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Rationing For Democracy

(From WAR FACTS — Office for
Emergency Management)

We face a desperate and dangerous foe. To defeat that foe, we must make profound changes in our lives. One of the great changes to come upon us is rationing.

Rationing is a community plan to distribute equitably goods that are scarce and to use those goods to the best advantage in a nation of war. Need and social usefulness—not money or individual pleasures—decide who shall get scarce articles.

There are scarcities because total war demands the mobilization of all our productive capacities. Many of our factories must produce for the armed forces instead of for civilians, and scarcities make rationing necessary in defense of the general welfare.

Take Sugar. Sugar makes alcohol and alcohol makes smckeless powder. Have you seen the guns of our fleet in the newsreels? Every time five of our 16-inch guns fire they use an acre of sugar cane. That's a lot of sugar. A lot of cups of coffee could be sweetened with it.

Or consider tires. By rationing tires we can make sure that if you need a doctor at night he can drive to see you. Rationing enables farm trucks to continue to carry your fresh vegetables and eggs to town. Even if you can't drive your own car, you may still take a bus, thanks to rationing.

Rationing fortifies us at home by convincing each of us that he is getting a fair deal and equal treatment. Rationing supports the home-front morale. Discontent and defeatism would be rife if all scarce articles were allowed to go into the possession of those who could bid the highest.

Rationing protects our pocketbooks, too, by preventing the bidding up of prices. We can all visualize men who would be willing to offer as much as \$100 for a single tire, but such a man might not be the one who needed it most—who would use it to the best advantage of the community as a whole.

Rationing also protects supplies. Before rationing was begun, many were inclined to hoard, fearing to be caught short. Once they realized that rationing would provide everyone with a fair share, hoarding diminished.

Our rationing organization is easy to understand. Policies for rationing are formulated by the Office of Price Administration. This office was given authority to ration retail sales by the War Production Board, based on the statutory powers of the President.

Rationing boards are appointed by local defense councils and approved by the OPA. Housewives, union men,

farmers, educators, business men, and professional men and women serve on these boards. Their work is to carry out the orders and enforce the policies laid down in Washington.

The rationing machinery works in several ways. Supplies are apportioned only among essential users where the commodity is, like rubber, so scarce that limited amounts cannot be given to everyone.

Another system may be used when there are enough supplies for the entire community as is the case with sugar. To distribute sugar, we allow so many ounces to each resident, and we arrange cards and stamps to see that each gets just one share.

England also uses a point system. Each person is given a coupon book with a certain number of points, which he can use to buy articles, the point-values of which have been fixed. For example, a can of beans has a value of 4 points, a can of salmon a value of 16 points; a can of lobster, 16 points. Each family is allowed so many points a month.

To succeed, rationing demands good will and co-operation from you and me and our neighbors down the block. It is up to us to make it work. There is no better bulwark against disaster on the home front.



"WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT
FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS—GASOLINE?"

Group Insurance Premiums Waived

It has been announced that due to the improved experience attained by the Group Insurance Plans, we are now in a position to permit the distribution of dividends equivalent to one month's Group Income Protection Insurance premium and three months' Group Life Insurance Premium to all present active members whose participation dates prior to May 1, 1942. Those eligible for the dividend can be determined from your payroll deduction authority file (Forms PHO 52 and 53).

No Christmas Party This Year

The Shell Service Club wishes to announce that due to difficulties encountered by Santa in making the necessary arrangements and the uncertainty of transportation, the Annual Christmas Party for all employees and their families will not be held this year.

1942 Community Chest Drive

The present Community Chest Drive for the Alton-Wood River area has recently been completed at this refinery. A total of \$3,549.84 was pledged by 411 employees for an average of \$8.64 per pledge. The drive was headed by Mr. Kline Grigsby, master mechanic, and Mr. Jack Eilenberger, shop machinist.

Congratulatory Statement Received on War Chest Campaign

Mr. J. A. Eilenberger,
Shell Oil Company,
Roxana, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Eilenberger:

I wish to take this opportunity to commend you upon the fine showing that the Shell Oil Company employees made in their contributions to the Community and War Chest. I speak for distressed people scattered all over the world when I say thank you. I would deeply appreciate your passing my thanks to each of the men that worked with you in putting across the drive so splendidly.

By your efforts you have helped to create a new instrument for the binding of our people together in a common cause, through which we may make a more concerted blow at our enemies. While the results of health and welfare work are sometimes hard to value, and while food and refuge for war victims does not directly defeat our enemies, it does bolster our allied peoples' morale and sustain them awaiting the time when they can rise up with us and evict their Axis tyrants.

Let us thank our God for America, and let us have a deeper appreciation for one another for once again we have demonstrated through our gifts to the Chest, for human welfare that we are full of compassion toward suffering—whatever it may be. So long as Americans are like this our nation will survive and its people will be increasingly blessed with wealth and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed),

LAWRENCE KELLER, JR.,
Campaign Chairman.

