

United Way spotlight is focused on refinery

"The spotlight is on all of us this year," said Don Hunt. Don, a carpenter 1st, is co-chairman of Wood River Refinery's United Way campaign for the second year running. Co-chairman with Don for the '75-'76 campaign is Doug Smith, Refinery Lab manager.

"The reason Don says the spotlight's on us," said Doug, "is the refinery has been picked as a 'Pace Setter.' The regular Alton-Wood River Area campaign kicks off in mid-September, but by that time our refinery campaign will be all but over. Ours is the week of September 8th.

"As pace setters we hope the Wood River Refinery employees really help get the overall campaign off and running ... and set generous examples for the other people in this area to follow."

Don added, "Doug and I, and our Steering Committee, agree that one of the best examples we as a refinery can

set is to achieve 100 percent participation in giving. After all, we're all members of society, we all ought to contribute to it."

Hunt pointed out that last year the refinery reached its monetary goal (barely) even though only something like 75 percent of the employees contributed. "Think what more good we could have done for the United Way agencies if those other people would have only given a few dollars each," said Don.

Smith said, "We think if we can get full participation by everyone, our monetary goals will take care of themselves. Of course, we hope everyone will be as generous as they can in their contributions, too."

In hopes of achieving 100 percent participation, the Committee is setting up some friendly competition. The competition is strictly internal within various groups, and there will be no lists of names

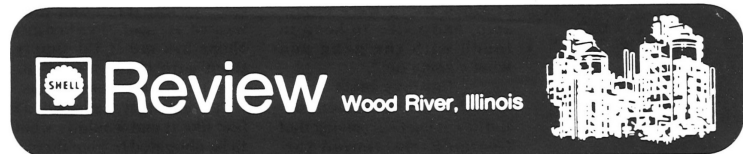
to embarrass people.

Posters by craft, operating engineers, staff departments, etc., will be posted within those appropriate locations. Each will be a moving barometer of how close to 100 percent participation that group has come, and each person can feel a special kind of pride when their group cracks the century mark.

The United Way is a worthwhile thing ... every bit as worthwhile as the people who participate in its support. Be a part of the United Way and give something ... please.



Ruth Leamon, one of the nurses with the Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association explains the efforts of that agency to Don Hunt (left) and Doug Smith, co-chairmen for the refinery's United Way drive. (See other related stories below.)



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Employees tell how 'The Way' helped them

The United Way only helps the other guy? Don't bet your paycheck on it. United Way agencies help many people in many ways.

Last year the Alton-Wood River United Way provided needed services to 10,520 people in Alton, 1,358 in Bethalto, 1,798 in East Alton, 797 in Cottage Hills, 675 in Jerseyville, and so on ...

Many Shell employees and their families have used the facilities and services of United Way agencies ... some through participation in Boy and Girl Scouts and the Y's; some through adoption services and counseling services; and some have been helped through major crises.

Two Wood River employees have been helped by the United Way, and they have asked that their stories be told so others can appreciate the very real good the United Way does for *real people* like yourselves.

Ron Churchman

Ron Churchman is a crane helper. About seven years ago, Ron's son, Scott, was born with a very rare liver malfunction called "cregglar najjar."

Ron said, "Because of the malfunction, Scott will have a life-long battle with a type of yellow jaundice. When he was born, my wife, Ruth, and I were living in California, and we didn't have any hospital-

ization insurance. The extensive hospital stays and medication Scott needed to stay alive were beyond what we could afford.

"The United Way paid many thousands of dollars of hospital bills that we never could have. I still have one bill of over \$2,000 that's stamped 'Paid-United Way' ... and there are many others.

"We're fortunate that our Shell insurance helps pay these bills now, but I'm sure that if we didn't have any here, the local United Way would be just as willing to step in as their counterparts did in California. Even if you've got a good job, there can be unexpected things one can't handle.

"My family will be ever grateful for what the United Way did for us ... and to the people who help support it."

Tom Schilling

Tom is a pipefitter. Tom and his wife, Doris, have four children, two still at home, who are allergic to themselves.

Tom said, "We found out when three of the children were very young that they had this rare allergy. They require an injection of allergy medication every week.

"Because of the possibility of fatal reaction, they had to be administered by a doctor at first. That meant I had to not only buy the medicine but also pay a doctor, weekly at \$10 a shot ... times three.

"Someone told me about the Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association in Alton, a United Way agency. (See related story on this page.) For years they sent out a nurse to give the injections for free ... all I had to do was provide the medicine. Then, they got permission from the doctor to teach my wife how to give the injections, which is what she does now.

"If anybody wants some first-hand knowledge about how the United Way in general, or the Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association in particular, does good work for the people of this area, they need go no further than the Tom Schilling family ... I'll be glad to tell 'em."

That's what it is: Family Service

The Alton-Wood River Area United Way helps support eighteen agencies which serve local people ... you and your neighbors. To be a member agency of the United Way, an organization must provide legitimate and needed services, and meet high standards of budgeting, operation, and service delivery.

You're probably familiar with United Way agencies, such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross, YM and YWCA's, and the like. This brief article gives you an insight into just one of the many other worthwhile agencies your money helps support through the Alton-Wood River Area United Way.

Family services

The Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association (FSVNA) offers a variety of services centering, naturally, around the family ... even if it's a family of one person. Emphasis is on a combination of health services and social adjustment, because often these two go hand in hand.

The staff of thirty full and

part-time people is made up of social workers, nurses, physical and speech therapists, doctors, and clerical specialists. Kathy Rogers is the director.

The main areas covered are family counseling, home health care, and well-child care. All services are confidential, and no family or individual is denied service because they are unable to pay. Likewise, persons seeking help are not turned away because they may be able to pay for the service elsewhere.

Counseling

Family counseling includes a wide range of areas where families or individuals need assistance. It may include marriage problems, parent and child relations, or financial counseling.

Kathy Rogers emphasizes the counseling is concerned both with the individual and the family, and with physical, social and emotional problems. Situations like an abrupt change in health or financial status or feeling depressed or angry, and not

knowing how to handle it, would be appropriate times to seek the FSVNA.

Home health

Nurses, speech and physical therapists, social workers, and home health aids make visits to the homes of home-bound people to provide needed health services. Under doctor's orders they administer medication, check blood pressure, inspect and change dressings, or provide exercise or speech programs and counseling.

Although they may assist in personal hygiene, their main concern is the individual's personal health, and they are not housekeepers. FSVNA personnel also train other family members to help the individual.

Children

FSVNA assists families in monitoring the health and development of children, in some cases virtually from birth to young adulthood. Their nurses and social workers see that the children grow

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Soon, Research personnel will no longer pass through these doors at the Wood River Research Laboratory. For the story of their move to the Westhollow Research Center in Houston (under construction above), see page three.

Retired carpenter pursues his hobby in a small way

George Earle is a retired Wood River Refinery carpenter, and who but a carpenter could come up with a more fitting analogy about retirement:

"Retirement years can be the best of your life," says George, "but you've got to prepare for them in advance.



HOW? George Earle shows the arrow and target he carved. Each is a solid piece of wood, independent of the other -- yet they can't be separated.

After all, you wouldn't build a house without plans ... why go into retirement without planning for it?"

George, who retired in December 1970 after 27 years at the refinery, says he didn't shy away from retirement as some people seem to, but rather he looked upon it as a new and enjoyable period of his life. Neither has George made a complete break with the past, as he makes regular visits back to the plant from his nearby Bethalto home where he and his wife, Blanche, have lived since 1947.

He said, "My years of work at Wood River were enjoyable, and I like to keep in touch with the gang and what's going on."

Tiny love seats

As for his retirement activities, it isn't surprising that George Earle, retired carpenter, would have a hobby centering around building things of wood. Although he makes a variety of wall plaques and the sort, George

specializes in furniture ... miniature furniture.

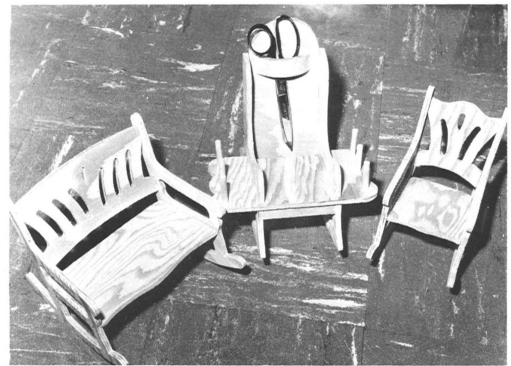
"I especially enjoy making little rocking chairs and love seats," said George. They can be used just as knickknack to look at, or for 'sewing basket' helpers.

"The rocking chair, for instance, is also a scissors holder, thread-spool holder, and you can put a pincushion where the regular cushion would go. I also make little picnic tables that have places to hold salt and pepper shakers and such."

I'm retired

This is far from a vocation with Mr. Earle although he could go into it full time if he wanted. He said, "I've had gift shops ask me if I'd supply them with these pieces for sale, but I just say no thanks."

"I work on my hobby when I feel like it and wouldn't want to be obligated to give them a regular supply ... I already spent enough years on a regular job! Besides, I've got a backlog of 20 little chairs I've promised to folks now."



HAVE A SEAT. George Earle's hobby is in wood, and his specialty is making miniature pieces of furniture that double as useful objects.

Enough is enough."

Although he's had three heart attacks, George doesn't let it get him down. He said, "I know my limitations and have learned to enjoy life within them. Can't do any strenuous things, but this hobby of mine is just right, and I feel great."

"I work in my basement workshop a few hours at a time, whenever I feel like it. It's relaxing and fun."

George Earle is a man who has the right blueprint for a good retirement ... and he planned it that way.

Your high school junior a potential scholarship winner

Do you have a youngster beginning his or her junior year in high school this fall ... one who will be graduating in 1977 and perhaps going on to college? If you do, listen up, because this could just possibly mean up to \$8,000 worth of college scholarship to you both.

The ninth annual Shell Companies Scholarship Competition for 1977 high school graduates is open for applications between now and this coming November 3rd. Eligible to compete are sons and daughters of regular full-time employees and retired or deceased employees of Shell Oil Company (including Shell Chemical and Shell Development) and Shell Pipeline Corporation.

Fifty, four-year scholarships for students working toward bachelor degrees will be awarded. Scholarships range from \$750 to \$2,000 per year.

Students wishing to enter must do two important things within the next two months.

They must submit an official entry form to Houston by November 3, 1975. They must also take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) which will be given in local high schools this October.

The entry forms are available through Employee Relations at the refinery. Arrangements for taking the PSAT/NMSQT should be made with your high school counselor.

This test measures verbal and mathematical abilities important in college work and

lasts about one hour and forty minutes. It is co-sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

All phases of the competition are handled by NMSC. This includes selection of scholarship winners, the de-

termination of the amount of scholarship stipends, and the administration of the scholarships while in force.

If you are interested in more information about this scholarship competition for Shell sons and daughters, contact Employee Relations.

Bicentennial scholarships for non-Shell students

Because you work for Shell, your own children aren't eligible to compete. But you can do your friends, neighbors, and relatives a real favor by advising them of the new "Bicentennial Seniors" program. Their children are eligible to participate, and the possible rewards are great.

Bicentennial Seniors is being funded by Shell to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The program is designed to

recognize high school seniors, class of 1976, with scholarship aid during the nation's Bicentennial.

Students will be selected winners in their local schools and later in their states, on the basis of themes in which they will demonstrate how well they understand where America has been, where it is today, and what lies ahead.

Competition also will include the preparation of a minute-long television script. This "minute," to be patterned after the CBS televi-

sion network's 200-years-ago-today Bicentennial Minutes will focus on special events that occurred during May, 1776. The winning student's "minute" will be telecast on the CBS network in May of next year.

Two winners will be named in every state and the District of Columbia. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, plus an all-expense-paid trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, where a national winner will be selected to receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The 102 winners will spend four days in colonial Williamsburg attending seminars to discuss "America's Heritage and Horizons."

Principals of high schools all across the country will have details on the Bicentennial Seniors program when school opens this fall, and the deadline for entries is October 6 of this year.

Because Shell is funding the program, children of Shell employees and retirees are ruled out of the competition, but pass the word.

Refinery team outplays the field in charity pro-am golf tournament

Three Wood River golfers distinguished themselves recently in a charity pro-am event at Lockhaven Country Club near Alton. Competing against 53 other 4-man teams in the third annual Piasa Bird Council-Boy Scouts of America event, they, and their professional teammate, topped all comers.

Each 4-man team consisted of three players representing local businesses and industries and one professional golfer. It was a two-low-ball event, which means each team must record the lowest two scores made by the four-

some on each hole.

The team with the lowest two-ball total score after 18 holes is the winner. Shell's team consisting of Tom Buller, group leader in Tech; Warren Saunders, refinery superintendent; Tom See, employee relations representative; and Rich Poe, the pro at the Country Club of Missouri in Columbia, ended up seven under par.

Buller and Saunders tied with several other players for low gross in the amateur division with 77's. Poe tied with fellow Columbia, Missouri, professional Bob Chandler

for low pro laurels at 70, two under par. Chandler is the coach of the University of Missouri golf team.

Those of you who remember the days of "Industrial Leagues" in golf, baseball, basketball, and other sports can appreciate the significance of this achievement. This team of Shell golfers and their pro took on the representatives of other companies in the greater East Side area and came out on top.

They bested the best of the rest.



PRO-AM WINNERS enroute to victory are (from left) Tom Buller, Warren Saunders, Rich Poe (professional), and Tom See.

An old friend's moving out of neighborhood

It's happening right before our eyes. The end of an era is taking place. The Research Laboratory, an important part of the Wood River scene since 1933, is closing its doors and moving to Houston.

Proud tradition

"This is a proud laboratory," said Jack Armstrong, Research Director. "From simple beginnings, Wood River Research Laboratory has grown to hold a top reputation in both the petroleum and automotive industries as one of the very best product research labs in the country."

"When we publish, it's considered 'textbook.' Well, think about it: this lab

pioneered some famous products, like TCP*, Aeroshell W*, Rotella*, X-100*, 10W-50, Super Regular* Along with other Shell researchers and the refinery, our lab personnel helped develop the first 100 octane aviation fuel, too, for use during World War II.

"The MILEAGE MARATHON*", started in 1939, has gotten world-wide attention with write-ups and pictures in newspapers and magazines around the globe, not to mention the *Guinness Book of World Records*. I'd like to see us continue it in Houston, but it's always been an employee outing so they'll

have to decide that as a group.

"Yes, the name Wood River is a respected one. At the Westhollow Complex in Houston, our function will be the same -- product research and development -- and we'll still be a proud group, but the name Wood River won't be attached to us ... at least not officially."

Westhollow

The concept of the Westhollow Research Center began about five years ago, and construction started in 1972, to be completed next January. A trickle of Wood River people has been taking up residence in Houston for several months, but by far the largest exodus of people and equipment has taken place in August.

Armstrong said, "By September 1st about 75 percent of the move will have taken place. About mid-January '76 we'll turn out the lights and lock the door, and 43 years of tradition will be no more."

Some move

Those of you who have moved a household can appreciate the complexities of such a transfer. More than 100 truckloads of records, supplies, equipment, test cars, and the like will be dispatched the 900 miles from Wood River to Houston before it's all over. And that doesn't count all the personal effects of the families being transferred!

A.P. "Tex" Texada has been the focal point and local architect for the move. His efforts have included assisting in the facility design in

Houston, equipment move, and reinstallation. Tex hasn't done it all alone, he's had some able helpers. Each department in the lab has had move coordinators who have done yeoman service.

They are: M.E. Woodyard and Dennis Kushner, Fuels; Morrie Henderson, Engine Lubes; Paul Aderholt, Industrial Lubes; George Stanko, Analytical; and George Bruns, Shops. Coordinating the actual physical moves of all the equipment under the direction of Charlie Orr are Guy Womble and Larry Baugh. Everyone in the lab, of course, is doing his or her part in the effort, too.

F.J. "Corky" Cordera, who has been in Houston since January, 1972, has been Tex Texada's counterpart on the scene at Westhollow.

Come visit

Jack Armstrong said, "I can't over emphasize how much we have enjoyed and appreciated the cooperation and friendly and helpful service of the refinery people. We'll miss these fine services and the people."

"If any of our Wood River friends find themselves in the Houston area, we hope they'll head out to the west side of town and visit us. It's always nice to see old friends."



Eight carpenters are keeping busy making crates for delicate instruments and other equipment. Two of them, Bob Leeson (left) and Gene Harris drive home their point.



Hauling another carefully packed load away are laborers Cliff Carpenter and Jim Weidner.



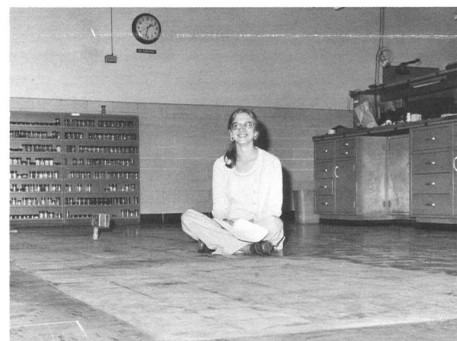
Truck fenders have been the 'usual' desk for Guy Womble lately as he signs off on another load.



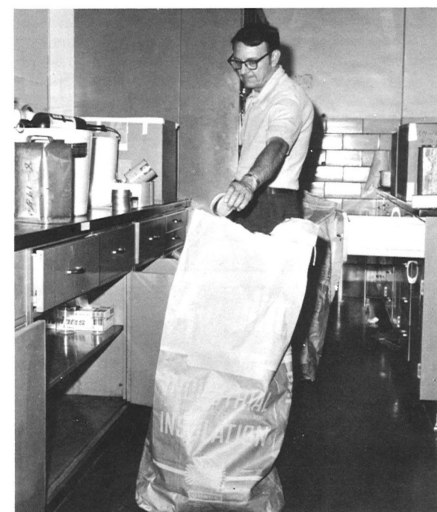
Jack Armstrong, who will continue to head the research efforts for oil products at the new lab, says "Come visit us."



Turning the lab library into a packing house for books and records are Mary Metzger and Brian McKinney.



Carolyn Lamczyk shows the growing vacancy of the lab as she sits among the unclutter of yet another nearly empty room.



'Put somethin' in the bag, son.' Don Hussey fills a large sack of things not being packed for Houston.

Name two good reasons to protect your eyes

The eyes have it. There are so many ways one can lose or impair one's eyesight . . . and so very few ways to get it back, if at all.

Regulations can be written and put into books. Experts can point out specific dangers to be avoided. Safety committees can discuss and recommend actions. But the ultimate protector of *your* eyesight can be none other than yourself.

The refinery has already written pages and pages of information about the potential danger situations where eye protection should be worn. A number of different types of eye protection are available to you just for the asking . . . and using.

Hit or near-miss

There have been two recent disabling injuries at Wood River involving employees' eyes. Fortunately, neither involved permanent injury.

Wood River has recorded some near-misses, too . . . situations where injury was avoided through one of two ways: proper use of safety equipment, or blind luck.

There are enough places in life -- on and off the job -- where circumstances could combine to bring danger to your eyes; don't depend on blind luck for protection.

Enough exposure

Space doesn't permit

discussing all the potential situations where exposure to eye injury can occur and ways to avoid them. Several pages in the employee handbook cover this subject as it pertains to the refinery.

Just to get you thinking,

many other "opening" operations, there's the chance that whatever is inside could spray out on you.

If it does, it could be a material which can cause injury -- especially to your eyes. Even water mist,

signments involving chipping, grinding, scraping, buffing, drilling, hammering, etc. There is the possibility that minute particles could fly off in the direction of your eyes.

Why take a chance on something small, sharp

dered), or product samples raises the possibility of splashing. Proper safety equipment worn during such work can keep you safer.

• **Hot flashes.** Be alert when working on or around flame cutting, brazing, or welding. Flash burns usually don't make themselves felt immediately, but rather, up to several hours later . . . it's a particularly painful and bewildering experience.

Avoid exposure, but when in the vicinity of such work get yourself the proper shaded lenses.

Always alert

There are other examples of where eye protection can save you from injury and pain with minimal effort on your part. You're apt to encounter similar exposures off the job, too. Apply your job-related safety "know-how" to protect yourself there also.

A good habit to get into is: if you have any doubts at all as to the situation, wear eye protection. Check with your supervisor or a safety inspector if you're unsure as to which type of protection will give you the best protection for that situation.

Why has this article been printed in slightly larger type? So you can SEE it . . .

H. G. Rollins, Manager Safety



here are a few situations where you should be extra alert to eye care:

• Getting sprayed.

Whenever opening bleeders, drawing samples, opening or closing valves or flanges, breaking unions, cutting lines, and

under sufficient pressure, can be dangerous. Be alert, protect yourself; chemical goggles, hoods, or face shields, are easy to wear and well worth the effort.

• Chip off the old block.

There are many work as-

and hard lodging in your eye? Remember your eye protection.

• Pour me another.

Likewise, be it in a laboratory or field operation, the pouring or flowing of hot metals, tar, asphalt, chemicals (including pow-

Contact lenses can be dangerous

Contact lenses are a great invention. To many people they are an aid to their vision and/or their physical appearance.

But don't ever think contact lenses are eye protection! In fact, the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness (NSPB) indicates contact lenses can be an added *danger* to your eyes -- especially in an industrial environment.

"Employees should not wear contact lenses inside the refinery," said Harry Rollins, Manager Safety. "Employees having unique circumstances should contact their supervisor so the situation can be referred to the Safety Department."

Rollins said the majority of ophthalmologists and occupational health physicians, as well as the NSPB, strongly recommend contact lenses be prohibited in an industrial setting. Five distinct hazards for industrial workers wearing contact lenses are:

- Contact lenses may trap wind-blown particulate matter and thereby produce corneal abrasion.
- In the event of a chemical splash, contact lenses tend to hold the offending material on the surface of the cornea through capillary action.
- Chemical fumes could damage contact lenses and irritate the eyes, re-

sulting in excessive watering which could dislodge one or both of the contact lenses.

- The flash of an electric short circuit or welding arc can cause the lenses to adhere to the cornea.
- In employees with a high degree of correction, accidental loss of the lens may cause sudden incapacitation and subject the employee and fellow workers to risk of injury.

In addition, the Occupational Safety and Health Act Standard states that "... wearing of contact lenses in contaminated atmospheres with a respirator shall not be allowed . . ."

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Family Service

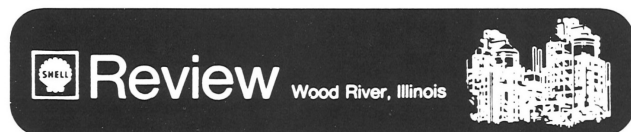
and develop both physically and mentally at the pace they should. They not only use their own expertise, but also a wide variety of screening tests.

This is not to say they take the place of the parents, but rather they educate and help parents recognize the need for immunizations and regular doctor's examinations as well as good mental development and adjustment. They provide much of the needed education and counseling at FSVNA, and help families secure other services where needed.

Here to help

The services given by the Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association are naturally more extensive than is possible to explain here. They stand ready to serve you in any way they can. If you know of someone who may be in need of their services -- or would like to learn more about the FSVNA -- call them in Alton at 465-2539.

If you would like to know if any other United Way agencies have services which may be of interest to you, call the United Way Information and Referral Service at 462-1234.



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