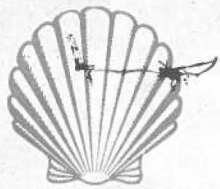


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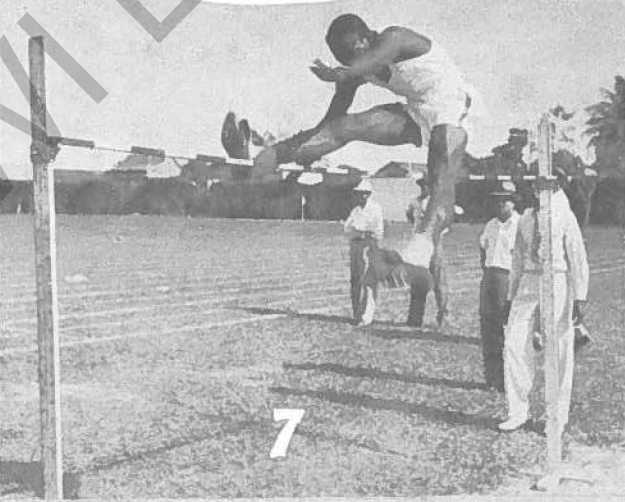
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Around the Departments

POINT FORTIN again celebrated Carnival in traditional style with dances, competitions for children and adults, and all the attractions which we have come to associate with Carnival. At the Mahaica Oval on Carnival Monday we saw many gaily dressed bands and individuals and a most entertaining afternoon was spent by the onlookers.

The United British Club held a Carnival Dance on the Saturday when everyone "jumped up" in true style. The United British Junior Staff Club also held a Carnival Dance on the Saturday and a Children's Carnival Competition on Sunday afternoon. Both these functions were very well attended and it was obvious that everyone was having a good time. Prize winners were as follows : **U.B.J.S. Club Dance :** Most Original Costume (Gent) — "Frankenstein" — Mr. C. Bradshaw. Most Original Costume (Lady) — "Goats Manor" — Mrs. Gertrude Howard. Best Disguised Group — "Canning's Ice Cream". Best Old Mask — Mr. T. Jean. Special Prizes : "Chinese Woman" — Mrs. M. Soverall. "School Boy" — Mr. W. Furlonge. "Seabees Sailor Band" — Mr. F. Watts. "Boy Soldier" — Mr. T. Ayuen. "Tourist" — Mrs. L. Arneaud. **CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL COMPETITION :** Best Dressed Band : "Tender Leaf Tea". Special Prize : "Beauty Queens". Best Original Costume : 1st "Statue of Liberty" — Heather Dukie. 2nd "Martiniquan" — Jennifer Sinanan. Best dressed Couple : 1st Prize "Paper Vendors" — Misses Bynoe. "Impersonators" — 1st Prize — "Fireman" — Steve Andrews, 2nd Prize — "Bombay Dancer" — Claudette Henley. Best Dressed Boy — "Father Xmas" — Desmond Henley. Best Dressed Girl — "Statue of Liberty" — Heather Dukie. Best Original Band — "Grow More Food" — Best Minstrel Band — The Wilson Sisters. Special Prizes : "Carnation" — Odette Arneaud. "Eskimo" — Henry Dukie. "Martiniquan" — Angela Seukeran and Jean Leibert. "Spanish Vagabond" — Arnott Senarine. "Naughty Kitten" — Garth Arneaud. "Indian" — Bernadette Evanson. "Minstrel Singer" — Barbara Bynoe. "Arabian

Sheik" — Lucille Bynoe. "Flit Girl" — Joyce Jackie. "Mary and her Lamb" — Carmen Whittaker. "Miss Trinidad" — Joyce Alleyne. "Dutch Peasants" — The Preddies.

It is a pleasure once again to record that Carnival in this district passed off without any untoward incident, and we should like to extend our congratulations and thanks to all those people who worked so hard to make the celebrations a success.

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Our Inside Front Cover

1. L. Christopher, winning the Coronation 880 yards Flat Race.
2. C. N. West proudly exhibits the Coronation Cup after receiving it from Mrs. T. M. Forgan.
3. L. to R. — Messrs. M. Pierre, C. Hyson, and N. Burnette, receiving their prizes for Putting the Shot.
4. The Fire & Safety Section Tug-of-War team in action.
5. C. Hyson wins the Putting the Shot Event.
6. L. Gloudon, receiving the "Victor Ludorum" Cup from Mrs. T. M. Forgan.
7. G. Jack clears the bar to win the High Jump Event.
8. Start of the Invitation 3-mile Flat Race.
9. The "Coronation" Mile Cycle Race in progress.
10. The heel & toe boys in action with C. Cornwall in the lead closely followed by C. Celestine (the winner) and S. Kennedy.

Mr. "Joey" Gonsalves of the Port-of-Spain Office, has had the honour of being elected Captain of the first Caribbean Football Team to tour Jamaica. "Joey" is no stranger to Intercolonial Football as he has captained Trinidad touring sides on many previous occasions. On this occasion, however, the team is drawn from the whole of the Caribbean area and the honour which he has won is a fitting indication of his capabilities and the esteem with which he is held throughout West Indian sporting circles.

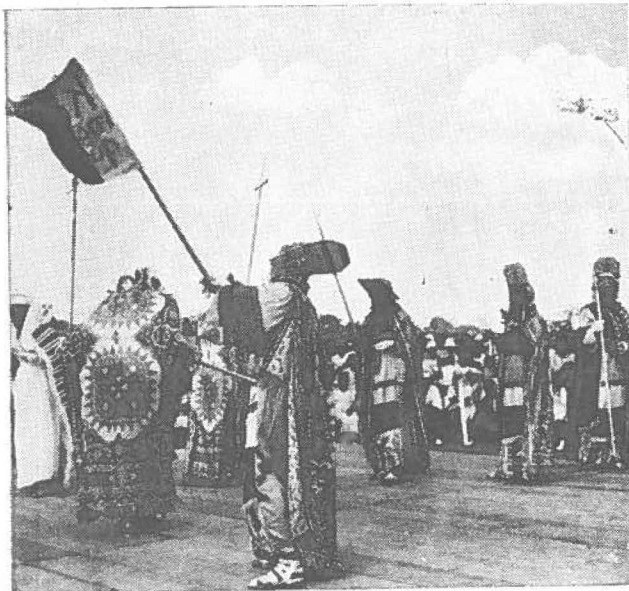
Delbert Charleau, UBOT's dashing right half-back, has also had the honour of being selected to play, and, as our readers are well aware, no one more deserves the honour. Delbert's many appearances for Trinidad in the past, coupled with his fine play and sense of sportsmanship, make him a worthy Island representative. We extend our congratulations to both these players.

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Congratulations to Mr. T. B. O'Brien, 1st Mate on the ss. "Juanita", who has now obtained his Pilot's License for Trinidad waters.

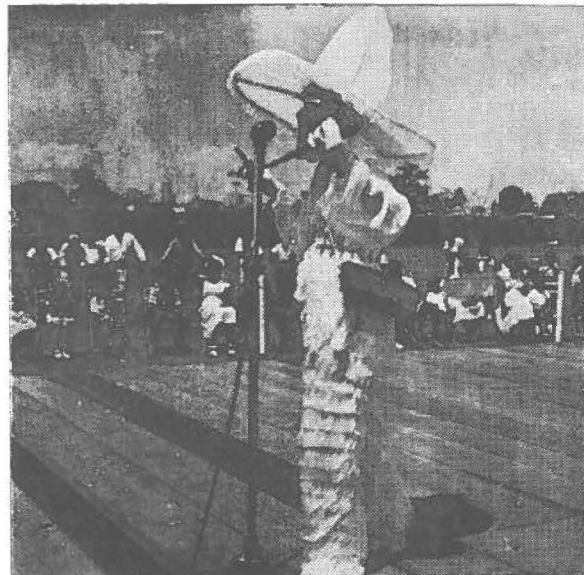
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Mr. C. B. Harris, of the Port-of-Spain Office, has been



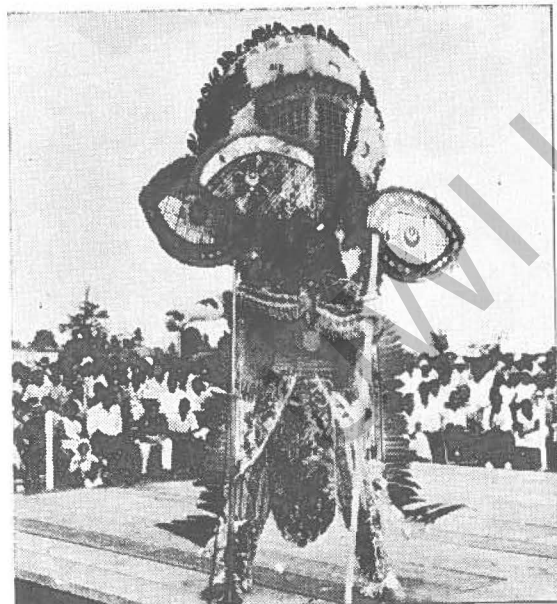
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transferred to the Shell Organization in Ceylon. At a function held in the Port-of-Spain Office on the 14th February, Mr. Harris was the recipient of a lovely fruit bowl and hors d'oeuvres tray, presented to him by his colleagues as a mark of their esteem. We wish Mr. Harris all the best of luck in his new assignment, and in saying farewell to him we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. P. B. Boltjes who has taken over the duties formerly performed by Mr. Harris.



