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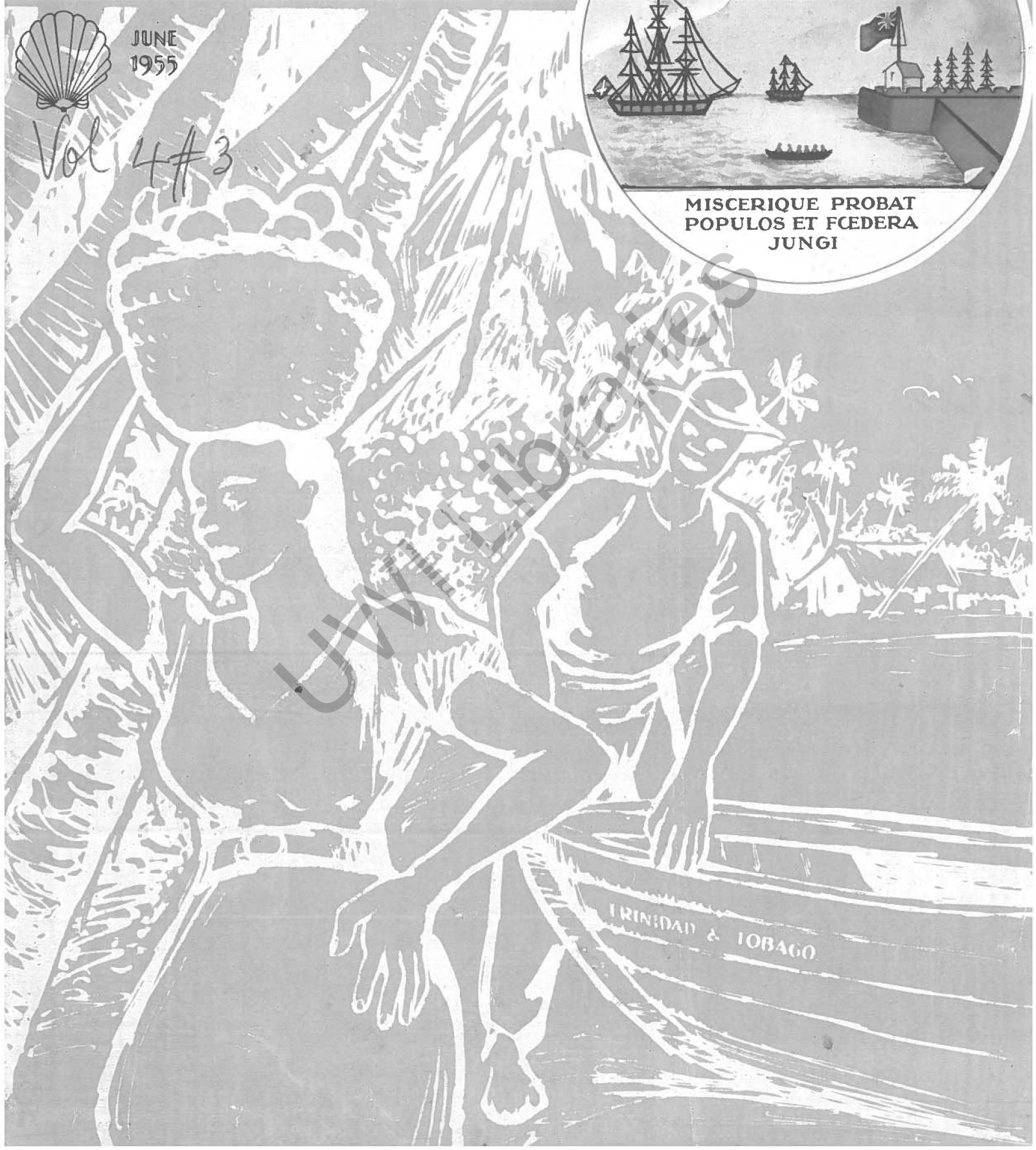


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## *His Excellency, Sir Edward Beetham*

*Beetham, Edward Betham, K.C.M.G. 1950 ; C.V.O. 1947 ; O.B.E. 1946. Born 19th February 1905; son of late Dr. Beetham, Red House, Knaresborough; married 1933, Eileen Joy Parkinson, one d. Educated : Charterhouse; Lincoln College, Oxford. District Officer, Kenya, 1928-1938 ; seconded to Colonial Office, 1938; District Commissioner, Sierra Leone, 1938-1940; Chief Assistant Colonial Secretary, Sierra Leone, 1940-1946; acted as Colonial Secretary and Governor's Deputy, Sierra Leone, on many occasions; Resident Commissioner of Swaziland, 1946-1950, of Bechuanaland Protectorate 1950-1953; Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Windward Islands 1953-1955.*

*On behalf of its readers, the Editorial Board of UBOTIMES extends a hearty welcome to His Excellency, Sir Edward Beetham, and wishes him a happy and successful tour of duty as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Trinidad & Tobago.*

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## SIR ANDREW AGNEW, C.B.E.

IT is with the deepest regret that we record the death on March 4 of Sir Andrew Agnew, C.B.E., a Director of our Company from 1923 to 1953, at the age of 73.

Educated in Scotland, Sir Andrew (then Mr. Agnew) went to the Far East in 1903 as a member of the staff of Messrs. Syme & Company, at that time the Shell agents in the Straits Settlements. When, in 1908, The Asiatic Petroleum Company opened their own office in Singapore, he became a member of the staff, and in 1911 he was appointed Manager there and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group's representative for the Singapore area.

During the First World War, he was a member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements and also undertook other responsible duties, in recognition of which he was awarded the honour of Commander of the Order of the British Empire, being one of the first to receive this distinction. He returned to London in 1919, and in 1922 was appointed a Director of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company Limited and a Managing Director of The Asiatic (now Shell) Petroleum Company and of The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, being appointed a Director of United British Oilfields of Trinidad, Limited, in the following year. In 1924 he was appointed

to the Board of N.V. de Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij, and in 1935 he became a Managing Director of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company.

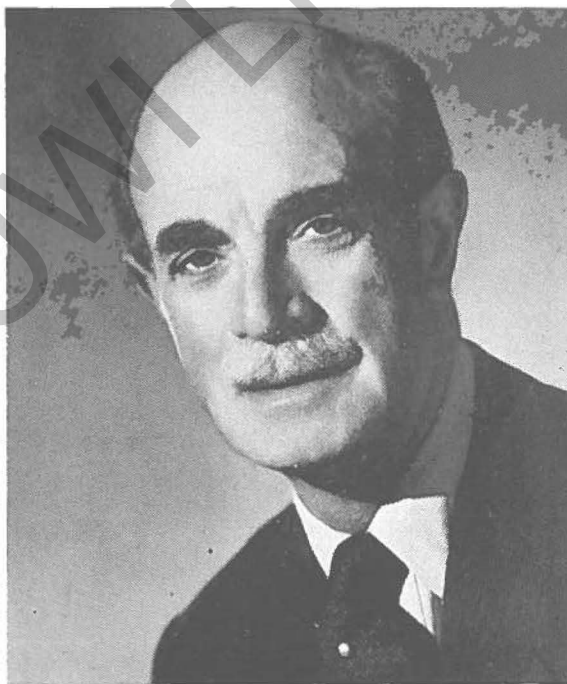


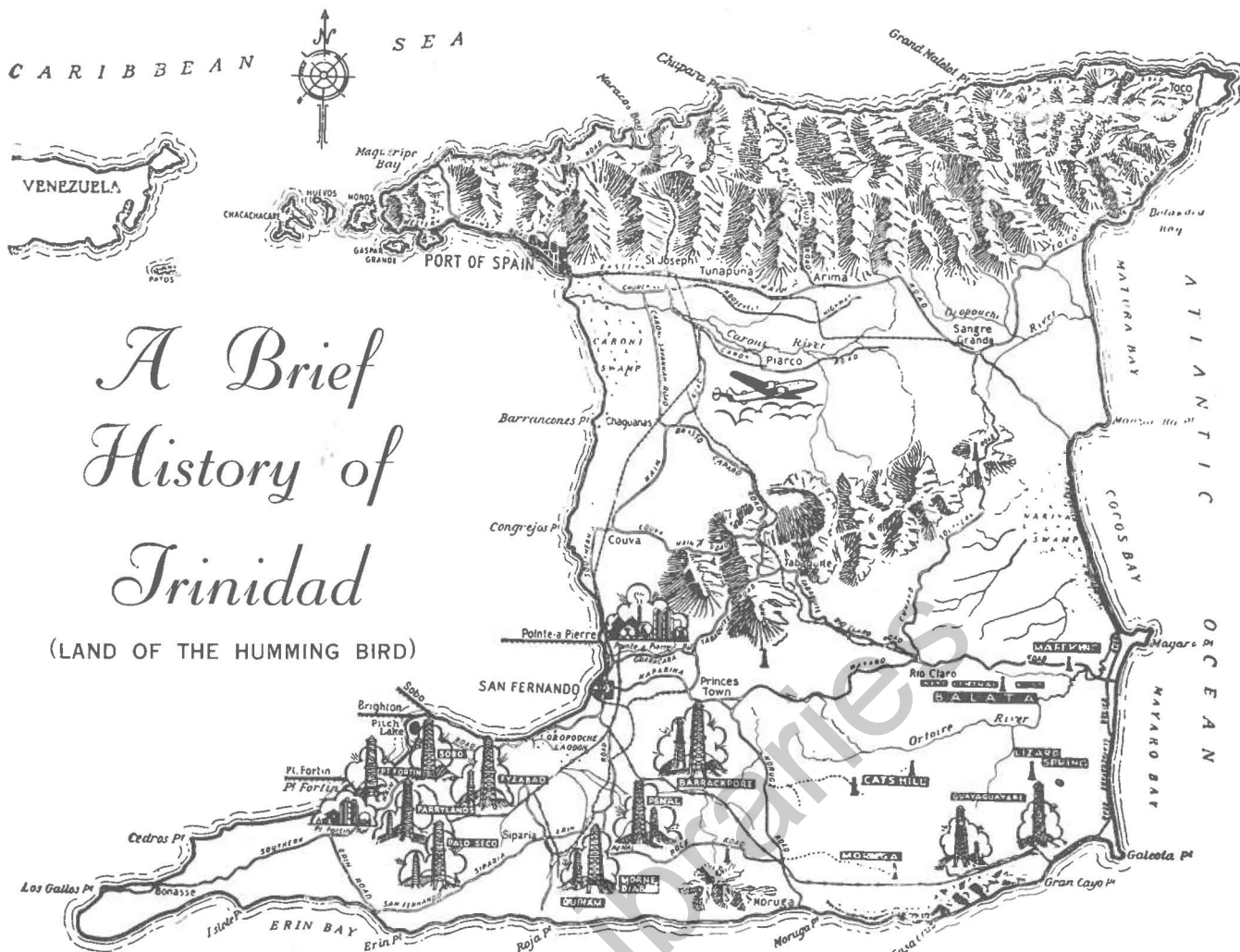
Photo by courtesy G. Scott Bushe

At the end of 1937 he decided to lessen his day-to-day activities with the Group, and resigned his Managing Directorships except that of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, but remained a Director of each of the Companies.

The honour of knighthood was conferred upon him in 1938, and in July of the following year Sir Andrew was created a Commander in the Order of Orange Nassau.

At the outbreak of the Second World War Sir Andrew resumed his active career, becoming Chairman of the Petroleum Board, and he was one of those responsible for the construction of pipelines in the United Kingdom which played such a vital part in maintaining fuel supplies. He was awarded the Order of the Legion of Honour and the United States Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm.

Sir Andrew resigned from the Board of the B.P.M. in 1951, and from the Boards of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, The Anglo-Saxon and The Shell Petroleum Companies and United British Oilfields of Trinidad, Limited, on December 31, 1953.



