



Just to prove that all Shell Club members are good sports, Jim Loftis and Vern Jutting early this month flipped a coin to decide the 1955 Shell Club presidential election. The boys were involved in a tie vote at the end of regular balloting, and Loftis won the flip. Jutting meanwhile extended his right hand in congratulatory fashion. (Loftis would allow this picture taken only if Jutting flipped the coin.)

Flip of Coin Decides Shell Club Prexy

Service and Shell Clubs Elect Officers for 1955

Two Shell organizations elected new officers for 1955 in elections early this month.

Both the Service Club and Shell Club will install their new officers at January meetings. Elected to head the Service Club is C. L. Baker. Vice president is L. E. Bethards, and the new secretary is H. F. Sparks. F. E. Zapf is the new Service Club treasurer.

The Shell Club balloting for president ended in a tie vote between J. T. Loftis and V. R. Jutting. The new president was thus decided on the flip of a coin, with Loftis emerging the prexy for 1955.

Lewis New Vice-President

E. C. Lewis was elected the Shell Club vice president, and E. B. Gillis secretary, with P. J. Leininger treasurer. H. J. (Hubert) Hayes was elected the new tail-twister.

Four of the new officers are new members of the respective clubs' governing bodies. Zapf is the only Service Club officer who did not hold an office in the club in 1954. In the Shell Club, Gillis, Leininger, and Hayes are newcomers, Loftis and Lewis both holding offices last year.

Installation in January

The Service Club will install their new officers January 25 at a banquet in the Stratford Hotel in Alton. The Shell Club's new slate will be inaugurated at the regular monthly meeting of the club January 18 at Skaggs.

SRA Cards Now on Sale

Shell Recreation Association membership cards for 1955 are now on sale, and may be purchased from SRA board members as well as departmental representatives, according to Ray Cain, board secretary.

The cards entitle the holder to all rights and privileges of the SRA, and must be purchased for eligibility in plant and industrial league athletic activities.

Membership cards for the year are one dollar each.

Read more about your SRA on page 5 in this issue.



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Succeeds Collins in Engineering Field

MacIntyre Returns Here As Assistant Chief Engineer

R. K. MacIntyre, Wood River Refinery's new Assistant Chief Engineer—Field, arrived here late last month to replace Allen Collins, who was transferred to Head Office as Assistant Personnel Manager Jan. 1. MacIntyre is no stranger to the plant, having been previously located here for seven years in various engineering capacities.

MacIntyre has just recently served as Assistant Chief Engineer at Wilmington Refinery, California.

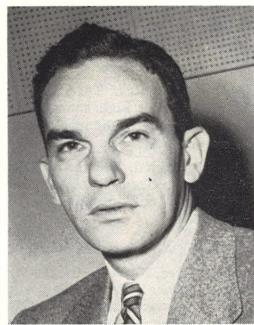
He joined Shell in 1942 as an engineer in New York's Manufacturing Department. In 1943, he was transferred to Wood River's Engineering Department. He held varied engineering assignments until 1946, when he was named Master Mechanic here.

In 1950, MacIntyre was appointed Assistant Chief Engineer at Wilmington, a position he held until his transfer here last month.

Ohio State Graduate

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was educated in Painsville, Ohio schools. He later attended Hiram College and Ohio State University at Columbus. He received a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State in 1939.

MacIntyre married the former



R. K. MacIntyre

Betty Weber, who for a time was employed in Wood River's Personnel and Industrial Relations Department. He has one daughter, Sue,

9 months old. He refers to Sue as, "a Californian."

"I'd like to say that both Betty and I are delighted to return to Wood River," MacIntyre said. He added, "But I must say we enjoyed California very much, especially all the wonderful folks we became acquainted with there."

An Avid Golfer

"Mac" said he was about to let it be known that he had polished his golf game while in California. However, he says that his golf handicap shall stand at "15" for all "Banzai" players he has contacted at Wood River.

MacIntyre seriously added that he is looking forward to the establishment of a safety record here comparable to that of Wilmington Refinery. (Wilmington Refinery recently set an alltime safety

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Plant Enjoys Safe Working Year in '54

Employees Twice Exceed 1,500,000 Man-Hour Records For First Time Since 1950; Mark One of Industry's Best

Wood River Refinery enjoyed one of the more favorable safety records in the history of the plant during 1954, according to Safety Department figures released this month. The number of disabling injuries per million man-hours worked during the year was established at 2.95, or .76 better than the 3.71 compiled during 1953.

Two records achieved this year, both in excess of 1,500,000 man-hours, helped refinery personnel establish one of the outstanding marks in the entire oil industry. Frequency throughout the industry during 1953 was 9.67 accidents per million man-hours worked. For Shell installations during the first 10 months of 1954, the mark was 3.45. And Wood River's record bettered both of these figures considerably.

Wood River employees sustained only 22 lost-time accidents during 1954. There were no fatalities, loss of eyes, or loss of limbs.

