

Victory Garden Club Holds County Fair

Several hundred Shell employees and their families attended the "County Fair" at the Roxana Community High School in Roxana, Illinois on August 19. The "Fair" was sponsored by the Shell Victory Garden Club. Numerous prizes of War Stamps and Ribbons were awarded the winners. The Sweepstakes prize of a \$25 War Bond went to George Stuck of the Analytical Laboratory for his display of the most complete assortment of both fresh and canned garden vegetables.

Other sweepstakes winners were: Taylor Elliott, Cracking Cleanout Hoist Operator, second prize; and Roy Wankel, Car Department, third. In the drawing for attendance prizes, C. W. Andrews, of the Anti-Knock Laboratory, won a \$25 War Bond as first prize; Paul Craig, Yield Department, second prize; and G. H. von Fuchs, third.

In making the awards, Taylor Elliott, president of the Shell Victory Garden Club, congratulated the winners for their untiring efforts in helping to put over this year's Victory Garden Program.

The contest was judged by Mr. Walter Combs of Mitchell, Illinois, vice-chairman of the Madison County Canning and Gardening Project; Miss Grace Darling, Domestic Science teacher, Wood River High school; Mrs. August Theis, Mitchell, Illinois; and Mr. Edward Hopper, Wood River High school biology instructor.

Under the direction of H. D. (Bud) Chappell, the following entertainment was presented: E. D. McCallister, Calvin McCallister, Lloyd Mann and Dudley Perrett, string music; Bill Hoppe and M. Cox, magicians; Tainter Smith, vocalist, and Adele Nifong, piano accompanist; Dolores Cuddy, accordion; Jim Hall and Winifred Full, guitar and songs; Paul Walker, Charles Mitchell and G. F. Wyhs, Hawaiian music; and Joe Lanzerotti, piano selections. During the evening refreshments were served.

The prize winners in the various classes were:

FRESH VEGETABLES

ONIONS

First, Taylor Elliott; 2nd, T. A. Barton; 3rd, Fred Obermiller.

SQUASH

First, Fred Obermiller; 2nd, Tony Hansel; 3rd, R. P. Guyot.

BEETS

First, G. W. Featherhoff and Glen Truitt; 2nd, A. W. Bean; 3rd, T. A. Barton.

LIMA BEANS

First, Fred Obermiller; 2nd, Wallace Johnson; 3rd, V. H. DeWerff.

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Upper left: Judges examining vegetables at the County Fair while officers of the Garden Club look on. Left to right: William Ayres, Vice President of Garden Club; Walter Combs, Edward Hopper, Miss Grace Darling, Mrs. August Theis, and Taylor Elliott, Garden Club President. Upper right: Mr. and Mrs. George Stuck are shown standing beside their exhibit which won first prize in the Sweepstakes. Lower left: Picture of entertainers. Back row left right: Lloyd Mann, D. Perett, Joe Lanzerotti, E. D. McCallister, William Hoppe, M. Cox, Tainter Smith, Adele Nifong, Dolores Cuddy, Winifred Full and Jim Hall. Front row, left to right: G. F. Wyhs, Paul Walker, Calvin McCallister, H. D. (Bud) Chappell, Master of Ceremonies, and Charles Mitchell. Lower right: Portion of the crowd at the Fair.

PLANT SAFETY RECORD EXCELLED FOR THIRD TIME THIS YEAR

New All-Time Record of 1,665,700 Consecutive Manhours Without a Disabling Injury Established.

"Hats off" to the employees of Shell's Wood River Refinery. They have just accomplished the remarkable and most extraordinary feat of surpassing their own all-time Refinery Safety Record for the THIRD time this year (actually in a period of only 7½ months) by working 1,665,700 continuous manhours from June 9, 1944, to August 14, 1944, without a disabling injury.

The fact that a large group of Refinery workmen excel their Refinery Safety Record at all is worthy of considerable note, but for all the employees of an entire Refinery to surpass their all-time record a total of THREE times within a 7½ month period is almost unheard of in the history of oil refining.

The original record which was set at 1,545,866 manhours in the year 1940 had remained unchallenged for four years until this year when, from

January 11, 1944, to March 19, 1944, no disabling injury was experienced and a new record of 1,565,000 manhours was established.

After interruption on March 19, 1944, the Shell employees bounced right back to work continuously from that date to May 27, 1944, a period of 1,640,000 manhours without a disabling injury, to surpass the record they had just previously established.

This success did not cause any relaxation on the part of the employees, however, for instead they continued their safe practices and even improved on their previous record by working from June 9, 1944, to August 14, 1944, without a disabling injury, thus establishing a new all-time safety record for this Refinery of 1,665,700 continuous accident-free manhours.

A point of particular interest is that during the first eight months of this year, the accident frequency of this Refinery was about 1.7 men disabled for every one million manhours worked, as compared to the AVERAGE Refinery frequency of 12.0.

The fact that makes these accomplishments all the more remarkable is that they were achieved in a war year, with the many distractions of war pressure, the admittance of many

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Sgt. Lyman G. Kamp Reported Missing In Action In France

Word has recently been received from the War Department that Sgt. Lyman G. Kamp has been missing in action in France since June 14. He was in the 101st Airborne Division of the 401st Glider Infantry. Sgt. Kamp, a former Engineering Field Yardman, has been overseas since September, 1943, and was stationed somewhere in England until D-Day, when he was in the invasion of Normandy.

File Your Supplemental Gasoline Applications EARLY

Gasoline applications received by the Transportation Clerks in the Industrial Relations Department during the week, from Monday through Saturday, will be acted on by the Transportation Committee the following Tuesday. We wish to emphasize that applications received on Monday will be held until Tuesday of the following week.

At least three weeks should be allowed for renewal of your B and C Books because the Ration Boards require a week to ten days after the application has been received by the Board to issue the coupons.

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM ENJOYS CHICKEN DINNER

Friday night, August 18, the girls' softball team completed their season by enjoying a delicious dinner at Holiday Inn in Edwardsville.

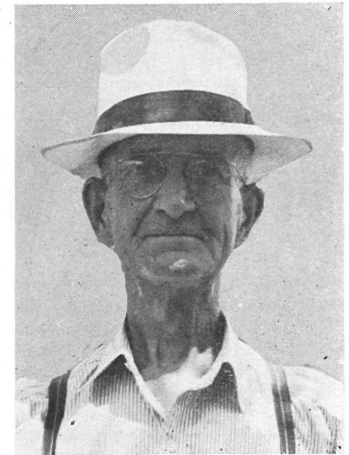
After everyone had eaten all they could, Bill Nicolet, Chairman of the Shell Athletic Board of Governors, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, said a few words and then called on some of the girls.

It seems as if "Georgia" was the most popular song of the evening—Betty Schaeffer can tell you why. We are sorry to lose Milly Lock, but wish her much success in her nurses training course.