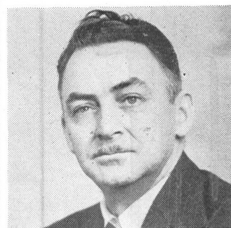
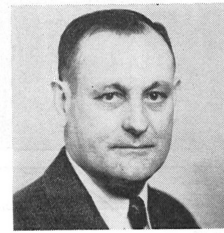
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STAMPS YOUR
CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

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WOOD RIVER OLD TIMERS



Completing 20 years of service with Shell: left to right (top) M. A. Rogers, Asst. Supt. Lube Dept; C. W. Ryan, Lube C & S; W. F. O'Hair, Eng. Fld. Pipefitter; Bottom row: S. C. Hayes, Dispatching; T. P. Bertier, Eng. Fld. Machinist; Fred Bangert, Loading Racks; J. T. Dwyer, Car Dept.

Here's What It Means When Men Lay Off From Their Jobs

One man's absence for one day from a war production job means less vital equipment for our fighting men. Here are a few examples:

If one man at each of 24 lumber camps laid off for only one shift the lumber required to build a destroyer would not be cut. And if 300 lumberjacks quit for one day it would mean the loss of as much lumber as is required to build a battleship.

Every time a bituminous coal miner takes a week's vacation it means the loss of enough fuel to make the steel needed to construct a flying fortress. The absence of 10 such miners from work for only one day means the loss of enough fuel to make the steel for a medium tank. A hundred miners can produce enough coal in one day to supply the coal required to make the steel for a Liberty cargo ship.

One miner can dig enough copper in one hour to meet the needs of three 60 mm. mortars or 16 bombs weighing a ton each. Every day that 175 copper miners are absent from work means the loss of metal required for a heavy bomber.

The approximately 24 million man hours lost monthly on the production front in the United States constitutes more than enough time to build an aircraft carrier.

And if two ordinance workers went off on a hunting trip for a week, their lost time would represent the time needed to make a .30 caliber aircraft machine gun.

Notice

Any persons interested in forming a Bus Club to run between the plant and St. Louis via the Chain of Rocks Bridge please contact Mr. A. J. Otte, Electric Shop.

Warehouse News

By V. H. DeWERFF.

Since John Grossheim has been recognized as the Warehouse "Lovelorn Advisor," conditions have gone from bad to worse for Miss Rose Bibian.

Now that the hunting season is in full swing, Jim Branine and Gale Hawk are bringing in the birds, but, oh, what marksmanship!!

Your warehouse correspondent does not wish to test the integrity of an erstwhile hunter, but masquerading guinea fowl for pheasant is old stuff. What did the farmer charge, LIP-POLDT?

With the election over and one Republican in the Court House and two in the Warehouse, (the boasters) CAPPIE and BEAN are seldom seen and never heard.

For world news, come to the Warehouse Receiving Office each weekday at noon and hear (common-tater) SAM GEHRKE'S predictions of the future.

One of the Warehouse oddities is to hear MOUSE BOVERIE exonerate as to how hard he worked today!!

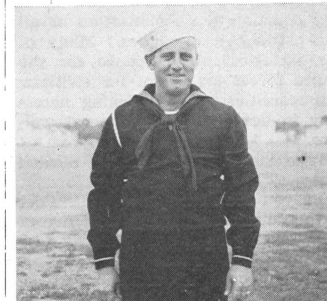
"BEAN, have your chemicals in order, your transfer request certified—or—"HURTLE EYES," the great imperturbable GROSH will again attempt to use his powers of persuasion."

Topping Row

Harold V. Clark left the employ of Shell, November 29, 1942; to go to San Diego, California, where he will enter the cafe and hotel business with his brother. Through this column, he wishes to say goodbye to all the fellows that he has worked with for the past 17 years and extends the invitation to all those who may pass through San Diego to look him up at the Barbara Worth Hotel or The Monte Carlo Cafe. I know that all the men of the Topping Department join me in wishing Harold the best of luck.



Pvt. J. S. Melvin, former Lube C&S Employee, now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.



Wesley E. Hurley, A.S., former Loading Rack employee, now on USS Joseph Hewes.

Shell Service Club Holds Meeting For Members and Wives



The Shell Service Club held their quarterly meeting in the Roxana High School on November 4, 1942. Over 250 members and their wives were present. President Pierson, who presided at the meeting, awarded 77 Service Emblems to eligible members. The following members were nominated for offices in the club for the coming year:

President: H. W. Porter, Cracking Department;
 Vice-President: L. B. Booth, Lube D. & D. Plant;
 Treasurer: J. G. Cuddy, Light Oil Treating;
 Secretary: O. A. Kleinert, Industrial Relations;

Director: Clinton Pierson, Electrical Department.

The above nominees will take office at the annual meeting. Henry Eichen declined the nomination for President, and Maurice Schupbach declined the nomination for Vice-President.

Those present were entertained by the Roxana High School Orchestra and Baton Twirlers. The guest speaker was Judge Nelson E. Lurton, who spoke on his experience in the Far East before and after the Japanese invasion of Shanghai, China.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served.

REGISTER FOR RIDES AND RIDERS

The following employees have indicated that they desire passengers or rides. All employees should study this register thoroughly and determine whether or not there is a possibility of further pooling of rides in the interest of rubber conservation. This list is presented so that employees concerned may contact each other direct.

