

It's BARBECUE Time!

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Parking Facilities Revised

Parking lot facilities south of the cafeteria are being expanded to provide space for all employees, including shift workers, working inside the refinery who use the west main gate entrance, it was announced this month. The construction of a new state highway through the area now occupied by the west lot necessitates the move.

Being Enlarged

Lot number one, located just south of the cafeteria, is being enlarged, lighted and generally improved to provide space formerly supplied by the west lot. The new lot will be convenient for both hourly and staff people.

Parking lots one and two will be designated as follows when the expansion is completed:

Lot No. 1 (south of cafeteria) This lot to be used by employees using the west main gate entrance. This further includes Personnel and Industrial Relations, Engineering Office, and Treasury. Entrances and exits are located along Route 111 south of the staff houses.

Lot No. 2 (west of P & IR) This lot is primarily for all employees headquartered in the Research Laboratory, Products Application, and the Marketing Division. In addition, it is anticipated that autos of P & IR and Main Office employees who approach the refinery from the north can be accommodated in Lot No. 2. If this proves impractical, this group will be assigned the use of Lot No. 1 facilities. Employees using Lot 2 will be afforded use of the gate which is adjacent to the highway both for entrance and exit to avoid congestion on the Main Office Road.

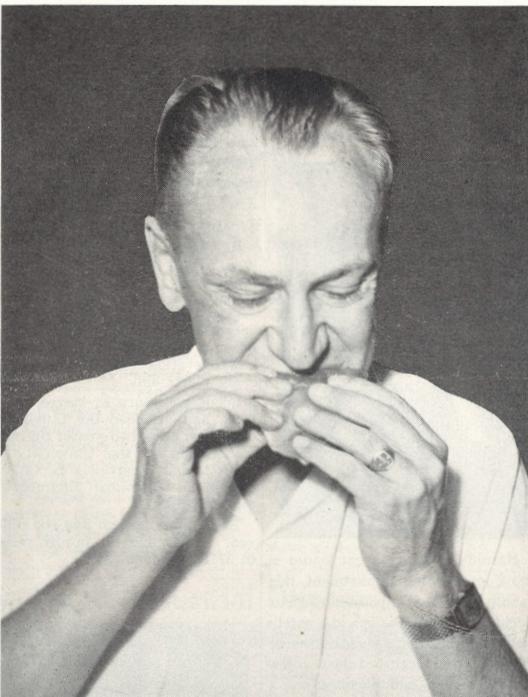
Watch Bulletin Board

The new facilities are expected to be completed in the near future, and employees are asked to watch bulletin boards for the completion date as well as additional information.

There's a Reason

How can a bowling team win four plant league championships in five years? The adept group, consisting of Captain Harold Dolan, Ray Bierbaum, Julie Brown, Charley Martin, Ray Schindewolf, and Joe Nagy did it again this year. There's a reason behind the Electricians-Machinists domination of the Shell bowling league. Read all about them on page 8 in this issue.

Y-U-M-M-Y



R. W. Hotto, Personnel and Industrial Relations, takes a big bite of barbecue, symbolizing the 1955 Service Club Barbecue, which takes place Saturday July 23 at American Legion Park, Edwardsville. Hotto, like other Service Club members and retired employees, makes it a point to attend the affair each year. All male employees who have 10 or more year's service, or who will celebrate a 10 year anniversary before December 31, 1955, are eligible to attend the barbecue.

A Moonlight Trip on the Steamer Admiral

SRA Excursion Is July 15

A moonlight excursion for all employees on the Steamer Admiral is being sponsored Friday, July 15, by the Shell Recreation Association. Donations under the group plan are \$1.10 each, according to Ray Cain, SRA secretary.

A large area of space above the ballroom will be reserved for all Shell people in attendance. However, the crowd will necessitate table reservations to be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Admiral leaves from the dock below the Eads Bridge at 9 p.m., but guests are admitted as early as 7 p.m. for the evening excursion.

Tickets can be obtained from the following SRA members:

Jack Harris—Main Gate
Al Doerr—Control Laboratory
O. A. Kleinert—P & IR
Jack Cherry—Utilities
Russ Henry—Technological
Vern Welch—Research
John Devereux—Training Bldg.
I. Flagg—Electrician
Fred Hagerman—Labor
J. Thompson—Eng. Inspection
Les Crull—Aromatics
Frank Carroll—Tool Room
M. Tucker—Cracking
B. Rapp—Boilermaker
Ray Cain—Stock Accounting

Service Club Affair Scheduled July 23rd

Saturday, July 23, will be a big day for over 3000 Shell employees and retired men. This is the date set for the Ninth Annual Service Club Barbecue at American Legion Park, Edwardsville. Festivities are scheduled to get under way at 10 a.m. and continue until 10 p.m.

According to C. L. Baker, president of the Service Club, annual sponsor of the big affair, invitations will be mailed to over 3000 people—men who have at least 10 years' service with the company, as well as all living retired men. Also invited will be all men who will attain 10 years of service by December 31, 1955.

Prizes Given Away

As usual, a great variety of attendance prizes will be given away throughout the day. Present plans call for approximately 25 gifts to be awarded each half hour. Tickets will be drawn by a blindfolded person. Each employee will be mailed a ticket, which he must present when entering the park. He must write his name on the stub of the ticket to become eligible for an attendance prize.

Plenty of barbecue and drink has been ordered for the day, which, say Service Club officers, will be fit for a king. Also included on the menu will be potato chips, pickles, olives, celery, tomatoes, and radishes.

Varied Recreation

A number of recreational activities will be provided. These include a high-striker, basketball throw, horseshoes, ping-pong, card-playing, and possibly others. In addition, two orchestras have been contracted to play throughout the day. Present plans also call for a softball contest in the afternoon.

The Service Club will hold their annual business meeting early in the afternoon, at which time nomination of officers for 1955 will take place.

Following the business meeting, a picture of all retired employees in attendance will be taken, and later mailed to individuals present for the picture.

