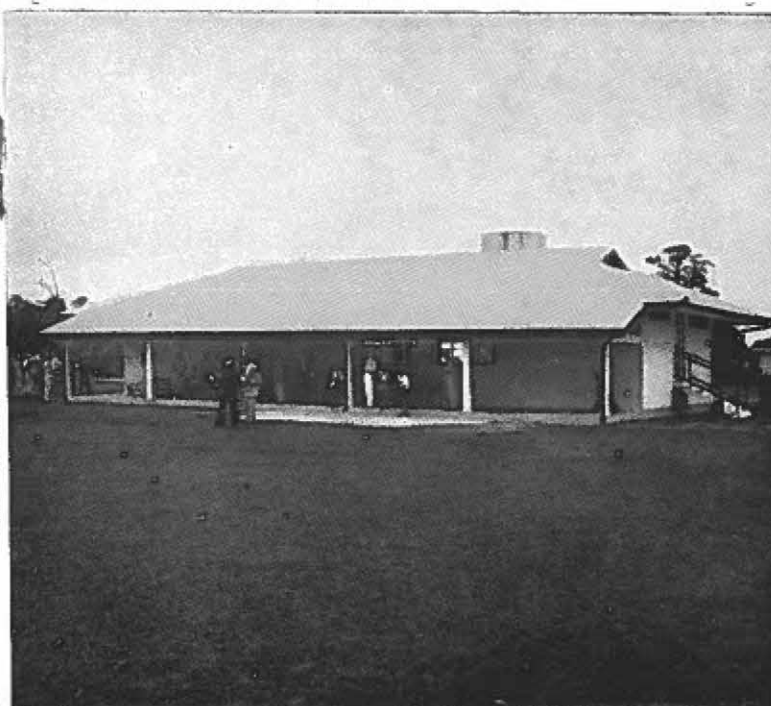
In his speech at the opening ceremony, Mr. J. D. Hall said that long before he came to Point Fortin the Techier Village Welfare Community had felt the need for such a Centre, and the Company's Management, fully conscious of this need, had provided a two-house block as a temporary measure. Now a new and specially designed building had been made available, "I hope", Mr. Hall, added, "that having waited a long time you will appreciate it". He hoped that residents would use the Centre for a wide variety of activities—indoor games, amateur dramatics, debates, domestic science classes and children's gatherings. "But," Mr. Hall declared, "we do not visualise the building as a club." He pointed out that the Centre had been purposely built on the village recreation ground so that it could also serve as a pavilion for sporting events. "It is my hope," he ended, "that those who spend their evenings here will fully enjoy them."

Chairman of the function was Mr. W. D. Best, Industrial Relations Supervisor, who, in his introductory remarks, said the Centre had been made possible through U.B.O.T's generosity and progressive attitude. He felt sure that Mrs. Hall would like the opening ceremony to be followed by a wave of sustained communal activity, and on behalf of the villagers he pledged that this would happen.

"The happiest man in Techier on this never-to-be-forgotten occasion" was how Mr. Theophilus Jean, a resident of long standing and one of the oldest members of the Welfare Committee, described himself. "My dreams," he said, "have come true—and let me say that many a man has not lived to see his dreams come true." Mr. Jean,



"Miss Techier", Miss Rosemary Registe, presents a bouquet to Mrs. J. D. Hall.



View of the Centre from the playing field.

after giving a history of the Committee, praised past and present members of the I. R. & P. Department who, he said, had chiefly been responsible for getting their early recommendations accepted by the Management of the Company.

Speaking for the I. R. & P. Department, Mr. S. J. Ireson, Senior Industrial Relations Supervisor, recalled that when the U.B.A.A. Mahaica Club extension was opened, Mr. W. E. Madden, who was then General Manager, pointed out that a building could be just so much bricks and mortar or it could be a living thing. It was up to the residents of Techier Village to see that their Centre did indeed become a living thing and this could only be done by the whole-hearted support and co-operation of everyone. "The Company will do its part," Mr. Ireson assured his hearers, "you do yours." He then went on to thank the Techier Village Welfare Committee for their past support and efforts and concluded by saying how gratified he was that the Contractors who benefit from the Company's activities in Techier Village had donated money to provide the Centre with stage curtains and fittings.

After the Chairman had given brief details of revised arrangements for the election of the new Techier Village Welfare Committee, which would give greater representation to the villagers as a whole, the ceremony was brought to a conclusion with a vote of thanks moved by Mr. Lionel Bannister, who said that the gracious manner in which Mrs. Hall had performed the opening ceremony that afternoon would remain in their memories as long as the building stood.

The new Community Centre contains a spacious auditorium, stage, changing and shower facilities, a service counter, kitchen/pantry, and a covered verandah. The Company has equipped the building with the necessary furniture and it is hoped that with the good foundation thus provided, the residents of Techier Village will rally to the support of the Welfare Committee in their efforts to provide other amenities which can in truth be said to belong to the residents.

Operation Pipeline

A FEW days after this issue of UBOTIMES appears, U.B.O.T. will, it is hoped, open its new \$1 million pipeline which runs from Ortoire to Penal; the pipeline which will convey crude oil from the forests of Catshill and Balata to the refinery at Point Fortin; the pipeline which opens the way for further development of an area into which the Company has already poured millions of dollars.