Name	Clock No.	Department	Location	Shift No.	Desires Passengers a Ride	Desires a Ride
John Hanke	Monthly	Light Oil	Troy	Days		5
Wm. Rapiem	458	Compound House	Troy	Various		3
C. E. Wilkinson	2955	Labor	Edwardsville	Days and Shift		4
John Hartman	3618	Garage	Millstadt	4-12		
Allen McVey	2548	Eng. Field	South Roxana	5	1	x
R. J. Reed	2182	Automotive	Bethalto (Bus)	—	20	
W. R. Bourland	1038	Comp. House	Bethalto	3:12-10:24 p. m.	1	
Wm. Henry	871	Load. Rack	Glen Carbon	A	4-5	
W. M. Rasplca	1527	Lube Filters	Glen Carbon	7	3-4	
T. A. Reaas	1988	Cracking	Moro		4	
Delmar Hug	3855	Cont. Lab.	Highland	7	4	
G. H. Kock	2104	Truck Driver	Hamel	Days		x
C. W. Harnden	Monthly	Research Lab.	St. Louis	Days	4-5	
A. F. Kumas	1974	Electrician	South St. Louis	Days	4-5	
M. L. Hicks	1656	Engineering	St. Louis County	Days	4-5	
Leon Little	3528	Rigger	St. Louis	1	4-5	
Joseph Brady	3701	Machine Shop	St. Louis	4-12	4	
S. Tipsword	1363	Salvage Yard	St. Louis	1	1	
L. Gammon	1646	Engineering	Jennings, Mo.	Irregular	3	
C. E. Needham	63	Comp. House	Godfrey	2	4-5	
M. Leonberger	1328	Topping	Godfrey	8	5	
H. Schroepfel	145	Dispatching	Collinsville	4	5	
C. Honke	151	Dispatching	Collinsville	7	5	
E. Barbeau	143	Cont. Filters	Collinsville	11	5	
H. W. Porter	3055	Dubbs 18	Collinsville	4	4	
L. E. Shelby	517	Cracking Clnt.	Caseyville	7		x
L. Condellone	1217	Boiler House	Collinsville	1	2	
Louis Bartels	3754	Boiler House	Mt. Olive	8	5	
Earl Lorenz	3660	Topping	Mt. Olive	B	2	
J. Murphy	3068	Rigger	East Alton		5	
F. Mans	1641	Boilermaker	Alton			x
R. Sterthman	1476	Ind. Relations	Belleville	3	4	
Philip Ruff	810	Dispatching	Belleville	3	2	
Wesley Lascoe	2219	Research Lab.	Belleville	Days	2	
Chas. Hubert	4123	Heavy Oil	Gillespie			x
Ralph Baugh	3187	Cracking Cleanout	Gillespie	8	2 or 3	
E. Nieman	4054	Cracking	Litchfield	6	2	
L. Skeldon	3761	Heavy Oil	Gillespie	12		x
L. Jenkins	966	Inspection Lab.	Chesterfield	12-8	4	
Wm. Sanders	3721	Can House	Brighton	1	3	
Lyle Duncan	4004	Labor	Shipman	Days	2	
E. H. Abbott	441	Cracking	Fosterburg	2	3 or 4	
V. C. Brickey	4046	Cont. Lab.	Brighton	Days	2 or 3	
V. Recker	5498	Absorption Plant	Shipman	B	4	
R. Gooch	267	Light Oil	Wanda	11	4 or 5	
J. Southard	3810	Valve Repair	Poag	4-12	4 or 5	
J. W. Westfall	2088	Cracking Cleanout	Poag	7	5	
J. Pistrui	757	Cracking	Granite City	B	2	x
J. Bradish	2264	Machine Shop	Granite City	Days	4	x
J. Gieszelman	3692	Lube Vacuum	Granite City	10	4 or 5	
F. Carroll	4019	Tool Room	Granite City	7	4 or 5	x
Roy Gaertner	233	Bulk Plant	Alhambra	Irregular	4	
E. C. Schuette	2155	Truck Driver	Alhambra	Days		x
Geo. Holcomb	2223	Machine Shop	East St. Louis	1		x
Wade Cruce	4107	Labor	East St. Louis	Days	5 or 6	
Louis Larose	484	Engineering Field	East St. Louis	8	4 or 5	
Frank Lewis	809	Laboratory	East St. Louis	3	3	
Loran Baker	2085	Pipefitter	East St. Louis	8	5 or 6	
G. E. Jones	2035	Electrical Department	East St. Louis	7	5	
A. D. Vester	2203	Machinist	East St. Louis	A	2	
John Young	3474	Operator	Sorento	9	2 or 3	
Norman Voyles	56	Res. Lab.	Staunton	Shifts	2	
Henry Kuhlman	3974	Laboratory	Maryville	Nights	4 or 5	
Geo. Ranek	4065	Cont. Lab.	Maryville	Nights	3 or 4	
M. A. Garcelon	2727	Cracking Cleanout	Jerseyville (Alton-Jerseyville Rd.)	5	4	
S. Morrison	240	Distributing	Jerseyville	Irregular	4	
Herman Deeder	Monthly	Blue Printer	Athensville	Days		x
V. Lucas	1083	Lub. Comn. House	Meadowbrook	4-12	4	x
S. J. Tonsor	2745	Pinefitter	Prairie town	Days	3	
J. VanHorn	698	Cracking (L. P.)	Wood River	5	1	
Van Violet	1062	Lube	Wood River	5	4	
Clyde Lewis	1000	Laboratory	Wood River	Days	4	
A. R. Snyder	1097	Barrel House	East Alton	Irregular	5	
Chas. Lyons	1666	Boilermaker	East Alton	Days	2	
Bernard Isselhardt	777	Tachman Unit	Edwardsville	3	1 or 2	x
L. Wetherell	416	Cont. Lab.	Edwardsville	Days	4 or 5	
W. Oerke	509	Cracking Cleanout	Edwardsville	Irregular	3 or 4	x
E. Weiss	2725	Cracking Cleanout	Edwardsville	11		x
B. B. Hellrung	3969	Machine Shop	Edwardsville	2	5	x
R. Hise	1059	Bbl. Recond.	Edwardsville	Shifts	3 or 4	x
H. Mattes	1187	Loading Racks	Edwardsville	Shifts	3 or 4	x
Wm. Howerton	1555	R. & P. Houses	Edwardsville	5	4 or 5	
W. H. Walker	571	Cracking Cleanout	Edwardsville	A		x
John Lamkin	1574	Boiler House	Edwardsville	A	4	
Clarence Merkel	3613	Truck Helper	Edwardsville	Days	2	
L. J. Wood	392	Cracking	Edwardsville	5	3 or 4	