Last Six Months Best

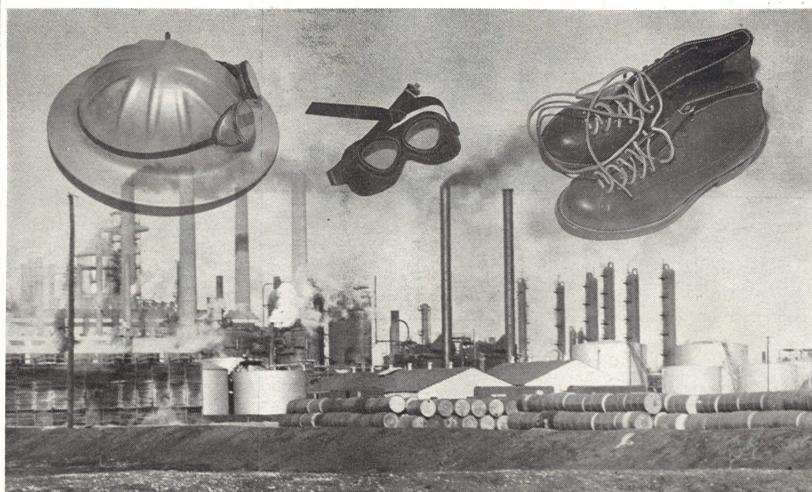
The year 1954 was a good safety year in spite of a poor start. Fifteen lost-time accidents occurred during the first six months of the year. But two fine records during the last six months help cut disabling injuries to seven from July through December.

Safety Equipment Important

Use of proper safety equipment on the part of conscientious and safety-minded employees was largely responsible for the record, a Safety Department spokesman said. Throughout 1954, 16 cases of accident prevention were investigated. In each case, proper safety equipment was responsible for the prevention of a potential disabling injury. There were undoubtedly numerous other accident-prevention cases which occurred, but were not publicized.

The all-time refinery safety record, one that includes 23 individual records of 1,000,000 man-hours or more, was bettered by two during the year. The first 1954 record was established during the period

Above All—Safety



The outstanding safety year of 1954 would not have been possible without the combined cooperation of all personnel in the use of proper safety equipment. The hard hat, safety goggles, and the hard-toed shoe were equally responsible for the record's attainment. They stand, above all, symbolic of safety.

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Shahan Arrives Here January 1

New Assistant Manager Is Veteran Stores' Man

A native Texan and long-time resident of California, George Shahan, Wood River Refinery's new Assistant Stores Manager, is enjoying his first permanent residence in the Midwest. Prior to his promotion here, Shahan's service was exclusively with Shell Chemical Corporation in California.



George Shahan

Shahan first joined Shell Chemical in 1941 at Pittsburg, California, as a laborer. During his five years at Pittsburg, Shahan advanced to senior clerk. In 1946, he was transferred to Shell Chemical's Houston, Texas plant as a senior clerk.

In 1950, he was promoted to General Foreman - Stores, once again at the Pittsburg plant. He spent two years at Pittsburg as General Foreman before being promoted to Assistant Stores Manager there in 1952.

Shahan was later promoted to Storekeeper at Ventura, California, before receiving his present promotion at Wood River.

Born in Dallas, Texas, Shahan graduated from high school there. He joined Shell Chemical shortly following graduation.

He is married, and is the father of one son, Greg, 3. He and his family are now residing in Edwardsville.

Noles Appointed Manager

J. R. Noles, formerly Stores Manager at Norco Refinery, was scheduled to arrive at Wood River January 15 to succeed C. A. Bearden, who retired January 1. A. J. Martin has been temporarily serving as manager in the interim.

Noles originally came from Wellington, Texas. He received his education at Texas A. & M. and graduated with a B. A. Degree in Civil Engineering. He joined Shell in 1947 as an engineer at Norco, where he later advanced to Stores Manager.

SRA

The Shell Recreation Association sponsors numerous activities throughout the year, including all plant and industrial athletics, Awards Banquet and Easter Egg Hunt.

Board of Directors Re-elected

Shell Credit Union Votes Three Per Cent Dividend

Membership of the Shell Wood River Federal Credit Union voted a three per cent dividend, and directors and committee-men were elected at the 20th annual meeting of the organization Jan. 17.

Re-elected to the board of directors were J. R. Ferguson, W. C. Redd, C. H. Denny, R. L. Graham, and R. T. Brown. Hold-over members are G. K. Bruce, G. A. Hernand, G. C. Farmer, and H. E. McCarthy.

M. C. Keilbach and C. S. Blankenship were re-elected to the credit committee. W. M. Jackson is the hold-over member. L. H. Rohde was re-elected to the supervisory committee, with M. J. Mygatt and M. C. Robinson serving their second term.

It was announced at the meeting that there are presently 1323 loans in force amounting to \$848,569.28, and that the Credit Union's assets now total \$1,479,527.35. The group now has approximately 3000 members holding shares.

In the past 20 years, the Credit Union has handled 26,639 loans amounting to \$9,469,076.26.



