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Thanks For The Victory . . .



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*"When our children's children shall talk of War as a madness that may not be;
When we thank Our God for our grief today, and blazon from sea to sea
In the name of the Dead the Banner of Peace—That will be Victory."*

—ROBERT SERVICE.

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NEW FLOWER GIFT FUND VERY ACTIVE

Remember Two Retirements and Thirteen Bereavements

The Flower and Retirement Gift Fund, which became effective on April 1st, 1945, has sent flowers on the occasion of 13 bereavements affecting participating employees.

Two retiring pensioners were presented with cheques by the Flower and Gift Fund.

To increase the efficiency in the working of this plan the executive of the fund wishes to again stress the importance, and ask your co-operation, in reporting promptly to the secretary, Mrs. Grace Dean, any bereavements.

CHEMICAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA LECTURES

Since industrial chemistry plays such an important part in the life of the average Sarnian, the Sarnia Section of the Chemical Institute of Canada has delivered a series of lectures to the senior chemistry classes of the Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School on various phases of the chemical industries of Sarnia. The subjects covered were:

"Salt, Production and Application" by C. F. Davison, Dominion Salt Company.

"Some Applications of Chemistry in the Petroleum Refining Industry" by H. R. Holland, Inspection Laboratory, Imperial Oil Limited.

"Chemical Derivatives of Petroleum" by L. F. Whitfield, St. Clair Processing Corporation.

"Synthetic Rubber" by R. D. Hill, Canadian Synthetic Rubber Company.

"Plastics" by G. W. Hooker, Dow Chemical of Canada, Limited.

"Research" by A. J. Mueller, Technical and Research Division, Imperial Oil Limited.

In addition, the classes were taken on a tour of the Holmes Foundry and given a brief lecture on the processes in the Plant laboratory.

INCOME TAX RETURNS RUSH OVER FOR YEAR

The dreaded annual deadline date of April 30th, for filing Dominion of Canada personal income tax returns, has passed again with few casualties being reported, although many wounds may have been licked privately.

This year the Elected Delegates of the Joint Industrial Council repeated their request that the company assist employees in the preparation of their returns. On this suggestion, the Comptroller's Department made a staff available three nights a week and each Saturday during the last week of March and all of April. Apparently employees appreciate this help as 580 took advantage of it in preparing their returns, as compared with 324 last year. This is the type of co-operation which Sarnia Refinery is noted for.

The Gardener

This is the growing month in all sections of the garden, flowers, fruit, shrubs, and vegetables. The main work is cultivating, weeding and watering.

Gardening is a recreation and a delight which everyone can enjoy.

Each shower of rain should be followed by a light stirring of the soil to prevent loss by evaporation.

If window boxes, veranda urns, hanging baskets, etc., have not yet been prepared and placed, no time should be lost in doing this. The best plants for these are the ones which bear flowers freely and continuously, such as petunias, fuchsias, geraniums, heliotrope, ageratium, alyssum; also wandering jew, asparagus fern, etc.

As soon as the plants take hold, water the soil often and apply a small quantity of fertilizer every week and keep down the insects.

Set summer bedding plants in the open any time now, choose a cloudy day, if convenient and plant in good well-drained soil where they will get plenty of sunlight; water freely.

Spring flowering bulbs that are to be followed by annuals should be lifted and heeled in under a bush or other out-of-the-way place until after the tops ripen and die down, when thoroughly mature, they may be dug up and stored in a cool place.

Trim deciduous hedges toward the later part of June; a thorough trimming following the completion of their growth will put them in good condition.

Leave the trimming of evergreen hedges until the middle of July or early August.

Dust the under sides of hollyhocks with powdered sulphur to control rust

Don't forget your Victory Garden. There is a great need for home production of vegetables now. Every available bit of land should be put into a Victory Garden.

As a rule vegetables will thrive on any land where weeds will grow well. It is important, however, to keep the weeds in check.

Where clay soil must be used, it may be improved by digging a layer of sand or coal ashes into the soil along with some well-rotted manure.

DELIGHTFUL BITE

Love is like an onion,
 You taste it with delight;
 And when it's gone, you wonder
 What ever made you bite.

Gordon Calfas, Dewaxing Plant, is now enjoying his vacation.

The girls and boys at the Drum Plant all join in hoping for a speedy recovery for the daughter of Doris Towler who underwent an appendectomy on May 3rd.

IMPERIAL OIL INAUGURATES BLOOD TYPING



This scene was snapped at the first refinery blood typing. At the table in the foreground, left to right, Mrs. Elsie Doner, Comptrollers Department, and Mrs. Stanley Metcalfe, Main Office Janitress. Rear table, Joe Lumley, Rerun Stills; Mrs. Dorothy Connochie, Time Office Janitress; and William Jones. Mrs. Reydon Sherry, First Aid Department, can be seen behind Mrs. Connochie.

The typing of blood of employees of the local refinery of Imperial Oil Limited was instituted under the supervision of the Imperial Nursing Division, the Sarnia Nursing Division No. 68 of the St. John Ambulance Brigade assisted by members of the men's division No. 63.

First in Western Ontario

Imperial Oil Limited is said to be the first industry in Western Ontario to encourage blood typing of its workers. It is expected that other local plants will undertake similar work in the near future.

The purpose of blood typing is to ensure that every employee is furnished with a card showing his particular blood type according to the international classification. This is of value in case of accident or emergency. As it gives an immediate picture of the blood classification

which is necessary when a transfusion is being required or of the availability of an individual as a blood donor.