P. E. Perkins	148
H. J. Shewmake	Monthly
H. A. Smith	1256
J. C. Moore	1858
Carl Nevlín	Monthly
Elmer Corchers	714
E. Harvey	2344
P. Barker	1572
W. Hinderham	18
E. F. Toll	440
Bert Parton	1030
Frank Huber	731
H. Harpole	1293
M. F. Tranneck	1375
S. D. Parke	1402
W. Campbell	1722
Paul Rexford	447
Ed Whiting	726
R. C. Davis	789
Joseph Haufe	2307
F. E. Pars	3867
F. K. Dale	1151
Chris Lavick	543
Paul Bennes	967
Earl Turly	3675
Frank Heintz	1200
R. C. Chesus	1247
D. E. York	168
K. Turner	2149
I. K. Simmons	669
J. Cartwright	3913
W. Kelley	1889
L. M. Collins	1320

Dispatching	Alton, 2417 Kohler	B	4	
Cracking	North Alton	1	2	
Lube	Upper Alton	8	4	
Field Mach.	Alton, Brown Street	1	2	x
Cont. Lab.	Upper Alton	Days	1	
Iso Octane	Alton, 3403 Leo Street	11	(men) 2	
Paint Shop	Alton, 2504 Hillc. est	Days	4 or 5	
Power House	Upper Alton	12	2	
Topping	Upper Alton	12	2	
Cracking	Upper Alton	4	5	x
Compound	Alton, 3755 Aberdeen	Odd		x
Gas Department	Alton	A	4	
Drum Recond.	Alton	4	3	
Pipefitter	Alton	Days	5	
Drum Recond.	Alton	2		x
Boilermaker	Alton, 1629 Greenwood	Afternoons	4	
Cracking L. P.	Alton, 1410 George	6	3	
Toluene	Alton, 331 Bluff	7	4	x
Toluene	Alton, 1721 Feldwisch	10	4	x
Mach. Shop	Alton, 724 E. Sixth Street	Afternoons	1	
Comp. House	Alton, 208 Piasa	Odd	5	
Comp. House	Alton, 2523 Elizabeth	2	4	
Gas Dept.	Alton, 916 E. Fifth	1	4	
Inspection Lab.	Alton, 3528 California	10	2	
Boiler House	Alton, 2209 Central	11	4	
D. & D. Plant	Alton, 1119 Logan	5		x
D. & D. Plant	Alton, 2723 Hillcrest	1		x
Dispatching	Upper Alton	3		x
Garage	Upper Alton	Days	2	
Lube Vacuum	East Alton	1		x
Salvage	North Alton	Days		x
Eng. Field	Upper Alton	Days	2 or 3	
Lube Oper.	Upper Alton	8		x

Down Strike Alley

By SIR SMITTY.

With gasoline rationing just around the corner, the suggestion has been made that wherever possible you Ten Pin Topplers get together in groups of four or five to a car and take turns driving to the Bowling Alleys. In that way you will only have to use your precious gasoline once every four or five weeks for bowling purposes. A very good suggestion—think we. If you have trouble lining up with a group, come tell your troubles to your "little ole' scribe" and we'll try to find a lift for you.

Nope, there hasn't been a death on the Laborers' Team recently. The boys are hanging their heads because they have lost six of their last 12 games, thanks particularly to the Dispatching Department who grabbed three in a lump. But they needn't feel so badly—their nearest rivals, the Crackers and Local 553, have done little better, winning only seven out of 12 games. The "sorrowing" souls still lead by three games.

Several weeks back, Lou Roller (Safety team) held high single game with 244. Then "Bus" Springer slipped past him with a 245. A week later the "Revived" Riner also hit 245. Last week Clark Baker (Laborers) did them one better by nipping off the lead game by hitting 246. So now Lou Roller, just two pins back of the high game, is completely out of the money, which illustrates how important each pin is.

The individual high three has been bombarded continually in the last few weeks and as the smoke clears away, we find Dave Patton's 669 still high, although closely challenged by "Chris" Meehan's 651 and George Moorman's 629.

The Cokers' 941 Team Hi Single has been pushed down to third place by the Crackers' 969 (no brotherly love there) and Local 553's total of 953.

Look at Bus Springer's league leading average of 186, which is an im-

provement over his last year's average by some 15 pins. What brought this on, Bus? He's closely followed by that equally surprising Dave Patton with 184, who has averaged one 200 game out of every three he has bowled this season in Shell League play.

That Golden Shell League race continues to be wide open. The Reformers continue as "Boss Men" of the league but they are very closely followed by the Cracking Cleanout, Analytic Lab., and Lt. Oil No. 2. To indicate the closeness of the league, please note that there is not over a one-game separation all the way from the top to the Electricians in 11th place. The whole league is a nip and tuck fight.

A condition very similar in the Super Shell League exists, wherein Ray Neuhaus' previous high single game of 243 has been topped twice by one pin, with Koch nudging him with 244 and then Bryant slipping by both of them with a 245 score.

"Bud" Reed (I. O.) finally came into his own as he hit top high three of 593 in the Golden League.

Opportunities

FOR RENT—One sleeping room — Mrs. E. L. Webb, 524 Leslie Ave., Wood River, Illinois. Phone 4-4429.

FOR RENT—One sleeping room — Duff, 1604 Langdon, Alton, Ill. Will give breakfast. Phone 2-3581.

FOR SALE—1937 Dodge Tudor with four new tires. Lester E. Madison (Dispatching Dept.), 339 Thomas Street, Roxana, Illinois.

FOR SALE—Man's leather sheep lined jacket. Small size. Phone 2-2987 (after 6 p. m.)

FOR SALE—10 room modern apartment, with 3 garages. \$5500. Winter Walters, 2072 Penning Ave., Wood River, Ill.

FOR RENT—One sleeping room. 115 W. Park Ave., Edwardsville, Ill. See O. McNear, Welder.

LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

G. M. Jaynes, SF2c
Barracks No. 10
N. O. B.
Argentia, Newfoundland

Gentlemen:

Today I received the Shell Review dated October 1. Sure am glad to get any news from home and of the old fellow workers. Please do not use my first address any longer for I have been several places since then, and at present have been on foreign duty for several weeks. What in the heck is wrong with my fellow workers that they haven't gone over the top 100% on the bond buying program? I am still buying a bond per month and serving actively besides. What's wrong fellows, do you want us to do it all for you? Remember after the war we service men will be home and we want to be able to look every one in the eye and feel satisfied that they did as much as we to keep Democracy functioning. I'm not meaning this to the loyal men who have subscribed nor to the Company, for most of us could adopt the company policies and profit by it.

I'll be glad to hear from any or all Shell employees and to get the Review regularly.

Very truly yours,
G. M. JAYNES

Melvin Hubach
AAFNS, Hondo, Texas

Gentlemen:

I have completed and had properly signed the papers for "Military Leave Allowance" and "Application for Family Allowance" and am enclosing them herewith. I feel sure you will find them properly executed and will await your action thereon.

May I take this opportunity to tell you what this plan means to us in service. As you can readily realize it goes a long way to relieving one of the real problems of military service, that is, the financial problem. You can feel sure it is a real moral builder in that it gives us freedom of mind from those worries.

I wish to thank Shell kindly and hope the day is not too far distant when we may all be on our jobs once more. In closing may I say "you keep 'em rollin'" and we'll "keep 'em flyin'."

Yours for Victory,
MELVIN J. HUBACH
Robt. E. Sims, Tech. 5th
1627th SU (RC)
Scott Field, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

It is with extreme pleasure that I am sending you these forms which will reduce the amount of the check, you so generously send my wife each month. It is my earnest desire to reduce the amount of that check to zero, partly to prove that any man who "made the time" in your company can also hold his own in the armed services, partly to show that Shell's wise and benevolent policy does not take away a man's incentive to advance himself in the army but rather gives him a feeling of security and peace of mind which greatly aids his ability to make the most of military opportunities, and thirdly to discourage any tendency that might lead to the discontinuance of the present policy on the grounds that it was becoming too heavy a burden.

I'm sure the legion of Shell men in the service feel the same as I, and realize as I do what a tremendous thing it is to feel that one's wife and children are going to be taken care of, come "hell or high water."

In a practical manner also, this policy can't miss, as I've told and retold my story to countless people who all agreed heartily that Shell was tops. Gentlemen, that's advertising!

Sincerely,
ROBERT E. SIMS

Main Office News

By JUDITH DIETEKER.

Armistice Day must have played havoc with "Skeet" Day — he arrived to work two hours late the next day with an excuse that he had overslept — couldn't have been a hangover, could it, "Skeet"???

Pearl Mitchell surprised us all a week ago with a very lovely engagement ring. Best wishes, Pearl—we think your soldier is a very lucky man.

For many months Frank Paxson has been under the impression that the cafeteria delivers meals on rainy days. Come now, Frank, you ought to know better than that. Are you sure someone wasn't playing a trick on you when they called you from the cafeteria (??) asking if you wanted your meal sent over one rainy day???

There have been so many new girls hired lately that we haven't had a chance to welcome them into our fold, so I am taking this opportunity of saying that we are all glad to have them working with us and hope they enjoy their work here with us.

I have been told to ask Cecelia Roth why she doesn't empty the paper punch in her waste basket instead of dumping it all over the floor by someone else's desk. Twice now it has looked like New Year's Eve (confetti) in the cost department.

We certainly didn't know that Carl Bernasco, of Tabulating, was as superstitious as he is. On Friday the thirteenth, Carl sent out pay roll checks in the plant dated the fourteenth. What's the matter, Carl? Were you afraid to date them the thirteenth?? (We hear that you have a good supply of calendars now, which were sent in to you as a result of this act).

Boiler House Gossip

L. A. KRAMER.

We received word from some of our boys in service. Ed Hume is at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; McReaken at Great Lakes. Baldy received a card from "Red" Erwin, who is at Miami, Florida, ready to go to sea.

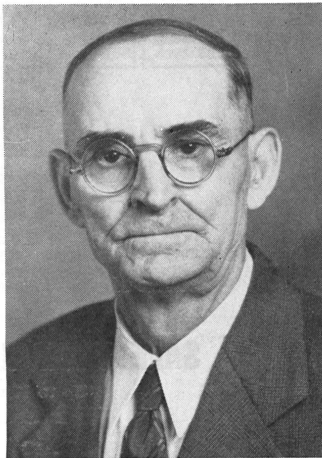
Johnson is wondering how to collect that \$5.00 bet from Van Fossen on the ball game.

Hubbart tells since little gas and no rubber is about here that Baldy runs part of the way until he overtakes the bus, then rides the rest of the way to work.

Mueller and Miss Dorothy Lueder of Virden were married last Saturday — (and after all the fatherly advice given him by Condray)!

The boys on Young's shift don't know a thing about dehorning cattle. One man tells us if we would print the truth in this paper it would be fine reading. I told him if we printed the truth it would hurt worse than a little white lie. Nobody believes what they read anyway. It just makes conversation. Some talk about the war, others about each other, most of us about the weather, this being the lead-off subject of most conversations, friendships, or even a good fight.

RETIRES



Phillip Steffen, Engineering Field Boilermaker Helper, who retired on pension October 30, 1942

Cracking Condensate

By JOHN McCONNELL.

Frank Adams, Dubbs No. 18 Hoist Operator, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and is subject to 24-hour notice.

Sgt. H. J. Schenk, recently of this department, has written a notice to Dutch Weindel, telling him how he would like to have Dutch in his outfit. Sergeant Schenk has recently been transferred to the West Coast.

One of our old timers left this department recently and went to work in Texas. We are indeed sorry to lose such a fine fellow as Porter Robley.

Ronald Fleming, Operator at Dubbs 9-12 was injured a few weeks ago in an automobile accident and suffered a broken jaw, but he is reported to be getting along fine and will be back to work soon.

On October 28, the Cracking Department gave a banquet at the Rock Springs Country Club in honor of

Cletus Jones Dies November 21

We regret to announce that Cletus Jones, Control Lab. Inspection Tester 1st, who was injured in an automobile accident, recently passed away at Mayo Brothers Hospital, Rochester, Minn., on November 21, 1942.

Researches

We have been enjoying the company of Mr. P. Thipsen, who comes from the Curacao Refinery, for several weeks now. He has some very interesting tales to tell concerning his recent experiences down there.

Stan Tompach has been sporting some really fine bow ties lately. They say he has a stock of 18 of them, but that sounds as if it might be a low figure.

Speaking of Tompach or "Tiny" (as he has been recently dubbed by Wes Lascoe), reminds us that we recently heard a rumor that one of the mechanics tried to gain his favor a while back by presenting him with a large and juicy pear.

However, it seems that sort of thing goes on all the time. Another

Mr. E. S. Bodine, Cracking Head Stillman, who left November 6 for California. Approximately fifty men were present. The entire affair was arranged by Bud Arnold and it was justly done from the appearance of the good time that everyone had. A delicious chicken dinner was served at 7:00 p. m., and after the dinner, the boys indulged in a bit of vocalizing. Worthy Porter, the toastmaster, narrated a bit of Mr. Bodine's past experiences up to the time of his leaving the Wood River Refinery. Harry Shewmake then presented Mr. Bodine with a beautiful gift (which he hopes the added taxes won't prevent him from using) in behalf of the Cracking Department. Stanley Ellington, our genial photographer, was on hand and really captured some unique shots. So, to Mr. Bodine, we regret his departure, but wish him the best of luck in his new job.

one of the boys was seen supplying Hebl with apples (the more usual type of "bribe") at the recent SAE meeting.

At that same meeting Benno von Mayrhauser (recently married) was observed stuffing away a half-dozen sandwiches, two bottle of coke, and two cups of coffee. After that performance we hear his membership was questioned.

Vernon Hoeche is now in Midshipman School of the USNR. His last day at the Lab was October 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castle announced the arrival of a baby girl November 14. That's his second little girl and we (personally) envy him. They've had a hard time deciding on a name and as yet she has none.

Slop Recovery Drippings

"SOOPER SNOOPER" MARTIN.

Scoop! Lamb has a little Mary! It happened October 16, and all are getting along nicely except for Lamb. He has a noticeable swelling of the chest.

Prante passed out the cigars, too. It was a girl—October 14.

Cook is still using wire to keep the buttons on his vest. You guessed it. He's mighty proud of that baby boy.

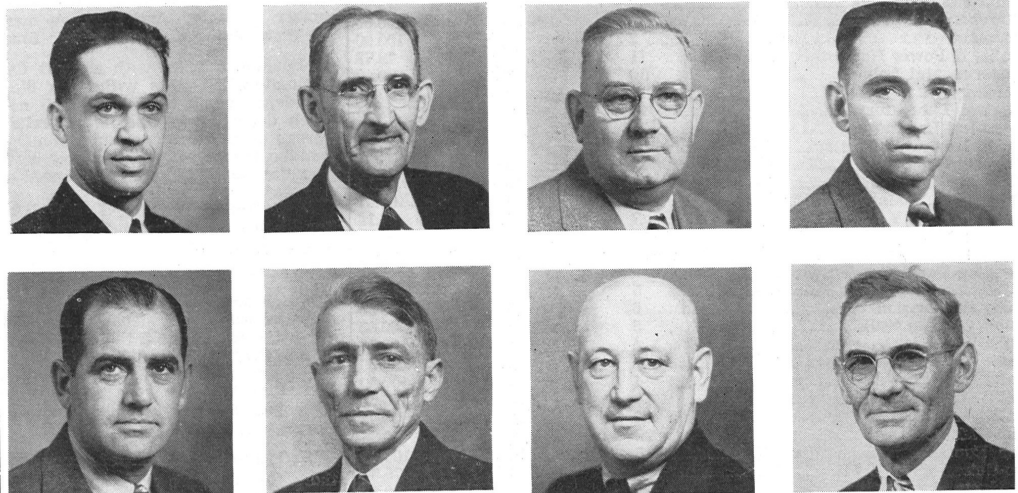
Have you seen the can under the fan in the Drafting Room? It's very gratifying to find the campaign to keep oil out of the sewers is succeeding so well, but it also arouses envy in Ye Sooper Snooper that the man who placed the can under the fan can collect drippings easier than he can. Oh, well, it takes a drip to catch a drip!

K. C. Joslen is one of our newest buck privates. Good luck, Kenny!

D. D. Dohrs was back on furlough recently. He said to say "Hello" for him to the fellows he didn't get to see.

ARE YOU A TEN PERCENTER?

OLD TIMERS



Completing 20 years service with Shell: Top row, left to right: J. C. Emery, Car Dept.; A. H. Eppel, Eng. Fld. Tinner; N. Mallory, Dispatching; H. E. Keene, Eng. Fld.; Bottom row, M. R. Hansell, Car Dept.; E. B. Burris, Eng. Fld. Janitor; J. P. Dunphy, Eng. Fld; F. O. Lorts, Coke Yard.

Hourly Paid Employees -- Bond Subscribers As Of November 20, 1942

Department	Employees as of 11-20-42	Bond Subscribers as of 11-20-42	Percentage of Subscribers to Total Employees
Storehouse	19	16	84.21
Automotive	104	96	92.31
Boiler & Power Hse.	51	35	68.63
Experimental Lab.	13	8	61.54
Cool. Water & Air System	22	19	86.36
Laboratory Control	137	68	49.64
Research Lab.	9	9	100.00
Lube Lab.	7	4	57.14
Topping	74	38	51.35
Cracking	130	58	44.62
Crk. Insp. Maint. & Cl.	207	175	84.54
Cracking V. P.	34	11	32.35
L. O. Treating	44	30	68.18
Dispatching	62	22	35.48
Gas Division	47	30	63.83
Loading & Unloading	54	21	38.89
Coke Disposal	6	6	100.00
Lube Vacuum Stills	35	22	62.86
Lube Ext. Plant	36	31	86.11
Lube Treating	13	12	92.31
Lube Filters	26	11	42.31
Lube Dewaxing	26	23	88.46
Lube C. & S.	190	187	98.42
Engineering Office	2	2	100.00
Asbestos Workers	39	35	89.74
Blacksmith	2	1	50.00
Boilermakers	90	89	98.89
Brickmasons	18	11	61.11
Carpenters	54	50	92.59
Cranemen	17	17	100.00
Electricians	55	45	81.82
Lead Burners	2	2	100.00
Field & Shop Machinists	152	145	95.39
Painters	25	25	100.00
Pipefitters	400	382	95.50
Riggers	66	63	95.45
Salvage & Valve Repair	44	41	100.00
Tinners	12	12	100.00
Tool Room Men	10	9	90.00
Welders	94	92	97.87
Labor Department	480	473	98.54
Car Department	48	44	91.67
Slop Recovery	11	11	100.00
Iso-Octane & Poly. Plts.	41	26	63.41
Toluene Plant	11	4	36.36
Total	3019	2514	83.27