. . . . the Mahaica Oval during

We were sorry to hear that Mr. R. V. Lee, of the Materials Department, had to undergo another operation in Port-of-Spain. By the time this issue of UBOTIMES is published Mr. Lee should have resumed his duties and we trust he is now fully restored to health.



. . . . colourful disguises seen at

The Annual General Meeting of the Port-of-Spain U.B.O.T.'s Sports Club was held on the 14th February when the following officers were elected: President — Mr. D. S. Law; Vice-President — Mr. A. J. Abraham; Secretary — Mr. O. Thornhill; Assistant Secretary — Mr. S. A. Ammon; Treasurer — Mr. A. Wong; Auditor — Mr. W. W. Morris; Arrangement Committee — Messrs. E. L. Charbonne, E. N. Arneaud, C. G. Goddard and D. Drakes. Mr. A. Wong was elected Captain of the Cricket Eleven and Mr. A. Phillips was elected Vice-Captain. A team has been entered in the Merchants 2nd Class Cricket Competition and we wish them all the best of luck in their forthcoming tussles with other Port-of-Spain teams.



. . . . this year's Carnival celebrations.

Mr. D. Sheik, of the Materials Department Typing Section, resigned at the end of February after having completed over 10 years service with the Company. The Staff of the Materials Department held a farewell function in his honour and we take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Sheik the best of luck in his new venture.

We congratulate Mr. C. Mejias, of the Refinery



Mr. C. Mejias.

Engineering Section, who has been awarded a Stenographic/-Secretarial Diploma from a well known Correspondence School.

Latest additions to the Mud Section of the EXD. are Messrs. A. K. Koo and R. I. Romain. We wish these young men the best of luck in their future career with the Company.

Mr. R. A. van Terheijden, who returned recently from long leave, has announced his engagement to Miss Marion Ross, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Miss Ross is the daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Ross who spent many years in Trinidad with the Trinidad Lake Asphalt Company, Brighton. We extend our congratulations to Mr. van Terheijden.

Mr. V. L. Talma, formerly of the Refinery, retired on the 15th of January last after 30 years service with the Company. A Barbadian by birth, Mr. Talma saw service in the first World War with the B.W.I. Regiment in Egypt, and from 1919 to 1921 with the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes in Mesopotamia. During the second World War, he served as a part-time member of the 1st Coast Defence Battery in Point Fortin. He joined U.B.O.T. Ltd. at Point



Mr. E. Taylor, presents a trinket box to Mrs. Talma . . .

Fortin on the 14th of February 1922 and spent his entire career in the Refinery. He was a Committee Member of the United British Junior Staff Club from its inception and was President for four consecutive years from 1945 to 1948. He was an active member on many Sports Committees, especially those connected with cricket and athletics. Prior to his retirement Mr. Talma was the guest of honour at functions held in the United British Junior Staff Club when he was presented with a chiming clock, a locally made paper knife, a framed picture of the Club for which he has done so much, and Mrs. Talma was presented with a beautifully designed trinket box. At the same time Mr. T. M. Forgan, Acting General Manager, took the opportunity to present Mr. Talma with his 30-year Long Service Emblem and a cable was read from Mr. W. M. V. Ash, President of the Shell Oil Company of Canada, and former General Manager

of U.B.O.T. Ltd. wishing Mr. Talma the best of good fortune in his retirement.

Mr. V. L. Talma's retirement will leave a gap in the Point Fortin community which will be very hard to fill



. . . and makes a presentation to Mr. V. L. Talma, on the occasion of the latter's retirement.

and we feel sure our readers would like us, on their behalf, to wish Mr. & Mrs. Talma the best of good health and fortune in the business venture which Mr. Talma is going to undertake in his retirement.

It has always been the policy of the Company to encourage its employees to indulge in spare time studies which may be of use to the individual in his work. In accordance with this policy, it was recently announced that the Company has decided to assist those wishing to take up correspondence courses by advancing, in certain cases, the initial cost of these courses and recovering it from the individual by weekly or monthly deductions from wages or salary.

All Company employees, including weekly and hourly-paid men, will be entitled to avail themselves of these privileges under the following conditions:—

1. The applicant must have 5 years of service with the Company.
2. The course selected must be one which has been approved by the Company, and which has either a direct bearing on the Company's operations or is connected in some way with the individual's present occupation. It should be clearly understood that courses in dentistry, wireless, television etc. will not normally be approved.
3. The individual must, in the Company's opinion, possess sufficient ability to benefit from the particular course chosen.
4. The course chosen must be a recognised and approved correspondence course from a British Technical School or College.

Inquiries in connection with correspondence courses should be made to the I.R. & P. Department and we have been asked to state that whilst they cannot conduct negotiations for individual employees, they will be glad to obtain and furnish such general information about a particular Institute and College as the individual may request. It is regretted that due to hard currency restrictions, no correspondence courses with American or Canadian Colleges and Institutes can be arranged under this scheme.



One of the colourful scenes from the United British Club's production of "Mother Goose".

Pantomime has now become a hardy annual at the United British Club and tradition was again carried on with the production of "MOTHER GOOSE". Beautifully designed sets and costumes played a very important part in the production and many old Point Fortin pantomime favourites were again seen in action. In addition to the three performances given at Point Fortin, the show was taken to Port-of-Spain where an additional three performances were given at the Country Club. The show proved so successful on the Sunday night that not only was the entire house sold out for the Wednesday night performance, but the Management of the Country Club had to add an additional 200 seats to accommodate all those who wished to see the show. At the final performance on Wednesday night, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Rance were present and later they went backstage and congratulated the Producer, Mr. S. J. Ireson, the members of the cast and all the other willing helpers who did so much to make the show a success.

Mr. S. J. Riley, former Commandant of the Point Fortin Red Cross Detachment, has been appointed President of the Southern Division of the British Red Cross Society for 1952. Mr. H. Mohamed, who was formerly Assistant Commandant of the Detachment, has been promoted to Commandant.

At a recent function attended by Miss P. Blair, Regional Field Officer from London, the following employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd., received certificates: Messrs. C. Fullerton (Reconditioning Shop), G. E. Harris (Refinery Power Plant), C. S. D. Lee Sam, Mahabirsingh A. Arnasalam, S. Thornhill, H. Mohamed, S. J. Riley (I.R. & P. - Fire & Safety), D. Alfred (Company Guards), W. Kitson (Refinery Drum Factory), P. Cornwallis (Materials), C. Spencer (Refinery Boilers), A. Dillon (Field Engineering) and G. Maharaj (Refinery Inspection).

A new series of Home Nursing Lectures is now in progress and no less than 63 persons have enrolled. Through an unfortunate error, the Detachment lost the eliminating competition for the Lady Young Cup after being well ahead in all other respects. Although this must be a great disappointment to the members of the Detachment we feel sure it will urge them on to greater efforts to bring the trophy back to Point Fortin next year.

We extend our congratulations to Messrs. W. W. Morris of the Port-of-Spain Office, P. Nicholson and E. A. Bratt of the Drilling Department, and E. J. de Verteuil of the Production Department, on their promotion to Senior Staff status, and to Messrs. E. R. Andrews (Draughting Office), Jacob Badai (EXD.), Septimus Bowen, Kenneth Codrington and G. Santana (Refinery), Kenneth Pariag (Penal Office), and Carl F. Turton (Port-of-Spain Office), on their promotion to Junior Staff status.

Mr. W. Best, formerly Headteacher of the Point Fortin E.C. School, has been promoted to the Inspectorate of the Education Department and he has been succeeded in his duties as headteacher by Mr. D. Maharaj. In view of Mr. Best's many fine qualities, it is to be hoped that he will



Mr. W. D. Best.

not be severing his associations with this district and that he will be able to continue the good work he has done both educationally and socially and in connection with St. Mark's Anglican Church. We congratulate Mr. Best on his promotion and wish him the best of good luck for the future.

Judging of the annual Techier Village Gardening Competition was recently concluded and once again the judges found it difficult to make a selection from the many fine gardens which they had to view. The 1st Prize of \$20.00 was won by Mr. V. Baker of the Field Engineering Section, the 2nd Prize of \$15.00 and the 3rd Prize of \$10.00 going respectively to Mr. J. A. Lord and Mr. C. Griffith of the Refinery. Consolation prizes of \$5.00 each were won by Messrs. L. Francis, J. Sinanan and C. A. Joseph of the Refinery, A. Cooper of the Field Engineering and S. Murphy of the EXD. Mud Plants. Special Consolation Prize of \$5.00 was awarded

ed to Mr. J. Alexander of the Production Department, for the special effort he made at his bachelor quarters.

We have been asked to thank all those residents of Techier Village who participated in the Competition and as we congratulate the winners on their success, we express the hope that the unsuccessful contestants will be urged to even greater efforts and so ensure that their names will be on the prize-winning list for next year.

Mr. B. Supersad, of the Penal Office, has announced his engagement to Miss Irma Phillip of Rushworth Street, San Fernando. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Supersad.

We are advised by our friends in the Penal Division that the U.B.A.A. Annual Sports Meeting will take place at the Clarke Road Recreation Ground on Sunday, 4th May, 1952. The Organising Committee is already hard at work and a first class meeting is anticipated. This annual event is keenly looked forward to by all sportsmen in South Trinidad and we feel sure that this year's meeting will be as successful as previous ones.



The late Ralph Yearwood.

It was with very great regret that the Point Fortin community heard of the death of Mr. Ralph Yearwood, which occurred on the 30th January last. The late Ralph Yearwood was born on the 19th December, 1888, at Esse-quiibo, British Guiana, and joined the Company on the 20th of April, 1916, when he worked in the Pipeline and Pumps Section in Parrylands. He remained on this type of work during the whole of his career with the Company, being promoted to Chargehand, Foreman, and eventually to Senior Staff status. He was very popular with his colleagues and the Company found him a capable and understanding Supervisor who will be sadly missed by all of us, and we would like to extend to his widow our deepest sympathy in her great loss.