The technique of typing as carried out here was very simple. A minute quantity of blood was taken from the finger or ear of the employee and placed on a glass slide with drops of "A" and "B" serum. If no action was noticeable after the serums had been mixed the person was classified as "O" which is the most common type. If a separation was noticeable in the case of the "B" serum, the classification was "A" if in the "A" serum the person was typed as "B", while if both serums reacted with the blood the employee's card showed the rare classification of "AB." Each person was given a card colored according to blood type to carry as an identification.

Officials Typed

J. D. Bradley, general superintendent of the refinery was the first to be typed followed by a number of the officials including A. C. Harrop, J. W. McDonald, Col. S. G. Stokes, S. B. Scott, Irving McGrath, Dr. R. K. Stratford, J. H. Spence, T. F. McNamara and Walter Bannister, chairman of the Elected Delegates of the Joint Industrial Council.

In charge of the work were a group of the Imperial Nursing division, headed by Mrs. Elsie Doner, lady superintendent, Mrs. M. Beach, lady ambulance officer and Miss Marian Bird, L.A. officer and team captain. Those carrying out the typing were Misses Vera Ryder, Jean Houston, Roberta Rhind and Isabel Dennis.

Mrs. F. G. Murray and Mrs. J. H. W. McLellan of the Sarnia division were also in attendance to observe the procedure also W. B. Jones, superintendent and W. C. Lynden of the men's division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Dr. W. J. Bell and Mrs. Philip Pockock of the London division were also present during the morning and displayed keen interest in the work.

PLANT VISITOR



A recent visitor to the plant was George Kent, who left Sarnia for Talara where he served for about six years, and is now assistant superintendent at the Regina refinery. His many friends were happy to see him again. George was returning from a visit with his father who is seriously ill.

Euchre is the dominant lunch-hour sport in the mess-room at No. 2 Plant. How they eat and play is still a mystery. Yorky McLellan's crew has issued a challenge to anyone at No. 1 Plant. The line forms at the right.



AROUND THE PLANT



We take this opportunity of extending our thanks to Robert Dunlop, who carried on the job of turning out the April issue of The Sarnia Refiner in the absence of the editor.

Russell Tuer, Cumene Plant, is back at work again after a vacation of two weeks.

Corporal Mervin Gardner, who has been with the Royal Canadian Regiment in Italy for the past two and a half years, has returned to Canada and is spending a 30-day furlough with his wife, Lorraine, of the Comptometer Department, Main Office.

Marion Hall, Drum Plant welder, spent a pleasant vacation with friends in Saskatchewan.

Included among the vacationists at the local plant are Phil Cann of the Suspensoid Clay Plant, Walter Walker of No. 7-8 Cracking Coil and Bud Moore, Frank Martin and Nat Johnson from No. 9 Coil.

Victor Woolvett, Storehouse, reports that his wife is progressing favorably after a recent operation.

Alice Stevenson, Drum Plant press operator, spent part of her vacation visiting relatives in Detroit. Alice is still wondering what is wrong with our Canadian currency.

BIRTHS



SIMMONS—Mr. and Mrs. Nick Simmons are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Terrance, on April 30th. Nick is a member of the Process Department of No. 1 Plant.

POWERS—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powers on the birth of a son, Thomas Edward, on April 8th. Albert is employed in the Process Department at the Cracking Coils.

STUART—Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Stuart have announced the birth of a son, William Allen, April 25th. Congratulations from his associates in the T. & R. Department.

GOULSTON—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. B. Goulston on the arrival of a daughter, Julie Elizabeth, April 29th. Mr. Goulston received congratulations from the Laboratories staff.

LECKIE—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Leckie are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Josiah Lloyd (Joe) on May 5th. Lloyd is in the Electrical Department and congratulations are extended from his fellow employees.

MacKENZIE—Pte. Logan MacKenzie (overseas) and Mrs. MacKenzie are happy to announce the birth of a son, Logan Alexander, Jr., on April 22nd. Congratulations from all your Imperial Oil friends.

McARTHUR—Mr. and Mrs. George McArthur are the proud parents of a son, Paul Morris, born April 5th. George works in the Dewaxing plant.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY

To Florence Chate, Grease Plant, and Jack and Fred Chate, Barrel House, in the loss of their mother.

To Mrs. M. M. Morgan, No. 9 Coil, in the recent death of her mother.

To Mrs. Olive Gray, Comptrollers Department, Main Office, in the loss of her father, Oliver Smith.

To Bernard J. Elliott and Sgt. Maynard Elliott, R.C.A.F., Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanna, in the death of their father, James Elliott, former Sarnia Refinery employee who was pensioned on October 31, 1938.

To Capt. and Mrs. H. J. (Bummer) Stirling, in the tragic death of their son, Robert James (Bobby) Stirling, in St. Thomas on April 11th as a result of a motor accident. Capt. Stirling is serving overseas with a Royal Canadian Artillery unit.

To Wm. (Bill) Prentice, Process Department, No. 2 Plant, whose mother, Mrs. Sarah Prentice, died on May 1st.

To Misses Norma and Eva and Clifford Davidson, whose father died on April 20th. Mr. Davidson, a former employee of Imperial Oil, was pensioned on June 30th, 1938. A son, Frank, was recently wounded in action overseas.

Herb Wright, Boiler Shop, is spending the last week of his vacation preparing to leave for his new job in Barranca, Bermeja, South America. Herb is leaving for the southland early in June, and his many friends wish him the best of luck in his new adventure.

Mrs. Egan, wife of Vincent Egan, Drum Plant, is making satisfactory progress following a recent operation.

Jack Hoskins, Phenol Plant, is back to work following a vacation.

Lyle Smith of the Dewaxing Plant, has returned to work after his vacation. He spent a few days visiting friends in Brigden.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. Burd in the loss of Mrs. Burd's father, Walter Gray, on April 15th. Mr. Gray, an old Sarnia Refinery employee, was pensioned on December 31st, 1938.

To Mrs. J. B. Burns, the former Katherine F. Mackesy, Candle Works, in the recent loss of her father.

To Harold Kelly, General Works Department, whose mother died recently in Wyoming.

To Earl E. Lawrence, General Works Department, in the recent loss of his mother.

To Louis Lacourse, Car Repairers, whose brother, Joseph, died recently in North Bay.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cole in the loss of Mrs. Cole's father, James Sweet.

To Wm. Scott, Painter Department, whose sister died recently in London.

To George Archer, pensioner, whose wife died on April 24th, and to her son, William, Hoist Department.

To Art Lawrence, Candle Works, whose mother died recently.

Can you beat it? Alex. Hayes, Welding Shop, came to work the day following payday with the skin off his nose. He claims he lost the epidermis when he walked into the ceiling of his basement. There are doubters in the house.

John Davison, Boiler House, recently received his Third Class Engineer's Certificate.

Fred Wadsworth, Drum Plant, spent his holiday artistically. He painted the house.

Gordon (Ike) Forbes, Welding foreman, has been away on a trip to Montreal and Halifax. We wonder how Ike, who claims he can take anything, took the plane trip.

ON THE SICK LIST

JAMES WALTERHOUSE, electrical foreman, is recovering after a recent operation. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Jimmy.

BILL STEVENSON, Tinsmiths, is confined to hospital following a major operation. The boys wish you a speedy recovery, Bill.

JIMMY CATER, Drum Plant welder, is making rapid recovery following a recent appendectomy. Fellow-workers presented Jimmy with a small purse while he was confined to hospital, and he wishes to take this opportunity of thanking them for their kind thoughts and generosity.

BILL HOROSKA, No. 2 Plant Lab., is ill. His friends wish him a speedy recovery and look for his return soon.

GORD MAIDMENT, Drum Plant welder, was admitted to hospital to undergo an operation as The Sarnia Refiner was going to press. Hurry up and get well, Gord. We miss you on No. 4 jig.

ED CAMPBELL and **BILLY ATKINSON**, Boiler Shop, are still on the sick list.

THOMAS MANNING and **VIC VANALSTINE**, Car Barns, are still absent from work. Vic, a recent plant visitor, was looking fine, and his many friends were glad to see him.

RUSS CRAGG, congenial machine operator in the Pipe Shop, at No. 2 Plant, is on the road to recovery. The boys are anticipating your presence soon.

Eddie Walker, No. 9 Coil, is back at work after his vacation.

C. H. (Charlie) Birkinshaw, who was retired on pension last month after 31 years service, was presented with a billfold, suitably filled, by R. E. (Bob) Laws, on behalf of Charlie's many friends.

Glen Mathews of No. 5-6 Coil, is spending his vacation at his small farm on the Murphy sideroad where he specializes in porkers and chickens.

Bill Hammond, pensioned from the Boiler Shop on September 1, 1944, has been helping his wife with the house-cleaning. He says he is hoping the weather will clear soon and give him a chance to get outside to work. There are no rest periods in the home in early springtime, Bill has found.

Corporal Alex. Wilson of the Veterans Guard of Canada, now located at M.D. No. 1, London, called at the plant on Wednesday, May 9th to renew acquaintances. At the time of his enlistment he was employed in the Electrical Department.

Welcome Back

BILL CRISP, Dewaxing Plant, has returned to his work after his recent operation. Welcome back, Bill.

CHARLES BACKMAN, Boiler Shop, is able to take over his share of the work following his recent illness.

ADAM BYERS, Car Repairers, has been welcomed back to work again by his many friends.

JOHN BUDAY, who has been away from work for several weeks because of illness, has reported back at No. 1 Plant.

ERNIE BURDETTE, Storehouse, has returned to the job after several weeks' illness.

HAZEL SINCLAIR, Main Office, is working again following her recent operation.

MADLINE C. MARA has resumed her duties at the Drum Plant after her recent illness.

FRANCES ORESKA, Photography Department, has returned to work after an illness of several weeks.

GUY DEVERS, Grease Plant, has returned after two weeks away because of illness.

KEN ROONEY, Blueprint Room, is back again following an operation.

LLOYD ZINK, Grease Plant has returned to work following an operation in Sarnia General Hospital.

JIMMY RUSSELL, Boiler Shop foreman, has returned to work following his recent illness.

YE EDITOR, fully recovered from a recent bout with scarlet fever, which you usually have in your childhood, is back on the editorial job again.

IMPERIAL OIL EMPLOYEES OVER THE TOP AGAIN

EMPLOYEES of Imperial Oil Limited, Sarnia, were heartily congratulated on the final results of the Eighth Victory Loan in a letter from R. V. LeSueur to J. Dean Bradley in which he said: "It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I note in the press that the Sarnia Refinery employees have exceeded, by a good

margin, the quota set by the National War Finance Committee in connection with the Eighth Victory Loan.

"Will you please extend the hearty congratulations of the Board of Directors to the members of the Joint Industrial Council and others assisting in this work on their splendid achievement."

Employees again went "over the top" and achieved the Industrial V Flag, which is the highest award for payroll savings performance. Their subscriptions totalled \$230,500.00, which was \$40,500 more than their quota.

The canvassing committee, composed of the Elected Delegates of

the Joint Industrial Council, and T. F. McNamara as the campaign co-ordinator, had no doubt in their minds

that the employees would respond as generously as ever. The results proved they were right.

Val Clare, chief news commentator of CKLW, recently returned after completing a six-month tour of European battlefields, spoke at a mass meeting in the plant on April 20th. He gave a stirring account of the splendid morale of the troops overseas, their desire to finish the job quickly and to return home as soon as possible. His speech gave the campaign an added spirit as shown in the results.

VAL CLARE



LAMBTON GARRISON BUGLE BAND



The Bugle Band from the Lambton Garrison contributed a real Victory spirit to the mass meeting with their military numbers, and the drive to "Invest in the Best" was away to a splendid start.

The National War Finance Committee have extended their congratulations on the success of the Loan, and the splendid manner in which the canvass was conducted by the Delegates.

Congratulations

Geo. L. Stewart, in a wire to J. Dean Bradley congratulating the local refinery on its fine showing in the Eighth Victory Loan, said: "This fine patriotic job is appreciated by all the officers of the company, and is particularly cause for pride to the many former Sarnians here."

OUR FRONT PAGE

When The Globe and Mail sought a Canadian serviceman for the symbolic photograph that appears on the front page of today's issue, the search finally led to Central Y.M.C.A. and to Wilfred Nottelman, recently returned from overseas and discharged from the service. Of the men interviewed and photographed his features lend themselves best to the concept of a characteristic Canadian soldier—victor in tough fight, thankful on the day of victory, yet looking to the future with a prayer that his gallant fight and the sacrifices of thousands of his comrades would not be betrayed by those who make the peace. Capturing the mood was a patient task, a comparatively brief two hours before Everett Roseborough obtained the exact expression he visualized.

THIS REALLY HAPPENED

The little girl asked her mother's opinion on some question and the mother just told her that the matter 'did not amount to a row of pins'. The child was quick to answer, "It just depends on how long the row of pins is."

1945 COKE PRICES

Winter is still far away, but it is never too soon to think about the cold days. The following scale of prices to employees for coke and coke breeze between now and next April has been given to The Sarnia Refiner and is passed on as a service.

During May and June, Petroleum Coke will cost \$6.50 per ton. In July and August the price will be \$6.75; September and October \$7.00, and from November up to and including April \$7.50. Coke Breeze will be \$2.00 per ton cheaper than the Petroleum Coke at all times.

Coke Breeze is all the coke which will pass through an inch and a quarter screen. It may be taken as Class "C" Fuel on the basis of one ton of Breeze to three tons of Petroleum Coke.

Employees may order their year's requirements if they have storage capacity and can take delivery when available.

Those not desiring to take Coke Breeze may get Soft Coal or Pea Coke at a dealer's and on presentation of delivery slip their order for coke will be taken. One ton gets three tons of Coke.

LETTERS WANTED

The Sarnia Refiner will welcome letters from employees at the plant who have something interesting to say. If you like The Sarnia Refiner, or have suggestions to improve its reader interest, write a letter to the editor and let him know.

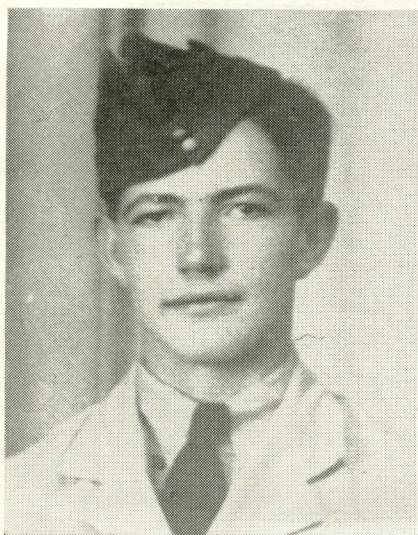
All letters must be signed. But if you wish to remain anonymous you may also include a pen name which we will use.



Elected Delegates to the Joint Industrial Council of the Imperial Oil Ltd., who were responsible for the successful canvass of the plant employees for the Eighth Victory Loan are shown in the accompanying cut. Left to right are seen: Standing, Thos. Spencer, J. W. Finn, Thos. Elliott, J. W.

Garvin, W. J. Brims, Thos. A. Hurley, S. J. Booth, H. B. Stronach, G. A. Leckie, C. F. Wray (clerk). Seated: Herb Wright, Jas. Burnett, Mrs. M. E. Birkinshaw, T. F. McNamara, co-ordinator; W. Bannister, chairman; C. J. Rowe, H. L. Humphrey, J. F. Mathews, W. T. Packman. Inset: J. A. Dionne.

KILLED IN ACTION



PTE GERALD REGINALD KELLY

Pte. Gerald Reginald Kelly, reported killed in action, September 14th, 1944, was employed at Sarnia Refinery, April 5th, 1943, and resigned May 2nd, 1943, enlisting May 3, 1943

After training at Listowel and Camp Ipperwash, he proceeded overseas in April, 1944, and had been there only six months at the time of his death. He was attached to the Algonquin Regiment, and was killed while re-crossing the Leopold Canal in Holland to rescue his wounded sergeant. In recognition of his bravery and devotion to duty he was posthumously awarded a certificate of recommendation, personally signed by Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery.

To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, 258 Queen Street, and sorrowing relatives we extend our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

WITH THE WRENS

Wren Sig. Audrey Ward (W.R.C.N.S.) at present stationed at H.M.C.S. "Stadacona," Halifax, N.S., was employed as a Clerk in the Tank Car Shipping Department when she resigned April 30th, 1944, to enlist in the W.R.C.N.S., May 7th, 1944. She took her basic training at Galt, Ont., and a regular training course in signalling at St. Hyacinthe, Que. She is a signal operator in the Signal Tower at H.M.C.S. "Stadacona."

