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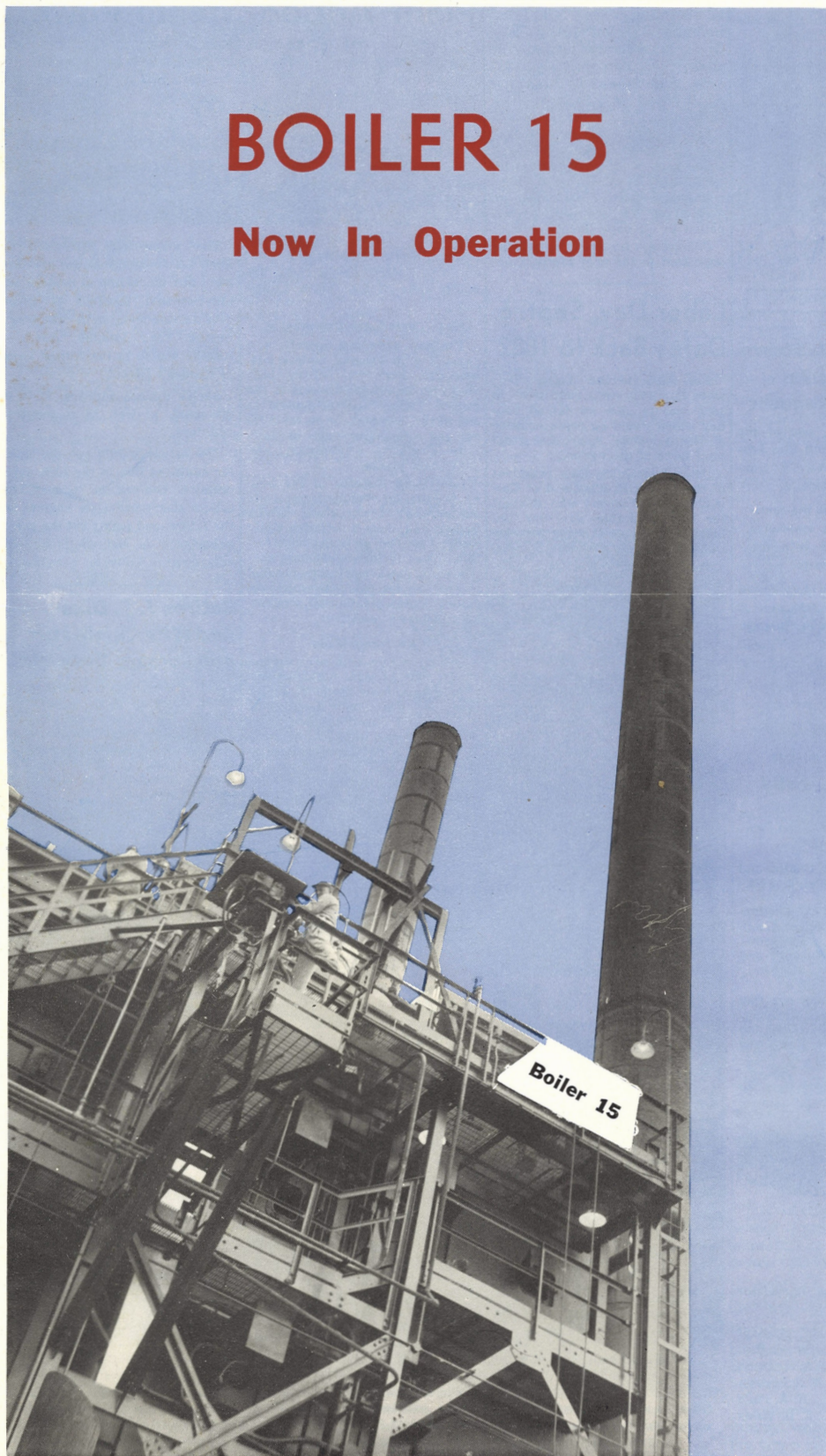
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# BOILER 15

**Now In Operation**



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# Refinery Safety Mark Progressing

## Pass 1,500,000 Man-hours Without Disabling Injury

As September 1 rolled around, the big safety question in everyone's mind was, "Can we reach two million accident-free hours?" As of August 25, personnel at Wood River Refinery had worked 67 days, or nearly 1,500,000 man-hours, without suffering a lost-time accident.

The refinery has not worked 1,500,000 accident-free hours since 1952, when a record 2,493,901 hours was established.

A million safety hours were reached August 5, when the refinery whistle sounded the memorable event. On the basis of past records, it is calculated that it will take approximately 96 days to reach the two million mark, or until September 19.

### It Takes Teamwork

Commenting on the current safety drive, a refinery safety man said, "It takes cooperation and teamwork to establish safety records here. A safety record also requires everyone to take a conscientious attitude toward safety, and to wear safety equipment at all times."

And, as alerted personnel were striving to keep the record going, a recent accident-prevented story appeared in the safety Newsletter as a good example:

### Wille Helps Out

Louis (Red) Wille, a Shell man for 12 years, prevented possible serious injury to himself recently when a dumpster box near Dubbs 18 fell on his foot. Wille was wearing safety shoes, and although two men strained to get the weight off Wille's foot, he suffered no injury.

Wille formed the habit of wearing hard-toed safety shoes when he worked in the coal mines near Maryville, Ill., 14 years ago. He related to safety men that this was the first time he had ever really "needed" them.

