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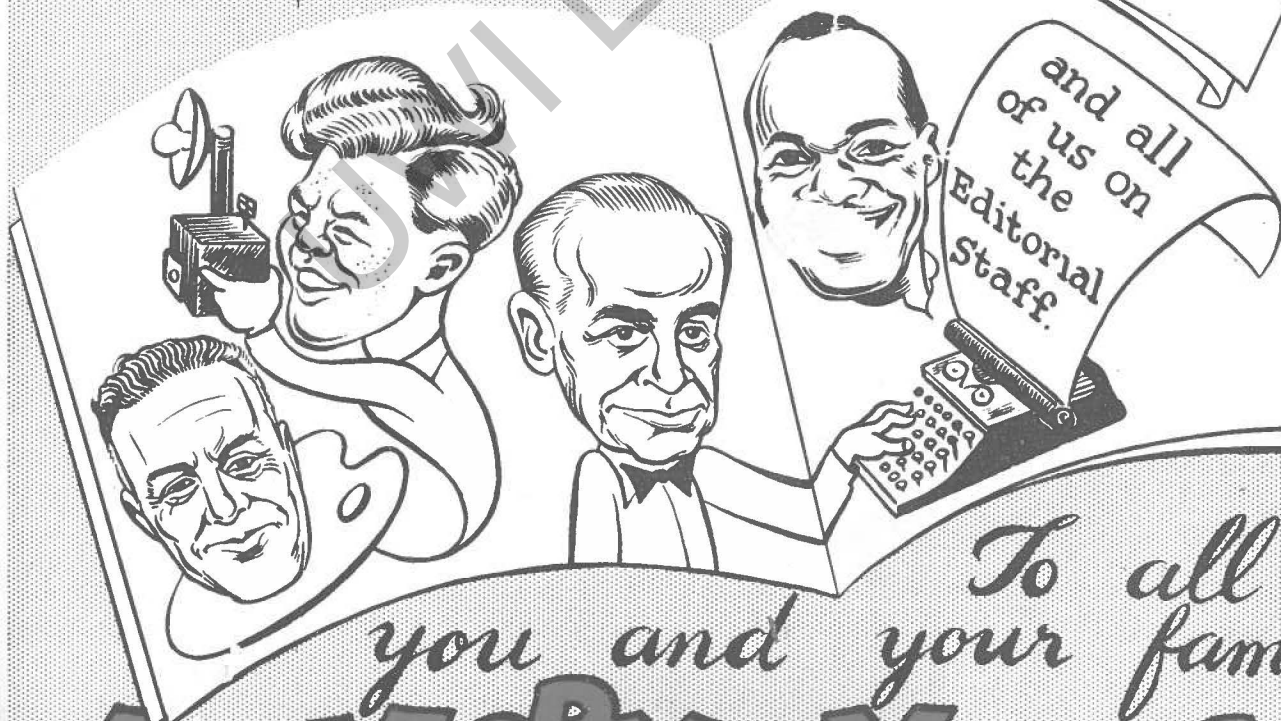
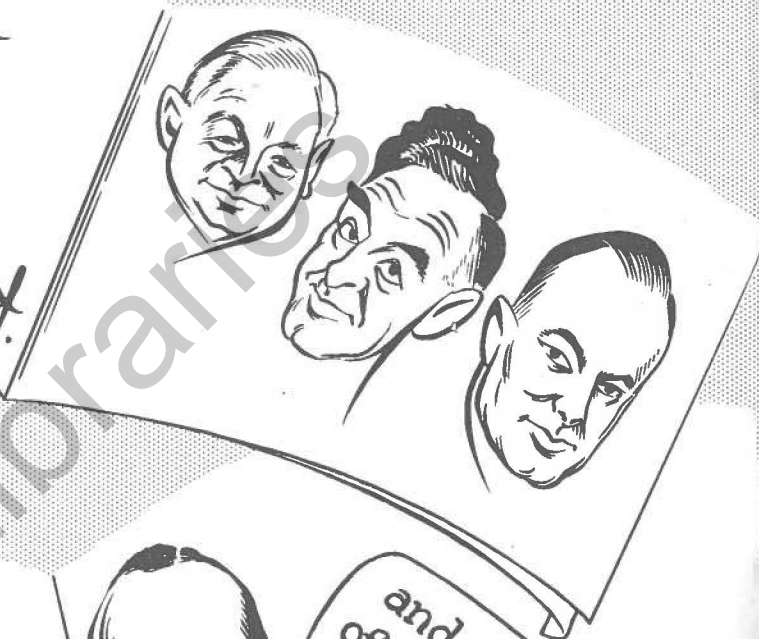
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you and your families.

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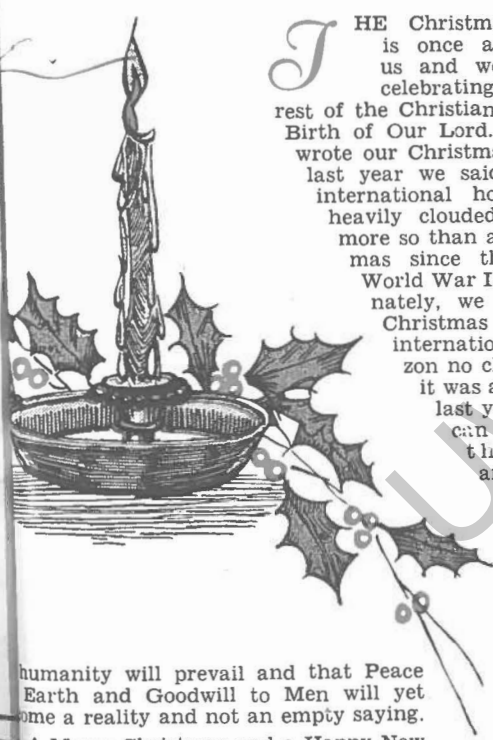
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Around the Departments



THE Christmas Season is once again upon us and we shall be celebrating with the rest of the Christian world the Birth of Our Lord. When we wrote our Christmas message last year we said that the international horizon was heavily clouded, probably more so than any Christmas since the end of World War II. Unfortunately, we enter this Christmas with the international horizon no clearer than it was at this time last year and we can but hope that tolerance for the other's lot of living and respect for the rights

Department. Mr. Felix has been in the Company's service for some 30 years and he was the recipient of a pen and pencil set and a cheque from his colleagues in the Penal Division. The presentation was made by Mr. R. P. Brown, Field Superintendent, and after appropriate speeches the party drank to the health of the guest of honour and finished up with "For he's a jolly good fellow." A similar function was later held in Mr. Felix's honour by his colleagues in the Medical Department at Point Fortin when he was again the recipient of a farewell gift and good wishes.

We wish Mr. Felix the best of health and a long and happy retirement.

November 5th is, of course, Guy Fawkes Day and in Point Fortin and at Penal the day was celebrated in traditional style with a bonfire and fireworks display which delighted the hearts of the children both young and old.

Mr. W. D. Dillon, formerly of the Materials Department, Point Fortin has been transferred to our Port-of-Spain Office. We wish him the best of luck in his new surroundings.

Members of the Accounts Department staff had a field day recently when two football teams, Creditors versus Debtors, played to a three-all draw at the Mahaica Oval. At the final whistle, the players and spectators retired to the United British Junior Staff Club where refreshments were served, bringing to a close another "All-Accounts" get-together.

Mr. E. A. Robertson of the Drilling Department, has been transferred to the Penal Division as Senior Toolpusher and Mr. F. Lesse and Mr. G. Billy of the Production Department, have also been transferred to work as Well Pulling Headmen/Winchmen. Mr. H. Van Laar of the EXD. Point Fortin, has been transferred to the Penal Division as Divisional Production Chemist, Dr. J. V. Thurston of the Medical Department, Point Fortin, has replaced Dr. F. E. V. Cant who is on long leave in the United Kingdom, Mr. R. A. Brown of the Penal Division Engineering Office, has been transferred to Point Fortin, and Mr. H. Maharaj of the Point Fortin Engineering Office succeeds Mr. Brown in a like capacity, Mr. E. E. Pinheiro of the Point Fortin Medical Department, has succeeded Mr. D. E.

humanity will prevail and that Peace Earth and Goodwill to Men will yet come a reality and not an empty saying.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Mr. Poon Katwaroo of the Materials Section, Penal Division, has resigned from the Company's service in order to establish his own business. Mr. C. P. Barclay of the Accounts Department, Point Fortin, has also resigned his position with the Company in order to undertake a personal venture of his own.

We extend to both these former employees the best of luck in their new undertakings.

The U.B.A.A. Penal Club was the venue of a presentation function held at the end of October on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Dennis E. Felix, of the Medical

Felix, who has retired, at the Penal Division Dispensary, Mr. D. C. T. Venn of the Production Department and Mr. R. D. Leather of the Transport Department have returned to Point Fortin. The latter acted in charge of Transport during the absence of Mr. B. Rostant on long leave.

We are informed that David, eldest son of Mr. D. S. Law, Manager of our Port-of-Spain Office, recently passed his Bachelor of Arts examination with Honours and is now studying for his M.A. Degree. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Law on their son's prowess and wish David the best of good fortune for the future.

Mr. Conrad Vance, and Mr. Amir Mohammed both of the Transportation Department, have resigned their positions with the Company in order to pursue their studies in England. Mr. Vance, who has been of great assistance as Demonstrator at the Apprentices Technical School, will study Engineering and Mr. Mohammed will study Economics and Law.

We wish them every success in their future careers.

We are pleased to record the following promotions:—

C. Selby, from Bosun to Foreman in the Marine Section, H. Romain, from Platelayer "B" to Chargehand, E. Perry, from Laboratory Assistant Grade II to Shift Foreman, M. Isaac, from Chargehand Checker to Foreman Checker, in the Refinery, Joseph Acco and Henry Galloway, from Despatchers "A" to Foremen Despatchers, in the Materials Department, Hosein Shah, from Foreman Despatcher to Clerk/Head Despatcher in the Materials Section, Penal Division, Albert Bhikarry, from Office Boy to Clerk Grade II in the Penal Division, Wilfred Debi, from Electrician "A" to Foreman Switchboard Operator — Penal Division Henry Moore, from Office Boy to Clerk Grade II in the Accounts Department, Stanford Murphy, from Mud Plant Operator "A" to Chargehand, in the Exploitation Engineering Department, C. Ganess, from Instrument Fitter/Gauger "A" to Foreman Engine Attendant, in the Field Engineering Section, Irvin Pierre, Chargehand Electrician "A" to Fore-



Mr. David Law, Jr.