A Stag Affair

Strictly a "stag" affair, the Barbecue has gained area-wide popularity in the past, and is the one time of the year when employees gather with retired men for a day of recreation and eating delicious barbecue. The renewal of old acquaintanceships is another of the many rewarding aspects of the event.

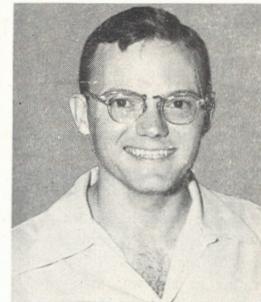
Service Club officers are once again looking forward to a successful Barbecue, and are issuing a special invitation to all who are eligible to join in the fun. Eligible employees who for some reason do not receive invitations to the event are asked to contact C. L. Baker, club president, on Ext. 464 or 365.

Marathon Pictures

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Bill Groves Is Marathon Champion

W. N. (Bill) Groves, a research engineer, won the 1955 Mileage Marathon June 4 with a fuel average of 36.67 miles per gallon. Groves, driving a 1953 model automobile with standard transmission, finished ahead of E. R. Lane, C. A. Phalen, G. D. Chambliss, and V. T. Welch, all of whom were close behind.



W. N. Groves

Lane, driving a 1948 model, averaged 36.30 miles per gallon, and would have finished in first place had it not been for demerits he received for finishing the course six seconds over the allotted time. Phalen and Chambliss tied for third, each compiling 35.69 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Another hard-luck contestant of the day was Vern Welch, who ended up in fourth. Welch would have finished third had it not been for demerits he received for finishing up nine seconds late. Welch averaged 33.81 miles per gallon for the course.

The annual marathon, sponsored by the Research Laboratory, had 19 entrants, with only one driver failing to finish the course. The drivers followed Route 111 south to the old Edwardsville Road, turned north on Route 140, and completed the course at Shell's recreation area at Kendall Hill, just south of Route 159.

In 1954, the marathon was revised to make the event more practical and to allow entrants to attain maximum mileage under ordinary driving conditions. The course was lengthened, and contestants had to average a speed of 37 miles per hour over the route. Unlike former years, it was against the rules to "soup up" the cars, inflate tires to a high pressure, or to strip the cars to bare essentials.

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Mr. and Mrs. Spudich



The Queen and Her Escort . . .

But She Still Has to Wash Dishes

Mrs. Spudich Elated Over Shell Club Queen Election

How does it feel to be elected the first "Shell Club Queen?"

We asked this leading question to a beautiful young Mrs. this month following her coronation at the Shell Club's annual spring dance May 20 at Godfrey Civic Center, an affair which was termed a tremendous success.

Lynette Spudich, the lovely wife of George Spudich, an accountant, was the lady in the spotlight. She was the recipient of a tremendous ovation as she was announced to the audience at the dance. Elected by popular vote from a field of five contestants, Lynette was crowned by Mrs. Wanda Jennings, wife of Shell chemist M. M. Jennings, and Mrs. America of 1955."

Getting back to the original question, all Lynette could answer was an excited, "It's wonderful." She smiled as she added, "I guess I feel much the same as any of the other girls would feel . . . it's certainly an honor."

George Spudich, Lynette's husband, was pretty happy too — and pretty proud of his cute wife. George and Lynette, married for nine years, beamed as they admired the crown and loving cup

which Lynette won along with the honor. "It's a funny thing," George said, "When Lynette came home and told me she was nominated for Shell Club Queen, and what did I think of it, I said, 'that's fine, sorta' between the sports page and comic section." He continued, "But as the dance grew near, I was about as excited as she was."

Lynette and George were still kidding each other as to whom was the more nervous as the dance ended. But the next day, George smiled as he told Lynette, "Honey, the fact that you're a queen now doesn't make any difference — you still have to wash the dishes!"

And Lynette was probably thinking, "It isn't every wife who has a 'king' for a dish-dryer."

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On Stream Soon

Construction Work
At Anacortes Plant
In Advanced Stage

Construction of Shell Oil Company's sixth refinery at Anacortes, Washington, is in an advanced stage with the administration building completed and occupied and most major process equipment in place.

Piping is the biggest job yet to be completed before the 50,000-barrel refinery goes on stream late this year. Construction started early last year on the 800-acre site on Puget Sound. Nearly 3,000 persons are being used by the contractors on construction work.

The refinery is being built to meet the rising demand for petroleum products in the Pacific Northwest, one of the fastest-growing regions in the country. It will process Alberta crude oil shipped across the Rockies via the Trans-Mountain Pipe Line.

Harold Sherer
Checks Out Safety
Hat Just in Time

Harold Sherer, tank car loader in the Compounding Department, this month prevented a possible serious accident through the use of a safety hat. The incident in which Sherer was involved occurred just a few days after he had checked out a new safety hat.

He was removing a loading spout from the dome of a tank car when the accident took place. As Sherer started to release the spout, it jammed and when loosened, struck him on the head. Had it not been for the fact that Sherer was wearing a safety hat, he could have been knocked to the ground.

Sherer smiled as he told a safety representative, "I've got a stiff neck, but I'm thankful that I checked out a safety hat nonetheless." Sherer's former job in Compounding was such that a safety hat was not absolutely necessary.

Marathon

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The same rules held true this year, although the course was somewhat shorter at 26.9 miles. Each car had to weigh at least 2,000 pounds, and not more than 5,499 pounds. Tires could be inflated to a maximum of 40 pounds, and no major revisions to engines could be made. Minor revisions, such as carburetor adjustments, were allowed.

Co-chairmen of the Marathon this year were J. F. Wickey and E. A. Isringhaus, Jr. This was the 12th event in the history of the Marathon, which is open only to Research employees.