Monthly Paid Employees -- Bond Subscribers As of November 19, 1942

Department	Employees as of 11-19-42	Bond Subscribers as of 11-19-42	Percentage of Subscribers to Total Employees
Fire & Safety	7	7	100.00
Superintendence	5	5	100.00
Main Office	111	96	86.49
Technological Dept.	22	21	95.45
Ind. Engineering	5	5	100.00
Industrial Relations	49	39	79.59
Storehouse	19	19	100.00
Automotive	2	2	100.00
Boiler & Power House	11	8	72.73
Experimental Lab.	10	8	80.00
Cooling Water	4	4	100.00
Control Laboratory	28	23	82.14
Research Laboratory	76	76	100.00
Lube Laboratory	3	3	100.00
Topping Dept.	15	10	66.67
Cracking L. P.	28	16	57.14
Crkg. Insp., Maint. & Cl.	6	4	66.67
L. O. Treating	7	4	57.14
Dispatching	14	13	92.86
Gas Division	11	8	72.73
Loading-Unloading & Switching & Coke Disp.	5	3	60.00
Lube Supervision	6	5	83.33
Lube Vacuum Stills	5	4	80.00
Lube Ext. Plant	4	4	100.00
Lube Treating & Filters	4	4	100.00
Lube Dewaxing	4	4	100.00
Lube Comp. & Shipping	13	10	76.92
Engineering Office	66	64	96.97
Field Maintenance	28	26	92.86
Car Dept.	15	15	100.00
Iso-Octane & Poly. Plt.	4	3	75.00
Products Application	3	3	100.00
Toluene Plant	4	2	50.00
Total	594	518	87.21

SHELL'S ALL-STAR SAFETY TEAM (UP TO NOV. 18, 1942)

COOLING WATER 18 YEARS 325 DAYS*	ANTI-KNOCK LABORATORY 9 YEARS 295 DAYS*	SLOP RECOVERY 8 YEARS 329 DAYS*	EXTRACTION PLANT 7 YEARS 205 DAYS*	HEAVY OIL AGITATORS 18 YEARS 41 DAYS*	CATALYTIC PLANTS 7 YEARS 111 DAYS*	TOOL ROOM 17 YEARS 195 DAYS*
SHOP MACHINISTS 17 YEARS 45 DAYS*						
BLACK SMITHS 16 YEARS 323 DAYS*		MATERIAL YARD 15 YEARS 305 DAYS*		WAREHOUSE 16 YEARS 90 DAYS*		

(* DAYS SINCE LAST DISABLING INJURY)
(THE DEPT'S. IN THE TOP LINE HAVE)
(NEVER EXPERIENCED A DISABLING INJURY)

SAFETY LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Up to Nov. 18, 1942)

CRAFT	STANDING	OPERATION	STANDING
Total Man Hours Since Last Disabling Injury		Total Man Hours Since Last Disabling Injury	
1. Storehouse	850,842	1. Cooling Water	515,118
2. Shop Machinists	685,407	2. Control Lab.	490,905
3. Material Yard	569,731	3. Boiler House	478,563
4. Welders	548,396	4. Extraction Plant	437,345
5. Automotive	509,604	5. Lt. Oil Ld. Rks.	420,655
6. Riggers	470,635	6. Gas Plants	415,269
7. Electricians	416,675	7. Heavy Oil Agit.	385,539
8. Laborers	398,992	8. D & D Plant	354,041
9. Tool Room	256,278	9. Catalytic Plants	352,391
10. Asbestos Wrks.	218,750	10. Topping	283,366
11. Coke Disposal	177,302	11. Filter Plant	258,239
12. Boilermakers	167,920	12. Cracking (LP)	236,795
13. Painters	158,658	13. Slop Recovery	171,438
14. Crk. Cleanout	154,319	14. Vacuum Plant	170,000
15. Brickmasons	133,862	15. Comp. & Shipping	155,437
16. Field Machinists	118,115	16. Dispatching	45,356
17. Car Department	108,062	17. Research Lab.	40,849
18. Blacksmiths	100,900	18. Tr. Light Oil	(Injury on 10-19-42)
19. Cranemen	75,052		
20. Switching	51,147		
21. Leadburners	51,132		
22. Carpenters	33,182		
23. Tinners	4,083		
24. Pipefitters	(Injury on 9-28-42)		

By TANNER SMITH

For years now we have all become accustomed to seeing all-star football, basketball, and baseball teams selected. But now we present you with something new—an ALL-STAR SAFETY TEAM made up of departments at this refinery which have not experienced a disabling injury for a great number of years. And man, oh man, what a team!! It would be the answer to any Safety Engineer's fondest dreams.

Imagine a team with a front line whose seven departments total approximately 89 years without a disabling injury, and a backfield whose four departments total nearly 66 no-accident years; a team made up of eleven departments who have worked a combined total of 155 years (an average of 14 years per department) since their last disabling injury. And to make the team even more of a "honey," the seven departments in the front line have NEVER experienced a disabling injury in their existence.

Any employee working in one of the departments listed on our All-Star Team should feel justly proud, for it is only by the thoughtful and cautious effort on the part of these employees, that such a splendid record could exist.

Often an employee will ask how the accident record of his department compares with other departments in the refinery. Therefore, so that you may judge for yourself, the departments have been divided into two leagues, one for Crafts and one for Operating Units. Since one Craft or Unit may have many more employees in its department than in another, and thus have more manhour exposure to accidents, the departments are placed in the league standing according to total manhours since their last disabling injury.

So locate the position of your department; see how it compares with the others. If it stands near the top grit your teeth and determine to stay there. If it has a poor record, study your faults—correct them—and strive to work more safely. For by improving your safety record, you aid uninterrupted production which is so sorely needed in this present war crisis.