Congratulations to Mr. Theophilus Jean of the Refinery Engineering Section, whose son, Carlton, was a successful candidate in the recent Cambridge School Certificate Examination. Carlton, who received a Grade I Certificate, received his education at the Point Fortin Intermediate School and is at present attending St. Mary's College, Port-of-Spain.

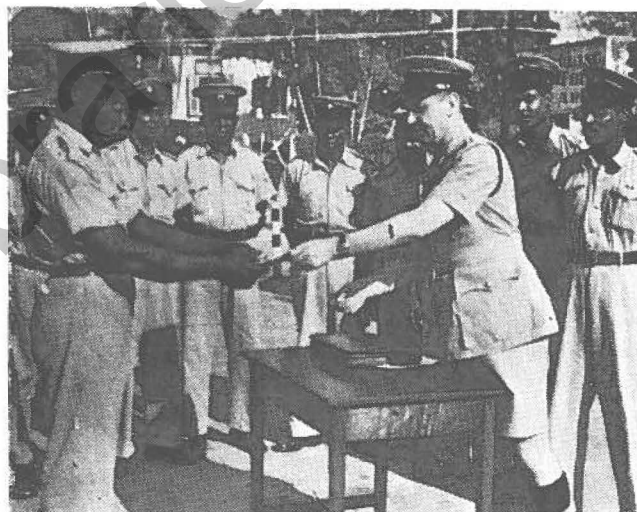
Mr. Vernon Mungo of the Field Engineering Office, was one of the Trinidad Scouts selected to represent the island at the Boy Scouts Jamboree held in Jamaica in March. We congratulate him on this honour.

Estate Constable Josiah Phillip, has resigned from the Company's service in order to take up an appointment with the Customs and Excise Department in Port-of-Spain. We wish him the best of luck in his new environment.

For a considerable number of years, a Committee headed by the Senior I.R. Supervisor has collected funds to provide food parcels at Christmas for the poor of the district and last Christmas they were able to distribute some 242 food parcels to the neediest cases of the District. A sum amounting to almost \$800 was collected and represented a good cross section of the Point Fortin community as will be seen from the following list: Apprentices Technical School (\$5.00), Hourly Paid Employees (\$40.48), Weekly Paid Employees (\$47.32), Junior Staff (\$114.43), Senior Staff (\$156.75), Contractors (\$115.50), Employees of Contractor N. Ross (\$6.57), Shopkeepers of Point Fortin—cash and goods (\$142.00), U.B.J.S. Club—Dramatic Section—Carol Singers (\$75.00), Management of U.B.O.T. Ltd. (\$25.00), United British Club (\$25.00), United British Junior Staff Club (\$20.00).

We have been asked to extend the thanks of the Committee to all those who so generously contributed to this fund and thus enabled them to provide Christmas cheer for so many deserving families.

A total of 341 entries were received in connection with the Safety Crossword Puzzle published in the Xmas issue of UBOTIMES and the first all-correct solution opened was that of Estate Constable Josiah Phillip of the Company



Estate Constable Josiah Phillip, receiving the first prize in the Safety Crossword Competition from Asst. Superintendent J. W. Wilson.

Guard Force, who thus wins the 1st Prize of \$20.00. This is the first time since the inception of these contests in 1949 that any member of the Company Guards has won a first prize. Consolation prizes of \$5.00 each were won by Messrs. Selwyn Moore (Apprentices Technical School), Nurse S. Stephens (Medical), Percy Johnson (Materials), Luther Brown (Transport), M. Carter (Penal Division), Stokley Joseph (I. R. & P., Fire & Safety), Auburn Hinds (Engineering), Wesley Morris (Port-of-Spain Office), Fitzroy Richards (Production), and E. Reefer (Refinery).

We extend our congratulations to the winners and to the losers we say, better luck next time.

The final figures for the J. GRANT Safety Shield Contest for 1951 are now complete and the trophy has been won by the Transport Department who just edged out the Materials Department by the narrow margin of .05.

When the competition commenced in January 1951, the Transport Department was in 7th position with a disadvantage of +32.3. Penal then held first place while Drilling was second and Materials third. At the end of the first

quarter, Drilling moved up to first place, with Penal second and Transport third, having improved its rate to +1.9. At the end of the second quarter, first, second, and third places were held by Penal, Materials and Transport Departments

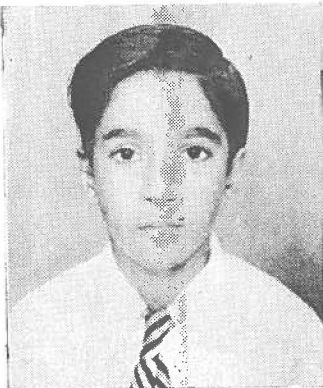


Mr. Victor King proudly displays the J. Grant Safety Shield won by the Transport Department. At left is Mr. P. S. Bramwell, and on the right Mr. J. L. Andrews.

respectively, Penal having an advantage of -4, while Materials and Transport Departments had a disadvantage of +4.8 and +5.6 respectively. The only change recorded at the end of the third quarter was that the Transport Department displaced Materials Department for second position. Penal still led with an advantage of -6. In October 1951 the Transport Department took the lead from Penal following the unfortunate accident in that field, and Materials was now in second place. At the end of the year, the final figures showed that the Transport Department held first place having improved its rate to +1.7, an overall improvement of 30.6.

The Shield was presented to the winners by Mr. J. L. Andrews, Production Manager, on 2nd February, when Mr. Victor King, Garage Foreman, accepted the trophy on behalf of the Staff and employees of the Department. He assured Mr. Andrews that Transport Department has no intention of letting the trophy go elsewhere.

We extend our congratulations to the Transport Department on their fine achievement.



Master Lal Narinesingh.

Government examination was Master Lal Narinesingh, son of Mr. Surajdeo Narinesingh, also of the Accounts De-

partment, who has been awarded a Scholarship and is now a student at St. Mary's College. We extend our best wishes to these young people.

On Sunday, 17th February, the residents in Techier Village held a Carnival Dance which was very well attended. The evening was a great success and we offer our congratulations to Mrs. Howard of the Ebony Girls Netball Team who was mainly responsible for the organisation. Prizes were awarded for the best Carnival costumes and following this, for the first time in its history, the residents of Techier Village elected a Carnival Queen, MISS TECHIER 1952. In accordance with the rules, competitors had to be over



Miss Margaret Charles, who won the title of "Miss Techier 1952".

16 years, single, and resident in Techier Village. The judges were Messrs. Trotman, Broomes, Roach, Rudder and Mrs. Blake. There was keen competition for the title, and after much consideration by the judges Miss Margaret Charles was elected "Queen", with Miss Maudy Patterson as runner-up.

We are pleased to be able to publish the following poem, written by Mr. Frank Cowie of the EXD. Office, which was recently read by the B.B.C. in their programme, *Caribbean Voices* :—

SCATTERED SCENES

A muddy stream snaking its way downhill
Into the Caribbean.
A swollen river, swollen with
Dead leaves and fallen fruit and trees.
A wild deer leaping through the forest—
A dog in close pursuit

These things I see.

Distant hillsides dotted with the
Golden flowers of the poui,
Or the flaming-red immortelle
Cicadas chirping in the nearby trees
Birds twittering among the branches

These things I see.

A barefoot boy playing in the rain,
Sailing paper-boats down a muddy drain
A shrivelled woman on her doorstep
Smoking a cracked clay pipe.
A tired worker limping homeward

These things I see.

A rugged lad beating a tune on an old pan.
The calypsonian improvising in his tent,
He sings of things just past,
He sings of things to come;
Of anything, of everything, he sings
These things I see.

Following on the resignation of Major E. L. Sealey, the Company Guard Force has now been taken over by Assistant Superintendent John W. Wilson and a farewell parade was held at Guards Headquarters at the end of January. On this occasion Major Sealey was presented with a fountain pen and pencil set, and addressed the Guard Force. He thanked its members for the cooperation they had given him and hoped they would extend the same cooperation to his successor. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing Major Sealey the best of luck in his new venture.



We extend our congratulations to the following :—

Mr. and Mrs. B. Solomon of the M. & O. Shops, on the birth of a son, on the 20th January.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Waldron of the M. & O. Shops, on the birth of a son, Augustus, on 12th January.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Herman of the M. & O. Shops, on the birth of a son, Randolph.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ashing of Port-of-Spain Office, on the birth of a daughter, Celeste Betty Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Garib of Port-of-Spain Office, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Blackman of the Production Department, on the birth of a daughter, Beryl Gertrude.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Daly of the Materials Department, on the birth of a daughter, Gwen Agatha, on January 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huggins of the I. R. & P. Department, on the birth of a son, on the 19th February.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hackshaw of the Refinery Electrical Section, on the birth of a son, Daniel Jonathan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Edwards of the Transport Department, on the birth of a daughter, on 14th January.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lavinc of the Transport Department, on the birth of a son, Phillip, on the 13th January.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Lyon of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robertson of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a son, on the 28th January.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Zanela of the Engineering Department, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Abasali of the Materials Department, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. van Norel of the EXD., on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scott of the Materials Department, on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sasson of the EXD., on the birth of a son, on the 6th January.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee Foon of the Accounts Department, on the birth of a son, on the 2nd January.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Henderson of the Drilling Department, on the birth of a daughter, on the 7th January.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Sandy of the Refinery Laboratory, on the birth of a daughter, on the 16th January.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Crawford of the Refinery, on the birth of a son, on the 16th January.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Maturasingh of the I. R. & P. Department, on the birth of a daughter, Ann, on the 21st January.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown of the Accounts Department, on the birth of a daughter, Aileen Torrence, on the 18th January.