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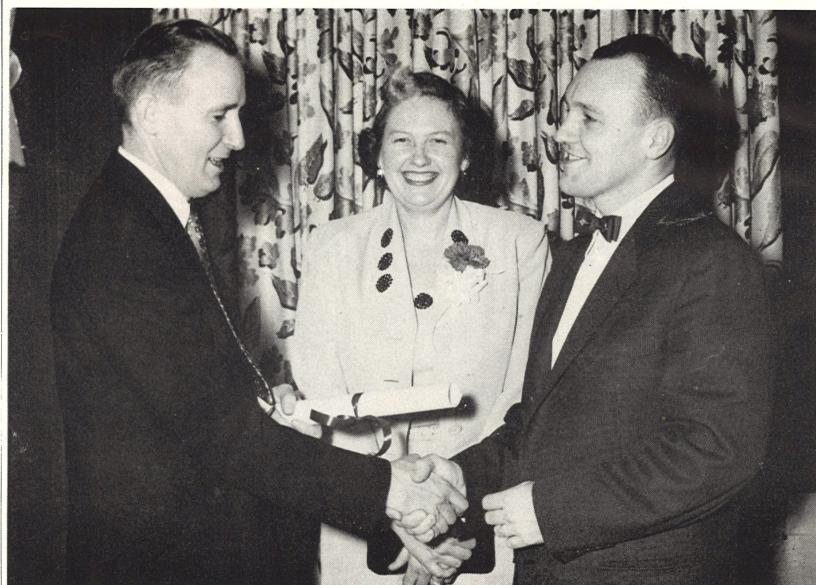
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Man of the Year!



Dale Fink, Research Lab chemist, right, was the happy recipient of the distinguished service award from the Wood River Township Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday, January 17 at the JC annual banquet at Skaggs. Presenting the award is Louis Camp, chairman of the JC selection committee, while Mrs. Fink smiles happily about the presentation. Fink received the honor in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community as well as the organization of which he is a member. Fink is a group leader at the Research Laboratory here. He has been with the company since 1941, following his graduation from the University of Indiana.

Many Employees Now Taking Part in Physical Examinations

Quite a few employees have already taken advantage of the Shell Voluntary Physical Re-examination Program according to J. A. Rozic, Personnel and Industrial Relations. The program got under way Jan. 13, and employees are continuing to make their reservation with Rozic for the confidential physical examination.

As previously announced the results of these examinations are exclusively a matter between the examining physician and the employee concerned.

The re-examinations are voluntary and may be taken approximately once every three years at company expense. They are preventive in nature and are intended to provide each employee with a regular means of reviewing his physical condition with a competent physician. Dr. T. J. Kelly, Refinery Medical Director, is handling the examinations.

All that interested employees need to do is contact Rozic at the Personnel and Industrial Relations Dept., plant phone 342. Rozic schedules the examination, and arranges for employees to be excused from work to take part in the program.

MacIntyre

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record for Shell plants by working almost 4,000,000 man-hours without suffering a lost item accident.)

Safety Needs Cooperation

He said, "An outstanding safety record is one of the most rewarding accomplishments we can experience." "It is one that requires the cooperation of all plant personnel, and I certainly hope for the best here at Wood River."

Safety Record

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June 19 - August 31. This record was established at 73 days, or 1,578,610 manhours without a disabling accident.

The second record of the year lasted 76 days, or 1,617,059 man-hours, and occurred between the dates October 3 - December 17.

Simulates Traffic Effects

Shell Road Test Designed To Better U.S. Highways

Better design and engineering of highways is expected to be made possible by a new method of testing roads which was demonstrated recently by Shell Oil Company at the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads' Langley Research Station in Virginia.

Developed by Shell over a period of ten years, the new dynamic testing method simulates the effects of traffic on asphaltic construction and, in effect, measures the resilience and the fatigue characteristics of the pavement. With this information, the engineer can evaluate the road's load-carrying limits.

Several Advantages

Advantages of the new method over previous ones are: (1) it does not break up the road; (2) it requires no samples or laboratory work; and (3) it provides immediate, on-the-spot answers. Besides, no other testing method produces such a wide range of simulated traffic conditions or permits such accurate and precise measurements - as small as one ten-thousandth of an inch - in a single operation.

Among those attending the demonstration were representatives of the Bureau of Public Roads, Corps

**Appreciation**

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Foley wish to extend their appreciation for the sympathy expressed by the company and employees on the death of Mrs. Donna Foley, Mr. Foley's mother.

"Did you hear what Old Man Johnson suggested?"



Candid questions

QUESTION ASKED: "DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?"

ASKED: AT ELECTRIC SHOP.



H. L. Lorch, "Oh, yes, I believe in making them—if you can keep them. Personally, I don't have much luck with resolutions. I might also add that Pepto-Bismol and pickled onions don't help matters any on New Year's Eve."



W. L. Doering, "Well, I haven't made any New Year's resolutions, but I suppose they are a good thing. If a person is intent on accomplishing some specific thing, I suppose it helps but it takes will power."



Carl Foster, "No, I don't believe in making New Year's resolutions. I don't make them because it is my personal feeling that people don't keep them anyway."



E. W. Zitzman, "No, I don't. Resolutions aren't kept nine times out of ten anyway. So what happens? People make New Year's resolutions, and they aren't able to keep them. The fact that they don't fulfill their resolutions tends to make them lose faith in themselves."

Keep Resistance High

That Evil Common Cold Is Everyone's Enemy!

The candid physician will tell you that there is no subject the doctors know less about—or that the victims think they know more about—than the common cold.

Our average citizen has six colds a year, varying from runny noses to coughs, sneezes, and misery.

Colds cost the nation working time worth an estimated \$420,000,000 in wages, and much more in discomfort and lowered efficiency.

A cold is an infectious disease spread by a virus—and a virus is the poison of an infectious disease, a midget form of bacteria often so tiny that the virus cannot be filtered out.

Outside influences such as getting

Shell Recently Awarded Major Aviation Contracts

Shell has recently been awarded contracts by two leading companies in the aviation field.

The first major contract in the United States for fueling a turboprop fleet of commercial air liners has been awarded to the Company by Capital Airlines. The contract, to supply all fuel requirements for Capital's fleet of 60 four-engine, turboprop Viscount airplanes, will run for four years. These planes, which use Shell Turbine Fuel, a special kerosene-type fuel, will go into service in the early spring of 1955.

Large Capital Contract

At present, Shell is a large supplier to Capital Airlines of aviation gasoline for its piston type of equipment now in use.

Shell has also been awarded two contracts by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division, United Aircraft Corporation. Shell will be the exclusive supplier of piston engine oil to this division for the fifth consecutive year in 1955. The product to be supplied is AEROSHELL® Oil 100, which is approved for use in all Pratt & Whitney piston engines.

Supply Pratt & Whitney

Shell will again provide 50 per cent of Pratt & Whitney's greatly increased JP-4 (jet propulsion fuel) needs. Pratt & Whitney, long a leading supplier of piston engines, is building the J-57 jet engines which will power the Boeing 707, the first U. S. jet transport.

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Prices Go Up, But Gasoline Remains Biggest Bargain

The cost of living in the United States has soared since 1925. The price of food, for example, has risen 72.9 per cent and house furnishings, 65.8 per cent.

There has been one notable exception to these rising costs. The price of today's gasoline—excluding taxes—is only slightly higher than it was thirty years ago.

Because of constant oil industry research during the same period, the quality of gasoline has been boosted at least 50 per cent. This means that two gallons of gasoline purchased today actually do the work that three gallons did in 1925.

Former Diplomat Speaks Out on the Present Atom Age

(Charley Curran, an avid contributor to SHELL REVIEW, suggested we publish this article, which appeared in the St. Louis Globe Democrat January 9)

ANSWER TO THE ATOM

By N. T. Johnson

Former U. S. Ambassador to China "For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory . . ."

These words seem to me to be fitting words to live by in this age of the atom. To me, they establish beyond question our relationship to God.

My lawyer father used to say to me that God placed us here as trustees of His kingdom. If we accept that concept, there is no need to live in terror of the energy which we in the performance of our trust have released from the atom.

Man has always had it within him the power to destroy himself. Instead, he continues to live in God's kingdom by his power and to his glory.

Fear doubtless first seized our primitive ancestors when one of them for the first time produced fire, handling familiarly and harmlessly the terrible destructive force which had always held man in deadly fear and awe. Man, master of fire, built thereon the great civilization which we see all about us.

The energies released by atomic fission and fusion are but the latest of the many talents which God has trusted us. Despite obvious dangers, we dare not wrap these talents in a napkin or bury them in the ground in fear of ourselves or God. If God has trusted us, can we not trust ourselves?

With this power that God has given us, we are even now taking first steps forward in the building of a new world to replace the old. New horizons beckon us on all sides.

Let us go forward then, in God's kingdom, trusting Him as He has trusted us, and unafraid.

Turn History Back

When the white man discovered this country, the Indians were running it. There were no taxes. There was no debt. The women did all the work . . . and the white man thought he could improve on a system like that!

Presenting . . .



MRS. IRENE GORENZ, Electric Shops clerk . . . a Shell girl for over seven years, now married to John Gorenz, Wabash railroad employee . . . Irene was born in the windy city of Chicago, now lives in Livingston . . . her chief hobby is sewing, and she's not just a casual seamstress . . . is taking a regular class in suit and coat tailoring at present.



MISS MARY ANN FAGAN, Research Lab steno . . . born, raised, and still resides in Edwardsville . . . has been with Shell five years . . . daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fagan . . . attractive Mary Ann has several hobbies, among them reading, playing cards, going to the movies and athletic contests, dancing, and right now, bowling . . . her secret ambition is to some day, somehow, hit a 200 game in bowling.

Alton-Wood River Folks Respond to 'Toy Time'

Residents of the Alton-Wood River area responded favorably to the Toy Time Drive, co-sponsored by the Shell Service Club and the American Legion, prior to Christmas this past year. According to Service Club officers, who handle collections, hundreds of toys were delivered to the Legion Posts for distribution to underprivileged children in the area.

Shell service stations in the Alton-Wood River area served as collection points for the toys. Banners and signs relative to the drive informed station customers of the project.

The Service Club then handled pick-ups, and the Legion Posts were in charge of distribution. The Alton Fire Department repaired damaged toys before they were distributed.

Lester Cox, American Legion Post 126, Alton, served as chairman of the drive. Russell Gibson Post 204, Wood River, and C. E. Reichert, Service Club president, were co-chairmen.