# A Brief History of Trinidad

(LAND OF THE HUMMING BIRD)

TRINIDAD is the second largest and the most southerly of the British West Indian islands. Situated between  $10^{\circ} 2'$  and  $10^{\circ} 50'$  North latitude and  $60^{\circ} 55'$  West longitude, it is 4,005 miles by sea from London, 2,352 miles from Halifax, 1,958 miles from New York and 7 miles from Venezuela, from which it is separated by the comparatively shallow and landlocked Gulf of Paria and the narrow channels of the Bocas. The island is rectangular in shape with promontories at the north-west and south-west and has an area of 1,864 square miles with an average length of 50 miles, and breadth of  $37\frac{1}{2}$  miles. (It is slightly smaller than the County of Lancashire). Its flora, fauna and geological structure are similar to those of the Orinoco region of the South American Continent. Two mountain systems, the Northern and Southern Ranges, stretch almost its entire width along the sea, and a third, the Central Range, lies somewhat diagonally across its middle portion but the island is mostly flat. The highest peaks, Aripo (3,085 feet) and El Tucuche (3,072 feet), are in the Northern Range. The three most important rivers are the Caroni, which drains the north-western portion of the island, the Ortoire or Guatare, which drains the south-eastern section and the Oropouche the north-east. The chief towns are Port-of-Spain, the capital (population 111,150), San Fernando (population 35,000) and Arima (population 10,450).

The aboriginal name for Trinidad was Iere (*i.e.*, The Land of the Humming Bird). It was discovered by Christopher Columbus on July 31, 1498, when, on his third voyage to the West Indies, he sighted three mountain peaks at Moruga and took nominal possession of the island for the Crown of Spain. The inhabitants at that time—described by Columbus as “developed, gentle” aborigines—were probably Arawak and Chaima Indians, and not Caribs as popularly believed. It appears likely that the fierce and warlike Caribs did not live for any length of time in Trinidad but visited this island from time to time in their war

canoes for the purpose of raiding the more peaceful and industrious Arawaks and Chaimas.

From the time of discovery until 20 years before British occupation only a few half-hearted Spanish attempts at colonisation were made, achieving no permanent measure of success. Then in 1777, M. Roume de St. Laurent arrived in Trinidad from Grenada (then French) and conceived the idea of developing it with persons from the neighbouring islands. He petitioned the Madrid Government with success, and the “Cedula” (a collection of rules by which St. Laurent hoped to put his ideas to effect) was approved by the King of Spain and embodied in the laws of Trinidad.

Don José Maria Chacón last of the Spanish Governors, was hard put to enforce the “Cedula”, which lavished attractive acres of land on newcomers. In spite of the resistance of the old residents, however, the plan was a success and from a total of 3,000 inhabitants in 1783 the figure rose to 18,000 by 1797. With these new arrivals Trinidad ceased, in all but name, to be a Spanish possession.

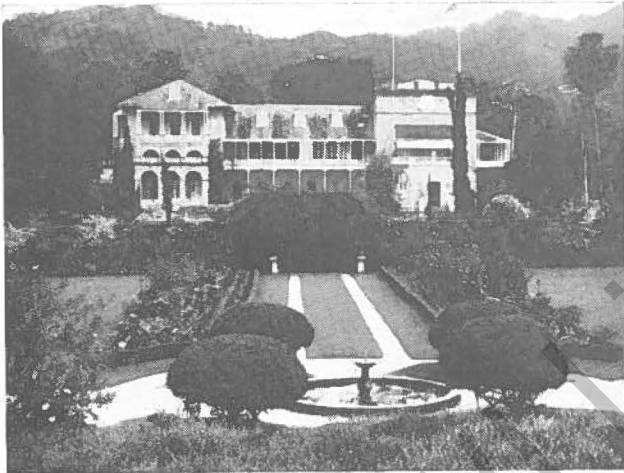
It was then that the British Government, pointing out the Colony as “a source of great mischief to the British islands, being a shelter for privateers who annoy the trade, and offers an asylum for bad people of every description” recommended to General Sir Ralph Abercrombie, Commander-in-Chief in the West Indies, that he launch an attack upon the Spaniards.

And so it was that on February 12, 1797, a British expedition under the command of Abercrombie, and consisting of seven ships of the Line, two Frigates, eight corvettes and three transports carrying 6,750 troops sailed from Martinique (then in British hands) for Trinidad. The fleet entered the Grand Boca on the afternoon of the 16th and during the night the Spanish squadron of five ships, at anchorage at Chaguaramas, were set on fire by the Spaniards themselves. Troops were landed at Mucurapo point the following day and Abercrombie, at the cost of one

British and "a few" Spanish lives, surrounded the Spanish garrison of about 500 and demanded its surrender. At eight o'clock on the morning of the 18th the Articles of Capitulation were signed and the island passed into British hands.

With an economy based largely on the production of sugar and to a lesser degree coffee, cotton, cocoa, tobacco and indigo, Trinidad, in those days, boasted annual exports of approximately \$1,000,000. The centres of population were the capital Port D'Espagne (Port-of-Spain); St. Juan D'Aracagua (San Juan); a former capital, San José de Oruna (St. Joseph); San Fernando de Naparima (San Fernando); and the four Indian Missions of Arima, Toco, Siparia and Sangre Grande.

Don Chacon was allowed to depart from the Colony a few days after the capitulation and was followed two months later by Abercrombie who left as Governor, Colonel (later General) Sir Thomas Picton, his A.D.C. A force of 520 soldiers remained to hold the island which now began to prosper under iron rule by Picton. So much so that the Spanish inhabitants petitioned him that if and when peace was made Trinidad should not be exchanged for any consideration. Picton backed this request and the island emerged a confirmed possession of Britain from the Treaty of Amiens, signed on March 27, 1802.



*Government House, Port-of-Spain.*

With a stable Government, Trinidad was rapidly developing and in 1813 Sir Ralph James Woodford arrived as the first civil Governor since the Spanish capitulation. His first act, on being sworn in, was to dismiss the entire Council and re-model it to his liking. Woodford, a hard worker, was responsible for the rebuilding of Port-of-Spain which had been gutted by fire in 1808.

Agriculture continued to prosper and gradually outside capital began to boost the island's economy, founding new businesses and providing up-to-date facilities.

The name of the Municipal body in Port-of-Spain was changed, in 1840, from the "Illustrious Cabildo" to the Town Council and most of the old and colourful ceremonies of the body were put out of existence while the Criminal Ordinances, bringing the criminal laws of England to Trinidad, were proclaimed on July 22, 1844. The island's first trial by jury took place on December 10 of the same year.

In 1854 Port-of-Spain suffered a serious blow when Asiatic Cholera claimed several thousand lives but out of this emerged a vastly improved sanitation system which soon earned Port-of-Spain's reputation as the cleanest town in the West Indies.

By 1856 exports were up to nearly \$3,000,000; cotton, indigo and tobacco were off the list which, however, now included 2,926 puncheons of rum. Ten years later these export figures were doubled.

During 1861 the Prince's Building was erected in anticipation of a visit (which never materialised) by the Duke of Edinburgh.



*The Prince's Building.*

The story of peaceful prosperity continued to unfold throughout the second half of the 19th century.

The Royal Princes, Edward and George of Wales, arrived on a visit on H.M.S. "Bacchante" on January 7, 1880. The distinguished visitors planted two pouli trees in the Cemetery at "The Mission" which was renamed Princes Town in their honour.

The second Great Fire of Port-of-Spain occurred in 1895 when three-quarters of the city was destroyed.

With the turn of the century the prosperity of the island developed more rapidly still. Oil was discovered in the South of the island and soon became the most important industry, but agriculture continued to play a prominent role, and the famous Pitch Lake with its unlimited reserves, doubled its exports yearly.

Sugar, which dominated the island's history in the 19th century, lost its place to cocoa which replaced it as the Colony's most important agricultural industry. In 1931, however, sugar regained its lead and has continued as the principal agricultural activity and today, oil, sugar, cocoa, asphalt, citrus, coffee and copra constitute the main exports. Manufacturing industries although of less importance than oil and agriculture, also take their place in the pattern of the island's economy and, assisted in recent years by pioneer aid legislation, are still growing.

For the rest, the story of Trinidad is one of continued political and economic advancement.



*Cathedral of The Holy Trinity.*

# Point Fortin Refinery

(By OLIVER ORMROD)

REFINERY work on this site was begun in 1914 when a small distilling unit (Topping Plant I) was built by Trumble Refining Co. for the then United British Refineries Co., now part of U.B.O.T. This ran from 1914 to 1933 producing Fuel Oil, Gas Oil, some Kerosine and Gasoline.

Other small units were added from time to time, e.g., Edeleanu Plant in 1929 for refining Kerosine, a small Asphalt Plant and Bitumen Emulsion Mill. In these early days the finished products were gravitated from the storage tanks on the hill to barges alongside the small jetty, the barges being then towed out to tankers waiting offshore where the contents were pumped aboard.



*Topping Plant No. 2.*

Local markets for Kerosine and Gasoline were mainly supplied by tins, and fairly early on, a tin assembling plant was erected by the jetty, which plant was soon extended to produce tins and drums from flat plate.

In 1933 the Refinery, as we know it now, started taking shape. The old T.P.I was replaced by the larger capacity T.P. II on the same site, and about that time a new 8,000 ft. jetty was built to enable tankers to be loaded direct from the shore (at that time the longest wooden jetty in the world) a sea loading Pumphouse and Main Boiler Station were added, and in 1935 an Ethyl Blending Plant and an Acid Treating Plant were built.

By the outbreak of war in 1939 increases in crude produced by U.B.O.T., and also of crude produced from other Companies necessitated further expansion of the Refinery. T.P. III was built and brought into use in 1940, and further steam and electricity generating capacity were added. In the post-war years

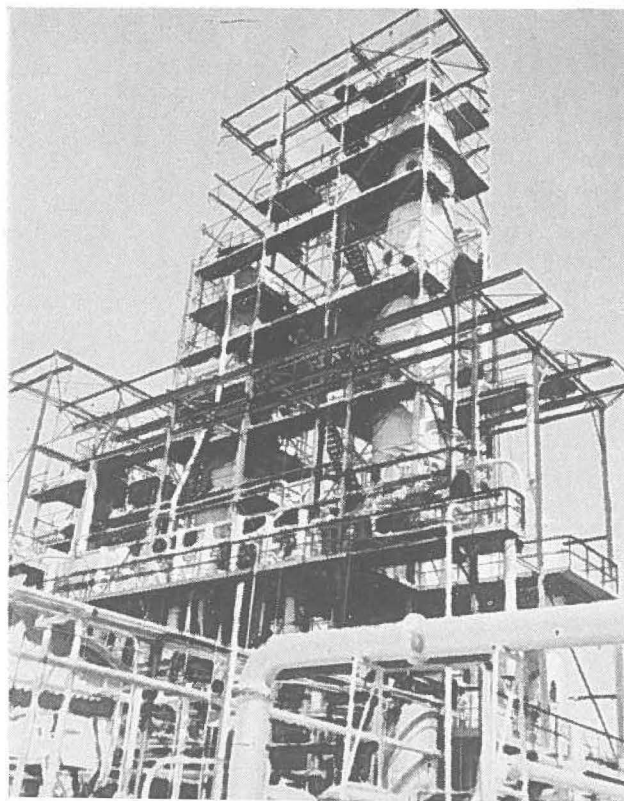


*A view of part of the Refinery area taken from Topping Plant No. 3.*

expansion in the Bitumen trade led to the construction of the Vacuum and Blown Asphalt Plants in 1950 when it became apparent that the quantity of Bitumen required from Point Fortin would greatly exceed the capabilities of T.P. II Bitumen Section.

About this time the Drum Factory was rebuilt in an enlarged form with two production lines for the manufacture of 24, 21 and 18 gauge drums. Also, the present Colas Plant was built and two 1,250 KW steam turbine generators were installed in the present Steam Power Plant.