The animated scene at the Annual Dance in the United British Junior Staff Club.

man Electrician, in the Field Engineering Section, Clement S. Saunders, from Chargehand Carpenter "A" to General Foreman, in the Field Engineering Section, McLeod Jackie, from Boilersmith "A" to Chargehand Boilersmith, in the Engineering Field Section, Leon J. Alexander, Randolph J. Baptiste, Irwin B. Davidson, Ivan T. Harry, Wilfred A. Jerome, Carlton E. Melville, Patrick G. St. Louis and John G. Taylor, from Watchmen to Estate Constables, in the Estate Police Force.

There was again a good entry in the last UBOTIMES Safety Contest but only two all correct solutions were sent in. 8 entrants had 11½ correct solutions whilst two others had 11 correct.

The first all correct solution opened was sent in by Mr. Michael Jadoo, of the I. R. and P. Department to whom the first prize of \$20 has been awarded. The ten Consolation Prizes of \$5.00 each will go to the following: S. Jeffers, F. Ramchand, A. Rawlins, R. Ramsaran, H. Mohammed, F. James and A. C. Dorset (Apprentices Technical School), L. Samuel (M.&O. Shops), H. Harewood (Machine Shop) and Ralph J. Lewis (Refinery Engineering).

We extend our congratulations to the winners and trust the losers will have better luck in the novel "Joe Safety" Contest announced in this issue

The United British Junior Staff Club's Annual Dance was held on 4th October when a large number of members and their guests spent a most enjoyable evening to the strains of a well known Port-of-Spain orchestra. The dance floor was tastefully decorated and supper was served by members of the Ladies Committee. Dancing went on until the early hours of the morning and there can be no doubt that this annual function was one of the most successful ever held.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death as the result of an accident in Cardon Refinery, Venezuela, of Mr. T. S. Rowley, who worked in Point Fortin for several years prior to his transfer to Venezuela. The late T. S. Rowley will be remembered by all of us as a very popular member of the Staff with a keen sense of humour and a delightful personality.

We extend our sincerest condolences to his widow and family.

Mr. S. M. Solomon of the Refinery, recently announced his engagement to Miss Joyce Mohammed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanief Mohammed, of Fyzabad, and Mr. F. A. Taft of the Refinery Section, has announced his engagement to Miss Ellen Oriana Fortune, of Carriacou, Grenada. We extend our congratulations to these gentlemen.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. R. G. Searight, former General Manager of the Shell Administration in Egypt and who has now taken up an

important executive position in our London Office. Mr. Searight who was accompanied by Mrs. Searight, was visiting all Shell production Areas in the Western Hemisphere prior to taking up his new position, and they had the opportunity of meeting all the members of the Staff and their wives at cocktail parties held in their honour at the United British Club and the United British Junior Staff Club.

During his long leave in England prior to being transferred to the Shell Administration in Borneo, Mr. E. L. Johnson, a former member of our Accounts Department Staff, and the United British Rifle Club, shot at Bisley in the internationally famous Rifle Meeting. We were very glad to hear that in competition with all the telescopic sight experts, he won the Cecil Ramsey Championship Cup for the "any sights" competition with a score of 399 x 400 and the "any sights" sweepstake with the maximum score of 600.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Johnson on his splendid performance.

The first Annual Dinner and prize distribution function of the U.B.O.T. Rifle Club was held in Point Fortin on October 25th. Covers were laid for 30 persons, amongst whom were Mr. J. D. Hall, Assistant General Manager, who proposed the toast of "The Queen".

Mr. A. Chongasing, of the Materials Department, received most of the prizes while Messrs. R. Rahman and P. Cornwallis of the same Department and Estate Constable J. Thomas, of the Estate Police Force, also did very well.

We congratulate the members of the U.B.O.T. Rifle Club on their successful year and hope that many more lie ahead of them.

The judging of the Annual Gardening Competition in Techier Village was concluded in the middle of November and once again the judges found it difficult to select the prize winners from the many excellent gardens which they had to judge. The first prize of Twenty Dollars was awarded to Mr. J. Sinanan of the Refinery Laboratory, who resides

at Cottage No. 179. The second and third prizes of fifteen dollars and ten dollars went to Mr. V. Baker of the Engineering (Fields) Section and Mr. L. Francis of the Refinery Distillation Section, living respectively at Cottages Nos. 369 and 23, and the 5 Consolation Prizes of five dollars each were awarded to Messrs. S. Murphy (EXD., Cottage 387), C. Griffith (Ref. Engineering, Cottage 360), H. Mark (Ref. Distillation, Cottage 499), J. Jones (Estate Police Force, Cottage 326), and A. Cooper (Engineering-Fields, Cottage 358). In addition a special Consolation Prize of five dollars was awarded to Mr. J. Alexander of the Production Department, for the only effort made by any resident in the Bachelor Quarters in Techier Village towards making a garden.

The prize winning gardens had obviously had a lot of attention paid to them and the prize winners have every reason to be proud of their success. We extend our congratulations to them and their wives who undoubtedly assisted very considerably in the preparation and maintenance of such excellent gardens. It is to be hoped that all those who competed and were unsuccessful this year will keep up the good work so that they may figure in the prize winning list for next year.

We have been asked to extend the thanks of the Industrial Relations Office to the judges, Mesdames. R. M. Harcourt, W. D. Bell and C. A. Dimitriu for the time which they so kindly devoted to the judging.

Elections were recently held for the Techier Village Welfare Committee for 1952/53 and this resulted in the election of Mesdames. R. George (Cottage 296), V. Brown (Cottage 302), E. Courtney (Cottage 44) and Messrs. T. Jean (Cottage 461), L. Bannister (Cottage 257) and S. Crichtlow (Cottage 241).

The forthcoming year should see a big increase in communal activities in Techier Village and we feel sure the newly elected Committee will do all they can to support and encourage the combined efforts of the inhabitants of the village and the Company. We congratulate these ladies and gentlemen on the confidence placed in them by their fellow residents.



Mr. & Mrs. J. Sinanan in their prize-winning garden at Techier Village.

Miss Vilma Monica Durieux, daughter of Mr. A. L. Durieux of the Materials Department, has left for the United States where she will be taking up residence. We extend our good wishes to Miss Durieux.

Our Apprentice Training Scheme is very much in the news these days and the results of the City & Guilds of London examinations held in the earlier part of this year have now been received. The value and efficiency of the training being given to apprentices in our Apprentices Technical School is once again vividly illustrated by the fact that so far we have secured 20 passes out of 26 candidates entered. Although there are still one or two results to come, there is no doubt that we have again secured the best record for any Centre in the Island. We are proud of the fine showing made by our lads which reflects considerable credit on the Training Supervisor, the Instructors and Demonstrators, and the ability of the apprentices themselves.

The first examinations of the 1952/53 session have just been completed and we should like to congratulate the following apprentices on their good work :—

TERMINAL TEST: Apprentices E. Ramsey and H. Mohamed (1949 intake), A. Rawlins and L. San Laurent (1950 intake), H. Wood and R. Mangaroo (1952 intake).

TERMINAL REPORT: Apprentices E. Ramsey and H. Raghunanan (1949 intake), A. Rawlins and T. Lloyd (1950 intake), H. Wood and R. Mangaroo (1952 intake).

We also extend our congratulations to Apprentice L. San Laurent who has been appointed a Prefect.

The Literary Section has been very active and on the 30th October a debate was held at the Apprentices Hostel against pupils of the Point Fortin R.C. Intermediate School when the resolution before the House was "Be it resolved that boys and girls should be educated together throughout their school life". It was the first occasion on which a debate had been held with any outside Literary or Debating Society and some lively speeches were heard. Apprentices T. Lloyd and L. Broomes argued in the negative and the judges awarded them the decision.

The School had the pleasure of a visit on the 13th October from Dr. F. J. Harlow, who is Adviser on Technical



Dr. F. J. Harlow (right) Adviser on Technical Education to the Colonial Office, London, chats with Apprentice A. Rawlins. In the centre is Mr. I. Moreland-Hopkins, Acting Director of Education, and Chairman of the Board of Industrial Training.

Education to the Colonial Office, London. Dr. Harlow was very impressed with our Apprentice Training Scheme and

congratulated the Staff and the apprentices on the good work they were doing.

In the field of sports our lads have also been to the fore and the Rowdy Cup for inter-oilfield apprentices football has been won by them. T.L.L. Pointe-a-Pierre were defeated by 1-0, T.P.D. were defeated to the tune of 6-0, Forest Reserve went under to our lads by 2-0 and in the return game with Pointe-a-Pierre we emerged with a draw. With two matches still to play, our lads are thus assured of the Rowdy Cup.

The Company has donated a sterling silver cup to be awarded to the best apprentice of the year, the winner to receive a sterling silver miniature together with books or tools to the value of \$20.00. Second and third prizes to the value of \$15 and \$10 in books or tools will also be awarded to the two next best apprentices of the year. In addition the Company has donated group prizes to the value of \$7.50 in books or tools to the best apprentice in each year and a leaving prize consisting of a silver medal and books or tools to the value of \$20 for the best apprentice in each group passing out of the Scheme at the end of apprenticeship. This prize will be based on the apprentice's full five years record.

Annual Prizes to the value of \$10 in books or tools have been donated by the General Manager (for Engineering Science), by the Assistant General Manager (for Mathematics), by Mr. R. M. Harcourt (for Engineering Drawing), and by Mr. S. J. Ireson (for English).

The bi-annual prize distribution ceremony of the Southern Committee of the Board of Industrial Training (of which our Senior Industrial Relations Supervisor is a member) was held at the Empire Theatre, San Fernando, on Wednesday 26th November when a distinguished gathering which included the Minister of Education and Social Services, the Hon. Roy Joseph, and Mrs. Joseph, and the Acting Director of Education and Chairman of the Board of Industrial Training, Mr. I. Moreland Hopkins, saw an impressive attendance of apprentices, parents, officials of the Oil and Sugar Industries in South Trinidad, and many others interested in technical education in Trinidad. Needless to say, U.B.O.T. apprentices occupied a prominent position on the prize list and we give below the names of all those who received prizes or certificates :—

CITY & GUILDS SUCCESSES — 1951 :

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING PRACTICE — Preliminary Section 1 :
Errol Eccles and Victor Chin Kit.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION — 2nd Year Special :

E. Eccles, V. Chin Kit, J. Mills, R. Sewnath, M. Golah, S. Jeffers, D. Louison, H. Mohamed, S. Moore, E. Panchorie and H. Raghunanan (1st Class). Conrad Murray (2nd Class).