Wille smiled as he said, "I always knew the time would come, so I always wear safety shoes - have for the past 14 years now."

### Record Still Going

The Shell employee had reason to smile, for he had prevented injury to himself and had helped to keep the refinery's safety record intact.

As stories of this nature popped up throughout the plant, everyone looked forward to September 19 and the 2,000,000 accident-free hour mark.



## "Fossil Story" Shown Over KWK-TV; Is Available on Request

"The Fossil Story", one of the newer films in the Shell film library, appeared on KWK-TV Sunday, August 8, on Channel 4.

The film deals with the formation of fossils, and associates the study of fossils with the discovery of oil deposits.

This film has been widely shown in the past few months, and is available to groups upon request. For information about the "Fossil Story" and other Shell films, call F. E. List on Ext. 563.

## Mr. Key Penned Our National Anthem on September 14, 1884

SEPT. 4, 1781—City of Los Angeles founded by Spanish governor of California.

SEPT. 5, 1774—First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, Pa.

SEPT. 7, 1789—Born, in Burlington, N. J., James Fenimore Cooper, famous novelist who wrote, "The Last of the Mohicans" and other novels.

SEPT. 14, 1814—Seeing our flag still flying over Fort McHenry, Md., Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner." (On the back of an old letter.)

SEPT. 18, 1793—Cornerstone of the new Capitol building laid in Washington, D. C.

## Davidson Heads Chest Drive

### Refinery Campaign Set for Oct. 18-30

C. A. Davidson, Training Supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the Wood River Refinery 1954 Community Chest Drive, it was announced this week. The local drive will be held simultaneously with the Alton-Wood River Drive Oct. 18-30.

Davidson served as chairman for the 1953 Community Chest Drive here, when contributions totaled \$8,567.79, for a record high.

The drive this year will again be geared for 100 per cent participation in all departments.

Committees for the drive will be appointed in the near future.

## Labor Day, Sept. 6, Dates Back to 1882

The idea behind Labor Day, when it was first suggested in 1882, was to have an annual holiday which would be representative of the industrial spirit, the great vital force of the nation.

Peter J. McGuire, then president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who thought the most desirable date for the holiday would be the first Monday in September, suggested the event.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York September 5, 1882, and today it is observed in all states.

Military warrants, horses, cows, oxen, cowbells, acres of land and even whiskey were used as mediums of exchange in the United States before the general use of currency and bank notes.

More than half a million people have seen the heavens as portrayed by the only planetarium on a college campus—the Morehead Planetarium, at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, which was opened in May, 1949.

### Twin Units in Utilities

## New Boilers Will Give Plant Added Steam Power

Boiler 15, one of two new boilers under construction here, was placed in service Aug. 17, and the Utilities Department anticipates that Boiler 16, a companion unit, will be completed and ready for service this fall.

Built as part of the refinery expansion program, each of the new boilers is designed to produce 250,000 pounds of steam per hour. The retirement of 11 small steam units last year further necessitated the new structures. The new boilers have been constructed just south of Boiler House 2, on the south side of the Main Office road.

### Feed Centrifugal Compressors

The new units will operate on a parallel with existing boilers 9-14, inclusive, and will deliver high pressure, superheated steam to the Power House turbine-generators and to the new high-speed centrifugal gas compressor units at Catalytic Cracking, Platformer, and Alkylation plants.

Interesting features of the boiler installation include completely outdoor-type construction. Both boilers and their auxiliaries typify modern methods of boiler construction. They include a separate control room and electrically-operated control equipment, including remotely-operated automatic sequential soot blower units.

### Revisions Made

In conjunction with construction of the new boilers, necessary revisions have been made at Boiler House 2. The boiler feed water and fuel oil facilities have been simplified and improved. The present power plant intercommunication system has been extended to the new control room.

Unlike existing boilers, the new units will be fired with gas and oil. They are not equipped for coal burning.

## Reader's Digest Tells the Story of Shell Additive, TCP

The pioneering performed by Shell Oil Company in the development and marketing of modern additive-treated gasoline is given considerable mention in "The Story Behind the Gasoline Ads," a lengthy article in the August issue of Reader's Digest.

Shell's famous additive, TCP, is discussed, as well as competitive additives.

The article points out the need for additives due to the high compression engines of today. The article also touches on engines of the future, and points out the great importance of the continued development of powerful gasolines.

## Retiree J. F. Dike And Wife Celebrate Anniversary Sept. 19

J. F. (Frank) Dike, former Wood River Refinery truck driver, and his wife Edith are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Roxana Community Center Sunday, September 19. Friends are invited to attend between 2 and 6 p.m.

Dike, who retired in 1946, and his wife reside at 102 Bell Street in East Alton.

## Guests of the Cards



A group of 60 boys who were treated by the St. Louis Cardinals is pictured above. The Cards' management furnished 70 free tickets to the SRA for the club-sponsored Kids' Softballers. In all, the group filled up 13 cars, driven by SRA members. The group attended the contest of August 10, which the Cards lost to the Milwaukee Braves, 12-0. The boys whooped and hollered, however, and kept their spirits up. For more information about the Kids' Softball League, see page 10 and read all about those champion Colts!



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## Candid questions

QUESTION ASKED: "DO YOU THINK TELEVISION IS A GOOD INFLUENCE ON CHILDREN?"