Transferred



T. F. Leeds



C. J. Cech

T. F. Leeds, C. J. Cech
Appointed to New Posts

T. F. Leeds, presently Assistant Manager of Alkylation, has been appointed to succeed W. E. Hopkins as Lubricating Oils Assistant Manager, it was announced this month by Refinery Manager H. D. Dale. Dale also announced that C. J. Cech, technologist, has been appointed new Assistant Manager of Alkylation to succeed Leeds. Hopkins is leaving the Company, and the new moves will become effective June 30.

T. F. Leeds

C. J. Cech

Leeds joined Shell in July, 1943, as a technologist and subsequently worked in that capacity in several departments, including the Experimental Laboratory, Light Oil Treating, Alkylation, and Gas.

In August, 1951, he was promoted to Assistant Alkylation Manager, a position he held until his recent transfer. Leeds brings to the Lube Department broad experience in operations of numerous types of refining processes, with technological and operating experience in several departments.

Leeds was born in Havre, Montana, and attended the University of Montana for two years. He later transferred to the University of Detroit, and received a B. Ch. E. degree in Chemical Engineering there in 1943.

He is married and has six children. Leeds and his family reside at 3751 Aberdeen, Alton.

Cech was associated with Continental Oil Company before he joined Shell in September, 1946.

His initial assignment at Wood River was to the technological department. In 1948, Cech was transferred to the Experimental Laboratory, where he became a group leader. He later spent two years in the Alkylation Department and also worked on the bring-up of the Rectified Absorber Unit in the Gas Department. In 1953, Cech was assigned to the Technological Department, where he worked on Catalytic Cracking Problems and later the start-up of Alkylation Unit 3.

A native of St. Louis, Cech was graduated from Normandy high school. He attended the University of Missouri, and received a B. S. in Chemical Engineering from Missouri in 1943.

Cech is married and has three children. His address is 3030 Edwards in Alton.

A Long Jaunt



Two Research Laboratory employees are off for a tour of Europe this month. Jean Gorman, left, and Shirley DuVal, departed Saturday, June 4 from Lambert Airport via Eastern Air Lines for New York. From New York, the girls flew to Paris, France. They will also visit Italy, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, England, and Ireland.

Products Begin Moving Through Norco Pipe Line

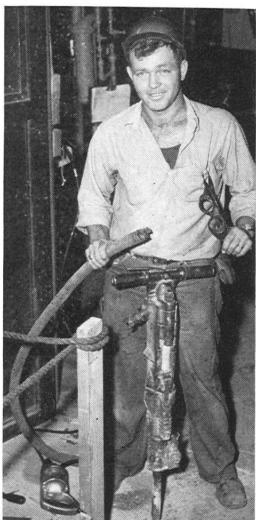
The first movement of products began last week through a new 65-mile, 12-inch diameter pipe line from Norco, Louisiana, to a point near Baton Rouge, it was announced this month by Shell Pipe Line Corporation.

A new pump station near Norco, just west of New Orleans, will make the line capable of carrying 50,000 barrels daily. Kerosene, distillate fuel oil and two grades of gasoline will be delivered through the line from Shell Oil Company's recently-expanded Norco refinery to a junction with the Plantation Pipe Line at Baton Rouge for further shipment to southeastern states.

An unusual and difficult phase of construction was laying of the line through 12 miles of swampland adjacent to the Airline Highway. This segment of the pipe is coated with more than an inch of concrete as protection against corrosion or other damage. The cost of laying pipe through swampland is estimated to be three times that of dry land operation.

The line was designed, built and will be operated by Shell Pipe Line Corporation.

Laborer Bearden Prevents Injury With Goggles



Laborer Chuck Bearden gets shook up quite frequently, since he operates a jack-hammer here in the plant. But Chuck is careful to always wear proper safety equipment.

Chuck was chipping concrete at the Research Laboratory this month when the coupling on the chipping gun came apart and struck his safety goggles. Good judgment on Chuck's part—for had he not been wearing goggles, he might have lost an eye.

Actually, Bearden was wearing the goggles to protect his eyes from flying chips of concrete. But he was happy that the goggles prevented an injury in a way he had not anticipated.

Anacortes Units

The process units at Anacortes will include crude oil distillation, catalytic reforming, catalytic cracking with feed preparation, gas recovery and polymerization units. The catalytic cracking unit is of new design arising from Shell research and is considered a major advance in this field.

Introducing... Miss Jackie Chappée



Jackie Chappée, new office girl in the Mailing and Filing section, is our steno-of-the-month for June. But July is just around the corner, so Jackie chose an appropriate setting for the shot. Jackie just graduated from Bethalto high school, where she won several awards in voice. She lives in Cottage Hills with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chappée. In addition to singing, Jackie also likes swimming, and confesses her secret ambition has always been to sing opera.

Colts and Lions Score 'Aplenty

Kids' Softball League Features Action

The kids in the Shell Softball League are firm believers in the old sports adage which says, "A good offense is the best defense." You don't have to be a softball expert to see that—all you have to do is glance at the scores the mighty kids have been chalking up.

Hefty batting averages as high as .800 are the rule rather than the exception in the Kids' League as a result of base hits sprayed all over the field.

Lions, Colts Tie

After two games, the Colts and the Lions are in a two-way tie for first place, and likewise the Rams and Panthers are tied for last. The Colts and Lions each have 2 wins and no losses, and the Rams and Panthers are reversed. The Colts have whipped the Rams, 16-12, and the Panthers, 17-14. The Lions have scored 19 runs in each of their two games, defeating the Panthers, 19-11, and the Rams, 19-4.

Hitting stars are numerous and well-distributed on all teams. For the Lions, Thomas has six hits in nine trips to the plate. Chandler has four-for-seven, and Zancy has three out of four.

Howell has six out of seven to pace the Colts. He is backed up by

Jordon, four for seven, and Hamm, who has four hits in six trips.

Thomas Star Hurler

Thomas of the Lions has to be named the pitcher of the year thus far, for he is the only chucker to limit the opposition to as little as four runs in one ballgame. He limited the Rams to eight hits in his first outing, which in itself is quite a feat, judging by Kids' League softball standards.