The girls wish to take this opportunity to thank the Athletic Club for sponsoring their team and for the dinner. We had a lot of fun this year, and are looking forward to next season.

Those who helped to make the food disappear were: George Bruce, our manager, Joyce Bruce, "Chuck" Rogers, our assistant manager, "Bill" Nicolet, our coach, Mrs. Nicolet, "Corky" Davis, Betty Schaeffer, Margaret Armes, Twila Harpole, Mildred Lock, Kathryn Bentley, Nina Harris, Elaine Tennekait, Adrian Chiste, Helen Suffian, Novis Leonard, Helen Sheets, and June Eileen Hall.

GEORGE GRISHAM RETIRES ON PENSION



On July 1, after twenty-one years of faithful service with Shell, George Grisham, Patrolman, decided to take life easy and retire on pension. George will be missed by his many friends in the refinery. We all wish him the best of luck for his future health and happiness.

SHELL VICTORY GARDEN CLUB HOLDS 'COUNTY FAIR'

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PEPPERS

First, Mildred Smith; 2nd, V. H. DeWerff; 3rd, A. W. Bean.

CORN

First, Pete Webber; 2nd, Taylor Elliott; 3rd, Mildred Smith.

SWEET POTATOES.

First, V. H. DeWerff; 2nd, Pete Webber; 3rd, N. J. Arnold.

CARROTS

T. A. Barton.

POTATOES

Taylor Elliott.

TOMATOES

First, G. H. von Fuchs; 2nd, Tony Hansel; 3rd, C. W. Andrews; 4th, George Stuck; 5th, Harold Nolan.

CANNED VEGETABLES

LIMA BEANS

First, L. E. Lamb; 2nd, Fred Obermiller; 3rd, V. V. Virgin.

CARROTS

First, V. V. Virgin; 2nd, C. W. Andrews; 3rd, Taylor Elliott.

GREEN BEANS

First, L. E. Lamb; 2nd, Pete Webber; 3rd, C. A. Davidson.

CORN

First, Fred Obermiller; 2nd, V. V. Virgin; 3rd, L. E. Lamb.

PEAS

First, Doris Lamb; 2nd, L. E. Lamb; 3rd, Fred Obermiller.

TOMATOES

First, Fred Obermiller; 2nd, W. E. Ayres; 3rd, N. J. Arnold.

BEETS

First, V. V. Virgin; 2nd, J. P. Craig; 3rd, C. A. Davidson.

SPECIALITY PRIZE WINNERS

Mildred Smith, A. W. Bean, V. H. DeWerff, Taylor Elliott, N. J. Arnold, W. E. Ayres, Tony Hansel, B. L. Tanner, L. E. Lamb, G. W. Featherhoff, Glen Truitt.

Topping Rabble Chatter

By "BRIG" YOUNG

'Dimples' Hamilton couldn't figure how he could lose in the funnel game if it was somebody else's nickel. The boys also thought it was cheap. It isn't every day you can find someone who will let you pour a cup of water down the front of his pants for five cents.



Max. Leonberger, formerly in Topping Dept.

Has Red Jenkins written Wilkenson an answer yet???

Why do the gang at Topping 4 call "Red" Hughson "Chickin in the Rough?"

Reward—Eddie Wood will give a good smack in the snoot to the guy who marked a price on his cantalope.

Reese—You had better be careful who you slap around! I was a "pug" for ten years.

Hake—Is that so? I thought you had been kicked in the face by a horse!

Weber said he had heard about the Grapevine, but he didn't put much faith in it until C9 was pumped out right under his nose!!

Frank has quite a few very good used alarm clocks for \$7.50 each. Of course Frankie picked them up here and there for 50c to 75c apiece.

Paul Page wonders what difference it will make in the price of sandwiches to the Lab cuties if his hot oil pump room is in high gauge.

Soon as McCarthy quit using such strong language, his sore throat got well.

By the rarest chance we learn that Grover resents a light sprinkle early in the morning, especially if accompanied by thunder.

"Honey" Pullen offers one slice of bread free with each gallon purchase of honey.

Paul Page, self styled Coxswain, claims credit for preventing a complete flood out at Topping 3 recently. He wasn't trying to high gauge the hot oil pump room—he was trying to find it in the high water.

Frankie Weatherford would gladly wade water knee deep in the dark if he had bet 50c it would rain.

The Annual Shell Excursion was held on the eleventh. The boat has been accounted for but Olive and Tiny Weber were among the missing Monday morning. Is this a coincidence?

Main Office Pyrotechnics

By E. F. NIEBRUEGGE

'Twas Shell Nite on the Steamer Admiral on Friday, August 11. A superb time was had by all as Joe Shell took over every deck. A few headaches were observed about the office on Saturday morning probably from the effects of the cool river breeze. Highlights of the evening—Bud Arnold introducing five different women as his wife throughout the course of the evening.—The fairer sex from the basement disposing of a fifth of that imported mixture from Canada better known as "Canadian Club"—John Paul Craig's loss of memory after 11:30 p. m.—"Utilities" Day checking the temperature with the Skipper—A young lady from the South "South Hartford" spending the remaining hours of the evening s'leeping out in her back yard. Our hats off to the Shell Athletic Club for a grand time. How about another party soon?

Wedding Bells rang out for Florence Krejci and Harold Gillig on August 8. Congratulations and the best of luck. Flossie's only comment upon Harold's return from two years overseas was "I don't intend to say goodnite at the door anymore.

What kind of trouble has our Office Manager gotten into? That's the question in everyone's mind after observing Madison County's most powerful Deputy Sheriff in his office the other day. It could have just been a friendly get-together of two great Sportsmen—but Musso's favorite sport is football not bowling.

An observation in downtown Alton on Saturday nite—Dan Cupid rushing in and out of the stores shortly before closing with a young lady from the Yield and her escort from the Engineering Department — Careful Lynn.

It seems a certain young lady from the Yield Department was observed

being escorted into a well known tavern in Edwardsville one night recently. (The tavern is a popular place with a lot of our Shell employees). The next morning there was a sign on the door of the tavern which read "Closed. No Beer." We are wondering how she does it and still gets to work on time.

Since the 5th War Bond Drive is over, one of the bond solicitor's new song is "Any Hounds Today." Seems she had two strays come bouncing to her back door one night and now she has to get up every morning before dawn to keep them quiet so the neighbors can sleep. Why not give them to the biggest Bond buyers in the Sixth War Loan Drive.

Mr. Reydon has taken over every department in the refinery. At least that is what a young lady from the Steno Department believes. A recently typed report listed him as head of every department. Congratulations on your promotions Bill.

This column is sponsoring a contest to determine who can drink the greatest amount of beer in two hours. Please do not enter unless you can drink more than twelve bottles because this amount has already been consumed by one of the contestants.

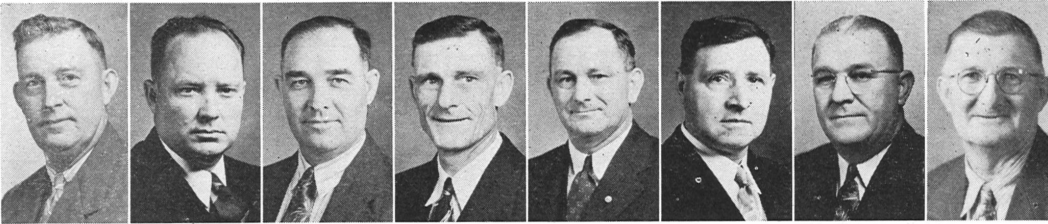
Your reporter has been advised that the office is full of talented musicians who intend to complete childhood ambitions when they draw their pension from Shell. Probably the most sincere is the gentleman who's desk is in that School Teacher position on the third floor. He has had a violin since he was 12 years old which he intends to learn to play when he retires.

Vacations usually mean a few weeks of rest but to Ruth McClew it meant a nice big "rock." Congratulations Ruth and Jim.

COMPLETE 20 YEARS SERVICE



Left to right: W. H. Slighton, Boiler and Power Houses; W. H. Anderson, Industrial Relations Gateman; C. E. Kirkman, Engineering Office, Asst. Zone Supervisor (Gas Dept.); J. G. Riggs, Engineering Field Craneman; R. H. Sanders, Engineering Field, Valve Repairman; A. G. Uzzell, Research Laboratory; O. R. Reeves, Dispatching; G. C. Rieken, Boiler and Power House.



Left to right: H. L. Short, Engineering Field Carpenter; J. P. Pettit, Cracking Department; E. F. Cox, Engineering Field Machinist Helper; W. H. Tomerlin, Automotive; M. F. Traunecker, Engineering Field Pipefitter; J. O. Diveley, Boiler and Power Houses; J. G. Cuddy, Light Oil Treating Shift Foreman; C. J. Leonard, Engineering Field Pipefitter He'per.

Toluene News By H. J. HAYES

George Myers, Fireman at Toluene before becoming one of Uncle Sam's employees, paid us a recent visit.

Phil Leiniger should be skeptical in the future of all free gifts. The tomato plants which he received gratis, and were supposed to produce luscious red tomatoes, turned out a fine crop of the little yellow type.

"Moo" Young has acquired the name of "Porky Pig." We don't know why, unless it's his ability to eat so much, or someone saw a resemblance to him and the story book character.

"Minnie" the sunshine and the smile of our department was very unhappy for several days, being unable to perform her favorite Pastime. No scrubbing floors, etc, due to repairs being made to water lines.

Les Crull looked like Snuzzle Durante after a recent Saturday night. Understand that was the nearest part he got home before the good woman shut the front door and sounded taps.

Poor ole Ora Taylor has deprived himself after all these years, of his favorite lower lip habit. He b'ames it on the medical profession. His fellow workers are more inclined to think he has figured out how much seed corn it would buy if and when he takes over that farm.

Reporting on the ball game between the Oiler bus and the Edwardsville bus. A defeat for the Oilers. The return game on the Oilers sand burr field favors the Oilers. They couldn't follow the bouncing ball over the corn ridges on the Edwardsville field. It could have been the corn both before and after the game, all of which was paid for by the Oilers.

Victor Recording is seeking the rights on Van Doren's portrayal of the coon hunt. The coon hunters association wants to play the record before the annual coon hunt to shame the dogs, they figure they will all work better trying to imitate that big dog.

"Huckleberry" was off recently with sore feet. Have been trying to check up and see if Casey might not have taken him on another pheasant hunt.

Seymour got his finger caught in the fan trying to get some of his home work done.

Stores Dept. and Material Yard

By E. OWEN

We have a famous 'Poet' who doesn't "Know It" in our Stores department midst, being "Big Boy" Conners. Here's just a little sample of his unusual talent:

"Since Man to Man is so unjust,
I hardly know which one to trust,
I've trusted many to my sorrow,
So Day to Day I'll trust tomorrow."
If anyone wishes to purchase some "Nylon" hose contact H. Jett, as he is all lined up with a big New York Deal.

Wonder why "Rastus" brings candy every morning. Could it be he's trying to win the affections of the girls or pay some one off. How about it you little "Democrat."

Wonder if "Ballentine" met that tall, dark and handsome man it was predicted she would meet on the week end of August 12 to 14.

"Doc Moore" is in the midst of Stores Dept. faces now, being transferred from the Material Yard a couple of weeks ago.

Wonder what "Betty W." has that "Olson" is so attracted to. Could it be the hair. Understand "Ole" is VERY fond of that color.

Al Kocis has been coming out to work all dressed up in his Sunday Best here of late I hear. Wonder who he is trying to make an impression on this time. It couldn't be the Laborers could it Al.

We understand that we have a Gigolo in our midst now by the calling of "Al Kocis" who when he escorts his lady friend for an evening of entertainment not only lets her pay her own way, but his too.

Wanted to Trade—Roasting ears or bull frogs for what have you—See Jett or Reynolds at the Warehouse.

Barrel House News

By C. E. NEEDHAM

Jestes has just completed his new home on "Coon Creek." On awakening one morning he found his delight a stray mule. He expects now to increase his farm equipment one unit.

Wonder who gives the girls in the Bung Room chewing gum to relax their over-worked nerves.

There is talk of Sanders starting a bus service from Pie Town. He started out with no riders ending up with 23. It pays to advertise says Sanders.

With vacations about over many of the boys are returning with blistered backs and tall fish stories.

We are hoping for Steve Uhas' rapid recovery from his recent misfortune.

A new worker was found bathing his tired "dogs" in the water trap by the "deRust."

To the fellows in the service: Henke is still "farmin." Wilson fishing on the side; Lawrence fixing cars; Hammond raising hogs; Smitty is still singing; Beljen still fiddles with his fiddle; Rushton still talking about down home; Jestes and his jokes; "Power house" making shoes; Henson and his girls; Cox and Missouri; Becker and his rabbits; Mull and Blacksmithing. This could go on forever, but you see its the same old place.

That trip Smitty and the wife took to St. Louis sure put him in the dog house. Cox has a rather nice one to loan now that he's in the clear.

Clevenger has been proudly showing some extra quality green beans.

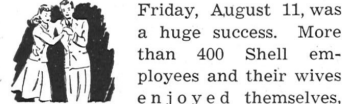
What supervisor is sporting a new set of plastics. They look very nice, no foolin.

Judge has moved closer to Madison Avenue, to save taxi fare we presume.

Red Lloyd writes us he has transferred to the Medical Corps. Red says he has fallen away to a mere 220 pounds.

SHELL BOAT EXCURSION BIG SUCCESS

The moonlight boat excursion, which was sponsored by the Shell Athletic Club on the Steamer Admiral



Friday, August 11, was a huge success. More than 400 Shell employees and their wives enjoyed themselves, forgetting the cares of the world for an evening of laughter and play. After the boat had docked at the wharf at midnight and the Shellites headed for home, one and all agreed that they had had a wonderful evening.

The Athletic Club officers were very pleased with the success of this excursion and are now making plans for other social "get togethers" during the fall and winter months.

25 YEARS SERVICE



E. N. West, Car Department Assistant Car Foreman completed 25 years service in August.



George Shid'er, Cooling Water System, Pumper, who in August completed 25 years of service.

GOLF TOURNEY UNDER WAY

Seventy-four golfers qualified for our annual Shell Golf Tourney. Championship, A, B, and C flights were set up and the pairings posted on the Bulletin Board near the Main Gate. First rounds were to be completed by August 21, and successive rounds to be completed by August 28, September 4, and September 11. All matches must be played by these deadline dates.

TOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS.



Dave Brazel, five-time winner of the Refinery championship, was defeated by C. Colburn—two up. The match was close throughout, with both men shooting nice medal scores. Colburn scored a 77, and Brazel a 79.

Barney Cole, Class "C" champ in last year's tourney, defeated Ralph Graham in his first round match in "B" class.

A. Exton and R. Brown, newcomers to the Refinery, were low qualifiers in the championship round. Exton shot a sub-par 71, and Brown a 75. These men are expected to furnish plenty of competition in the championship flight. Exton defeated H. Hanbaum, and Brown outstroked G. Acocks to reach the semi-finals.

Bill Nicolet outslugged Wm. Leonard, well-known Dispatching Department golfer,—two up. August 20th was a bad day for champs. Hamilton also upset Byron Nelson in the P. G. A. finals.

Lube D. & D. Plant

By L. D. BOOTH.

With vacations for operators suspended for this year, we are dependent upon the various craftsmen for reports of the out-of-the-way places, and these are few and not so far out of the way. Red Glover got a card from a person called "Cowboy," relating SOME of his experiences.

If anyone is interested in spending a few hours in the open air they might see Newcomb about haying time, or John Beck about harvesting his peach crop, and even B. King might take someone into the wilds of Nutwood to catch some of the furry friends. Speaking of the open air, it seems that "Cal" Mueller and Freeman are especially interested in the Greenville Lake.

The Filter Room has taken on a mighty important air of late, especially about noon time. Those operators up there must have some LINE. Anyway that is what some of them say.

Bob Little has left us by transferring to the Cracking Department. The vacancy created by said transfer is being filled by F. D. Nessl. Good luck, Bob! Welcome, Nessl!

DeWester has made an appeal in behalf of the Roxana Blood Bank, August 24. Of course we all know this is one bank that pays big dividends, and if anyone has an extra corpuscle or two he or she can spare, this is a very good investment, whether deposited in this particular bank or any other. Go try it if you have not been before; if you have, go back again!

If anyone is seeking the aid of a good chef, see Nunnally or "Happy" Hatten.

RECENT REFINERY VISITORS



Top row left to right R. L. (Jack) Turner, N. Camp Polk, La., formerly Engineering Field Yardman; Chas. Seely, Navy Pier, Chicago, formerly Pipe Gang; Paul Schlieper, Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Va., formerly in Analytical Lab. Bottom row, Sgt. Leo Cummings, Camp Butner, N. C., former Truck Driver; J. R. Dunnagan, care Feet P. O. San Francisco, Calif., former Pipefitter Helper; Jack Harris, MPRTC, Fort Custer, Mich., former Patrolman

MESSAGE FROM UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY RALPH A. BARD

TO: Production workers in the shipyards and shore establishments of the Navy and in the private plants and shipyards of Navy suppliers throughout the country:

"As loyal members of the great force which has been mobilized to supply our "Fighting Navy" with the ships and planes and guns needed on the fighting fronts, I feel you are entitled to a frank statement from that Navy as to what are your future prospects and obligations. To put it in one word—it is WORK—and more work.

"The Navy's production program is still increasing. The last six months of 1944 will show an increase in production of approximately ten per cent over the first six months of 1944, and the program for the first six months of 1945 will be approximately three per cent greater than the first six months of 1944. At the present time, we are short some thirty thousand workers in the Naval establishments, principally on the Pacific Coast. We expect this production program will be carried out, and it is not expected that the ending of the war in Europe during this period will affect this program. Our battle of production will end only with the defeat of Japan.

"This means that for the next year the Navy must rely upon the civilian employees of its own Naval establishments and upon the workers in the private plants and shipyards of Navy suppliers throughout the country to keep our Pacific operations going at top speed; as we approach nearer and nearer Japan, the tempo will increase and the necessity for more and more supplies available at the proper place and time will become more and more vital to our success. We therefore call upon all such employees, regardless of peace talk and developments in Europe, to stick on their jobs—back up the Navy—and prepare it to pour on the Japanese the cumulative power of our Fleet and our production lines—so that the Fleet will be effective and our soldiers and sailors will have the necessary arms and ammunition to take an instant advantage of the opportunities which will be presented to shorten this war.

"While our over-all demands will show little, if any, material decrease—there will, of course, be some terminations and here and there cutbacks based upon the changing war conditions. Based upon the program for the year ahead as we now see it, there should be just as many workers employed on the Navy reduction program a year from now as there are at the present time. The Navy depends upon you—we know you will not fail."

Gas Plant Gas

By H. E. RAGUS

The year 1944 has brought about quite a few changes, some for better and some for worse. The Allies are smashing ahead to certain victory, meat rationing has been eased up on, gas rationing has felt a definite tightening, the Krauts have their robot bomb, the Republicans, Dewey, and the Gas Plants have a new Shell Review reporter. Watch your steps men!

For a very unusual story ask "Lou" Williams about the night he arrived home at a late hour and had to carry snakes out of the basement before going to bed. "Better change brands "Lou".

Wanted:—One pair water wings and one outboard motor by W. E. Hannel. MAN OVERBOARD.

"Bing" Wilson has the boys guessing. He has a bird trapped in the De Ethanizer Control room but won't give out with the species. Come on "Bing."

"Beartracks" was about due to return from his vacation and your reporter "just happened" to overhear the topic of discussion between "Animal Crackers" and Clarence Wilson.

Crackers: I guess we will have to call out some Riggers for 7:30 a. m. Monday morning as I hear "Beartracks" will be back and we will probably have to pull him out of some of these holes around here.

Clarence: Riggers? Call out some Laborers and have them back fill the hole. Tsh! Tsh! Clarence.

For plain or fancy hemstitching, dress making, crocheting or any needle and thread work see "Ginsburg" Hemmer. We also hear he is quite an artist on the violin and is director of Bethalto's Symphony Orchestra.

OPPORTUNITIES

For Rent — Three room apartment. Furnished. All modern. Clifton Terrace. Everett Kahl, phone 2-1088.

For Rent—One sleeping room, for male or female. Bus block away. Mrs. Clarence Fulton, phone 4-6117.

