

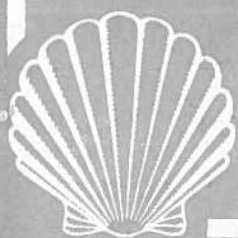
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SIR GEORGE LEGH-JONES

It gives us great pleasure to record that a Knighthood has been conferred upon Mr. George Legh-Jones. The public announcement of this honour was made in the King's Birthday Honours List, published on 8th June, 1950.

Sir George began his career with the Group in 1919, as Manager of the Fuel Oil Department of The Asiatic Petroleum Company, following his lengthy period of service in the First World War, first with the Artists' Rifles and, later, as a commissioned officer in the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Towards the end of the war he was seconded to the Admiralty Department dealing with oil tankers and supplies, and in 1918 he joined the British Shipping Mission in Washington.

During 1921 Sir George spent some months in The Hague office and in 1922 he went to the United States as President of Shell Oil Company in California. Later he became a Director of Shell Union Oil Corporation of New York, and a Director of the American Petroleum Institute. He returned from the U.S.A. in 1934 to become Manager of The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, and at the end of 1937 he was appointed to the Board of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company and made a Managing Director of the Group's principal operating companies. In June 1944, Sir George was appointed a Managing Director of The "Shell" Transport and

Trading Company, and in March of last year he became a Director of Lloyds Bank.

Prominent amongst Sir George's many activities within the Group may be noted the many important financial transactions in which he has played a leading part. These include the arrangements whereby The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company raised some £30,000,000 sterling in 1947 through the issue of £10,000,000 of new ordinary shares; the raising of a loan of \$250,000,000 in the United States in 1948, thereby providing Shell with dollar capital for the development of petroleum exploration and production in the Western Hemisphere; and The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company's purchase of the minority share capital of Venezuelan Oil Concessions in 1949.

Sir George has also been closely associated with development of the Shell tanker fleet. Perhaps it was due to his conception that in 1942, when U-boats had been taking a heavy toll of tankers, the construction of the large, fast tankers HELICINA and HYALINA was undertaken and later the building of the four vessels of 28,000 tons deadweight which are now on order by the Group in British shipyards.

On behalf of its readers "UBOTIMES" offers Sir George sincere congratulations on his well-merited honour.

OUR FRONT COVER

The schooner shewn on our front cover is the "ZITA WONITA" registered at St. Vincent. The photo was taken just as she left Point Fortin for Barbados with a cargo of nearly 100 tons of "COLAS". She is one of many schooners that ply between the West Indies isles, is 90 feet long carries a crew of ten and takes approximately three and a half days to complete the voyage from Point Fortin/Georgetown.

Around The Departments

Our popular Editor "Stan" Ireson left Trinidad on 12th July for a well earned long leave in England. We understand that he is renting a cottage in Hampshire and will spend most of his time there together with his wife Rosina, daughter Rosemary and son Peter. We hope that the fish are biting well and that they are all enjoying a happy reunion.

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A combined stage and film show was staged at the "Astoria" cinema on the 2nd August, in aid of the Red Cross Society. The cinema was generously provided free of charge by Mrs. Samaroo and the film supplied rent-free by Messrs. Paramount Films Distributors Corporation. On the stage the Point Fortin Choir conducted by Mrs. Eve Griffiths, rendered a medley of popular songs both new and old. The "Tropical Harmony" steel band provided some very popular entertainment. Mr. Alfred Hodgson of Palo Seco acted as compere although the enthusiastic audience made it a little difficult for him to be heard all the time. Mr. "Stan" Riley was the organiser of the show which resulted in a donation of over \$220. for the Red Cross. Congratulations to all those responsible.

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The annual Gardening Competition will be held in the middle of November and residents of Techier Village should by now be busy in their spare time if they hope to win one of the prizes. This year no one will be able to blame the lack of rain if they are not successful. It's an ill wind that blows no one some good and the recent heavy rains will be of use to amateur gardeners. We believe that last year's first prize winner Mr. Lord is having a lot of trouble with mole-crickets and chickens who appear to have formed a combine to ensure that he doesn't achieve equal success this year.

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In our last issue we mentioned that a Shell Long Service emblem which has become detached from its mountings was found several weeks ago in Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain. No employee has yet claimed the emblem and we are repeating the announcement in order that it may assist the owner to recover it.

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In our June issue we announced that Mr. F. D. O. Longe, Field Superintendent of the Penal Division had left for leave in England. We now have pleasure in advising our readers that Mr. Longe was married on 12th August to Miss B. J. Coles, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Coles, of Haines Hill, Taunton, Somerset. We wish them both every happiness in the future.

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We have just seen the first issue of a Staff Magazine that has been published by the Trinidad Petroleum Development Company, the "T.P.D. QUARTERLY". Our congratulations and best wishes for its future success are extended to R. I. F. McIntosh and his colleagues.

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On Thursday 20th July, Mr. Madden attended the U.B.A.A. Club and made a presentation of cricket

trophies and prizes for the 1949 season. The "Pracy" Cup was won by Penal and we shew a photo of their Captain Mr. "Sonny" Rock receiving the cup from



Mr. W. E. Madden presenting the "PRACY" Cup to "Sonny" Rock of Penal Division. Rock is the elder brother of the now famous "Sonny" Ramadhin.

Mr. Madden, surrounded by the rest of the team. Our readers will be interested to know that "Sonny" Rock is the elder brother of "Sonny" Ramadhin the Trinidad spin bowler whose brilliant efforts in the recent Test matches played such an important part in the West Indian team's victory. Rock is employed by us at Penal and with such "cricketing blood" in their midst it is no surprise that they were so successful last season. Mr. F. Hackett accepted the "Tanner



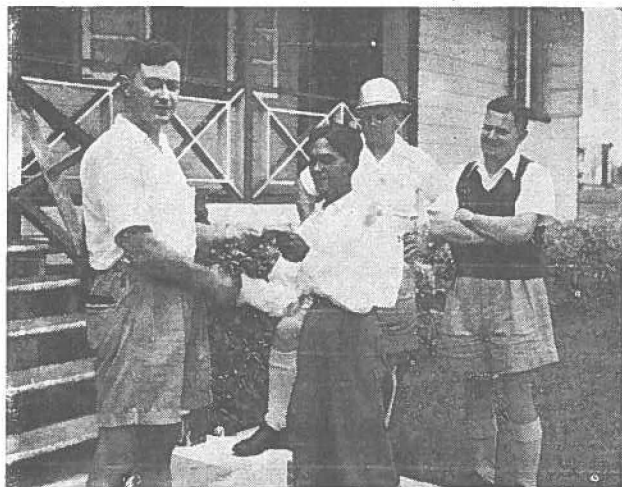
F. Hackett (M.&O. Shops) receiving the "TANNER" Cup from Mr. W. E. Madden.

Cup on behalf of "M. & O." Section and Mr. C. Lynch was presented with a beautiful cup which had been generously donated by Mr. Frank de Boehmler, for the best bowling average sustained in the "Tanner" Cup matches.

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There was a total of 192 entries in the "UBOTIMES" June Safety Cross Word Puzzle Competition. The first correct solution opened was sent in by Mr. Peter Bissoon of Balata Location.

Ten Consolation prizes of five dollars each were won by Mr. A. Neckles of Penal Transport, Mr. J. D. Rahman of Transport, Mr. Rawlins Rahman of Materials, Mr. A. Bhikarry of Penal, Mr. Noel Roach of Electrical, Mr. S. Thornhill of Fire and Safety, Mr. J. D. Boon of Drilling Department, Mr. P.