To the majority of persons in the Oil Industry the building of a 32-mile pipeline is by no means a vast undertaking, and far longer and much bigger lines have been laid in other countries. To us in Trinidad, however, this line, buried under its four feet of earth, represents months of unremitting work under exacting conditions, and is a testament to the persevering spirit of the Industry.

It was in 1948 that the line was first envisaged, but, as so often happens, the final shape of the project differs widely from the first plans. Initially, it was anticipated that the line would run from Tableland, but barren operations in that district sounded the death knell of this plan. Eight-inch pipe and three diesel-engined pumps which had been ordered for the job had to be put into storage, and an order for two tanks deferred. In the meantime, exploration of the Balata and Catshill areas had been going on and when in 1953 it was considered that sufficient oil reserves had been proven to justify the expenditure the project once again came up for consideration.

Preliminary surveys were made to determine which would be the best route, and soil samples were taken every half mile in order to find out the corrosive properties of the land. Upon the results of these tests rested the decision

Mr. A. Melrose, Engineer-in-Charge of the pipeline project.



as to whether the pipe would be run above the surface or underground (as it eventually was).

The final decision was to lay the line from Balata East to Balata Central, then across virgin forest southwards to the Guayaguayare road and finally along the link road between Catshill and Moruga Road, and so on to Penal. The line is 6" in diameter except for the last three and a half miles from Barrackpore to Penal and this is 8" in diameter.

Inevitably, the line had to cross private land, and where this happened surveys were made to ensure that the owners were fairly reimbursed for crops and other damage to property.

On January 4th this year work was started, with the CO.4 Location in Catshill as the jumping-off point. From here digging of the trench eighteen inches wide and four feet deep was started, eastwards in the direction of Balata, and westwards to Penal. In certain areas the Barber Greene ditching machine was able to rumble along, cutting hundreds of feet daily into which the pipe is laid from side to side to allow for expansion and contraction after it is buried, but in swampy and undulating territory the digging had to be done by hand, and unfortunately this was more often than not the case. Railway lines and major roads had to be crossed without interrupting traffic or damaging the surface, and in such cases an earth auger made in our workshops was used to tunnel under the embankment into which was pushed a sleeve cut into halves and containing bitumen; thereafter the section of the pipe was inserted.

For the purpose of stringing the pipe along the route, two racks were constructed from 30-foot sections of pipe, and set up two miles apart. At these racks the pipe was

A Fergusson tractor lays out 94-foot sections of pipe along the route—a novel job for this machine.



welded into 94-foot lengths and then strung along the route by Fergusson tractor—a novel job for this machine. The racks moved ahead of each other as the pipe was welded this "assembly line" method ensuring that there were no lags on the job. When the 94-foot sections had been accurately aligned, overhead welders came along and welded them into one continuous tube (all in all, more than 5,500 welds were made on this line). Where the land rose or fell or where the line had to curve it was bent cold, and at no time was heat used for this task. As every six-mile stretch was welded it was water tested with 850 pounds internal pressure before being passed.

Cleaning the pipe and protecting it with bitumen from corrosion was a task which called for care and patience. First, the pipe was wire-brushed thoroughly and all rust removed, then it was cleaned with a spirit mixture, and after that a primer (in this case UBIT paint) was applied, followed by a coat of bitumen. As soon as the boiling



An earth auger (above), made in our workshops, tunnels under a railway embankment boring a hole through which the line was subsequently passed. Below, an angle-bladed tractor back fills the ditch in which the pipe has been laid.



Below, an overhead welder at work on a section of the pipe. Altogether, more than 5,500 welds were made on this line.



Above, tripod and camel hair belt being used to lower the line.
Below, a completed section of the pipeline ready to be buried.



Below, Mr. M. Zaneta places a gauge on a section of the line before carrying out a water pressure test.



done by means of tripods and camel hair belts, the latter being used to avoid damage to the coating. Finally the ditch was back-filled either with an angle-bladed tractor or by hand, and where the line passed under a road the trench was first padded with a six-inch layer of sand to take care of extra expansion.

So that constant checks can be made to ascertain whether corrosion is taking place, connections for measuring the electrical potential of the line have been welded on at half mile intervals. If tests show that the potential has varied then it is possible that the line is being attacked. It must be emphasized that these connections do not prevent corrosion but only serve as detectors. If corrosion does take place, steps have been taken to ensure that it is kept within bounds, and, to limit activity due to stray electrical currents, isolation flanges have been installed at two-mile intervals; these will prevent such currents from passing all along the full length of the line.



The electrified collar of the Holiday Detector is moved along the hardened bitumen in a search for leaks.

If the capacity is to remain constant, the line, which is capable of carrying about 5,600 barrels of oil daily, must remain clean, and a device known as a "go-devil" takes care of this. This device is inserted in the pipe whenever it is found that wax or other sediment is restricting the flow of oil, and it is then pumped through sections of the line, scraping off the obstructing matter as it goes along. The section completed, it emerges into special traps ready to be re-inserted into the next section until the whole length has been cleaned.