C. J. Milligan, pipefitter, "Yes, I think television is good for children. They of course get a lot of enjoyment from TV, and I also think it's educational."

Some of the kids I know have learned a lot from watching television."



J. A. (Joe) Hmurovich, painter, "Yes, I believe that television is good for kids. I believe this because it affords them visual reference

- they can see and hear what is being discussed by their parents and friends. I know of several educational films on television that are good for children."



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I also feel that it gives them wholesome entertainment, which is of great importance to children."

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### NOTICE!

Shell Club meetings will resume Tuesday, September 21 at Skagg's Steak House, according to S. W. Moran, club president. Meetings were discontinued for the summer months due to the heat.

## Grand Slam



R. W. Trares, who with Tom O'Keefe won the President's Cup award in the Annual Bridge Nationals, was the subject of some original photography following his achievement. R. T. Schreier, Wood River photographer, put Bob in a setting symbolic of the game.

### Trares and O'Keefe Cop the 'Cup'

## Two Shell Players Win National Bridge Honors

R. W. (Bob) Trares, and T. D. (Tom) O'Keefe, two "A" students in the Shell Duplicate Bridge class, gained national fame August 8 in Washington, D. C., when they won the President's Cup in the Annual Bridge Nationals.

Trares, 24, an accountant in the Treasury department, and O'Keefe, 26, an engineer for Shell Products Pipe Line, entered the tournament in Washington more or less on impulse, surprising everyone when they copped the title.

#### Master Point Rating

The President's Cup is a section of the tournament for players who have less than 50 master points. The master point is the official rating of the American Contract Bridge League, sponsor of the tournament.

In competing for the coveted award, Trares and O'Keefe were competing against 300 of the outstanding bridge players in the country. In all, they played 78 hands during the Nationals.

Registering a score of 322, the pair bettered the mark of the second-ranking team by 10 points, largest margin of victory in the tourney.

#### Lucky, Bob Says

"Naturally, you have to be lucky to win the Nationals," Trares said. "Tom and I had some good breaks, and things seemed to be going our way all during the tournament."

A resident of Edwardsville, Trares started playing bridge in college. He and O'Keefe, a native New Yorker, have been playing bridge together for about a year. O'Keefe is presently working in Zionsville, Ohio. He spent approximately two years at Wood River with Products Pipe Line.

### Look Behind You!

Last month during a shutdown, Louie Nolter lost his watch. He looked everywhere for it, but, to his despair, no watch. He finally asked that an announcement be made over the shutdown loud speaker set-up. While he was waiting for a reply, he felt a tap on his shoulder - behind him stood Wilbur Weber, with a grin and Louie's timepiece!

## Presenting ...



MISS MARGARET ANN EDEN, Dispatching stenographer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eden, Wood River ... has been a Shell girl for 8 years ... born in Bunker Hill ... Margaret Ann likes music of all degrees, especially exotic numbers ... also enjoys playing piano ... Secret Ambition is a lalapaluzza ... wants to take tramp steamer to the South Seas ... would also like to visit Hawaii on this daring jaunt.



MRS. DOLORES GRAY, typist-clerk at Control Lab ... husband is Ronald Gray, a paratrooper at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Dolores has been with Shell 1 year ... now in the Lab's Analytical section ... enjoys playing tennis in spare time ... also appreciates music ... but likes housekeeping best of all ... her Secret Ambition will be realized in three months, when husband Ron is discharged and she can set up housekeeping.

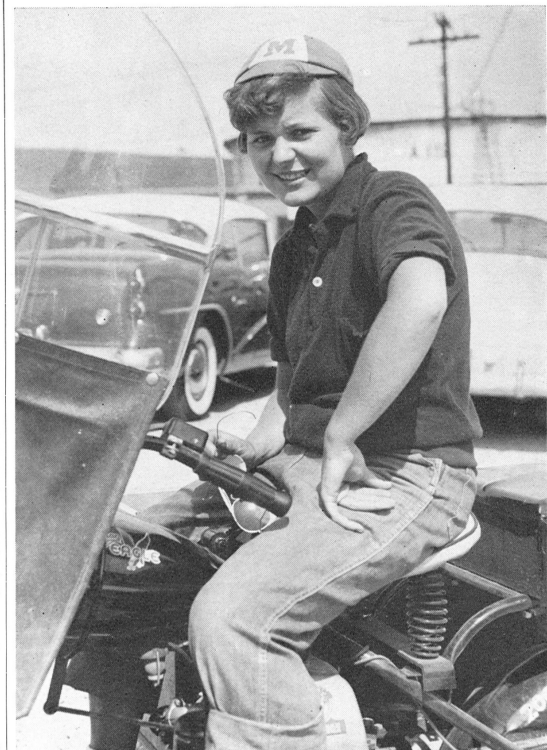
### Honest?

In a Tyler, Texas, drug store, the customers wait on themselves, keep their own accounts and make their own change. Been doing it for 20 years and, says proprietor W. E. Holmes, "in all that time, I don't know of one case of dishonesty."



"I'm getting married during lunch hour."

## Versatile Steno!



Miss Marilyn Simberger really isn't the toughie she appears to be above, but she did handle a man's job for two weeks while mailboy Roy Long was on his vacation during July. Marilyn manipulated the scooter without mishap en route to losing five pounds. She says she also found out the difference between a carburetor and a spark plug.

## DID YOU KNOW?



That more than half of the oil wells in the United States are still producing, although some are more than 50 years old.

That the oil industry provides employment for 1 out of every 37 people in the country.

That there are over 42,000 businesses engaged in production, refining, transportation, and wholesale distribution of petroleum and petroleum products.

That two of the most important ingredients in the manufacture of synthetic rubber are two petroleum-derived chemicals, butadiene and styrene.

The yield of gasoline from crude oil has almost doubled since 1918.

## The Doer

Here's to the man who plans things,

Builds things, makes things;

Who prates not of wonders of old,

Nor gloats upon ancestral gold,

But takes off his coat and takes

a-hold

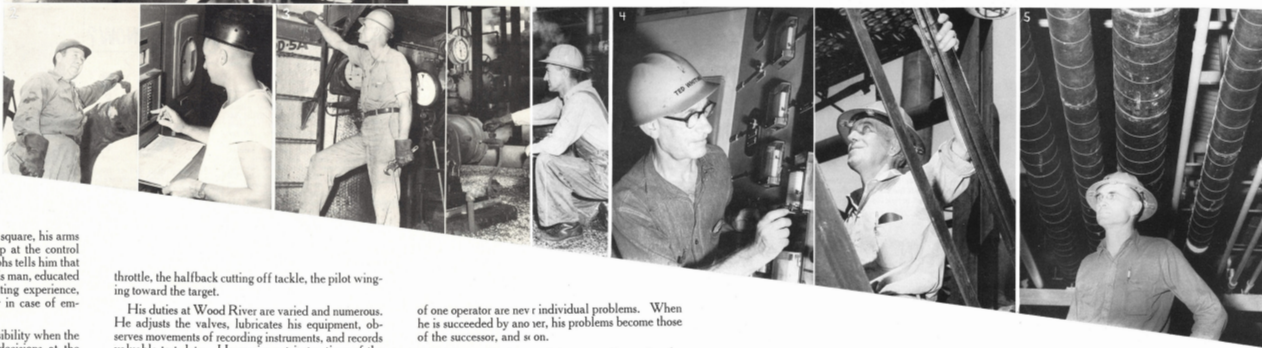
And does things!



The man we call

# OPERATOR!

He Helps Keep  
Us in Business  
With Know-how  
And Experience



throttle, the halfback cutting off tackle, the pilot winging toward the target.

His duties at Wood River are varied and numerous. He adjusts the valves, lubricates his equipment, observes movements of recording instruments, and records valuable test data. He carries out instructions of the shift foreman, and keeps his unit operating at a high degree of efficiency.

He is a key figure at Wood River, for he does these things and many more. He's on duty around the clock - 24 hours a day. He has to be, to keep a vigilant watch on instruments and to make rudimentary observations on his unit.

A special kind of man, this Shell operator. He and others like him form a kind of fraternity. Problems

of one operator are never individual problems. When he is succeeded by another, his problems become those of the successor, and so on.

While much of his work is necessarily routine, he has to be alert constantly in order to detect changes in operation. He has to see his head - if unit operation becomes upset, he has to find the cause and make the right correction.

That old adage that reasons, "experience is the best teacher," is a pretty good wrinkle when talking about the Shell operator. The majority of them have been operating for over 15 years, and there are scores of operators with over 20 years' experience under their belts.

## OBJECTIVE PATIENT EARNEST RESPONSIBLE ABLE TEMPERATE OPEN-MINDED READY

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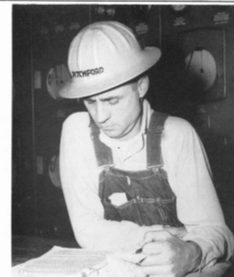
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Operators pictured on this page alone represent 170 years of operating experience.



This experience on the job he's doing tends to make the operator a level-headed individual, one who can collect his thoughts quickly and keep a cool head in a hot situation.

He takes pride in his job, and justly so. For he's the man that helps to keep us in business. He has to be good at his job, and take it seriously.

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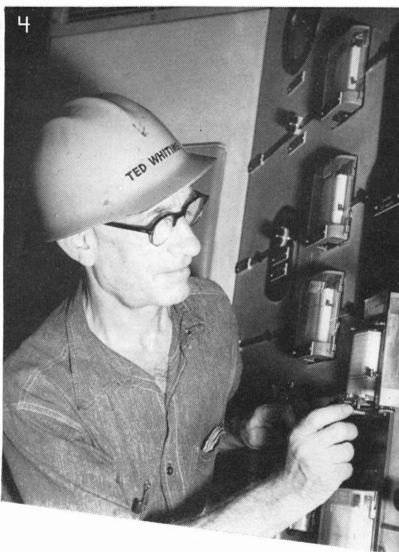
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When D. L. Winter's home in Edwardsville burned to the ground last month, several of his fellow employees pitched in to help him rebuild. This picture above was taken shortly after the men began clean-up activities after the fire. The only structure left standing was the fireplace at right. Even the floor had to be torn up.

**When D. L. Winter's Home Burned to the Ground Last Month, He Found Out How Talented His Friends Really Were!**



ABOVE, This picture, taken two weeks after the fire, shows the progress being made on the house. All the siding has been nailed on, the floor rebuilt and the roof is nearing completion.



LEFT, Winter's friends all climbed aboard to put the roof on. Winter says without the help of his buddies, re-building the house would have taken months. Now, with good luck, he should be ready to move in by winter.