The Kids get together every Friday night at Kendall Hill, and they supply plenty of thrills, because it seems any player can break up any ball game at any given time. A team could be down 10 runs in the last of the seventh with two out and still win the ball game.

If you don't believe it, drop by and watch them play!

Golf pro—Now, just go through the motions without driving the ball.

Dub—That is precisely what I'm trying to overcome.

Shell Man Gets Award



Rol Fisher, right, public relations representative for Shell's St. Louis Division Marketing office and Wood River Refinery, receives the Silver Award for distinguished leadership and accomplishments during 1954 on behalf of the public relations program of the oil industry. The award is conferred by the American Petroleum Institute. A. D. Eubank, 1954 O.I.I.C. district chairman, makes the presentation.

DID YOU KNOW?



That petroleum is a prime factor in the nation's economic growth. For instance, the oil industry has created an estimated 60,000 jobs in the city of New Orleans alone.

That the nation's oil companies handed out more than 150,000,000 free road maps last year, and they're planning to give away at least \$7,500,000 worth this Spring.

That almost 90 per cent of the nation's natural gas is produced in the five states of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Kansas.

Iowa Gas Fields Will Be Expanded

A million dollar program for expanding and modernizing Shell facilities at the Iowa oil and gas field and natural gasoline plant in southwest Louisiana was completed recently.

The discovery of deep natural gas reserves in recent years provided the spur for the new development program in the field.

The program involved revision of high and low pressure gathering systems, channeling them to a central separation point, and installing additional compressor and natural gasoline equipment and new oil shipping tanks and pumps.

Joe Coburn, Jr. Graduates From U.S.C.G. Academy



J. L. Coburn, Jr.

J. L. (Joe) Coburn, Jr., 24, son of Joe Sr., Wood River Refinery project engineer, graduated May 27 from the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut.

Commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Coast Guard with an engineering degree, Joe Jr.'s initial assignment is to the U.S.S. Bering Strait, which will operate out of Honolulu, Hawaii. Coburn is to report to Honolulu July 8.

A graduate of Roxana high school, Coburn was a star football player at Roxana high, being named to the All-District football team in 1949, his senior year. He attended the University of Illinois prior to being named to the Academy in 1951. At the Academy, Joe also lettered in football, where he played left end.

The Coast Guard Academy is unique in that no political appointments are made—acceptance to the school is judged strictly on the basis of competitive examinations. The class of 1955 had 77 graduates from an original 225 who entered in 1951. In 1951, over 5000 young men took the entrance exam, with the 225 being accepted. Coburn ranked 22nd in his class of 77.

Joe Jr.'s folks flew East this month for his wedding, which took place Saturday, June 25 at the Academy Chapel. His wife is the former Alice McNeil of New London.

Cruthis Attests Safety Shoe Is Valuable Article



"That old safety shoe certainly has prevented many smashed toes for me."

Pipefitter-welder Bob Cruthis was doing the talking, and his words denoted sound sincerity. Cruthis' opinions were further justified recently when a 10-inch flanged stub fell on the toe of his left shoe, cutting the leather covering. The blow damaged the shoe, but not Cruthis' foot.

Cruthis, employed here for nine years, says his safety shoes are just like lunch—he wouldn't be without either of them.

My pop IS CLAY ROMANI and he works for Shell at Wood River Refinery. He's a gauger-special in the Dispatching Department, and he'll begin his 13th year with the company in August. My name's Roger. In a way, I guess I'm a Shell kid too, because I grew up with Shell. I was born in Dayton, Ohio, but we moved to East Alton when I was a year old. That makes me 13 now—just a year more than the time dad has been working at the plant.

But this isn't only about me, it's about my dad, and mom, and my little sister, Pamela. Pam's five but she doesn't look that old—she's kinda small for her age.

The four Romani's now live in a nice house in Roxana, 132 East Fifth to be exact. We're buying the house, and dad and mom and myself are pretty happy about that. Pam would be too if she knew the score. As she gets older, she'll learn to appreciate things more, like I try to do.

And as I look back on my 13 years in this world, I can realize I've got plenty to be thankful for—plenty to appreciate. First of all, like most kids, I appreciate my mom and dad. I appreciate all the things they've done for me and all the sacrifices they've made to give me the things I've got.

But I guess the thing I appreciate most is that dad works for a good company. He makes a good salary, we can afford to live good, and he's home a lot. He has to work shift work, but that's not bad, because on his change days we can play ball together. That is if mom hasn't got too many things for dad to do around the house. And when I think about it, I realize our family couldn't do the things we do if it wasn't for Shell.

For instance, let's say I've got a buddy whose dad is a salesman, traveling on the road. What I mean is if a kid's dad is a salesman, he isn't home much. When he is home, he's usually too irritated to do anything, sometimes. He wants to lay around the house on weekends to rest up for the week ahead. Or maybe he just isn't interested. Don't get me wrong, there isn't anything wrong with being a salesman, but in my book, dad's job has it beat.

Company benefits are another thing I like about Shell. I don't know much about them, but mom and dad talk about them a lot. There's the provident fund, the pension plan, the group life insurance, the survivor benefit,

BELOW, "Dad is showing me how to fix the lawnmower . . . he says I should know these things."



and the income protection plan. As I say, I don't know much about them, but just by looking at a list like that—well, you don't have to be a high school principal to know that that's a lot of protection.

And I guess I'm selfish enough to be thankful that dad has time to be interested in what I'm doing . . . he's encouraged me in sports, and has always taken an interest in how I'm doing in athletics. Of course, dad is a pretty fair athlete him-

self. He plays softball with the "Has Beens" and bowls for the Gaugers. In my opinion, he plays a pretty mean third base and knocks down a lot of pins in bowling. I think I know, because I've seen him play plenty of times.