Two pumping stations for this line have been erected at Balata and Catshill, and these will pump the crude oil to Penal from whence it will enter the existing 8" line and be pumped to the refinery at Point Fortin. Thus, another artery has been added to keep the life-blood of the Company and the Colony flowing, and another chapter has been added to the Ortoire Story.



The Penal Division (Part one)

rice; where neat, well-planned installations now stand there would be just nothing but crops stretching for miles in almost unending monotony.

The aeroplane ride, the telescoping of time and our welcome guest are, of course, unreal, but they serve to show unmistakably that it would no more have been possible for Penal to progress as it has without the growth of U.B.O.T.'s activities than for Trinidad to prosper without the Oil Industry. Because of the one there followed the other.

The Penal Division, a healthy, thriving eighteen-year-old off-shoot, is a modified version of headquarters in Point Fortin, which likes to think of itself as "one happy little family". As with any other family, this one has its outstanding characteristics—bottomless enthusiasm, intense pride and undivided loyalty to the bigger family of which it is a branch.

To round off this concept of family one must refer to the head (for the sense of proper leadership is very strongly felt here) who is in this case the Field Superintendent, Dick Brown, as he is warmly called by so many. He is an affable and engaging man, who joined the Shell Group in 1928, and served his first ten years in Egypt learning all the aspects of the oil business. In 1947, after having also done duty in Borneo and Colombia, he came to Trinidad for the first time and served in the Production Department at Point Fortin. In December 1948 he left Trinidad for Venezuela, returning here in March 1951 to take up his present post.

The area which he supervises is diffuse, stretching as it does from the old Dome and San Francique fields to the forests of Ortoire, some 25 miles away, which are now yielding their first hard-won production. Altogether it produces about 6,300 barrels of oil a day, 40 per cent of U.B.O.T.'s total daily production.

Although as far back as 1924 an early well drilled by the General Petroleum Company in the neighbourhood had given encouraging shows of oil and gas, the Penal field only came into being as a producing area in August 1936 when the first U.B.O.T. well to be drilled there began yielding oil at the rate of 118 barrels a day from the Forest Sands. A second well drilled further east proved disappointing, but heartened by the successful production from well P-3, the Company drilled a number of other wells in the Clarke Road area where it was located.

This part of the field is still productive, 16 of its wells, which are pumped by one of U.B.O.T.'s last remaining Central Pumping Power systems, together yielding about

ANY man knows the trouble about leading a double life—it doesn't pay. Towns, villages and countries, however, usually have a happier experience. For instance, take Penal, that halfway house between Point Fortin, headquarters of U.B.O.T.'s operations, and Ortoire, its latest area of activity. This district of spreading canefields, flooded rice paddies, lush watermelons and towering oil derricks openly prospers on its double life of agriculture and industry.

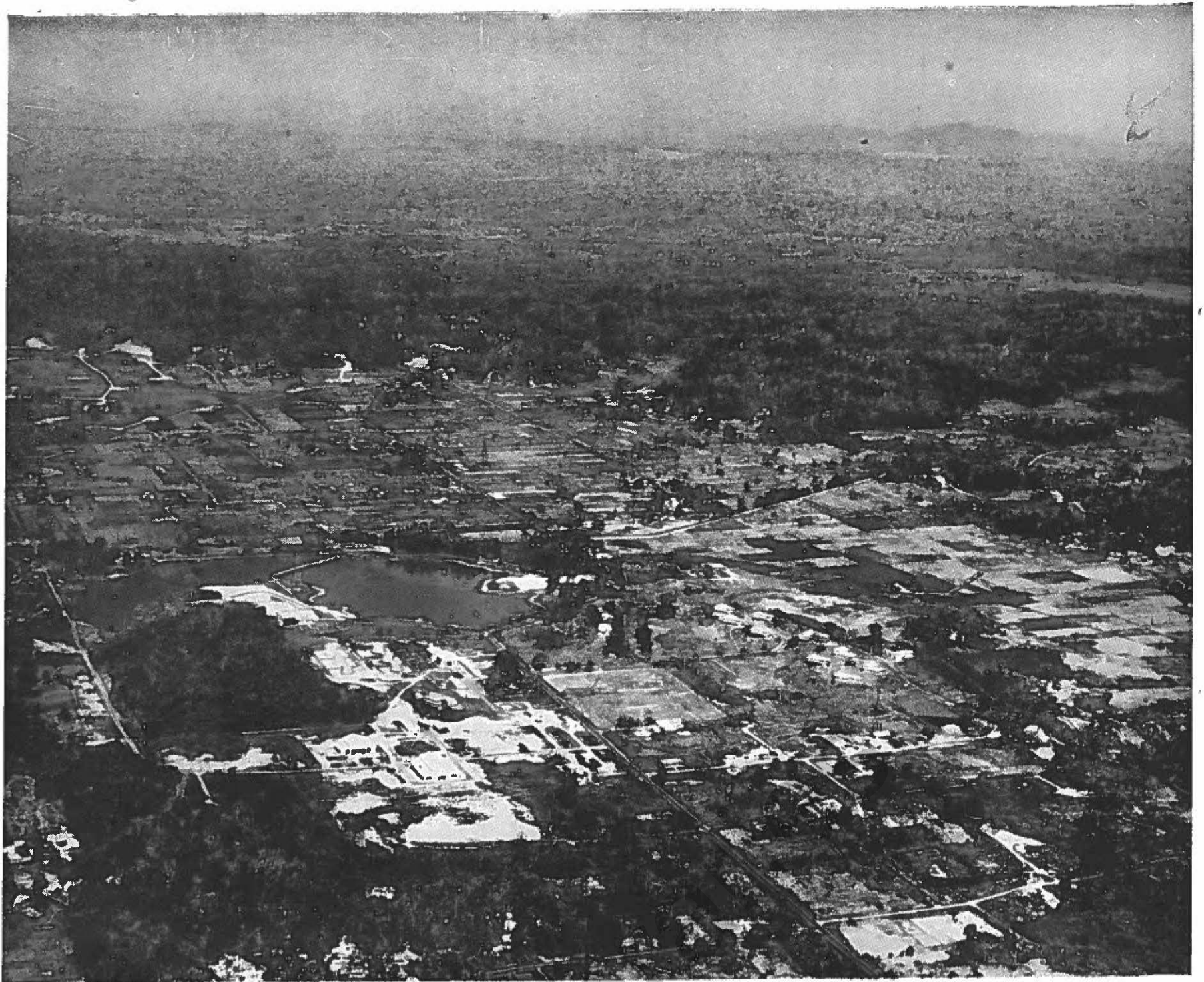
Like some carefully carved model at a trade exhibition, it quietly displays the main sources of Trinidad's wealth—oil and sugar. Massive oilfield trucks and laden cane carts share the frequently rutted roads; steel-helmeted oil workers and straw-hatted farmers attend to their different tasks; the driller's bit and the peasant's hoe, the one ripping into the earth's bowels, the other nibbling at its surface, together stake their claims in the land.