# HELP

## For a Friend In Need!

BELOW, The boys begin rehabilitating some of the lumber, which can be used again. Engineers and chemists turned carpenters for the day, and really cleaned the place up.



WHEN D. L. Winter, a chemist at Wood River's Research Laboratory, looked at his new home in Edwardsville the last week in July, he drew a breath of pride. And justly so, for Winter and his wife had worked hard in readying the house for occupancy.

But on the morning of July 31, things looked anything but pleasant. For Winter's new home had burned to the ground the night before. The only structure standing erect was the fireplace, as flames had completely claimed the building.

Winter's discouragement was brightened however, when approximately 25 of his fellow employees, hearing of his misfortune, appeared on the scene to do something about the damage.

Chemists, engineers, and lab assistants turned carpenters and laborers for the day to help clear the scene for rebuilding. Burned and charred lumber had to be cleared, the floor had to be torn up, and new construction started.

In the past month, Research Lab employees and some of Winter's other friends have volunteered their help to put the Winter's family back on their feet.

A retired employee, Guy Miller, who lives on Union street in Edwardsville, also added his help. Miller, who retired in 1952, operated a hi-lift July 31, and really did a good day's work.

The help Winter has received from his friends has served as an inspiration to the entire family. "I just can't express my thanks for the wonderful help and assistance we have received," Winter said. He added, "I don't know what we would have done without it."

Meanwhile, Research Lab people who helped Winter and his family were only practicing what they termed, "help for a friend in need."



# August Service Anniversaries



30 YEARS  
E. F. Cox  
Machinists



30 YEARS  
J. G. Cuddy  
Light Oil



30 YEARS  
J. P. Pettit  
Cracking



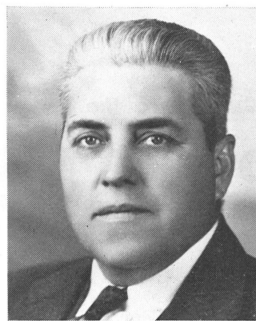
30 YEARS  
N. L. Short  
Carpenter



25 YEARS  
C. E. Hawthorne  
Machinist



25 YEARS  
J. A. Moore  
Pipe



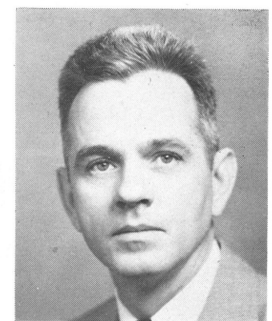
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M. L. Schupbach  
Light Oil



25 YEARS  
F. L. Surratt  
Shipping



25 YEARS  
G. C. Walker  
Department Manager  
Thermal Cracking



20 YEARS  
J. L. Rhodes  
Gas



20 YEARS  
L. N. Collins  
Alkylation



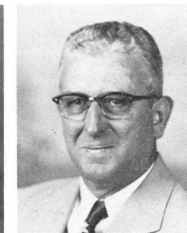
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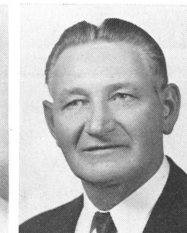
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E. C. Larson  
Research



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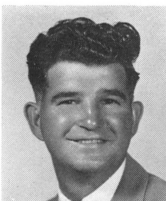
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Crane



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H. M. Wetter  
Alkylation



15 YEARS  
L. T. Boverie  
Stores



15 YEARS  
C. S. Daech  
Automotive



15 YEARS  
H. W. Johnson  
Pipe



15 YEARS  
S. H. Overbeay  
Machinist



15 YEARS  
W. C. Parish  
Automotive



15 YEARS  
L. E. Shelby  
Pipe



15 YEARS  
W. G. True  
Pipe



15 YEARS  
F. L. Vazzi  
Stores

## Five Employees Retire

### 10 Year Anniversary

E. S. Barnett  
Labor

C. F. Budde  
Electrician

C. D. Bunting  
Fire & Safety

L. A. Moggio  
Labor

Irvin Nesbitt  
Labor

J. J. Nicosia  
Compounding



Five retiring employees were honored July 30 at the monthly retirement banquet in the cafeteria. They are, front row, left to right, G. M. Kendall, W. F. Gillespie, L. O. Roberts, G. O. Allen, and W. M. Hassebrock. Supervisors in back row are, left to right, W. A. Keller, General Foreman, Automotive; C. C. Wuth, Chief Engineer; A. Collins, Assistant Chief Engineer - Field; H. D. Dale, Refinery Manager; H. I. Green, Maintenance, Engineering Field; S. S. Saltich, General Foreman, Machinists; R. L. Bedwell, General Foreman, Compounding; J. M. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, and E. F. Hutchinson, Department Manager, Compounding.

### 10 Year Anniversary

Steve Ostanik  
Alkylation

K. J. Plank  
Lube D and D

P. R. Showalter  
Automotive

W. A. Sullivan  
Eng. Office

G. W. Vannoy  
Machinist

L. M. Wedner  
Dispatching



### We Took a Camera to the

## BARBECUE

Wood River Refinery's Service Club Barbecue is always a big affair. And never was attendance better than this year, when, on July 24, over 2000 retired and active employees gathered at Edwardsville's Legion Park to celebrate the occasion.

The hot weather being absorbed during July seemed to take a breather for the day, and a cool breeze whispred through the trees to make the day quite comfortable.

Highlights of the Barbecue included attendance prizes, softball, horseshoe-pitching, high-striker, trap-shooting, basketball throw, ping-pong, card-playing, and, of course, plenty of barbecue and drink.

In the afternoon, the huge crowd gathered in the park pavilion for a Service Club business meeting. Following the meeting, comedian Larry Reed, a St. Louis entertainer, kept the boys laughing for a half hour with his original comedy interpretations.

Afternoon recreation consisted of singing and listening to the music of Al Rezabek's four-piece band, in addition to enjoying the many other modes provided.

All the retired men had a chance to talk over old times, and hand-shaking was abundant all day long. Twenty-five attendance prizes were given away, every half hour.

Pictures on this page tipify activities of the day:

1. Comedian Larry Reed was just as funny as he looks as he kept the big Barbecue crowd in stitches at his two performances. Reed appeared both at the afternoon and evening gatherings.

2. You'll always find plenty of card-playing at a Service Club Barbecue. Approximately 15 tables were going strong all day in the park pavilion. Here eight Shell men are engaged in a king-sized poker game.

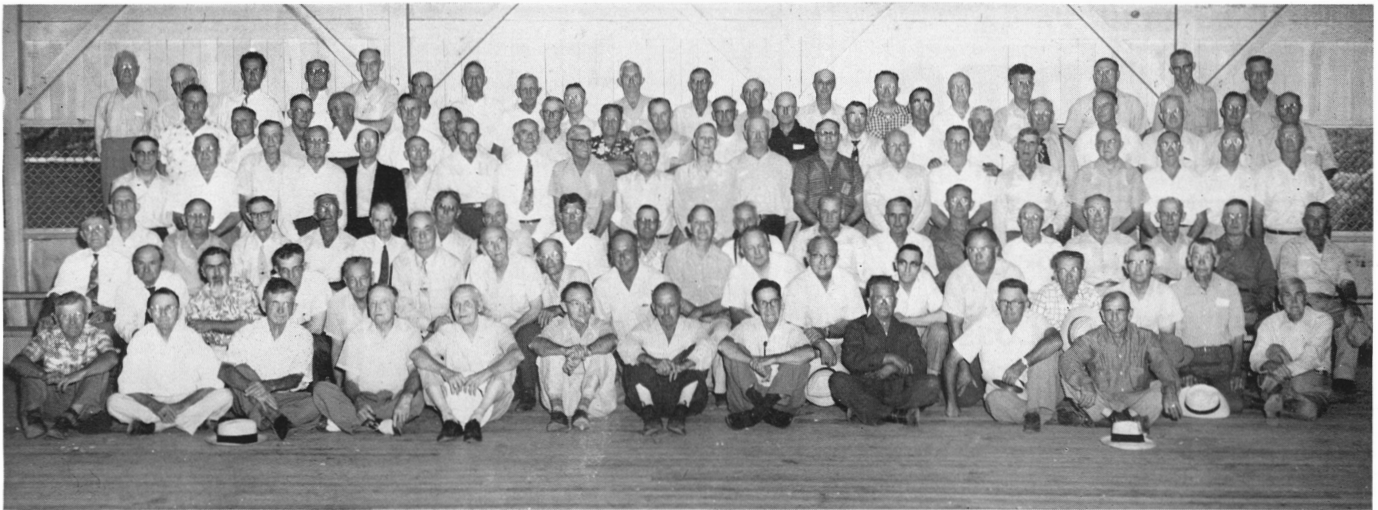
3. G. W. Gordon, in foreground, a Thermal Cracking shift foreman, leads a group in singing an old tune. Also in the group are O. R. Cox, retired boilermaker, Del Smith, Control Lab, and J. L. Cuddy, instrument man.

4. Three boys about ready to dig into some delicious barbecue are, left to right, C. J. Malecek, Phil Castanzo, and G. C. Carstens.

5. Standing in line for chow, are left to right, D. L. Smith, L. W. Crull, J. A. (Lonnie) Bowman, and P. H. Edwards.



## Retired Men Pose for Barbecue Picture



**Front Row:** sitting, left to right, L. D. Disher, R. E. Cruthis, S. R. Rice, R. D. Bennett, J. J. Dunn, J. J. Sainteve, J. R. Shenton, W. M. Seymour, J. H. Pawelski, B. L. Cummings, and W. D. Wall.

**Second Row:** kneeling, left to right—J. B. Harris, G. W. Norder, W. F. Allen, T. P. Wise, J. Moran, J. J. Grossheim, C. V. Nord, B. H. Joslin, J. S. Wright, L. E. Grosh, C. A. Meyer, J. W. Lucas, J. G. Riggs, E. N. West, L. W. Love, M. B. Gibbons, D. M. Fitzgerald. (seated)

**Third Row:** sitting, left to right, W. R. Leever, H. E. Bartles, R. M. Hartnett, H. E. Harvick, J. H. Murphy, E. O. Schoeneweis, A. M. Colyar, A. J. Krieb, C. L. Ellington, C. H. Wolf, O. Owens, F. A. Dettmer, O. P. Deppe, F. A. Wasman, W. I. Shattuck, T. F. Jones, E. J. Jones, J. A. Spanholtz.

**Fourth Row:** left to right—W. F. Shields, M. T. Brueggeman, W. Linder, W. L. Schnert, F. T. Chandler, F. E. Iscaming, A. J. Gurley, S. J. Tipsword, W.

C. Wetzer, C. C. Nicols, A. Higgins, C. W. Vogel, N. M. Calhoun, L. L. Schill, A. Cremeens, E. N. Miller, W. H. Lumon, E. Feldman, P. E. Johnston, S. L. Morehead.

**Fifth Row:** left to right—E. Whalen, W. J. Petri, T. M. Martin, G. L. Chamness, E. M. Gray, E. F. Baker, S. Henson, C. E. Picker, H. R. Raines, H. E. Thompson, O. W. Kirkpatrick, R. Hunter, T. J. Patterson, J. E. Kennedy, F. H. Bangert, R. E. Bretzman, E. M. Levi, A. G. Fuchs, W. E. Lane.

**Sixth Row:** left to right—J. A. Van Hemelen, R. U. Kennedy, O. R. Cox, J. H. Markham, G. C. Reiken, C. A. or W. Kreider, J. R. Robinson, R. M. Fields, A. M. Barnwell, B. H. Williams, J. H. Miller, A. J. Beanblossom, W. G. Kovarik, H. C. Reding, R. E. Bivens, W. T. Lewis, V. E. Sturgeon, M. J. Jenkins, C. C. Nunaber.

## Beautiful Colorado



Great country! That's Colorado, according to F. E. List and family, who have spent three vacations there. Fred snapped this picture on the family's most recent visit to Colorado in July. In the foreground is Bear Lake, one of many lakes in Rocky Mountain National Park. The mountain range in the background includes Long's Peak, one of the highest mountains in Colorado at 14,255 feet. Mt. Meeker, left, is also one of the higher mountains in the state.

## Recreation Time



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August 7

IT WAS PICNIC TIME for Personnel and Industrial Relations people Saturday, Aug. 7 at Lebanon's City Park. The day's recreation consisted of varied activities, from early morning golf to late afternoon swimming.

The girls fixed a pot-luck lunch, and everybody brought their own fried chicken.

Grouped around the picnic table are, left to right, Mrs. E. P. Lawliss and daughters Sharon and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kleinert, Mrs. R. H. Hord and daughter Nancy.

Above left, Dotty Osborn is ready to take a whack at badminton, while at right J. T. Jenkins is busily engaged in enjoying the day's chow.



Four 30-year men were guests of management this month for the banquet in the cafeteria. Left to right, are front row, A. G. Uzzell, R. H. Sanders, W. H. Tommerlin, and E. F. Cox. Back row, R. J. Greenshields, H. W. Anderson, H. D. Dale, A. Collins, S. S. Saltich, and W. A. (Bill) Keller.



## Shell Review...

## SPORTS

## Nine Players Hit Over .400

## Colts Cop Kids' Crown With 7 Wins, 2 Losses

Those fighting Colts (no relation to Baltimore) had it when the chips were down, and warded off two tough aggressors to win the Kids' Softball championship August 6 at Kendall Hill.

The Colts secured their hold on the league crown by outscoring the Lions, 13-8, in their final game of the season. The Colts slammed out 15 hits, most of them in the first of the seventh, when they romped across the dish with nine big runs.

Mustering together scoring power, skill afield, and good clutch pitching, the Colts ended up the season's play with seven wins against two losses.

## The Big Nine

Nine players on the Colts' squad paced the hitting attack all season. Included in the group are Berry Fry, Pat Hamm, Larry Hobson, Gary Howe, Kenny Howell, Dave Jordan, Mike Jordan, Larry Leamy, and Jim Reynolds. All these boys hit over .400 for the season and each had over 10 hits for the year.

Finishing behind the Colts in league standings were the Panthers, Lions, and Rams, in that order. The Panthers got hot in the middle of the season, but lost two tough games in August, and finished the season with five wins against four losses.

## Lions, Rams Tie

The Lions and Rams each won three games and lost six. After starting out slow, the Rams came on strong toward the end of the season, and played a part in upsetting the Panthers' bid for the crown. The Rams ended all hopes for a Panther crown when they whipped Nick Corda's boys in the finale, 15-10. Telling blows in this tilt were struck by Jim Zacny (.650) Mike Haynes (.300) Don McMillen (.650) and Dick Jones (.333). McMillen and Haynes rapped out three hits each and Zacny and Jones two each.

Losing their final game to the Colts, the Lions boasted the top hitters in the league, but missed good pitching and fielding. John Chandler, Jerry Blanton, Jim Cruse, Bob Durham, Bob Ruskin, and Darrell Waters all hit over .500 for the year.

## Dispatchers Fatten Up Average During August—Take First

With three consecutive victories in three attempts, the Dispatching softball team surged into the lead in the Plant Softball League during August. Winning out over the Engineering Office 12-5, Treasury, 8-6, and Research, 4-3, the Dispatchers boosted their season's average to 12 wins against two losses.

Meanwhile, Treasury dropped two games while winning two to slip into second place with 12-4. Research maintained third place with 11 wins against four losses. They won three and lost one during August.

Treasury trounced the Tech department, 15-3, and the Engineering Office, 16-7, but lost to Dispatching, 8-6, and the Pipefitters, 7-2. The Pipe boys are currently holding down fourth place with a record of eight wins and seven losses.

The Plant League will wind things up around September 15 with a tournament consisting of the four top teams in the standings.

## Research

Thirty years ago, the oil industry employed but 200 research technologists. Today, oil companies in the U. S. employ over 15,000 people in research activities.

## Gift for Scotty



A. W. (Scotty) Scobbie, left, is presented with the first-place trophy at the Inner State Live Bird shoot at Kansas City. Scotty is one of four Wood River Refinery trapshooters who will attend the Grand American Trapshoot at Vandalia, Ohio this month.

## Those Champion Colts!



Those fighting Colts, champions of the Kids' Softball League, are a handsome bunch of boys. Reading from left to right are, front row, Gary Howe, Joe Elam, Jim Reynolds, Larry Hobson, Barry Fry, Larry Leamy, Kenny Howell. Back row, Manager Tom Kerr, Dave Jordan, Pat Hamm, Mike Jordan, Neal Carter, Stacy Hageman, Fred Tarca. Players not in picture include: Charley Wiley, Jess Sones, Richard Sones, Tom Fleming, and Mike Ufert.

## Shell Stays in First Place

## Industrial Softball Winds Up Season Skirmish This Month

Winning nine straight ball games since losing their opener this season, Shell's Industrial League softballers are still tied for the league lead with Sinclair, the only team to defeat them all year. During August, the Shell boys added two more victories to their record, trouncing Standard, 11-2, and Onized One, 6-5.

With two more weeks of play ahead, the Shell boys appear assured of a tie for the championship. Provided, of course, they can whip their traditional nemesis, Sinclair.

## Standard Falls Easily

Standard, for instance, was hardly in the ball game August 16, when they fell to the Shell onslaught, 11-2. Shell bashed out nine hits, eight of them for extra bases, in defeating Standard for the second time this season. Meanwhile, pitcher Weaver was limiting Standard to seven safeties.

Kenny Zumwalt, Shell first baseman, slammed out three doubles in four trips to the plate. Jim Price, pitcher-second baseman, had a double and a home run in five trips, and Cunningham, Davenport, and Sims added single two-baggers. Johnny Martin had a single in four trips.

Standard's only extra-base blow was a triple by Simmacker.

## A Close Call

Shell had a pretty close call August 2, when they slipped past Onized One, 6-5. Johnny Martin's homer with two mates aboard in the last of the sixth was the deciding blow of the contest. The local boys romped across with four runs in the sixth to come from behind for the victory.

The game was pretty much of a pitchers' battle, Weaver allowing but five hits, and shell garnering but six off Onized pitcher, Crotchett.

Box Score of Standard-Shell game August 16:

Shell (11)				
	AB	R	H	
Price, 2B	5	2	2	
Turley, 3B	5	1	0	
Martin, RF	4	1	1	
Cunningham, C	3	2	1	
Davenport, LF	3	2	1	
Zumwalt, 1B	4	2	3	
Booher, SS	4	1	1	
Shields, CF	2	0	0	
Weaver, P	4	0	0	
Linder, CF	2	0	0	
Total	36	11	9	

## Standard (2)

	AB	R	H
Treadway, 3B	3	0	0
Sigl, LF	4	0	0
Fessler, CF	3	0	1
Sims, SS	3	0	2
Parton, C	3	0	1
Boehm, 1B, RF	2	0	0
Rogers, RF	1	1	1
Simmacker, P	3	1	1
Guarino, 2B	3	0	0
Palermo, 2B	2	0	1
Green, RF	1	0	0
Totals	28	2	7

## Four Shell Trapshooters Planning on 'Grand' Trip

Wood River Refinery's four top trapshooters, Irv Wigger, Jack Bruns, Scotty Scobbie, and Ted Bertier will take to the road soon to enter, as usual, the American Grand National Trapshoot at Vandalia, Ohio. Last year, Wigger the granddaddy of the bunch, copped fourth place in the big event.

The Grand, as it has come to be known to trapshooters, is to clay bird shooters what the Kentucky Derby is to racing. Annually, the best marksmen in the world gather at Vandalia, Ohio, to take part in the richest and most competitive event of the season for trapshooters.

## Rank with the Best

Shell's marksmen rank right along with the best of them. All have won major tournaments throughout the Midwest. Wigger will be gunning to better his place of last year, and the others will be right in the thick of things.

Perhaps the darkhorse of the Grand will be Scobbie, who ranks among the top 53 shooters in the entire world. Scotty shoots from a distance of 25 yards, which is quite a handicap. Trapshooters are handicapped, much the same as racehorses. A marksman with a high average has to back up from the usual distance of 20-20 yards. And Scobbie is one of 53 registered trapshooters in the world who fire from 25 yards out.

## Scotty Cops Crown

Recently, Scobbie copped the Inner State Live Bird Championship at Kansas City. He hit 25 out of 25 live birds from a 33 yard rise to take first place in the event. In the past five years, he has shot over 80,000 shells, or 3,218 boxes.

As the boys will be saying at the Grand soon, "That's a lot of ammunition."

## Bowling Season Swings Into Action Wed., September 1

After a short, three-month lapse during the summer months, Shell's bowlers will be at it once again September 1, when the 1954-55 pin-topping season gets underway at East Alton's Bowl Inn.

Thirty-two teams comprising four leagues will start activity on the alleys at 6:45 Wednesday night.

According to J. R. Wharry, bowling secretary, two new teams will take part in the bowling sessions, including crews from Personnel and Industrial Relations and Lube Extraction. They will replace Distilling and Gas Department teams.

Plant bowling will take place every Wednesday and Friday night, with Ladies' League action scheduled for Thursday evenings.