

Clearing the Air

Students shown presentation



Bob MacDuff explains some of the finer points . . .



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The Refinery recently completed purchase of eight new Cushman scooters for the Engineering Services group.

The scooters have 12 horsepower, a complete set of lights, a three-speed transmission, and an 18 mile-per-hour top speed.

"They (Shell) are doing a lot to help control pollution, and they care about the environment."

"I think Shell's environmental control is very good. I hardly know the Refinery's there without driving past it."

The above comments are just two of many made by seventh and eighth grade students at Wood River's Lewis & Clark junior high school.

About 300 of the students were shown a slide-tape presentation on the Refinery's environmental-conservation efforts last January 26th, and invited to comment upon it.

The program was actually a pilot project, based on the slide presentation shown to Refinery operating employees. Future presentations to other employees, and outside the Refinery are now under consideration.

The program was shown to the students in groups of 30 to 40, with a question and answer period afterward.

"Actually, it worked out pretty well," Bob MacDuff said. Bob was the Refinery representative who presided over the showing of the slide-tape part of the program, and handled the question and answer period.

"It became apparent at the session that there was a lot of misinformation about what went on out here," MacDuff said.

The concept behind the presentation had its genesis about a year ago, when a program similar to the one the students saw was made up for Refinery operating employees. It was done in order to more fully explain the role of Operations in the Refinery's work in environmental conservation. The slide-tape presentation utilizes a script prepared by Dick Dreith and photographs taken by Cliff Davidson.

In response to a request by Mrs. Mary McCleish, seventh grade science teacher at the school, and based upon the success of the employee program, the decision was made to prepare a presentation for external showing.

The pilot presentation given last January is the end result. "It's basically educational in format," MacDuff said, "primarily intended for schools."

The basic intent of the presentation is to explain to the students that efforts have been made, and are continuing to be made, by all Refinery personnel in the environmental conservation area.

Another purpose is to correct the misinformation and misinterpretation gathered by young people through the media and word-of-mouth, and to do so as early in their educational process as possible.

Mrs. McCleish, wife of Engineering Services' John McCleish, deserves large credit for the program's success, according to MacDuff. "It was due to her follow up in the classroom," he said.

Mrs. McCleish had the students write essays and comment about the presentation in class.

That the program "worked out pretty well" is evidenced from the comments the students made concerning the presentation and what they carried away from it:

"I think they are doing excellent, and I know more now (about it)."

"I didn't realize they were doing so much. I think it's great."

These, and many other comments from the students, are witness to the program's effectiveness in educating them to the Refinery's continuing efforts in the area of environmental conservation.

Talley, Stark mark anniversaries

February 29th was the day Cliff Talley marked his 45th year of service at Wood River. Now, 45 years is a long time to some people, but not to Cliff. "It just doesn't seem like that long a time," he said.

Cliff is a special tester at the Refinery Lab, these days. He began his services with the company in 1927, as a sample carrier, back when Wood River was still under the aegis of the old Roxana Petroleum Company.

"I've really enjoyed it," Cliff said. He joined a rather select group of people that day in February. Only seven other individuals have reached that 45-year plateau: Lou Roller, Engineering Field foreman, who retired in August, 1968; Leonard Southard, gatekeeper in Plant Protection, who retired in May, 1969; Cy Gorman, who retired in December, 1970; Noble Painter, shift foreman in the Refinery Lab, who retired in February,

1969; Theodore Rambo, who retired upon reaching his 45th anniversary, in March, 1971; and Walter Stark, who marked his 45th year of service at the same time, and is still going strong at the Refinery Lab.

There have also been two women, Marian Teachout and Hazel Wardle, who have gained the distinction of 45 years' service. Both retired in November, 1971.

It goes without saying that Cliff has seen many changes in his time at Wood River. "When I first started to work here," he noted, "there was a big service station out in front. I would guess that there weren't more than seven or eight hundred people working here then."

Like many others with long-term service, Cliff never planned on staying at Wood River for the length he has. The reason for Cliff, though, is simple: he enjoys it.

"I've been proud to work for Shell," Cliff says. "I really don't know where the time has gone. I really will hate to leave," he added, referring to his retirement in December.

Another long-term Wood River employee, Walter Stark, marked a special service anniversary with the refinery. March 31st is Walt's 46th year of service with the company.

Walt joined Shell as a sample carrier in 1926, and has remained with the Laboratory ever since, becoming a shift foreman in 1929, foreman in 1971, and promoted in 1966 to his present position of Refinery Laboratory operations foreman.

"It's been enjoyable," Walt said, smiling from behind his desk at the Lab. "You get a feeling of accomplishment."

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Cliff Talley



Walt Stark



Marg Stroud, Treasury-Payroll, receives her flashlight from Barney Cole and Walter Weiss, Safety Department. Refinery employees received the rechargeable lights March 15 in recognition of the 1,000,000 man-hour safety achievement.

The mark was set January 13, the first time the Refinery has reached that mark since 1969.

Shell stations win awards

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration recently selected a Shell service station in New Canaan, Connecticut as first place winner in the fourth annual "Highway and the Environment" competition.

Another Shell station located near Flippin, Georgia was selected for third place, giving Shell two of three awards presented in the service station category of the competition.

This is the second time in the last four months Shell Oil Company has received national recognition for environmental efforts involving its service stations. Shell earlier won three landscaping excellence

awards from the National Association of Nurserymen, including a first-place plaque presented by Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, for a Shell station in Cuperinto, California.

The Federal Highway Administration sponsors the contest to honor government, civic and professional groups and private industry for environmental improvements adjacent to highways.

The Department of Transportation's competition attracted 626 entries in 11 categories from 43 states and the District of Columbia. Some 130 service stations were entered in the "Outstanding Service Station" section of the competition.

U. S. to sponsor TRANSPO '72

Coast-to-coast travel at near the speed of sound is common today. So is crawling at a snail's pace from airport to city.

Situations such as this occur when the population outruns segments of its transportation system, a system which must at least double its carrying capacity in the next 20 years if it hopes to stay even with passenger demand, experts say.

To help alleviate this, the United States is sponsoring the inaugural U.S. International Transportation Exposition May 27 through June 4 at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C.

Being billed as TRANSPO 72, the exposition will feature hardware and technology designed not only to help cure transportation problems in the United States, but in other nations as well.

"New concepts and ideas are assured of ready acceptance in the marketplace, and the inaugural U.S. International Transportation Exposition promises to provide a world market for all advanced forms of land, sea, air and space transportation vehicles and technologies displayed," said President Richard M. Nixon. "It will surely be an ideal forum for furthering public understanding of the importance of transportation to the social and economic progress and well-being of all mankind."

U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, who was assigned administrative responsibility for the exposition by President Nixon, said TRANSPO 72 will be the "largest showcase in the world where transportation products and technology can be displayed."

This will include such innovative items as:

* Computer-directed automobiles that follow electronic beams along a roadway.

* Tracked vehicles that some day will travel at 300 miles per hour on a thin cushion of air or in a magnetic field.

* Hydrofoil or air cushion-supported vehicles capable of skimming over water at high speeds.

* Aircraft of all configurations.

Manufacturers of products or service-oriented companies that contribute to any aspect of transportation in any way have been invited to exhibit at the exposition. Among the featured products and services of particular interest to Shell employees and others in the oil industry will be:

* Lubricants and lubrication systems.

* Warehousing systems.

* Freight handling systems.

* Containerization systems.

* Pipeline transmissions.

Secretary Volpe said that while there will be plenty to see and do for the average visitor, TRANSPO 72 will be a sales-oriented exposition to stimulate development of new international markets for U.S. transportation products.

"The marketplace we intend to create at Dulles will be the first of its kind in the world," Volpe said. "For the first time prospective buyers will have within one area a comprehensive display of all modes of transportation."

The Secretary predicted the nine-day show will attract more than a million visitors with about 357,000 of them being business-oriented and about 50,000 from foreign nations.

Admission for the general public will be \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children during the first seven days and \$3 for adults and \$1 for children during the final weekend, when a full-scale air show will be presented. There will also be a minimum charge for parking private automobiles.

SRA events, '72

The SRA board recently set the following tentative dates for 1972 activities.

March 15 - The annual fishing contest began and will run through October 15.

April 28 - The annual queen dance. The 1971-72 queen, JoAnn Boren, will crown a new queen at the affair.

May 2 - The golf league begins. Date for the first Golf Day is still tentative.

June 6 - Softball league gets underway. August 28 - The bowling league begins. September 12 - Football league swings into play.

September 17 - The family picnic at Kendall Hill will be held on this date.

November 10 - The fall dance.

November 21 - Basketball league begins.

December 5 - The winner's banquet.

1972 SRA Board



Shell adds 'mini' sports tires

Morris replaces Deptula

Shell has added a quality, top performing pair of "mini" sport tires to its tire line with introduction of the Shell Sport Radial and the Shell Foreign and Compact Tire.

The Shell Sport Radial is offered for the foreign car owner whose vehicle was originally equipped with radials. The units are of rayon cord construction with rayon belts.

The Shell Foreign and Compact units are designed to fit most foreign and compact cars on the road today. The units are of 4-ply nylon construction with a wide tread design.

Both tires have been made available to dealers and jobbers since January 1.

Bill Morris, former sports editor of the St. Charles (Mo.) *Banner-News*, has been named editor of the *Wood River Review*. He replaces Frank Deptula, who resigned.

Morris is a native of Normandy, Mo. and a journalism graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia. He recently returned from Southeast Asia following a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. Prior to entering the service, he also worked for more than a year as a Newsman for the Columbia (Mo.) *Missourian*.

The new SRA Board members, elected in last December; Left to right: (BACK ROW) Weldon Tucker, Henry Vassar, Joe Jacobs, Dick Keeler. (MIDDLE ROW) Joe Hmurovich, Ray Thrasher, Larry Drainer, Mickey Harris, Joe Lanzerotte, Bill

Morris. (FRONT ROW) Barb Black, Chuck Andrews, Bob Bevoden, Margaret Stroud. Not present, Al Lovato, Del Deibert, Bob Holder, Frank Zapf, and Roy Leathers.



Becky Edwards
Treasury-General Accounting

SRA Queen candidates

It's that time of year again, when the four young ladies pictured here vie for the crown of the SRA queen. Voting for the candidates will take place both at the Refinery cafeteria and at the dance, on April 28. The winner will be announced at the dance which will be held at the Collinsville Park Ballroom.



Jane Rea
Lubricants Department



Jennie Oates
Research Department



JoAnn Boren
1971-1972 SRA Queen



Jerri Andrews
Refinery Laboratory

RETIREMENTS



Louis Sanvi
Engineering Field



Eugene Hughes
Operations



Dick Dippold
Operations



Pete Lange
Operations



Jim Cartwright
Engineering Field



Les Crull
Operations



Tom McPike
Operations



Bill Bond
Operations



Bill Volma
Treasury



Rohde Rohde
Engineering Field



Bob Rich
Operations



Al Sharleville
Engineering Field



Al Barr
Engineering Field



Karl Thompson
Engineering Services



Ted Madosh
Operations



Dick Sutton
Operations



Ted Weeke
Engineering Field



Floyd Miller
Engineering Field



Louie Enloe
Operations



Fred Hoffman
MTM Research Lab



Chuck Perino
Engineering Field



Gerry Hedges
Operations

Talley, Stark

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With his 46th year service anniversary, Walt becomes the oldest employee in service at Wood River. And for all those 46 years, he has been "on the same floor, in the same building, in the same department."

Walt plainly receives much personal satisfaction from his responsibilities in the Lab, talking into two phones at the same time, and keeping tabs on the incoming and outgoing orders in a whirl of activity.

The feeling you get from watching and talking to Walt is that here is a man who enjoys his work. "Enjoy it? Of course I do," he said. "I would not have stayed here so long if I didn't."

As with the many other long-term employees at Wood River, Walt has seen the many changes that have occurred at the refinery; the technological advance, and the growth in size and scope of the operation.

"When I first started here, for instance," he noted, looking around the office, "this building was only one-third its size." But Walt doesn't reminisce much; he derives too much satisfaction from today's activities. His present goal? "I'd like to reach 47 years' service at the refinery. Nobody's done that yet, and I can and I hope to."

ON THE MOVE

OMAR WUSSLER from Senior Accountant, Oil Accounting, to Supervisor, Oil Accounting.

MAC McCORMICK to Operations Foreman, Cracking.

LARRY FENCEL to Inspector, Engineering Services Department.

FRED HESS, from Senior Safety Inspector to Safety Supervisor.

WALT RIDDER to Hourly Operations Foreman, Catalytic Cracking.

BILL WHITE to Hourly Operations Foreman, Catalytic Cracking.

BOB WOODS to Operations Foreman, Distilling.

HAGE HAGEMEIER to Operations Foreman, Cracking.

DONNA YATES, to Senior Clerk, Purchasing.

TERESA BEIERMANN to Stenographer, Treasury Department.

TERRY STARK, from Payroll section to Oil Accounting.

ED HARDWICK, from Military to Payroll Section.

JOE LANZEROTTE, from Senior Inspector, Engineering Services to Engineering.

TOM FRAZIER, from Safety Inspector to Operations Foreman.

JOE FIN, from Inspector, Engineering Services to Inspector, Safety Department.

HAROLD SCHENK to Maintenance Coordinator, Cracking Department.

CHARLIE PIKE, from Maintenance Coordinator-Cracking to Maintenance Coordinator-Aromatics East.

JIM THOMPSON, to Engineering Supervisor, Engineering Field.

DON WATERS, to Engineering Supervisor, Engineering Field.

DAVE MINTNER, from Lubricants to Technological Department.

HARRY FIDOE to Senior Engineer. CHET BROOKE from Hydroprocessing to Technological Department.

LARRY NIEMAN, from Dispatching to Technological Department.

KENT ROGERS, from Hydroprocessing to Economics and Scheduling.

LOUIE NEPUTE, to Staff Operations Foreman, Gas Plants.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



"Slats" Slaten
Operations
35 years



Norm Mozley
Engineering Office
25 years



Dick Sunkel
Engineering Office
35 years



Bob Postlewait
Engineering Office
25 years



Phil Costanzo
Operations
35 years



Bob Tjaden
Engineering Field
35 years



Gil Barrett
Public Relations
35 years



George Sample
Conservation
35 years



Russ Russell
Engineering Field
30 years



Wilky Wilkerson
Operations
30 years



Burt Schneider
Operations
30 years



Everett Cooper
Operations
30 years



Charlie Forrler
Engineering Field
30 years



Van Van Doren
Engineering Field
30 years



George Adams
Engineering Field
40 years



Alt May
Operations
40 years



J. D. Metcalfe
MTM Research Lab
35 years



Vern Welch
MTM Research Lab
30 years

DEATHS

HERMAN M. BRUNTJEN, January 28, retiree, Herman was an Operator 1st in Aromatics before retiring in January, 1964.

EDWARD A. FULLRIEDE, January 23 Edward was a Yardman in Engineering Field before retiring in September, 1958.

FRED SHAW, February 12

Fred was a Pumper 1st, in Cooling Water, before retiring in September 1956.

J.H. TEMPLE February 25 J.H. was a Yardman in Engineering Field before retiring in February, 1958.

JAMES H. MARKHAM January 19 James was an electrician 1st before retiring in January, 1951.

CHARLES E. REICHERT, March 15

Charles was Treasury Supervisor and had worked at the Refinery since October 1, 1937.

WENDELL DOWLAND February 14 Wendell was a Tester 1st in the Refinery Lab before retiring in March, 1971.

CAROL GRAHAM February 21 Carol was a Pondman-Yardman in Engineering Field before retiring in July, 1961.

JAMES A. SIMPSON February 24

James was a Blacksmith 1st in Engineering before retiring in March 1963.



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