Dad has always encouraged me to do things on my own hook. He wants me to be responsible and get self-confidence. Learn to think for myself. On my paper route in Rosewood Heights, I get a chance to meet lots of people and handle my own money. I know lots of guys my age who have to do more than pass papers—but dad says all work and no play for a kid is for the birds. If we ever needed the help, I know dad would want me to get a better job, but right now, he thinks a paper route is enough. So I get a chance to play baseball with the Khouri League "Chiefs." I've got ambitions as a baseball player, but I guess we'll just have to wait and see about that. But I can never say I haven't had the chance to play.

In the meantime, all I can say is, "I'm glad my dad works for Shell." And I know mom and Pam are too. It means not only bread and butter, but also meat and potatoes. It means too that we can have a good family life, and security for the future.

And you know, even a kid 13 years old has to think about security—and the future.

It's like the teachers tell us in school, "Young people should be thinking about what they're gonna do when they grow up, and while they're growing up." And the way I feel about it is, you have to think hard about it—not only about the race track but the pasture. And I can really see where Shell has a lot to offer.

Besides the things I've mentioned, there are a few others I'd like to throw in here. There's something about Shell—well kinda' gives you that great big happy family sort of feeling. Lots of times, dad helps his buddies do things, and they help him too. They can go fishing, and hunting, and play ball together, and well, they just seem to get along good. And then there's always the kidding—dad says he gets kidded lots of times—like he will when his buddies read this article—or like he does when he gets collared at the plate. Or like he does when he gets his picture in the paper.

But that kidding is a big morale booster, dad says. And when you think about it, that's right. As long as people kid you, you know they think a lot of you.

Kidding is fine. But believe me, I'm not kidding when I say, "I'm proud that my dad works for Shell." And if you'd ask other Shell kids, I bet they'd tell you the same thing.

Here's a Kid's-Eye View of Why He's Proud of His Dad - And the Place

He Works - Roger Romani Is Only 13 Year's Old, But He Can Tell

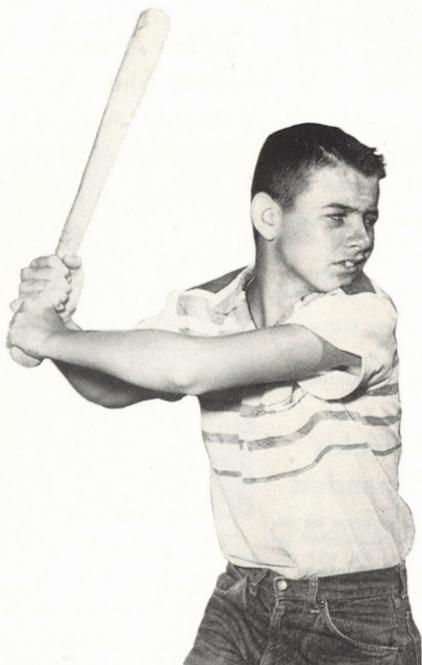
You Plenty About Security and the Future and Why . . .

My Pop Works For SHELL

BELOW, the Romani family relaxing at home. Left to right, Roger, his dad, Clay, Pamela, five, and Clay's wife, Virginia. Roger says, "Dad and I play ball together—unless Mom finds too much for him to do around the house."



"Dad has always encouraged my participation in sports. Maybe I'll never be a professional, but I can certainly say I've had the chance to play."



Marathon Termed a Success — Also the Picnic

Eighteen of the Nineteen Entrants Finish Course

Even though W. N. Groves copped the title in the Research Laboratory's 1955 Mileage Marathon, his feat was by no means the only thrill of the day on June 4. For the Marathon has grown from an economy run to a practical application of engineering methods to a family-sized picnic for the day.

And while the boys are leaving the starting line in front of the Laboratory for the beginning of the event, the wives and kids are home preparing for the picnic. Or the wives are home preparing the chow and the kids are busy getting in their way. Some wives even act as charterers for their husbands, occupying the front seat of the autos in the race.

Just Like Pop



Vernon T. Welch II, a sturdy offspring of an equally sturdy father, was more or less the official scale inspector for the Marathon. Here the stocky young Vernon points to the scale as if to say, "I weigh more than that". Some of the Marathon officials opined that Vernon's father does also.

Anyway, it's a big day for the boys and their families at Research on the day of the Marathon. This year, approximately 200 people attended the picnic, which followed the arrival of the 18 entrants. A pot-luck lunch was the order of the day, with plenty of ice cream and candy for the youngsters.

The Marathon itself was also termed a success, with a comparatively small number of entrants, but with an unusually close assembly of contestants.

Officials averages are as follows:

Place Name	Miles-per-gallon*
1. W. N. Groves	36.67
2. E. R. Lane	36.30
3. C. A. Phalen	35.69
4. G. D. Chambliss	35.69
5. V. T. Welch	33.81
6. Reedy, Price	33.18
7. Peat, Malone	31.02
8. Lawson, Henderson	28.60
9. Whisler	31.85
10. Cunningham	28.60
11. Gross	30.67
12. Cordera family	25.62
13. Tuell	30.67
14. Chandler, son	26.23
15. Horstman, family	18.81
16. Land, VanHorne	20.73
17. Mrs. Wescott, Mrs. Chandler	19.01
18. Myers, Fagan	17.76

* In some cases, the corrected mileage was lower. Several of the contestants had high averages but were penalized for infractions of rules.



Proud trophy winners at the 1955 Research Laboratory Mileage Marathon are, left to right, W. N. Groves, first place; E. R. Lane, second place; C. A. Phalen, and G. D. Chambliss, tie for third place, and V. T. Welch, fourth. Groves averaged 36.67 miles-per-gallon driving a 1953 model automobile. Lane, driving a 1948 model, averaged 36.30. Phalen and Chambliss each averaged 35.69, and Welch had 33.81.



Twila Land has her automobile inspected by J. T. Watson, one of the Marathon officials. Miss Land and Charlotte VanHorne entered the Marathon and finished in 16th place, averaging slightly better than 20 m.p.g.



Jack Ellis, John Wickey, and Dick Nelson, left to right, spent a goodly amount of time behind the calculators compiling averages for the event. Wickey and E. A. Isringhaus, Jr. were co-chairmen of the Marathon this year, which had 19 entrants.

Wood River Plant Will Supply New Cincinnati Terminal

The completion of new Shell Oil Company terminals at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mobile, Alabama, to supply growing gasoline needs in those areas, was announced recently by J. G. Jordan, Marketing Vice President.

The Cincinnati Terminal, situated on the Ohio River, near the business section of the city, has a total capacity of 92,000 barrels in two floating-roof tanks—a 56,000-barrel tank for regular gasoline and a 36,000-barrel tank for premium. Shell formerly supplied the area from a rented terminal two miles upstream.

The Mobile Terminal is on Mobile Bay which opens into the Gulf of Mexico. It has a total capacity of over 58,000 barrels including one 36,000-barrel vapordome tank for regular gasoline and a 22,000-barrel coneroof tank for premium. A warehouse and three smaller vertical tanks have been moved to the new terminal from the nearby site of the previous Shell terminal.

Facilities for both terminals include offices, cargo lines, and truck and tank car loading fill stands. Both terminals will be supplied by barge-Cincinnati from Wood River Refinery and Mobile from the Norco Refinery.

Traveling Students



Sixteen Roxana high school students and two instructors went on a two-week trip to Mexico this month, visiting landmarks and sightseeing in general. The group was composed of Spanish students at the school, students who have saved for two years for the trip. All members of the Spanish Club, the group has sponsored several money-making projects in the past few years to finance the tour. In the group are several children of Shell employees.

You Can't Keep A Good Oil Man Down

Most people have heard at least one story about some Texas oil man who made millions of dollars overnight. But how about the thousands of men who have risked everything on a "duster"? Oil men play long odds in their search for oil. Take the case of one Texas

operator. In the past 15 years, he has drilled 188 dry holes at a loss of nearly \$2.5 million—and he's still searching. The average wildcatter gets a duster eight out of nine times. It takes plucky operators to provide the new fields that increase the nation's oil reserves.

Earmark \$350,000 for Higher Education

Shell Companies Foundation Will Contribute Over \$1,000,000 in '55

Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated and Shell Oil Company and its subsidiaries will make contributions totalling more than \$1,000,000 to charitable and cultural causes in 1955 with \$350,000 of this amount provided for direct aid to U. S. higher education, it was announced recently by M. E. Spaght, executive vice president of Shell Oil and president of the Foundation.

The fund for higher education is one of the largest in industry and the greatest ever provided by Shell. It will support the education of scientists and the development of research at 41 different colleges and universities through the academic year 1955-56.

The two-thirds of a million dollars for non-educational charities will be given to Community Chests and United Funds, the Red Cross, national health funds, and other widely-used voluntary welfare agencies.

Mr. Spaght said in making the announcement that since the 1947 inception of the program for higher education Shell has sponsored 407 fellowships and 89 research grants with a total value of \$1,500,000. He emphasized that neither the recipient of Shell fellowships nor the Shell companies are obligated as to future employment.

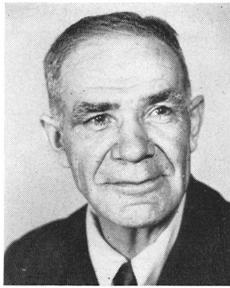
Benefit Plan

For full-time employees with one or more years of accredited service, the Shell Disability Benefit Plan provides for continuance of a good share of earnings when accident or sickness prevents the employee from performing work for the Company. Shell provides this benefit at no cost to employees.

June Service Anniversaries

15 Years

15 YEARS M. H. Brecht	15 YEARS L. A. Dye
15 YEARS W. B. Bryant	15 YEARS N. E. Everett
15 YEARS E. A. Campbell	15 YEARS B. E. Jardin
15 YEARS B. C. Cole	15 YEARS G. G. Lamb
15 YEARS J. L. Decker	15 YEARS J. A. Marshall

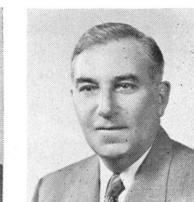
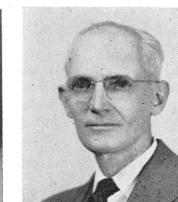


15 Years

15 YEARS D. W. Miller	15 YEARS H. G. Mead
15 YEARS R. C. Rathert	15 YEARS I. B. Metheny
15 YEARS R. E. Waugh	

10 Years

10 YEARS H. H. Ballard	10 YEARS C. H. Broer	10 YEARS O. A. Mizell
10 YEARS V. J. Brinker	10 YEARS H. E. Hentz	10 YEARS Serverino Tassinari



30 YEARS
A. I. Arbrough
Lead Burner

25 YEARS
Lawrence Bean
Light Oil

30 YEARS
G. K. Bruce
Labor Foreman

25 YEARS
R. G. Heidinger
Thermal Cracking

30 YEARS
H. R. Helvie
Lube Asphalt

30 YEARS
H. N. Nunnally
Lube

30 YEARS
J. W. Reid, Jr.
Thermal Cracking



20 YEARS
J. R. D.
Creekmore
Eng. Office

20 YEARS
T. C. Harris
Boilermaker

20 YEARS
C. E. Lexow
Con. Lab.

20 YEARS
G. McConnell
Pipe

20 YEARS
J. H. Mourning
Pipe

20 YEARS
J. L. Nagy
Inst. Foreman

20 YEARS
A. E. Sanders
Pipe

RETired
G. Caudle

RETired
L. R. Colyar

RETired
H. J. Smith

Shell 'Hasbeens' Lose Toughie to Onized, 6-4

Wood River's Industrial League Hasbeen team dropped their second game in six starts June 20 on a 6-4 extra-inning loss to Onized 1 June 20 at Kendall Hill. The league champs in '54, Shell's boys slapped Whitey Paul of no-hit fame for 8 hits, but weakened in the seventh and eighth frames. With Shell leading, 4-2, Onized tied the score in the first of the seventh, and won it in the eighth with two more big runs.