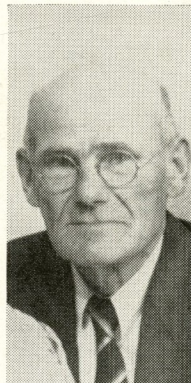
She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Ward, 357 Wellington Street. Her father is chief inspector, Plant Security Dept., at Sarnia Refinery. A brother, Grenville, was taken prisoner by the Nazis during the Dieppe Raid in August, 1942, has been released and is now in England.



AUDREY WARD

TWO IMPERIAL OIL PENSIONERS PASS ON

William Davidson, who joined Imperial Oil in April, 1904, and was transferred to the Pension Payroll on June 30, 1938, after 36 years of service, died on April 20, almost 44 years from the day he started to work here. Mr. Davidson was a watchman when he retired.



James Elliott, Imperial Oil pensioner, died at his home in Sarnia on April 16th. Mr. Elliott, a foreman of the Tank Car Loading Department at No. 2 Plant when he was transferred to the Pension Payroll on October 31st, 1938, joined Imperial Oil on October 12th, 1916. A refinery veteran, Jim had 22 years service with the company.

A REAL VETERAN



Guy Devers, an employee of the Grease Plant, who lives at 437 Davis street, had a credited service of 39 years, seven months and 15 days with Imperial Oil in January of this year. In his 40 years with the refinery he has worked in the Cooper Shop and Grease Plant.

When he went to work in the Cooper Shop in June 1904, Bob Wade was head of the Barrel House, and there were houses on the west side of Christina street where the steel tanks now stand. At that time there were houses on Park street, territory now covered by the present Drum Plant.

In March, 1912, Guy was transferred to the Grease Plant under W. G. Gilliland, coopering barrels. Since wooden barrels have been superseded he now prepares steel drums for shipment. His hobby is gardening and fishing.

WREN SIGNAL WOMAN

Miss Lillian A. Northrup, the first woman elected to the Joint Industrial Council at Sarnia Refinery to represent the lady members of the hourly payroll, is serving with the W.R.C.N.S. Lillian, whose nautical title is Leading Signal Woman Northrup, is at present stationed at the port signal office at H.M.C.S. Stadacona at Halifax, N.S.

Leading Signalwoman Northrup, daughter of Frank Northrup, foreman of the welding department at No. 2 Plant, was a welder in the drum plant when she heard the call of the Navy. She left work on May 2nd, 1944, and enlisted two days afterwards.

Prior to being transferred to Halifax she trained at Galt and St. Hyacinthe, Que.



LILLIAN NORTHROP

Sales Receipts. Costs and Profits of Imperial Oil Limited for the year 1944

In 1944 Imperial Oil made and sold in Canada and Newfoundland one billion 397 million gallons of products (aviation and motor gasolines, kerosene, fuel oils, lubricants, greases, waxes, asphalts, etc.). For these it received	\$182,639,673.10	100.00%
The cost of the crude oil and other raw materials was	\$99,549,079.18	54.50
The cost of making the crude oil into finished products was	20,048,806.61	10.98
The cost for freight and packages was	21,798,814.23	11.94
The cost of distributing and selling was	15,068,503.80	8.25
The taxes paid (sales tax, property taxes, income tax, etc., but not including gasoline taxes which ranged from ten to thirteen cents per gallon) were	16,240,447.52	8.89
This made a total cost of.....	\$172,705,651.34	94.56%
Leaving a profit of	\$ 9,934,021.76	5.44%

\$9,934,021.76 ÷ 1,397,000,00 gallons = \$0.0071

A PROFIT OF LESS THAN ¼ OF 1c per gallon

A copy of Imperial Oil's illustrated annual report for 1944 will be sent to you if you are interested in learning more about the Company's operations. Address requests to

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

Head Offices: Sarnia, Ontario

GIRLS OF IMPERIAL WAR SERVICE GROUP MAKE PRESENTATION



NAVY RESCUE TUG CALLED AT SARNIA

MEMBERS of the Imperial War Service Group, organized early in 1943, made their first presentation of comforts to a Canadian naval craft this year on the morning of May 1 when the rescue tug Glendyne called at the refinery dock.

Built In Owen Sound

The girls had been notified early in April that the boat, built in Owen Sound, would shortly be commissioned and asked if they would provide the comforts and material they had supplied naval craft built in Sarnia two years ago.

Upon receipt of the message a meeting was called and in little more than a week the Group had knitted sweaters, helmets, socks, seaboot socks and mitts. Besides that job they had collected and packed glasses books, sheets, pillow-cases, blankets, electric grill, electric iron and a large album of phonograph records. Unable to get a phonograph the girls sent word to the Toronto branch to have one at the dock when the Glendyne reached that city.

Ahead of Time

Word was received Monday, April 30, from Lt. Howey, commanding officer, that the tug would dock at Sarnia the next day at 9.00 a.m. In spite of a rough trip down the lake she arrived three-quarters of an hour early. Seven girls went to the dock and presented the packages to the officers of the first rescue tug to call here.

Despite its seeming youth the crew was an experienced band of war-hardened sailors. The skipper told his guests that every man had seen service on the high seas, and that the chief petty officer had been on the aircraft carrier Punjab.

The sailors made perfect hosts as they showed their guests over the tug and answered the hundreds of questions fired at them before the girls had to tear themselves away to go to work and the Glendyne proceeded down the river and on to her destiny, whatever it may be.

Herbert (Mitch) Mitchell, Barrel House, is wearing a big smile these days. His son, Lance Corporal Doug Mitchell arrived in Sarnia from overseas on Saturday, May 5th. Enlisting in the 11th Field Coy, R.C.E., in September, 1939, Douglas later transferred to the Provost Corps, and served overseas for nearly five years.



When the Royal Canadian Navy rescue tug Glendyne called at the refinery dock on the morning of May 1 seven girls of the Imperial War Service Group presented the crew with several packages of comforts. In the top left picture Miss Mary Miller is shown greeting Lieut. Howey, the commanding officer. The other girls have already boarded the boat. From left to right on the top right are Miss Miller, Beatrice McPherson and Mildred Smith, the latter shown handing the parcels to the crew. The bottom picture shows the Sarnia girls on the bridge as they were being escorted over the tug by the crew.

PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENING

A pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Broadbent, 226 Maxwell Street on Friday, March 30th, when several of the employees of the Boilermakers' Department of both No. 1 and No. 2 Plants met for a social evening and cards. Mrs. E. Broadbent and her daughter-in-law served lunch. Tommy Earl, another Imperial Oil Pensioner, and his wife, were among those present.

George Large was the winner of the first prize and Harold Jackson and Lester Loxton cut cards for second prize. We will probably hear echoes of the Mouse's howl of how he "wuz robbed" for some time to come. Tommy Earl was the grinning

Booby Prize winner. Herb Wright expressed the appreciation of all present for the wonderful evening's enjoyment provided by Mrs. Broadbent, and our pleasure in welcoming Ed back with us at the plant for a while longer. He also expressed the general opinion of all present that these social gatherings were only too infrequent, and if we could have them more frequently it would promote a better feeling of comradeship and cooperation between employees.

He mentioned the successful dances sponsored by the Industrial Council and stated management and employees became better acquainted as a result of these gatherings.

HELP IS EXTENDED BY REFINERY UNIT

ALL the nice girls love a sailor, and all the girls at the Sarnia office are nice. So, when in January, 1943, Lt. Com. J. A. Woods, assistant naval superintendent of contract ships built in the Great Lakes area, requested help, the response was immediate. He asked that the girls be responsible for supplying crews of naval vessels building at Sarnia with a library, woollen goods and other comforts. They said they would.

Found More Time

Already deeply involved in work for the Red Cross Society and other organizations to which they gave generously of their time and talents, as individuals or as members of units, they found the time and womanpower to take on a new job that was to be theirs alone.

In little more time than it takes to tell it, a War Service Group was formed. Men of the office were called upon for donations to purchase wool, and the knitting started. Under the capable supervision of Helen Smith, wool and knitting convener, the pile of garments grew and grew.

Provided Many Things

During 1943 officers and ratings of three Fairmiles launched in Sarnia were supplied with 495 knitted garments and their boats provided with electric irons, toasters, games, books, magazines and anything else the girls could devise or procure. The men expressed gratitude for the comforts, and one officer, who had commanded several boats said it was the first time any organization had singled out his ship specifically.

Last year no ships were launched in Sarnia, but the War Service Group provided comforts for the Walkerville-built minesweeper Clifton, donated \$100 to the Navy League of Canada, and on December 14, 1944, shipped woollen goods worth \$200 to the Halifax branch of the Navy League.

This year the Glendyne has been equipped, and the Group is making plans to provide comforts for two more ships before the summer is over.

The engagement of Mary Jane (Jean) Carpenter to L.A.C. Thomas Patrick Knight has been announced. The wedding will take place at Canon Davis Memorial Church on June 2nd. Jean is a welder in the Drum Plant.

NEW ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SUGGESTED FOR REFINERY

PICK SCRAP PERRY TO MANAGE TEAM

Refinery Softball Squad Looms Up As Strong Contender

THE players who will represent the Imperial Oil in the Senior City League have been chosen. A surplus of high-class material made the task of cutting the squad from approximately twenty-five candidates down to fifteen, very difficult. It took three weeks' practice to find out who would be the regular players.

Scrap Perry, Coach

Scrap Perry, catcher and coach, will again handle the catching and is one of the hardest hitters on the club. If there is a better catcher in the league than Scrap, we've yet to see him. Joe Soper, last year's pitching mainstay, will get the opening assignment against Polymer, but Jack McAlpine, former University of Western Ontario student, is showing real promise of becoming a regular pitcher and if Jack shows he can take his regular turn on the mound, it will enable Joe to have more rest and thus the pitching staff will be a much improved department. Morley Lumby, one of last year's pitchers, may lose his job as regular due to being on shift work. It's tough on Morley who certainly has the ability.

Sensational Infield

The infield shows signs of being a sensation. Everett Shrigley, hard-hitting former Sarnia Bridge player, will cover the initial sack. Last year the Imperials tried several players at this position in an attempt to find a winning combination. Second base will again be played by Harpo Marks, a capable and heady ball player with many years experience. Ted Garvin, last year's shortstop, is back once more and should have another successful year. Tommy Prudence of Point Edward fame will be playing third base if he shows up at enough practices to get in shape. Just who the three regular outfielders will be is uncertain, but whoever starts the game will have to play heads up ball or someone else will step in. Those available for the outfield include Stan Reeve, Len Rutter, Jimmy Johnson, Bud Dodds, Bill Ward, Les Craig and Jack Rutter. Logie Allen has been appointed business manager.

Inter-Department Softball League Ready for Season

The newly organized Inter-Department League has commenced its schedule around the middle of May.

Six teams are definitely ready for action, and practices are being held regularly. Several exhibition games are being played to keep the players in shape. The schedule now being drawn up will provide at least one game a week per team. Tuesday and Thursday the Tecumseh Park diamond will be used, while one game a week will be played on the Collegiate campus. Umpires are in great demand and some city league players have signified willingness to help out. Anyone willing to lend a hand will be welcomed with open arms.

The teams and their managers are as follows:

Barrel House, Gord Skerrat; Kellogg Unit, Jack Forbes; Office Staff, Wayne Richardson, and three Laboratory teams managed by Jack McAlpine, Bob Mathieson and Bill Struthers.

COMMERCIAL FIVE PIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Four of the five members of the MacDonald Drug Store team that captured the Commercial Five Pin League championship this year are Imperial Oil employees. The champions, from left to right, are: front row, Bert Elliott, Oscar Anderson, Nelson Moore; back row, Jimmie Arnot and Bill Drinkwater. Oscar Anderson is the only one who is not employed at the refinery.

SEEKING OPINIONS FROM EMPLOYEES

Enthusiasts Have Opportunity of Discussing the Matter

NOW that the European War is over and things look a lot brighter, perhaps it is time to re-organize the local sports set-up.

A few years ago, prior to the war, the Athletic Association was the authentic sports group around the plant, and as such, was in charge of various athletic events concerning local employees. With the advent of war, this organization found it necessary to discontinue activities and sports suffered a major blow hereabout. At present your athletic teams are having a hard time financially. Anyone connected with an athletic club knows the expenses incurred during a season—they are numerous and high.

New Association

It has been suggested that a new athletic association be formed to be in charge of local sports, especially along the financial lines. Employees of the plant seem to be very fair-minded and, judging by their response to hockey and softball "raffles," are only too glad to back up their teams.

Why couldn't we unite together with the idea of seeing all teams well looked after? This is merely a suggestion and is subject to constructive criticism. How about opinions on the matter? As a matter of fact, several employees have been approached and all seem to be agreeable. Any suggestions pro and con will be welcome. Either write them out and give them to the sports editor or see him in person.

STARGAZING *With . . .* LOGIE ALLEN

SPORTS-LOVING citizens of Sarnia are wondering just how far the proposed plan for a war memorial centre will get. No doubt there is a great need for such a place, but perhaps if we were satisfied with a less expansive program, better initial results would be reached. Being a keen hockey fan, I, myself, would like to see an arena, seating around three thousand spectators, built. This arena could be used for hockey, lacrosse, roller-skating, dancing and concerts. Naturally, others have different ideas. Everything from an art gallery to a hand-ball court has been suggested and it is a difficult job to determine just what our war memorial centre should include. How about suggestions?

Why didn't Joe Doakes make the squad? Why don't you get rid of the old men and get younger players? Debates on the merits and demerits of certain players at certain positions just proved that no two people see alike. Suggestions as to how to run the team were submitted but one suggestion counteracted another, so I decided you can't satisfy everyone. But it was all in fun—I hope. Anyway, Scrap Perry is looking after the players. I'm only the business manager.

They tell me that Jack "Poker Face" Baker and Cliff "Cuffie" Parsons are going to return to the softball wars. Either of these fellows should be a splendid lead-off man as their bay windows will protrude far enough over the plate to prevent the pitcher throwing strikes across, without hitting them. George McPhail had this same advantage last year. Bob Richardson is another addition to the inter-department softball league. Just what team he will play for is debatable. Both the Barrel House and the Office Team are bartering for his service, but Bob is cagey and holding out for a more substantial offer. Right now the Office has the inside track as the Mayor has promised to cut Bob's lawn regularly in return for his services as bat-boy. Incidentally, talking about the Imperial City League team being composed of old men, take a look at the office lineup: Roy Brown, Wayne "Grandpa" Richardson, Bob "Father" Fraser, Jimmy Fleet, Norm "Spinnaker" Mills, and Fran McGrath, to mention only a few of the younger ones. Perhaps I could arrange an old timer's game—the Office versus the East Street Penthouse gang.

Local Baseballers Impress Cardinals in Spring Camps

Latest reports from the baseball training camps concerning local boys getting professional tryouts with the St. Louis Cardinals are confusing.

Jack Slack, one of the locals, has returned home with the option of being recalled. He isn't optimistic in view of the surplus of diamond material around the Cardinal farm.

But Porkie, the younger Slack, is going great guns and shows promise of becoming a first-class moundsman if he continues his present rate of progress. "Pork" struck out Buster Maynard, former National League star, twice in the course of a recent exhibition game.

Dave Kilbreath, playing with Winston-Salem, is showing real promise and, according to newspaper reports, his hitting has been outstanding. In one game Dave was put in to catch the last two innings, and besides doing a smart catching chore, drove in a run with a smashing double in his only time at bat.

But Dave, himself, isn't quite sure where he stands, and is keeping his fingers crossed.

Four local employees were on the MacDonald Drug Store bowling team which won the Commercial five-pin league title. Jimmy Arnot, Bert Elliott, Bill Drinkwater and Nelson Moore playing with O. Anderson, formed the winning combination which eliminated the strong Sarnia Bridge Works team in a closely fought play-off.

HONOURED FOR LONG SERVICE



Miss Mary Miller of the Main Office was the recipient of many good wishes on May 1st, in honour of having completed thirty-three years' service with the Company. Miss Miller is shown in the picture above, with roses which were presented to her on that occasion by the girls with whom she works.

PLANT VISITORS



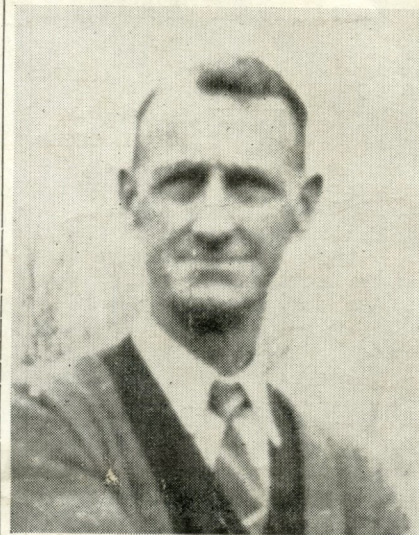
Corporal F. R. Crim, who arrived in Canada from overseas, April 29th, called at the plant recently to say "hello" to his friends. Overseas for four years with a light Anti-Aircraft Battery, Corporal Crim was through France, and Belgium and made two trips into Germany. He is, as we can expect, very pleased to be back on Canadian soil again, and is for the time being to be stationed at No. 1 Depot, Wolseley Barracks, London, Ontario.

Corporal Crim mentioned receiving copies of The Sarnia Refiner and Imperial Oil Reviews and how much he appreciated them. Reading material is very scarce and the boys over there are always glad to receive literature of any kind, especially from home. We are glad to welcome Corporal Crim back home, after his long period of absence in the service of his country.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WITH US

Jack Easton, Main Office, completed a quarter century with Imperial Oil on May 1st. Your broad grin looks good to us, Eastie; stick around for a good long time, won't you.

FORMER IMPERIAL EMPLOYEE PASSES



Walter Gray, a member of the No. 2 Plant Pipefitters when he was transferred to the Pension Payroll on December 31, 1938, died on April 15th. When the late Mr. Gray joined Imperial Oil on August 12, 1920, J. Shaver was foreman of the pipefitters.

IMPERIAL OIL VETERAN ON PENSION PAYROLL

John Kirby, who started to work with the Imperial 41 years ago, was transferred to the Pension Payroll this month. He worked with the Boilermakers, a department he joined in 1900, but for a few years divided his time between the refinery and the Pere Marquette Railway.

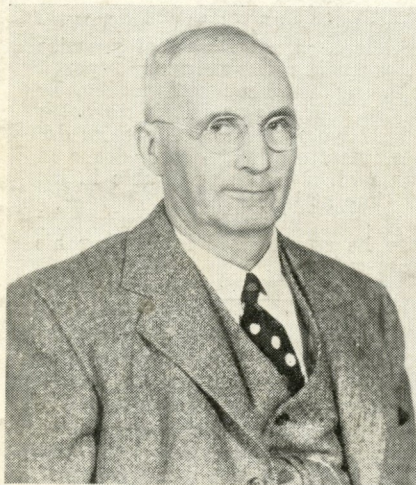
Born In Yorkshire

Mr. Kirby was born in Yorkshire, England, but came to Canada when two years old. Prior to joining the Imperial staff he worked for his father who carried on a wholesale and retail trade in oil. He claims his father bought the first barrel of oil—an order of lamp oil—ever produced by this refinery, known at that time as the Bushnell Oil Company.

Jack, a veteran of the First World War, has always been a great baseball enthusiast, especially with the young fellows, and has managed several teams in the district.

Some Recollections

Among his many reminiscences, one of the most outstanding was the Grease Plant fire about 1910. Many of the old timers will remember this blaze which lasted for about three days. He also remembers helping to float that large tank which stood near the present Time Office up to the north end of the yard.



JOHN KIRBY

PAN-AMERICAN VISITORS



Three Colombian engineers who took a course at the local refinery before returning to the Tropical Oil Company in their homeland, are shown here. From the left they are Guillermo Uribe, Oscar Gomez, Carlos Garcia.

Guillermo Uribe, Oscar Gomez and Carlos Garcia, three young Colombian engineers, recently completed a course at the local refinery preparatory to returning to their homeland where they will work in the Technical Service Division of the Tropical Oil Company under John Leach.

Guillermo Uribe is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y. He graduated in 1937 having taken a course in industrial chemical engineering. After graduation he worked for the Tropical Oil Company in Barranca spending three years in the Engineering Department and four years in the refinery.

Carlos Garcia is a graduate of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He graduated in 1928 taking a degree in mechanical engineering. Prior to joining the Tropical Oil Company he did some work as an engineering inspector with the Colombian Government and built the Fleischman factory. He has spent ten years with the Technical Service Division of the Tropical Oil.

Oscar Gomez is a graduate of the University of San Francisco where he graduated in 1942. He spent a year taking post-graduate work at Louisiana State University. He was a sugar chemist with the Central Berastegui Company. During the time they are in Sarnia these men are

studying lab tests and their reference to processes in the refinery.

LAB STAFF HONORED MISS NORA McNAMARA

Chemists of the Inspection Department and Laboratory assistants joined forces on April 30th to present Miss Nora McNamara with a drum-head walnut table and a collection of staples such as flour, soap flakes, peas, salt and soup. Freda Morrison and Marjory Lambert made the presentation, and the way was clear for the prank players.

Nora was married to John Gulliford on May 10.

Major W. P. Doohan, the chairman and ever-willing friend of the Lab assistants, said he presided at the ceremony with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret. A corsage of sweetpeas was pinned on the guest of honour by Miss Janet Hayes, her staunch friend and colleague.

Nora McNamara, during her three and one-half years with the division endeared herself to all ranks by her sunny disposition and unflinching graciousness on all occasions.



Miss Nora McNamara (when this picture was taken) is shown with gifts presented to her by the Technical and Research Department on April 30 prior to her departure from the company to be married to John Gulliford.