*Topping Plant No. 3.*



The principal processing units now at Point Fortin are :—

Topping Plant II	—	10,000 bbls. per day
Topping Plant III	—	26,000 bbls. per day
Asphalt Plant	—	4,000 bbls. per day

the feed stocks for which are produced entirely in Trinidad, principally by U.B.O.T., but in part by neighbouring oil companies.

From the above units we obtain :—

(1) *Aviation Component (Gasoline)*

Most of this is shipped to the "Shell" Refinery in Curacao, where it is again refined and is blended with other materials to the various grades of "Shell" Aviation Gasoline.

A small quantity of Gasoline is blended to Motor Gasoline for sale by S.L.D. Co. in the South of Trinidad.

(2) *White Spirit :*

This stream is acid treated on the "P.K." Plant to remove impurities then drummed for sale in the Caribbean for use in dry cleaning and paint manufacture.

A large quantity of White Spirit is also used in the preparation of Bitumen Cutbacks.



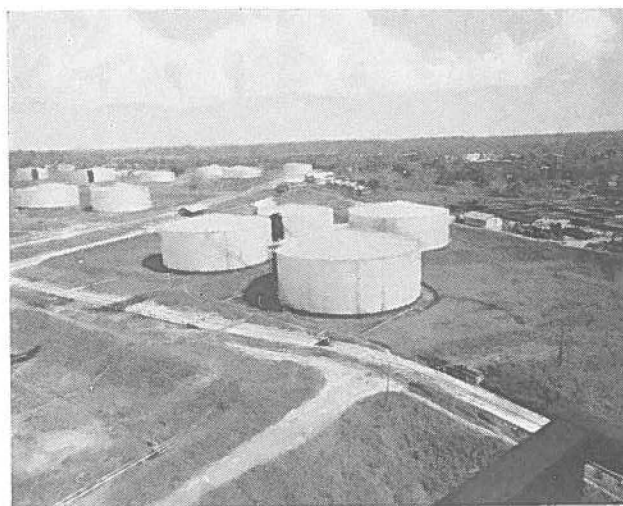
*The Vacuum and Blown Asphalt Plant.*

(3) *Vapourising Oil :*

Vapourising Oil is treated with caustic soda to recover the valuable Napthenic Oil Residue, and then shipped to North-West Europe to be used as a fuel, mainly in agricultural tractors.

(4) *Gas Oil :*

The Gas Oil derived from Light Crude is of high



*Part of the Tank Farm as seen from Topping Plant No. 3.*

Diesel Index and may be used locally for diesel driven vehicles and light marine craft.

The rest of the Gas Oil is blended with heavy distillates from Bitumen manufacture to Marine Diesel Fuel used to bunker ocean-going motor vessels either locally in Trinidad or in distant ports.

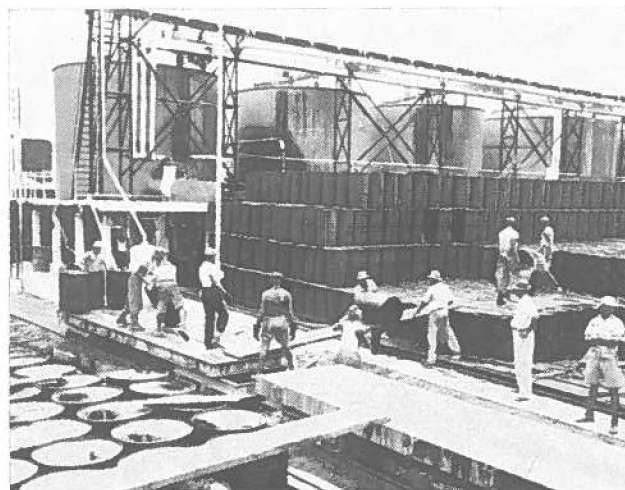
(5) *Fuel*

Fuel residues from both crude units are blended to "Mar Oil", Marine Fuel Oil, which is used to bunker steam-driven vessels.

(6) *Bitumen :*

The manufacture of Bitumen and Cutbacks plays an important part in the programming of refinery operations, as will be realised when it is considered that about 10 per cent of the intake of the refinery, or about 1,000,000 barrels per year, is shipped as one or other of 50 different grades of bituminous products, in orders ranging from a single drum of Cardium Compound for a local sugar factory to 10,000 tons of Cutback for Pakistan or Africa. Each of these grades must be blended to the appropriate "Shell" specification and filled into drums, and each drum must be manufactured as required, tested, filled, weighed and stacked awaiting shipment.

*Stacking drums of bitumen in the Bitumen Shed storage area.*



# Stocks and Shipping Section

(By A. Watson)

AS its name implies, Stocks & Shipping Section is a double purpose establishment. Its main duties are the storing, transferring, blending and other handling of Crude Oil and Refined Oil Products.

At time of writing, the Section consists of 66 persons headed by Mr. A. R. B. Wilson who directs the activities of three Senior Staff, 11 Junior Staff, six Weekly paid and 45 Hourly paid men, all of whom are stationed at Point Fortin.

The Shipping Section of Port-of-Spain Office also comes under the technical supervision of Stocks & Shipping Superintendent at Point Fortin. The Senior Supervisor at Port-of-Spain is Mr. C. A. Lyon who is assisted by six Junior Staff and one Weekly paid employee.

To get an idea of the responsibilities of the Section, let us follow the movement of Crude Oil from the time it enters the Refinery until Refined Products are shipped out and where Oil Stocks & Shipping Section fits into Refinery operations.

Four main types of crude oil are refined at Point Fortin which must be segregated in our main storage tanks at the Adventure Tank Farm. Some of these grades are received into storage on a common pipeline, which makes the operation intricate from the very start. The crude oil tanks must be gauged and have oil temperatures and water gauges recorded before, after, and at regular intervals when receiving from the fields and delivering to the Distillation Units' feed tanks, in order that records of quantities may be kept. Other companies from which we purchase crude oil, pump their oil into the fields' tanks where quantities are agreed on and then transferred to our storage.

Crude oil samples are taken and tested by the Refinery Laboratory whose approval for quality must be obtained before we may supply the Distillation units.

To get crude oil to the Distillation Units, it is necessary to pump it there. In this respect, the Section operates twelve electric and two steam pumps at the Shipping Pump House which handle all refined black and white oil and crude oil. Having delivered crude oil to the Distillation units feed tanks, our responsibility ends until we receive the refined products from the Plants. Mr. McD. Lai Fook who has over 17 years service with the Company is at present foreman in charge of crude oil movements.

Some refined products are pumped direct to our main storage tanks from the Distillation units, others are delivered

via the Plants' run down tanks which serve primarily as a screening process in order to eliminate the possibility of receiving off-grade material in refined products main storage tanks. Complications do arise here at times, since more than one product may have to be pumped along a single pipeline and segregation must be maintained. Pumping of refined products from run down tanks to main storage tanks is carried out by Messrs. L. Honore, B. James, P. Adimoolah and D. Scipio, with the assistance of a gauger on each shift.

With few exceptions, these refined products are unfinished and have to be blended with other components in order to conform to Shell's specifications for products.

In making blends, it very often happens that when a heavy oil and a light oil are pumped into a tank proper mixing does not occur. To overcome this, the oil is pumped around the tank, or "circulated" until the mixture is uniform throughout. This operation is done with pumps already mentioned and on pipelines which are also used for loading ships etc. It will therefore be seen that our operations require planning down to the finest detail.

Mr. H. B. Rostant who has the greatest length of service in the Section, 35 years, supervises all white oil loading movements. It is to be noted that for safety and other reasons, it is standard practice to displace all oil out of white oil loading lines with water when not in use.

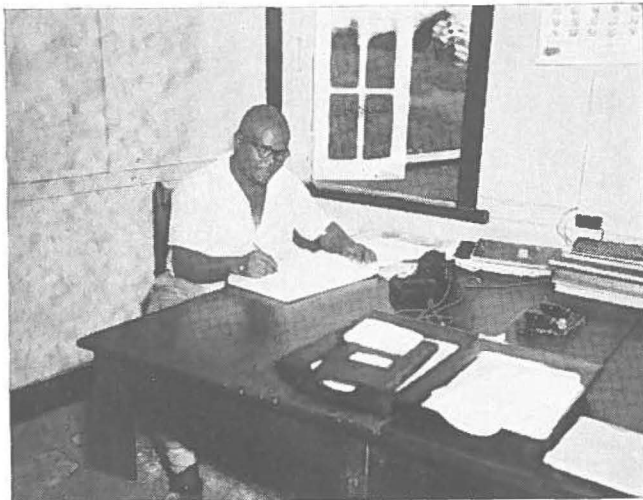
Our operations continue around the clock, day and night, and therefore, most personnel work on a shift basis. A normal shift consists of a Junior Supervisor with ten men working under him. Messrs. D. G. de la Bastide and A. Watson are Senior Supervisors who, though not working shifts, are on call alternate nights and weekends in addition to their usual duties during normal office hours. The Junior Supervisors are Messrs. C. C. Searles, M. D'Andrade, R. Basanta, G. Villanueva and N. A. Hart. Shift Foremen are Messrs. J. Carrington, L. Liddelow, L. Murphy and J. Allong.

The Head Foreman, Mr. C. Bynoe, who appeared in Family Album in this magazine recently, arranges our daily stock statements among his diverse duties.

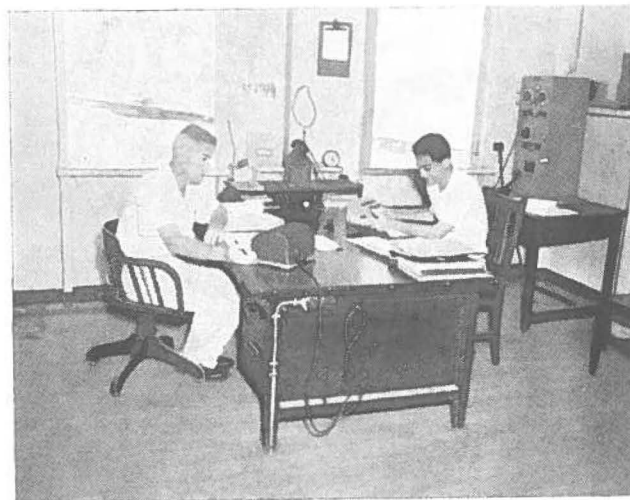
We come now to the actual shipping activities of the Section. Depending on our availabilities and storage position, a telegram is despatched to London Office offering say 8,000 tons Diesel on a certain date. In making such an offer, two points of major importance must be borne in mind, namely, that the cargo will be ready at that date and



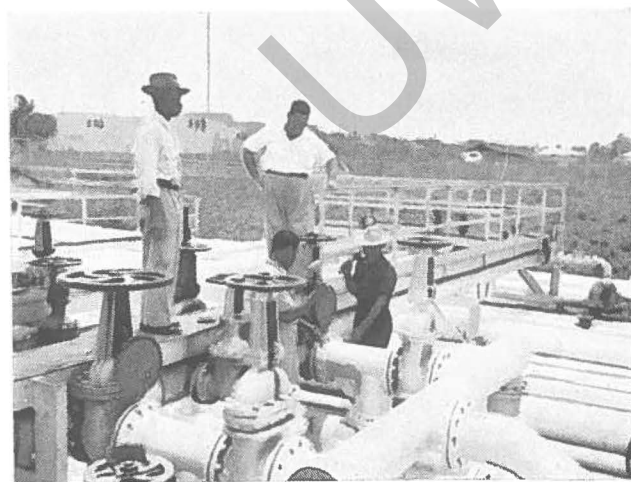
Mr. A. R. B. Wilson, Stocks & Shipping Superintendent.



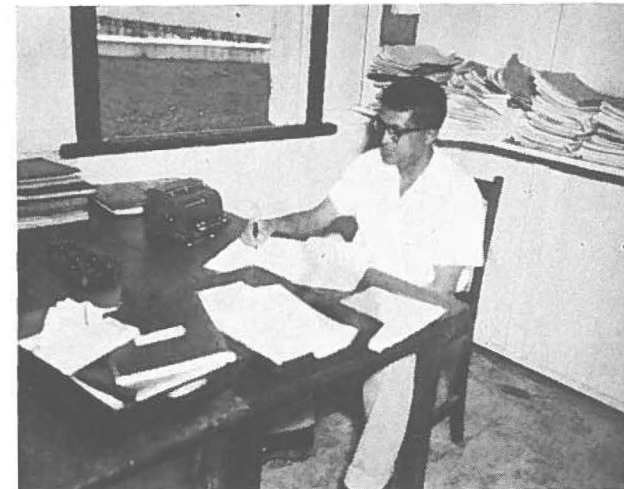
Mr. C. Bynoe checks the stock records.



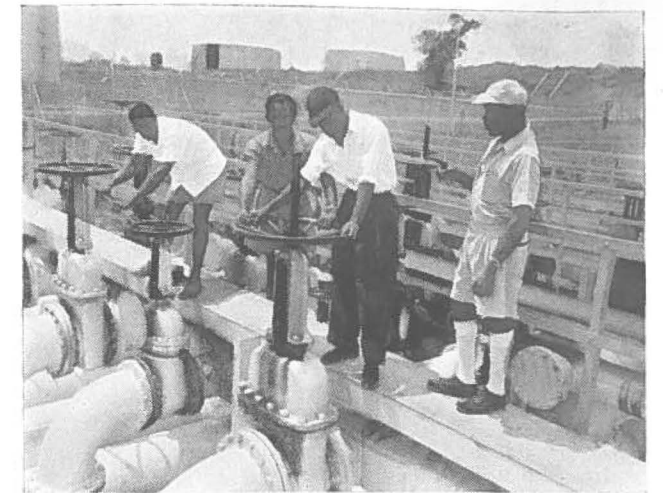
Mr. A. W. Watson, Senior Supervisor, and Mr. N. Hart, Junior Shipping Supervisor.



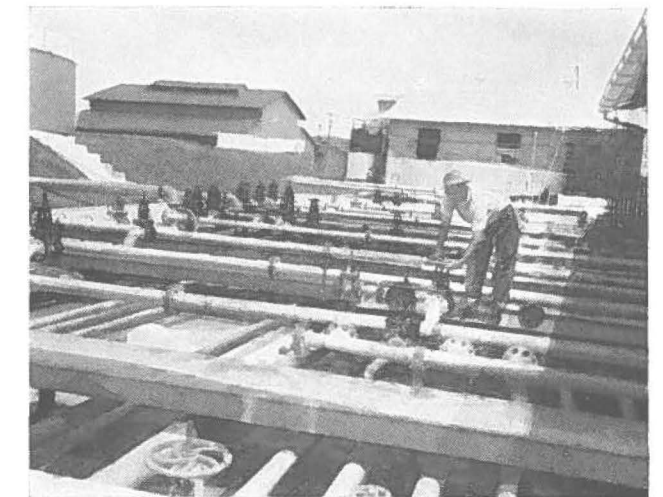
Mr. H. B. Rostant supervises Messrs. L. James, L. John and H. Twits reversing a "blind".



Mr. G. H. McDonald reviews the morning gauge sheets.



Mr. J. Carrington directs Messrs. R. Phillip, P. Mohamed and C. Brown preparing lines for shipping.



Mr. P. Adimoolah transferring products from run-down tanks to Main Storage.



Stocks & Shipping Personnel in Port-of-Spain Office.



Mr. J. A. Gonsalves in radio contact with bunkering barges.



Messrs. S. Elder and V. Hazel taking pump temperatures.



Mr. R. Juba gauging a stock tank.

that enough storage space is reserved to continue receiving uninterrupted refined products from the Plants.

The tanker which is nominated to load this cargo, will wireless us her expected time of arrival (commonly referred to as an ETA) when two days away from Trinidad. Shipping Section at Port-of-Spain then despatches a reply including loading instructions and advises the vessel at the same time to anchor at Port-of-Spain for Pratique since Point Fortin is not a "Port of Entry" and therefore has no Customs and Immigration facilities.

It is compulsory to have a pilot on vessels berthing at Point Fortin, and the pilots usually embark at Port-of-Spain when vessels call there prior to coming down the coast.

The 28-mile trip from Port-of-Spain to Point Fortin takes approximately 2½ hours and when the tanker is made fast at the Jetty Head, the discharging of ballast (if any) begins. Our pipeline jetty at Point Fortin is almost two miles long and is one of the longest wooden jetties of this type in the world. On completion of discharging ballast, tank inspection of the ship's tanks is carried out by the Section in order to determine whether tanks are clean. If found in order, the ship proceeds to load her cargo, opening gauges on shore tanks having been taken beforehand. If the vessel also requires bunkers (for ship's own consumption) this is delivered whilst the ship discharges ballast.

There are a considerable number of documents which must be prepared in connection with export cargoes which averaged over 98,000 tons per month last year and these are made ready as far as possible before a ship completes loading cargo in order to expedite its turnaround. Documentary requirements vary, depending on whose account the shipment is being made and on the destination of the cargo.

When a tanker has completed loading, the shore tanks are gauged, temperatures and water gauges taken, quantities computed and documents which are partially ready are completed. They are then taken out to the ship to be signed by the Master. The Laboratory takes samples from tankers' cargo tanks after loading, and these are tested and must conform to laid down specifications before the vessel may sail.

Delays to tankers are very costly and must be avoided. Occasionally up to two or three tankers arrive at the same time for cargoes ex Point Fortin. In addition a freighter may be nominated to load bunkers from the installation and also arrive at the same time. Under these circumstances delays to vessels will occur since our berths can accommodate only two ocean-going vessels simultaneously. The use of our inside or No. 2 Berth is somewhat limited because this operation is dependent on weather conditions, state of tide and time of day among other factors.

Mr. McD. Lai Fook transferring products from run down tanks to Main Storage.



The Section also operates a Road Waggon Filling Installation where five grades of oil are now despatched to customers. It keeps the Refinery Power Plant supplied with fuel when necessary and blends various grades of oil for use by the Drumming Shed.

In all these operations, there is a considerable amount of gauging, taking of temperatures, bleeding of tanks, blending, linewashing, circulating of tanks etc., and as already mentioned with our export cargoes alone averaging over 98,000 tons per month, this will give some idea of the enormity of our tasks.

The main functions of the Shipping Section at Port-of-Spain Office are the arranging of bunker programmes, Agency work in respect of vessels requiring this service and the despatch of cargo and bunkering documents.

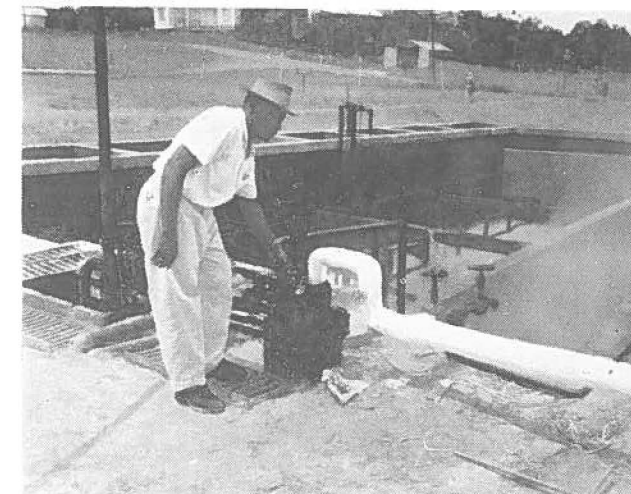
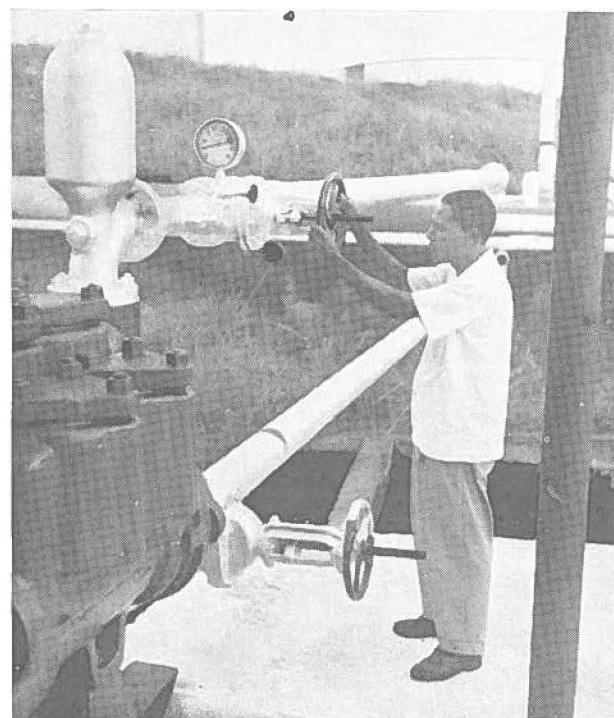
Earlier we had said that documents in respect of cargoes are prepared in Point Fortin, these papers are in turn sent to Port-of-Spain for mailing because many documents require legalisation by the Consular representative of the country for which the cargoes are destined. Since all Consular representatives are resident in or near Port-of-Spain, it has been found that this arrangement for the documents is most convenient.

Apart from Group owned and time chartered vessels, there are several other ships' owners who, not being represented in Trinidad, request that we act as their Agents during their vessels' call here. These ships are not all tankers but often freighters which call here for bunkers only. This work involves arranging for Customs and Immigration formalities on arrival, looking after ship's and crew matters such as arranging ship's repairs, engaging, signing off and repatriating crew when necessary, arranging medical attention, obtaining of Consular clearances, paying of Harbour and Wharf dues etc.

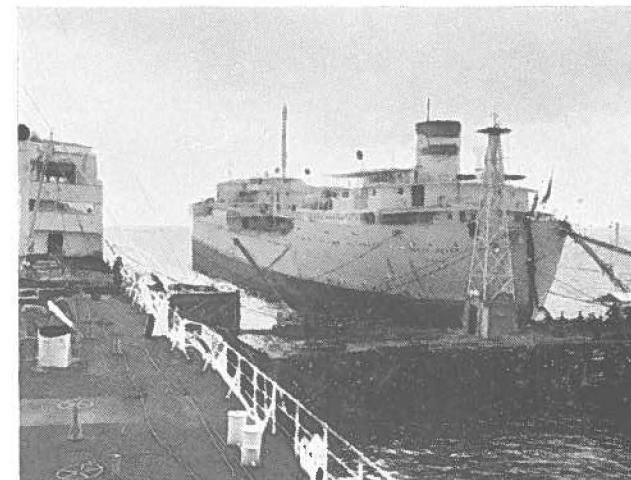
Deliveries of bunker fuel to ocean-going vessels which forms a part of the Shell World-Wide Bunker Service are effected mainly by our two bunkering vessels, S.S. "Marsella" and S.S. "Martina" of approximately 3,300 tons capacity each, which may be frequently seen travelling between Point Fortin and Port-of-Spain. These vessels deliver gas oil, customers diesel fuel and marine fuel oils, depending on our customers' requirements, and were originally built for transporting crude oil from Venezuela to the Shell Refinery at Curacao. Both vessels are equipped with radio telephone and can easily contact Point Fortin and Port-of-Spain Offices which is a great asset in arranging their movements.

In this article we have endeavoured to present only a broad outline of our activities. We trust that the salient points brought out will give the reader a fair idea of our work which goes on incessantly even during Refinery shutdowns.

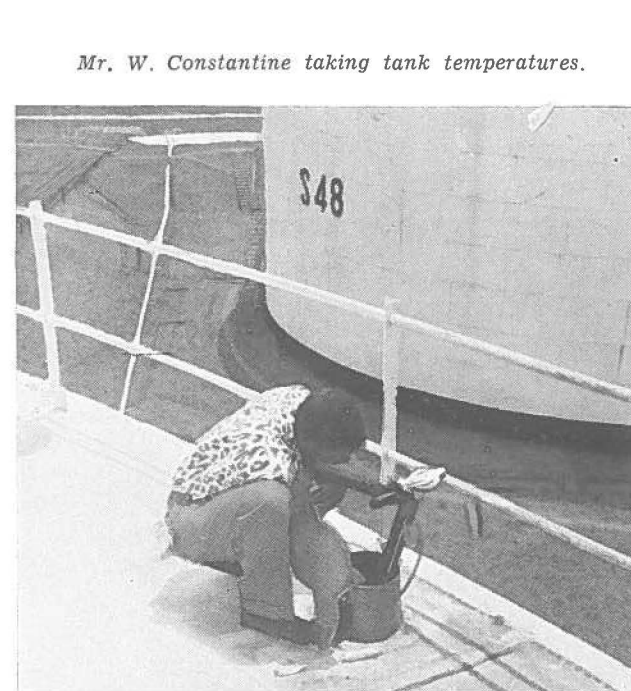
Mr. G. James preparing lines for shipment.



Mr. M. Carrington pumps out an Oil Saver.



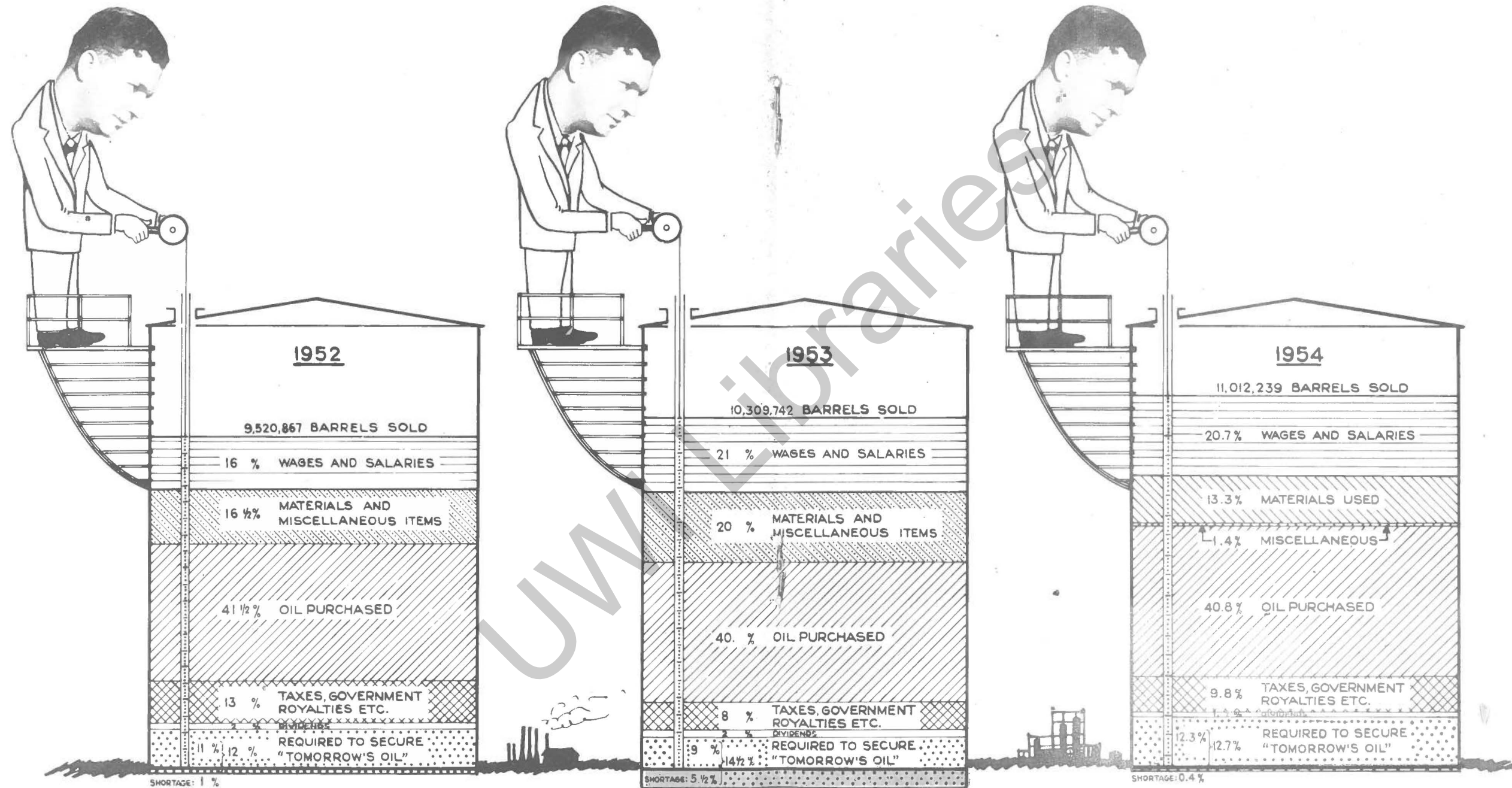
Deep Sea Tankers loading at the Jetty Head.



Mr. W. Constantine taking tank temperatures.

# How the Company's earnings were spent

## A THREE - YEAR REVIEW - 1952, 1953, 1954



This year, thanks to the efforts of all those who work in preparing our Accounts, we can tell you in the second issue of "UBOTIMES", instead of in the third, as in previous years, how the Company's earnings were spent in 1954.

In 1953 we "emptied our pockets", you will remember, and spent \$1.05 1/2 for every dollar we earned.

In 1954 more oil was sold and income was higher — look at the top level in Tank No. 1954 above — but even so it was not quite enough to meet all our expenditure and — look at the red bar below the same tank — we had to "scrape the bottom" again (and we have scraped the bottom of the "pre-1952" tank as well).

To keep our Company sound, which means to secure your jobs for future years and to provide jobs for your sons, we must cease "scraping the bottom" and build up a small margin to draw upon when major expenditures are necessary. YOU can help to achieve this, by continuing to do your job to the very best of your ability and with no avoidable waste of time or materials.

# Around the Departments

## Retirements and Valedictory Functions

ON Saturday, 22nd April, Mr. Michael Andrews was guest of honour at a gay farewell function held in the Transport Office by friends and well-wishers of the Department, on the eve of his retirement from the Company. Mr. Andrews joined U.B.O.T. in 1936 after serving Shell for a number of years in Venezuela and at his retirement had risen to the position of Garage Foreman.



Mr. M. Andrews receives a farewell gift from Mr. J. S. Philipps, Transport Superintendent.

A valedictory function was held "on the job" on Friday 29th April by members of the Accounts Department in honour of Mr. J. A. McGrath prior to his retirement from the Company. Mr. McGrath joined the Company in 1934 as Cashier in the Accounts Department and has served in that capacity for an unbroken period of 21 years. On behalf of the members of the Accounts Department, the Chief Accountant, Mr. J. A. Blair, presented Mr. McGrath



Mr. J. A. Blair, Chief Accountant, presents a portable typewriter to Mr. J. A. McGrath.

with a portable typewriter and wished him health and happiness, and success in his new career.

The Staff of the Refinery Laboratory bade farewell to the Chief Chemist, Mr. L. H. Cooper, at a cocktail party held at the Mahaica Club on the 25th May. Mr. Cooper was presented with an address which was written and read by Mr. Edward Kowlessar, a ship table lamp and a Shell photograph album. Presentations were also made to Mr. L. Smith and Mr. S. Neverson who have resigned and will shortly be leaving to further their studies in the United Kingdom.



Mr. Edward Kowlessar of the Refinery Laboratory makes the presentation to Mr. L. H. Cooper.

The Balata East Main Office was the scene of a warm double party on the evening of Monday 16th May. Firstly as a farewell to Mr. E. A. Pullinger on his departure to the Penal Field as Resident Engineer, and secondly as a welcome to Mr. P. V. Lewes who was then transferred to the Ortoire Area as Resident Engineer. As a token of good will and mark of appreciation to Mr. Pullinger during his association in the Ortoire Area, he was presented with souvenir gifts from both the Engineering and Estate Police Sections.



Mr. E. Donaldson presents a clock to Mr. L. Joseph who recently retired from the Company's service.

## Education and Training

A valedictory function in honour of Mr. Philmore Charles and Mr. T. N. Arismandez of the Materials Department was held in the Department's main office on Saturday 14th May. Mr. F. Clarke, Materials Superintendent, made presentations on behalf of the members of the Department.

The U.B.A.A. (Penal) Club was the venue of a farewell party held in honour of Mr. Frederick Thomas of the Penal Mud Plant on the occasion of his retirement from the Company's service. It was held on Monday 6th June last, the day Mr. Thomas left work on pre-retirement leave. In opening the function, Mr. C. C. Black paid high tribute to the guest of honour and congratulated him on his splendid achievement of attaining 31 years service with the Company. On behalf of his colleagues, Mr. F. H. A. Anderson, Field Superintendent of the Penal Division, presented Mr. Thomas with a beautiful chiming clock after assuring him of the Company's gratitude for his long and efficient association with it and wished him all the best in his retirement. Mr. H. M. Stiasny, Exploitation Engineer of the Penal Division, also congratulated Mr. Thomas and hoped he would enjoy many happy and peaceful years in the future. He then presented him with a water cooler on behalf of his friends.



*Mr. Stiasny presents a Water Cooler to Mr. F. Thomas.*

Mr. D. C. T. Venn of the Penal Production was guest of honour at a function held in the U.B.A.A. (Penal) Club prior to his transfer to Point Fortin. After good wishes were extended and toasts drunk to his health the party ended with "For he is a jolly good fellow".

Members of the EXD. Penal gathered at the Mud Plant recently when Mr E. Guiseppi was presented with a cutlery set and a lovely salad bowl on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. H. M. Stiasny, Exploitation Engineer, opened the function and after congratulating the guest of honour, Mr. A. Bushell, made the presentation.

At a function at the Nurses Hostel, the members of the Medical Department presented Nurse Kong with a wrist watch on the occasion of her retirement.

Mr. Norris Daniel of Refinery Plants, will shortly retire on grounds of ill-health after serving the Company for thirty years.

A short farewell ceremony took place in the Conference Room on June 4th, on the occasion of the departure from Trinidad of Mr. H. Blankestijn, Production Superintendent.

Mr. D. C. T. Venn, the Acting Production Superintendent after a brief speech in which he outlined some of the operational improvements Mr. Blankestijn had made in the Department during his short stay in Point Fortin, presented him, on behalf of his friends and colleagues, with a travelling clock and also wished him bon voyage. Mr. Blankestijn in reply expressed the pleasure he had experienced in working in Trinidad and thanked his colleagues for their friendship and co-operation.

This year we are pleased to announce that the Company has selected three candidates for our Regional Technical Scholarship Scheme. The successful candidates are: J. Bodden, and D. Lihou, ex-Queen's Royal College, and J. Sobrian, ex-St. Mary's College. These candidates began their preliminary training on April 1st, and as usual, will do about 18 months practical work in our three main departments i.e. Exploitation Engineering, Engineering, and Refinery, before proceeding to a University or Technical College in the United Kingdom.

The selection of these three candidates brings the total number of U.B.O.T. Regional Technical Scholarship trainees to 13. At the present time we have two at Manchester University, two at Nottingham University, two at Birmingham University, and four at Loughborough College of Technology.

As our readers will recall, in 1954 the Company organised the Preparatory Training Course for the Apprentices Technical School. This Training Course was designed to give the sons of U.B.O.T. employees a better chance of attaining the standard necessary for entry into the Apprentices Technical School. The results of the first Preparatory Course were encouraging enough to justify the running of another Preparatory Course and this year, the second Preparatory Course started on Monday 13th June. The following 20 boys have been selected from a total of 92 who took the entrance examination held on Saturday 14th May, 1955:— Messrs. M. Belcon, E. Burroughs, R. Byrne, W. Charles, C. Coombs, V. Coombs, U. Greaves, R. Patterson, A. Peters, L. Philbert, M. Prime, N. Ross, U. Seaton, R. Sequea, S. Wiltshire, P. Beckles, C. Nobbee, I. Redhead, F. Sanatan, and S. Wright.

The Supervisor of the Government Adult Classes has asked us to make known to our readers that there is a well established class for giving the ground-work necessary for candidates who wish to take the General Certificate of Education or the Cambridge School Certificate Examination. Tutors include Mr. Peter Farquhar, B.Sc. Economics; and Messrs. John Bodden and Jules Sobrian, recent runners-up for the Islands Science Scholarship. The classes are held at the Point Fortin E.C. School on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

The six Drilling and Production trainees, Messrs. E. Wilson, E. Talma, K. Maynard, C. Thomas, L. Lall, and R. Williams have now successfully completed their three-months course with the Drilling Department and have gone over to Production.

The members of the Literary Section of the Apprentices Training School went on their semi-annual educational outing last month and visited the following places of interest: The San Fernando Technical Institute, the Cement Factory, Canning's Bottling Works, Usine Ste. Madeleine Sugar Factory, and the Caribbean Trade Exhibition.

The Company has made the Apprentices Training School available in the evening from 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. for Evening Classes conducted by Mr. Michael Attai, of the I.R. & P. Department. These classes are intended for persons who are preparing for the General Certificate of Education.

On the 24th March, a number of Recruits from various Oilfields sat an examination in Police Duties and General Knowledge, at the Fyzabad Police Station and G. James, and D. Fordea of our Force secured first and second places respectively. G. James obtained 281 marks out of a possible 350. Major T. D. Ogier, Assistant Commissioner of Police, presented him with a prize donated by Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields Ltd.

We are pleased to report that Mr. E. E. Andre of the Medical Department, left for the United Kingdom on 27th April last to pursue a course in Hospital Administration. It is expected that Mr. Andre will be away for at least six months and we trust that he will gain a great deal of benefit from this course of training.

As a means of further encouraging the sons of employees of U.B.O.T. to obtain technical qualifications for entering the Company's service, U.B.O.T. has decided to award three scholarships to the San Fernando Technical School which was opened recently. The scholarships will commence in January 1956 and will be tenable for at least 2 years. Candidates for the scholarships must be between 12½ and 13½ years old by October 1955, and will be required to sit the entrance examination of the San Fernando Technical School. Employees who have sons or wards of the required age and wish them to be considered for these scholarships should make application as soon as possible.

## Fire and Safety and Red Cross News

At the Annual General Meeting of the Trinidad and Tobago Branch of the British Red Cross Society, Mr. Hanif Mohammed, Field Officer of the Point Fortin Detachment was presented with his Life Membership Badge, by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr. Maurice Dorman.

Mrs. C. McNaughton-Jones, Divisional President, paid a visit to Detachment 25-M on the 19th May last when she gave an address after which members asked questions.

We are pleased to announce that the Point Fortin Detachment gave two demonstrations in artificial respiration at the Caribbean Trade Fair in Port-of-Spain.

## Village News

We are happy to observe that a start has been made on the new Roman Catholic Church. The contract has been given to Mr. L. T. Harris and we have been informed that the building and equipment is estimated to cost \$78,000.

The Annual General Meeting of the La Brea/Cedros Local Boy Scouts Association took place at the Point Fortin Library on 26th April last. The report of the District Commissioner revealed that there was a total of 499 Scouts, Cubs and Officers, an increase of nearly 200 on the previous year. The following were elected as the new Executive Committee of the Local Association: President—Mr. G. L. Reid (re-elected); Chairman—Mr. C. B. Mathison (re-elected); Vice-Chairman—Mr. R. M. Harcourt; Secretary—Mr. R. Young (re-elected); Treasurer—Mr. R. McNeilly; District Commissioner—Mr. W. D. Best; Asst. District Commissioners—Messrs. A. A. Houlder, and L. A. Maul; District Scout Master—Mr. V. Baptiste; Group Scout Masters—Messrs. Alfred Johnson, Dennis King, Carlton Bereux, P. Alexander, Victor Duncan, W. F. Jackman, Lionel Bannister, C. Alexander, and Murray Alexander; Lay Members—Rev. J. K. Allen, Canon McNamara, Councillor D. I. Lynch, Messrs. C. Carrington, A. V. E. Jameson, J. C. Archer, E. C. Taylor, W. Munroe, C. S. Chabrol, and F. Western.

We have been informed that the Point Fortin District Welfare Council has active plans on foot for raising funds for the establishment of the Community Centre in the Village of Point Fortin. The Company has earmarked two lots of land near to the E.C. School for the erection of the building which is to serve a threefold purpose of Community Centre, Breakfast Centre, and Creche.

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April, a Cubbers' Training Course for Cub Masters and Cub Mistresses was held on the grounds of the Egypt Government School, Point Fortin. The course was conducted by Mrs. Eileen Martin, Assistant Colony Commissioner for Cubs, and was attended by 18 persons. The course was an intensive one. Mrs. Martin was delighted at the interest shown by those who took part in the course and it is hoped that cubbing in this area will receive a new stimulus as a result of the training course.



Display by the Needlework Section.

The Techier Village Welfare Committee held an anniversary function on Monday 23rd May to commemorate the first year of activity in the new Community Centre. The function was divided into two parts. In the afternoon, from 5 to 6 p.m. there was a display of needle work and handicraft, basket making, cookery and domestic science including a variety of dishes, salads, pies, and cakes. At this session there was a combined parade of the members of the two Scout Troops of the Village and of the Junior Red Cross link. During the march past, Mr. J. D. Hall, Assistant General Manager, took the salute. Mr. Hall congratulated the Committee on their excellent work and expressed deep satisfaction and appreciation at the display which he had seen. The night session consisted of a concert and reports. The concert programme included items of songs and recitations, and also a dramatic performance by the Techier Art Group.



Mr. J. D. Hall congratulates the Exhibitors at the Techier Village Community Centre.

# Appointments and Promotions

UBOTIMES congratulates Mr. H. V. Allum of the Secretarial Department, and J. A. Soverrall of the I.R. & P. Department, on their recent promotion to Senior Staff status.

The following promotions have been made:—Mr. S. Naggie (Penal) from Office Boy to Clerk Grade II; Mr. B. Belmontes (Penal) from Chargehand Main Storage Gauger "A" to Foreman Gauger; Mr. A. Cummings (Ortoire Area) from Chargehand Mud Plant Operator "A" to Mud Plant Foreman; Mr. B. Julien (EXD.) from Mud Plant Operator "A" to Mud Plant Foreman; Mr. W. Maughan (Engineering P.F.) from Chargehand Electrician "A" to Foreman Electrician; Mr. C. A. Wells (Camp Services) from Carpenter "A" to General Foreman; Mr. J. Jairam (Production P.F.) from Instrument Fitter "A" to Foreman Instrument Fitter; Mr. E. Peters (Refinery) from Chargehand Pierman "A" to Foreman Pierman; Messrs. A. Acco and P. Moodie (Transport) from Chargehand Motor Mechanics "A" to Foremen Motor Mechanic; Messrs. S. Acosta and T. Hagley (Transport) from M. V. Drivers to Transport Foremen.



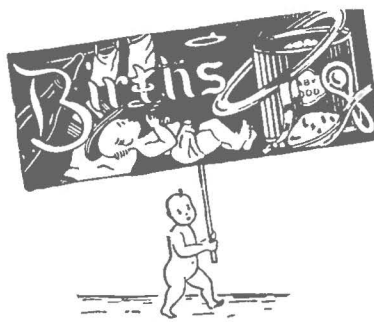
We extend a cordial welcome to the following who have recently joined the Staff of U.B.O.T. Ltd:—

Mesdames E. M. Pirrie and L. Greene, Messrs. P. G. Farquhar and F. Dutton (I.R. & P. Dept.); Messrs. D. S. Law and F. J. Bakker (Production Dept.); Messrs. H. S. Van

Laar and I. D. C. Connolly (Exploit. Eng. Dept.); Miss K. M. Hutton (Medical Dept.); Mr. C. K. Bassham (Materials Dept.); Mr. F. E. Grandpierre (Transport Dept.); Messrs. M. Meyn and W. A. Stratton (Drilling Dept.); and Mr. G. L. Jones (Refinery Dept.).

Mr. G. L. Reid, General Manager; Messrs. D. R. Elder, J. A. McGrath, K. E. Edwards and B. Narine (Accounts Dept.); Miss I. C. O'Brien and Miss S. E. L. Dickenson, and Mr. B. Sanders (I. R. & P. Dept.); Messrs. S. T. Waite and J. Stolk (Geological Dept.); Mr. E. E. Andre, Miss C. I. Fearon and Miss

E. A. Kong (Medical Dept.); Messrs. D. J. Sedgley and A. Melrose (Engineering Dept.); Mr. C. A. Pozzo di Borgo (Admin. Trainee); Messrs. L. J. J. F. Peters, J. M. Grimme J. D. Boon, and W. Paterson (Drilling Dept.); Messrs. H. F. S. Cotterell, L. H. Cooper, and A. F. Hamilton (Refinery Dept.); Mr. J. Andrews (Penal Division); Mr. D. Prent (Exploit. Eng. Dept.); Messrs. J. Zandstra, T. Arismandez, and J. W. Nicholls (Materials Dept.); and Mr. H. Blankes-tijn (Production Department).



We extend congratulations to the following:—

Mr. Norman Thompson of the Drilling Department, and Mrs. Thompson, on the birth of a son.

Mr. V. George of the Refinery Distillation, and Mrs. George, on the birth of a son.

Mr. Henry Bridgeman of the Refinery Distillation, and Mrs. Bridgeman, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Edward Johnson of Field Engineering, and Mrs. Johnson, on the birth of a son, Lloyd Bertrand.

Mr. H. Kitson of Field Engineering, and Mrs. Kitson, on the birth of a son, Mervyn.

Mr. G. Jack of the Estate Police, and Mrs. Jack, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. R. K. Dubrishing of the Apprentices Training School and Mrs. Dubrishing, on the birth of a son, Ronald Albert Krishna.

Mr. P. Sanchez of the M. & O. Shops, and Mrs. Sanchez, on the birth of a son.

Mr. Hamilton Johnson of the Refinery Laboratory, and Mrs. Johnson, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Desmond Murray of the Refinery Laboratory, and Mrs. Murray, on the birth of a son.

Mr. Leslie Lewis of the Refinery Distillation, and Mrs. Lewis, on the birth of a daughter, Julia Leonise.

Mr. A. Gorib of the Port-of-Spain Office (Materials), and Mrs. Gorib, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Lloyd Alexander of the M. & O. Shops, and Mrs. Alexander, on the birth of a daughter.



Mr. Carlton Roberts of the Marine Engineering Section, joined the ranks of the Benedicts on Sunday, 17th April when he married Miss Ival Lynch, niece of Mrs. Melvie St. Louis of Point Fortin. The ceremony was performed at the La Brea Anglican Church and was conducted by the

Rev. Kennedy. Mr. Clayton Lynch, brother of the bride, performed the duties of bestman. After the ceremony a reception to which more than 100 guests were invited, was held at the Techier Village Community Centre which was tastily decorated for the occasion.

Mr. Errol Guiseppi of the Penal Exploitation Department, was married at the Chaguanas R.C. Church on April 30th to Miss Ena Bastien of Couva. Fr. Andrew, O.S.B., officiated, and Mr. Bertrand Dumas performed the duties of bestman. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, and the honeymoon was spent at Bombshell Bay.

UBOTIMES extends best wishes to these couples for their future happiness.

## Rest of the News

Mr. E. F. Morrison has retired from the post of President of the Mahaica Club. "Eddie" will be greatly missed for the wisdom displayed in giving many important decisions affecting the Club. His successor is Mr. I. F. Wilson, who has been associated with the Club for many years, and we are quite certain that he is a worthy choice. Management have nominated Mr. Phillip John as Treasurer, who replaces Mr. W. R. Gibbings. At the recent elections Mr. Carlyle Andrews was re-elected Secretary by a large majority, and the following were chosen as Committee members: Nurse D. King (re-elected), V. Lalla, and K. Corbie.

Officers elected for the 1955/56 term at the Annual Meeting of the Lawn Tennis Section of the Mahaica Club held on Thursday 10th April, are as follows: I. Lookyan (Chairman), S. Bobb (Secretary), and Messrs. E. Gonzales, A. Maul and E. Singh (Committee Members).

During the past months the Literary Section of the Mahaica Club has held regular fortnightly meetings at which a wide range of interesting topics have been discussed with intelligence and wit. On the 18th May, the Section brought variety to its programme of serious discussions with an evening's entertainment which featured Piano and Violin solos and popular songs. The Section plans to hold a Select Evening on the 16th July when there will be programme dancing to the strains of Choy Aming and his Orchestra.

The election of members of the Estate Police Branch Board was held on the 28th February and the following persons were elected: Corporal A. Moore and Constables C. Smith, I. Davidson, B. Hood, and I. Toney.

On the 22nd April, Colonel I.C.E.H. Stourton, Deputy Inspector-General of the Colonial Police Forces, inspected a parade of the U.B.O.T. Estate Police under the command of Assistant Superintendent J. C. Archer at their Headquarters. Colonel Stourton was accompanied by Major T. D. Ogier, Assistant Commissioner of Police, and Acting Superintendent E. Bernard of the South Western Division. Mr. F. R. Callender, Head of the I.R. & P. Department was also present. The Colonel commented on the smart turn-out of the men.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Miss Cynthia Bowen, 18 year old daughter of Mr. Rolley Bowen of the Drilling Department, Ortoire Area, to Mr. Bennette Woods of Robert Village. The marriage is scheduled to take place at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Princes Town, on 6th November, 1955.

A very gay christening party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lowkee at San Fernando on May 1st when their baby daughter was baptized Carol Indira, at the Susamachar Presbyterian Church, San Fernando.

Mr. Noble Lewis of the Penal Division returned to the Colony after spending his long leave visiting his family in Dominica, and sightseeing in other Northern Islands. Mr. Lewis was accompanied by Mrs. Lewis.

We congratulate Master Courtney Coombs, of the 1st Techier Scout Troop on his selection as one of the contingent of 16 Scouts who are to represent the Colony at the 8th World Jamboree which is to take place at Niagara on the Lake, Canada, from 8th to 28th August, 1955. Master Coombs is the son of Mr. FitzHamil Coombs, chargehand of the Engineering Camp Shop. He is the only Scout to be selected from the St. Patrick area, and both he and his Scoutmaster, Mr. Lionel Bannister, should feel highly complimented on this honour.

It is customary for employees working on the High Seas well to leave a night line over the side in the hope that in the morning they will have had some luck. Imagine their surprise when recently they found a large saw-fish with his saw entangled in their line. As the fish was not properly hooked great care had to be used and after much excitement the "catch" was finally landed. The overall length of the fish was 13' 6" with a saw approximately 3' 6".



*The saw-fish caught at the High Seas Location.*

UBOTIMES is happy to learn of the improvement in the condition of Mrs. Jagassar, wife of Mr. Rooplal Jagassar of the Penal Materials, who was stricken with paralysis of both hands and feet eight months ago at Penal. With the assistance of the Canadian Mission and the Almoner of the San Fernando Colonial Hospital, she was flown to Canada for medical treatment.

Mrs. Jagassar arrived back home on June 10th by plane via New York after spending five months at the Toronto General Hospital, and is able to use her hands again and to sit up. However, the doctors in Canada advised that it would take some time before she would be able to use her feet.

UBOTIMES wishes her a speedy recovery.

## Obituary

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

Mrs. V. Attai, mother of Mr. Michael Attai of the I.R. & P. Department, who died on the 7th March at Princes Town.

Miss Una Roach, mother of Errol and Fitzroy Watts of the Medical and Engineering Departments respectively, who died on the 24th May, at Point Fortin.

Latchmin, sister of Gooran of the U.B.A.A. (Penal) Club, and grandmother of Basdeo Ghuran of Penal Materials, who died on the 9th May.

Mr. Bhagwan, father of R. Bhagwan, Clerk of the Medical Department who died on the 22nd April at the Cedros Hospital after a short illness. The interment took place at the Point Fortin Cemetery.

James Fortune, Drilling Department, who died on the 8th April.

George Herman, Estate Police Force, who died on the 14th April.



# Spotlight on Sport

By Clyde McClean

It is an undeniable fact that good things come to those who wait; and a just reward has come to the sport-loving community who had waited so long to see the Australians at cricket and the Englishmen at football in their own land of Trinidad.

The men from "Down Under" were the first to arrive. We, in the West Indies, had longed to see those cricketers of whom we had heard so much and they indeed lived up to their reputations. We saw the dogged McDonald, the brainy Johnson and the agile Miller, to name but a few, showing us that cricket is the grandest game even when played the hardest way. The visitors have, most deservedly, won the series but the West Indies fought every inch of the way even to the extent of establishing a world record partnership for the 7th wicket in the 4th Test Match at Barbados. At the time of going to Press, the 5th and final Test Match is in progress at Sabina Park in Jamaica, with the Australians retaliating with what might well be a record third wicket partnership.

As for Football, when the Trinidad Touring Team visited the United Kingdom in 1953, two of our Club players, Delbert Charleau and Doyle Griffiths made that trip. On their return they told us that they saw football as they knew it should be played, but that it had to be seen to be believed. We now fully agree with them. The positional play, ball control, heading, and deft passing of the English Touring side was an education in itself. It has been suggested that had Trinidad played their natural "roving

centre half" type of game instead of the comparatively strange "third back" system of play, the deficits would not have been quite as heavy, but we must lose to learn, and some day the students may become the masters. In the first game, a North Trinidad XI lost by the slender margin of 1 goal, this narrow margin being due in no small measure to the splendid goalkeeping of Pat Gomez, who turned out to be the best Trinidad player of the series. The first Test Match ended in a 6 to nil victory for the visitors; in the second, Trinidad under the captaincy of our own Delbert Charleau, who in this game incidentally scored Trinidad's only goal of the series, were beaten by 8 goals to one; while in the final game the Englishmen scored 8 goals without reply. Three U.B.A.A. players represented Trinidad in the series, Delbert Charleau, Doyle Griffith, and Fitzroy Hackett. R. Baptiste was chosen as reserve goalkeeper but did not have an opportunity of exhibiting his prowess due to the fact that Gomez was at the top of his form throughout.

It is hoped that during the approaching football season, U.B.A.A. will be able to show their supporters that they have absorbed some of the lessons which the Touring Side so ably demonstrated to us.

## ATHLETICS & CYCLING

In the Championship Meeting at the Queen's Park Oval the 100 metres International Fiat Race which was run off on Sunday 1st May was sponsored by the Company who also donated the prizes. The event was won by Michael Agostini who was presented with a Silver Cup. Charles Williams and Joe Goddard, second and third respectively were also recipients of suitable prizes.

*Michael Agostini outsprints C. Williams and Joe Goddard in the 100-Metre dash.*



The U.B.A.A. Penal Club held its 10th Annual Sports Meeting on Sunday 15th May, 1955. The weather was ideal, a condition quite characteristic of all Penal Sports meetings. It is for this reason and also for the highly competent manner in which these meetings are run off that athletes from all parts of the island honour the proceedings with their participation. Teams from Leaseholds Amateur Athletics, Tranton, Police, Rangers and the home clubs vie for honours. In the Flat events, Charles Williams, one of the Colony's leading sprinters, scored an impressive 'double', carrying off the 100 and 220 yards races; Basil Ince, won the 440 yards event from G. Yammie and E. 'Dusty' Sealy; McD. Philbert, breasted the tape first ahead of E. Cadogan and C. Puckerin in the half-mile; while the 1-mile event was taken by E. Cadogan (L.A.S.C.) with Constable Lee Luck (Police) and J. Roberts (U.B.A.A.) finishing in that order. In the items confined to U.B.O.T. employees, J. Cupid, of Penal Field, captured the most prizes, "Throwing the Cricket Ball", 'Putting the Shot', and the 'Obstacle Race' going his way. L. Brewster, won the 220 yards Flat event, while Victor James romped home winner in the 100 yards Flat race. After the events the prizes were presented to the winning competitors by Mrs. J. D. Hall, wife of the Asst. General Manager, and Mrs. J. Clarkson, wife of the Chairman of the Penal Athletic Section.

It was hoped that, in this issue, we would have also been able to give readers results and details of the Coronation Cup Meeting at Mahaica which was to have been held on Sunday 12th June. Heavy rain however caused the meeting to be postponed to a date yet to be arranged.

Details of the successes of some of our athletes and cyclists in other Sports meetings and competitions will, no doubt, be of interest to our readers. In the previous issue of UBOTIMES mention was briefly made of Harry Bailey, 'A' Class cyclist, of the Electrical Section and Osford Ogis, marathon runner, also of the Electrical Section. Since that notice Bailey has really risen to the top. His name now appears twice in the record books, in Trinidad he has done the fastest half-mile and in Barbados he holds the record for the 15 miles. During 1955 he has represented Trinidad at home, in British Guiana and in Barbados. In the Trinidad & Tobago Three 'A's' meeting held at the Queen's Park Oval he competed against cyclists from Venezuela, Barbados and B.G. gaining two first, three second, and three third places. His all round performances caught the eyes of the Trinidad selectors and together with H. Mitchell of T.L.L. he represented the Colony at the British Guiana Athletic Association meeting in Georgetown. He was unfortunate enough to fall in two of his races but gained a first and a second place in his other two races. Both Bailey and Mitchell were selected for the



*Mr. Ben Sealy presents the U.B.O.T. Cup to Michael Agostini.*

Barbados meeting and they dominated the cycle races. Bailey was judged champion of the Meeting where he had the distinction of winning eight races and placing second three times, crowning his successes by breaking the 15-mile record on the final day. It is safe to say that no other Trinidad cyclist has ever left these shores and met with such success in a single meeting abroad. UBOTIMES congratulates Mr. Bailey on his outstanding performances.

In the 'B' class cycling, N. Calliste, another U.B.A.A. cyclist, was selected to represent the Colony at the Grenada Sports meeting. Passing mention must also be made of Gilbert Taylor and Oscar Allen, up and coming youngsters, who are improving with every race.

In track events, J. Roberts (long distance) and Osford Ogis (Marathon) are commanding great respect from their opponents. At the recent Three 'A's' Championship at the Queen's Park Oval, Roberts was successful in the 6-mile flat event, just falling short of the record set by Mannie Dookie several years ago. UBOTIMES also offers its congratulations to these athletes.



*Mrs. J. Clarkson presents prizes to the winners of the Open "A" Class 100 Yards Flat Race. 1st—C. Williams; 2nd—B. Ince; 3rd—S. Sealey.*



*Mrs. J. Clarkson presents prizes to the winners of the 50 Yards Flat Race for U.B.O.T. Schoolboys. 1st—R. Jackson; 2nd—R. Daniel; 3rd—P. Sutherland.*

## CRICKET



### *St. Patrick's Cup Competition :*

Our readers will recall that when the last issue of UBOTIMES went to Press, our first class eleven had completed only two games in the St. Patrick Cup Competition, winning from Dynamos Youths C.C. and suffering a set back at the hands of Brighton C.C. In the following game Antilles C.C. provided the opposition at the Mahaica Oval. It will be remembered that our defeat by this team last year was to a large extent responsible for our losing the trophy which we had won the previous year. U.B.A.A. were off to a fairly good start in this game but wickets fell regularly and we were eventually dismissed for 96 runs. Antilles, in the first innings passed our total for the loss of only 4 wickets and finally finished 48 runs ahead of our total. Good batting by the skipper C. McLean and opening batsman Lio Naguar, enabled us to declare at 215 for 6 wickets, leaving Antilles 140 minutes in which to make the 167 runs needed for victory. Some excellent bowling backed up by sound fielding put us in a position, that with 15 minutes to go, they had but 3 wickets left and some 90 runs to knock up. The batsmen defended stubbornly but in the last over of the day McLean captured the two wickets then remaining to pull off a most exciting victory.

The next game against Perseverance C.C. of Cedros was cut short to two days, one day having been completely lost owing to rain. Our opponents batted first and were all out for 90 runs at tea time. In two hours remaining for play that day, we scored 148 runs for the loss of 9 wickets at which total we declared and another good day in the field on the second and last day of play enabled us to score an outright victory by 10 wickets. The following game was at home to T.P.D. C.C. We batted first and scored 129 runs; T.P.D. were dismissed for 115 runs through some excellent bowling by Buxton Peters and Clyde McLean and at the time of writing the third day's play has yet to be started, the present position being that we are 109 runs ahead with one wicket intact.

U.B.A.A. are now in an excellent position to carry off the championship this season but they must do well in the games still outstanding.

In 2nd Class cricket, only one team has met with any degree of success and that is the team of youths known as the Colts. At the time of writing they are up against Antilles C.C. in the Divisional final. We will, in our next issue, give you a more detailed account of their performances and hope to be able to report a victory in the final game.

### *Interdepartmental :*

Unlike the last two seasons, the Tanner Cup Competition has been run on a league basis, each team playing the other. Six teams are taking part in this competition and at the moment Engineering "A" are in the lead. The Pracy Cup games are more advanced and the Refinery Laboratory XI have qualified to meet the Penal winners to decide who will be the holders of this trophy. Messrs. Eric Munroe. (Chairman) and Errol Edwards, (Hon. Secretary) are to be complimented on the efficient manner in which they have handled this competition.

### *Annual Fixture vs S.L.D. Co.*

On the 24th of April the U.B.O.T. team journeyed to Port-of-Spain for this match. Mr. John Kerbey, who

we understand was playing for the last time, captained the home team. U.B.O.T. batted first and were all out for the moderate total of 124 runs. When S.L.D. batted, they proceeded to belt our bowling to all parts of the field scoring a total of 200 runs for the loss of only 4 wickets. At the conclusion of the game Mr. Kerbey, who has presented a cup for this annual fixture, made the presentation to Mr. Harvey Gay, the Vice-Captain of the S.L.D. XI.



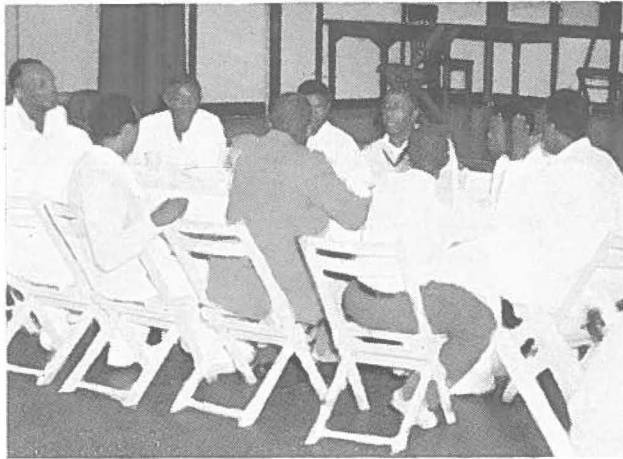
*The U.B.O.T. team who were defeated by S.L.D. Co.*



*The victorious S.L.D. Co. team.*

### *Point Fortin XI vs. Learie Constantine's ex-Internationals .*

Trinidad celebrated Queen's Birthday on April 21st and on that day cricketers in Point Fortin did their bit to help the appeal made by Princess Alice on behalf of the University College of the West Indies. The world-famous Trinidad cricketer, Learie Constantine, who had recently returned to his homeland after playing cricket for a number of years in the United Kingdom, brought down a team of ex-internationals who have been playing matches throughout the Island in aid of this worthy cause. A large crowd was on hand to see Learie in action, and his team batting first, scored 190 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. Andy Ganteaume, who scored a century in his first Test appearance, delighted the crowd with a sparkling hundred. When the Point Fortin team were at the crease the swing bowling of Tyrell Johnson, who took a wicket with his first Test delivery, Lance Pierre, and Prior Jones, proved too much for them and they were fortunate in drawing the game with but one wicket left. At the conclusion of the game, Mr. Constantine



Mr. L. N. Constantine lunches at the Mahaica Club during the recent cricket game.

gave some valuable hints to our promising youngsters and intimated that he hoped to return to Point Fortin in the near future.

*Farewell game for Theo Arismandez.:*

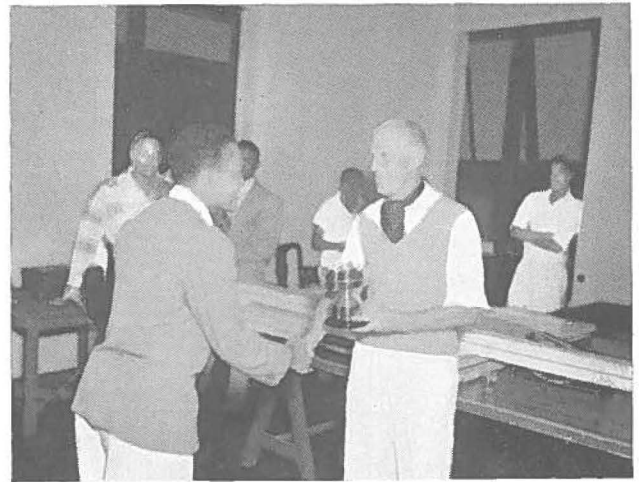
Quite recently U.B.A.A. lost one of its most prominent sport personalities, Mr. Theophilus Arismandez. "Theo", as he is familiarly known, had been with the Company for the past 17 years and had associated himself with the activities of the U.B.A.A. since its inception. He was originally a member of the Cricket First Eleven, but for the last 9 years he has captained the Second Eleven. He served from time to time on both Cricket and Football Committees of the U.B.A.A. and as a mark of appreciation of his services, a farewell game among members who had played under his captaincy at one time or another was organised. The match was played on Corpus Christi Day and at the end of the game a presentation was made to Mr. Arismandez.

*Beaumont Cup :*

Two U.B.A.A. players in the persons of B. Peters, fast bowler, and Austin Corbie, wicket keeper, were selected to represent South Trinidad in the Beaumont Cup game against North Trinidad recently played at Guaracara Park, Pointe-a-Pierre, when for the first time in 16 years the South XI won the game.



Mr. H. B. Philipps receives the Madden Trophy from Mr. W. E. Madden.



Mr. J. S. Kerbey presents the Kerbey Cup to Mr. Harvey Gay of S.L.D. Co.

**INDOOR GAMES**

*Billiards :*

A Billiards tournament, which is being run in three Divisions, is now in progress. Judging from the close margins of the games already played a high standard of play is being maintained. The names of the winners and fuller details of the play will be published in our next issue.

*Draught and Chess Section :*

The Draught and Chess Section of the U.B.A.A. Mahaica Club recently received some new draught equipment and a tournament was recently held to celebrate the revival of the Draught Section.

**NETBALL**

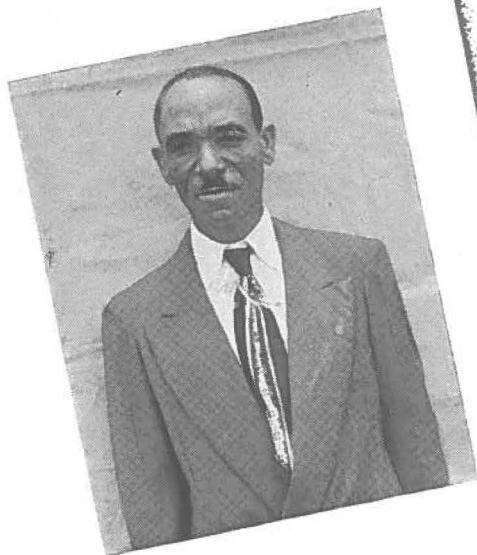
The young ladies of the U.B.A.A. are also doing their bit. They have taken entry in the St. Patrick County Netball League for the Campbell Shield competition and at the time of writing have won all five of their first round games. They are also finalists in two knock-out series.

**TENNIS**

In the last issue of UBOTIMES we gave our readers details of the matches in the final round of the Madden Cup competition which had just been completed. During Mr. Madden's recent visit to the Colony, the opportunity was taken to arrange a presentation ceremony at which Mr. Madden kindly presented the trophy to Mr. H. B. Phillipps, Captain of the victorious Clifton Hill Club team.



The donor of the Madden Cup with competitors.



## Family album

**FREDERICK THOMAS** was born on 9th June, 1900, in St. David's, Grenada. He received his elementary education at the St. David's R.C. School in Grenada and after leaving school he engaged in agricultural pursuits until he was about 24 years of age. In 1924 he came to Trinidad to live with his brother, Wilfred Thomas, at Parrylands. His brother was already working with U.B.O.T. and, in October 1924, Frederick also joined U.B.O.T. as a labourer in the Parrylands area. He worked for a short time in the Transport Department as a loader and was then transferred to the Exploitation Department in Parrylands where he served for nearly eight years. He was then transferred to Los Bajos in the same Department and also did some work for the Exploitation Department in the district of Cedros. When the Penal Field was just being opened up, Thomas was sent to Penal and had the pleasure of being engaged with the mud work on Penal's first well. After 9 years at Penal he was transferred to the Mud Plant at Central Gate, Point Fortin, where he remained for 3 years. In 1938 he was transferred back to Penal and has remained in the district since then.

From the above it will be noted that the greater part of Thomas's career in the Oil Industry has been in the Exploitation Department where he is considered an expert on Mud Plant work. Beginning as a pumpman, Thomas was promoted to Operator "A" in 1942 and 3 years later he received further promotion to weekly payroll as a Foreman. In January 1949 he received further promotion to Junior Staff status.

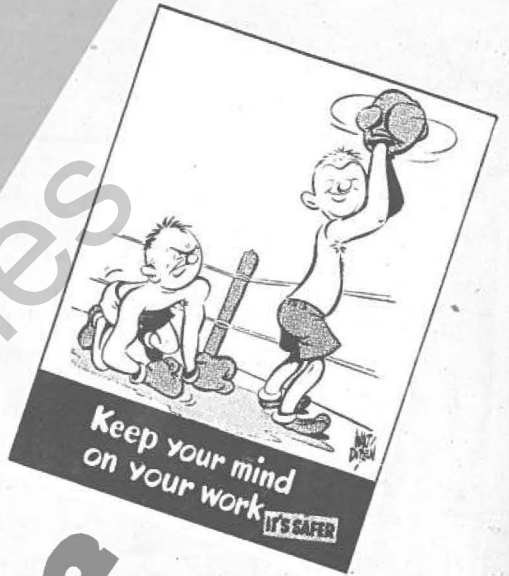
Thomas is due for retirement shortly and intends to go in for agriculture and stock raising. He is an enthusiast of the card game All Fours and has had the distinction of being the Captain of the All Fours Section of the U.B.A.A., Penal.

Thomas has worked with several supervisors to all of whom he has given every satisfaction, and U.B.O.T. are extremely appreciative of his long and meritorious services with the Company.

Mrs. Thomas was the former Miss Rhoda Rebecca Phyllis, a native of Tobago. Thomas first met her at Parrylands whither she had gone to spend some time with friends. They were married in 1940. They have no children of their own but are very fond of their adopted son who is now 21 years old and who has been with them since the age of 5. Mrs. Thomas is a seamstress and also takes considerable pride in the preparation of meals and in the duties of a housekeeper.

UBOTIMES joins the Company in extending congratulations to Thomas and wishing him and Mrs. Thomas many happy years of retirement and success in their new sphere of activities.

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