Onized got off to a 2-0 lead in the first of the third, but Shell went one ahead in the fourth, scoring three runs in their half of the frame. Shell added another in the bottom of the sixth while holding Onized scoreless.

Good For Awhile

Things looked pretty rosy going into the first of the seventh with the local men only three outs away from a victory. But Onized wouldn't be counted out, rallying for two runs in the seventh. Shell couldn't get even, and Onized won it in the eighth.

The victory would have been a sweet one for Shell, since Whitey Paul pitched a no-hitter at Shell only two weeks before at Kendall Hill. Paul and his mates won that one, 1-0, May 23. Paul faced only 21 batters - he walked two but they were erased with double plays. That ball game was a tough one for Bill Schipkowski to lose. Billy pitched three-hit ball himself, and the only run for Onized came in the last of the first frame.

Shell won a close one from Onized 2 on June 13, whipping them, 6-3. This was another tight ball game, with Shell managing but four hits to Onized's six. Pile's double was the big blow of the ball game, and Daube hit a homer to account for two of the runs for Onized.

Not Discouraged

The local men are far from discouraged by their recent losses to Onized One. With a 4-2 record going for them, they still have a good chance to repeat as league champions. If someone up and takes care of Whitey Paul and his boys, that is.

SHELL (4)		ONIZED ONE (6)							
		AB	R	H	AB	R	H		
Gall		4	0	1	Travis	4	0	1	
Green		4	0	1	Schneider	4	2	3	
Romani		4	0	1	Paul	4	1	2	
Stringer		3	2	1	Bailey	3	0	1	
Walters		3	0	0	Tovo	3	1	1	
Portwood		3	1	1	Eckhouse	3	0	0	
Cherry		3	1	2	Gadel	3	1	2	
Bensman		3	0	1	Stotler	3	1	1	
Burmeister		2	0	0	Grohman	3	0	0	
Schipkowski		3	0	0	Finn	3	0	0	
Totals		32	4	8	Totals		33	6	9

Noles Joins Unit



Major E. H. Mohme, second from left, welcomes Captain J. R. Noles to the Shell Reserve Unit at a meeting this month. Noles, who was transferred here as Stores Manager from Norco Refinery, has been active in reserve units in Louisiana. He is a veteran of World War II, and will assume positions of Adjutant and Company Commander with the local organization. Looking on are, left to right, Lieutenant Ron Brown, Mohme, Master Sergeant Bud Bermes, and Noles.

Greater Authorized Strength

Shell-Affiliated Reserve Unit Being Reorganized

The refinery-sponsored Army Reserve Unit, the 885th Engineer Depot Battalion, is to be re-organized Aug. 1 as the 861st Engineer Construction Battalion, it was announced this month by E. H. Mohme, (Major) commanding officer. The authorized strength of the new unit will be larger than the existing organization.

Officers and enlisted men now belonging to the unit will make up the nucleus of the 861st, which will have an authorized strength of 10 officers, 7 warrant officers, and 198 enlisted men. Meetings will continue to be held at Shurtliff College Armory, every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Heavy Equipment Work

Training activities of the 861st will be similar to general heavy construction work, since its mission on active duty would be building of roads, bridges, buildings, pipe lines, port facilities, and general utilities systems. The unit will be equipped with every construction tool from large bulldozers and cranes to ordinary carpenter hammers or pipe wrenches.

Commenting on the new unit, Major Mohme said, "The organization of such a well-equipped outfit requires men skilled in all the construction trades. These men either have related civilian jobs or have been trained at Army schools. The opportunities for promotion, pay, and interesting service are excellent in the new unit, since ratings are commensurate with the skill required."

Meet Reserve Obligation

Men presently having a reserve

obligation can improve their position by joining the new unit. In addition, men who are faced with eventual Army service can acquire training, pay, and promotion prior to being called to active duty.

Interested men may obtain additional details by contacting Mohme on Ext. 312, or J. R. Noles, Ext. 7269.

Noles, Department Manager of Stores, recently joined the unit as Adjutant and Company Commander. Noles was previously active in reserve units at Norco Refinery, Louisiana. Chet Klunick has been transferred to the inactive reserve as a result of his recent transfer to Shell's Montreal, Canada plant. Klunick had been associated with the 885th since 1948.

Shell men who have recently joined the unit include J. C. Denton, C. F. Wilson, and E. L. Williams.

Hospital Program

If you are a member of the Shell Hospital - Surgical - Medical Program you have a Hospital Identification Card which identifies you as a member of the program. You should carry this card with you at all times.

To Be Telecast October 9

Hour-Long Television Program Will Inaugurate Oil Progress Week

Plans for a nation-wide, hour-long television show in October, to inaugurate this year's observance of Oil Progress Week, were announced June 8 at the Pittsburgh meeting of the Oil Industry Information Committee of the American Petroleum Institute.

The show will be telecast by National Broadcasting Company, and will be sponsored by the Institute on behalf of the industry. It will mark the first time that the Institute has entered the commercial television field to carry out still another phase of its nationwide public relations program.

The special one-hour live program will be telecast Sunday, October 9, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. EST, with a repeat for the Pacific Coast from 8 to 9 p.m., PST. In addition, a number of regional TV stations will make kinescope repeats in their areas during the course of Oil Progress Week.

Look Into Future

Entitled "1976," the program will provide viewers with a look at the shape of life in the United States 21 years hence—the 200th anniversary of the American Republic.

Sylvester L. Weaver, Jr., NBC president, will serve as narrator for "1976." Some of television's outstanding stars will head the special cast, while the show itself will be produced by Ben Park, recently appointed NBC Director of Public Affairs. Park already has won recognition as producer of such shows as "Hawkins Falls," "Out on the Farm," and many other prize-winning TV and radio documentary shows.