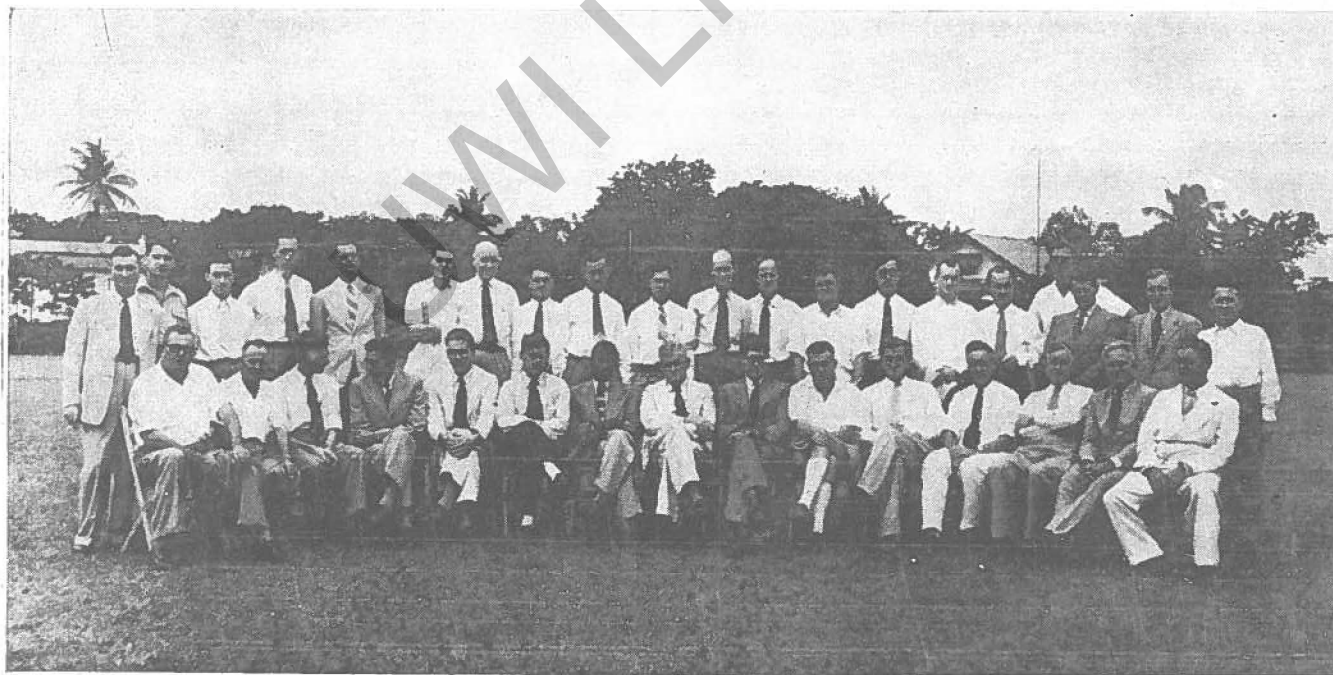
Mr. O'Donoghue, the Acting Field Superintendent, presents Peter Bissoon with the prize of \$20.00 which he won in our June Crossword Competition.

Richards of Company Guards, Mr. H. Lee Young of Medical and Mr. C. Chater of Accounts Department. The last named very kindly donated his prize to the British Red Cross funds.

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On Friday 23rd June the members of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers paid a visit to Point Fortin and were shewn round the Company's operations. Altogether the party consisted of 36 engineers including Messrs. E. R. J. Pugsley, N. W. Hicks, W. E. Sumner-Andrews, T. S. McNeish, R. I. MacLean, C. Cater, E. J. Marsden, C. G. S. Palmer, E. C. Wolff, W. C. Russell, R. B. Finnis, E. S. J. Pickett, R. Ritchie, D. J. Norman and J. G. S. Cumming from Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd., Messrs. J. A. Tate and A. Yarwood, from Trinidad Petroleum Development Co., Mr. F. K. Worsley (National Mining Co.), Mr. C. T. Watts (I.C.T.A. St. Augustine), Mr. L. E. Tarr (Trinidad & Tobago Electricity Commission), Mr. J. Powell (Powell and Apang), Mr. A. G. Sankey (Neal and Massy), Mr. F. Chadley (Resident Engineer Victoria East), and Mr. D. P. J. Holbrook (Trinidad Consolidated Telephones Ltd.). In this connection we quote the following which has been contributed by Mr. K. Tait our Assistant Chief Engineer :

"The Institute of Mechanical Engineers has been established for well over a hundred years and has for its first President the famous George Stephenson the "Father of Railways" and inventor of the first steam locomotive "The Rocket". He was followed by his no less famous son—Robert and even in those days the members were discussing problems of Safety and Rules to guide and govern the infant industry. In those days the every day laws and rules of engineering were not yet formulated and we owe a great debt to the far sightedness and tenacity of purpose which guided the earlier members in their researches. The integrity of



Institute of Mechanical Engineers Visit on 23rd June.

Sitting : L. to R. : Messrs. F. K. Worsley, J. Colquhoun, E. R. J. Pugsley, N. W. Hicks, W. E. Sumner-Andrews, J. A. Tate, A. V. Chapman, C. T. Watts, T. S. McNeish, C. Cater, A. Yarwood, J. L. Andrews, E. E. Elcock, R. I. MacLean and W. M. Dickson.

Standing : L. to R. : Messrs. L. E. Tarr, J. B. Butler, J. Powell, A. G. Sankey, E. J. Marsden, G. G. S. Palmer, C. Dimitriu, F. Chadley, D. Edmond, E. C. Wolff, W. G. Russell, W. G. Scott, R. B. Finnis, E. S. J. Pickett, R. Ritchie, D. J. Norman, J. G. S. Cumming, J. L. Rogers, D. P. J. Holbrook, and J. W. Arscott.

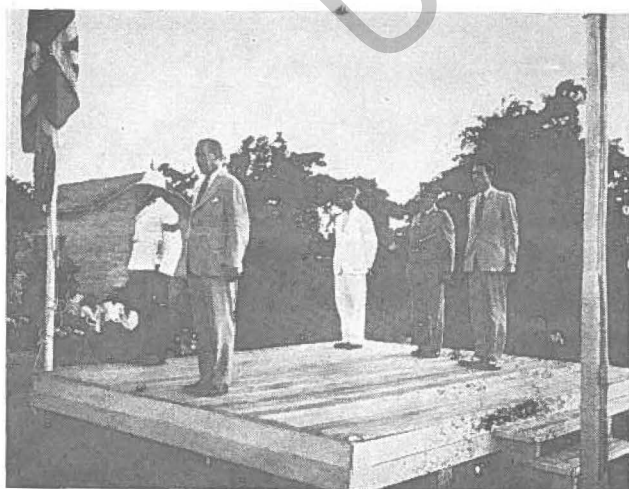


H.E. the Governor addressing members of the Company's Guards Force.

members has advanced the profession to the point where a member's declaration is considered to be good enough in law and the members are called upon to pass opinion on most matters regarding the insurance of Engineering Equipment. The aim of our Engineering Department to live up to the very high standard laid down by the Institution, makes our Engineers so "darned fussy" over little things and so obdurate when jobs are not performed in a safe fashion."

GOVERNOR'S VISIT

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hubert Rance and Lady Rance accompanied by Lieut. Brian



At the saluting base — L. to R. — H.E. the Governor, Mr. W. E. Madden, Superintendant T. Ogier and Lieut. Brian Gething A.D.C.

Gething, R.N., A.D.C., paid their first official visit to the County of St. Patrick on Wednesday 26th July, 1950. Their first stop was at Siparia where H.E. inspected a parade of Scouts, Guides and Junior Red Cross. After hearing an address of welcome and carrying out an inspection of public buildings, the Governor proceeded to Palo Seco, where he was entertained to lunch by the Hon. H.A. Bennett, General Manager of T.P.D. Co., Ltd. After luncheon the party drove to Point Fortin where they were met by Mr. Madden. Prior to inspecting a guard of honour, the Governor was taken for an unofficial tour of the oilfield and was shewn special points of interest. The guard of honour comprised Estate Constables employed both by U.B.O.T and T.L.L. Forest Reserve, and was under the command of



H.E. the Governor inspecting members of the Company's Guards Force.

Major Sealy. The Police Band from Port-of-Spain conducted by Captain Dennison sounded a fanfare of trumpets then played "The King" after which Sir Hubert inspected the guard of honour. After the march past H.E. addressed the men and congratulated Major Sealy on their smart appearance. Following the inspection the Governor attended a public

reception which was held at the E.C. School at which Miss Marjorie Williams on behalf of the Villagers, presented Lady Rance with a bouquet. Their Excellencies were subsequently entertained at dinner by Mr. Madden and stayed the night at the General Manager's house. The party left Point Fortin on the Thursday morning.



L. to R. — Yolande Braithwaite, John Scott, Willa Watson, Rupert Skeete, Joyce Talma and Ernest Boatswain in a "Song and Dance" Act.

VARIETY CONCERT — E.C. SCHOOL POINT FORTIN

A progressive step for the promotion of Dramatic Art in Point Fortin was made on 16th and 17th June when a concert was given at the E.C. School, in aid of local charities. The producer of the show Mrs. Eve Griffiths built a programme around the Point Fortin choir who had performed so well earlier in the year, at the Music Festival in Port-of-Spain. Their recital included "Plantation Songs" and "Negro Spirituals" and in addition individual members rendered very creditable performances in a "Song and Dance Act" which included Joyce Talma, Willa Watson, Yolande Braithwaite, Ernest Boatswain, Rupert Skeete and John Scott. In a "Toy Shop" scene solos and ensembles were sung by Henry Ifill,

E. Des Vignes, Jopie Jeswiet, Alice Talma, Cosil Gittens, Beryl Thomas, Helen Williams, Alec Christie and Frederick Cumberbatch. The last named deserves special mention as he has an exceptionally fine voice. At the conclusion of this scene, a group of eight boys from the E.C. School marched their way in a delightful manner to the tune of the "Tin Soldiers".

In the second half of the show Mr. S. J. Ireson produced a one-act play, "The Ugly Duckling" by A. A. Milne. The performers included John Handel, Pedro Allert, Cleopatra Wilson, Joyce Talma, Olive McMillan, Roberto Mitchell and Clinton Brown. The last named is establishing himself as an actor in Point Fortin as he also took the part of the Doctor in the Passion Play at Easter time, held in the Junior Staff



L. to R. — Pedro Allert, Roberto Mitchell, Olive McMillan, John Handel, Cleopatra Wilson, Clinton Brown and Joyce Talma in a scene from "The Ugly Duckling."

Club. Mrs. E. Madden and Mr. John Duprey provided the musical accompaniment on the piano and Mr. A. H. Davis acted as Comper for the show. It is only fair that Mrs. Griffiths should receive a majority of the credit for what was unanimously agreed as a very successful production. The cast and all the "backstage" assistants must also receive their share of praise and it is hoped that this show is the forerunner of many more that we shall have the pleasure of seeing in Point Fortin.

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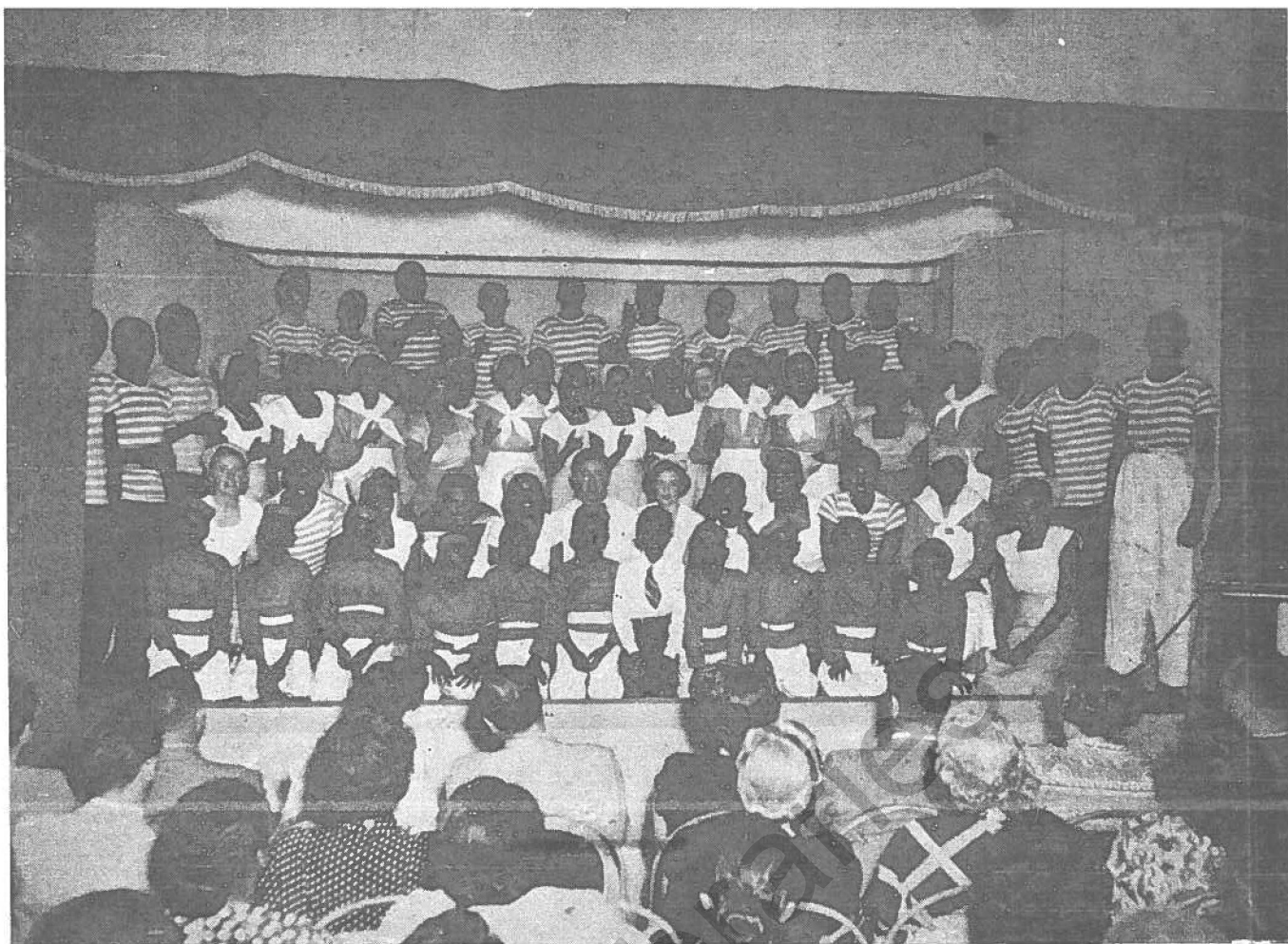
Mr. H. E. Darwent, of the Movables Section, is retiring at the end of September after 30 years service with our Company. "Horace" as he is more commonly known by his friends, joined U.B.O.T. on 1st January, 1920 as an apprentice driller and remained with Drilling Department until the 1st May 1946 when he was seconded to the Movables Section of the Materials Department. Just before this he had acted as toolpusher for about a year. His family has very long standing connections with the oil industry in Trinidad and his grandfather is credited with drilling the first oil well in the Colony in 1866 at Aripere (near Brighton). "Horace" has a brother who is employed by Trinidad Petroleum Development Company at Palo Seco field who is also in the Drilling Department. His son Walter is in our employ as a Mud Assistant with the Exploitation Department. Prior to his departure his friends are making him a presentation as a farewell gift but at the time of

going to press we are unable to state what form this will take. Our photograph which was taken recently shews "Horace" together with some of his fellow employees outside the Movables Warehouse.



A photo taken outside the Movables Warehouse on the occasion of Mr. H. E. Darwent's retirement.

L. to R.—(Sitting)—C. Boodoo, F. Clarke, H. E. Darwent, and L. C. Busby. (Standing)—E. Reyes, P. Daly, E. E. Singh, A. A. Abraham, C. Bailey, A. Xavier and P. Alcantara.



Finale of the Variety Concert held at the E.C. School on 16th June.

We understand that he and his wife intend retiring to his house in the Maracas Valley where he will spend most of his time growing flowers. On behalf of its readers "UBOTIMES" wishes them both a very long and happy future.

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An engagement was recently announced between Mr. A. J. Attridge of the Refinery Plants Section and Miss Eve Lempcke, who up to recently was employed as a Senior Sister at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando. "Drew" as he is more commonly called by his friends is one of the Colony's leading football referees and we would suggest that when he finds time, he should write a book on "How to be a referee and still have friends". We understand that he is proceeding on long leave towards the end of the year and will be married in England. "UBOTIMES" on behalf of its readers wishes "Drew" and his fiancée every happiness in the future.

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In our June issue we mentioned that Mr. J. Grant had been transferred to England. Mr. and Mrs. Grant were guests of honour at a party given by members of the Junior Staff Club on the 22nd June, to say farewell prior to their departure from Trinidad. A toast was proposed by Mr. Andre and Mr. Grant in reply stated that both he and his wife had enjoyed their stay in Point Fortin and especially

so when attending functions at the Junior Staff Club. A gift subscribed to by members of the Club was presented to Mr. Grant as a token of appreciation of his interests in the Club's activities.



Mr. "Eddie" Taylor presents Mr. Grant with the clock which was donated to him by members of the Junior Staff Club.



Our special congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. R. Baptiste of the Refinery Department to whom twin girls were born on the 4th July. They have called them "Ann" and "Annette" which we hope will cause them no undue confusion in the future.

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Our "stork" correspondent who has been having a very busy time reports the following "new arrivals" and we offer our congratulations to all the proud parents:—

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On the 5th May, "Bernadette Vernice" daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglas of the Company Guards Force.

On the 3rd June, "Althea Celia" daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Legall of Materials Department.

On 9th June, "Edward Christopher" son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Katwaru of the Medical Department.

On 16th June, "Steve" son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Maturasingh of I.R. and P. Department.

On 20th June, "Lucas Johannes" son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Oosterbaan of the Geological Department.

On 21st June, "Ian Graham" son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alston of Penal Division.

On 23rd June, "Michael Randolph" son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Procope of the Machine and Overhaul Shops.

On 23rd June "Ancil George" son of Mr. and Mrs. S. St. Hillaire of Materials Department.

On 29th June, "Vertna" daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Sandy of the Refinery Department.

On 30th June, "Henrick Roald" son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. C. Horton of the Industrial Training School.

On 15th July, "Rosalind" daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kay of the Production Department.

On 18th July "Samuel Roy Hamilton" son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers of the Machine and Overhaul Shops.

On 25th July, "Cynthia Margarette" daughter of Estate Constable and Mrs. G. Jack of the Company Guards Force.

On 25th July, "Elizabeth Ann" daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Acco of the Refinery Department.

On 1st August, "Edward Dunbar" son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Trotman of the Machine and Overhaul Shops.

On 11th August, "Steve Anthony Anselm" son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Quan Soon of the Materials Department.

On the 12th August, "Jennifer Clare" daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. S. Daly of the Materials Department.

The wedding between Mr. Alan Best of the Refinery Engineering Department and Miss Ursula Patsy Lewis of La Brea, took place at St. Marks Church, Point Fortin on 20th August. We offer Mr. and Mrs. Best our good wishes for their future happiness.

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Mr. Lloyd Andrews another Refinery Engineering employee married Miss Elaine La Motte at the R.C. Church La Brea on 20th August. The bride was chosen "Miss La Brea" in the 1950 Carnival Queen Competition. We offer our congratulations to the happy couple.

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On Saturday 29th July Mr. Roland Huggins of the Drilling Department married Miss S. Williams of Cap-de-Ville at St. Marks Church, Point Fortin. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Huggins.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Simon Guialdo in San Fernando on 22nd August. He had been in our employ since 1923 and latterly was attached to the Electrical Department as a linesman. We send our condolences to his widow, Mrs. Louisa Guialdo.

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We are sorry to hear that Mr. "Al" Pounds of the Drilling Department has been forced to retire on account of ill-health. He and his family have proceeded to the United States and we wish them all possible good fortune for the future.

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The Long Service Emblems which were due for distribution at the end of June, have not yet arrived but we hope that in our next issue we shall be able to advise details of their presentation.

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We regret to announce the death on 8th July of "Junior" one year old son Mr. and Mrs. C. Tom of Engineering-Industrial Area. We extend our condolences to the parents.



We announce the departure of Mr. V. W. L. Price who left us on September 15th to take up a Trinidad Government Exhibition at the University College of the West Indies. This exhibition is for three years and Mr. Price will study for his

B.Sc. Degree in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. It will be recalled that Mr. Price is one of the two Regional Technical trainees about whom we published an article in our last issue. We take this opportunity on behalf of his many friends in Point Fortin to wish him the best of luck in his career and hope we may have the opportunity of seeing him from time to time. Mr. Price would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted him, especially in his progress through the Shops and to say how much he appreciated the help and all the expression of good wishes from his many friends.

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Mr. W. F. Dickinson of the Accounts Department has left for England and will not be returning to Trinidad. We are not aware of his future movements but take this opportunity of wishing him every success.

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Mr. Frank Anderson together with his family has gone on long leave in the United Kingdom. We understand that at the end of his leave, he is being transferred to The Shell Caribbean Petroleum Company. No doubt he will take the opportunity of paying us a visit if at all possible and when he does, we are sure he will receive a warm welcome from his many friends.

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Messrs. E. A. Robertson of Drilling Department and Mr. A. P. Christie of the Refinery have both departed on long leave to England (or more probably Scotland). Mr. W. A. Scott (Drilling Department) and family have left for long leave in Canada. Mr. N. O. Julien of C. & C.E. department has left for leave in Antigua. We hope that the last named has suffered no loss as a result of the recent hurricane which attacked that island.



Mr. G. Gerritsen, Mr. J. H. Romijn and family and Mr. J. M. Grimme have all arrived in Trinidad for the first time to take up duties with the Drilling Department.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stark are also here for their first time and the former is an engineer who is now working with Machine and Overhaul Shops.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scott are back in Point Fortin after leave in the United Kingdom. Mr. Scott has been transferred to Movables Section where he has taken over from Mr. H. Darwent whose retirement is announced elsewhere in this issue.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Clarke and family are back

after leave in England and Mr. Clarke has resumed his duties as Chief Storekeeper.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Caine of Refinery Engineering have returned from leave in England though we understand that they spent part of the time touring the Continent. They sailed last March for United Kingdom on the same vessel that carried the West Indies cricket team to England for their successful tour. They made good friends with a number of the team.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rehn of Drilling Department are back in Point Fortin after leave in Canada and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Griffith have returned from Jamaica. Mr. Griffith has resumed his former duties with C. & C.E. department.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall and family have arrived in Trinidad on transfer from Borneo. Mr. Hall has taken over as Production Engineer. He is not a new comer to Trinidad as he first arrived in 1941 and worked at Point Fortin for about one year.

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Charming Gracita Faulkner, West Indian born, U.S.A. trained Soprano, appeared at the Junior Staff Club on the 8th July to give the first Song Recital by so talented a soloist. It was an unforgettable experience, for the appreciative audience which attended. Her first concert was so impressive that a demand for a repeat performance was made and arranged within a fortnight. Miss Faulkner possesses good taste and her charming delivery is as unhurried as it is pleasing. "Der Nussbaum" and "Widmung" both by Schumann were tenderly and sweetly sung, while "Come and trip it" and "Art thou troubled" by Handel were very impressive. Her selection of the more familiar music brought rounds of spontaneous applause on both occasions, especially "Songs My Mother Taught Me" by Dvorak, "My Lover is a Fisherman" by Strickland and the ever popular negro spirituals which concluded the programme and left Miss Faulkner's audience hoping that they will soon hear her again in the future.



THE PARASOL ANT

By E. D. McDONALD

(Sales Technical Advisory Department)

A common sight in Point Fortin gardens is a busy column of "Bachac" ants carrying parasols of leaf or petal cut from a favourite rose bush or promising cabbage plant. This systematic defoliation is most disconcerting to the gardener, as predial larceny always is. What the amateur gardener at Point Fortin may not realise is that the "Bachac" ant is a gardener himself, a professional gardener, a farmer.

When the Bachac neatly cuts off the ten square millimeters of leaf from the rose bush and starts back to his nest with the loot, it would be natural to assume that he is carrying home food for himself, for his young or for his queen. This is not the case.

The Bachac's food is a fungus which he cultivates on the tiny bits of leaf and petal after he has thoroughly chewed them into a moist, pulpy mass. Only one species of fungus, *Rozites gongylophora*, is grown but not infrequently other fungi invade the garden. These are vigorously weeded out by the ants, good farmers that they are.

The fungus is grey-white in colour rather like the mould that occasionally sprouts on a pair of wet football boots. The particular parts of the fungus that the ants eat are swellings called bromatia. It is interesting to note that this fungus can readily be grown on agar in the laboratory but in culture it never produces bromatia. This suggests that the ants somehow prune the fungus to get it to produce the edible bromatia. Apparently the Bachacs never notice the monotony of their diet. If they did, one could imagine a worker returning at the end of the day and saying, "What, *Rozites gongylophora* again?"

The Bachacs have a communistic, but paradoxically a rather pacifistic, community. They have no warrior or soldier class as do many species of ants. The colony or nest (we might even say farm) is made up of workers, which are undeveloped females, and a queen. There never is a king, as such, in the colony. The king dies after the nuptial flight and before the nuptial flight he is only a suitor. The fertilised queen, widowed on her wedding night, rules

alone thereafter. Once fertilised she can go on laying eggs for as long as fifteen years.

Shortly before the rains come, certain of the eggs, after passing through several stages, develop into winged males and females. The females are future queens for other colonies which they will found and the males are their ill-fated mates. During this time the workers are greatly excited and completely manage the new kings and queens, restraining them from leaving until the time is right, i.e., until the rains have come.

Before the new queen departs she carefully takes a small portion of the fungus in her mouth. This is planting material for the fungus gardens of her own future colony. Mating takes place in the air and not infrequently the mating is by males and females of different Bachac colonies. This attests to the infallibility of the workers in knowing just the right time for the winged royalty to emerge.

After mating the queen comes to earth where she immediately discards her delicate, transparent wings by rubbing or biting them off. When wingless she digs in the soil at the site she has selected for the new colony. In the small chamber she hollows out she starts the fungus garden, manuring it with her own excreta, and later possibly sacrificing some of her eggs to manure it if it is doing poorly.

She waits exhausted until she is ready to lay her eggs, drawing for nourishment upon her wing muscles which she no longer needs. All this time she is completely alone—unlike the queen of the bee who takes half the hive with her when she goes to establish a new colony.

When at last the eggs are laid and finally hatched, the maggot or larval stage is produced. The larvae are crescent shaped grubs with ravenous appetites. The queen feeds them from meager fungus until they go into the transition or pupal stage.

The pupal stage is spent in a neat white cylinder called the cocoon. This the larva spins around himself to afford protection for his pupal stage during which he is dormant and therefore vulnerable to attack. When an ants' nest is broken open workers

can be seen scurrying away with these pupae in their pinchers. A common and erroneous remark is, "Oh, they're carrying away the eggs." In some parts of the world, ant pupae are collected and sold as fish food under the misnomer, "Ants' Eggs."

In a new colony the first workers which finally emerge from the cocoons are puny and undersized because of undernourishment during their larval stage. They are barely able to reach the surface of the ground and are too weak and underdeveloped to cut growing vegetation. Instead they bring back bits of discarded vegetable matter to start the spread of the fungus.

Nevertheless, even with these first feeble workers, the colony is alive and growing. More eggs are laid by the queen. Now the workers attend the larvae. New chambers are dug. The fungus garden is extended. The colony grows in strength and size. The queen is moved to a special, safer chamber lower down. Other special chambers are constructed for the larvae, pupae and eggs. This colony may extend to a size of twenty feet in diameter and to a depth of five feet. The architecture of these subterranean dwellings would be a study in itself.

Each year when the rains come new queens develop and take wing to establish similar matriarchal colonies elsewhere. Above the ground the leaf cutting and gathering continues in a purposeful way, night and day. Workers have been observed leaf cutting two hundred yards from their nest. Remarkably straight paths are worn through lawns by the Bachacs and frequently they remove obstacles from the path to make the way easier for others in their colony. They are quick to utilise a straight concrete drain or a fallen log which will make their journey simpler.

It is not difficult to note similarities between the behaviour of the Bachacs and that of human society. Care of the young, gregariousness, agricultural pursuits, highways, industry and courage are not uncommon facets of human society. Yet cannot each of these characteristics be seen in the lives of the Bachacs? True the Bachacs may lack a sense of humour, an atom bomb, or a daily

newspaper but perhaps recent human history indicates that the Bachacs are:

"Creatures that by a rule in Nature teach
The act of order to a peopled Kingdom."

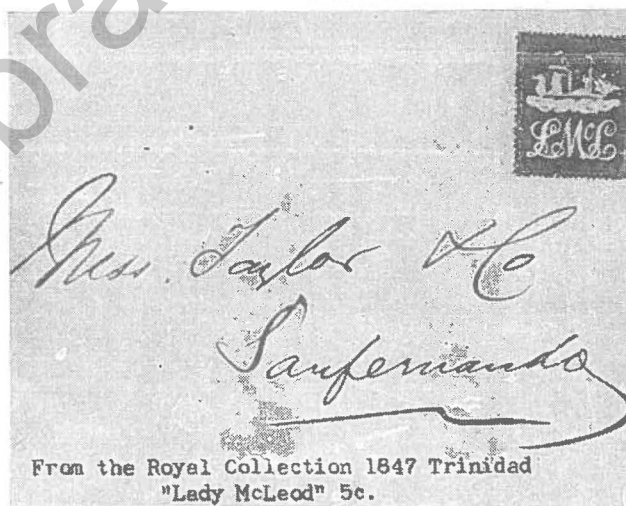
(Henry V, Act 1, Sc. 2)

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We tried our best to obtain suitable photographs of the Bachacs at work but without success as they were not obliging enough to walk on a white background. Anyway we tender our thanks to Mr. McDonald for contributing a very enlightening article on the Bachac family. Now we know that they're so human maybe we shall not be so annoyed when we find one morning that they have eaten our favourite rose bush — or will we?

THE FIRST EMPIRE STAMP.

The first adhesive postage stamp to be used in the British Empire was the Lady McLeod stamp issued on the 24th April 1847, by David Bryce, owner of the S.S. "Lady McLeod" and sold at 5 cents each for the prepayment of letters carried by his vessel between Port-of-Spain and San Fernando in Trinidad.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT:

A "Mack" truck and a "White" truck were parked one week-end next to each other in the Company's garage. Having nothing better to do they started having a chat about the loads they had been carrying during the preceding week. In the middle of their conversation the "Mack" truck suddenly commenced shaking and moving itself in a most amazing fashion. "What on earth's the matter with you?" exclaimed the White truck in astonishment. "I don't know," replied the Mack "but I think I've caught a Morris Minor".

“The Fire and Safety Section”

The Fire and Safety Section is the youngest of all sections in the Company as it only commenced operating as recently as July last year. Up to this date fire fighting and accident prevention had been the “babies” of most of the Departments but without any central organization being responsible for the work. Our Management decided some time ago that a special section should be created to fill the breach. With this end in view, Mr. “Stan” Riley who was previously employed by the Refinery on its Plants and who had displayed aptitude for the work of accident prevention, was sent on special courses in the United Kingdom with a view to gaining experience and on his return, establishing an organisation to deal specifically with the work of accident prevention and maintenance of adequate fire-fighting equipment.

Let's first of all analyse the “Fire Section” :—

(a) REFINERY :

There is a well-equipped Fire Station located at the Refinery adjacent to T.P.3 in which supplies of fire-fighting materials together with “Safety” equipment is stored. At this station we employ Joseph Thomas and Ulric Charles whose job it is to inspect and test all extinguishers and other fire equipment in the Refinery area.

In addition, at strategic points around the Plants are located “Equipment Sheds” containing hose-reels for connection to the foam system and Hopper type movable generators for the specific purpose of combating fires involving crude petroleum and its products.

All the Plants are provided with “First Aid” equipment in the form of snuffing steam system, steam hoses, sand, foam and CO₂ Extinguishers, in order that plant personnel can handle minor out-breaks of fire without calling a “general alarm”.

For the added protection of main storage tanks there is a fixed installation, comprising of two tanks of chemical solutions (better known as “A” and “B”) and the necessary lines and fittings running to each individual tank. A special type pump enables

equal volumes of the two solutions to be drawn from the “A” and “B” tanks and delivers through twin lines to manifolds to which each tank is connected. At each tank a mixing line is installed which turns the solutions into a foam by aeration with carbon dioxide resulting from a reaction of the “A” acid, and “B” carbonate solutions. The solutions are inspected by the Refinery Laboratory who analyse samples once per month in order to test for expansion and condition.

In addition to the regular men employed in the Refinery Fire Service there are fifteen Refinery Engineering employees who are available to assist in the event of a fire.



Mr. S. J. Riley (Fire and Safety Officer) with two of his assistants H. Mohamed and S. Thornhill.

This “emergency brigade” may be seen each Monday afternoon practising with all types of fire equipment such as water jet, water spray, water fog, “Foam Hoppers” and the Mechanical Foam Branch Pipes which is sometimes known as “Air Foam”.

There are several technicalities connected with the making of foam and it is not as simple as opening a valve here and adding a proportion of compound. It is

possible of course to produce a foam with many different proportions of compound to water but on the other hand it is very important to produce a foam with the *greatest possible efficiency*.

One of the many advantages of the mechanical foam is that *salt* water may be used and not necessarily *fresh* water which is a great asset when we use the launch “IBIS” as a Fire Float by placing aboard a trailer pump and air foam generators for practise in the event of fires on floating craft out at anchor or moored to the jetty.

(b) FIELDS :

The main Fire Station for the Fields Area is situated opposite the Point Fortin Post Office. The personnel employed therein are Arthur Arnasalam, Rupert Moore, George Eugene, Hercules King and James Lee who are all fire equipment maintenance fitters and who of course comprise the main body of our permanent fire brigade. They are housed in a



A. Arnasalam and S. Thornhill at Foam Branch practice on live fire.

building adjacent to the Fire Station in order that they may be available in case of emergency.

The main equipment consists of a Fire Engine, one Light Trailer Pump and sufficient stocks of materials to handle a fire of major proportions. The Field unlike the Refinery which is confined to certain boundaries, is a widely scattered area with hundreds of wells, dozens of Flow Stations and Storage Tanks that are situated miles apart, so that it is absolutely essential for all equipment to be portable and mobile.

All offices and shops are provided with Soda/Acid, Foam or CO₂ Fire Extinguishers, which are periodically inspected and tested. In the event of an extinguisher being used or misused the department concerned advises the Fire and Safety Section who immediately attend to and recharge same with the minimum of delay.

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE:

The volunteer Fire Brigade for the Fields area has a total strength at present of 48 men. Its members are drawn from all sections of the company. Training is given once per week, alternately in the Company's and employees' own time. The brigade is divided into four groups the group leaders being David Lee Sam, Noel Rock, Sydney Coombs and Lloyd Jordan. In the event of a fire which is too big for the regular Fire Brigade to handle, the volunteer brigade are called upon to assist.

PENAL FIELD:

In this field a Fire Station with similar equipment to that at Point Fortin, is maintained by Arthur Peters and Roopchand Lutchman and both these men also make periodic visits to the Dome and San Francique Fields in order to check equipment.

WILDCAT LOCATIONS:

With the increased activities at the Wildcat camps where stocks of gasoline and other inflammable materials are retained at scattered points, Fire Prevention is even more important and adequate emergency measures are required to be on hand at all times

as outside assistance is not available. The supply, inspection and testing of fires equipment is the responsibility of the Fire and Safety Officer at Point Fortin.

P.A.T. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT STORE:

At Forest Reserve there is located a Central Store containing emergency Fire Fighting Equipment and supplies for the use of members of the Petroleum Association of Trinidad. As our Company is a member of this association it has access to the store and can draw on any of the equipment if required in an emergency. The equipment at this store is maintained by Trinidad Leaseholds and is inspected every three months by the respective Fire Chiefs.

GENERAL:

At the moment the number of fire calls is not very high but these are liable to increase proportionately to the weather, as for instance last year when we experience a very dry season and bush fires were all too numerous.

SAFETY SECTION:

Accident Prevention work is usually one endless round of Inspections, Investigations, Training, Safety meetings and producing extensive statistics and our own organisation is no exception to this rule.

Mr. "Stan" Riley is the Safety Officer for the Company and is in charge of this work. He is assisted by Mr. Hanif Mohammed who is engaged on compiling reports and statistics, interviewing victims of accidents and making investigations in the case of all accidents.



Refinery Fire Brigade —

Back Row — L. to R. — R. Martin, C. Blake, J. Tirado, F. Pierre, D. Joseph, and E. Charles. Front Row — L. to R. — D. Harrison, F. Yearwood, L. Andrews, T. Taitt, R. Moore.



Point Fortin fire-engine with L. to R. — A. Arnasalam, H. King, S. Thornhill, K. Moore and J. Lee.

Mr. Samuel Thornhill who is mainly engaged on Fire Equipment Maintenance also spends a proportion of his time in the Safety Section, placing Safety Posters, sterilising and repairing gas masks, reconditioning safety hats, checking of safety belts, erecting road signs and attending to any other odd jobs connected with the Safety Section.

INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS :

Very often when investigating accidents we hear "it was only a small injury how can it be called a serious accident?" This point of view is perhaps one of the greatest problems confronting the investigator as people will get confused between the "injury" and the "accident". From a Safety and Legal standpoint all accidents causing the loss of three days or more are classed as "serious".

Special care is taken with accidents where machinery is involved. There are few accidents due to machinery on its own and as a rule the human element is to blame. So far as the investigator is concerned accidents are "caused" they don't "just happen". Another common expression for the cause of an accident is "it was an act of God". A good investigator will tell you that accidents due to an "act of God" are those where the human element does not exist, e.g. storms, lightning, hurricanes, earthquakes etc.

Looking through our accident records for the past 12 months there is not one single incident where a machine "caused" an accident. The human element entered into the cause in each case. Machinery accidents are usually due to an unsafe act or an unsafe condition. On taking our finding a stage further we find that an "unsafe condition" is purely an unsafe human act, so under this heading we can say that accidents are due to human acts or omissions.

When accident reports are received from sections in more cases than not they include the term "carelessness" which is shewn as the basic cause of the accident. If the investigator is given a true picture of the conditions and circumstances surrounding the

accident, almost invariably the cause of the accident can be traced to its source. The cause or causes may be an oversight on somebody's part, the failure of a piece of plant or sheer neglect of Safety Precautions. We have made great strides in eliminating the word "carelessness" as the cause of accidents and it would be better still if it was entirely eliminated.

SAFETY TRAINING :

Safety Training is one of the most important subjects in any Safety Organisation. The Company provides the best machines and materials obtainable and working conditions are kept at a high standard, yet in spite of these provisions accidents continue to occur, so the point of the attack must be on the "human element".

Training Classes are held regularly dealing with Industrial, Road and Gas Safety, Fire Prevention and Artificial Respiration. We also hold Road Safety Quiz Competitions from time to time outside working hours.

The aim in view is to sell "Safety" to everyone and to ensure that the ordinary worker not only believes in "Safety" but practices it as part of his job. The Foreman and Supervisors are made to realise that Safety Training and Instruction is part and parcel of "JOB TRAINING" and that it is very important that when an employee is told to do a job, the Safety angle is emphasised.

DISCUSSION GROUPS :

Another method of training employees whether they be workmen or supervisors is through the medium of a "Discussion Group" at which the audience is encouraged not only to ask the questions but also to give the answers as well. Such a group was formed in June this year and has met with great success. It is hoped in the near future to get all Departments interested in this venture. Subjects to be dealt with this year are, Road Safety, Traffic Control, Road Accident investigation, Safe and Unsafe Vehicles and First Aid to the Injured.



A. Arnasalam demonstrates the use of the heavy asbestos suit to other members of the fire fighting Section.

GAS SAFETY :

In the oil industry GAS SAFETY is a "must" and it is essential that supervisors, foremen and workmen should know how to use equipment in connection with this subject. Classes are organised to cover the correct type of masks to use on specific jobs, sterilisation, rescue work including Shafers Artificial Respiration, legal requirements, gas freeing of lines and tanks and precautions as regards static charges being set up when tank cleaning.

Some while ago we were asked to investigate a complaint regarding a gang of men engaged on cement screening operations who were suffering inconvenience, despite the fact that they were using our approved type of dust mask. The investigation



A. Arnasalam, N. Rock and S. Coombs practising use of the "Melley" (Melrose-Riley) portable fog nozzle.

revealed that the men were being allowed to use the masks without the inspiratory or expiratory valves being in place. When this was pointed out to the supervisor he said he thought they were not necessary! Small items — yet very important — incidents like this can only be avoided by training.

FIRST AID :

A lot of consideration has been given to the question of forming a First Aid Class or Section and after consideration it was decided that the section should join the British Red Cross Society and operate as a detachment. This arrangement is working out very well and although the general policy of the British Red Cross is closely followed, the detachment is actually directed by the Fire and Safety Section. We have been fortunate in getting our own Chief Medical Officer and a nurse to give lectures, so that expert tuition is provided.

The first series of lectures are now completed and examinations set by the British Red Cross Society will soon be held. First Aid Training has a very special value to the employee apart from the satisfaction he derives from being of service to his fellow men.

CONCLUSION :

The Fire and Safety Section in any organisation although usually quite small as far as the number of personnel are concerned, plays an important role in the Company's organisation. The Fire and Safety Officer endeavours to sell "Safety" to all concerned but although he may invoke the rules and regulations to prevent accidents, the ultimate success of his efforts depend on the assistance and co-operation of all the employees.

At the present time our accident record is showing an all round improvement and in fact our frequency rate for June which was 7.10 is the lowest ever recorded but this does not mean that our activities can be relaxed in the least. Tomorrow always brings new problems and the Fire and Safety Section will play its part, either directly or indirectly in safeguarding personnel and equipment by the prevention of Fire and Accidents.

Every person in the world may not become a personage. But every person may become a personality. The happiest people are those who think the most interesting thoughts. Interesting thoughts can live only in cultivated minds. Those who decide to use leisure as a means of mental development, who love good music, good books, good pictures, good company, good conversation — what are they? They are the happiest people in the world; and they are not only happy in themselves, they are the cause of happiness in others.

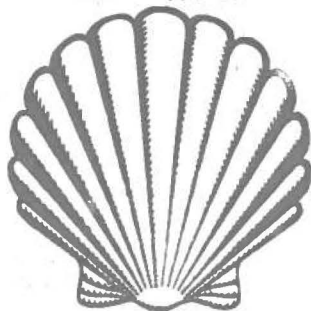
William Lyon Phelps.

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

A circular collage featuring eight portraits of men, each with a name and profession written around the perimeter. In the center is a portrait of a man with a hat, with age milestones written around him.

Name	Profession
J. WILLIAMS	PENAL PRODUCTION
H. JOHN	ELECTRICAL
S.E. MORRIS	DRAUGHTING
A. FORRESTER	FIELD, ENG. PIPE LINES
T. FREDERICKS	REF DRUM MAKING
N. CHANCE	REFINERY PLANTS
A. J. HALPHIDE	REFINERY PLANTS
C. TITTLE	M. & O. SHOPS

Central Figure:
 23 YEARS
 27 YEARS
 S. J. RILEY FIRE & SAFETY OFFICER
 30 YEARS
 20 YEARS



and still going strong!

Artificial Respiration Competition



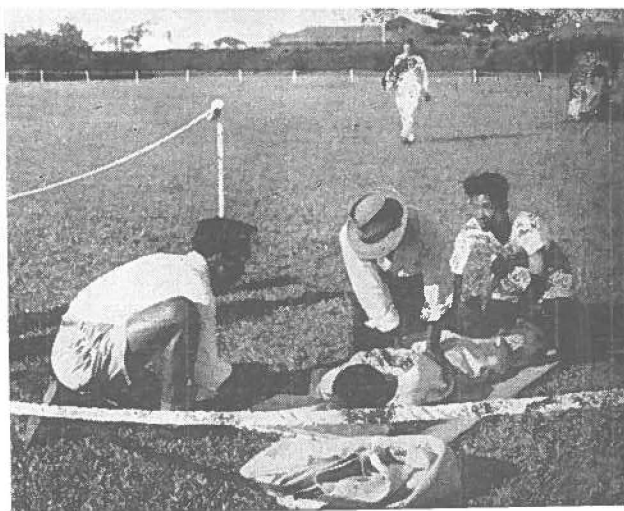
Mr. H. B. Rostant receiving a Royal Humane Society Certificate from the Rev. V. B. Walls, President of the British Red Cross Society, South Trinidad.

The annual interdepartmental artificial respiration competition was held at Mahaica Sports ground on Sunday 20th August. The following eight teams competed:

Department:	Team Leaders:
Industrial Training School "A"	D. Louison
" " " " "B"	F. Hanid
Refinery Engineering	C. Carrington
Penal Engineering	G. Sukhoo
Penal Transport	C. Mapp
Fire and Safety	A. Arnasalam
Electrical Sect. (Eng. Dept.)	C.S.D. Lee Sam
Company Guards	J. O. Scott

The Electrical Department team was awarded the first prize and obtained a total of 78 out of a possible 100 points. Fire and Safety were a close second with 76 points and Penal Transport were third with 70 points. At the end of the competition the apprentices from the Industrial Training School provided a very creditable display of physical training. On completion of the latter Mr. Madden addressed those present and gave the prizes to the winning teams. Mr. Haider Ali the Shell Service dealer at Point Fortin has presented a magnificent shield to be competed for annually in connection with the artificial respiration competition and the leader of this year's winning team, Mr. Lee Sam, of the Electrical Section, received the shield from Miss Salima Ali, daughter of the donor.

The Rev. V. B. Walls who is the Principal of Naparima College and Divisional President of the British Red Cross Society in the South of Trinidad, attended the competition and presented four certificates on behalf of the Royal Humane Society.



The winning team from the Electrical Department working on "incident No. 1"

Two were awarded for gallantry, one to Mr. H. B. Rostant of the Refinery Shipping Section and the other to Mr. N. V. Crooks of the Refinery Oxygen Plant, who both risked their lives in an attempt to save a man drowning at the mouth of the Guapo River. The other two certificates were awarded to Messrs. J. D. Boon of the Drilling Department and S. J. Riley, Fire and Safety Officer, for saving a man's life by applying artificial respiration after he was rescued from the sea. The incident in connection with which the above certificates were awarded has already been described in detail in the March 1950 issue of "UBOTIMES".

In addition to the competition there was on view, a small display of safe and unsafe equipment including the "Riley" Rocking Stretcher, an additional method of artificial respiration. The stretcher is equipment manufactured by Siebe Gorman & Co, and has no connection with our Fire and Safety Officer who by coincidence bears the same surname.

At the end of a very successful and instructive afternoon Mr. "Stan" Riley was presented with an outsize in "Safety Pins" by Mr. Talma in recognition of his efforts during the past year.



Miss Salima Ali presents the "Haider Ali" shield to Mr. David Lee Sam, leader of the winning team.

Spotlight on Sport

By N. C. SHRUEB
(Materials Department)

ATHLETICS

"THE CORONATION CUP"

This meeting was scheduled to take place on 8th June but had to be postponed owing to the very bad weather, and the condition of the ground. It was however arranged for Sunday 2nd July, a week before the date assigned for the U.B.A.A. Open Meeting. Large scale preparations and a great deal of work was carried out in the marking of the track, which for the first time, was of a quarter mile circuit, with six lanes and staggered starts. This makes for better competition and gives all competitors an even chance over the short distances. The weather was far from promising but the meeting was concluded with only one interrupting shower of rain. In spite of the very heavy ground conditions, some really good performances were put up, and some keen races witnessed. To give more athletes the opportunity of taking an active part in this competition, two men from each Section were nominated for each event.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, Mrs. T. M. Forgan, wife of the Assistant General Manager, presented the Cup to the Captain of the Winning team.

The final result was as follows :—

1st Engineering (Overhaul Shops & Transport)	24 Pts.
2nd Combined Offices	20 "
3rd Refinery	11 "

Victor Ludorum Prize Winner — C. Lynch

Results of some of the events were as follows :—

100 YARDS "B" CLASS "CORONATION"

1. E. Toussaint (Offices) Time 10.4 secs.
2. P. Bernard (Eng. Shops)
3. L. Gloudon (Refinery)

220 YARDS "A" CLASS "CORONATION"

1. C. Lynch (Eng. Shops) Time 23.4 secs.
2. P. John (Eng. Fields)
3. E. Pierre (Offices)

220 YARDS "B" CLASS "CORONATION"

1. P. Bernard (Eng. Shops) Time 23.8 secs.
2. L. Gloudon (Refinery)
3. L. Patterson (Eng. Fields)

440 YARDS "CORONATION"

1. L. Brewster (Eng. Shops) Time 55 secs.
2. C. Lynch (Eng. Shops)
3. E. Hinds (Offices)

880 YARDS "CORONATION"

1. E. Hinds (Offices) Time 2 mins. 16.2 sec
2. R. Remy (Penal)
3. Robain (Penal)

HIGH JUMP "CORONATION"

1. R. Madoo (Offices) Height 5' 7"
2. J. John (Refinery)
3. J. Roy (Eng. Fields)

880 YARDS MEDLEY RELAY "CORONATION"

1. Refinery
2. Engineering Shops
3. Offices

ONE MILE FLAT RACE (U.B.O.T. Open)

1. C. Celestine Time 5 mins. 3 secs.
2. W. Cox
3. A. Thomas

THREE MILE CYCLE RACE (U.B.O.T. Open)

1. H. Bailey Time 12 mins. 27 secs.
2. C. Thomas
3. L. Christopher

220 YARDS (OFFICE BOYS & APPRENTICES)

1. H. Morgan Time 26 secs.
2. W. Constantine
3. P. George

HIGH JUMP (OFFICE BOYS & APPRENTICES)

1. G. Tom
2. A. Mitchell
3. F. James Height 5' 2"

OPEN MEETING :

The U.B.A.A. Annual Athletic meeting was held on Sunday 9th July, when over 100 entries from all parts of the island were received for the 19 events.

Once again the weather was very bad on the days prior to the meeting, which nearly caused a postponement. However, with great determination the Committee worked up to the very last minute in its preparation of the track for the afternoon's events and these were carried through before a very large crowd, in brilliant sunshine.

The visiting competitors from the Police and L.A.S.C. Clubs had a gala day, each winning six events, whilst U.B.A.A. gained 1st and 2nd places in the 4 x 110 yds. Inter Oilfield Relay (for the Standard Motor Accessories Agency Cup, which they kindly presented for this meeting) with a total of ten other placings in the Open events.

After the events, the prizes which had been donated by many merchants throughout the island, were presented to the winning competitors by Mr. T. M. Forgan, Assistant General Manager, and Mr. J. L. Andrews, Production Manager.

Throughout the season U.B.A.A. athletes have trained very hard and have been seen at most of the island's meetings. Although finding their opposition too strong in most cases, they showed great keenness and improvement over the season.

It is hoped that the two meetings held at the Mahaica Oval during the season, will be held earlier in the year in future and also that the tentative arrangements for Inter Oilfields Club matches will be carried out. The latter will give our athletes every chance of having plenty of competition in the South. This is especially desirable in the case of the younger members, where events for them will be far more numerous than in the past.

FOOTBALL

Once again the S.A.F.L. Soccer Season is well under way, and both the 1st and 2nd Elevens have shown that they are still as strong as in previous years.

The waterlogged conditions of the various grounds has spoilt many games, but even so some really good matches have been witnessed.

1st Division :

The positions of the teams in the Mark Moody Shield are as follows :—

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals		Points
					For	Against	
Forest Reserve	5	4	1	—	15	6	9
U.B.O.T.	5	3	2	—	14	5	8
T.L.L.	5	2	1	2	9	5	5
Spitfire	5	2	—	1	10	15	4
T.P.D.	5	—	1	4	11	20	1
Apex	5	—	1	4	4	12	1

Duckham Cup :

Meeting Spitfire in the 1st Round at Mahaica, U.B.O.T.'s won 2 — 1 after extra time.

Oil Well Supply Cup :

In the 1st Round our opponents were T.L.L. and having previously drawn against them in a league fixture, a hard game was expected. However, playing really well as a team, with the forwards showing that they can produce goals, U.B.O.T.'s won by 6 goals to nil.

In the 2nd Round the opponents were Apex, and U.B.O.T.'s won this match by two goals to nil.

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2nd Division :

The 2nd Eleven playing in the Johnson Shield have to date played four matches, gaining maximum points by beating Apex, T.P.D. T.L.L. and Spitfire, with 11 goals for and one against.

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In a friendly game played at Clifton Hill against the Casuals team from Port-of-Spain, the Senior Staff team once again came out the victors by a 1-0 margin.

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BRITISH GUIANA RUGBY TOUR

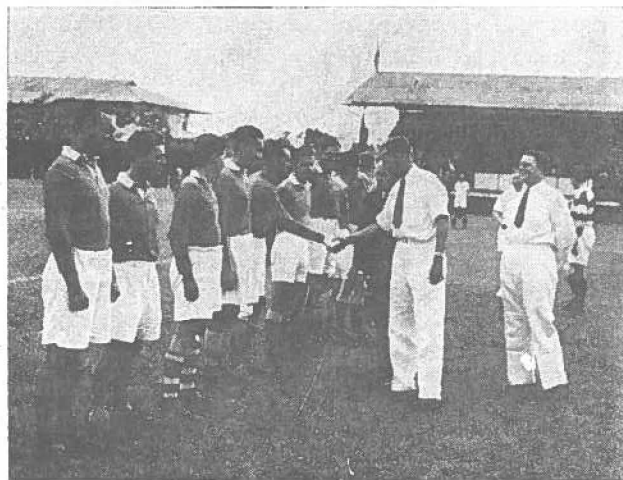


Trinidad Rugby Test Team :

Standing L. to R. — Wilson (Growlers), Close (Exiles), Mouttet (Caribs), Starling (Barbarians), Rutherford (Growlers), Fleck, Croudace (Growlers), Cummings, Blain and Hutchinson (Exiles). Kneeling L. to R. — Sampson and Allcock (Barbarians), Blackburn Capt. (Exiles), and Harrop (Growlers).

We are pleased to place on record that the following members of "Barbarians" were selected to play against the British Guiana Touring side, in the Test Matches played at Pointe-a-Pierre, Point Fortin and Port-of-Spain.

Messrs : L. C. Allcock, J. D. Boon, J. G. Munro and W. J. Starling. Trinidad in the second test at Mahaica on Wednesday 16th August defeated British Guiana by 14 points to nil.



Mr. Madden shaking hands before the match with the British Guiana team.

British Guiana played five matches during their tour, of which three were intercolonial. The first test match was played at Pointe-a-Pierre and resulted in a draw. They also lost the third test which was played at Port-of-Spain and Trinidad thereby recovered the "Macgregor Cup" previously held by British Guiana. The touring side was handicapped by excessive injuries to members of their team.



"UBOTS" FIRST XI — 1950.

Back Row : L. to R. :

T. Arismandez (Committee), N. Bernier (Asst. Sec.), A. Christopher, G. Edwards (Hon. Sec.), A. Carty, C. McClean, R. Baptiste, S. Drayton, F. A. D. Griffiths (Chairman).

Centre : L. to R. :

L. Brewster, D. Charleau, C. Maurice, F. Lloyd, D. Griffith, C. Andrews (Committee).

Front Row : L. to R. :

R. Halls, N. Douglas, F. Hackett, G. Worrell, L. Steele, C. Drayton.

"CORONATION CUP" — 2nd July, 1950.

1. L. Brewster (Engineering) winning the 440 yards Flat, followed by C. Lynch (Engineering).
2. R. Madoo (Draughting Office) clearing 5' 7" in the High Jump.
3. H. Bailey (Engineering) followed by C. Thomas (Penal) and L. Christopher (Refinery) rounding a bend in the 3 Mile Cycle Race.
4. E. Hinds (Materials) winning the 880 yards followed by R. Remy (Penal).
5. The winners of the High Jump for Apprentices receiving their prizes :
1st C. Tom, 2nd A. Mitchell, 3rd F. James.
6. A lap in the One Mile Flat Race. W. Cox (Engineering) leads C. Drayton (Engineering).

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- A. Derrick (Police) — Putting the Shot.
- B. I. Pierre (Police) leads L. Modeste (L.A.S.C.) in the One Mile Flat Race.
- C. L. Valentine (Eton) stepping it out in the 2 Mile Walking Race.
- D. Cyril Bascomb (T.P.D.) winning the High Jump.
- E. C. Pierre (Police) beating J. Cambridge (Police) in the 100 yards "A" Class.
- F. G. Yammiel (Brooklyn) winning the 440 yards Open.
- G. E. Rennie, W. Cox, C. Alexander and G. Cadogan running in the 3 Mile Flat Race.

(For pictures of these events, see opposite page.)

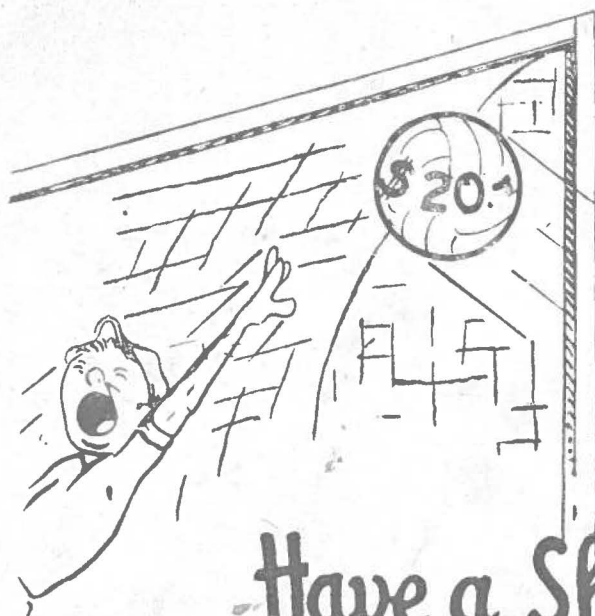
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POINT FORTIN





SAFETY POOL!

Have a Shot at Goal!

Rules and Directions

- Each line describes two accident hazards. You have to decide which of each pair is the more serious hazard or whether they are equally hazardous.
- If you think the first named is more serious, put "1" in the "markings" column. If you think the second named is more serious, put "2" in the "markings" column. If you think they are equally serious, put "X" in the "markings" column.
- The competition is open to all employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd.
- Only one entry per person will be allowed.
- 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.
- If you do not wish to spoil your copy of "UBO-TIMES" send your entry on a piece of paper.
- Closing date for the competition, 4 p.m. on Friday 27th October, 1950, and all entries received after that time will be null and void.
- Fill in your name, registered number, and Section and put your entry in an envelope addressed to the Fire and Safety Officer, U.B.O.T. Ltd., Point Fortin. The words "SAFETY POOL" must be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
- The decision of the Company is final in all matters connected with this competition.

ENTRY FORM.

Markings 1, 2 or x

1. Working circular saw without using push stick.	V	Split file handle.	
2. Grinding without eye protection.	V	Circu'ar saw without riving knife.	
3. Working on asbestos roofs without crawling boards or crawling ladders.	V	Driving motor vehicle without giving proper hand signals.	
4. Walking under suspended load.	V	Loose hammer head.	
5. Electric welding arc unscreened.	V	Stairs without handrails.	
6. Using case hardened steel for chisel.	V	Broken rung in ladder.	
7. Sitting on tail board of truck whilst in motion.	V	Portable electric tool not earthed.	
8. Unfenced excavations.	V	Mounting belt by hand with shaft running.	
9. Two riding on cycle built for one.	V	Using screw driver as chisel.	
10. Prime mover in motion without adequate guarding.	V	Using oil on valve of oxygen cylinder.	

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