Toy Time drives of some nature are held in major cities throughout the country with favorable results. The success of the venture in Cleveland, Ohio, led other cities to sponsor similar projects. Thousands of toys were collected in St. Louis this past Christmas.

Sour Milk?

Milk Bottle May Have Been Under Furnace 27 Years

Bill Roach, a laborer working at Dubbs 17 reforming furnace, came up with an oddity. As the gang was digging preparatory to installing new supports for underground tubes, Roach found an old milk bottle which was manufactured in 1927.

The bottle was blistered, and was still hot when dug up, but was not cracked or broken. The year "1927" was plainly visible on the bottom of the bottle.

Dave Patton, labor foreman, brought the bottle to the SHELL REVIEW office because, "Any bottle that is subjected to all that heat for 27 years and remains intact deserves some publicity."

Ladies' Service Anniversary Banquet



Twenty-three ladies were honored by the Service Club December 13, at a banquet at the Stratford Hotel in Alton. Twenty of the ladies, all with 10 or more years' service, were employees, and three of them were retired employees. Left to right are, (clockwise around table at left) Margaret Middlecoff, Dot McNally, Margaret Stullen, Jane Thatcher, H. D. Dale, Refinery Manager, Louise Paul, Nellie Jones, Pearl Thornton, Mildred Meyer, Fern Vedder, Bonnie Long, and Twila Land. Table at right, clockwise, Loretta Suesson, Roberta Kratchmer, Marian Roller, Doris Meyer, Ruth Halliday, Liz Halliday, and Jean Day. Seated at back table are R. L. (Jack) Turner, C. Reichert, V. W. LaMarsh, and Ethyle Derwin. Also present at the banquet but not in the picture were Adele Costa, Helen Ebelage, Leilia Hall, and Marian Teachout.



January Service Anniversaries

20 YEARS

W. C. L. Bauer
Stores

I. F. Fischer
Tin

Howard Oliver
Pipe

15 YEARS

C. C. Anderson
Pipe

E. R. Ash
Instrument

D. M. Logan, Jr.
Lube

O. D. Phelps
Gas

N. W. Schulze
Gas



35 YEARS
J. W. Elliott
Machinist



35 YEARS
D. C. Sloan
Pipe

10 YEARS

L. D. Ellis
Automotive

O. I. Gill
Compounding

E. O. Graham
Lube

O. H. Wiegand
Utilities

D. C. Kladar
Research

B. W. Wisnasky
Pipe

D. L. Miller
Lube

H. L. Senteney
Machinist



30 YEARS
J. E. Taulbee
Dispatching



25 YEARS
F. E. Combs
Cracking



25 YEARS
J. S. Cunningham
Boilermaker



25 YEARS
R. F. Gooch
Lt. Oil Treating



25 YEARS
R. E. Henkhaus
Control Lab



25 YEARS
H. H. Maxfield
Products Application



25 YEARS
R. E. Westbrook
Pipe



25 YEARS
Clarence Wilson
Compounding

Two for Two—

Industrial Bowlers Take Onized Easily For First Half Win

Shell's Industrial bowling team No. 1 proved their victory in the second quarter of league activity was no fluke when they whipped the first quarter champs, Onized 2, January 14 at Alton's Acme Alleys. The Shell boys had little trouble, having caught Onized on a cold night.

Hit 944

Shell hit 890 in the first game and 944 in the second to win in two outings. Onized meanwhile, hit 862 the first and 874 the second to run a poor second.

Ray Schindewolf, who has been steady (if you call a 183 average steady) all season long, led the Shell team with 391, or games of 190 and 201. Dutch Hertel followed Shindy with a 181 and 202 for 383. Jess Grover had a 377, followed by Joe Nagy, 363, and Dave Patton, 320.

Onized Slips

Clowers for Onized slipped to a 137 game in the first rolling, but came back with 200 the second for a 337 night. Schneider had 320, Rhoads, 365, Secor 359, and Bean, 263.

Shell, boasting a team average of 909 for the matches, had to give Onized 41 pins.

Could Be

A bachelor is a fellow who is crazy to get married - and knows it!

Oh, Yeah!



Six Men Retire January 1



J. J. Balster
Aromatics



C. A. Bearden
Stores



J. C. Conley
Labor



W. C. Manning
Pipe



C. L. Toner
Pipe



G. G. Welch
Boilermaker

Torch Club's Victory Hurts Shell Five

Ouch! Loss to Standard Cuts Cagers' Win Mark at Three

A lone loss to Standard's Torch Club, the team they defeated last year in the Industrial League finals, is the only blur on Shell's 3-1 basketball record after one month of activity. After copping their first three games handily, the Shell boys fell 15 points short of a win against the gang across the street, losing Jan. 11, 58-43.

Shell had plenty of trouble with Standard from the opening tip-off. The Torch Club managed to hold a 11-8 first-quarter lead for a comparable 22-19 halftime advantage. They led 36-31 going into the final round before winning going away with 15 markers.

Purcell Will Help

Nevertheless, things look pretty good for the defending champs. A new addition to the team, Jay Purcell, looks like he will be a big help to the local boys. Jay popped 11 points against Alton Box and 16 against the Torch Club. Purcell's all-around court savvy could mean a lot to the team as the season progresses.

Shell 80; Onized 50

The boys got off to a roaring start December 15 at the Milton Gym when they walloped the Owens-Illinois Glass, 80-50. Led by Merlin Hubbard's 18 points, Bill Shield's 17, and Kenny Zumwalt's 14, the Shell boys had little trouble with Onized. Shell held only a 4-point halftime margin, but really began to roll in the second half.

Karl Clagg had 11 points, as did Lamb, while Pazerio dropped in eight.



Ridder's 15 points for Onized was the best effort in a losing attempt for the Glass team.

Shell - 46, Alton Box - 39

Alton Boxboard gave Shell a little more trouble in the league's second round December 22. Shell managed to hold onto a three-point halftime lead throughout the second half, and finally won out, 46-39.

Bill Davenport and Purcell tied for high scoring honors with 11 points, followed by Zumwalt with 10. Bill Shields helped out with eight.

Nash had 12 points for the Boxboard boys.

Don't Forget!
Join Your
SRA

The Shell five got back into the win column January 17 at Milton Gym, when they whipped Sinclair without much trouble, 64-36. The victory brought the Shell's record to four wins against one loss.

Jay Purcell led the locals at the hoop with 20 points, followed by Joe Pazerio with 11 and Bill Davenport with 9. Every man in the lineup got into the scoring column.

Box score of Shell-Standard game January 11:

Shell (43)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Zumwalt	2	6	10
Hubbard	3	0	6
Purcell	6	4	16
Oehler	4	0	8
Wharry	0	0	0
Shields	1	1	3
	16	11	43

Standard (58)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Jones	5	2	12
Fitzhugh	1	0	2
Miller	4	4	12
Moore	2	1	5
Schuler	3	5	11
Palermo	3	1	7
Simms	3	3	9
McCormack	6	0	12
	21	16	58

Who'll Stop 'Em?

Oilerettes Win 1st Half by 7 Games In Ladies' Bowling

Shell's feminine bowlers stormed into the second half of the bowling season with vengeance in their eyes. All the teams in the league are out to dethrone the Oilerettes, who easily won the first half session.

The Shell Mixers moved into a tie with the Oilerettes for the second half lead January 13, when they won three games. Research is in a tie for third with the Shellites, both with 2-1.

The Oilerettes won going away in the women's circles, ending up the first half with a record of 36 wins and 18 losses. They won out by seven games over the Shell Mrs. and Shelllettes, who each had 29 victories and 25 losses. The Firecrackers, who finished up the season in fifth place, should be the team to watch during the second half. Led by Tootsie Nash, they might well begin to move up during the next few months.

The Firecrackers have the team high three, 2268, followed by the Activators with 2230. Nash has a 611 series which probably won't be bettered in the second half, and Poitz is first for high game with a 211. The Shelllettes' 792 is the team high three for the first half.

Safety



**The 1955 Membership Drive Is On, and
Men Throughout the Plant Will
Stop and Ask You —**

How About Joining Your S.R.A.?

**During the Current Membership Drive,
Board Members and Departmental Representatives Will Be Selling
SRA Cards to Build a Bigger and Better Organization**



The SRA sponsors other activities in addition to athletics. The annual Easter Egg Hunt has grown into a big affair.

But it would seem that to those even remotely acquainted with the activities of this worth-while group, a selling job should hardly be necessary. For Wood River Refinery, down through the years, has carried on one of the more active industrial and plant athletic programs in the area through the SRA. The caliber and enthusiasm of Shell basketball, softball, and bowling teams matches, and in many cases surpasses, those of other plants. Originally organized as the Shell Athletic Club, the SRA has grown in size until at the present time it consists of over 1500 active members.

However, realizing that any organization must set its sights high in order to move forward, the SRA 1955 membership drive is aimed at obtaining 2000 active members this year.

The need for a large SRA membership is necessitated because of the over-all activity of the group. Sponsoring all industrial and plant league

FOR THE PAST several weeks, Shell Recreation Association board members and departmental representatives have been engaged in a vigorous and sustained campaign, more commonly known as the SRA membership drive for 1955.

During this time, and for the next few weeks, these men will be doing their best to enlarge the membership of the organization through the sale of membership cards. Their job is to contact as many members of their respective departments as possible, and to sell them on the merits of the Shell Recreation Association—as well as the one dollar membership card.

athletics, in addition to a successful youngsters' softball program, the group is also engaged in numerous other progressive activities throughout the year.

In the past few years, Shell basketball and softball teams have dominated industrial league play. Both teams have copped the championship in their respective leagues two years in a row. And this year the industrial league bowling team won the roll-offs for the first-half championship.

The SRA has also branched out in other important fields. Most notable of these is the Kendall Hill Project. Most of the work accomplished on this project, which includes a large building, lighted softball diamond, and picnic area, has been through volunteer help from SRA members.