Mr. and Mrs. P. John of the M. & O. Shops, on the birth of a daughter, on the 29th January.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tyson of the Refinery, on the birth of a daughter, Helene Ursula.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Dunbar of the EXD. Mud Plants Section, on the birth of a son.

Estate Constable and Mrs. F. Forde of the Company Guards, on the birth of a daughter, Angela Margaret.

Estate Constable and Mrs. M. Pierre of the Company Guards, on the birth of a son, Clarence Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Fenton of the Watchman Service, on the birth of a son, Winston George, on the 12th January.

Estate Constable and Mrs. E. Charles of the Company Guards, on the birth of a son, Michael Beresford, on the 12th February.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis of the Watchman Service, on the birth of a son. The christening took place at the La Brea R.C. Church on the 17th February.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexis of the Transport Department, on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Redhead of the Garage, on the birth of a daughter, Anne, on the 22nd February.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mosca of the Survey Section, on the birth of a daughter, on the 19th February.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Rostant of the Penal Division, on the birth of a daughter, on the 22nd February.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Cornwallis of the Materials Department, on the birth of a daughter, on the 5th February.

Mr. and Mrs. I. de Haart of the Accounts Department, on the birth of a daughter, Gwendoline, on the 12th February.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Ramdin of the Transport Department, on the birth of a daughter, on the 15th February.

Mr. and Mrs. John Handel of the Lands & Legal, on the birth of a daughter, on the 20th February.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis of the Penal Transport, on the birth of a daughter, on 27th February.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jagassar of the Penal Division Office, on the birth of a son, Carlyle, on the 21st January.



Mr. John Marrast of the Refinery Engineering Section, was married to Miss Princess Bernard, on the 18th February, at the Warden's Office, La Brea.

Mr. Alfred Soverall of the Accounts Department, joined the ranks of the Benedicts on Saturday, 23rd February. His bride was the former Miss Rita Reefer, daughter of the

late Mr. and Mrs. Reefer of Point Fortin. The ceremony was performed at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Point Fortin, when the Very Rev. Fr. Gerard officiated. Mr. James Soverall of the I. R. & P. Department, performed the duties of best man and a reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Soverall spent their honeymoon at Carenage.

Mr. Kubare Maignath of the M. & O. Shops Section, was married to Miss Daling Nandlal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ranjit Nandlal of Mondesir Road, Grant's Trace, La Brea, on Saturday, 8th March. The wedding ceremony was performed at the home of the bride according to Hindu rites.

Mr. R. Rooplal of the Penal Transport Office, was married recently to Miss Deokie Mahabir of Palmyra Village, San Fernando. The wedding was conducted at the home of the bride according to Hindu rites and many friends attended.

Mr. B. Ghuran of the Penal Office, was married recently to Miss Rookmin Ramjalacksingh of La Brea. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon on the East Coast of the Island. Before his marriage, Mr. Ghuran was the guest of honour at a bachelors' night held in the U.B.A.A. Penal Club when he was presented with a porcelain tea set as a wedding gift from his colleagues.

Miss Joyce Mungal, daughter of Mr. Mungal of the Penal Sanitation Section, was married on 3rd March at San Francique to Mr. Gunness Ragbir of Dabedial Road, Penal.



Mr. & Mrs. T. B. O'Brien, leaving St. Anns Roman Catholic Church after their wedding.

Mr. Trevor B. O'Brien of the Port-of-Spain Office, was married to Miss Barbara Longworth on Sunday, 10th February, at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Port-of-Spain, when the Very Rev. Fr. Hahn officiated. A reception was afterwards held at "Mona Park", the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Farah, and the honeymoon was spent at Mayaro.

Obituary

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

Martin Louis, 14 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Doldron of the M. & O. Shops Section, on the 14th January.

Arnold Jensen, cook of the s.s. "Aurelian", on charter to the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., who died at sea on the 9th February. The interment took place at the Mucurapo Cemetery when representatives of the Company attended.

Soverall Boatswain, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Boatswain of the Production Department.

Mrs. Rosina Maughn, mother of Mr. W. Maughn of the Refinery Electrical Section, at the age of 71.

Mrs. Helen Branker, mother of Mr. H. T. Branker of the Garage, who died on 5th January. The interment took place at Paradise Cemetery.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Dodough of the Refinery, who survived his entry into this world by only 2 hours.

Mr. O'Neal McKenzie of the Survey Section, which occurred on February 27th. The late O'Neal McKenzie had been employed by the Company since 1926 and the whole of his 26 years of service had been spent with the Survey Section.

Mrs. Josephine Smith, mother of Mr. Albert Smith of the I.R. & P. Department, which occurred at San Fernando on the 26th February, at the age of 71. The interment took place at the Paradise Cemetery.

Mr. Roderick Paul Campbell, father of Mr. Harold Campbell of Port-of-Spain Office.

The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. V. Alexander of the Penal Drilling Department, which occurred at his home under tragic circumstances.

Mr. Cornelius Charles, father of Mr. W. Charles of the Penal Pipefitting Section, which occurred in Port-of-Spain recently.



We extend a welcome to :—

Messrs. E. L. Connell, J. W. Wilson and Miss E. M. Jardine (I. R. & P.), Messrs. P. S. Bramwell (Transport), E. L. Legall and G. Wakeman (Materials), A. J. Dorenbos, G. M. Z. Scott, J. H. Huggins, W. A. Stratton and P. Winter (Drilling), R. A. van Terheijden and A. J. Beare (Engineering), P. B. Boltjes (P.O.S. Office), E. J. Dawson (Refinery), G. C. Rose (Accounts), and S. T. Waite (Geological).



Messrs. J. A. Blair (Accounts), R. Gray and J. Jeswiet (Engineering), R. V. S. Scott, A. Sasson, C. G. Mathers and J. B. Woolley (EXD.), E. F. Caine and V. L. Talma (Refinery), C. D. Harris (P.O.S. Office), and W. F. McBride (Drilling).

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Shell Staff Magazines

By B. W. SMITH
(Editor)—“Shell Magazine”

¿Cuándo debe
El deber?

As a means of keeping the staff informed — both about Shell activities and about each other — the staff magazines published by Group and associated companies throughout the world are playing a valuable and increasingly important part. At the moment more than forty of these magazines are being published and others are in course of preparation. The total circulation—counting only those copies which are distributed to the staff—exceeds a quarter of a million.

Although most of these magazines including *Ubotimes*, which started publication in 1945 have appeared for the first time since the war, some of them are veterans of 25 years and more. The question of which magazine is the “daddy of them all” is a little difficult to decide, but both *Olie* (Netherlands) and *The Shell Magazine* have strong claims. *Olie* started life under its present name only in October, 1947, when three existing magazines in the Netherlands amalgamated. But one of these was *De Bron*, the magazine of the B.P.M. Head Office at The Hague, which first appeared as long ago as 1917. This was four years earlier than the first issue of *The Shell Magazine* (then known as *The Pipe Line*), which was started in January, 1921. However, in November 1914 a fortnightly periodical entitled *St. Helens Court Bulletin* was inaugurated in London “to enable the staffs of the combined Companies to obtain news from time to time regarding their colleagues who have joined the colours”—and this, being the London Head Office staff magazine, may be said to have been the United Kingdom counterpart of *De Bron*. However, *St. Helens Court Bulletin* ceased publication in November 1919, and there was thus a hiatus of just over a year during which the United Kingdom staff had no printed magazine. *The Shell Magazine* and its forerunners cannot, therefore, claim such a long period of uninterrupted publication as *Olie* and its antecedents.

There is a fundamental difference between *The Shell Magazine* and the staff magazines published in other Areas. The latter (with the exception of *Olie*, which circulates to Dutch-speaking subscribers in all parts of the world) are intended for distribution solely in the country of origin, whereas it has always been the intention that *The Shell Magazine* should be read in all parts of the world where members of the Group's staff are employed. The first issue of *The Pipe Line* bore the hopeful sub-title: “A Budget of Everything and Everywhere”; this was later modified to “The Link that Binds” and it is this function—to serve as a link between all members of the staff, no matter in what country or in what capacity they are employed—which is still the primary object of

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τῶν Πωλήσεων.
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The Shell Magazine. Alone of all the house journals published in the United Kingdom, it has a wider circulation overseas than at home; in fact, of its total sale of 42,000 copies, almost exactly two-thirds are despatched to overseas subscribers.

The Shell Magazine attempts to cover in its pages news of company and staff activities in all parts of the world, but, in the nature of things, it cannot hope to maintain a complete news service. Quite apart from considerations of space, there is the difficulty that by no means all the Group's staff understand English, and it is, moreover, felt to be highly desirable that every country in which it is practicable to produce a staff magazine should do so. In this way, the staff in all these countries may have a periodical which they can look upon as their own: in which they will find news of themselves and their colleagues and of local Shell social and sports activities, as well as news of the activities of their own Shell company. To this material is added news of important Shell developments in other countries, so that the international character of the Group is not overlooked even in these local magazines; and also, as space permits, features and articles of general interest contributed by members of the staff. It has always been the intention, in fact, that local staff magazines should be regarded as complementary to, rather than as substitutes for, *The Shell Magazine*, and the fact that sales of the latter have steadily increased rather than diminished, in countries where local staff magazines have been introduced, would seem to indicate that this intention has been fulfilled.

The forty-odd Shell staff magazines are by no means standardised either in contents or appearance. They differ very widely in size, style, and technique of production. That this is so is both intentional and, to a large degree, inevitable. It is only right that the local tastes and traditions of a country should be studied in the presentation of its own magazine; moreover, conditions of printing and production differ very greatly from one country to another.

Thus, the full array of Shell staff magazines presents an appearance most impressive in its variety. The magazines vary in format from the compact pocket-size favoured, for example, by *Shell South African Chronicle* and by *Shell Spejlet* (Denmark) to the large-scale for mats of *Topicos Shell* (Venezuela), and *Rivista Shell Italiana*. Some of them make an extensive use of colour, both on the cover and inside pages, others are quite unambitious in appearance but none the less succeed in looking lively and readable. All help employees to realise that, whatever

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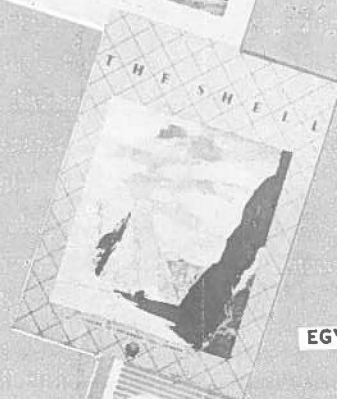
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their particular job may be, it has its own essential place in the general pattern of the Group's activities.

One of the first things that strikes anyone who looks through a pile of assorted Shell staff magazines is the large number of languages—some twenty in all—in which they are printed.

They range from French to Finnish, from Portuguese to Papiamento (the vernacular of many inhabitants of Curaçao), from Italian to Indonesian. In many countries, of course, more than one language is spoken by the Shell staff, thus setting the editors of staff magazines a problem which is solved in various ways. Perhaps the most striking method of meeting this difficulty is that adopted by the Egyptian staff magazine, *The Shell*. This is printed half in English and half in Arabic; and since the Arabic reader reads from right to left he starts from what is, to us, the back cover and turns the pages until he reaches the middle, where the end of the Arabic half of the magazine—by a very neat feat of editing meets the last page of the English half. *La Coquille* (Switzerland), on the other hand, is printed in French and German in parallel columns, whilst in Indonesia there are two separate magazines, one printed in Indonesian and one in Dutch. The most polyglot of the Shell staff magazines is *De Passaat* (Curaçao), in which there are sections in five languages—Dutch, Papiamento, English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

In many countries there has been found the need for more than one staff periodical. In the United Kingdom the London sports club for Shell employees—*Lensbury*—issues its own monthly newspaper, 'Club News', which is edited on the Club's behalf by the editorial staff of *The Shell Magazine*. The latter periodical also includes a special supplement for subscribers in the London office and another for sub-

The football tournament for the Cup presented by Mr. J. H. Loudon, one of the Managing Directors of the Royal Dutch-Shell Group, took place this year for the second time, starting in January with a match between Cairo and Agroud. There was again a full quota of entrants, including Ras Matarma, who withdrew from the tournament last year.

The final was played at the Sports Club at Koubbeh on March 4. Port Said took the lead at the start, but Ras Gharib soon got on the offensive and scored the first goal before the end of the first half. Port Said had their revenge in the second half with a series of 3 goals in sustained attacks which left Ras Gharib with nothing to add to their own score.

The full results, in the order of play, were as follows:-

الرشيق • وشبابها الغض الرطيب ،
وجسمها المغرى الفاتن ، وألقى عليها
نظرة ضمنها كل معاني الزهد
والاحتقار ، وقلب شفتيه ، وهز
منكبته وتمتم :
- وإها لكن معاشر النساء ! انكن
جميعا فى العاطفة سواء ... طبعتن
بطابع انثوى واحد ، وجبلتن على
شاكلة واحدة !

- يلوح لى أن الموت أدنى الى مما
ست أحسب ، فخير لى اذن أن أذهب
فى سبيل ...
ثم التفت الى الفتاة وحدق فى
عينيها الوضى القسمات بعينه
السوداوين الكئيبين وقال لها :
- اصغى لما أقوله لك ولا تحاولى
أن تعترضى على مشييتى ... أجدى
عما لك أمة ...

This illustration from "The Shell", of Egypt, shows how both English and Arabic speaking employees are considered in the make-up of the House Magazine.

كشف المكبس فتحق العادم والشحن
نسخ وشحن المكبس مرة أخرى
ورقة جديدة .

scribers in the Anglo-Saxon and Eagle Oil tanker fleets. In Venezuela each oilfield, and also Cardon Refinery, issues a mimeo-graphical bulletin containing news and announcements of local interest, and the employees receive these bulletins in addition to the printed *Topicos* *Shell*. In the United States there is an Employee Publications Division in the New York Office of Shell Oil Company, which not only publishes *Shell News* — the Company's central employee magazine — but also provides a news service and technical advice for the editors of a score of employee papers published by Shell in the United States.

A recent development in many Shell staff magazines is the provision of features for women and children. These features serve the useful purpose of ensuring that the staff magazine is read in the employee's family circle. *Shell Revue* (France) now issues regularly a four-page children's supplement, attractively printed in bright colours, and although this supplement contains no references to Shell, it may well serve, indirectly, to make the younger generation—many of whom may one day follow in father's footsteps—'Shell minded'.

Thus, the Shell staff magazines are a tangible expression of the Shell spirit—a spirit which all who work for Shell, in whatever capacity and whatever their nationality, all recognise and appreciate. The magazines, in their diversity of language and appearance, remind us of how many races and nationalities go to make up the worldwide Shell family. But more striking even than their superficial differences is the underlying features which all these magazines have in common: a Shell 'family feeling', transcending national boundaries and the obstacles of language and uniting its members in pride of achievement and unity of endeavour.

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عن الانجليزية بتصرف
بقلم جورج سلسنتى

The Land and Legal Department

TO different Company employees the existence of the Land & Legal Department means different things. To some people it exists merely as an information office, or pocket encyclopaedia where all kinds of information on all subjects may be obtained (free of charge); to others it is frequently regarded as an unnecessary obstacle because of its insistence on the observance of strict legal requirements, while to certain others it is looked on as a repository for problems or documents which are "too hot to handle".

All joking aside, it is hoped that what follows will enable you to get a fuller appreciation of where Land & Legal fits in to the scheme of things and if as a result of this article you still have any erroneous impressions as to what the Department does or does not do then we in the Department will be only too glad to correct them.

The fact that the Department is the smallest one in the Company should not be used as a yard-stick to measure its relative importance. If the Company had no freehold lands, or leases over the minerals which lie under the surface, it would never be able to drill any wells and accordingly it is the responsibility of the Department to acquire lands and to see that in acquiring them the Company's interests are fully protected to enable it to conduct all the operations necessary for the winning of oil without interruption.

Let us assume that a geological survey has disclosed that the acquisition of lands in a particular area is desirable, and we will endeavour to show you the various steps which the Department undertakes before a well can be drilled.

In the first place, and before any geological survey can be conducted, the area over which the survey is to be done is put on a map. Mr. C. P. Rojas and his assistant stationed at Penal, Mr. R. Kanhai, go into the field armed with the map and a bundle of entry permit forms in search of the owners of the properties over which the survey will be carried out, to get their permission to enter on their lands. It may be that they have to find the owners of, let

us say, one hundred individually owned parcels of land and this can be no easy task. Frequently the owners are not resident on the land and their whereabouts have to be established: they may be dead or squatters may be in possession, or the lands may have been abandoned and the owners cannot be found at all. In other cases they may just be unwilling to permit the Company to enter upon their lands. It will be seen that this part of the programme requires inexhaustible patience and perseverance together with a high degree of tact, quite apart from the physical strain involved in travelling long distances over bad roads in bad weather. However in due course the Field Section reports that the survey may proceed, although their work has not yet been completed. In conducting any survey it is inevitable that certain damages are done to crops and cultivation and

again the Field Section must check and obtain the owners agreement to the extent of the damage which they thereafter assess and settle with the owners. The preservation of good public relations is a most important part of the work of the Field Section (and in fact of the whole Department) and although disputes do arise from time to time these are invariably settled in the end in an amicable way and without recourse to litigation, a fact which reflects great credit on the working methods of the Section.

On the results of the geological survey we can now assume that the De-

partment has been authorised to take up oil mining leases over the lands covered by the survey. At this stage the "leasing campaign", as we call it, is taken up by Mr. A. L. Torry, the Senior Assistant in the Department. His first job is to check the title of each parcel to establish who is the owner of the oil rights. This is necessary because in Trinidad the person who owns the surface does not always own the oil rights. If the lands were purchased from Government before the year 1902 then invariably the purchase included the oil rights. If the purchase was made after that year the oil rights were reserved to the Crown. There are other cases where although the oil rights were owned by private individuals they



Mr. J. L. Winter.



The Land & Legal Clerical Staff :

Left to Right : Messrs. J. Victor (Office Boy), J. Handel (Chief Clerk) & A. S. Cragwell (Clerk).

have become forfeited to the Crown for non-payment of taxes or for other reasons. The investigation of title is a time consuming task and requires meticulous accuracy. Again in the end it is usually possible to report that the campaign is complete and that the bulk of the lands has been acquired. This has involved the preparation of individual leases for each parcel and the due recording of the Company's title. It may turn out that it has not been possible to obtain 100% of the leases sought because there are invariably a number of cases where the title to the oil rights is so bad that the risks of taking up the lease would be too great.

Once the leases have been obtained, either from the Crown or from a private owner, the Company may enter at any time to drill its wells. Where this happens a fresh check has to be made of the damages caused in site preparation, and settlement made.

