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Sales Up 7% Over Year 1954

Net income of Shell Oil Company and wholly-owned subsidiaries for the first quarter of 1955 was \$28,584,702 compared with \$33,197,154 for the same period in 1954.

While sales were up seven per cent in the first quarter as compared with 1954, and cash income (net income plus write-offs) was up 3½ per cent, earning declined 14 per cent. The decline reflects primarily:

1. Increased depreciation and accelerated amortization of recently completed facilities, such as those included in the continuing refinery expansion program and in other construction work, and

2. Amortization of non-producing offshore leases acquired in the latter part of 1954. Shell last year spent \$32,000,000 bidding successfully for underwater state and federal leases to acquire over 100,000 acres of oil and gas leases.

Mr. H. S. M. Burns, president, told shareholders at their annual meeting in New York that in the prospects for the current year there is once again the danger of excessive inventories which, coupled with the very keen competition, may lead to unsettled prices. However, in view of the favorable outlook for business nation-wide, it is anticipated that the Company's results for 1955 will be about the same as last year.

G. C. Farmer Now Full-Time Treasurer Of Credit Union

G. C. Farmer, who signed the original charter for the Shell Wood River Federal Credit Union, and who served as the organization's part-time treasurer for 15 years, was this month appointed full-time treasurer of the Credit Union.



G. C. FARMER

Farmer retired April 1 here after more than a quarter of a century of service. For many of his Shell years, Farmer was an engineering field supervisor.

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Savings Bonds Drive Scheduled May 23-28

The third Alton-Wood River "One Week for America" Savings Bonds campaign has been scheduled for the week of May 23-28. Chief objective of the drive is to obtain greater participation from employees regarding the Payroll Savings Plan. R. S. Minsker, chairman of the campaign, points up the drive as one of the most important and patriotic functions of the year.

Hope to Top Quota

Alton and Wood River are the first cities in the nation to sponsor three community campaigns in three consecutive years. The first two drives were highly successful, and it is the intention of the steering committee to once again surpass the quota in 1955.

The ultimate goal of the drive is not only to increase the number of savings bonds purchasers, but to encourage present participants to increase their semi-monthly deductions for bonds. An illustration would be a person presently buying a \$25 bond every two paydays stepping up his saving rate to a \$50 bond every three paydays.

Call at P&IR

Wood River employees who are interested in joining the Payroll Savings Plan need only to call at the information desk at Personnel and Industrial Relations, where application blanks may be picked up. Employees may designate the amount they wish to be withheld from their checks. Bonds are inserted in pay envelopes for staff employees.

Savings Bonds are safe and sure. Their cash values are guaranteed by the United States Treasury. If lost, stolen or destroyed, they may be replaced.

SAVE	AND YOU WILL HAVE		
EACH WEEK	In 1 Yr.	In 5 Yrs.	In 9 Yrs. 8 Mo.
\$ 2.50	\$130	\$ 683	\$1424
3.75	195	1025	2137
5.00	261	1367	2850
6.25	326	1710	3564
7.50	391	2053	4277
12.50	652	3422	7131

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Most of you are familiar with the Payroll Savings Plan—the method whereby employees may purchase United States Savings Bonds through payroll deductions. Many of our employees are using this plan to purchase bonds each month. This automatic savings device has been widely accepted because it is convenient in providing a means for financial security. Of greater importance is the patriotic duty of each one of us to help support our government. It takes money to operate the government, and the money must come from the citizens of this great country.

When held to maturity (9 years and 8 months for Series E bonds) Savings Bonds pay us four dollars for every three we invest.

This month, from May 23-28, the Third U. S. Savings Bonds Community Campaign is being held in Alton and Wood River. The drive, labeled, "One Week for America" is aimed at enlisting more people to purchase bonds through payroll deductions. Since all of us are interested in having savings on which to rely in emergencies, I am sure we will all want to consider the Payroll Savings Plan.

Employees interested in further information regarding the Payroll Savings Plan are encouraged to call or visit the information desk at Personnel and Industrial Relations. Forms may be obtained at P & IR for those wishing to take part in the program.

H. W. Dale
Refinery Manager

Blanks Available at Grocery Stores

America Urged to Support Identification Tagging Now

Americans are being urged to support identification tagging programs for civilians by Val Peterson, Federal Civil Defense Administrator. The nation-wide project, designed to help reduce anxiety in the event of a national disaster, has been stepped up as a result of the threat of radioactive fall-out in atomic or H-bomb attack.

According to Peterson, "The Civil Defense tagging program, which is conducted by state and local government, would be vital to keeping families together and in relocating civilians following an attack."

See Your Grocer

The identification tags, which resemble Armed Forces "Dog Tags" are being made available through the cooperation of Pet Milk Company with the Federal Civil Defense Administration. Application blanks for tags may be obtained from your grocer. The applications are to be accompanied by 25 cents for each tag. They are constructed of a hard metal with a high melting point.

Imprinted on each tag is the following information: Name, Person to be notified in emergency, Address of person who is to be notified in emergency, Birthday of individual wearing tag, and Religious preference. (optional).

Under the civil defense law, the tagging program is the responsibility of state and local governments, FCDA can only recommend. Peterson gives the following outline of the Civil Defense value of identification tags:

"Should attack come, such tags without doubt would be essential in reassembling families, and ministering to needs of the lost and injured. Unless the program is put into full operation, the nation in war would lose some of its ability to recover - to pick itself up and strike back."

Important Peacetime Use

Peterson reminded also of the peacetime value of the tags, "The information given on the identification tags will assist in restoring lost or injured persons to their families. In this connection, the tags have an especial value for minors or aged persons at all times."

**Retired
Employees
and
Service Club Members**
Make plans now to attend
the annual Service Club
BARBECUE
Saturday, July 23

Main Office Picnic Slated For June 25

Plans for the Annual Main Office Picnic June 25 are well underway, according to Mrs. Jerry (Margaret) Stroud and Bob Dahlmann, co-chairmen of the event. The picnic, to be held at Highland's Lindendale Park, will feature lots of food, and refreshments, with the fried chicken pot-luck scheduled for noon.

Staff People Welcome

The picnic is open to all Treasury employees, both in the Main Office and in the field. Personnel and Industrial Relations, Stores, and Fire and Safety employees are also invited to attend, along with their families.

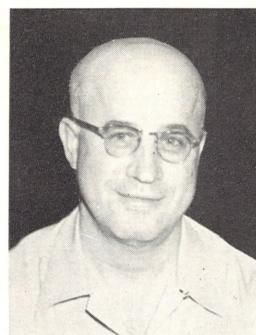
An afternoon softball game and all-day swimming in the park pool are but two of the many recreational activities scheduled for the day. For the children there will be free ice cream, games, and novelties. Free coffee will be served at the pot-luck and throughout the day.

Expect Over 200

Last year's affair attracted more than 200 employees, in addition to the many children who attended. Co-chairman Stroud and Dahlmann announced this week that approximately the same number will be expected for this year's affair.

A bulletin with further details on the pot-luck will be distributed soon. Additional information may be obtained by contacting either chairman.

Bowler Joe Nagy Has Big Month— On 2 Top Teams



JOE NAGY, one of Wood River Refinery's top bowlers, really out-did himself this month as two teams of which he is a member won league championships. Bowling for the Industrial League championship Shell team, Joe hit games of 181, 170, 164 and 197. At that, he was worried going into the roll-offs with Engineering Inspection for the Premium League title. But he came back to hit 783 in four games against the Inspectors to help the Electricians and Machinists to their fourth straight league crown. In Joe's 783 series were games of 145, 202, 214, and 222! (For more about the bowling roll-offs, see the Sports Page.)

Over 135 Honored At Service Award Banquet May 10

The first Service Award Dinner of 1955 was held Tuesday evening, May 10 at Wood River's VFW hall. All men observing service anniversaries of 10 years and over during the first six months of 1955 were eligible to attend.

Approximately 135 persons enjoyed the program for the evening which consisted of a free dinner and refreshments, dinner music by Al Zarek and his orchestra, and entertainment by impersonator Bob Holt of St. Louis.

H. H. Maxfield, PAD engineer, presented a discussion on TCP* to the group which covered the background and development of the additive, as well as practical application in an automobile engine.

The group also saw a film on fishing and another on "Utah."

The Second Service Award Dinner of the year will be held next fall for those observing service anniversaries during the last six months of 1955.

* Shell Trade Mark.

Not-So-Good Nine Win Two Games — Lose One in May

Shell's Not-So-Good Industrial softball team won two close ball games during May, and lost one to Western in another tight battle. The "Has-Beens," Industrial league champs for four straight years, ousted Onized One, 2-1 in their first outing, lost to Western, 11-10 in their second, and edged past Onized Two in their third, 12-11.

Bill Schipkowski pitched a great ball game in the team's opener against Onized One. Bill allowed but five hits, and pitched scoreless ball for seven consecutive innings, with Shell winning in the eighth, 2-1 on Gall's single.

The second contest against Western was a tough one for Shell to lose. This tilt also went for extra innings, with Western finally winning out in the ninth frame, 11-10. At one time in the contest, Shell had a 10-8 lead, but Western knotted things up in the first of the seventh with two runs. Western punched across their final and winning run in the top of the ninth.

Shell had to withstand a six-run rally in the first of the seventh to outlast Onized Two in their third contest of the month May 16, 12-11. Things were going smoothly for the Shell boys up until that time, and they held a commanding 12-5 lead going into the last inning. Then havoc broke loose, and the winners had a real scare.

Watch the Fences, Kids' Softball Play Will Start June 10

It was announced this month that the Kids' Softball League will roar into action Friday, June 10, with the first game getting underway at 6:00 p.m. at Kendall Hill. The second game will be held at 8:00 p.m. every Friday night. The league will be composed of four teams, with approximately 60 boys participating.

Jerry Branham, chairman of the Kids' League, last month issued a call for umpires and public address announcers, and the response was tremendous, with almost as many umpires as players signing up for league activity.

Teams entered include the Colts, Rams, Panthers, and Lions. Respective managers are: Colts - Fred Tarcza and Bruno Tassan. Rams - Chet Hendrick and Robert Anglin. Panthers - Lee Boverie and Irvin Nuernberger. Lions - R. R. (Slick) Moore and Walter Heinz.

Throughout the season, which continues through August 5, the Kids' teams will play nine games, with rained-out contests being scheduled the last three weeks in August.



R. H. Dourson



R. W. Lewis



D. C. Hausch

Dourson Succeeds Dunbar; Lewis, Hausch Transferred

Movements of two Wood River Refinery supervisory people will become effective June 1, and another is scheduled for July 1, according to a recent announcement by H. D. Dale, Refinery Manager. R. H. Dourson, former Manager of the Experimental Laboratory, will succeed B. W. Dunbar as Manager of Catalytic Cracking June 1, at which time R. W. Lewis will assume management of the Experimental Laboratory.

Effective July 1, D. C. Hausch will be transferred to Anacortes as a Special Technologist to assist in the startup of the new refinery there.

R. H. Dourson

R. H. Dourson, newly-appointed Catalytic Cracking Manager succeeding B. W. Dunbar, transferred to Anacortes, has been at Wood River since November, 1953. Dourson came here from Wilmington to manage the Experimental Laboratory.

He joined Shell in 1941, after he had received a M. S. and Professional Ch. E. from California Institute of Technology at Pasadena. His first assignment with Shell was at San Francisco as a process design engineer, where he worked on Catalytic Cracking and Toluene facilities. A year-and-a-half later, Dourson was transferred to Martinez as technologist.

Following three years in the technological department at Martinez, Dourson was transferred to Wilmington. In June, 1945, he was promoted to Assistant Chief Technologist there, a position he held for three years. He then became Assistant Manager of Alkylation, and subsequently was assigned to the Tech Department.

Prior to his transfer to Wood River, Dourson was Assistant Catalytic Cracking Manager at Wilmington.

He is married and has two children, Kathy, 11, and Phil, 9.

R. W. Lewis

R. W. Lewis, who succeeds Dourson as Experimental Laboratory Manager, has been associated with the company since August, 1943.

His first assignment with Shell was to the Wood River Research Laboratory as a research chemist.

In 1946, Lewis was appointed group leader in charge of lubricating oil research at the lab. He served in this capacity for approximately six years. In 1952, he also became responsible for special products in addition to lubricating oil research. Lewis handled this assignment until his recent promotion.

A graduate of the University of Indiana Graduate School, Lewis received a Ph. D. in chemistry in 1943. He received his undergraduate training at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Lewis is a native of Carterville, Illinois, but received most of his elementary and secondary education at West Frankfort, Illinois, schools.

He is married and has one daughter, Leah, aged seven.

D. C. Hausch

D. C. Hausch has held various technological assignments during his 22 years with the company. He joined Shell in 1933 as a laboratory technician at the company's Wilmington, California refinery. He was later transferred to Shell Development, where as a technologist he worked in distillation. In 1940, the Shell Development group was transferred to San Francisco, where Hausch was located until his promotion to Head Office in 1941.

In New York, Hausch was associated with the Manufacturing Technological Department for 10 years. As a process design engineer, he worked on the design of defense plants built during the war years, particularly on Toluene, Catalytic Desulfurization, and Distilling units.

In 1951, Hausch was sent to the Hague, where he spent two years with B. P. M. Following a brief assignment in Montreal, Canada, he was transferred to Wood River as a special technologist. Here he has been working on refinery distillation problems.

Hausch is a native of central California, and was educated at Stanford University. He is married and has lived in Alton since 1953.

Personnel Moves

Fire and Safety Bowlers Win, Then Lose to Machinists

After losing the first two games to the Control Lab's second-half Super Shell champs, the Fire and Safety crew won the league roll-offs this month, three games to two. The Safety men later lost to the Electricians and Machinists, but at least managed to win their own title.

Against the Control Lab, Fire and Safety dropped the first game of the five-game series, 884 pins to 835. They lost the second game by 35 pins before rolling on to three consecutive victories.

Third by Two Pins

Actually they just managed to squeak by in the third game, winning by only two pins, 830 to 828. Lou Roller, anchoring the Fire and Safety crew, finished the tight game with a 193, which didn't hurt matters.

Fire and Safety then won the fourth game, 916 to 772, and the fifth, 818 to 756.

Machinists Triumph

Bowling against the Premium League Champion Electrician-Machinist outfit, Fire and Safety went down the drain in four games. The Machinists won the first game, 902 - 886, after Safety had led throughout the contest. But Charley Martin turkeyed out in the tenth to set up the winners.

Safety won the second by 29 pins, then lost the final two. They dropped the third game by 20 pins and the fourth by over 100 pins.

Once again, Joe Nagy came through with a fine series. He hit games of 185, 165, 243 and 188 for a whopping 781 total! Julie Brown was another big gun with 721 - or a 180 average per game. Dolan, Bierbaum, and Martin didn't quite hit their averages, but Nagy and Brown were strong enough to offset that deficit. Gene Campbell was high for the losers with 645 in the four games.

Cat Crackers Up And Beat Favored Cracker Box Team

Pulling what was termed a mild upset, the Cat Crackers of the X-100 league up and dropped the Cracker Box three-out-of-four for the league championship at Bowl Inn this month. The Crackers, winners of the second half of league play, won two of their games by rather close margins, but pulled away in the final contest.

Skrobul Paces Team

Led by Skrobul, the Crackers won the first game by 13 pins, even though they had to donate 29 points to the Cracker Box team. Skrobul hit 184 in the initial tilt to get his team off to a good start. The Cracker Box really had their troubles getting started, compiling a 715 total in the first round.

Skrobul hit 168, high for the team to lead the Crackers to their second win over the engineering boys. The Crackers totaled 773 the second game to the Cracker Box's 753, a 20-pin margin. Ray Robinson hit a 178 in the second game for the Cracker Box.

Sully Hits 193

Wayne Sullivan's 193 put the Cracker Box in for the third game, which they won 857 to 821. Brown and Postlewait each hit 167 to give Sully some help.

Then the winners came back to win the final game easily by a margin of 45 pins. Myers had a 198 game to pace the attack for the Cat Crackers.

The Box Score

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Bledsoe	127	157	169	151	604
Myers	115	147	161	198	621
Nash	166	148	132	170	616
Mellor	165	153	192	128	638
Skrobul	184	168	167	156	675
Totals	757	773	821	803	3154
Cracker Box	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Postlewait	163	143	167	132	605
Nicholson	122	159			456
Brown	123	167	112	402	
Schulke	107	146	151	404	
Sullivan	139	151	193		483
Ray	168	178	164	167	677
Robinson					
Total	715	738	837	737	3027
Handicap	29	15	20	21	85
Grand Total	744	753	857	758	3112

New Platformer To Be Built Soon At Houston Plant

Construction will start this summer at Houston Refinery on a new platforming unit of 16,000 barrels capacity for the manufacture of high octane motor gasoline.

This catalytic reformer will be constructed by Procon, Incorporated, and is scheduled to go on stream in February, 1956. The new unit will be similar to the one currently in operation at Houston for the manufacture of benzene and toluene.

Platforming units now are operating at Wood River, Martinez and Wilmington refineries and another will be a part of the new Anacortes Refinery this fall.

Farmer Named Treasurer

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Certainly one of the local Credit Union's most diligent members, Farmer was instrumental in the organization of the establishment in 1934. He was the first president of the group, and remained as such until 1940, when he became part-time treasurer.

Farmer has had extensive experience in other Credit Union operations in this area, having served as president of the Alton-Wood River Chapter of Credit Unions.

The appointment of a full-time treasurer of the Shell Credit Union was made necessary through expanded operations in the past few years.



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"Did you say FOUR-FOUR-THREE? Why that's U. S. Savings Bonds . . . \$4 for every \$3 invested."

Shell Asphalt Plant To Be Completed In Portland Soon

Construction of an asphalt plant at Portland, Maine, to serve growing needs for this material in the northeast states, is scheduled for completion early this summer.

Facilities of the plant include about 3,000,000 gallons of storage, cargo lines, and heating and blending equipment. Various grades of asphalt, including hot asphalt, will be available at the plant for shipment by tank truck, tanker and barge. Transportation by drums will be provided later.

Shell now has eight similar plants across the U. S. at Fall River, Mass.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Moorehead City, N. C.; Jacksonville and Fort Everglades, Fla.; Sewaren, N. J.; Willbridge, Ore.; and Harbor Island, Wash. Another plant is planned for Pasco, Washington. Asphalt also is supplied directly to customers from the Company's refineries.

Shell and Phillips Sponsor Project To Save Water

Shell Oil Company and Phillips Chemical Company are co-operating on a project to supplement and conserve the dwindling supply of well water in the Houston-Pasadena area of Texas.

Twenty million gallons of water a day will be brought to the two companies' plants from the City of Houston industrial water system in Pasadena. The project, which will cost about \$3,500,000, is scheduled to be completed late this year.

Water from the San Jacinto River, purchased from the City of Houston, will be carried two miles in concrete pipe from Pasadena to a water clarification and

Biggest in Company's History

Shell's Gasoline Sales Promotion Program Reaches New Peak in '55

Shell Oil Company's gasoline sales promotion and advertising campaign for 1955—the biggest in the Company's history—is reaching a peak of activity now in the majority of marketing territories.

Spearheading the new campaign on Shell Premium Gasoline with TCP is a series of advertisements in more than 400 newspapers published coast-to-coast—about 100 more newspapers than were used last year.

TCP Most Powerful

A major theme of the campaign is "Get Both TCP and Top Octane—Shell Premium Gasoline with TCP." Motorists also are reminded: "TCP Sets Free Captive Power," and "The Most Powerful Gasoline Your Car Can Use—Shell Premium Gasoline with TCP."

The Schedule also calls for a campaign on Shell X-100 Motor Oil I remium, using the largest combination of national magazines ever employed by Shell at one time. The magazines include The Saturday Evening Post, Life, Look and The Reader's Digest. These advertisements will feature X-100 Premium as a new type of motor oil that for the first time increases engine horsepower.

In all, more than 7,000 outdoor posters and 30,000 swirl posters are advertising Shell Premium Gasoline with TCP from coast to coast. In addition, 65 local radio programs and 25 television programs throughout the country will stress the product sales story.

Many Sales Materials

Point-of-sales promotion materials, sent to all Shell dealers, consist of: an 18-foot banner with a TCP message on both sides; a 50-foot string of pennants and additional shorter strings; a double-faced island banner unit; and a set of sales room window stickers.

Along with the gasoline and motor oil schedules, there will be a series of full-page, four-color advertisements appearing approximately every four weeks for the remainder of the year in The Saturday Evening Post, describing the achievements of Shell Research and the development of new and improved Shell Products for industry and the general public.

filtering plant to be located at Phillips' terminal plant at Adams. After treatment, the water will be pumped to the Shell and Phillips plants for use in their water systems.

The project will supply water to Shell's Houston Refinery and to the Shell Chemical Corporation plant.

Re-locate E-32



Tank E-32 was re-located last month to make room for the Research Laboratory addition. The area around the huge vessel was flooded with water, and workmen moved it several yards northeast of its present location, just southeast of the existing laboratory.

Boilermaker May Prevents Injury With Safety Hat

Boilermaker Bert May prevented what could have been a serious injury last month when his safety hat absorbed the blow of a 60 pound electric extension which fell at Distilling unit three.



May was working at ground level when another employee began lowering the electric extension from a point overhead. The man overhead lost control of the extension, and it fell, striking May on the head. Bert was knocked to the ground, but the safety hat he was wearing absorbed enough of the blow to prevent an injury.

Safety officials said the man lowering the piece of heavy equipment was at fault for not taking the necessary precautions. Still, had it not been for May's habit of wearing proper safety equipment, he would have been the victim of a serious incident.

Talented 'Mr. Gus' Spuds in 1st Well Near Galveston

"Mr. Gus", the newly-constructed 4,000-ton mobile offshore drilling platform, recently spudded in its first well for Shell Oil Company at Block 249 off Galveston, Texas.

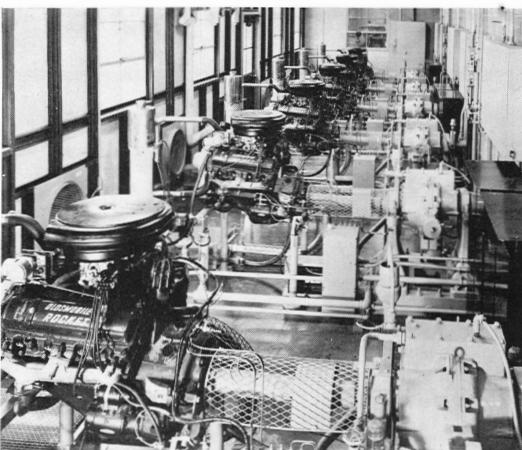
The drilling structure, designed to work in waters as deep as 100 feet, is operating for Shell under a drilling service agreement with C. G. Glasscock Drilling Company.

This mobile platform, which is towed from one drilling site to the next, changes its appearance radically once it has reached a location. While being towed it has two "floors". The bottom one acts as the hull of a ship and it supports the upper floor on big vertical steel tubes.

When the drilling site is reached, a second set of steel tubes is driven into the sea floor by hydraulic jacks. The lower floor or hull is flooded and slides down the tubes to squat on the bottom for anchorage and stability.

That leaves the upper floor about 50 feet above the water line. Besides the drilling rig, the upper floor holds an engine room, a helicopter port, space for supplies and quarters for the 30-man crew.

Test Engines



Six of the 12 engines being tested in the new testing area at the Research Lab are pictured above. The test simulates actual driving conditions on the road, such as climbing, cruising, and idling. The new section of the Lab is believed to be the only one of its kind in the world.

Twelve Engines Now Being Studied

Electronically - Controlled Testing Taking Place at Research Lab

Field testing is virtually brought indoors at the Wood River Research Laboratory's new section of 12 electronically-controlled automobile engines for testing new and improved fuels and lubricants.

Believed to be the only one of its kind in the world, the new section of the laboratory went into operation early this year. It provides an intermediate step between single-engine tests and full-scale field tests.

Engines Pre-Set

In this new section, several, or all of the engines are pre-set to run through a cycle of carefully-controlled engine-operating conditions simulating varying action such as climbing, cruising and idling.

At the end of the test, each engine is disassembled and inspected and the information collected is statistically correlated. This procedure gives research engineers necessary information speedily.

Presents Wide Information

Previous to installation of the 12 identical engines, fuels and lubricants were tested in a variety of engines under varying conditions and then were sent out for field tests. Single engine tests will continue to provide important information, but the new bank of engines will give a wider range of information before the product is field-tested.

New or improved products will still undergo field tests. But now, engineers who have approved a product after the multiple-engines testing will be able to say almost with certainty that it will pass the field tests.

At present, the engines in the new section are Oldsmobile V-8s. However, these will be replaced from time to time by sets of engines of other standard automobiles.

Ned Bast Transferred To Hobbs, New Mexico

N. F. Bast, veteran Shell employee formerly located in the Engineering Field Office and Shipping Section at Wood River Refinery, has been transferred to Hobbs, New Mexico, it was announced this month by L. L. Sarchett, Treasury Manager.

Bast has been assigned as a senior clerk in the division office of the Midland Area of Exploration and Production.

Women Bowling Champs



The Oilerettes wrapped up the Ladies Bowling League championship this month by winning the second-half crown by two games over the second-place Firecrackers. Left to right are, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Wilhite, Miss McReynolds, Miss Powell, and Mrs. Wharry. A roll-off was unnecessary in the Ladies League, since the Oilerettes also won the first-half championship.

May Service Anniversaries

15 Years

Pete Chiste
Cracking
A. M. DeBoard
Cracking
C. D. Donham
Alkylation
C. G. Elliott
Control Lab.
H. C. Owyn Jr.
Control Lab.
V. R. Hellinger
Cracking
W. G. Henderson
Pipe
J. J. Hlavsa
Pipe

E. A. Hoffman
Cracking
M. J. Hubach
Fire & Safety
G. F. Hughes Sr.
Distilling
J. E. Kingery
Inspection
J. E. Kitson
Distilling
O. F. Middlecoff
Control Lab.
J. C. Nicosia
Cracking



35 YEARS
V. W. Parker
Asst. Superintendent

15 Years

M. R. Paproth
Light Oil
R. D. Pinkerton
Gas
H. C. Powell
Control Lab.
W. M. Rasplica
Cracking
W. E. Redenbo
Dispatching

M. C. Robinson
Inspection
H. P. Theuer
Distilling
T. G. Vance
Distilling
W. O. Witt
Control Lab.
R. C. Wylder
Control Lab.



30 YEARS
A. E. Bayer
Lube



30 YEARS
L. A. A. Brown
R. R. Section



30 YEARS
F. L. Croxton
Lube



30 YEARS
A. G. Noonan
Compounding



30 YEARS
G. S. Truitt
Shipping



30 YEARS
C. J. Wilson
Alkylation



25 YEARS
F. V. Heintz
Lube



25 YEARS
E. L. Paul
Alky. Office



20 YEARS
H. C. Dolan
Instrument



20 YEARS
N. W. Gohee
Pipe



20 YEARS
I. W. Gouy
Compounding



20 YEARS
J. S. Horvat
Control Lab.



20 YEARS
W. M. Jacoby
Gas



20 YEARS
G. M. Stuch
Control Lab.



RETIRED
H. A. Deem
Utilities



RETIRED
C. H. Roseler
Machinist



RETIRED
C. R. Shearbourn
Boilermaker

Renner and Jouett Prevent Blindness From Acid Burns

Machinist John Renner and Operator Thurman Jouett recently prevented possible blindness when they were working near an acid charge pump at Alkylation Unit three. Both men were wearing safety goggles and rubber gloves when they were sprayed with acid, and although treatment of Jouett's injuries caused him to be relieved of his duties, both injuries were lessened.



Renner and Jouett

Renner had finished repacking the charge pump, and contacted Jouett to start up the mechanism. Jouett opened a valve on an open-ended bleeder line to release air trapped in the equipment. As he opened the valve further, both men were sprayed with acid. Jouett's injuries were more severe due to the fact that he received the acid spray at close range. Renner's injuries were minor, but only because he was wearing gloves and safety goggles.

Both men hurried to the safety shower following the incident, and washed acid off thoroughly, both being careful not to remove their safety goggles and gloves before so doing.

Transfer 19 to Anacortes Refinery

Nineteen Wood River Refinery employees will be transferred to new positions with the company at the Anacortes, Washington refinery, presently under construction. This announcement came this month from H. D. Dale, Refinery Manager.

All of the men will assume their new positions during the period June 1 - July 1, according to the announcement.

J. P. Pettit

J. P. Pettit will assume a new position of Operating Assistant at Anacortes. He is a veteran of 31 years with the company, having joined Shell in 1924 as a laborer. Pettit also saw service in the Pipe department before being transferred to the Cracking department as a gauger - Pettit has been a shift foreman since 1937.

C. M. Immer

C. M. Immer's Anacortes promotion is to Zone Supervisor. Immer has been a Pipe Foreman at Wood River since April, 1953. He joined Shell in 1940 as a pipefitter helper. He later became a first-class pipefitter, and in 1952 was promoted to an assistant foreman.

C. D. Rayburn

C. D. Rayburn joined Shell in 1948 as a clerk in the Treasury Department. He has been a senior clerk in the Dispatching Department since 1952. He was transferred to Dispatching in 1949 from the Treasury's yield section. Rayburn will also fill a senior clerk's position at Anacortes.

F. E. Combs

F. E. Combs has been promoted from operator-first to Shift Foreman at Anacortes. He has been a first-class operator at Wood River for the past 20 years. Combs joined Shell in 1930 as a sample carrier in the Control Laboratory. In 1931, he was named a gauger in Cracking, and later spent a year in operations at East Chicago before returning to Wood River in 1933.

W. F. Wade

W. F. Wade has been promoted to Shift Foreman from his present classification as operator-first. Wade joined Shell in 1930 as a mail carrier. He later was transferred

to Cracking as a gauger, and advanced under general promotional lines to operator-first in 1933. In 1932, Wade spent a year in operations at Shell's Houston, Texas refinery.

A. N. McIntosh

A. N. McIntosh will also assume a shift Foreman's position at Anacortes. At present, he is a pumper-first in Wood River's Dispatching Department. He joined Shell in 1933 as a gauger in Dispatching. He held various jobs in that department before being transferred to Cracking in 1943 as an operator-first. He returned to Dispatching in 1945.

L. A. Winship

L. A. Winship, presently an operator-first in Thermal Cracking, will be a Shift Foreman at the Anacortes refinery. A veteran of 27 years of Shell service, Winship has been a member of the Cracking Department since 1931. He joined Shell in 1928 at the Control Laboratory as a sample carrier. He advanced to Tester at the lab before being transferred to operations in 1931.

M. D. Smith

M. D. Smith, a Special Tester at the refinery's Control Lab since 1948, has been promoted to Lab Shift Foreman at Anacortes. Smith has spent his entire 22 Shell years in laboratory work. His first assignment here was as a tester in the inspection division of the lab. He advanced through positions of increasing responsibility, and in 1942 was named a first-class tester.

T. G. Barton

T. G. Barton joined Shell in 1944 after discharge from the Army. At Anacortes, Barton has been assigned as an operator-first, a position he now holds here in Distilling.

Barton's first Shell assignment in 1944 was to the loading racks. He was transferred to Distilling a few months later, and in 1951 became an operator-first.

R. W. Salsman

R. W. Salsman, an employee with 13 years of operating experience, will be transferred to Anacortes as an operator-first. He joined Shell in 1942 as a gauger at the T. V. P. unit. A short time later, he was transferred to Lube Vacuum as a pumper. He was named to the Cracking department in 1948, and in a short time was appointed to first-class operator.

R. M. Laumbattus

R. M. Laumbattus, an operator-first in Thermal Cracking, will fill a similar position at Anacortes. He has been in Cracking since 1949, when he was transferred from the Lube Oils department. Laumbattus joined the company in 1941 as a gauger in Lube Vacuum.

H. P. Theuer

H. P. Theuer has been an operator-first in Distilling since 1945, and will assume a similar position at Anacortes. Theuer joined Shell in 1940, his first assignment being to the Cracking department as a gauger. He was transferred to Distilling shortly after his initial assignment.

C. B. Byford

C. B. Byford has served his entire Shell career in the refinery's Control Laboratory, and will be transferred to Anacortes as a tester. His first job was that of tester-first in the lab. He advanced through higher tester classifications until in 1944 he was named a tester-first. For short periods of time, he worked as an oil inspector in the lab's lube section.

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Above, Mr. Dodson does a bit of cross-pollination on the "Rocket", a very popular Iris plant.

Below, Dodson displays some of his plants to W. A. Walters, Skeet Walters, and his daughter-in-law Ruth Dodson.

This Man Is One Retired Employee Who Doesn't Own a Rocking Chair —

He Wouldn't Have Time for One!

He Maintains an Enterprising Flower Business, and That's . . .

What Mr. Dodson

MR. DODSON'S THUMB, it would seem,

Is really something more than green . . . And after visiting the "Gladiris" farm of L. A. Dodson, located a mile or so north of Godfrey, the average observer might even care to expound further on that observation. Dodson, who retired in 1950, is one pensioner who doesn't own a rocking chair—he doesn't have time for one. Since his retirement almost five years ago, Mr. Dodson has established an enterprising flower business that now leaves him time for little else.

Dodson, a former Lube Department shift foreman, began planning for his retirement long before he hung up his hard hat in 1950. He has lived in his present residence for over 20 years, and admits he moved to Godfrey so he could, "dabble with flowers." The personable **young** oldster says he always planned on operating a small flower business following his Shell career, and he had a head start before he said goodbye to his co-workers.

Today Mr. Dodson's "dabbling" brings him a sizable income each year, and provides him with more than enough exercise. "Too much," he says with a twinkle in his eye. For today Dodson's gardens cover almost half of a 20-acre tract of land around his home.

He calls his enterprising venture "Gladiris" because not so long ago, Dodson specialized in gladiolus. He became known throughout the area as one of the most talented growers around. His glads won more ribbons than he could carry home when entered in shows throughout the state. He marketed them in St. Louis, and the business became quite profitable. But for the past eight years, he has spent most of his time growing and hybridizing iris plants. "Glads are just too much trouble," Dodson explains, "With iris you can see the fruits of your labors quickly, and they're one of the most popular plants you can find."

With over 300 varieties of irises, and possibly six or seven times that many total plants, ranging in price from 35 cents to 35 dollars, Dodson has more than his hands full. In fact, the Dodson flower farm is sort of a family affair. His only son, Ed, a Control Lab tester, Ed's attractive wife, Ruth, and Mrs. Dodson all have a hand in the project. "I just couldn't keep up the business without Ed," Dodson relates, "He does most of the heavy work, and spends a lot of hours helping out." He added, "Ruth and the wife are just as responsible — taking orders and helping care for the plants."

Spread throughout Dodson's 20 Gladiris acres are an extraordinary assortment of irises, peonies, and daffodils, although the irises far outnumber the rest of the brood. Dodson nurtures his plants from birth, and right now has over 1500 iris seedlings, which he will transplant soon.

He does all his own hybridizing, and has won innumerable awards and "blue ribbons" for his own original iris creations. Mr. Dodson himself is modest about his abilities, but folks around the countryside maintain he's tops in his field.

Right now, in the spring of the year, Dodson is busier than most housewives with their housecleaning. For the past few weeks, and possibly for the next few months, over 200 people will visit the Dodson home on Saturday and Sunday. His driveway resembles a super market parking lot on weekends, and a person watching folks milling through the gardens would think uranium was about to be discovered.

But to the hundreds of folks who visit the Gladiris gardens each year, nothing seems more important than the beauty which surrounds them.

The successful retirement of L. A. Dodson can be no mystery to those who visit his home. Here, among the rolling fields, the rainbow-colored flowers, and the good clean earth, a man can take a deep breath and appreciate the ingredients of nature. And few could argue that Mr. Dodson's recipe wasn't one of the best.

GROWS

Industrial Bowlers Cop Loop Crown

SPORTS

Industrial Champs



Shell's Industrial team one, winners of the highly-coveted Industrial League championship this month, are left to right, Jess Grover, Joe Nagy, Paul (Dutch) Hertel, Ray Schindewolf, and Dave Patton. Shell defeated Onized 2 in a roll-off for the crown at Alton's Acme Alleys.

On National Golf Day!

Golfers Get Chance to Beat Champs Ed Furgol and the Babe June 4

Calling all golfers!

Here's your chance to play against the U. S. Champs. Men will be competing against Ed Furgol, U. S. Open Champ, and Ladies will be opposing the greatest of all women golfers—Babe Didrikson Zaharias, also '54 open champ.

If you win, a medal is yours!

Here's how National Golf Day works: On Saturday, June 4, Ed Furgol and Babe Zaharias will play 18 holes from scratch at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, the course toughened for the 1955 National Open.

Golfers may play 18 holes at the course of their choice on the same day, or any day of the week preceding National Golf Day. Golfers then match their score (gross less their full handicap) against the card either the Babe or Ed turn in, and if competitors better the score of the champs, they win a medal!

All contestants are allowed their full handicaps. If golfer does not have a handicap, he simply writes, "Callaway Handicap". The Callaway is as follows:

Class A

Score	Deduct
Par or less	Scratch
One over par to 75	$\frac{1}{2}$ worst hole
76 to 80	Worst hole
81 to 85	Worst hole plus $\frac{1}{2}$ next worst hole
86 to 90	Two worst holes
91 to 95	Two worst holes plus $\frac{1}{2}$ next worst hole
96 to 100	Three worst holes

Class B

101 to 105	Three worst holes plus $\frac{1}{2}$ next worst hole
106 to 110	Four worst holes
111 to 115	Four worst holes plus $\frac{1}{2}$ next worst hole
116 to 120	Five worst holes
121 to 125	Five worst holes plus $\frac{1}{2}$ next worst hole

Class C

126 to 130	Six worst holes — LIMIT
Note: Worst hole equals highest hole score. Half strokes count as whole strokes.	

Golf professionals will have "Golf Day Tournament x scoresheets available at the course. Pay him the \$1.00 entry fee. Participants

Jess Grover Leads Shell 1 Over Onized 2 in Thriller

Wood River Refinery's Industrial League bowling team stormed back to win the big one this month, polishing off Onized Two in a roll-off for the Industrial League Championship. Shell hit 3701 scratch in four games to Onized's 3483. The local boys had to give their opponents 132 pins handicap, but won handily by 86 pins.

Shell, victors of the first-half of league play, met Onized, second-half champs, at Alton's Acme Alleys. It's no secret that the Shell team hasn't been at their best for the past few weeks, but they had it when the chips were down to win the match that really counted.

Grover Paces Team

Jess Grover, who attained the second-high individual average in the league this year, once again paced the Shell team. Jess hit games of 175, 187, 209, and 243 for a 814 total. Ray Schindewolf was second with 762, followed by Dave Patton with 722, Joe Nagy with 712, and Paul (Dutch) Hertel with 691. Clowers was high for Onized with 747, followed by Bremmer, who hit a 515.

Shell hit 910 in the first game, paced by Grover's 209, and Schindewolf's 193. Onized was far down with 819. But the Glass Works boys got hot in the second contest with a 911 (including handicap) to top the local team, who had 850.

Finish Strong

Then the champs really began to pour it on, hitting 962 and 975 in the final two games to win going away. The loss was a tough one for Onized, since they hit a healthy 950 in the final game, to lose by only 19 pins.

The victory marked the first time in several years that a Shell aggregation has won the Industrial League crown.

The Box Score:

Shell — 3701					
Grover	209	187	243	175	814
Nagy	181	170	164	197	712
Schindewolf	193	202	197	170	762
Hertel	159	132	158	242	691
Patton	168	159	200	195	722
Totals	910	850	962	975	3701

Onized Two — 3615					
Clowers	158	190	204	195	747
Schneider	182	155	167	191	695
Bremmer	200	177	186	152	715
Stewart	136	179	135	198	648
Bean	143	177	167	191	678
Totals	852	911	892	960	3615

Handicap — 3615					
Grand Total	912	886	851	840	3489

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Electricians—Machinists Prove They Still Have It

"Man oh man, this makes four years in a row we've met these guys" . . . Bowler Johnny McConnell was doing the talking, and he was referring to Engineering Inspection taking on the Electricians and Machinists for the Premium League Championship. And the look on his face further indicated, "and they get rougher every year."

And this month the Machinists couldn't have been much tougher as they dumped a real good Inspector crew once again for the league crown. The Electricians and Machinists won three-out-of-four against one of the best teams in the plant league May 10 at Bowl Inn before an enthusiastic audience. To do that, the Machinists HAD to be better.

Inspectors A Hot Team

They HAD to be, because for the last six weeks of league activity, the Engineering Inspectors have been almost unbeatable. They racked up something like 14 wins in their last 18 outings before the roll-offs, and they showed little sign of slowing up. They won the second half Premium League crown by seven games, and they had four of their six bowlers among the top six rollers in the loop.

Against opposition of this caliber, the Electricians and Machinists proved they still have it, and they remain the deans of Shell bowlers.

The Inspectors started things off by winning the first game, 912 pins to 875, thanks to some great clutch work by Mike Mygatt, who hit 214. The Machinists looked pretty worried, mostly because Joe Nagy, their ace thrower, slumped to 145 that first game.

Nagy Takes Over

But Jolting Joe led his team back with three great games of 222, 202, and 214. And as Joe goes, so go the Machinists. The 1953-54 champs were on their way, winning the next three games handily by respective margins of 45, 54, and 111 pins.

It wasn't a one-man show by any means. All the Electricians and Machinists had a hand in the scrap. Julie Brown, carrying a 168 average, posted games of 190, 171, 190, and 188 for a very nice 737 series. And Dolan, Bierbaum, and Schindewolf all had their moments during the course of the route.

Mygatt Paces Losers

Meanwhile, Mike Mygatt was the bright spot in the Inspector's galaxy. Mike, who averaged 162 during the season, had two 200 games en route to a 742 series. Mygatt hit 214, 149, 175, and 204 in pacing the Inspectors. John McConnell hit 182, 178, 162, and 213 for a 735. Jim Thompson was pretty much himself although he had a 151 game he didn't think much of.

Lou Oden and Ed Knecht, two of the Inspectors big guns, had their troubles. Oden dropped to 134 the last game, and Knecht faltered to 138. Oden's best game in the roll-offs was 176. Knecht had a 216 game.

It won't be too long before the winners get the big test — the roll-offs for the Plant League Championship. But many observers seem to think they've had their roughest contest.

The Box Score: Electricians - Machinists

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Julie Brown	190	171	190	186	737
Ray Bierbaum	185	194	173	164	717
Harold Dolan	194	198	158	202	752
Ray					
Schindewolf	155	141	177	180	653
Joe Nagy	145	222	202	214	783
Totals	870	926	900	946	3642
Handicap	5	5	5	5	20
Grand Total	875	931	905	951	3662

Engineering Inspection

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Jim Thompson	189	168	175	151	683
Johnny					
McConnell	182	178	162	213	735
Mike Mygatt	214	149	175	204	742
Ed Knecht	151	216	169	138	674
Lou Oden	176	175	170	134	655
Totals	912	886	851	840	3489

Nineteen to Anacortes

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C. P. Hackethal

C. P. Hackethal has been associated with Shell for 19 years, all of which have been spent in the Control Laboratory. He has been assigned to Anacortes as a tester. In 1936, he was initially assigned to the lab as a bottle washer. A few months later, he was named a tester, and presently holds a special tester classification.

D. D. Dittes

D. D. Dittes has worked in four areas of operations during his 19 years with Shell. For the past seven years, he has been an operator-first in Distilling, and is being transferred in that capacity. He began his Shell career in 1936 as a gauger in Light Oil Treating. He was transferred to the Control Laboratory in 1939 for a short time, returning to Treating a year later.

D. W. Neutzman

D. W. Neutzman, who has attained 16 years of Shell service, is being transferred to Washington as a first-class operator. All of Neutzman's operating experience has been in the Lube Oils department. He joined Shell in 1939 as a helper in the Lube Filter section, and became a gauger in 1933. He advanced under general promotional lines to permanent operator-first in 1945.

Abernathy Named to Photographic Council

O. J. Abernathy has been appointed a representative of the St. Louis chapter of the Photographic Society of America.

Abernathy, a Shell Camera Club member, received the appointment through the St. Louis Camera Club Council, of which Wood River Refinery's club is a member.