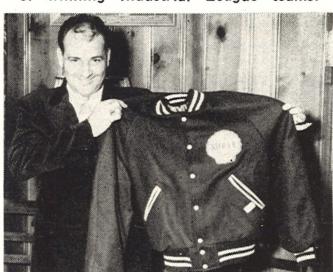
The Kendall Hill Project is now virtually completed. The building, which measures 50x48 feet, in addition to rest room facilities, will be completed this spring.

Through a governing body of 15 elected officers, the SRA plans and executes its activities strictly on a voluntary basis. Committee work on various functions as well as the building program is always dependent upon the members' initiative.

SRA governing board members must have a keen interest in the activities of the organization if the group is to succeed.

Another important constituent for success is the genuine desire on the part of all members to see the association move forward. Over-all cooperation is a must. To accomplish this, tickets must be sold.

**SRA Secretary Ray Cain
Asks this Month's Pointed Question**



Shell's high-powered basketball team, which has copped the championship two years in a row, is sponsored by the SRA. Shell has won more than their share of trophies in several Industrial League sports, including basketball, softball, golf, bowling, and tennis. Above Bill Davenport and Vern Oehler, 35, fight for the ball in a heated contest with Standard's Torch Club.



One of the major activities of the SRA is the Kendall Hill project. The Shelter has been a big job for SRA members, and has been constructed by volunteer labor, with the exception of pouring the concrete floor. The building is expected to be completed this summer. Kendall Hill also includes a lighted softball diamond, picnic area, and playground equipment.

SPORTS



The Anchor Man —

Niepert Looks at Bowling Logically And Domestically

Ralph Niepert, a young man who's been hitting for the high averages the past few years, is one bowler who has a different approach to the sport. Where some fellows will tell you it takes lots of practice to become adept on the hardwoods, Ralph good-naturedly jokes, "More than anything else, it takes an understanding wife."

And then Ralph goes on to logically explain, "If you want to become a really good bowler, you need an understanding wife, because you have to bowl almost every night, or at least three times a week." He adds, "That means being away from home almost every night . . ."

We don't know how it came about, but if facts and figures are any yardstick, Ralph Niepert certainly has attained a measure of perfection in the sport of bowling. He currently leads the Super Shell bowlers with a mark of 181. Anchoring the fifth-place Gas Plant team, Niepert has knocked down 4865 pins in 27 outings in attaining his league-leading average.

Just Luck, He Says

How does he explain it? From the horse's mouth comes this explanation, "Well, I'm not what you call a really good bowler," Ralph says, "I've been pretty lucky his year - you have to be to average 181 and bowl only one night a week, maybe two."

But nevertheless, Niepert, is by any standard, a good bowler. Anyone who has his control and his working ball, plus his average, has to be termed conservatively, "Good."

Ralph says pitching softball has helped him to a great degree in bowling. The same coordination, the same timing, and the same control is required. Through years of throwing the horseshoe across the plate, Niepert has developed control over the bigger and heavier ball.

Will-To-Win Helps

A goodly amount of Niepert's prowess could also be attributed



Ralph Niepert

to his competitive spirit, his will-to-win. Like any good athlete, he hates to lose, even if it's just a game of poker or pinochle. That "extra something" - the difference between a strike and just pine pins - seems to be in Ralph's favor, this year at least.

Ralph has averaged in the high 170's for the past six years. When you consider that he's been bowling only 12 seasons, that's an admirable record. His record would further suggest that he has a large degree of natural ability when it comes to knocking down the tenpins. For Ralph hit 155 his first year in the league. This past season, he started out with a 140 average, but has raised it consistently each night.

The time has come when Gas Plant opponents hope that Ralph is on four-to-twelves, and just can't make it to the Bowl Inn. Like us, they'd hate to think what would happen if he'd bowl every night. J. K.

Super Shell Leaders



After leading the Super Shell bowling league since the third week of activity, the Fire and Safety team above found themselves in a two-way tie for first place at the end of the first half. The Machinists and the Fire and Safety boys both came through with three wins January 14 to knot it all up. Left to right are, standing, Harris May, Joe Schillinger, Mel Hubach, and Lou Roller. Seated is Jess Ford. Missing when the picture was taken were team members Campbell, Elliot, Quillen, and Harris.

There They Go!

Plant Bowlers Are Rolling Into Second Half of Season

As of January 13, action in three of the five Shell plant bowling leagues had been recorded for the first half, with the Electricians and Machinists crew winning the Premium League, and the Cracker Box winding up in first in the X-100 loop. The Oilerettes easily copped the Ladies' crown. By the end of January, all of the leagues will be rolling into the second half of the season.

Premium League

The Electricians and Machinists, traditional winners in their league, put on the steam in the final three weeks to win out over the red-hot Dispatching Gaugers by two games. The E and M crew finished out the first half with 35 wins and 19 losses, with the Gaugers pulling up second with 33-21. Engineering Inspection finished third with 28-26.

Premium League bowlers set several outstanding marks during the first half which will be hard to improve upon. The Gaugers hold the record for team high single and team high three with 1137 and 3227 respectively. Paul Hertel is high for a three game series with 659, followed by Fissel with 641 and McConnell with 629. Hertel's high mark has a good chance of coming through the season. Top single games for the first half include a 279 by Bert Weber, 247 by Lou Oden, and 244 by Reggie Boyd.

X-100 League

Coming through when they needed the wins, the Cracker Box had the stuff to hold onto their slim lead throughout most of the first half and win going away the final night. They finished out the first half with 35 wins and 19 losses, while the Inspectors finished second with 33-21. Thus the X-100 and Premium loops finished in identical marks.

The Cat Crackers are tops in team high three in the X-100 league with 3113. The Inspectors are running a close second with 3098, followed by the Dispatching Office with 3087. The Inspectors have 1111 for the team high single. Jenkins has 227 for the top game thus far, followed by Hugh Guthrie and Kenny Zumwalt, each with 225. Pete Dockwalt's 690 series will be hard to beat during the second half.

Super Shell League

Going into the final round of the first half, Fire and Safety and the Machinists were all knotted up with 30-21 in the Super Shell loop. And the Control Lab was still in there pitching with 29 wins and 22 losses.

The Gas Plant has the high series for the half with 3112, followed by Fire and Safety with 3100. A 1116 game puts the Research Relics in first place for team high single. Frizzell and Roller are tied for the top game of the half with 246 each. Briske is running a close second with 243. Gillis has a 641 three-game series for top standing in that bracket. He is followed by Rives with 609.

Golden Shell League

Everyone has been giving the Boiler House trouble for the past few weeks, and their once commanding lead has been cut to four games. But they still have the first half cinched in the Golden Shell circuit. The Engineering Office is certain to wind up in second place with 32-19 going into the final round. The Supervisors are third with 28-23.

Hires has the top game in the league with a 251, and the Engineering Office has the high team single, 1098. Broadway has a 607 series, 14 points better than Irwin's 592. And the Engineering Mixups are still ahead for team high three with a 3060.

You Can't Beat 'Em



Oh, you might whip them once in awhile, but per usual, the Electricians and Machinists are mighty hard to beat. They just copped the first half championship in the Premium League, and are well on their way in the second half with six wins and no losses. In fact, as of January 13, they had won 17 games in a row without a defeat. Team members and their respective averages are, left to right, front row, Ray Schindewolf, 170; Julie Brown, 170, and Ray Bierbaum, 174. Back row, Joe Nagy, 184, and Charley Martin, 169. Missing when the picture was taken was Harold Dolan, currently hitting 169.

Team Two Finishes Fourth

Shell's Team One Grabs Second Quarter Crown

One of the best bowling aggregations in the area, Shell's Industrial Bowling Team No. 1, this month copped first place in the Industrial League for the second quarter. Shell's number 2 team finished fifth among the 10 teams in the loop.

The No. 1 Industrials won 18 and lost 9 during the second quarter after finishing in fourth position for the first quarter.

Paced by Jess Grover, Dave Patton, and Ray Schindewolf, Industrial team No. 1 has a team average of 906. Grover is currently leading the league with an average of 188. Fissel of Shell's No. 2 team is second with 186, followed by Patton with 185. Schindewolf is fourth with 183. And Joe Nagy, who leads all plant league bowlers with 185, is seventh in the Industrial with 178.

The No. 1 team has also established the second high three for the year in the league with a sizzling 2882. They are third in team high single with 1017. The No. 2 team is more than holding their own in the tough league. They have the second team high single, 1028, and are also second in team high three with 2819.

Team

	Won	Lost	Ave.
Shell No. 1	18	9	906
Onized No. 1	16	11	879
Boxboard No. 1	16	11	868
Westerner Club	15	12	872
Shell No. 2	14	13	866
I. S. Co.	13½	13½	834
Boxboard No. 2	11½	15½	836
Onized No. 2	11	16	850
Godfrey Box	10½	16½	754
Sinclair	9½	17½	864

Individual high single

Brazier 268

Jun 256

L. Perica 247

Individual high three

Wrest 703

Grover 674

Fissel 670

McConnell Blisters Alleys With Three Series Over 600

"Happy John" - M C O n n e l l, that is, on the rampage!

The jolly Irishman, who needs no introduction to most of Shell's 500 or so bowlers, is currently burning up the alleys at East Alton's Bowl Inn. Johnny, bowling for Engineering Inspection, has hit the coveted "600" series three times in his last four outings.

It all started December 15, when McConnell hit 618 with games of 233, 204, and 181. He followed up this fine series with a 623 on December 22. On this night he hit 224, 215, 184. He had a "bad" night December 29, and slumped to a measly 178 average with a 536 series. But he came right back January 5 with a whooping 620, or games of 216, 210, and 194.

Johnny can't explain the happy proceedings, that have boosted his respectable 176 average to a sizzling 182, just a couple of points below the league-leader, Joe Nagy, with 184. He says he's still throwing the ball the same way, although he adds that he might be yelling a bit louder.

If the windows in the Bowl Inn don't splatter from the vibrations, all will be well except for the Engineering Inspection opponents. However, the word is that the Inspectors, including McConnell, are quite happy about the whole thing!

Plant Cage Standings

Team

	Won	Lost	Total Points
Dispatching	4	0	140
Treasury - Research	4	0	200
Engineering Office	2	2	142
Distilling	1	3	147
Control Laboratory	1	3	81
Pipefitters	0	4	149