For Rent—One furnished room, for man, and one furnished room for girl. Mrs. Herman Wuestenfeld, 527 S. Ninth, Wood River, phone 4-6673.

For Rent — Three room furnished apartment. Mrs. G. F. Hendrickson, 659 Lorena Avenue, Wood River.

For Sale—Two 16" revolving ventilators with pipe suitable for barn or under house. Also, one combination screen and storm door, 2' 8" x 6' 8". See Mr. J. E. McMichael at Car Department, or phone Edwardsville 457.

For Sale — One 12 gauge Western Field pump gun, Model 30, and 8 boxes of shells. One .22 Remington automatic rifle, Model 24, and 1000 long rifle cartridges. E. Gropel, Vacuum Plant.

For Rent: One large sleeping room for two men. O. W. Shearburn, 216 South Twelfth Street, Wood River. Phone 4-7572.



Letters From Our Boys In Service



Former Alkylation Dept. Employees



L. M. Collins,
Camp Reynolds,
Pa.



Earl F. Snyder,
A/S, Great Lakes,
Ill.

Greetings:

It has been exactly two months since I answered a letter from Uncle Sam which began in that manner.

During the past weeks I have learned an altogether different way of living and working than I practiced while employed by "Good Ole Shell!" Some of it has not been easy, but it has all been very interesting. Of course you wouldn't believe me if I were to say I liked every bit, but most of it wasn't too bad.

While I was home on my nine-day leave, I visited at the plant for a time, and was very much pleased to have Mr. Kleintert snap a picture of me in my "Blues." Since my time was limited, it was well nigh impossible for me to contact all of the fellows with whom I became acquainted during my employment with you. But since they're all swell fellows, I'm sure they will excuse me.

Upon my graduation from "Boots" I was made Fireman Second Class, and when I returned I found that I was slated for training as a Motor Machinist Mate. I was one of the lucky ones who were sent to the University of Illinois.

This is an ideal place, we live in the Men's Residence Halls and have the nicest rooms. We eat like Royalty and study like —! This is a high pressure course, meaning that no holds are barred, time is limited, and trained men are in demand. So we are being trained at top speed.

To prevent us from becoming stodgy with too much studying, a splendid physical education program is also incorporated. We will remain tough as nails and twice as hard! Why we even play softball and basketball after the days work until taps.

Should any of the Dispatching Department ever see this, here's for hurrying the day when all the fellows can hurry home, and that includes Mr. Strains, By-Products Development Division of Topping, Oh, yes, the address is:

Richard R. Johnson F 2/c

Co. 20 Sect. 1
Diesel School
Urbana, Illinois

(Formerly in Dispatching Dept.)

Dear Sirs:

It has been some time since I sent in my application for family allowance, so for the good of all of those involved I think it is best that I do it now.

I finished my basic training in Camp Hood, Texas during the first part of April and since that time have seen some of the West Coast —I mean California, and these are some spots I never hope to see again.

We arrived in Camp Gruber, Oklahoma on Mothers' Day and I like this camp very well despite the intense heat which we have—it is over 100 degrees every day and we also have dust storms; at times they are so bad that we can hardly see. Camp Gruber is a new camp and this, along with good eats, makes Army life a little better.

Our training is more or less at a standstill, just doing a little firing now and then. I am still a Private and will be as long as I am in this Battalion; we have more non-coms than we do Privates.

Enclosed please find my Renewal Application and the necessary information. My wife and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the aid you have given us and fellow employees of Shell Oil Company.

Sincerely yours,

Pvt. Earl R. Helmkamp
Co. C 606 T. D. Bn.
Camp Gruber, Oklahoma
(Formerly in Cracking (LP).)

Dear Sirs:

I received the Shell Review of April 29 today. Even though it is a couple of months late, it is very well appreciated because it is the first news I've had from Shell since arriving overseas. Our mail is a little mixed up as yet which accounts for the delay of the Shell Review.

I enjoyed all the letters from former Shellites who are now serving Uncle Sam.

I ran across Sgt. R. E. Anglin since I arrived here in India and was sure glad to see him as I was in the same camp with him in Louisiana.

He, as well as I, can't say much for India but we will have some experiences that lots of people don't have in a lifetime.

I'm glad to see that Shell is still behind the war effort 100 per cent and that the refinery safety record is rolling along too.

Keep up the good work and here's hoping that I'll be back with Shell soon. Thanks very much for the Review.

Yours,

Pfc. Wilbur L. Grove
APO 465 Care Postmaster
New York, New York
(Formerly in Gas Plants)

Dear Sirs:

I am sorry to have forgotten to send in my slip for renewal of my family allowance as I know how much trouble it is for you. I promise to do better from now on. I appreciate the company's attitude in this matter as no one appreciates those allotment checks any more than we do, and no one can appreciate the feeling that comes from working for a company that is so good to their employees as Shell is to the's.

I am located in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, as an Inspector of naval material. My duty is to inspect ships that arrive in my territory to see if they are ready for loading of gasoline or any other petroleum product. I am also responsible for the quality and quantity of material loaded aboard the ships. My office is in Shell's Seward Plant so I feel right at home. It also helps as a person who works for Shell will always help another.

We receive a lot of material from Wood River and it makes me very proud to know that I was once part of that organization which is doing such a wonderful job in delivering the goods to us so that in return we can ship them to our boys overseas. So keep up the good work and we will all be home a little sooner.

Yours truly,

Carl R. J. Benefiel S 2/c
624 Linden Avenue
Woodbridge, New Jersey
(Formerly in Control Lab)

July 1, 1944

Shell Oil Company

Dear Sirs:

Here in New Britain there is little reading material, so I thought I would write and tell you how much the boys and myself appreciate you sending us the Shell News and the Digest. Lately the papers haven't been coming through regularly, and I think it is because you have the wrong address on them. It is the same way with the Digest, but I will write and send them my address which is:

Sgt. Joseph Savula

APO 40, Care Postmaster
San Francisco, California

The new Safety record interested me very much, and I want to congratulate the Safety Department and the Shell Plant for the good work.

What is wrong with the Boiler House columnist? I don't see much gab from the gang.

Once again I want to thank you for the papers and hope some day I can be with you again.

Your former boiler House employee,
Sgt. Joseph Savula

Somewhere In New Guinea



Lt. Robert Marks
formerly in Ship-
ping Dept.



J. A. Bowman,
S 1/c, formerly
in Research Lab.

Dear Sirs:

It seems as if it has been a long time since I last wrote to you, and now that I have a change of address, I think I had better notify you—as I hate like blazes to miss even one copy of the Shell Review.

I was out at the Refinery a few weeks ago but had very little time. I met some of the fellows from the Loading Racks and fully intended to call at the Industrial Relations Office. But time just didn't permit. Perhaps the next time I'm home I can.

I have been back in the United States two months and I grant you it is really nice to be back after being gone so long.

Recently I was in San Antonio, Texas. While there I located Dave Spaulding. We had a very enjoyable day reliving some of our past experiences at Shell. And also relating one another's Army experiences.

By the way this is for Wesley Hurlley. If you can, Wes, please write to me. And now in closing let me say that I really do enjoy each issue of the Review. Thanks a lot.

Yours sincerely,

Pfc. Harold F. Laycock
A. S. N. 36077283
Ashburn General Hospital
McKinney, Texas.
(Formerly in Loading Racks)

Dear Sirs:

Just a few lines thanking Shell for sending the Shell Review and the Shell News, which I enjoy reading very much.

Being overseas for twenty-seven months, I will have plenty to talk about to the boys of my travels and experiences. I would like to speak of the different task forces I have been with but can't.

I must say **Sgt. Frank L. Vazzi, formerly Eng. Field Salvage Man** fellows back there are doing a swell job. Keep it up! Only wish that I could be there helping you out.

May victory come soon so that we all can come back.

Say hello to everyone.

Yours truly,

Sgt. Frank L. Vazzi
A. P. O. 41
Care Postmaster
San Francisco, California
(Formerly in Engineering Field Salvage Man)

MAIL OVERSEAS GIFTS
SEPT. BETWEEN OCT. 15TH

OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Hello gang:

I guess you thought I had just about forgotten Shell and the defense workers back there but I haven't as we have been very busy here since the first day we arrived.

We had a very interesting and exciting trip before we arrived here, as we made several stops while enroute and were involved in a typhoon which really tossed us around for awhile but everything turned out okay. Nevertheless we were glad to get back on good old terra firma again.

We have a very good camp here with good chow, living conditions, including hot and cold water for showers and other uses, open air shows, some beer, swimming in the blue Pacific and visiting around the island when we are not working.

This is a very interesting island with coral roads, coconut trees, hilly country, also lowlands with some thick growth; also there are three types of people on this island besides the servicemen—Frenchmen (as they own this island)—the original natives which are mostly dark although we meet some of them that are lighter skinned as they are the Polynesian type or a mixture of other islands, and then there are the Tonguese which are a mixture of Chinese and Japanese as they are from Indo-China and other parts but they have those slant eyes and are short and dark complected, so you can imagine what we think they are.

The Frenchmen own the farms, the Tonguese work for them and the natives just make grass skirts, gather different kinds of shells, make miniature boots of which they sell or trade to the servicemen, although a few work for the Frenchmen on farms but most of them live in their native way, and they are a sight to see when they come down out of the hills with their things to trade, as some wear very few clothes and have their nose pierced with a chicken bone and their ears pierced with straws and other things. But a person can trade with the natives easier as they are more friendly as compared to the Tonguese who are more complicated to trade with as they are after all they can get so it sort of runs true to form as compared to their cousins.

The climate here is swell at the present as we have the opposite seasons to the states and as it was plenty warm when we arrived here, it is now cooler weather. Also as we are now working nights (4 to 12) it makes better sleeping conditions because the flies and mosquitoes aren't so troublesome in cooler weather.

I receive plenty of reading material, including the Shell News, Alton Evening Telegraph, Readers Digest and the News Letter from Local 553, am very appreciative for the thoughtful things like these you folks are doing for us boys in foreign service although would very much appreciate getting the Shell Review as it also gives the news of each department especially the Riggers. That is the department of most interest to me and I will be very glad to be back there also as I read about the completion of the "twin crackers" victory will be ours in the near future.

I received and answered letters to former employees who also are in service especially Russell Tucker, Bill Diestelhorst and Wes Hurley who are

prompt in answering my letters.

I have been working at many different jobs such as driving jeeps, trucks and convoys in transportation. I then worked on several jobs here and on other islands doing rigging work similar to work at Shell although when there are cranes to operate or tractors to drive we do it as that is C. B.'s style of doing things with that "can do" spirit.

As it is near time to hit the sack I will close, looking forward to victory in the near future.

I remain,

C. A. Wilson BM 2/c
Care Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California
(Formerly in Rigging Dept.)

Gentlemen:

I just received your letter about my insurance. It was quite some time catching up with me, but I have changed APO numbers several times since I last wrote you. Many thanks for your consideration.

Everything is about the same at all the places I have been, but it is not too bad at that. I guess there are lots of men in worse places.

I have just finished my eighteenth month and sure am happy that it will not be so long before I can get back to the United States and not so awful long before I can be back at the Shell working again.

As ever,

Pfc. Harold Lemmon
APO 5565 Care Postmaster
San Francisco, California
(Formerly in Control Lab)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed my Renewal of Application Form. I wish at this time to send to the Shell Oil Company my sincerest gratitude for those monthly benefits. It never ceases to be a wonder when I explain to people in the Naval Service what Shell is doing for its employees, through the Family Allowance. It makes me proud to say, "I worked for Shell."

Mail is rather slow at times out here, but the Shell News and Shell Review which I always look forward to reading always come through. Just recently I read of Shell's celebration, concerning the marketing of 100-Octane aviation gasoline ten years ago. Congratulations from a former employee on the way to Tokyo.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Schaller MoMM 2/c
Care Fleet Post Office
New York, New York
(Formerly in Cracking (LP))

July 16, 1944

Shell Oil Co.
Wood River Refinery
Wood River, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

After being at Fort Sheridan, Illinois for 10 days, I was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, for 17 weeks of basic infantry training.

I would be grateful if you placed this letter in the Shell Review. I will answer the letters of any Shell friends who write. The Shell Reviews and any other Shell news would be very welcome.

My shift work experience in the Dispatching Department proved a big help when I worked 10 hours of night K. P. last week.

Best regards to all my Shell friends from the land of southern draws, red sandy, clay, and Georgia Peaches (I hope).

Sincerely,

Pvt. George J. Novak
Co A 10th I. T. B.
Camp Wheeler, Georgia
(Formerly in Loading Racks)

Central Shop News

By N. F. BAST.

We understand that anyone desiring information on how to increase their yields on victory gardens, contact Cy Wenger or Harry Hocking-homer for free literature.

Tommy Harris, Boilermaker Foreman, propositions at this time to take on all comers for a boxing exhibition or any competitive sport for his 9-pound boy. Congratulations, Tommy, he really must be a buster.

Attention Ladies—See Walt Stippler for points and instructions on how to obtain a good sun tan. This information will be mailed to you free of cost.

Forwarding Addresses

(1) Ted Hawk has left word that he may be found on the banks of the muddy Mississippi for the next two weeks. He suggests you bring your own beer—he will supply the fish.

(2) Shorty Baker left word that anyone desiring an interview with him, will be able to locate him under the old apple tree, on a little farm down in Southern Illinois. He made sure to mention that he will only be under this tree for about two weeks.

Has anyone seen Charlie Bloom walking the streets in Wood River lately? May we suggest he see Cy Wenger on how to obtain replacements—we understand, though, that Cy charges a nominal fee for this type of information.

We understand that Freddy Richards, of the Machine Shop, has gone on a fruit diet at 4:30 p. m. every day. Anyone having this same chronic illness, be sure and see Freddy at the Main Gate after work any day of the week except Sunday.

As is often read and heard, the old, old saying "It's an ill wind that blows no good." To prove that this axiom is false, see the new interpretation of Clark Baker's postwar ventilating technique.

The office force sure enjoyed those peaches, Frank. Be sure and visit your farm more often.

Did you enjoy your vacation, Mary?

Notice—Anyone desiring to trade shotgun shells, please contact Clark Baker of the Central Shops office. This also includes rifle shells.

Ensign Jack Teasdale Welch, formerly of the Central Shops office staff, dropped in the other day and paid us a short visit. Hurry back, Jack, we always enjoy your visits. (Attention, Tony Sitko, Charlie Shaffer and Daryl Shafer—Jack has requested the writer of this column to make note that he would very much enjoy hearing from you. His present address is A/C J. T. Welch, USNR, Class 1E 44 P(c), Bronson Field, Rm. 504, Flight Brigade, Pensacola, Florida.)

DO YOU KNOW THAT

520 Shell employees throughout the nation have retired on pension since the plan was established in 1938.

\$3,500,000 has been set aside in a reserve fund to provide those 520 pensions.

An additional \$17,500,000 has been contributed by the Company toward pensions for employees who will, in the future, retire. This amount is being increased steadily each year.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Stephen Peter Bennett who passed away suddenly on Aug. 21, following a brief illness. He was employed as a Welder here since January 15, 1934. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jesse Bennett; a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Stevens of Wood River and a son, Ralph E. Bennett, Machinist Mate first class in the Seabees, stationed in Italy.



Extraction Plant News

By R. M. MILLER.

Our correspondence department has received letters from Ray L. Ward, who until recently was Shift Foreman on No. 2 Schedule. Ray left Shell to take a position with a California company. Ray says the things they tell you about the California weather are the real McCoy. However, he states he misses his old friends from Wood River and Alton area. We miss Ray, but we don't worry about him not having friends, because with a jovial personality such as his, one is not long without a host of friends any where.

Since last contributions of news from this department to the Review, heirs to the throne have been added—Eldon "Doggie" Williams, Claude Grafford, and Elsworth Mikeworth—Congratulations; and thanks for the "two-fers".

"Old Z" (no relation to old D) has learned and is singing the words to "A great day is coming" since the Browns are enjoying a comfortable lead in the quote, junior but superior league, unquote. Zeph Lynch, who is respected in local circles for his baseball knowledge and ability to pick all-star teams, says it will be a five game series. Browns winning easily. Pour it on 'em, Zeph.

We welcome into our department two new pumpers, Kenny Baird, from Heavy Oil Agitators, and Laruel Neatherly from Natural Gas Loading Racks. They have been nicknamed Flash Baird and Butcher Knife Neatherly.

The English influence is quite noticeable at this unit. Coffee has been discontinued and been replaced by tea and, believe it or not, it's pink.

We also welcome Joe Nagy back in our midst. Joe, who went to the Catalytic Crackers, seems to be glad to be back.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Patterson on the loss of their son, Lavern, while serving in the armed forces. Mr. Patterson is employed as automobile mechanic in our garage.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson upon their being notified that their son, Robert, had been reported lost at sea. Mr. Gibson is a Stillman in our Cracking Department.

SOCIETY NEWS...

The first Methodist church at Alton on Saturday evening at 6:00 p. m., September 2, will be the scene of a joyous event when Miss Jean Rodgers of the Car Department takes over the reins of William (Bill) Taylor's life. Taylor is employed in the Payroll Dept. Miss Rodgers' sister, Jane, will be bridesmaid and Marlyon Wacker will be best man. Betty Wacker of the Control Laboratory will sing.

Jean's wedding gown will be white with a half length veil. Bill's outfit will be blue, but no veil. Shortly after the ceremony, they will leave on a tour of the South.

The Anti Knocker

By Donald McLean

As this article is written, our best imbibers are recuperating after the annual Analytical-Anti Knock joint picnic. Most of the Anti Knock employees being shift workers were unable to attend but we sent our best representatives for this sort of an affair. Snajdr, Schneider, Eckman, Keshner, Bohlmeier and St. Cin did their best. One thing certain about these fellows is that they know when to quit drinking. That's when the barrel is empty.

A story has reached the engine room that the following short conversation was held at Charlie Keshner's house. It is almost a \$64 question.

Terry Keshner asked his father—Dad are you getting taller?

To which Charles replied—No son, why do you ask?

Terry quickly answered—Well, you are growing right up through your hair. (This could have happened at Eckman's house too but Keshner has seniority over Bob).

As the vacation schedule moves along with Andrews and Dauer returning to work as Snajdr and Keshner go on a two week rest, we are reminded of that old WPA story—you know, two a 'comin'—two a 'goin' etc.

We don't know for sure what kind of a record Eckman had at the D & D or in the Inspection Lab. but he has been with us for about two months now and hasn't won a single argument. He is still trying though. He has six weeks to work on Mallory and should win at least one in that time.



CONGRATULATIONS FROM WAR DEPARTMENT FOR SECOND STAR IN OUR "E" FLAG

Shown below is a letter received by Mr. Fraser, President of the Shell Oil Company from Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C., sending his congratulations to all Wood River Refinery employees for having had the second star added to our Army-Navy "E" Pennant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

19 August 1944

Mr. Alexander Fraser, President
Shell Oil Company, Incorporated
50 West 50th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Fraser:

On behalf of all my associates of the Ordnance Department of the Army, I send congratulations to all employees of the Wood River Refinery, Wood River, Illinois, for adding a second star to their Army-Navy "E" Pennant.

Our heartiest thanks to your company for its co-operation in the Ordnance effort toward winning the war.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) L. H. CAMPBELL, Jr.

Major General, Chief of Ordnance

LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Dear Sirs:

Just a couple of lines to inform you that I have been receiving the Shell News and Reader's Digest. But now that I have changed my address in Navy 910, I wish you would change my address so I am still continue to receive them because they sure prove very interesting, and also keep me posted on my fellow workers.

When I tell my shipmates of the swell thing you people have done for your employees they all say that they are going to get a job at Shell so you see you will not have to worry in regards to man shortage after the war.

I also want you to tell the boys in the Dispatching I said hello and to keep the ball rolling.

As ever,
Bill Diestelhorst, SF 1/c
Care Fleet P. O.
New York, N. Y.
(Formerly in Dispatching Dept.)

100-OCTANE IS REALLY SUPER-FINE

Though still called gasoline for convenience, 100-octane is not gasoline in the ordinary sense, but is super-fuel produced by rearranging the petroleum hydrocarbon molecules through use of catalysts.

This 100-octane fuel starts with a synthetic base stock that is about equal in potential power, and far superior in other qualities, to automobile gasoline that has been "doctored" to its limit.

Aviation fuel requires hard-to-get synthetic petroleum derivatives that conventional refining cannot produce, and production of them reduces the amount of raw material available for making gasoline for motorists. Aviation fuel must be absolutely freed of numerous unwanted natural impurities, which are inconsequential in a motor car, but which mean life or death in aircraft engines.

Although automobile gasoline can be raised to a top of about 87-octane on the regular gasoline scale—it is not even then the equivalent of 87-octane aviation fuel, the grade used by light civilian and training aircraft.

Plant Safety Record Excelled For Third Time This Year

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new employees, the introduction into the Refinery of women workers for the first time, the completion of a large construction program, and the necessary use of substitute materials by the employees.

So, again we say "Hats off" to the employees of Shell's Wood River Refinery.

Learned In the Law.

Constable: "Hey, Miss, no swimmin' lowed in the lake."

Fair Young Bather: "Why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"

Constable: "There hain't no law agin undressin'."

Shell Bowling Season Starts September 8

The 1944-45 bowling season will get underway at the Acme Alleys, in Alton, on Friday, September 8. There will be 26 men's teams and 12 ladies' teams. At a meeting held on August 28 the Shell Bowling Association decided to place the 10 high-average men's teams in one league to be known as the Super Shell League and the 16 lower-average teams, the Golden Shell League. The following teams will represent the Super Shell League:

Local 553, Cokers, Control Laboratory, Industrial Relations, Safety Department, Research Laboratory, Dispatching, Warehouse, Light Oil Treaters No. 1, Instrument Shop.

In the Golden Shell League will be: Light Oil Treaters No. 2, Stabilizers, Reformers, Electric Hot Shots, Lube Department, Topping, Welders, Car Shop, Gas Plant, Pod. Lab., Truck Drivers, Machine Shop, Coker Switchmen, Pipefitters, Alkylation Office, Engineering Inspectors.

The 12 ladies' teams will be grouped in 2 six-team leagues, bowling in two shifts. One league will start to bowl at 6:30 P. M., and the other league will follow at 8:30 P. M., and alternate each week. At a meeting of the Ladies' Bowling League, held on August 29, it was decided to bowl a two-game series instead of three games, each week.

It looks like a big season, with the entire Acme Alleys taken over by Shell employees every Friday night. Bring the families. Let's make it SHELL NIGHT on Friday night.

JOKES-JOLTS

Why is it that the squirmiest member of an audience always picks out the squeakiest chair on which to sit?

O O

Minister—Betting is essentially a means of getting something for nothing.

Man—Or vice versa.

O O

Friend—Back from your vacation at last. Feel any change?

Man—No, not a cent.

O O

To Slap A Jap.

To slap

A Jap,

And change his map,

We buy a government bond.

The cash it brings

Secures the things

For a job across the pond.

O O

These days if you leave your job for a week you feel like a foreigner when you return.

O O

Druggist (to Joe Hangover)—Shall I fix you a Bromo?

Joe Hangover—Ye gods no! I can't stand the noise.

O O

Pedestrian—What's the shortest way to the emergency hospital.

Policeman—Stand right where you are.

Loading Racks News

By M. YEDNAKOVICH

Bill Haun just got back from his vacation. Don't know where he went but seems as though he had a good time. Just saw Bill and he tells me that he saw plenty of ball games. What surprised him the most when he got back was the fact that the place looked like a harem what with all the army girl inspectors around. While on the subject, I overheard one of the boys muttering to himself: "This place is getting pretty bad, a guy can't express himself any longer without a quick look around to see if there are any inspectors to overhear him."

Rosemary Hendy has been off duty for about a week visiting. Ardell Maguire, a buxom lass from the Main Office, gave a helping hand while Rosie was gone. Double Juty Liketich tried some gay repotee with Ardell and boy, did she set him down. She sure is a swell gal and we enjoyed her company.

SIDELIGHTS

I guess Lloyd Jones did catch that Bass I wrote about in the last issue cause, he brought in two more heads to prove his story.

We wish to welcome five new employees to the Loading Rack's happy family, namely: Elmer Zirges, Glen Howard, Houston Blackburn, Glen Lash and Louis Popelar.

CORN

The Wolf is a wolf no longer. Reason I know is cause he himself told me so.

Ask Yednakovich if he's had a new addition to the family yet and all you'll get is one word, "Holdout." Guess he's going to be a ball player.

New additions to the Ford and Guthrie families warranted cigars. Ford obliged but as yet Guthrie can't find anyone to sell him a box. Anyone having information or clues as to the whereabouts of a box, notify Guthrie immediately.

Speaking of corn, I can't help but relish the thought of another corn feast like we've had these last two times. Thanks to J. St. John and Bill Henry for furnishing the feed. About the time most of us got through we felt like chickens, sure was a feed. Also we wouldn't want to forget M. Hansell's A-1 job in preparing the fodder.

"CHIT-CHAT"

"Banjo Eyes" Bauer and her brood tagging along behind, just like a mother hen with a flock of baby chicks. The brood is rounding out and in good shape. Any day now they'll be full fledged inspectors.

Joe Hanvey, who cuts quite a figure, is asking for some more poker sessions. Wonder if he's ready for some more "Learnin'."

I'll close by asking you to get, "Blackie" Schaeffer render you his impersonation of Schiklegruber and then capping it off with the song "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," with an accent on the "Ah."

Riggers Department

By M. A. PAYNE.

To some of you fellows in service who may be in cold country now; sure wouldn't have appreciated the weather we had here a few weeks

ago. Plenty heat and no rain.

This writer understands that the Riggers played the Crane Operators a short time ago for refreshments. The game was called baseball; however it could have easily been mis-called or misnamed — nevertheless, the Riggers beat the Cranemen by a score of 15 to 6, if I recall correctly, and the refreshments really flowed

freely, and I mean REALLY.

To you fellows in the armed forces who were formerly with the Riggers and Cranemen — we think you are doing a grand job and appreciate it, so keep it up and we will try to do our part.

As hunting seasons are coming on, one hears of several wild trades in shot gun shells and expect to hear

any time of someone trying a 410 shell in a 12 gauge gun.

A short time ago, in Riggers abode, a new helper told a duck story and of course I could not be outdone, so I told of a lake in the southern part of the country where ducks were so thick that boats pushed them aside at night. Sometimes it is better to top those stories in their infancy.

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF WOOD RIVER REFINERY AND TO OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE



AMERICAN FIGHTERS ALL

... WE GEAR OUR EFFORTS TO
A QUICK AND COMPLETE

VICTORY...



September 4th is Labor Day. I think this is a proper time to express my sincere appreciation to each employee of this refinery and to the 860 employees now in military service, who through unselfish devotion to duty, are hastening the day of Victory.

It must be gratifying to each of you here to know that you have a part in the production of such vital war materials as 100-Octane gasoline which is helping to speed the day of return home for our boys on the fighting fronts.

Re Robert