This acquisition of lands for drilling and ancillary operations must be recorded and a separate record is required for each single parcel of land in which the Company has any interest. This might be described as the "office record" and when it is considered that the Company owns or has under oil mining lease approximately 130,000 acres of land ranging from large leases of 50,000 acres to small ones of one acre it should be appreciated that the keeping of the office records up to date with additions, changes of ownership, surrenders, recording of deaths of land owners etc., is a most important one and one which requires a considerable amount of time to be devoted to it. As an indication of this the department maintains over 660 files each dealing with a separate lease, and a separate abstract of every parcel and information relevant thereto.

Apart from the office record the Department

also maintains a "visual record" by showing on sets of maps and Ward Sheets not only the Company's own land holdings, classified in accordance with the type of holding, but also, so far as we know them the holdings of other companies in the Island. The visual record also requires to be kept constantly up to date and to be available at all times to other Departments e.g. Geological, Exploitation, Engineering and of course Management to present a picture or to give information in planning field programmes. Duplicates of all our maps are kept by London and the Hague and every change is notified to them so that their sets at all times correspond with ours.

On every lease which the Company holds certain rents are payable, normally on the 1st January and 1st July of each year; this involves a biennial abstraction from the lease records of the present owner and a calculation of the rent due. Letters then have to be written to each owner and vouchers and receipts prepared. On any lands from which production is obtained the Company requires to pay Royalty and these payments are also made half yearly. This again involves a complicated calculation in respect of each lease and preparation of appropriate vouchers and letters.



Mr. C. P. Rojas discussing a pollution claim. On the left is Mr. R. Kanhai.

Mr. Torry is again responsible for the maintenance of these records and files and for the payment of half yearly rent and royalty and in this he is ably assisted by the Chief Clerk of the Department Mr. John Handel, his assistants Mr. A. S. Cragwell and the Office Boy, John Victor.

The foregoing is the "back-bone" round which

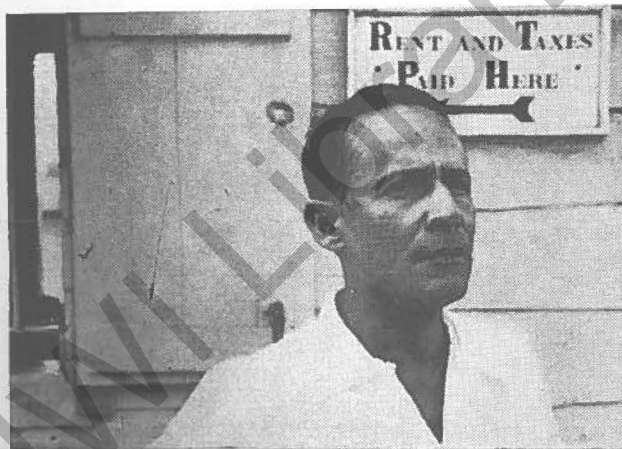
the other work of the Department, in so far as it relates to lands, is built. There is the ancillary work which the Company's operations require e.g. the obtaining of permission for running pipelines, high tension lines, cables, surveys etc; maintenance of records to show where these H.T. and Pipelines are and for settlement of the wayleaves; the preparation of quarterly and annual land reports; the purchasing or leasing of lands for sites for houses, boiler stations, production stations etc; the investigation, assessment and settlement of all claims made against the Company for damages at Common Law or through pollution or as a result of any of our operations. It is easy to dismiss this work in a few words but in fact it goes on constantly and though many of the claims turn out to be fictitious, nevertheless they all have to be investigated.

As an adjunct to the Lands Section the Department is responsible for administering Point Fortin village. With the object of making Point Fortin a self contained community it has been the policy of the Company to prepare and lay out building lots for occupation by business premises and private residences. It is only recently that you have been able to see the progress made in pursuance of this policy in the new and handsome buildings which are being erected throughout the village. Behind the scenes the Department has been patiently working along set lines, and when the plan has been finally completed in a few years time the results should be that Point Fortin will be one of the best laid out and most modern towns in the whole of Trinidad and a source of pride to its inhabitants. The laying out of building lots means that the rents (which are fixed by the Company at a very low level) and the Lands & Buildings Taxes, have to be collected and this work is in the capable hands of Mr. A. V. Reyes (who incidentally will be celebrating his twenty-fifth service birthday in June of this year) with his assistant, Mr. C. Ragoonanan.

The Legal work of the Department, which is handled by Mr. J. L. Winter is extremely varied and even more unpredictable; generally, it includes the reporting to Management and to all the other Departments concerned the Laws and Regulations



Mr. A. L. Torry, discussing a lease



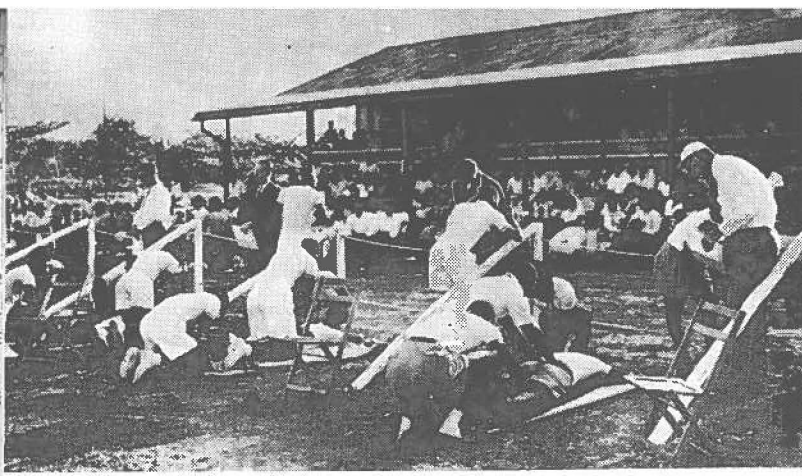
Mr. A. V. Reyes.

which come into force from time to time which affect the industry and our own operations. It also involves the preparation of contracts and agreements and day to day advice on points of Statute and Common Law and the Law relating to Contracts, Marine Law, Shipping Law and Insurance and Workmen's Compensation. Fortunately legal proceedings are not taken against the Company with any frequency but when they do arise instructions have to be given on defences or on the action to be taken. Mr.

Winter is also a member of various sub-Committees appointed by the Petroleum Association of Trinidad to advise the industry on legislation or points of law affecting it and he also acts as Liaison Officer with a number of heads of Government Departments. Mr. Winter is now resident in Port-of-Spain where the legal work can most easily be dealt with and in his work he has the assistance of Mrs. W. Archbald who is now attached to the Land & Legal Department.

Although what we have written is only an outline of the work of the Department we believe it will be sufficient to show how extremely important it is. And please remember that it is always easier to *stay* out of trouble than it is to *get* out of it after it has happened!

J. H. and J. L. W.



The Competition in progress.

On Sunday, 23rd March, the 5th Annual Artificial Respiration Competition for the Haidar Ali Shield took place at U.B.O.T.'s recreation ground at Penal. This year's competition was notable for the fact that it was the first time the Competition had been held in Penal, and in addition a silver cup, donated by Mr. Theophilus H. Harvey, one of U.B.O.T.'s contractors, was also being competed for. The new trophy is for competition amongst Departments entering three or more teams and is awarded on the highest average points gained by any three teams of the Department. A record entry confronted the judges and it was not an easy task to select the winners. It is interesting to recall that during the five years in which the competition has been running, entries have climbed from six teams in 1948 to the 1952 record of 22.

The Haidar Ali Shield was won by one of the Fire and Safety Section's teams under the leadership of Mr. C. S. D. Lee Sam, with a score of 82½ out of a possible 100. The other members of the team comprised Messrs. C. Fullerton, S. Joseph and J. Alexander. The winners were closely followed into second place by the Materials Department team under the leadership of Mr. P. Cornwallis, who were only one point behind with a score of 81½. Third place was taken by another Fire and Safety Section team under the leadership of Mr. S. Thornhill, with a score of 79 points.

During the afternoon a demonstration of the

Artificial Respiration Competition at Penal

Holger Neilson Method of Artificial Respiration was given by Messrs. H. Mohamed, S. Thornhill and H. Mahabirsingh. It was announced that training will be given in this new method but will not as yet replace the Schafer Method so far as our teams are concerned.

At the conclusion of the competition, the Haidar Ali Shield was presented by Mr. W. E. Madden, General Manager, to Mr. C. S. D. Lee Sam who accepted same on behalf of his team, and the Harvey Cup, which was won by the I.R. & P. Department, was presented by Mr. Harvey's son, to Mr. F. R. Callender, Head of the I.R. & P. Department. Certificates were presented by Mr. W. E. Madden to each member of the winning team, and we are given to understand that they will probably also be awarded Certificates from the Royal Humane Society certifying their efficiency in Artificial Respiration. After these presentations had been made, Mr. W. E. Madden took the opportunity of making a presentation to Messrs. C. Sookoo and A. Peters who, by their prompt action and the use of Artificial Respiration, recently rendered valuable assistance to a fellow worker who had been gassed. The judges for the competition were Doctors N. W. Ahin, F. E. V. Cant, J. V. Thurston, Supt. Eric Glaisher, and Messrs. K. N. Barnado, F. R. Callender, G. R. Patterson and T. J. Upton.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. S. J. Riley, the Fire and Safety Officer, on the smooth, efficient, and prompt manner in which the whole competition was organised and conducted, and we should also like to congratulate the winners on the very high standard attained by them. It is to be hoped that the ever-growing interest shown in this annual event will continue and that next year even more teams will present themselves for the competition.



Mr. F. R. Callender receives the Harvey Cup on behalf of the I.R. & P Dept.



Mr. C. S. D. Lee Sam accepts the Haidar Ali Shield on behalf of his team.

Spotlight on Sport

By CLYDE McCLEAN

FOOTBALL :



WHEN the last issue of UBOTIMES went to Press, the 1951 Football Season was on the verge of going into long recess. Our readers will recall that an unfortunate incident occurred during the final game for the Oilwell Supply Cup against Leaseholds F.C. of Pointe-a-Pierre and that a decision regarding a replay or otherwise was awaited from the S.A.F.L. officials. Eventually, the fixture was abandoned and it was decided that 1951 would be "no contest".

The battle for the Gooden-Chisholm Cup brought the season to a close when Maple F.C., champions of the T.A.F.A. of Port-of-Spain, were our conquering guests by the convincing margin of 4 goals to 1. At the conclusion of the game, the presentation of trophies and medals by Mrs. K. V. Galt, wife of the



Mr. Delbert Charleau, proudly exhibits the F.A. Trophy.

President of the S.A.F.L., revealed that the 1951 season had brought to UBOTS 1st Eleven, the Mark Moody Stuart Shield, the Duckham and Danboline Cups, and jointly with Providence F.C. of the

T.A.F.A., the F.A. Trophy. The Johnstone Shield again came the way of UBOTS 2nd Eleven.

At the close of the season, a Trinidad representative side made a successful tour of Guadeloupe and three UBOTS players in the persons of Delbert Charleau, Doyle Griffith and Ivan de Gourville had the honour of being selected. Sterling performances by Charleau during this tour left the selectors no alternative but to include him as wing-half on the first Caribbean Football XI which toured Jamaica. Trinidad gained 4 places on this team which was drawn up from all the islands and countries of the Caribbean. It is interesting to note that Charleau made his debut in first class football in 1941 at the age of 16 when he played at inside-left and right-wing for Rochford F.C., champions of the S.A.F.A. for three consecutive years. He was awarded his Trinidad cap in 1947 when he was selected to play at right-half against Jamaica and British Guiana, in Trinidad. In 1948 he again represented Trinidad at Surinam, and later toured British Guiana with a South Trinidad side. In 1949 he toured Haiti, Puerto Rico and Jamaica. In 1950 he again went to British Guiana, with an all-Trinidad side, and later that year he represented Trinidad at home in a triangular series between Surinam, Curacao and Trinidad.

On the 30th January, a Chinese Dinner was given by the Executive Board of the U.B.A.A. in appreciation of the performances given by UBOTS players in the S.A.F.L. Competitions. At this function, all the players who had represented UBOTS during the season were invited and Mr. T. M. Forgan, Acting General Manager, together with various Department Heads was present. Mr. A. P. Christie, Chairman of the Football Section, spoke on behalf of the U.B.A.A. and gave a brief resumé of the season's activities. Mr. Forgan, replying on behalf of the Executive Board, congratulated the boys on their successes. In the course of his address, he referred to the unfortunate incidents which occurred during the Oilwell Supply Cup final with T.L.L. of Pointe-a-Pierre, and made a stirring plea for clean football. He emphasised the fact that when a team goes on the field of play, it should go with only one object in mind, *i.e.*, to play a hard but clean game in an endeavour to win. Mr. Ken V. Galt, President of the S.A.F.L., then complimented Mr. Forgan on the invaluable advice he had given and expressed regret that he was not in a position to have the speech recorded for the benefit of all footballers in the island. After the speeches, a short programme of songs rendered by Messrs. Eddie Procope, C. Andrews and R. Baptiste, brought a fine evening's entertainment to a close.



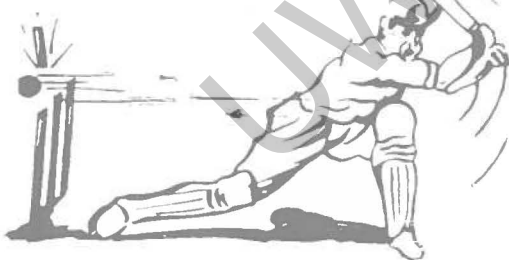
U.B.A.A. 1st XI. Football team for 1951 :

Left to Right — Top Row : C. Andrews, (Committee) S. Drayton, R. Baptiste, A. Carty, G. Edwards (Committee).

Middle Row : D. Charleau, A. P. Christie (Chairman), L. Gloudon.

Front Row : R. Halls, G. Worrell, C. Drayton, F. Hackett, L. Steele.

CRICKET :



Unlike the beginning of last season, weather conditions have been ideal for cricket. U.B.A.A., as usual, had its practice pitches prepared as early as the second week in January and with the use of overhead nets for the first time the players rounded into form very quickly.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd January when the following were elected to guide the destinies of the Section for 1952: Messrs. C. A. L. MacLean (Chairman), J. Handel (Hon. Secretary), T. Arismandez, N. Nurse and B. Peters (Management Committee). The honour of captaining the 1st Eleven was bestowed on N. Nurse, while

veteran L. Dopwell was named as deputy. Once again, Theo. Arismandez will be responsible for the 2nd Eleven retaining the Cup.

ST. PATRICK CUP COMPETITIONS

The Annual General Meeting of clubs interested in this competition was conducted on the 17th January when only one major change was effected in the administrative set up, i.e., that of Chairman. This change was caused by the resignation of Mr. L. Sellier who has held the position since the inception of the Competition 14 years ago. His place has been taken by the energetic Mr. Eddie Taylor who, we are sure, will do everything within his power to revitalise this deteriorating organisation. Quite a few interesting suggestions were put forward at this meeting including one to send a representative side to one of the neighbouring islands during the current season.

1st Class :

Eight teams were admitted to this year's competition, viz., Apex, Antilles, Brighton, Barrackpore, Forest Reserve, Middlesex, T.P.D. and ourselves. Of this group, Middlesex C.C. of Point Fortin, are newcomers. They are a team sporting at least eight players who represented U.B.A.A. 1st Eleven last season.

This means that places have become available on the U.B.A.A. 1st XI for some of the promising youngsters who for the past few years have been itching to show their worth. Our 1st Eleven, except for seasoned players like L. Dopwell, N. Nurse, P. Lokai, R. Valentine and C. McClean, are an entirely new side and the "oldtimers" have impressed on the newcomers how essential team spirit and harmony is if a team is to achieve success. The Competition started its first round on the 2nd February, when U.B.A.A. 1st Eleven journeyed to T.P.D. The ground was as fast as any in the Island and after our skipper, N. Nurse, had called the coin correctly he decided to bat on a perfect wicket. Our openers, L. Archibald (20) and L. Nagaur (19) put on 30 runs before they were separated but with the introduction of the spinners we lost our 3rd wicket with the score at 48 runs. H. Juman and C. McClean then got together and carried the score to 92 runs, before the latter left with his contribution of 16. It was encouraging to see the newcomer, H. Juman, one of those promoted from 2nd Class rank, continue to belt the opponents bowling to all parts of the field, his innings of 65 runs including 12 fours. Other valuable knocks by P. Lokai (31 not out), and B. Peters (14) brought our score up to 196 runs. T.P.D. started their innings the same afternoon and lost 1 wicket for 31 runs. On the second day, we started very enterprisingly having 5 of their wickets down for 79 runs, when rain, which had been threatening, came down heavily. Upon resumption, our bowlers found themselves under a great handicap in not being able to grip the ball properly and the T.P.D. batsmen, with J. Panteau (77), A. Trim (45) and L. Johnson (44) outstanding, took advantage of the situation and pushed the total to 224 runs, a lead of 28. This, indeed, appeared to be a very slender lead but with deadly bowling by the T.P.D. bowlers we could only muster 38 runs, only one player getting into double figures. We thus lost our first game by ten wickets.

2nd Class :

Theo. Arismandez continues to obtain satisfactory results for the U.B.A.A. in the St. Patrick 2nd Class Cup Competition. With the promotion of some of his previous years' players to 1st Class, we had to search for talent amongst players in the Inter-department competition. While T.P.D.'s 1st XI were beating our 1st XI at Palo Seco, the U.B.A.A. 2nd XI were retaliating in no uncertain manner at the Mahaica Oval. Theo and his men took the field and in just over an hour had the T.P.D. team bundled back to the pavilion for the meagre total of 47 runs. Those responsible for this debacle were E. Boatswain (4 for 12), R. Slater and R. Ramserran (each 2 for 4) and C. Khabay (1 for 2). Our boys then went in to bat and an opening stand between R. Slater (27) and F. Guerra (10) realised 28 runs. Our opponents' score of 47 runs was passed after the fall of our second wicket and then good batting by C. Khabay (27), O. Caine (23), I. Mayers (18) and T. Arismandez (17) saw our last wicket fall at 134 runs. With a lead of 87 runs against them, T.P.D. fared slightly better in their second venture but not good enough to stave off an innings defeat, 58 runs being all they could muster.

Baker Cup :

At the conclusion of the presentation match played on the 10th February, the U.B. Club XI received this trophy which they had won at the end of last season. This was the second consecutive occasion on which they had won this trophy and it is to be hoped they will complete the hat-trick this year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Inter-oilfields Cricket League, for which the Baker Cup is the trophy, was held at the Apex Senior Staff Club on the 25th January, when officers were elected for the 1952 season, and fixtures up to May were drawn up. The U.B. Club XI made a none too impressive start by losing their first match to U.B. Club Penal, the scores being Penal 175 and Point Fortin 137. The latter are consoling themselves with the saying, "A bad start often makes a good end".

Inter-Department :

The Annual General Meeting of this House competition was held on Wednesday, 6th February, when the following officers were elected: Messrs. C. McClean (Chairman), K. Corbie (Hon. Secretary), N. Burnette, J. Lewis and J. Beccles. The first job was to complete the 1951 competition and the clash between Engineering Shops and Offices resulted in a win for the former who thus hold the Tanner Cup. Materials "B" trounced Engineering Shops and thus earned the right to meet the Penal finalists for the Pracy Cup. When the final was played Penal emerged winners.

U.B.A.A. Players in South Trials :

Three of our players, Henry Juman, Buxton Peters and Clyde McClean were invited by the Rahamut and St. Patrick Joint Committees to take part in a trial in preparation for the game which took place between the visiting British Guiana Cricket team and a South XI. Despite good performances by all of them they were not fortunate enough to gain selection.

TENNIS :



As our readers will recall, the Thompson Cup symbol of Tennis supremacy amongst members of U.B. Junior Staff Club, was still being fought for when the last issue of UBOTIMES was published. The series has now been played and C. Mejias, A. Maul and R. Warner, champions of A, B, and C Classes respectively, met in a knock-out competition. C. Mejias finally emerged champion.

HOCKEY :

Last year, U.B. Club won the Southern Amateur Hockey Championship and after a presentation match against the "Rest" which they won by 5 goals to 4, they received their trophy. This season, two teams have been entered in the Competition and the "A" team has so far won 3 of the 4 games played. The "B" has unfortunately lost the first four matches they have played.

ATHLETICS :

CORONATION CUP :

In brilliant sunshine, and in the presence of a small but enthusiastic crowd, the annual inter-department Athletic Meeting for the Coronation Cup went off in splendid style at the Mahaica Oval on the 9th March. The Cup, emblem of athletic supremacy amongst the Departments was won for the first time by the Offices & Guards combined team. The Engineering Shops team, last year's winners, were greatly handicapped by the fact that injuries prevented Clayton Lynch, the 1951 "Victor Ludorum" winner, from taking part in the sprint events. Nevertheless, we saw a great champion in Leon Gloudon, of the Refinery Department, who not only secured all the 13 points gained by his Department, but also carried off the "Victor Ludorum" trophy. Gloudon had originally taken entry for the "B" Class sprint events only, but after winning the 100 yards event in that class, he was asked to represent his Department in the "A" Class events for which they had no entrants. He consented, and ten minutes later ran third in the 100 yards "A" Class Flat and first in both classes of the 220 yards Flat events. The feature race of the meeting was the Invitation 3-mile Flat starring such crack runners as H. Hyland, P. Gretton, and A. Watkins, of Port-of-Spain, E. Toussaint, E. Cadogan, and C. Alexander, of San Fernando, and J. Roberts and C. Cornwall, of Point Fortin. E. Toussaint, the winner, set a blistering pace from the start and under the blazing sun we saw all but two of his followers drop out of the race. Point Fortin had good reason to be proud of J. Roberts who finished the distance a few yards behind E. Cadogan who was placed second. During the course of the Meeting, prizes were distributed by Messrs. W. E. Madden, the General Manager, T. M. Forgan, the Asst. General Manager, J. L. Andrews and C. Bridgwood, and at its conclusion, the Coronation Cup and the "Victor Ludorum" trophy were presented by Mrs. T. M. Forgan.

Hereunder, are the results of the Coronation Cup events only :—

100 Yards Flat "B" Class :

1. L. Gloudon (Refinery)
2. A. Baptiste (Offices & Guards)
3. C. West (Offices & Guards)

100 Yards Flat "A" Class :

1. E. Toussaint (Offices & Guards)
2. C. Turton (Offices & Guards)
3. L. Gloudon (Refinery)

One Mile Cycle — Coasters :

1. H. Bailey (Eng. Fields & General)
2. C. Thomas (Penal)
3. G. Terry (Penal)

Long Jump — Open :

1. C. Lynch (Eng. Shops)
2. E. Toussaint (Offices & Guards)
3. J. Roy (Eng. Field & General)

220 Yards Flat "B" Class :

1. L. Gloudon (Refinery)
2. A. Baptiste (Offices & Guards)
3. L. Steele (Eng. Shops)

220 Yards Flat "A" Class :

1. L. Gloudon (Refinery)
2. C. Turton (Offices & Guards)
3. L. Brewster (Eng. Shops)

880 Yards Flat Race :

1. L. Christopher (Eng. Fields & General)
2. H. Williams (Eng. Shops)
3. F. Ogis (Eng. Fields & General)

High Jump — Open :

1. G. Jack (Offices & Guards)
2. J. Roy (Eng. Fields & General)
3. C. Tom (Eng. Shops)

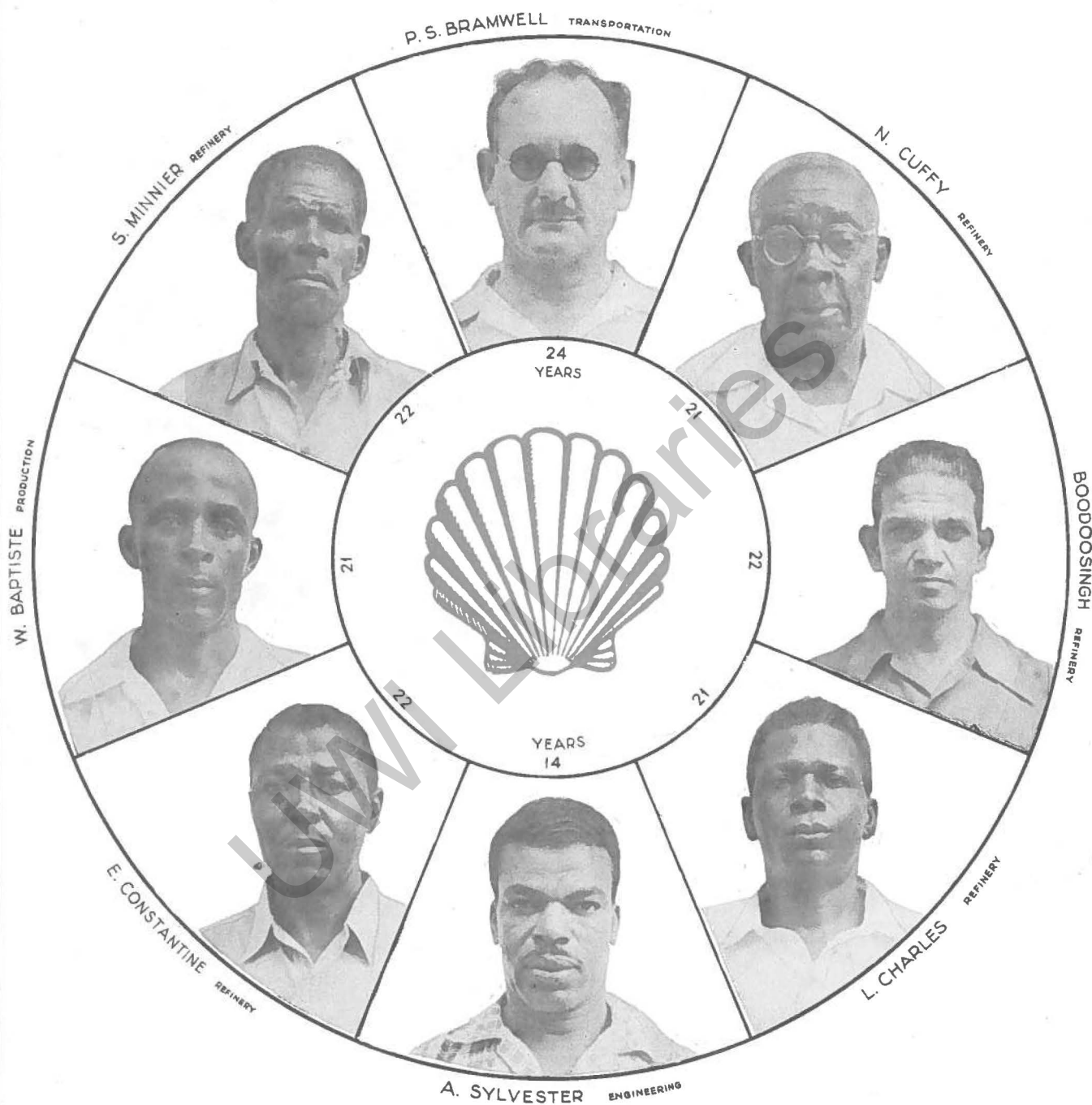
440 Yards Flat Race :

1. V. Maitland (Eng. Shops)
2. C. Turton (Offices & Guards)
3. L. Christopher (Eng. Fields & General)

440 Yards Relay Race :

1. Offices & Guards
2. Eng. Shops
3. Eng. Fields & General

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS



and still going strong!

1. How many hazards can you find in the picture illustrated above. Make a list, noting all points as briefly as possible and numbering them separately.
2. The list should be made on sheets of paper on which you must plainly indicate your full name, registered number and section. Place the completed sheets in an envelope addressed to the Fire & Safety Officer, U.B.O.T. Ltd., Point Fortin. The words "What's Wrong Competition" must be written in the top left hand corner of the envelope.
3. The competition is open to all employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd., but only one entry per person will be allowed.
4. The first correct or most nearly correct solution opened will be awarded the prize of TWENTY DOLLARS. The next most nearly correct solutions opened will be awarded TEN CONSOLATION PRIZES to the value of FIVE DOLLARS each.
5. Closing date for the competition is 4.00 p.m. on Friday 25th April, 1952 and all entries received after that time will be null and void.
6. The decision of the Fire & Safety Officer is final in all matters connected with the competition.