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING : — 3rd Year Special :

E. Brathwaite and E. Ramsey (1st Class). E. Bernard, M. Nancoo and R. Ramsaran (2nd Class).

MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS' WORK — Section 1 Theory :

Albert Dee (1st Class) and Arnold Neckles (2nd Class).

MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS' WORK — Intermediate 3rd Year Special :

Louis de Silva and R. Ramharacksingh (1st Class), and Fitzroy James and Leslie Springer (2nd Class).

CITY & GUILDS SUCCESSES — 1952 :

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION — Course B. Theory :

V. Chin Kit, E. Eccles and J. Mills (1st Class).

MACHINE SHOP ENGINEERING — Intermediate :

Malcolm Nancoo and Errol Ramsey (2nd Class).

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING — 3rd Year Special :

A. Rawlins, A. C. Saunders, H. O. Smith and L. St. Laurent (2nd Class).

MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS' WORK :

*L. R. Broomes, *A. A. Howe, L. A. de Silva, *C. James, *A. Layne, *R. Herrera, R. Ramharacksingh, L. Springer (1st Class) and F. V. James (2nd Class).

(* Indicates 3rd Year Special — Intermediate).

OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING TECHNOLOGY :

Auby A. Legall (2nd Class).

APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION CERTIFICATES :

Lloyd Mootoo, Kubare Maignath, *Arnold Neckles, *Albert Dee, *Ralph Sewnath, *Franklin Roberts, *Edgar Brathwaite, *Victor Chin Kit, *Sylvester Gervais and *John Mills.

(* — Completion Cheque also awarded).

U.B.O.T. LTD. PRIZES :

BEST APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR :

1st : (Cup and Miniature and \$20. Books/tools.)

1949-50 — E. Ramsey, 1950-51 — T. Lloyd, 1951-52 — A. Rawlins.



Apprentices proudly display the miniature cups won by them as Best Apprentices of the Year.

L. to R: Apprentices Errol Ramsey (1949/50), Trevor Lloyd (1950/51), and Anthony Rawlins (1951/52).

2nd : (\$15. Books/tools.)

1949-50 — H. Raghunanan, 1950-51 — A. Rawlins, 1951-52 — E. Ramsey.

3rd : (\$10. Books/tools.)

1949-50 — D. Louison, 1950-51 — N. Ali, 1951-52 — T. Lloyd.

GROUP PRIZES : (\$7.50 Books/tools.)

1950-51 — D. Louison and R. Bachoo, 1951-52 — D. Louison and L. Broomes.

SUBJECT PRIZES : (\$10. Books/tools.)

General Manager's Prize for Engineering Science — E. Ramsey.

Asst. General Manager's Prize for Mathematics — H. Smith.

Mr. R. M. Harcourt's Prize for Engineering Drawing — D. Louison.

Mr. S. J. Ireson's Prize for English — A. Rawlins.

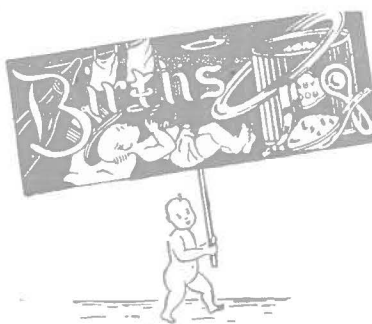
As we go to Press with this issue of UBOTIMES, news has been received from London of the death of Sir Robert Waley Cohen, K.B.E., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United British Oilfields of Trinidad, Limited, at the age of 72.

Sir Robert joined M. Samuel & Co., — then the Managers of The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company Limited in 1901, and in 1906 when discussions were held which led to complete union between Shell and Royal Dutch and the formation of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, he went to the Hague to negotiate on behalf of Shell and from the resultant fusion of a British and a Dutch Company came the worldwide Shell Organisation.

A few years later Sir Robert joined the Board of Directors of United British Oilfields of Trinidad, Limited, and became Chairman in 1926.

During his long and successful business career Sir Robert was very closely associated with our Company and it will be recalled he paid us a visit in March of last year. One of the results of that visit was that we were given practical encouragement with our Apprentice Training Scheme by the authorisation of additional buildings which have since been constructed.

On behalf of our readers we extend our deep sympathy to Sir Robert's family and to the Board of Directors on their sad loss.



We extend our congratulations to the following :

Mr. R. A. Brown of the Penal Division Engineering Office, and Mrs Brown, on the birth of a son, Aldwyn jnr., at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, Point Fortin.

Mr. Harold Campbell of our Port-of-Spain Office, and

Mrs. Campbell, on the birth of their first son, Gordon Christopher.

Mr. G. R. Patterson of the Refinery Electrical Section, and Mrs. Patterson, on the birth of a son at the U.B.O.T. Hospital on the 29th October

Mr. Carl Turton of our Port-of-Spain Office, and Mrs. Turton, on the birth of a daughter, Heather Michelle.

Mr. G. M. Z. Scott of the Drilling Department, and Mrs. Scott, on the birth of a daughter, Yvette Claire, at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, on the 22nd October.

Mr. G. St. John of the Materials Department, and Mrs. St. John, on the birth of a daughter, Maureen Sandra, at the U.B.O.T. Hospital on 22nd October.

Mr. J. Chattergoon of the Refinery Office, and Mrs. Chattergoon, on the birth of a daughter at the Saddle House Clinic, Port-of-Spain

Mr. E. L. Legall of the Materials Department, and Mrs. Legall, on the birth of a daughter at the U.B.O.T. Hospital on the 29th October.

Mr. H. Corbie of the Refinery Office, and Mrs. Corbie, on the birth of a daughter at the Point Fortin Maternity Hospital.

Mr. U. Joseph of the Refinery, and Mrs. Joseph, on the birth of a daughter at the U.B.O.T. Hospital on the 24th October

Mr. C. La Borde of the Camp Maintenance Section, and Mrs. La Borde, on the birth of a daughter, Kathleen Deborah, on the 8th October.

Mr. Mahabirsingh of the Refinery, and Mrs. Mahabirsingh, on the birth of a son.

Mr. E. Procope of the M. & O. Section, and Mrs. Procope, on the birth of their third son, on the 29th October.

Mr. J. M. N. Laing of the Exploitation Engineering Department, and Mrs. Laing, on the birth of a daughter at the U.B.O.T. Hospital.

Mr. C. Bastien of the Refinery Office, and Mrs. Bastien, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. F. Dillon of the Refinery Distillation Section, and Mrs. Dillon, on the birth of a son, at the U.B.O.T. Hospital on the 28th October.

Mr. J. M. Grimme of the Drilling Department, and Mrs. Grimme, on the birth of a son at the U.B.O.T. Hospital.

Mr. H. H. Kanhai of the Materials Department, and Mrs. Kanhai, on the birth of a daughter at the U.B.O.T. Hospital.

Mr. N. Bernier of the Accounts Department, and Mrs. Bernier, on the birth of a daughter, Ann Michelle, at the U.B.O.T. Hospital.

Mr. J. Mahabir of the Machine Shop, and Mrs. Mahabir, on the birth of a daughter, Sandra, on the 12th November at Fyzabad.

Mr. Errol Reyes of the Materials Department, and Mrs. Reyes, on the birth of a daughter, on the 3rd November.

Mr. Augustus Grenade of the Production Department, and Mrs. Grenade, on the birth of a son, Angus Trevor.

Mr. D. Logan of the M. & O. Shops Section, and Mrs. Logan, on the birth of a daughter on the 9th November, at Cedros.



Mr. John Borel of our Port-of-Spain Office was married to Miss Elsa Foster on 29th October. The ceremony was performed at the Roman Catholic Church at St. Ann's, and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's sister at Fairview, Diego Martin. The honeymoon was spent at Mayaro.

Miss Shirley Nancoo, daughter of Mr. M. Nancoo of the Anti-malarial Section of the Medical Department, was married on the 18th October to Mr. D. R. Jagassar of Penal.

A pretty wedding took place recently at St. Paul's Anglican Church, San Fernando, when Mr. Prince A. Felix, of the Refinery Shipping Section was married to Miss Darcy



Mr. & Mrs. Prince A. Felix after their marriage.

Jack. The ceremony was performed by Canon M. E. Farquhar and a reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. W. A. Flynn, of the Drilling Department, was married recently to Miss Monica D'Abadie, daughter of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. D'Abadie of Siparia. The ceremony took place at St. Patrick's Church, Newtown, and the Rev. Fr. Connelly officiated. A reception followed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Roland de Verteuil at Cascade, Port-of-Spain, and the honeymoon was spent in Tobago.



Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Flynn after their wedding.

Mr. Clifford Emmanuel, of the Refinery Engineering Power Plant Section, was married to Miss Pauline De Lea on 26th October at the La Brea Roman Catholic Church. The honeymoon was spent at Blanchisseuse.

We extend our best wishes for the future to all these couples.

Obituary

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

Mrs. C. Williams, wife of Mr. C. Williams of the Penal Division.

Mr. Habib Abraham, father of Mr. A. J. Abraham of our Port-of-Spain Office.

Mr. Ralph U. Lee, a former employee of the Materials Department which occurred on October 15th. The late R. U. Lee had been obliged to relinquish his position with the Company some months ago due to ill-health. He was held in high esteem by his colleagues and his funeral was attended by many of the Staff and employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd.

Mrs. Aquina Santana, wife of Mr. Gregorio Santana of the Refinery Marine Section, which occurred on the 18th November at the U.B.O.T. Hospital, Point Fortin. The interment took place at the Point Fortin Cemetery.

Mr. John Sombrano, brother-in-law of Mr. Victor King, of the Transportation Department, which occurred in Port-of-Spain on the 30th October.

Mrs. S. Hamilton, wife of Mr. F. A. Hamilton of the Garage, which occurred at Point Ligoure on 30th October. The interment took place at the Point Fortin cemetery.

Mr. T. Marcelle, of the Watchman Force, which occurred on the 19th September. The late Timothy Marcelle had been employed by the Company for a period of just over 13 years.

Mr. C. de Gale of the Refinery Distillation Section, which occurred at his residence on Canaan Road, Point Fortin, on the 3rd November. The late Cyril de Gale had been employed with the Company since 1924 and his death will be sadly felt by his relatives and friends. The interment took place at the Point Fortin cemetery and was attended by a large number of his friends and colleagues.

Master Stephen Marshall, nephew of Mr. Vigil George of the Production Department, who died under tragic circumstances. The interment took place at the Kingsley Cemetery, Point Fortin, and was attended by a large number of school teachers and children.

We extend a welcome to

Messrs. W. H. Berry, K. G. Tait and D. Ross (Engineering), Dr. N. W. Ahin (Medical), Mr. G. M. Clarke (I.R. & P.), Mr. I. A. M. Wheldon (Materials), Messrs. J. G. Ogilvie, K. E. Warner and H. J. de Verteuil (Production), Messrs. A. H. C. Brasseur and W. C. D. Jones (EXD.), Messrs. E. A. Bratt



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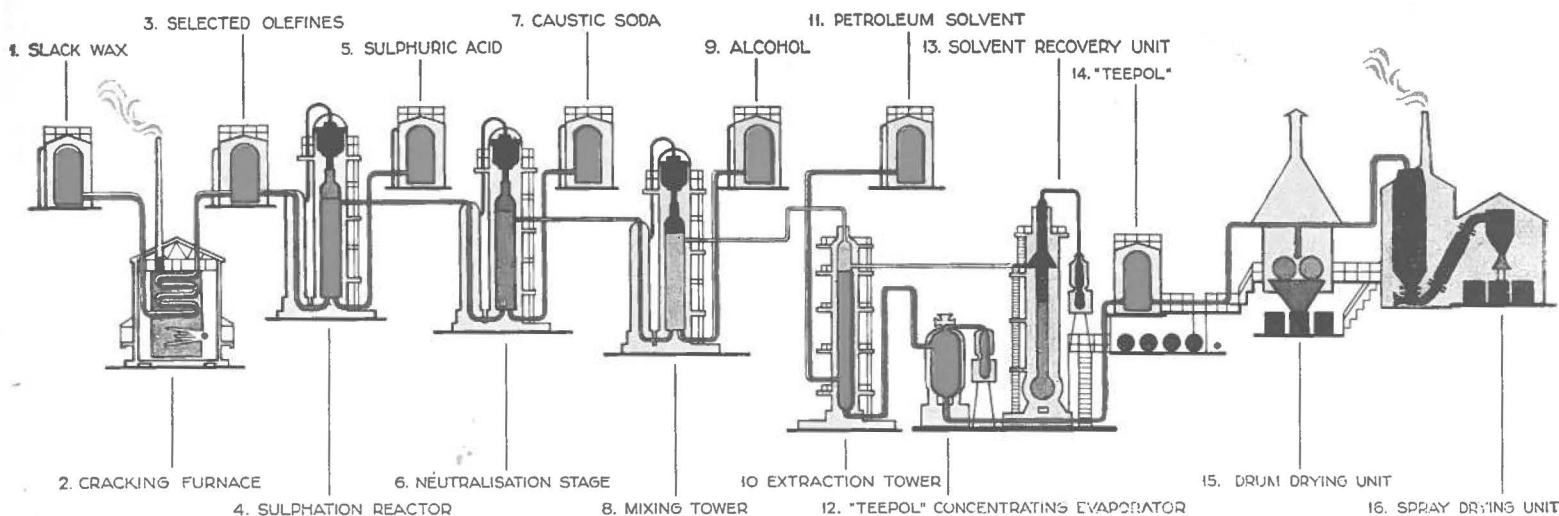


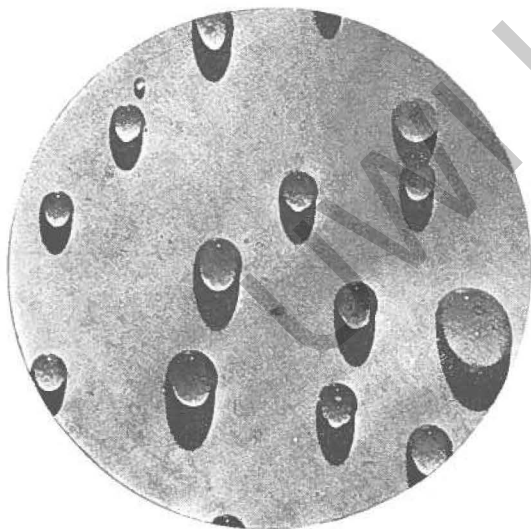
Diagram illustrating the various stages in the manufacture of "Teepol".

Detergents. What Are They?

BY N. P. SKERRETT
(Refinery)

DETERGENT is a word which is appearing more and more in our newspapers and magazines now-a-days and yet it is one with which we are not all familiar. In its simplest definition, a detergent is an active material which confers upon water the power of cleansing, *i.e.*, the power of removing dirt. (The word

described this cleaner and called it "Sapo". Excavations carried out in the ruined City of Pompeii which was overcome by the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius have revealed a factory which was evidently busy manufacturing soap in Roman times. It appears that after the Romans the art of soap-making fell into abeyance during the so-called Dark



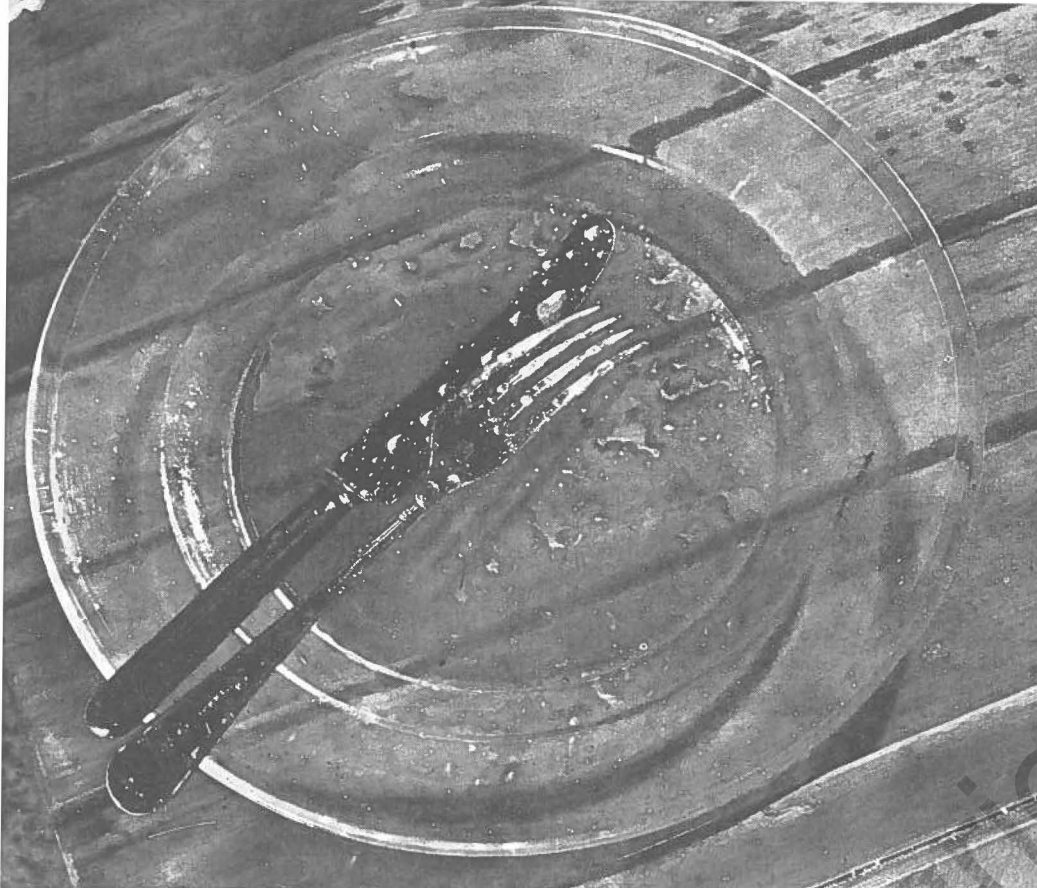
On the left, globules of ordinary tap water are shown on the surface of a white card; on the right, water mixed with "Teepol" is shown on a similar card. Note the greatly increased surface wetting, and also penetration of the internal surface on the card's fibrous structure.

"detergent" is derived from the Latin word "detergere" which means "to cleanse".) Dirt can appear in many forms but generally speaking it is composed of dust or grime combined with some form of grease or oil.

The best known detergent for removing dirt is, of course, soap. Soap has been known to civilised people since the earliest times and in the first century A.D. Pliny the Elder

described this cleaner and called it "Sapo". Excavations carried out in the ruined City of Pompeii which was overcome by the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius have revealed a factory which was evidently busy manufacturing soap in Roman times. It appears that after the Romans the art of soap-making fell into abeyance during the so-called Dark

ages but by the thirteenth century it had been revived in the Mediterranean area and in the following century it was introduced into the British Isles and Western Europe generally.



Knife, fork and plate which have been rinsed in a solution of hard water and soap.

soap-making is one of the leading chemical industries throughout the world. Soaps can be prepared either from animal fats, e.g., lard or mutton fat or from vegetable oils such as palm oil, coconut oil and olive oil. The fundamental process is the same in both cases; the fat or oil is "saponified" by boiling with caustic alkali and the soap is thrown out of solution and separated from the "lyes" by the addition of common salt. The "lyes" contain glycerol which is recovered as a valuable by-product. Caustic soda is the alkali employed for the preparation of hard household soaps whereas caustic potash is used to give soft soaps.

Soap is an extremely valuable article of modern civilisation but it suffers from one drawback—namely, that it forms a "scum" with hard waters. This scum formation, caused by the formation of insoluble calcium and magnesium soaps, not only detracts from the appearance of the article being cleaned but also causes wastage of the soap.

In view of the very large demand for soap throughout the world it is not surprising to find that considerable attention has been paid to the development of other types of detergents. The first of these products was sulphonated castor oil, commonly known as "Turkey Red Oil" on account of its deep colour, which was first prepared in 1862. Considerable impetus to the search for detergents other than soap was caused by the two World Wars of the Twentieth Century but very little real progress was made before 1930. In the following decade research workers developed a number of new detergents, the full-scale manufacturing of which

was undertaken during the second World War when a widespread shortage of the fats and oils necessary for soap manufacture caused soap to be a scarce commodity which was strictly rationed in many countries.

Although there are now a number of different types of new detergent, the two most important are :—

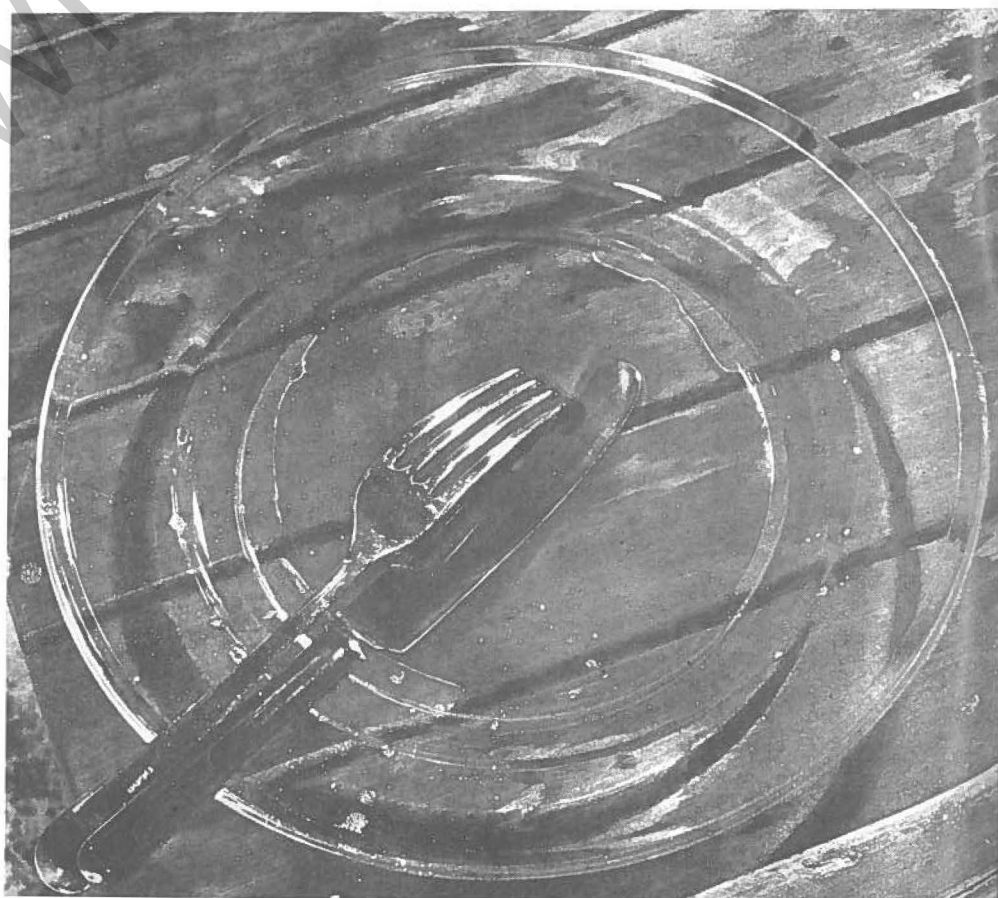
- a) alkyl aryl sulphonate derivatives,
- b) sodium alkyl sulphates.

Both these types of products can be produced from petroleum. In the U.S.A. more attention has been paid to the manufacture of the alkyl aryl sulphonated group of products. The method of manufacture is to allow an aromatic hydrocarbon to react with an olefine or chlorinated paraffin to give an alkyl aryl hydrocarbon. This product is sulphonated with sulphuric acid and the final neutralisation carried out with caustic soda.

The sodium alkyl sulphates are produced mainly in the United Kingdom and in Western Europe. The starting material is a crude form of paraffin wax—known as "slack wax"—obtained as a by-product in the manufacture of high grade lubricating oils. The "slack wax" is cracked at high temperature to give olefines and these are sulphated with sulphuric acid. Caustic soda is used in the final stage to give the required sodium alkyl sulphates.

As one would expect, the SHELL Group took a leading

An example of the use of a "Teepol" solution, showing (in comparison with above) how the solution "wets" the entire surface of the plate, knife and fork.



part in the research and development work leading up to the production of the new detergents. Group Companies now manufacture considerable quantities of alkylated benzene for subsequent sulphonation by other manufacturers to give the alkyl aryl sulphonate type of detergent. More important still is the production of the sodium alkyl sulphate detergent "Teepol" which the Group manufacture on a large scale in the Western European refineries. The first "Teepol" plant was erected at the Stanlow refinery in England and in recent years the capacity of this plant has been considerably increased and additional plants have been built at Pernis in Holland and at Petit Couronne in France.

When the new detergents were first marketed they were regarded by consumers generally as "soap substitutes" which were not as efficient as soap for cleaning purposes. This conception has been proved entirely wrong and the new types of detergent are not only equal to soap but actually give better results in many cases. In particular they possess the following advantages:—

- 1) *Greater Solubility* : They dissolve easily and rapidly in either hot or cold water.
- 2) *Greater Freedom from Scum* : They do not form scum even in the hardest water and hence they ensure really clean surfaces and materials.
- 3) *Excellent Wetting Properties* : They enable water to spread fully and evenly over the articles to be cleaned, instead of forming into drops and wetting the articles only in patches.
- 4) *Breaking up Grease Films* : Most dirt is greasy and it is this which causes many of the difficulties in washing and cleaning. The grease coagulates and being lighter than water floats on the surface as a film. In the presence of the new detergents, however, grease is broken up, emulsified, and can be easily rinsed away.
- 5) *Suspension of Dirt* : It is not enough to break up the grease and dirt ; it must be prevented from collecting together again. In this respect the new detergents not

only disperse the dirt but continue to hold it in suspension and prevent its redeposition.

Some of the above features are illustrated by the photographs on these pages.

In view of the above advantages it is not surprising that the new detergents have found numerous applications in laundry work, in industry and in the ordinary household. It is not possible in the space of this article to give a comprehensive account of these applications but mention may be made of the following. In laundry work the new detergents are extensively used for washing, particularly for woollen goods to which they give a superior soft texture after cleaning. For the same reason they are employed in the manufacturing and processing of woollen textiles. Every year hundreds of tons of the new detergents are used for this purpose in the wool city of Bradford in England. In the engineering industry they are mainly used in the degreasing and acid pickling of metals and as wetting agents in soldering fluxes. A comparatively recent development is their use in coal mines for the suppression of the dust which has for so long been a serious menace to the health of the miner. Here in the West Indies, they are used to suppress the bauxite dust which is troublesome in the bauxite mines in the Guianas and at the transhipment point in Trinidad.

Cleanliness is a most important factor in the fight against disease and the new detergents are widely used for general cleaning in hospitals and also for the cleaning of surgical instruments and dispensary glassware. In hotels and restaurants too, they play their part in ensuring that the equipment and utensils used for handling food are kept free from dirt which can harbour bacterial infection. Amateur photographers will be interested to learn that a small quantity of detergent such as "Teepol" may be used in "developing" solutions to ensure complete wetting and hence uniform development of the film.

The above will give some idea of the many uses to which the new detergents are now being put and will emphasise the important part which they are playing in mankind's continual war against dirt.



ESTER SALTS PLANT — STANLOW REFINERY

The redistillation and solvents recovery unit is at right centre with the wax cracking unit directly behind. Oil heater for the wax cracking unit is at left centre, that for the redistillation unit is further left.



“Let’s Choose Executors And Talk Of Wills”

— King Richard II, Act 3
Scene 2 (Shakespeare).

By C. H. G. Wood
(Land & Legal Dept.)

presents at Point Fortin on 1st November
1952.

ADOLPHUS BOGART.

THE process of making a will is for most people a relatively simple job, and by making a will you can, within limits, control the disposition of your property after your death and ensure that your property goes to the person or persons whom you want to benefit.

The simplest of all wills is where you leave all you possess to one person and might well take this form :—

This is the last will and testament of me Adolphus Bogart pipe fitter employed with The United British Oilfields of Trinidad Ltd., of 15 Abercromby Street, Port-of-Spain and at present residing in Guapo Cap de Ville Road, Point Fortin. I revoke all former testamentary documents made by me. I bequeath to Beaulah Bogart my wife at present residing with me in Guapo Cap de Ville Road Point Fortin my whole means and estate both real and personal of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated over which I have or may have the power of disposal at the time of my death. I appoint Charles Barrymore at present residing in Main Road, Point Fortin to be the executor of this my will.

In witness whereof I have subscribed these

Signed by the said

*Adolphus Bogart in the presence
of us present at the same time
who at his request and in the
presence of each other have
subscribed our names as
attesting witnesses.*

Elias Hepburn

Frank Loy

The important points to note are that the person making the will should describe himself so that there is no doubt as to his identity. It is then wise to revoke any previous wills which may have been made by the testator so that there is no doubt that the will in question is the one which governs the testator's intention and is in no way supplementary or partially superseding any previous will. Then comes the bequeath by Adolphus of all his estate which he now possesses or may become possessed before his death to Beaulah. Finally there is the appointment of executors. It is not necessary to appoint an executor but, apart from the fact that by appointing an executor the testator as far as possible secures the administration of his estate by a person in whom he has confidence, there is the added advantage in that the executor named in the will can get it proved quickly so as to enable the estate of the testator to be disposed of according to the terms of the will without delay. Any number of executors not exceeding four in all, may be appointed to act jointly. If no executor is appointed delay occurs in getting the will proved as one or more of the persons benefiting under the

will have to get the Court, that is the Supreme Court in Port-of-Spain, to appoint him or them administrators. Failing this, the Administrator-General administers the will. Incidentally, if you appoint an executor or executors see that he or they are prepared to do the job, as they have the right to refuse to have anything to do with the will.

Thus in the case of Adolphus' will it will be the job of Charles to register it in the Registry of the Supreme Court in Port-of-Spain, assuming that all the property involved in the will is in Trinidad. As a result all Adolphus' property will legally vest in him. He will then settle all Adolphus' debts, pay any taxes which are due from the estate including Estate Succession duties, deduct any expenses to which he has been put, and then make over the balance of the estate however it be made up, whether real or personal property, to Beulah. As regards Adolphus' debts, a will often contains a direction that the testator's debts and funeral and testamentary expenses are to be paid. This direction is largely superfluous as whoever administers the will is bound to pay the debts.

With regard to Adolphus' will you will note the procedure recorded against the signatures of the two witnesses. If the attestation is in this form, it helps the execution of the will since probate, that is the registration of the will and the grant to the executor or administrator as the case may be of authority to act according to the terms of the will, will be granted without certain further formalities having to be complied with. You will notice that two people have witnessed Adolphus' signature and that they have both done so in the presence of each other and at the same time. They need only know that the document is a will and do not have to be shown what is in it.

..... to Aunt Mary Lombard my pair of silver candlesticks



They are only witnesses to Adolphus' signature. It is important that neither of the witnesses should obtain any benefit under the will. If they are beneficiaries under the will, what will happen is that although the will is valid the bequest to any witness will be ignored as if it had not been made in the will.

Now you may want to attempt something more ambitious than merely leaving all your estate to one person. You may want to make a specific legacy, i.e. the gift of a specific thing belonging to you :—

"I bequeath to my Aunt Mary Lombard at present residing at 999 Harris Promenade, San Fernando my pair of silver candlesticks."

If you are making such a bequest you must be sure to describe the article or articles being bequeathed so that there is no doubt as to what articles are intended. For instance, the foregoing bequest is satisfactory if you have only one pair of silver candlesticks, but would be void if you had more than one pair of silver candlesticks. If the subject matter of a specific bequest does not exist at the time of your death the bequest is ignored in administering the will.

You may want to bequeath a sum of money to a person. This can be done in several ways but to ensure that the person is to receive the sum of money it is better to make it a general bequest and not to specify it out of any particular property which you have :

"I bequeath \$100 to my nephew Horace Peck at present of Adventure Road, Point Fortin".

This is a good general bequest. It does not matter that you do not have any money. If your estate is all locked up in land or buildings or stocks of goods, whoever administers it will have to sell some property in order to provide the money therefor.

Where you have made a number of specific and general bequests you will probably have part of your estate which you have not bequeathed; this may well be the larger portion in some instances; in which case you may give this to one or more persons as :—

"I bequeath in equal shares to Kenneth Cooper and Laurence Crosby the residue of my means and estate both real and personal of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated over which I have or may have the power of disposal at the time of my death".

It is important that you should make somebody the residuary legatee of your estate. He may be somebody who has already received a specific or general bequest under your will. The reason for appointing a residuary legatee is that your means and estate may have altered between the time of making your will and your death. If your will consists of a number of bequests and there is a residue left over



.... revoked automatically if either he or she marries

after these bequests have been satisfied without any residuary legatee, then the residue goes to the persons entitled on intestacy. You may well ask what the rules on intestacy are but the scope of this article does not permit of dissertation thereon. Suffice it to say that your sons and daughters and your wife or husband or failing them other more distant relations by blood, that is, for instance, your brothers and sisters and your mother and father, will benefit from your estate at your death.

You should also note that any will made by a man or woman is revoked automatically if either he or she marries after making the will. There are exceptions to this but you should only remember the general rule and this exception which is that if you make your will and say in it that it is in contemplation of a marriage then the will is not revoked by the solemnisation of the marriage contemplated.

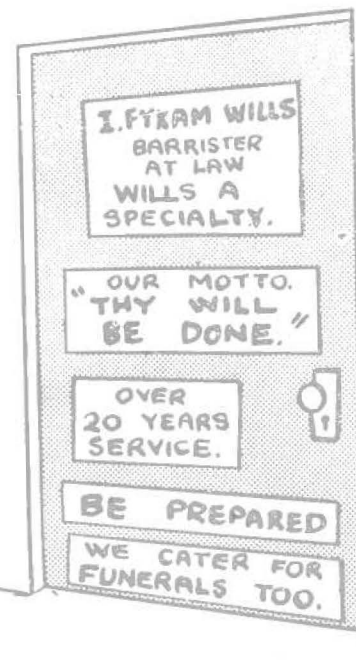
Above all things, when making your will you must remember this that if you are domiciled in Trinidad, that is you have been living in Trinidad and have no intention of living anywhere else, and you die leaving a wife, or a husband as the case may be, a daughter who has not been married or an infant son or either a son or daughter who is by reason of some mental or physical disability incapable of maintaining him or herself and you have made a will which does not adequately provide for them, trouble may arise. On application being made to the Court that such wife, husband, daughter or son is of the opinion that the will does not make reasonable provision for his or her maintenance, the Court may order such reasonable provision as it thinks fit out of the testator's estate, after all debts and expenses have been settled, for the maintenance of him or her or all of them. However no application

can be made where the testator has bequeathed not less than two-thirds of the income from his estate, after all debts and expenses have been settled, to the wife or husband, as the case may be, and the only other dependants are a child or children of that wife or husband. Briefly, that is what you have to think about when making your will, but there are a number of other provisions dealing with this which I cannot go into but which limit, under given conditions, the right of the wife or husband or children to make application to upset the will.

What I have set out above relates only to the making of a simple will. If you have a lot of pieces of property and many people whom you wish should benefit from your property after your death then you should seek sound legal advice from one of the many legal practitioners in Trinidad. Above all things having made your will, do not thrust it into a drawer to lie forgotten against the inevitable day of your death. Having made it, see that it is lodged somewhere safe, for instance in a Bank, or if you have appointed an executor either give it into his safe-keeping or see that he knows where he can get it when it is needed to give effect to your wishes. You can if you wish lodge it in the Registry of the Supreme Court in Port-of-Spain but there are all sorts of formalities to be gone through and it will cost you at least \$3.48.

And what formalities have to be gone through after you are dead to prove the will so that effect can be given to your wishes? Man, you and I are only talking about *making* a will and so long as it is a valid will we shall not be here to see that those formalities are complied with and neither have I space to write about them.

.... seek sound legal advice



The Estate Police Force

THE Estate Police Force of U.B.O.T. Ltd consists now of 66 Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables, together with 115 permanent watchmen and one civilian clerk. The Force has grown up from a Watchman Force which was formed about the year 1913 for the protection of equipment and buildings. In the following years a few of the watchmen were given precepts as rural constables and wore uniforms.

The Watchman Force was controlled until 1944 by what is now the Industrial Relations Office, but in that year the late Mr. W. M. B. Short was given the task of organising a Company Guard Section, and many of the watchmen were given precepts as Estate Constables. In 1946 the late W. M. B. Short retired and his position was taken over by Major Sealey, who remained in command until 1952, when he was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Wilson who is still Superintendent. The supervision of the Force was augmented in August of this year when we welcomed Chief Inspector Archer who for 33 years had

Inspector J. C. Archer, giving instruction to members of the Estate Police Force.



been in the Trinidad Police Force. Among his multifarious duties is that of training.

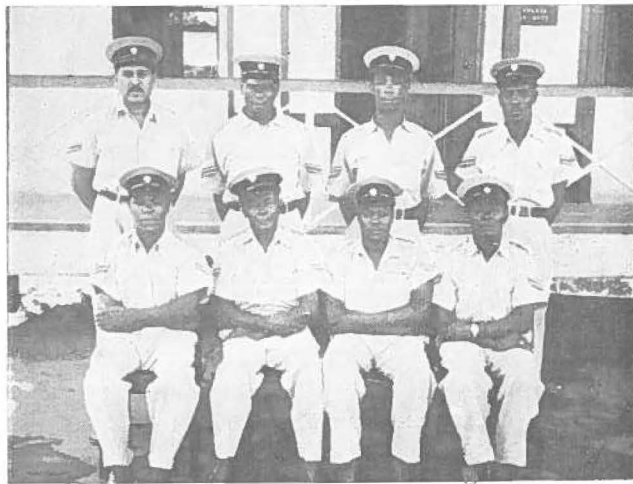
The main duty of the Estate Police Force is to protect Company property, and their powers and limitations are laid down in the Supplemental Police Ordinance. The large area they have to cover extends from Parrylands and Lot 1 to Point Fortin, together with the Penal Division including Dome and San Francique Fields and the wildcat locations. In the course of his duties an Estate Constable may be called upon for gate patrol and although this may look an easy job, it must be remembered that it involves knowledge of a large number of Staff and employees, and involves the checking of passes and the inspection of vehicles and their contents.

On the Refinery gates everyone has to be checked for the carrying of matches and lighters and this involves the interrogation of several hundred persons each day. In the residential



Asst. Superintendent J. W. Wilson, who is in charge of our Estate Police Force.

A GROUP OF SUBORDINATE POLICE OFFICERS :
L. to R. : (Back) — Corporals G. N. Baksh, J. Lewis, E. V. Brown, and I. Jackson.
(Front) — Corporals D. Scotland, A. Nelson, E. Charles and F. P. Scott.





Estate Constable A. Marcelle checks an employee for matches at one of the Refinery Gates.

areas Estate Constables and watchmen patrol the roads at frequent intervals.

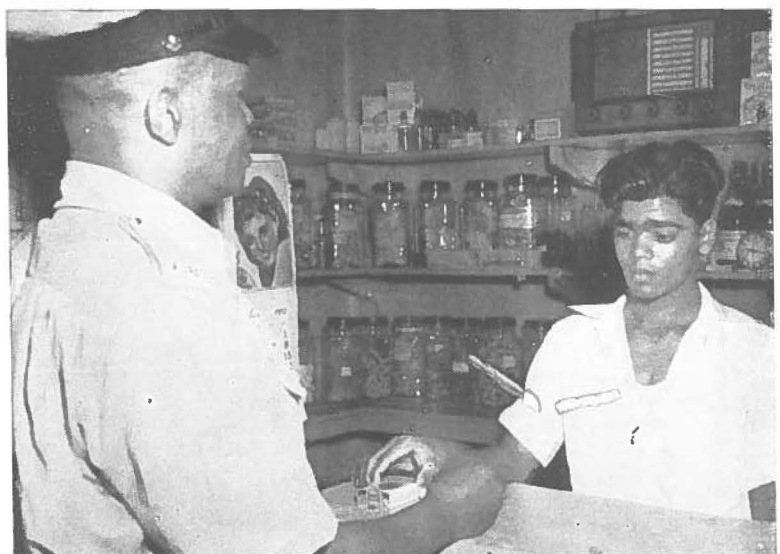
The Lot 10 Gate near the boundary between U.B.O.T. and T.P.D. property has acquired the name of the "Phantom" Gate. It is alleged that in the past ghostly animals with long drooping ears, eighteen-foot men, enormous birds, and fantastically large bulls with luminous eyes have been seen in the immediate vicinity of the gate. Coupled with these ghostly apparitions, it is said, are showers of stones which apparently come from nowhere and which cannot be seen afterwards. In spite of this the post has always been cheerfully manned, and Watchman Henry Murray has been working there since 1947.

Sergeant Neil is in charge of administration at Police Headquarters and has been in this position since 1939. Under him work Junior S.P.O.'s (Subordinate Police Officers), eight in number, who are the eyes, ears, and hands of the Superintendent and are responsible for the supervision of all the Estate Constables and watchmen on duty on their shift. They make regular patrols round the Industrial, Residential and Field areas, ensuring that men in isolated spots are safe and alert.



Estate Corporal E. Charles taking a drill parade.

Estate Constable A. Rowans makes a purchase at the Canteen.



The patrol vans used on this work are equipped with two-way radio and contact is maintained with Headquarters which is always on the air listening for reports from the patrols. The patrol van accompanies the fire engine to the scene of fires and relays messages via Headquarters from the Fire Officer to the Fire Stations.

Not all of our S.P.O.'s are drill instructors, but E/Cpl. Edward Charles has proved himself keen and efficient in this respect during the present series of training courses. We look to him to help in making our Force the smartest in Trinidad, particularly in view of next year's Coronation Parades.

An important section of the Estate Police Force is that which looks after the issue and stamping of passes, and it is the duty of Mr. Albert Smith, the civilian clerk, to attend to these duties. All employees working in the Refinery and Shops area are provided with a pass and he has to see that every pass is validated once per week. He arranges special passes for Contractors' men and sees that these are returned at the end of each day, and he is also responsible to see that courtesy passes are renewed at the appropriate time.

The keeping of the Diary is an important Headquarters duty and in this Diary are recorded the main events of the day. There is always one Estate Constable especially allocated to this work. The Headquarters building also accommodates the payroll clerks, the stores section and the administrative section which is responsible for seeing that constables report for duty and are on the right posts at the proper time. It is inevitable that policemen have from time to time to wait about in case of emergencies, and so that they may have something to do a recreation room is provided at Estate Police Headquarters. Attached to this is a small canteen where snacks and soft drinks can be bought. Games of draughts, "all-fours", and table tennis are usually in progress.

The Estate Police are energetic in the field of sports and did well in the annual Sports Meeting

Estate Constable P. Richards in radio communication from Headquarters with



The Recreation Room at Headquarters is very popular with members of the Estate Police Force.

the Coronation Cup this year for the first time.

Members of our Estate Police Force who are also members of the Rifle Club competed in the Annual Competition and a representative scratch team defeated the "Rest of the Club" in a very close finish.

Since the arrival of Inspector Archer a four-week course of intensive training has been organised for all

..... Estate Corporal D. Scotland, in the patrol van. At the wheel is Estate Constable S. McArthur.



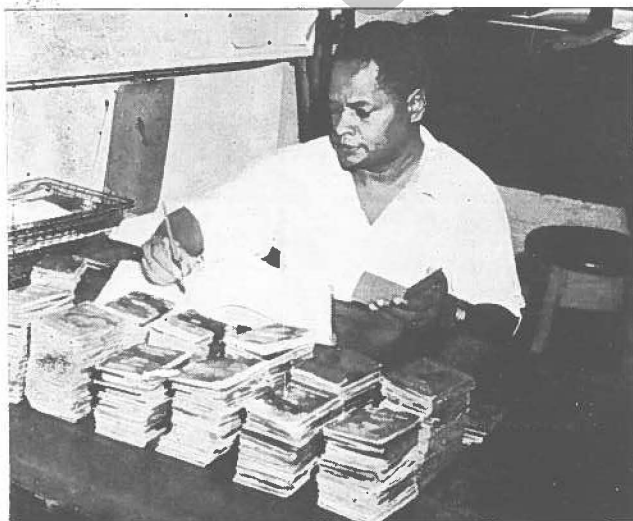


Watchman H. Murray on duty at the Lot 10 "Phantom" Gate.

Estate Constables. The first groups have completed the course which included instruction in first aid and artificial respiration, fire fighting, criminal law, drill, physical training, police regulations, Company's rules and regulations and visits to installations in the industrial area and in the field. All who took the course agree that it has been of great benefit and interest to them.

The Company is doing all it can to make our Estate Police Force the smartest and most efficient and respected in the Island and we feel sure that the co-operation which Supt. J. W. Wilson and Inspector Archer are receiving from the S.P.O.'s and all Estate Constables will ensure that this laudable objective will be quickly attained.

Mr. A. C. Smith is responsible for the issue of Passes.



Prayer for a New Year



With the clamor and
the tolling of
the bells,

The old year, like a
weary traveler, comes finally to his rest.

In trembling voice, he whispers with his dying
breath

A last will and testament for the new year.
hearts,

To children he bequeaths golden dreams and light
To youth, strength and wisdom.

To mothers, love and kindly care;

And to fathers fortitude and faith.

To those who stand alone, he offers hope and
friendship;

And to all mankind, the precious gift of under-
standing.

All these and more the passing year bequeaths;
They are ours for the taking.

Now, in that brief moment

Between the passing of the old and the coming of
the new,

Let me resolve with my strength

To use well my full measure of this rich heritage,
Keeping, always, the vision of man's humanity to
man.

I pray that I may have the grace to go forward
steadfastly,

That I may bring love and hope and charity to
those in need,

That I may be intolerant of evil,

Yet ever ready to forgive the penitent.

And—one last prayer—that through the years to
come

I may never lose the faith of those I love.

George Gingell



What is a Girl?

LITTLE girls are the nicest things that happen to people. They are born with a little bit of angelshine about them and though it wears thin sometimes, there is always enough left to lasso your heart—even when they are sitting in the mud, or crying temperamental tears, or parading up the street in mother's best clothes.



A little girl can be sweeter (and badder) oftener than anyone else in the world. She can jitter around, and stomp, and make funny noises that frazzle your nerves, yet just when you open your mouth, she stands there demure with that special look in her eyes. A girl is Innocence playing in the mud, Beauty standing on its head, and Motherhood dragging a doll by the foot.

Girls are available in five colors — black, white, red, yellow, or brown, yet Mother Nature always manages to select your color when you place your order. They disprove the law of supply and demand—there are millions of little girls, but each is as precious as rubies.

God borrows from many creatures to make a little girl. He uses the song of a bird, the squeal of a pig, the stubbornness of a mule, the antics of a monkey, the spryness of a grasshopper, the curiosity of a cat, the speed of a gazelle, the slyness of a fox, the softness of a kitten, and to top it all off He adds the mysterious mind of a woman.



This is the Little Sister of the Boy who was described in our August 1946 issue. We hope you like her.

A little girl likes new shoes, party dresses, small animals, first form, noise makers, the girl next door, dolls, make-believe, dancing lessons, ice cream, kitchens, coloring books, make-up, cans of water, going visiting, tea parties, and one boy. She doesn't care so much for visitors, boys in general, large dogs, hand-me-downs, straight chairs, vegetables, snow suits, or staying in the front yard. She is loudest when you are thinking, the prettiest when she has provoked you, the busiest at bedtime, the quietest when you want to show her off, and the most flirtatious when she absolutely must not get the best of you again. Who else can cause you more grief, joy, irritation, satisfaction, embarrassment, and genuine delight than this combination of Eve, Salome, and Florence Nightingale? She can muss up your home, your hair, and your dignity — spend your money, your time, and your temper — then just when your patience is ready to crack, her sunshine peeks through and you've lost again.



Yes, she is a nerve-racking nuisance, just a noisy bundle of mischief. But when your dreams tumble down and the world is a mess — when it seems you are pretty much of a fool after all — she can make you a king when she climbs on your knee and whispers, "I love you best of all!"



Spotlight on Sport

by Clyde McClean

FOOTBALL



OUR readers will recall that in our last issue, we hinted that the chances of UBOTS retaining the Mark-Moody Stuart Shield were not too rosy. Our toughest rivals, Trinidad Leaseholds F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, had been in the lead at the end of the first round and although they suffered defeat at our hands in the second round engagement they were still able to emerge champions of the Southern Amateur Football League. We wish to extend to them our heartiest congratulations. By losing the Shield, UBOTS were deprived from contesting the Danboline Cup against the champions of the Southern Amateur Football Association and the Gooden Chisholm Cup versus Maple F.C., the champions of the Trinidad Amateur Football Association. Due to the fact that there are only six teams taking part in the Mark-Moody Stuart Shield competition, the games came to an end comparatively early in the season and it was fortunate therefore that there were three other trophies still to be contested on a knock-out basis. UBOTS qualified for all these cup final games and also an enviable fourth prize—the F.A. Trophy—which is open to all affiliated clubs in the Colony.

As we go to Press we are able to report on all but one of the finals. As mentioned above we lost the Mark-Moody Stuart Shield to T.L.L. F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, but we avenged this defeat by in turn knocking them out of the Duckham Cup and retaining it for ourselves. By knocking out the redoubtable Spitfire F.C., we also annexed the Oilwell Supply Cup, and the Stephens Charity Cup is yet to be contested for (the first game in the final between ourselves and T.L.L. F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, resulted in a draw).

With regard to the F.A. Trophy, we regretfully

have to report that our boys went down to Malvern F.C., of Port-of-Spain, in a hard-fought game on the Queen's Park Savannah. The many hundreds of spectators who turned out to see this all-important match groaned in agony as our players did everything but score. They repeatedly hit the uprights and cross-bar of the Malvern goal and most of the play was in the Malvern half. Nevertheless, Malvern netted the ball twice and that after all is what wins football matches.

In 2nd Class football our boys rose to great heights this season. Due to the fact that the Johnson Shield competition was competed for in two divisions, U.B.A.A. took the opportunity to enter two teams. This enabled the games to be played at longer intervals which in turn enabled the players to display a better standard of football than in the past. With a reshuffled line-up, the "A" team, in a spirit of determination to win, made an all-out effort which resulted in our winning the championship of the "A" division and so qualified us to meet the winner of the "B" division for the coveted Shield. Our opponents for the final were again T.L.L. F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, and our boys did a good job of work by defeating them by four goals to nil, especially as it took three games to decide the eventual winners.

Stephens Charity Cup :

UBOTS had already beaten T.P.D. F.C. by one goal to nil and we shared the honours with Spitfire F.C. in a 3-all draw. When the replay took place UBOTS won the game handsomely to the tune of seven goals to one. This qualified us to meet T.L.L. F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the final, but as we go to Press the first game has failed to effect a decision.

Oilwell Supply Cup :

Whenever we speak of finals we are getting accustomed to seeing the names of T.L.L. and UBOTS bracketed together, but for the final of the Oilwell Supply Cup our opponents were the "Red Army" Spitfire F.C., of San Fernando, as T.L.L. F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, were knocked out by us in the semi-final. The final game was played at Apex on Saturday, 6th December, when UBOTS returned with another scalp in their belts.



Carl
WILLIAMS

Hats off to 20 year old Carl Williams of the Engineering Dept. Ping Pong King of U.B.A.A. and Emperor of the South, he gained second berth in the Island-wide Open Tournament in '51 and '52. His flicks, spins, slams, and mixed service also wreaked havoc in Barbados in '49 and '52.

Lio **NAGUR**

Bouquets to 23 year old Lio Nagur, short, pleasant opening batsman for U.B.A.A. and clerk of the Carpenters' Shop. His courageous efforts helped secure second place in the St. Patrick Cricket Cup Competition. His strong off side play secured over 300 runs for him in 8 matches. He finally wound up with the U.B.A.A. Club Prize for the best all-round performance.

Delbert **CHARLEAU**

Three cheers for the one and only Delbert Charleau. No introduction is needed to this gallant, stocky, rugged U.B.O.T. and all-Trinidad ace right half, who works at the Camp Maintenance Section of the Engineering Dept. Born 25th January, 1925, Delbert, educated at St. Madeleine R. C. School, actually started out as a forward but soon adjusted himself to his more correct position of half back in 1946. His sound and consistent performances have earned for him tours to all over the Caribbean representing Trinidad and finally selection on the first Caribbean Football Association team in February 1952.

Emile "SPRINGMAN" **TOUSSANT**

Well done, Emile Toussaint, well done! This member of our Watchman Force, known as "Springman" rules the roost in the sprints at U.B.A.A. Athletic Meetings and the B Class Division of the A.A.A. This 24 year old, ex Guapo E. C. School pupil, has been at the game for only 4 years and trains under coach Norman Shrubbs of U.B.A.A. His favourite sprinter is MacDonald Bailey and with such a star to hitch his wagon to, he should bunch with the A's pretty soon.

HU SEALY



Duckham Cup :

Having beaten Hawks F.C. and T.P.D. F.C., we again came up against our redoubtable opponents from Pointe-a-Pierre in the final and after having played to a 3-all draw in the first of the final games we managed to beat our opponents by four goals to three to retain the Duckham Cup.

F.A. Trophy :

Our victory over Trinidad Leaseholds F.C., of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the Southern Zone final qualified us for the third year in succession to contest the final in Port-of-Spain for this coveted trophy. Our opponents were Malvern F.C., of Port-of-Spain, and UBOTS were favoured to win the game. Our boys had the run of the play in the first half and their fine combination and general standard of play made everyone feel that victory was inevitable. Lady Luck was not, however, with us and in spite of a heavy bombardment the Malvern goal was still intact at the half-time whistle. On the resumption, UBOTS again did most of the pressing but goals eluded them. From two break-aways Malvern scored two goals in quick succession to give them their first victory in the F.A. Trophy. We extend our congratulations to them and hope to have the opportunity of avenging our defeat next year.

In congratulating Mr. A. P. Christie and the members of the Football Section Committee on the very successful season we also offer our condolences in having such a run of bad luck in the F.A. Trophy game.

Herbert Cup :

Four teams took part in this competition, viz.: U.B.A.A. Colts, U.B. Club, Apprentices' Technical School and the U.B. Junior Staff XI's. It will be remembered that last year the U.B. Club won this Cup by a single point from the U.B.A.A. Colts. This season, a new team, the Apprentices Technical School XI, entered the series and provided fans with some very enterprising football and although they did not win the Cup they must be congratulated on their fine performances. The U.B.A.A. team, led by Eddie Procope, won all their engagements and so turned the tables on their conquerors of last year.

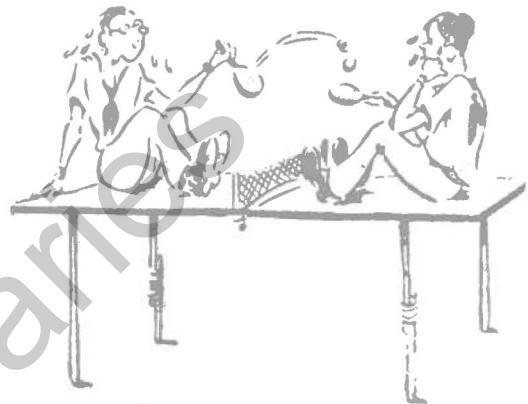
Rowdy Cup :

UBOTIMES wishes to congratulate our Apprentices on being acclaimed the best apprentices football team in the Oilfield belt. Our boys played five matches, won four and drew the other against T.L.L. Pointe-a-Pierre, whose teams have been our toughest opponents in the 1st and 2nd Class games. Much of the apprentices success came from the outstanding performances of O. Smith, their left half, who has already represented UBOTS 1st XI, A. Dorset, A. Layne and their skipper, T. Lloyd.

BILLIARDS

U.B.A.A. members have been hard at work practising for the Billiards Tournament which should be over by the time this article is in print. The Committee had a difficult job in classifying players and the series gave every prospect of being the most interesting in years. U.B.A.A. boys recently stepped across the road to the U.B. Junior Staff clubhouse in order to measure cues in a friendly game. The homesters were quite determined to duplicate the victory they gained last year and in an eleven-game series they managed to achieve their ambition by defeating the U.B.A.A. boys by nine games to two.

TABLE TENNIS



We offer no apology to our readers for again turning the spotlight on the Island's most versatile exponent of the green table game. Issue after issue, it is Carl Williams. What more has he done? What will he do next? When will he gain Island championship honours? Carl, as you know, is South Trinidad's champion, but after fighting grandly every inch of the way, the Colony's crown always seems to evade his grasp. He recently entered the Island Classified Singles series but again he was beaten in the final match, this time by Ivor McIntosh. At the conclusion, he was described by an official of the Association as "a great loser".

CHESS

The Island-wide championship games were played in the North and South Zones. Two of our players, Messrs. C. Mejias and H. Allum, members of the U.B. Junior Staff Club Chess Section, had the distinction of emerging as finalists for the South. In the finals in Port-of-Spain, C. Mejias held the Island champion to a draw, while H. Allum's game had to be adjourned after 3 hours of deep concentration. It is to be regretted that so little interest is displayed in this game in Point Fortin and we hope that the performances of these two gentlemen will encourage others to take up this fascinating game.

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and still going strong!

UBOTIMES SAFETY CONTEST

Somewhere in Point Fortin, Penal and Port-of-Spain Joe Safety is waiting for you to challenge him. All you have to do is find out who he is and correctly challenge him according to the rules and directions printed below. Easy isn't it? Go to it!



Who is Joe Safety? RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The contest is open to all employees of U.B.O.T. Ltd.
2. In order to win you have to find the right Joe Safety and correctly challenge him.
3. There are three Joe Safety's i.e. one in Point Fortin, one in Penal, and one in Port-of-Spain. Each of them has been assigned a number, i.e., 1, 2, or 3, but only the organisers of the contest and the respective Joe Safety's know which number has been assigned to each.
4. In order to find the Joe Safety in your area you should study the clues given below and make up your mind who he is. You must then challenge him and the following conditions MUST be observed:

(a) You must be carrying this issue of UBOTIMES in one of your hands.

(b) You must personally go up to the person you are challenging and say "I intend to work safely during 1953. Are you Joe Safety No.? (i.e. one two, or three). You must say these words exactly and any deviation from them will result in Joe Safety saying "NO". If the person challenged is in fact Joe Safety and you have used the right words, called him by his correct number, and complied with the other conditions, he will reply "Yes. I am" and the first person to secure this answer from Joe Safety will win the prize of FIFTEEN DOLLARS in cash. Remember there are three FIFTEEN DOLLAR cash prizes to be won, i.e., one in Point Fortin, one in Penal, and one in Port-of-Spain.

5. You may only challenge an individual once in each twelve hour period. If you have challenged someone and said "I intend to work safely in 1953 — are you Joe Safety No. 1" and received the reply "NO" you may not immediately re-challenge him by asking if he is Joe Safety No. 2 or Joe Safety No. 3. You can only do this during the next and succeeding twelve hour periods. The twelve hour periods will run from immediately AFTER midnight up to midday and from immediately AFTER midday up to midnight. You may, of course, challenge as many different individuals once in a twelve hour period as you wish.
6. We appeal to everyone to make this competition a success and at the same time amusing by entering into the spirit of it. If you are not Joe Safety and you are challenged, please let the Challenger go through the procedure outlined above before breaking the sad news to him.
7. In order that all areas may compete on an equal basis, this competition will commence at 7 a.m. on December 27th and no challenges will be accepted before that time and date.

CLUES

POINT FORTIN

1. He might work for U.B.O.T. Ltd., and then again he might not.
2. You might find a clue in a church if you changed the spelling.
3. Part of his name was also part of the name of an English monarch with a partiality for an orange seller.
4. He is 54 years old, married, has no children, and does not drink or smoke.
5. Christmas Day to him personally is a very special day.
6. Change one letter in his surname and you could hit on it.
7. What does a mixture of blue and yellow give you? It could be a clue.
8. According to popular belief, privates in the army don't like them.
9. Unscramble these letters and you have his full title:
I S E T N A S T E E L S L E R R A
G E H A C T N E .
10. What number Joe Safety is he? You have to figure that out for yourself!

PORT-OF-SPAIN

1. He might work for U.B.O.T. Ltd., and then again he might not.
2. He is 28 years old, married and has two children.
3. He lives in Belmont.
4. There is a connection with a furry animal somewhere about him.
5. He likes his music "hot".
6. There is a touch of royalty about his work.
7. He would probably do well in a circus if he had the inclination.
8. He is a great sportsman and can draw a crowd at any time.
9. Unscramble these letters and you have his full title:
Y G E E O L A R E G S H E N U I
B M E A R J T N B .
10. What number Joe Safety is he? You have to figure that out for yourself!

PENAL

1. He might work for U.B.O.T. Ltd. and then again he might not
2. He is over 30 years of age and has two children.
3. He is slightly taller than average.
4. 1066 might provide a clue.
5. Part of his surname could be a shortened relative of yours.
6. Night and day might lead you somewhere if you thought about it.
7. He has connections with a school.
8. His outlook is a glassy one.
9. Unscramble these letters and you will have his full title:
L H E A S D S R L Y O I
10. What number Joe Safety is he? You will have to figure that out for yourself!