Yet a stranger passing through this deceptively quiet place would probably find it little different from other cane and rice-growing areas. He would more easily remember the canefields than the oil derricks. He would recall oxen lumbering at their task rather than the pumps rhythmically winning oil from below the earth's surface. But given an overall view of the place from, say, the Company's Miles-Gemini aircraft and this same man would gasp at the transformation. He would realise that the oil wells seen from the main routes were only the outer points in a vast framework: he would grasp in a matter of minutes the inescapable fact—that in the business establishment that is Penal, oil is the senior partner.

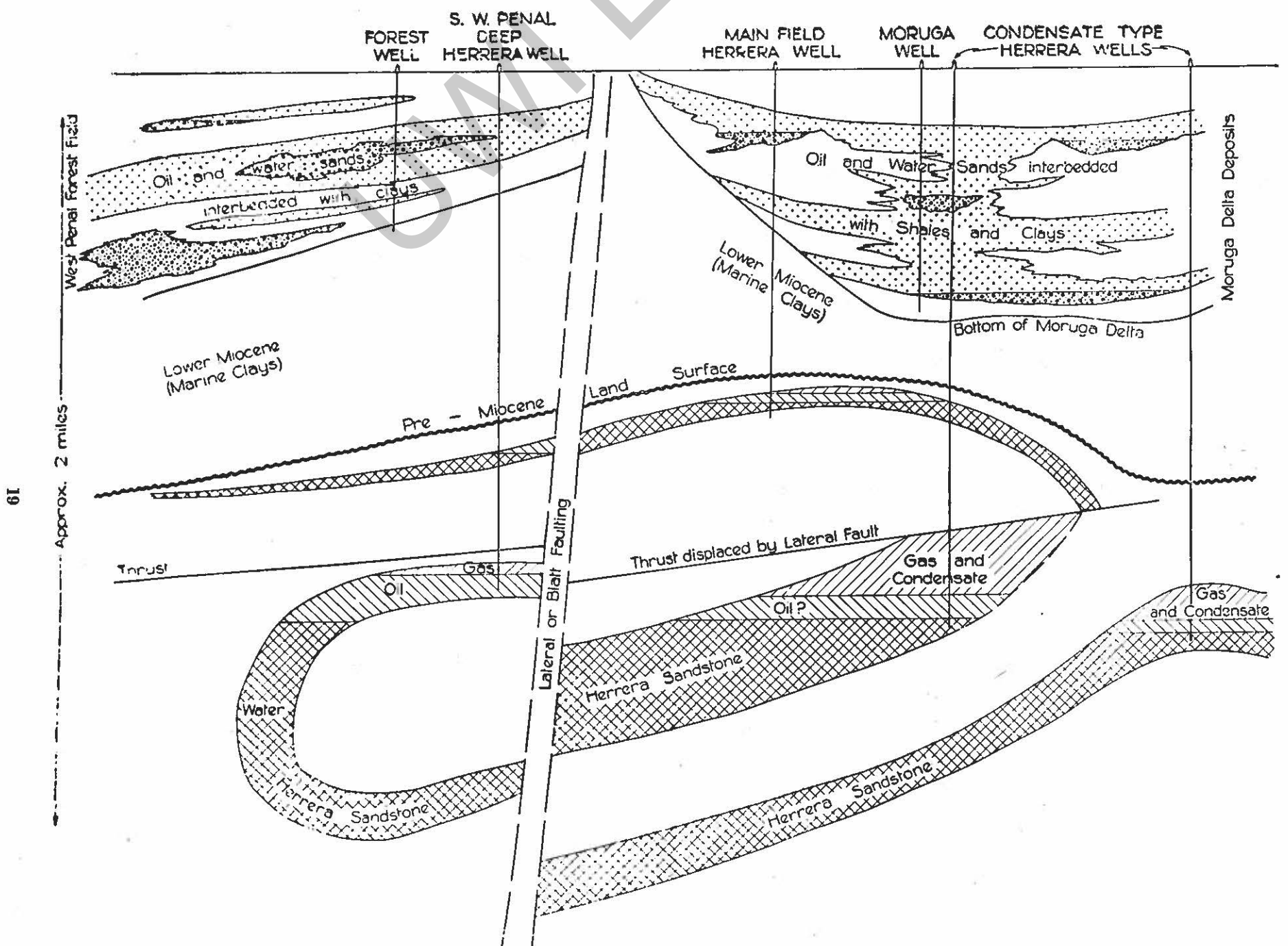
If our stranger was endowed with the ability to peer into the past he would see that although oil had been known to exist in this region for many years, it is only since 1936, when U.B.O.T. drilled its discovery well there, that Penal has enjoyed the blessings of a double life. He would also see the difficult conditions which had to be overcome in the fight for oil: the "wild west" days of gravel roads which were dusty in the dry season and flooded in the wet; the times of no water, no electricity, and no proper drainage system.

Where the Shell house flag now flutters alongside the Union Jack, a sharp reminder of the Company's trial and triumph, our traveller in time would see a patch of cane or

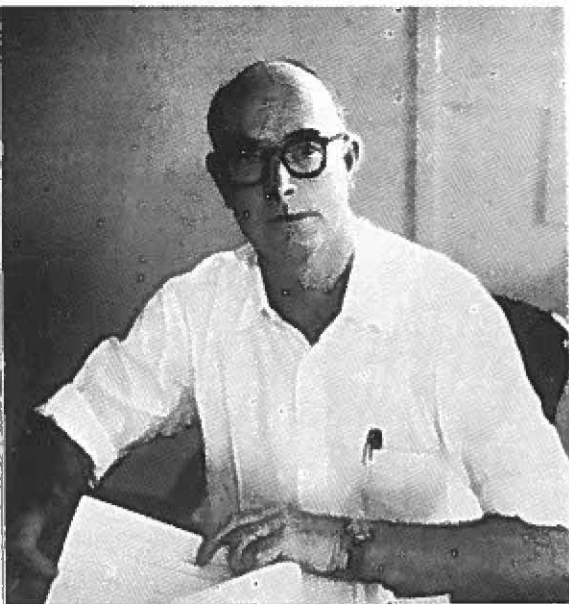




Aerial view of Penal looking west-southwest.



If a slice could be cut through the Penal Field, this is what you would probably see.



Mr. R. P. Brown, the Field Superintendent.



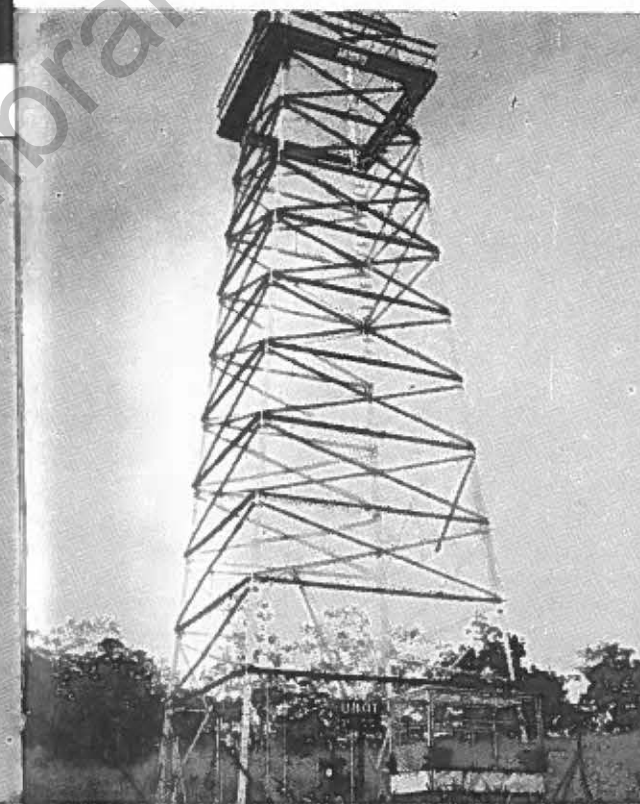
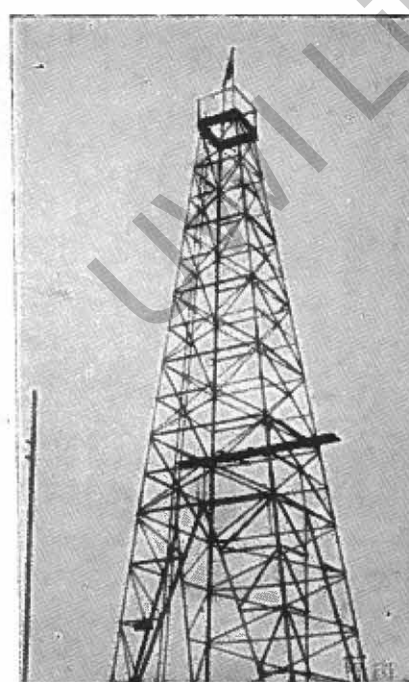
General view of the Penal Offices.

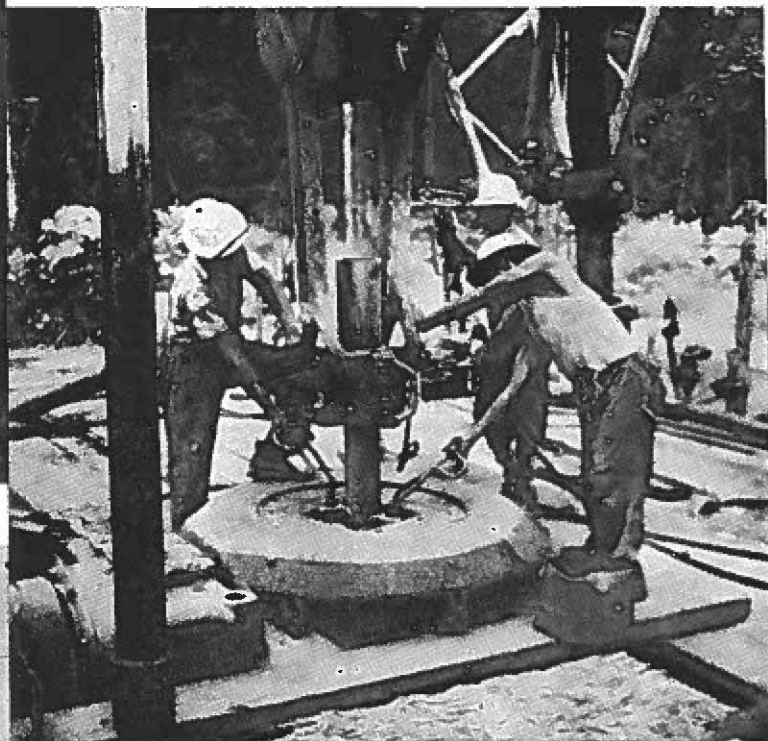


The industrial area in Penal.



The Company's Dispensary.





Ripping into the earth's bowels

200 barrels daily. More recently this "old field" area of Penal has been extended further west and this new shallow development has yielded a number of successful producing wells.

Time was to show that the Clarke Road wells were but the first pearls in a rewarding necklace of success. But success, particularly in the oil business, is dearly won, and the Company had many periods of trial and tribulation. There were the early years of inhospitable circumstances, the innumerable heart-breaking dry holes and other setbacks so that when, in 1941, U.B.O.T.'s 64th well in Penal came into production yielding 1,000 barrels of oil a day it was merely the reward of courage, fortitude and willingness on the part of the Company to support its beliefs with deeds and dollars.

Splendid though the production of P-64 then was, there was another consideration far more vital to future operations; the Herrera Sandstone horizon, which had been recognised in P-23 in 1938 as oil-bearing, had yielded its first commercial production. Drilled to a depth of 4,700 feet, P-64 has so far produced steadily for thirteen years, and only recently entered the pumping stage.

After the drilling of P-64, operations continued with varying success, until during further exploration for the Herrera horizon, shallower sands containing a heavier type of crude, were discovered. To develop this area, now known as Moruga, a portable Franks drilling outfit was purchased, and in the next four years about 40 wells were drilled.

Meanwhile, a second drilling string continued its search for the Herrera horizon and in January 1945, when Penal's 77th well came into production, it again met with success. With P-77 U.B.O.T. had moved to a new area southwest of what was then the main field, and other wells drilled in the same area have proved to be good producers, although not the equal in productivity of P-77.

The increasing demand for new oil-producing horizons and the development of sturdier equipment has caused drillers to push deeper into the earth's crust. U.B.O.T., keeping well to the fore in this development, decided in 1946 to drill a deep semi-exploration well in the south-

west Penal area. Just below 8,500 feet in P-92 they found the same Herrera Sandstone horizon capable of yielding comparatively high production. This well and the follow-up, P-104, which gave an initial rate of 1,250 barrels a day, led to the drilling of a series of wells in this area up to 10,000 feet in depth.

Not all of these deep wells were equally successful, but in drilling them U.B.O.T. had unearthed another natural resource for the well-being of the Penal district in particular and the Island in general in the shape of the large quantities of high pressure gas produced with the oil. Today, the Company not only provides gas to Trinidad Leaseholds refinery at Pointe-a-Pierre but supplies the gas fuel used for running the T. & T. E. C.'s new power station. Indeed, it was the ready availability of this gas which caused Penal to be chosen as the site for the plant.

Here, therefore, where gas can be had for the harnessing, U.B.O.T. is providing cheap power for the progress of South Trinidad, and once again the Oil Industry is making possible the expansion and development of the area in which it operates. Thus, although the oil-winning process has been ill-starred at times, rewarding at others, and always demanding big financial risks, it has not been entirely selfish in its aims and accomplishments.

Today, the sentinel derricks keeping watch over the Penal fields, the pleasing purr of pumps, the constant movement of heavy equipment, and the continuing search for new reserves of oil are the symbolical threads in this pattern of unselfish progress.

No story is written exclusively in terms of symbols or in terms of statistics and facts without reference to the men, and the organisation behind them, who keep these alive. A modern oilfield demands the services of a great variety of people ranging from highly qualified administrators and technicians to the employees who go about the every-day work of operating and maintaining the vast array of pumps, pipelines, drilling and production equipment, and performing the ancillary duties which are so necessary for the proper and efficient running of the organisation. In our next issue we shall endeavour to take you behind the scenes and show how each Section of the Penal Division contributes to the common goal of all of us in U.B.O.T.—the winning of oil from Mother Earth.



. nibbling at the surface.

Ubot Shellebrities



JOHN LESLIE ANDREWS, more familiarly known as Jack to his many friends, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on October 25th 1903, and after attending Queen's Park School, Glasgow, and the Royal Technical College in the West of Scotland, he served his Engineering apprenticeship with the firm of G. & J. Weirs, celebrated the world over for the pumps they manufacture. In December 1925 he joined the Shell Group as an Engineer and served in Borneo for some five years. This was the first of four spells of duty in that country and the beginning of travels that have taken him to the U.S.A., the Middle East, and the Balkans. Jack was married in January 1931 and is the proud father of a son and two daughters, one of whom was born in Borneo, another in Egypt, and a third in Scotland—"A real Shell family" as he puts it. In 1936, after visits to the United States, Borneo, Egypt, and Roumania, Jack was transferred to Point Fortin as a Production Engineer and remained here until 1939 when he was again transferred to Borneo. Soon after came the dark days of World War II, when Jack was associated with the unpleasant but very essential job of destroying the oil wells which he had done so much to bring into production. After his escape from Borneo, and later from Singapore, he was transferred to

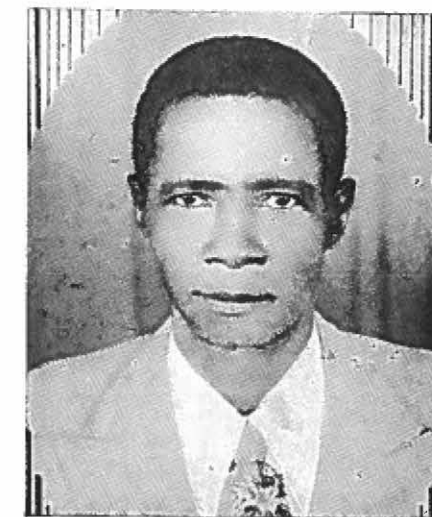
Egypt where he spent the rest of the war years helping to produce the all-important crude oil. When victory was achieved, Jack was amongst the first ones to return to Borneo where he had the task of bringing back into production the oil wells which the Japanese, in their turn, had destroyed. In 1949 he was again transferred to Trinidad, this time as Production Manager, a position which he still holds.

The Andrews family have considerable histrionic ability, and in the recent production of "Babes in the Wood" Jack and his two daughters played important roles. Jack has always been a keen sportsman and won considerable prowess on the football field. In 1937, the year that UBOTS first won the F.A. Trophy, he was a regular member of the team.

Twenty-nine years of outstanding service, sterling administrative ability, calm judgment, and an affable nature, make **JOHN LESLIE ANDREWS** an undoubted candidate for honours as a **UBOT SHELLBRITY**.

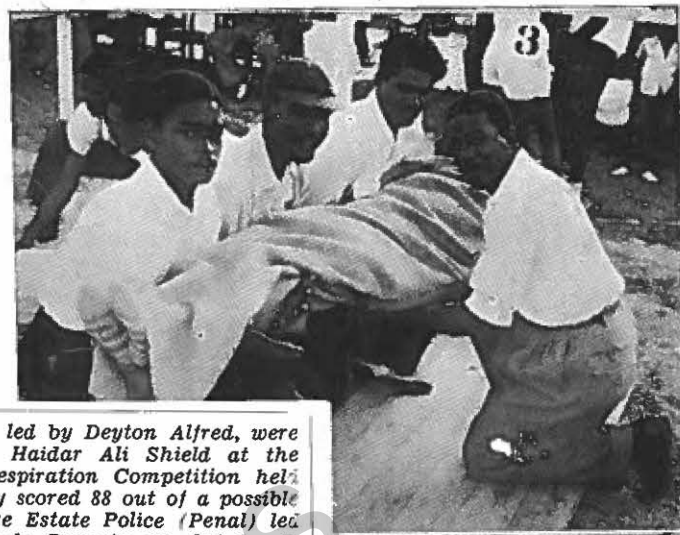


SAMUEL DES VIGNES was born in Tobago on July 16th 1901 and received his early education at the Mason Hall Canadian Mission School and the Wesleyan School in Scarborough. The island that may have been good enough for Crusoe was not, however, able to contain this ardent youth very long and at the age of 19, like many of his fellow Islanders, his adventurous spirit brought him to Trinidad at the time when the Oil Industry was opening up new vistas for so many. The year 1921 found Samuel ensconced in the Machine Shop, where he has been employed ever since. He is one of U.B.O.T.'s top grade fitters, is a keen Trade Unionist and a member of the Point Fortin Branch Committee of the Oilfields Workers' Trade Union, which he also serves in his capacity as Shop Steward. His handling of the many problems that come to him in this latter capacity have brought him the respect of all with whom he has come in contact. Samuel has been married for 24 years and is the proud father of a daughter. Always an enthusiastic sportsman, in his youth he took an active part in cricket and athletics, and these pastimes still occupy his interest. Like so many of his generation, he cannot help but recall the days when Point Fortin was a far-flung outpost of Trinidad and malaria was rampant. He marvels at the fine job which the Company has done in wiping out this scourge, thus enabling Point Fortin to develop into the residential district which it now is. He is also deeply impressed by the immense progress made in the fields of education, village planning, roads, and the provision of amenities such as sports grounds and Clubs.

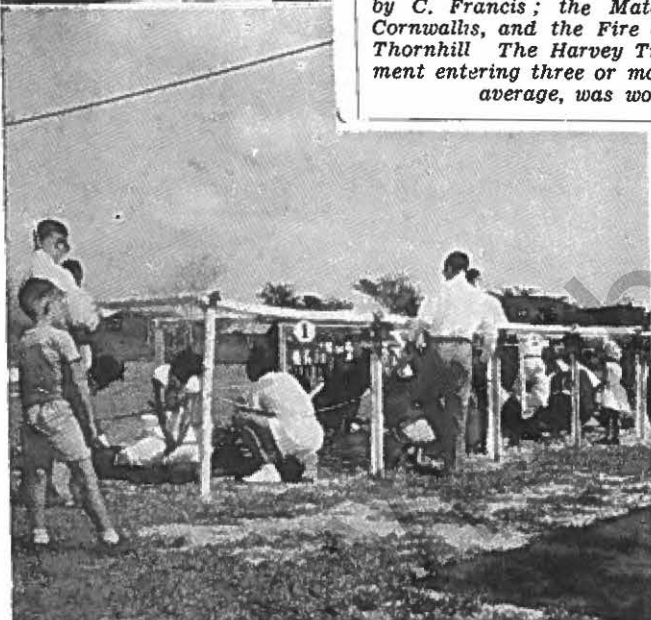


His ability as a worker, his fair-mindedness in all his dealings, plus his 33 years of loyal service and the example he sets to others, make **SAMUEL DES VIGNES** the **UBOT SHELLBRITY** which he is.

Artificial Respiration Contest at Penal

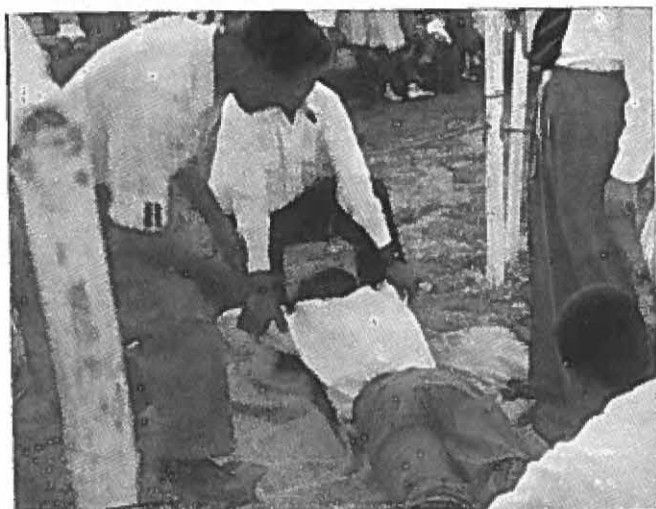


Estate Police (Point Fortin) led by Deyton Alfred, were this year's winners of the Haidar Ali Shield at the seventh annual Artificial Respiration Competition held at Penal on March 28. They scored 88 out of a possible 100 points. Runners-up were Estate Police (Penal) led by C. Francis; the Materials Department, led by P. Cornwallis, and the Fire and Safety Section, led by S. Thornhill. The Harvey Trophy, awarded to the department entering three or more teams and getting the best average, was won by the I. R. & P.



Top left hand corner, the Estate Police team, and their leader, Mr. D Alfred (holding the Haidar Ali Shield). Above, a general view of the Competition. Below, one of the teams demonstrates the Holger-Neilsen method of respiration.

Top right hand corner, the T.L.L. squad in action. Above, the Penal Estate Police team, runners-up for the Haidar Ali Shield, and below the Materials Department team in action.



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