As outlined by Weaver, "1976" will be a program about how people will live 21 years from now, how their lives will be different at home, at work, at play, as they travel, as they school themselves, and participate in community life. It will underscore the fuller, richer life that the future will bring to all, thanks to the traditional freedom of Americans to want and compete for better things.

Optimistic Look

"The program will be a television show which inculcates the most positive optimism for our way of life in the future," said the NBC president. "It will show that courage and positive action are the only courses we can ever follow, because they are the courses which have brought us this far in history.

"Coming at the beginning of Oil Progress Week, '1976' will be a symbol of the very progress for which that industry stands."

Speaking as national OIIC chairman, W. R. Huber, of Gulf Oil Corp., Pittsburgh, said:

"We are very proud of the fact that we are going to sponsor this dramatic television show. We looked around for a long time for a suitable vehicle before we settled on '1976.'

Praise Free Enterprise

"It will dramatize the very thing which we in OIIC have been promoting right along—that private management and competitive enterprise are the keys to our future, just as they have been through our past and present growth and development."

"This look to the future will not be limited to oil and oil men. It will be broad in concept, and will have strong appeal for adults and youngsters alike, both as entertainment and as education. We believe that it will be one of the outstanding television shows of the year."

Oil Progress Week, of which this year's observance will be the eighth, will get under way Sunday, October 9. Thousands of oil companies and tens of thousands of oil men and oil women will participate in special activities all week long.

Chemical Plant Goes on Stream at Norco, Louisiana

Shell Chemical Corporation's new plant at Norco, Louisiana, recently went on stream to add substantially to America's supply of glycerine and EPON resins.

Construction started late in 1953 on the plant, which produces allyl chloride and crude chlorhydrins, important components of both glycerine and EPON resins.

Many Industrial Applications

Glycerine has literally hundreds of industrial applications, being used in such diverse products as paints, cellophane, cigarettes, toothpaste and explosives. Shell Chemical's EPON resins are winning increasing acceptance for use in surface coatings such as paints and lacquers, and for structural applications such as mouldings and printed circuits.

The Norco plant is designed to operate in conjunction with the Shell Oil Company refinery there and uses propylene and other feed stocks from the refinery. The new plant employs about 150 persons.

More Units Planned

Recently, Shell Chemical announced plans to make synthetic glycerine by an entirely new method invented by Shell Development Company. A hydrogen peroxide unit will be constructed at Norco as the first step in the new process. To be constructed later are: a second unit to make acrolein, and a third unit which will use the acrolein and hydrogen peroxide to produce glycerine.



Railroad Supervisor L. A. Brown, second from left, and W. F. Stone, conductor, discuss switching operations of Wood River Refinery's new diesel locomotive, which recently went into operation. In the cab is operator R. F. Ash, while switchman O. Wilkerson stands at the far end of the locomotive. The new diesel can efficiently handle 50 loaded cars. It has a 600 horsepower V-6 engine, and weighs 99 tons.

Refinery Buys New Diesel To Replace Old 'No. 7' Unit

A new diesel locomotive, replacing an older and smaller unit, has been purchased by Wood River Refinery. The new locomotive, a sturdy, well-equipped, 99-ton piece of equipment, will be used mostly for intra-plant switching, according to L. A. Brown, Railroad Supervisor.



Industrial Display



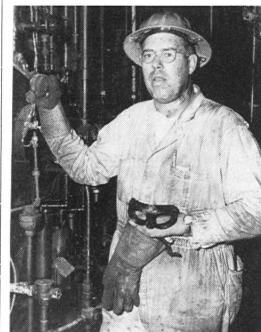
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hartkopf view the display sponsored by Wood River Refinery at the Alton Industrial Exhibition last month. Included in the Exhibition were displays by manufacturers from the greater Alton area. Theme of the Shell exhibit was the Research Laboratory addition, with Shell products displayed in the foreground.

New 'No. 9' and Crew

"May be a little late tonight, dear. A terrific sales campaign idea has just occurred to me!"



Sturgeon Prevents Eye Injury With Safety Goggles



The proper use of safety goggles recently prevented eye injury to Clif Sturgeon, Shell pipefitter working at the Extraction Plant. Sturgeon prevented eye damage as he was sprayed with acid from a broken pipe union.

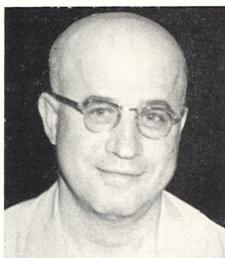
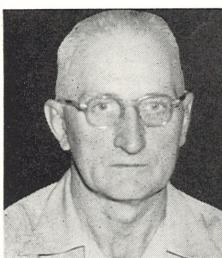
The work permit Sturgeon received from the unit operator warned of possible acid spray, and the pipefitter took the message to heart. He made certain his goggles were intact before he started to break a union. The nipple broke, and he was sprayed with acid about the face, neck, and shoulders.

Sturgeon received second degree burns, but his eyes were uninjured. He opined he was thankful to the operator who warned him of acid spray. Cooperation between operations men and craftsmen has helped to prevent numerous accidents—a real safety achievement.

It's a Fact

That with directional drilling, it is possible to drill from 4 to 12 wells from a single offshore platform.

Champs at a Glance



★ Ray Bierbaum . . . Old "Colonel Clutch"

★ Julie Brown . . . He's a tough man to beat when the chips are down

★ Harold Dolan . . . Team captain who practices what he preaches

★ Charley Martin . . . Youngster of the group.

★ Joe Nagy . . . At times the best bowler in the league.

★ Ray Schindewolf . . . "Shindy" is always tough.

Electricians-Machinists Win Title

SPORTS

Traditional Champs Dispose Of Brickmasons in 4 Games

Torch Club Remains Unbeaten

Standard Softballers Still Tough for Shell Men, 12-6

Standard Oil's Torch Club has been giving the Wood River Refinery boys a rough time this year, both in basketball and softball. