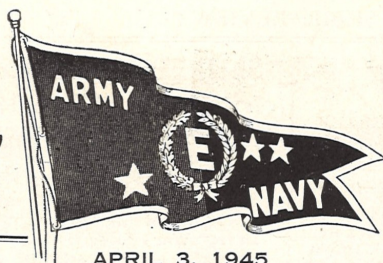


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# REVIEW

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## Our Quota \$685,000 In 7th War Loan

Coming with the news of the success of our fighting men in their great drives at Iwo Jima and along the Rhine, is the announcement by the United States Treasury of a mighty drive on the home front—the Seventh War Loan—in which individuals will be asked to match their war efforts with those of our men overseas. More fighting men and women are now in the field than ever before, Treasury officials point out, and more supplies are needed to support their “pushes” than at any previous time during the entire war.

The drive for individuals will extend from May 14 to June 30. However, our advance Payroll Savings Seventh War Loan Drive in the refinery began on March 26, and all employees are being asked to enlarge their participation through increased payroll deductions and cash purchases of War Bonds as part of the great national drive.

Our Seventh War Loan quota, which has been set at \$685,000, is based on the various wage scales in effect and computed according to the number of employees in the plant.

Now is the time to invest in your future. You can have that home or farm, education for your children, and at the same time help win the war by buying War Bonds now regularly.

In pointing out that there are 85 million Americans who now hold War Bonds, President Roosevelt recently said: “Never before have so many people held such a direct share in a great national effort. To save—to buy and to hold all we can of War Bonds—this is a small service to ask of us who do not fight. Yet it is one of the biggest things we can do for our fighting men.”

## LOST IN ACTION

Ensign Harold F. Metzger, former clerk in the Main Office, is missing in action in the Pacific theater of war, according to Navy Department report. He was a pilot of a carrier-based Hellcat Navy fighter plane. The official notification did not disclose the date of his disappearance, nor the theater of operation, but in a recent letter to his parents, he wrote he was “as close to Tokyo as any of the rest of the Yanks.”

Ensign Metzger was employed in the Tabulating Department in our Main Office from November 12, 1940, to September 15, 1942, when he entered the U. S. Navy. He was graduated from the Naval Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas, in January, 1944, and commissioned Ensign in the Naval Reserve. He bagged a Japanese “Zeke” on his first mission over the Philippines last November.



## THIRD STAR ADDED TO OUR ARMY-NAVY 'E' FLAG

For the fourth time, the employees of Wood River Refinery have won the Army-Navy Production Award for outstanding achievement in producing materials essential to the war effort, and another white star has been added to our Army-Navy “E” Flag.

This refinery won their first production award on December 26, 1942, being the first oil refinery in the nation to win this coveted Army-Navy “E” Flag. On December 24, 1943, the second award was made for continued production achievement and a white star was added to our flag. The second star was awarded on July 22, 1944.

Employees should feel justly proud that their efforts have warranted the addition of this third white star to our Army-Navy “E” Flag and we hope our efforts during the coming year will justify the addition of another star.

The following congratulatory letter addressed to all employees was received from Under Secretary of War:

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

10 February 1945

To the Men and Women  
of the Wood River Refinery  
Shell Oil Company, Incorporated  
Wood River, Illinois

I am pleased to inform you that you have won for the fourth time the Army-Navy Production Award for outstanding achievement in producing materials essential to the war effort.

By maintaining the distinguished record which previously brought you distinction, you are once again proving your leadership on the production front.

This third White Star added to your Army-Navy Production Award flag carries with it the thanks and congratulations of our Armed Forces.

Sincerely yours,

(Original signed)  
ROBERT P. PATTERSON  
Under Secretary of War

## Shell to Enlarge Garden Program In 1945

Vigorous prosecution of the war on the home front needs greater food production than ever before to back it up; there are 12 million men in the armed forces to be fed with supplies that formerly might have found their way to civilian markets; there are countless millions more whom we must feed temporarily, as additional areas in Europe are liberated and restored to peacetime basis. All this means that there will probably be less vegetables packed for civilian use

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## LARGE CROWDS ATTEND SERVICE CLUB DINNERS

The Annual Banquet of the Shell Service Club was held in two sessions at the Franklin Masonic Temple in Alton on February 7 and February 13. A capacity crowd of almost 800 members, who attended these meetings, were treated to a delicious turkey dinner and an evening of entertainment.

In order to accommodate the large club membership, it is necessary to hold this annual event in two sessions.

During the dinner hour the members were entertained by the Roxana High School Band. Following the dinner and business session those present were entertained by several acts of vaudeville. Mr. Roberts, Refinery Manager, and Mr. Cutting, Superintendent, each gave a short talk extending their greetings to the members present.

The following officers, who were elected in October to offices in the club for the year 1945, were installed at this meeting: J. G. Cuddy, Light Oil Treaters, President; E. B. Gillis, Research Lab., Vice-President; R. T. Brown, Industrial Relations, Treasurer; O. A. Kleinert, Industrial Relations, Secretary, and L. B. Booth, Lube D & D, Director. The hold-over officers are: C. Pierson, Instrument Shop, and H. W. Porter, Cracking Dept. Retiring officers are H. R. Helvie and H. J. Shewmake. H. R.

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## PVT. W. A. NEUDECKER REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Word has been received by Mrs. Colette Neudecker that her husband, Pvt. William A. Neudecker, was recently killed in action in Germany. Pvt. William A. Neudecker, who was formerly employed in our Topping Department, entered the service of Shell on April 30, 1942, and left for military service on October 16, 1943.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in Normandy, France on August 13, 1944, while serving with the 16th Infantry, Headquarters Company. We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Colette Neudecker, who is employed in the Tabulating Department of our Main Office.



## KILLED IN ACTION

Sgt. Joseph Savula, former Fireman Helper in our Boiler House, was reported killed in action on Luzon, February 13. Sgt. Savula was employed in our Boiler and Power Houses from May 1, 1941, until September 24, 1941, when he was inducted into the Armed Forces. He had been overseas for three years.





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## LARGE CROWDS ATTEND SERVICE CLUB DINNERS

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Helvie, one of the charter members of the Service Club, has held almost every office in the club since its organization. He was the first secretary in 1937; reelected in 1938; Vice President in 1940; President in 1941 and Director in 1942, 1943 and 1944.

When the club was organized in 1937, they had approximately 400 members. They now have almost 1,400 active members, all of whom have been in the employ of Shell for at least 10 years.

The employees who received Service Awards at these meetings were:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE

J. W. Elliott, Engineering Field; E. J. Laatsch, Boiler and Power Houses; W. Linder, Car; D. C. Sloan, Engineering Field; U. R. Southard, Engineering Field; J. W. Unterbrink, Car Dept.

### TWENTY YEARS' SERVICE

W. H. Bailey, Lube Extraction; A. A. Barnes, Cracking Cleanout; R. T. Brown, Industrial Relations; T. E. Close, Engineering Field; M. A. Cox, Lube Compound and Shipping; J. T. Fitzgerald, Lube Extraction; B. Followell, Automotive; O. G. Forcade, Engineering Field; L. W. Jones, Loading Racks; C. Karnes, Engineering Office; C. S. Maguire, Engineering Field; C. A. Meyer, Jr., Engineering Field; B. F. Puhse, Engineering Field; F. H. Sawyer, Toluene; H. J. Seeger, Engineering Field; H. W. Sheppard, Cracking; J. E. Taulbee, Dispatching; H. E. Thompson, Engineering Field.

### FIFTEEN YEARS' SERVICE

L. Adkins, Topping; E. K. Bracht, Engineering Field; F. E. Combs, Cracking; J. S. Cunningham, Car; R. J. Gallman, Lube D & D; R. F. Gooch, Treating Light Oil; A. J. Gurley, Engineering Field; J. L. Hall, Engineering Field; E. R. Harris, Alkylation; W. M. Hassebrock, Lube Compounding and Shipping; E. F. Hatten, Lube D & D; J. T. Hawkins, Topping; O. F. Helmkamp, Toluene; R. E. Henkhaus, Control Laboratory; J. B. Hensley, Lube Extraction; W. C. Kirk, Lube Treating Heavy Oil; G. T. Lamm, Engineering Field; W. F. Lash, Lube Treating Heavy Oil; E. P. Loire, Car; M. S. Magee, Treating Light Oil; H. H. Maxfield, Products Application; N. D. McAllister, Engineering Field; T. D. McPike, Cracking; C. E. Miller, Engineering Field; S. W. Moren, Alkylation; G. K. Swain, Engineering Field; I. L. Violet, Lube Compounding and Shipping; R. E. Westbrook,

## The Anti Knocker

D. W. McLean, the old correspondent of this column, being in the hospital has contacted a ghost writer to pinch hit, so don't expect the usual brilliant reporting. Get well quick, Donald, and tell us all about your operation.

The political waves are still washing over the Anti-Knock Lab. with Walker for Assessor of Wood River township and Mallory for Collector of Wood River township. Good luck boys and we'll bet you'll need it.

Ringier who bet he could do a hand stand in thirty days, got a thirty day extension and still can't do it. Better give up Ring . . . ere, you'll break a bone.

Shorty Dauer, proprietor of Roxana's leading grocery store has had a very worried look since reading of the wave of suicides among grocery men all over the nation recently. Don't worry, Shorty, those guys probably didn't get any cigarettes at all.

Anyone wishing to get all the information regarding plain and fancy casting just contact Chuck Andrews, he's very enthusiastic, but we still think a fish on that plug would be better, Chuck.

First on the list of vacation takers from the Anti-Knock Lab. this year is C. W. Jenkins, guess you'll be pretty good on those three cornered pants after the vacation, eh! Wilbur.

Funny, how you'll work around a guy for years know all of his business et cetera, yet won't know his first name.

Pete St. Cin Would like to know who bursts all of the paper bags. Pete's awful jumpy, wonder why?

Engineering Field; C. Wilson, Lube Compounding and Shipping; G. L. Witt, Alkylation; E. F. Zoll, Cracking.

### TEN YEARS' SERVICE

E. Acuna-Eskildsen, Experimental Laboratory; W. C. Bauer, Storehouse; E. C. Bohart; Engineering Field; J. S. Brien, Fire and Safety; L. Crystal, Automotive (Garage); G. Derickson, Engineering Office; T. H. Ellis, Cracking; I. F. Fischer, Engineering Field; C. Z. Forman, Engineering Field; W. H. Halbe, Engineering Field; P. S. Helm, Gas Plants; F. J. B. Jones, Control Laboratory; J. Levroa, Alkylation; G. E. Malory, Experimental Laboratory; C. H. Mankel, Engineering Field; H. F. Morgan, Treating Light Oil; H. Oliver, Engineering Field; L. E. Purdy, Alkylation; H. E. Ragus, Gas Plants; H. L. Rohrkaste, Engineering Office; W. C. Boot, Utilities; L. L. Schill, Engineering Field; T. Vivrette, Engineering Field.

## Shell Employees Contribute \$4,587 to 1945 Red Cross War Fund

In the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive recently conducted in the refinery, under the auspices of the Refinery War Production Drive committee, a total of \$4587.00 was contributed by 2690 of our employees. This is an increase of \$1428.58 over the amount contributed last year.

Through the excellent co-operation of all employees and the efforts of the solicitors in the various departments, contributions made to this worthy cause, far exceeded our goal of \$3,700.00. We can all rejoice together in another job well done for those who are fighting, suffering and dying in this world conflict. Contributions by departments are listed below:

### RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Department	Amount
Machinists — — — — —	\$397.50
Pipefitters — — — — —	310.00
Main Office (2nd floor) — — — — —	279.00
Cracking Operation — — — — —	279.00
Lube Operating Depts. — — — — —	263.50
Research Laboratories — — — — —	262.50
Control Laboratories — — — — —	257.30
Laborers — — — — —	197.75
Dispatching — — — — —	178.00
Main Office (3rd floor) — — — — —	168.50
Lube Comp. & Shipping — — — — —	164.85
Alkylation — — — — —	152.50
Main Office (1st floor) — — — — —	145.00
Gas Department (incl Toluene) — — — — —	120.75
Central Shops Office — — — — —	118.50
Boiler and Power Houses — — — — —	88.00
Electricians — — — — —	78.50
Cracking Cleanout — — — — —	75.50
Boilermakers — — — — —	74.60
Store House — — — — —	73.00
Engineering Inspection — — — — —	70.00
Industrial Relations — — — — —	68.00
Welders — — — — —	64.00
Riggers — — — — —	63.75
Car Department — — — — —	63.50
Topping — — — — —	62.00
Painters — — — — —	58.50
Carpenters — — — — —	55.00
Truck Drivers — — — — —	51.00
Asbestos Workers — — — — —	48.00
Experimental Lab. — — — — —	43.50
Fire and Safety — — — — —	35.00
Brickmasons — — — — —	31.00
Main Office (basement) — — — — —	28.50
Light Oil Treaters — — — — —	27.00
C C Pilot Plant — — — — —	26.00
Cooling Water System — — — — —	25.00
Cranemen — — — — —	22.00
Instrument Shop — — — — —	21.00
Tinners — — — — —	20.00
Watchmen — — — — —	20.00
Total — — — — —	\$4587.00

## Barrel House

By C. E. NEEDHAM

Staff Sgt. Ralph Kasten is in France. He wrote us the following letter:— The night of my birthday, I was knee deep in water in a fox hole. "Jerry" tried to celebrate with me; while praying to the Rosary to the tune of Whistling 88 and mortar shell, praying that the next one didn't have my name on it. We were pinned down for 4 days and every time we tried to come out "Jerry" would turn everything in the book at us. So fellows they have plenty of shells to shoot at us over here, so keep up the production, and give my regards to Gene Long, Bill Simmons and Robins and the rest of the gang. Signed S/ Sgt. Ralph Kasten 36055916, APO 44, care Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

## Shell to Enlarge Garden Program In 1945

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than in previous years. In this event, point values on canned vegetables will probably remain as high or become even higher than at present.

The urgent need for everybody to grow vegetables this year and the fact that Shell's gardening program both nationally and at Wood River has proved so successful the past two years, it has been decided to form a "Shell Grow-A-Garden Club" and to open participation in it this year to the wives of Shell employees who will also be eligible for membership. And to encourage the wives, prizes will be awarded this year for flowers.

Shell gardeners employed at Wood River were a part of the company's 6,700 gardeners last year. They grew a substantial portion of the vegetables they used, contributing to a record in which between 40 and 50 per cent of the national vegetable production was grown by home gardeners.

This is the third year of our gardening program and the prize money to be offered will be considerably in excess of that of last year. In addition, there will be a nation-wide canned goods contest in New York early in September in which the wives of Shell employees may participate.

Every Shell employee who can do so, is urged to raise his own garden in 1945. Literature in gardening will soon be available for distribution to each employee.

16 acres of ground located on the refinery's north property will be made available for gardening for Wood River Refinery employees. An announcement was recently made to all employees covering further details of the "Shell Grow-A-Garden Club" and also details relative to obtaining a garden plot on the north property.

## EAST ALTON NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN TO CHILDREN OF SHELL EMPLOYEES

The East Alton Child Care Nursery School, located on the Z. B. Job Housing Project in the East Alton Community Building, is now open to children between the ages of two and six, regardless if the mothers are working or not, but whose fathers are shift workers in the Wood River- Roxana-Hartford area. Formerly the school was open only to children whose mothers were employed.

Do you know Oscar Hammond can make a bottle of coffee last 8 hours.

We have several new men in our department. Most of them ex-service men. We extend to them a most sincere welcome.

Cookey Brooks was seen flashing \$100.00 bills, but it was found to have been some Jap's—long departed.

White has been busy figuring up income tax for the boys. He's really good at it, but please give him more than one chance, or one tablet.

Rushton can handle "Skool" or "Cope" any day but Monday. That day he likes anything sour (wonder why)?

Dewey Bail has bought himself a new pair of coveralls.

"Superman" Smith is giving lessons in the art of self defense. As a subject Smitty used a 16 or 14 gauge.

Flash! It is said Delbert Ray Henson is thinking of taking the bonds of matrimony. This is unofficial, as I am not classed as a Walter Winchel.



# IT HAPPENED HERE!

— BY TANNER SMITH —

Shown in the accompanying picture are two pair of goggles each of which recently saved the eyesight of one of our employees.

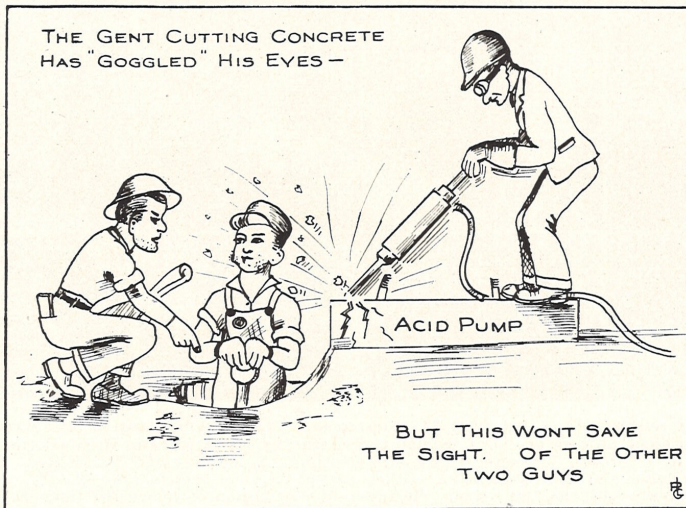
The lower pair are covered with lead which while in a molten state splashed up on Mr. Calvin's (Tinner) goggles. This occurred while he was dipping filter press leafs in a bath of molten lead of approximately 450 degrees temperature. Look at these goggles and visualize what would have happened to his eyes if he hadn't had them protected. When congratulated, Mr. Calvin modestly replied, "Well, that's why Shell furnishes us these goggles—to wear and to protect ourselves. It's our own fault if we don't take advantage of it."

The upper pair of goggles shown in the picture saved the sight of Mr. Unterbrink, Car Dept., repairman. He was using a hammer on some hot metal when a piece of hot slag flew up from the metal and stuck to the right lense of the goggles. An instant later, the heat of this imbedded slag caused the entire lense to shatter. Think of what it would have done to his eye.

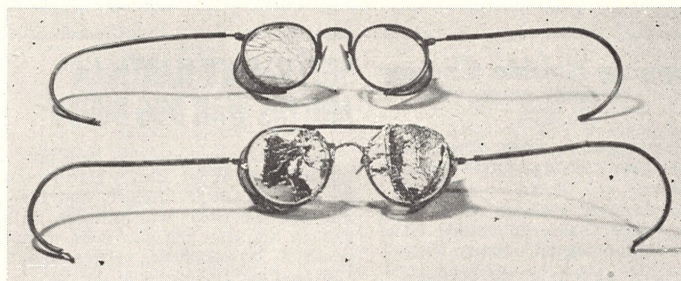
An interesting coincidence is that just a few days before these goggles saved Mr. Unterbrink's eye, his son, John Unterbrink, a pipefitter in the Eng. Field Dept., was saved by his safety hat. While he was working at the B. I. Plant shutdown, a very large icicle fell 40 ft. from the top of a tower and smashed into his safety hat POINT FIRST. Since he was wearing his safety hat, he received only a stiff neck instead of a fractured skull.

Two other employees, Mr. Knoche

THE GENT CUTTING CONCRETE  
HAS "GOGGLED" HIS EYES —



BUT THIS WON'T SAVE  
THE SIGHT. OF THE OTHER  
TWO GUYS



(Rigger) and Mr. Lanzerotte (Engr. Inspector) have also been saved this year from serious injury by safety hats.

And yet with all this—just the other day we saw a group of men in the refinery working in the exact manner illustrated in the cartoon above. One man chipping concrete with an air

gun wearing his goggles while two other men worked directly alongside without any sign of protection.

As we walked up to them we shook our head and slowly said:

"The gent cutting concrete has 'goggled' his eyes but this won't save the sight of you other two guys." Yes! It all happened here.

## Down Strike Alley

By SIR SMITTY

Bowling is certainly the major sport at this Refinery. It assumes enormous proportions when you consider these facts: 460 employees, or 12 per cent of the entire personnel of this Refinery are actively engaged in weekly Shell bowling leagues in Alton and Edwardsville. A total of 47 league teams, of which 12 are in women's leagues, makes up the group. They spend the staggering sum of \$8,000.00 each year in this sport. It is the outstanding social function at the Refinery, and is participated in by the women, the craftsmen, the operators, the office force, and top management,—and that's sumpin'—folks.

The Champions of the first half in our 5 Shell leagues, and their team members, are as follows:

**Women's Shell Premium League**—Shellettes — Carroll, Hicks, Wilson, Hartkopf, Klump and Combs.

**Women's 100 Octane League**— Research Lab.— Gillis, Welch, McKeen, Lewis, Hibberd, Barnes and Ivers.

**Men's Edwardsville League**— Whiz Kids—Snajdr, Schneider, Trowbridge, Gregor, Harris and Elliott.

**Men's Super Shell League**— Cokers — Woodfall, Klump, Harry Brown,

McConnell, Van Buren, Petri, Combs, and Carroll.

**Men's Golden Shell League**—Truck Drivers—Gurley, Dillow, Ellis, Baker, Evers, Brown, Clark and Hamilton.

**HATS OFF TO THE FIRST HALF CHAMPS.**

Interesting Sidelights— The Shell-ettes have now won the Women's Shell Premium championship three straight times. Flash!! so far this last half, they are in LAST place—what goes here?

The Mr. and Mrs. are both on first half champion teams in the Combs, Carroll and Klump families. We feel sorry for Messrs. Hicks, Hartkopf and Wilson.

We understand that some safety-minded "So and Soss" have defeated some Personnel "Pips" 10 out of 12 league games this year. This definitely does not include any match games, however. See Mr. Ray "Coldo" or Ray "Blue" for details.

Man, oh Man!! Look at that "Power House" Local 553 team. They have shot 49 two-hundred games already. The lowest number for any member of the team is 7. Wow!!

## Compound House News

By L. R. VAUGHN.

**NEWS FLASH** — Miss Ruth Friedhoff was married January 26 at Eden Evangelical Church of Edwardsville, Illinois, to Mr. Vernon Keller. May you always be happy, Ruth!!

**ODDITIES IN THE NEWS**— Mrs. Dolores Morris, whose husband is in a Prisoner of War camp in Germany, received a most welcome Valentine. Shortly after receiving the valentine from her husband, she contracted a case of . . . GERMAN measles!!!

Fred Blumberg passed his Army examination February 20 — The new-comer in our midst is Mrs. Jessica Stolze. — Louise Jones visited us the other day . . . what made her purse so heavy? — Basketball fever is at an all-time high at the Compound House . . . Taylor and Hanbaum still remain at the head of the would-be basketball dopesters! — The Golf season is just around the corner. In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts . . . — Now that the bowling season is nearing a close, some of the men will have to give a lot of thought to how they can get out that one night a week.

"Common sense" is wisdom in overalls or house dress.

## SHELL ATHLETIC CLUB HOLDS CARD PARTY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Monday evening, March 19, a group of employees and their wives gathered in the Refinery Cafeteria at a card party sponsored by the Shell Athletic Club. The winners in the pinochle games were Helen Hayes, first; Elizabeth Carter, second; John McConnell, third; Frances Morehead, fourth; J. S. Bull, fifth. The prize winners at bridge were: Mrs. C. K. Johnson, first; Mrs. B. L. Tanner, second; Mrs. O. A. Kleinert, third; L. E. Border, fourth. Mrs. C. E. Karnes won the attendance prize.

After refreshments had been served, C. A. Nicolet, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Club, gave a short talk on the activities of the club during the past year, and then called for nominations of candidates to serve on the Board of Governors for the coming year, of which five are to be elected. The following were nominated: George Hayes, H. E. Reed, Tanner Smith, William Petri, B. L. Tanner, Paul VanBuren, Oscar Kleinert, Alvin Bott, Emil Nasser, C. E. Karnes, Joe Brien, Joe Lanzerotti, Karl Rohr and Charles White.

At the election held on March 30 the following were elected:—H. E. (Bud) Reed, Alky. Dept., Tanner Smith, Fire & Safety; Oscar Kleinert, Ind. Rel., Al Bott, Control Lab., and Claude (Doc) Karnes, Eng. Dept.

## In Memoriam

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dwyer, upon their being notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Hubert T. Dwyer, has been missing in action in Belgium since January 7. Mr. Dwyer is a Car Repairman in our Car Department.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of James W. Murphy, Lube Compounding and Shipping employee, who died on March 19, following a long period of illness. He entered our service on May 26, 1942. Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolence is extended to his bereaved relatives.

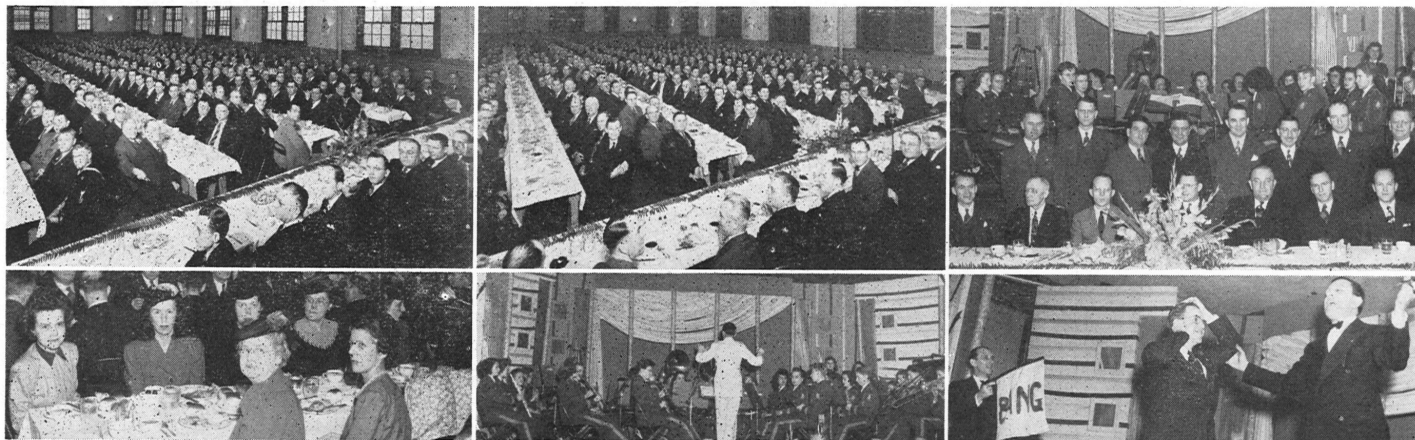
## To All Car Owners

Effective April 1, Grade 1 passenger tire quotas of the various Rationing Boards were reduced 37½ percent due to a shortage of the vital ingredient—carbon black—used in making tires. Therefore it is increasingly important that every car owner conserve the tires on his car at the present time by having them recapped whenever possible, keeping them properly inflated, making repairs when needed, and not driving more than 35 miles per hour.

On the new Tire Application Form the inspector must indicate whether or not a tire has been recapped and whether it shows signs of abuse. If there is any evidence that the owner has not taken proper care of the tire it is probable that the Ration Board will reject his application to replace it when it is no longer useable.



# PICTURES TAKEN AT ANNUAL SERVICE CLUB BANQUETS



Upper left: General view of crowd at second session held on February 13. Top center: Crowd at first session on February 7. Upper right: Service club officers, old and new; seated, left to right, present officers are O. A. Kleinert, Secretary; Clinton Pierson, H. W. Porter, L. B. Booth, Directors; J. G. Cuddy, President; E. B. Gillis, Vice-President and R. T. Brown, Treasurer. Past officers standing, left to right: W. C. Redd, F. L. Croxton, H. D. Chappell, W. A. Keller, C. J. Wilson, W. E. McAnany, H. R. Helvie and H. J. Shewmake. Other past officers not present were P. A. Ufert and L. A. Warford. Picture at lower left shows some of the feminine members who attended the first session. In the center at bottom is shown the Roxana High School Band, led by Mr. Stout, which entertained the members at both meetings. In the picture at lower right, Harry Brown and Robert Shultz are shown assisting the Magician with one of his feats of magic.

## "Pipe Dope"

By J. D. NACK

Bill Coleman is the proprietor of a thriving furniture store in St. Louis. In the near future Bill plans to put a program on the air, known as the "Jolly Fiddler." Anyone having talent, see Bill.

"Dink" Schriener, well known fighter announces that he will begin training early this spring. Our prominent bantam expects to fight several preliminaries to open the season, so that by summer he will be meeting 'all comers.'

Wanted to trade—One big one for two little ones. Phone: Hartford 4-5188, D. Gardner.

Anyone who hasn't heard the story about the cake with the white frosting, ask Bill Bates?

"Whitey" Wilson—CB veteran is back in the groove singing songs, dancing the "Carpet Beaters Swing," and oh yes! He has designed a new mouse trap. Patent Pending.

After a hard days work, Leo Kelly returned home. He looked into the ice box for his daily quota of liquid refreshments. Leo found the box bare. He then tore the doors off. He now has a major project on his hands.

We have two characters in the pipe gang "Red Ryder and "Little Beaver"—guess who?

The pipe shop trio "Uncle Billy" "Uncle Slug," and "Doc" Obert rendered a little Happy Birthday number to Danny Sloan on the occasion of his 46th birthday.

Earl Cruthis says that as a boy he received a drum on Christmas, and went about the house beating it. One day his curiosity was aroused so he cut the head out of the drum to see what was making the noise.

## Topping Rabble Chatter

By BRIG YOUNG

We are glad to report Trousdale is back to work after undergoing an operation.

Topping Dept. welcomes C. T. "Bob" Dey "home." He will return home soon from being on military leave.

Rumor has it that "Al" Henna will be with us again soon. We all hope he has this good fortune. "Al" is on military leave also.

John Warner journeyed to Chicago Monday night (2-19-45) to take his preinduction exam.

Ah me—How time flies—And the hair it takes with it!

At the Service Club meeting, Feb. 13, 1945, Topping Dept. was very well represented. There were Topping men at every table in the hall. Why didn't Paul Page help that magician?

Red Worden received a telephone message the other day. HE HAD FORGOTTEN? Nevertheless, failed to stoke his furnace before coming to work; and the fire had gone out. Ground Hog, or no Ground Hog, Red won't neglect to keep his stoker filled the rest of this winter. Don Isted asked Red to use his instruction book (How to operate a Stoker) Red said, "the instructions he got were not in a book but he would always remember them."

Sometime ask "Tuggles" Hughson about that old time sailor. Hughson says he would be afraid to meet that guy after dark!

Topping No. 4 boasts one real Engineer. At least he engineered an extra day for himself recently, at double time too!

Yes — Wilson (Zone Machinist) found out where the Headlight Oil Dept. is. Also who is the Head Headlight Oilier; and what Headlight Oil is. —Well, it's in the phone book anyway.

It seems not all of the Topping Personnel appreciates (good?) literature! Especially poetry.

Mark says sleet is as good an excuse as he has ever heard of, for not coming to work on Sunday morning!

## SGT. HARLEY HARTMAN AND HIS WAR DOG BUDDY

The close companionship and mutual affection of Sgt. Harley Hartman, former Pipefitter Helper, and his war dog "Brownie" will continue in civilian life after the war ends, as a result of correspondence between Sgt. Hartman and the owner of the dog.

A great affection had developed between Sgt. Hartman and the Australian-German Shepard dog. In letters received by Norris Beck and Bill Bell, members of the Pipe Gang, with whom Hartman had worked before entering military service in December, 1943, he told of how he slept in fox holes, waded through knee deep mud and shared his food with his dog "Brownie" on the battle scarred Leyte in the Philippines. He even told of other soldiers digging fox holes for him so they would have the privilege of being with the dog during the night.

His address is APO No. 235, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

## To All the Boys—Friends Who Have Proven Themselves True.

This gift you offer brings thoughts of you, and all your friendly ways, And it's with warmest greetings that this note conveys, A wish that God in his embrace will hold

Real happiness for you. And that the friendship we know Will linger all the years through.

By—Herman Haynes, Engineering Field, Yardman

Why was Warner so upset when we thought he was stuck a double recently?

So Robbie, F. Robinson to you, will get a vacation without having to work twelve hours a day all summer; which he advocated doing, if nothing else availed.

Oh yes, there was more than the usual exchange of valentines this year. You called the wrong wolf, Olive, when you returned that one to Trapper.

## Toluene News

Welcome to our department, Bill Romanow, replacing little boss, Phil Leininger who has been drafted to the Alky Dept. Take good care of him boys and don't leave him alone on the sidewalks. He's allergic to them.

Cinderella proved to the boys and especially the thin man that only Princesses may belong to the club. They refused to accept other rides when Cinderella was stuck. Peaches aren't in season anyway.

Exercise is beneficial to everyone and everyone doesn't choose the same thing. Baseball, basketball, golf are all good. One in our department has solicited the tutoring of a dancing instructor for his diversion, you are no older than you feel and its nice to be young if you can't be otherwise.

The only topic our good neighbor to the east wants to talk about is the free feed they are to have in the near future. Of course we don't know their provider, he must be some outsider. We would like to put in our bid to furnish the entertainment. We have some musicians, dancers, orators, story tellers and what have you. We expect to get our fee from the round table when your feed is over.

Our department has captured part of Santa's tribe—"Dasher", our new gauger. Maybe he might have some influence with Santa to leave that new desk and chair that one of the Stillman has been looking for the last two months.

The only way I know how to get the wood shed in print is to offer it for sale. Particulars may be obtained from Nick, the Mayor of Wood River, West side and his partner.

Cooper, Asst. fitter, (that sounds better doesn't it Cooper) has established himself as a Messenger of Good Will. More power to him. Sure he's not worried about his fee.

Rhodes, our Lubricating Engineer, (that's his fancy name for Oil Can Electrician), has a theory that anyone who can answer all questions concerning duties of servants of the public is entitled to his support in securing public office. This includes the area of Lorena Ave., from Whitelaw Ave., to Sixth St. So far, only one man has made the grade.







# Letters from our Boys & Girls In Service



Gentlemen:

Since I have been transferred from one state to another—if you can call Texas a state—and from one branch of service to another, I had better "get on the ball," for that is what they say in the Infantry, and since I'm now a doughboy I had better send you my change of address.

I was transferred to Texas to Camp Howze, which is now an Infantry Advanced Recruiting Training Center. That alone should speak for itself, for that is exactly what it is. We have to complete a regular 3-months' course in six weeks, so we'll be pretty busy boys for the next month and a half.

I haven't had much time to see the Camp as I arrived here Sunday and it was raining when I arrived and is still at it. Oh! where is that Texas sunshine I've heard about?

I haven't received my latest copy of the Shell Review, so don't know much about the plant or its production, but I do know it has more than done its share in War Production and that it is still doing it.

I also haven't received my Reader's Digest for over a month, so please forward my new address to them, for I really miss it. Also, you will find another Family Allowance Blank, for if I don't mail it now I'm likely to forget it when this training program gets under way.

I haven't run into anyone I know, but this is a very large camp and I'm sure I'll find some one who I know or who has worked for Shell. That is almost as good as seeing someone you know, for you get to swapping stories and are soon good friends, as most Shell employees are.

Well, it is almost time for lights out, and 4:45 a. m. comes pretty early, so guess I had better sign off and hit the hay.

Hoping this finds all the fellows working overtime and buying more and more bonds, for "WE" are going to need lots and lots of equipment yet.

I remain,  
Sgt. WAYNE E. REDENBO.  
(Formerly in Loading Racks)

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Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of your check representing part payment of my government insurance premium. For this please accept my most sincere thanks. It is the latest in a long succession of benefits and favors for which I am intensely grateful. Every Shell employee must share this feeling with me. I know of no other industry or institution which even approximates Shell's solicitude for its employees, both in and out of the service, and I take deep pride in being one of the family.

Am enclosing a renewal of application for family allowance, announcing a promotion to Captain with its corresponding increase in salary. This should eliminate further payment on your part. It makes me very happy to be able to do this.

On our return here from Alaska, was very happy to meet an old buddy from the Vacuum Plant, Cpl. Rex Quakenbush. Only one I've met so far, so we had a fine reunion.

Thank you once more for your many considerations.

Capt. E. T. MADOSH.  
(Formerly in Lube Vacuum)

## PICTURES OF OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS:



Left to right: Jesse W. Williams, S 1/c, Box R care Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y. (formerly in Cracking Cleanout Dept.); J. H. Reddick, V6-MM 1/c care Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y. (formerly in Cooling Water System); W. J. Huff, sk 3/c, Norfolk, Va. (Formerly in Vacuum Plant); Pfc. Addis McCarthy, APO 85, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. (Formerly in Pipe Gang); S/Sgt. D. H. Fox, APO 502, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. (Formerly in Gas Plant). Addis McCarthy was wounded on June 1, 1944 in Italy.

Dear Sirs:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Shell Oil Company for all it has done for me to make my military life as cheerful as it has been.

The Shell Review, Shell News, and the Reader's Digest sure help out a great deal, more than you will ever expect. It is sure good to get them and to see so many of the fellows' faces I once worked with and came in contact with in every-day life. Also, it really makes one feel quite proud to say "I worked for the Shell Oil Company," when anyone asks you where did you work before the army got you. All of the fellows I have talked to over here in my company and several of the other companies have never heard of any other company allowing Family Allowance for their fellow employees.

I have never met anyone over here that has worked at the Shell, but I know where several of my fellow workers are. We keep in touch with each other, just in case we have the opportunity of getting to the same place some day. If we ever have a chance to meet, we will have a big talk about our days at good old Shell and how they really do help out the fellows that work for them.

So, once again, I thank you for all you have done for my wife and me and only hope I will be back soon working for "Good Old Shell."

As ever,  
C. E. STONE.  
(Formerly in Comp. House)

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Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing the form you sent me for my insurance. I filled out one about a month ago; I suppose it got lost.

I am receiving the Shell News, Shell Review and also the Reader's Digest quite regularly.

I was in on the operation Peleliu, that is part of it: I was wounded the 23rd day of the battle on October 8th. I spent about seven weeks in the hospital, but I am now back to duty with my outfit in a rest camp.

The Silver Star was awarded to me for taking care of a buddy on Peleliu, something any of the fellows would have done if they had been there.

Yours very truly,  
E. A. RUCKER.  
(Formerly in Comp. House)

Dear Friends:

I was sitting over here today thinking of all the boys back there at Shell, and was wishing that I could be there, too. I have been overseas 21 months; that is quite a while to be over here. It has been plenty rough since I have been here. In the Field Artillery, we dish them out and Jerry sends them back, just about as many as we put out. When he sends them out we hit for the fox holes.

I don't know whether I wrote and told you that I had got my insurance check or not. I received it and sure appreciated it, but I am getting along fine and as fat as ever, and hope I can get back home in good health, just as I left.

I have been in Strasbourg for a while. It is a pretty nice town, but I would really like to see Par's. Haven't seen it as yet, but hope to before I leave this country.

I hope all the boys back there keep their good work up at the plant. When we get in a strain, the aeroplanes surely look good going over our heads.

Tell all the boys at the Barrel House hello for me and hope to be back with them if this old war ever gets to an end. Well, this is about all I know to write this time, so I will close. Answer soon and tell all the boys to write, and hope to be back with them soon.

Your friend,  
WILMEN STURGEON.  
(Formerly in Comp. House)

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Dear Sir:

I received the letter postmarked December 27, 1944, a few days ago and I found the picture of the party the Instrument Dept. gave. Thanks a lot and I hope to be able to see the new shop before too long a time myself.

I am aboard the (censored) and am in excellent health. The (censored) is a destroyer tender and as the name implies, we take care of the numerous destroyers. I am in the fire control branch and maintain fire control instruments; very interesting work.

Enclosed you will find my allotment renewal blank with the twenty per cent (20%) sea pay added to it.

Yours truly,  
Calvin L. Bartels.  
(Former Electrician)

Dear Sirs:

Just a few lines to say hello and let you know that I have been receiving my Shell Review and Shell News regularly for some time now, although it comes to me by my old A.P.O. No. I sent you a change of A.P.O., but in case you haven't received it I'll put it in this letter.

I would like to hear from some of the old gang, I'll answer all letters I receive and they will be appreciated.

Since leaving the States, I have been to Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, and at present I am somewhere in Germany. I saw Shell signs in all of the places I have been to so far; it sure makes me want to be back at the plant every time I see a Shell sign.

I'm writing this from a dugout that three of us made; it took a lot of hard work digging and cutting logs, but it's worth it, those shells don't sound very good when they come over in our direction; it also keeps us out of the cold and snow.

My copy of Reader's Digest is read many times, as I pass it on when I have finished reading it.

Tell all the boys hello for me and keep that 100 octane pouring over this way. It is a beautiful sight to see a large formation of bombers and fighters going over to give Hitler another headache.

Yours truly,  
S. Sgt. PAUL B. DVORCHAK.  
(Former Electrician Helper)

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Dear Sirs:

I appreciate this opportunity to thank you for the Military Family Allowance checks which have been coming to me regularly. They have enabled me, financially, to live near my husband, Doyle ("Red") Donham, during the time he has been in the service.

Doyle's address now is:  
Clyde Doyle Donham, S-2/c  
Cub 16  
U. S. Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California.

His unit is awaiting orders to leave for overseas.

He receives his Shell News and Shell Review regularly, and we both enjoy them very much.

Sincerely yours,  
MILDRED R. DONHAM.

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Dear Sirs:

I just received the card notifying me of the subscription to the Reader's Digest for two years. It was one of the best gifts any one in the service could receive and wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration.

In the future, if you have any reason to correspond with me, please note the change in address. Also, if you have space in one of your publications of the Shell News, it would be a favor to me if you would publish this so I can take this opportunity to say hello to all my old friends, if there are many left in the plant, referring to the old gang at the Racks, the boys in the H. O. Agitators, and my old buddies in the Extraction Plant.

Thanking you again for the gift, I remain yours truly,  
Pvt. Gene B. Russell.  
(Formerly in Lube Extraction)



## Stores Department

By JANE BAKER.

One of our truck drivers, Harry Jett, had a bad case of forgetfulness a few mornings ago. He forgot his false teeth but made a fast trip home for them so as to enjoy his steak (?) sandwich at noon.

Pete Lange and Lee Roe had better get wise and place their bets with someone besides the Stores Girls' Bowling team. They're losing money but quick by betting the girls that they can't improve their scores. Don't they realize we're good—when money is involved?

'Tis rumored at the Material Yard that Herman Nieman brings a five-gallon jug to work every day, fills it to the brim with water, then takes it home in the evening. You'd be surprised how much money Herman saves on his water bill.

If you've had a bad case of a war jitters and need a laugh, Bernice Elmore can help you out. She'll tell you the latest (?) Collinsville jokes and though she'll no doubt forget the ending, coming from Bernice it's joke-appeal.

Example of this gal's wit:  
She: Kiss me and I am yours.  
He: I'll kiss you, but leave off the entanglements.

Who's favorite song these days is "Bell Bottom Trousers, Suit of Navy Blue"? Maybe that phone call from Norfolk wasn't from her Uncle Louie after all!

Helen Hill keeps us all envious showing pictures of that handsome husband of hers. Certainly seems to be "something about a soldier."

## Sympathy Extended

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bradford upon the loss of their son Ensign Duane Bradford, who was killed in a plane accident while serving as pilot in the U. S. Navy Air Corp. Mr. Bradford is a Field Machinist in Our Engineering Field.

**FOR RENT**—Sleeping room, all conveniences, half block from bus line. Two men or girls preferred. O. C. Schumacker, 2723 Grandview, Alton, Ill.

**FOR RENT**—Sleeping room for one girl. Reasonable. 2621 College Ave., Alton, Ill. Phone 3-5748.

**FOR RENT**—One sleeping room. Mrs. Robert Maynard, 452 Ferguson, Wood River, Ill.

**FOR SALE**—Modern four room house with bath, lights, gas and water. Located on all weather road, one block from Poag School, Poag, Ill. Call in person at Edwardsville Water Co. pumping station between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., or call Edwardsville 910R5 after 5 p. m.

**FOR SALE**—Baby Grand Piano, Howard Baldwin, 18 months old. A. S. Gilliam, 3-8085.

**FOR SALE**—Clarinet, wood, B-flat, Boehm system; in excellent condition. S. H. Overbeay, Worden, Illinois.

**FOR SALE**—Bird dog pups, English setter. See Bill Mitchell, Pipe Department.

## THIRTY MONTHS OVERSEAS

Sgt. Carroli R. Chamness, former Topping Department employee and son of Lee Chamness, Coke Yard Foreman, has completed his thirtieth month overseas. Sgt. Chamness, an Army Weather Observer with a fifteenth Air Force unit in Italy, entered Military Service in December, 1941. He has been awarded battle stars for participating in the Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisian, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns.

## Chemists' Caudron

By LUCILLE VALITES.

Carrie Morris, our "southern" belle who was one of the column watchers is no longer at Research. She's now a Cadet Nurse in training at St. Joseph's hospital. Imagine Carrie taking your pulse rate, or her hand upon your fevered brow. Gosh!

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Bob Wehmeyer upon the death of his mother.

There has been a change in Lt. Ryan's address since the last issue of Shell Review. It is now: Lt. Julian G. Ryan, D-3Z 8395, A.P.O. 887, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Some one is going to have to furnish Kenny with a bib. He just can't keep his tie out of the oil baths.

Fink's a married man, so we can't understand what's causing his absent-mindedness. At any rate, he tried to climb up the wrong side of the ladder and broke the supporting board.

No, that was not a sandwich heating on the steam plate in the back Lab. Some innocent little powder-puffs were minding their own business trying to dry, when a wag spied them, placed one on the other, with a pickle and lettuce in between, the powder-scattering equipment turned into a sandwich. The finishing touch was the sign: "Five cents each. No points required."

The Steno's office is no longer blondeless. Petite Virginia Johnson has remedied that condition. Virginia came to us from the Main Office to take Lorraine Huerner's place, who is recuperating from a major operation. All Research wishes Lorraine a speedy recovery.

The green-eyed blonde now seen at Research is Dorothy Gleason of Carrollton. Dot is taking Mary's place in the Rust Preventive Department. Her hobbies are letter writing, stamp collecting—on small scale, and sewing. Some of Dot's dislikes are the color green, Spike Jones, and liver. On the other hand she likes clothes, Fred Astaire, and sentimental music. We understand she also has a hankering for Research.

Dorothy: My landlady and I started off for the show last night, but we had to turn back because she had forgotten her teeth.

Walter: (biting hook, line and sinker) Her teeth? Why did she need her teeth when they were going to a movie? She doesn't need her teeth to see.

Dot: They were her eyeteeth.

We understand that whenever there's a call for Gerry, it's "Gerry, dear". The steno claims she says "Gerry there?" Surely she can do better than that.

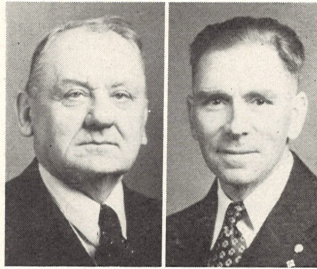
WAVES' POEM—

Life is so stale,  
No mail—no male!

G.I. POEM—

Life is so stale,  
No V-mail—no female!

## 25 YEARS SERVICE



W. L. Schnert, left and  
J. W. Unterbrink, Car Dept.

## Vacuum Plant News

By E. GROPPLE.

Pvt. Carroll E. Giberson recently paid us a visit upon completion of training at Camp Blanding, Florida. His next stop is Fort Meade, Md. "Gibbie" looks as though army life agrees with him, but says he would rather work 12 to 8 for Joe Shell.

Word was received recently that Sgt. Robert Fulton has received an overseas assignment and had arrived in Italy.

H. Smithson and R. Salsman have each acquired another exemption. Smithson a boy, and Salsman a girl. Both handed out the usual cigars. By the way, Smithson is on even terms with Weber now. Two pair each.

Vic Mellor is complaining with his back again. Says he fell off a ladder this time.

We welcome a new employee to this department, Mr. A. D. Springer, formerly of the Loading Racks. We hope you enjoy working with us, Mr. Springer.

Eichen is continually misplacing his lunch bucket, coat or gloves, and putting the blame on some of his fellow workers for hiding them.

Anyone wishing a Chiropractic treatment, see McGow for an appointment.

Who rings that D— Bell every day at 12:15???

## Gas Plants

By H. E. RAGUS.

Those Beer Barrel Athletes, bowling under the Gas Plant and Stabilizer banners, will no doubt be hampered by the new midnight curfew. More clear eyes and smiling faces, and less "dog-house" should be in order throughout the remainder of the season.

Our loss was a gain for the new Power House. We mean our hot plate is gone, and we do think it was mean.

Our sincere sympathy to Geo. Martin, whose mother passed on recently.

Grandpappy Hawthorne and Uncle John Renner donated a new collar for Delbert W. The old boy is more than proud, to say the least. Even Roy Edgar has a pleasant smile for everyone.

BUY AN EXTRA BOND DURING  
SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

INCREASE YOUR PAYROLL  
SAVINGS IN WAR BONDS

## Loading Rack News

Raymond Vergera would like to extend his thanks to Messrs. Hock and Darr for their timely assistance during his wife's recent illness.

Visited by the stork—Messrs. Schaeffer and Henry. Score: for Schaeffer, one boy; and for Henry, one girl.

## "PUZZLES"

"Daily" trying to figure out what Spaulding brings in his small jar. No matter what it is, he always eats it. That's love!

Exact opposite—Gross bringing out an empty thermos bottle. Guess the glow must have worn off.

Joe Hanvey screaming "60 meat points and a carton of Old Golds." Wonder what he meant by that?

Wonder what Schuette meant when he suggested they hang the new "States" sign on Hanvey's back.

Figuring out when Yednakovich, Ford and Guthrie are going to bring out cigars. Anyone knowing whereabouts of a good box of cigars, please notify any one of this trio.

## "SIDELIGHTS"

Gross asking Hall if he was raised in the United States; Hall answering "No, I was raised in Southern Illinois." Only one answer for that: he must be in love.

Jonesy's prediction of Yednakovich and his boy ten years from now: "Come on daddy, let's wrestle; I won't hurt you."

Mike looking for his pencil five minutes, and then finding it stuck behind his ear. Hanvey says that this happened after Mike's promotion to Seal Boy.

Henry says that Staunton has invaded the racks and taken over without firing a shot.

Vergera got Schwartz engrossed in one of his telltales and five minutes later he was so mesmerized that instead of bringing John a spout, he brought him some flexible tubing.

Speaking of past baseball laurels, we have tops in Luketich's Rinky Dinks and Henry's Glen Carbon Kittens; and there the case rests.

## "CLOSING THOUGHTS."

If you want to win a bet—just any old kind of a bet—just bet opposite Mike. He never made a right bet in his life. Incidentally, the poker game after the game was also a humdinger. Schaeffer, Dean and Hanvey didn't do so well. Also, for more particulars, see Mike.

Don Guthrie, who is in a Missouri hospital, is recuperating from an operation. We wish him a speedy return.

A very good likeness of one of "Unk" Kirkman's proteges was seen circulating through the Gas Plant area. All of a sudden it disappeared and has not been seen since. Come on, "Unk," bring it out of hiding.

The reverberating feud between Geo. Harris and "Ginsburg" has finally come to a pleasing end. Both gentlemen have agreed not to gloat over their newly won laurels.

To "Chuck" Elles we wish a speedy recovery. Boy, with those appendix out, you won't weigh a hundred pounds.



## Main Office Pyrotechnics

By E. F. NIEBRUEGGE.

Not once, but twice, the team of Cost Department Charms fell before that mighty Main Office Accounting team, first in Alton by a mere 298 pins, and again in Edwardsville by 222 pins. Don't feel too bad, girls, after all you did win one out of the six games by a substantial margin of six pins. It must be that men are just better bowlers. After-game comment—The Men: "We completely outclassed the girls"; Schmittgens—"A financial success"; the Girls—"Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall."

Flash! Flash!! February now has 30 days. Don't take your Reporter's word for it. Just refer to requisition WR-119194. The order reads: "Ship February 30 or sooner." The maker—can't disclose.

We extend to Larry Hall best wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent operation. We hope you are back with us, in the best of health, by next issue, Larry.

The Meanest Man in Town! Who? Our Central Shops Reporter. Why? He gave his wife candy for Valentine's day, and then ate it all himself!

We were all much delighted in hearing from our friend and former fellow employee, Orvil Coleman, the Newkirk nurseryman. He is in the real estate-abstract business and is operating a growing nursery as a side-line in Newkirk, Oklahoma. A very interesting advertisement of his nursery was attached to the letter. Space doesn't permit disclosing more of the contents of his letter and advertisement, but we would like to give you the slogan of Coleman Nurseries—"We want your plans to grow. Until you are satisfied we are not. Courteous service whether you buy or not. And don't forget that we will still be in this business years after others are not."

Walt Huebner has a rival right in his own department. All that noise in the office a few days ago was merely Mae McCann breaking a chair and scattering parts (of the chair, of course) all over the floor.

Congratulations to our fine basketball team in winning the Championship—including trophy. Nice going, girls.

Girls please note—We have in our midst a gentleman who knows how to reduce the hard way. Just follow one complicated direction—"No Beer." Positive results guaranteed. Any further questions, please refer to Burian.

Ends and Odds—Our Claims Adjuster gets extra piece of pie at Service Club banquet—Ahrens chases about trying to find Hotz's twin—Why not call 208—Some first class bowlers and certain basketball fans wilt—Truit tries to get figure eight pretzel in beer bottle—Topnotch bowler Roth gets easy strike without hitting the king-pin—By the way, Cecelia, where is Jack's place—Well, what part did you play to make this column so corny?

Experience is the cheapest and most valuable thing you can buy—provided you are smart enough to get it second-hand.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM WINS LEAGUE TITLE



The first girls' basketball team at Shell completed a series of league and round robin tournament games, winning the former and coming in second on the latter.

The record for the season in league games was five victories and no defeats. In the round robin tournament, the girls lost out in the finals.

These "Athletic Alices," who became members of the team managed and coached by Al Bott, Control Lab., with "Pat" Maguire as Assistant Coach, consisted of girls from the Lab., Main Office and Plant Offices.

In the picture above are: left to right, first row: Eileen Gallatin, Viola Simpson, Harriet Lange and Margaret Davis; second row: Margaret Arnes, Aleene Rayburn, Jean Kirk and Alyne Brave, Captain; third row: E. T. Maguire, Assistant Coach; Mary Newman, Betty Schaefer, Edith Leonard, Al Eott, Manager and Coach.

Alyne Brave was elected Captain of the team and did a very good job. The high scorers were Mary Newman, "Corky" Davis and Margaret Arnes. Viola Simpson, who is considered one of the best guards in the league, was ill during the finals of the tournament which had a lot to do with Shell's defeat.

The coaches were pleased, in fact, well pleased, with the success of the team the first year and hope the interest is just as good next year as it was this year.

The girls were honored with a banquet given by the Athletic Club on March 5.

## Light Oil Agitators News

I find it difficult indeed even trying to write this column in the excellent taste it has previously been written by our genial co-worker, Steve Kennedy. He has left us for a position at the Power Plant. Their gain is our loss. To you, Steve, we wish a lot of luck.

A gentle reminder—Don't forget those letters to the guys in the service. There are some among us who do more than their share. We are glad to say at this time that the boys from our Department seem to be doing O. K. Dave Gurley, who was home on furlough, was looking tops. The Navy must be taking care of him. Our jolly little Ernie Howard is back at work with us after a stretch in the Navy. Boy, can he tell 'em—stories, I mean.

We wish to take this opportunity of telling Mrs. Ardelle Maguire we enjoyed her short stay with us, and

don't forget where the L. O. Agits are.

We also welcome Mrs. Lammy to our staff.

Did you ever notice how much plainer you can hear the howl of a wolf on a clear, cold night?

Walter Franklin is slowly recovering from an attack of mumps, —double-barreled. S.B.K. wants to know if you would like to have a jar of pickles.

Since Doc. Jasper has been Captain of No. 2 Bowling Team it has begun to roll. Could it be the schedule, Doc? No reflections, "S.B.K."

The Ides of March are upon us, and our department nimrods are getting their fishing tackle ready to try to keep the big ones from getting away. For information on the above, see "Schoeny" and Bean.

Bill C. would like to know how to keep rabbits out of your teeth.

Congratulations are in order to Pop Hommert. Can he say dad yet, Al?

Magee will soon be digging herbs for nervous Bill Moore.

## For Complainers

(Taken from "The Bridge")

"So you're sick of the way the country is run  
And you're sick of the way rationing is done,  
And you're sick of standing around in line  
You're sick, you say—well, that's just fine.

"Yes, I'm sick of the sun and the heat  
And I'm sick of the feel of my aching feet  
And I'm sick of the mud and the jungle flies  
And I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise  
And I'm sick of the siren's wailing shriek  
And I'm sick of the groans of the wounded and weak  
And I'm sick of the sound of the bomber's dive,  
And I'm sick of seeing the dead alive  
And I'm sick of the roar and noise and din  
And I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin  
And I'm sick of slaughter—I'm sick to my soul,  
I'm sick of playing a killer's role.  
And I'm sick of blood and death and smell  
And I'm even sick of myself as well.

"But I'm sicker still of a tyrant's rule

And conquered lands where the wild beasts drool.

And I'm cured damn quick, when I think of the day,

When all this hell will be out of the way,

When none of this mess will have been in vain

And the lights of the world will blaze again;

And things will be as they were before,

And kids will laugh in the streets once more,

And the Axis flag will be dipped and furled

And God looks down on a peaceful world."

—Author Unknown.

## SAFETY SAM SAYS

Overheard a fellow, a foreman, too, say to a safety man the other day, "Safety is your business, not mine". Well you could have knocked me over with a feather. Imagine a statement by anyone, let alone a foreman, that Safety is your business, not mine. Well that point was cleared up pronto. I don't believe the man meant it at all. I'm sure he wasn't thinking, because anyone who looks at our Safety Record of last year, a frequency of 2.14, anyone who realizes that if our frequency had been 11.5, which is the retained average for refineries, and who knows that if we were up to that retained average that 78 men would have been killed or injured in our Refinery instead of 18 would certainly want to make Safety his or her business. If you ever doubt that Safety is your business think of the men, your friends, who were uninjured, well, and happy last year because you and others were thinking Safety and there's no doubt that you'll make Safety your business.



## 20 YEAR SERVICE BIRTHDAYS



Left to Right: L. W. Jones, Loading Racks; F. H. Sawyer, Toulene Dept.; H. E. Thompson, Engineering Field; C. R. Hegeman, Engineering Field; J. C. Hubbard, Lube Vacuum; C. W. Vogel, Engineering Field; H. T. Morris, Engineering Field, and H. B. Kincaid, Cracking Operation.



Left to Right: T. E. Close, Welder Foreman; L. A. Wilson, Engineering Field; J. R. Faughn, Engineering Field; A. C. Harris, Cracking Cleanout Foreman; J. S. Young, Lube Extraction; O. G. Forcade, Engineering Dept.; C. O. Fones, Industrial Relations; and W. E. Newman, Engineering Field.

### Inspection Laboratory

By J. W. FORD.

We howled about not getting contributions for this column, so the people came through with this. It is none of mine, so will not be held responsible.

Painter, where did you get that big button?

Somebody signing as "Romeo" passed out quite a few valentines. Who is he? Reward!

Ford doesn't get much of his work done now that the new spring crop has arrived.

Leone Peterson has left for Arizona for her health.

Congratulations to Dutch Fors on the arrival of an eight-pound boy. Dutch's first comment was, "Why, he's got more hair than Korte."

Gravity man Al Klotz claims he got lost in East St. Louis on his way to work.

The water fountain is not so much overworked now that Mallory's schedule has been changed.

Several of the sweater girls are trailing Haefner to see where she shops.

Pendleton's husband, seriously injured in Germany, is expecting to be released from the service.

### RESULTS OF SHELL BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

On March 4th, 182 Shell men bowlers in Alton and 61 in Edwardsville blasted the pins from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m., and after the smoke had cleared away, the following bowlers emerged the winners of the seventh annual Shell Men's Singles and Doubles Tournament:

EDWARDSVILLE				ALTON			
Team		Total	Prize	Team		Total	
1. Parker & Bollman	.....	1355	\$10.00	Burns & Churchill	.....	1292	
2. Trowbridge & Chandler	.....	1339	7.50	Conway & Eddington	.....	1268	
3. M. Harris & Caulk	.....	1304	4.00	Burns & Draper	.....	1250	
4. Oerke & Chandler	.....	1303	2.50	Mayhall & Stanley	.....	1245	

EDWARDSVILLE				ALTON			
Bowler	Total	Prize		Bowler	Total		
1. McNeilly	.....	703	\$ 7.50	Churchill	.....	711	
2. Bollman	.....	695	5.00	York	.....	690	
3. Snair	.....	669	4.00	Frazier	.....	665	
4. Truitt	.....	666	3.00	Garner	.....	663	
5. M. Harris	.....	659	2.50	C. K. Johnson	.....	652	
6. Strebler	.....	658	2.25	Mueller	.....	643	
7. Oerke	.....	637	1.75	Rink	.....	635	
8. Gregor	.....	629	1.50	Bierbaum	.....	635	

In the Shell Women's Tournament, held in Alton on March 11, 37 bowlers participated. The winners:

SINGLES		DOUBLES	
1. Van Horne .....	693	1. Harris & Diefendorf .....	1252
2. Bohart .....	689	2. Van Horn and Mil Meyer.....	1248
3. Meier .....	640	3. Weindel and Leavell .....	1198
4. Harris .....	634	4. Welch and Gillis .....	1196
5. Guth .....	633	5. Land and Mir. Meyer .....	1183

## JOKES-JOLTS

### If It Is Housebroken?

Here is an advertisement from a South Carolina newspaper:

"A kiss will last but a day—

A pound of candy she will eat and forget—

The roses you send will fade with the dawn—

But a Persian kitten or a nice Puppy

Will be an hourly reminder of YOU."

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### We Love These Silly Jokes.

(Because we love Ed Wynn)

Excursion Boat Captain—It will cost you 50c to stay on this deck.

Ed Wynn—But Cap., I thought this was the quarterdeck!

Judge Clay Allen said he found no fault with the acquittal verdict, Applicant—Where can I get a license?

Clerk—A hunting license?

Applicant—No, the hunting is over, I want a license to marry the girl that caught me.

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Amos—Well, Hal died and we're trying to get some money for his widow.

Rupert—I won't take her at any price.

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First Comedian—And did the audience applaud?

Second Comedian—Applaud! They made about as much noise as rubber heels on a feather bed.

## LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Somewhere in Belgium.

Dear Sirs:

This is only a short letter to let you know my APO number, so maybe some time in the near future I will be able to receive the Shell News and the Shell Review. These copies will certainly be appreciated to no end. It's good to keep up with the news of the boys back at work and to find out who is still there and who has joined the services of Uncle Sam. I'm writing tonight in a cold barn loft where our squad is quartered temporarily, but the inconveniences we run up against over here is usually always taken care of some way or other in G. I. fashion. Tell all the boys hello in and around Dubbs I and III, and that I'm looking forward to the news from "Good Old Shell."

A Former Cracking Operator.

Robert Wright.

(Formerly in Cracking Dept.)

Dear Sirs:

Just a line to let you know that I have moved again and as a result of being sent overseas I have received another raise in pay.

I am now in New Guinea, but expect to be sent out again any time; so by the time you receive this I'll probably be on my way again.

How are things back at the Shell? I sure would like to come back and see some of the old gang out at the Loading Racks. Well, maybe it won't be long until I can. Who knows? Hoping to hear from you soon through the Shell News, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

RALPH B. WOHLERT.

(Formerly in Loading Racks)

## FLASH!

A certain Filter Plant Gauger, who hails from Elsau, Illinois, recently purchased five cigars. Inasmuch as he is a non-smoker, the boys at the Filter Plant questioned him about the purchase. The Gauger replied—"Well I just bought them to keep some hoarder from getting them."

**Sidelights of Service Club Banquet**  
—Some of the Service Club members are wondering where Tanner Smith put all that pumpkin pie (four or five pieces) after those large helpings of turkey, etc.

## INCREASE YOUR PAYROLL SAVINGS IN WAR BONDS



## Play to Be Given at Roxana High School

"Peter Pan"—Sir James M. Barrie's famous play of that name, will be presented by the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre of New York at the Roxana Community High School on Wednesday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock.

The play is being sponsored by the Wood River-Edwardsville Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Roxana schools. While the play is of particular interest to children, it is also for adults.

BUY AN EXTRA BOND DURING SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE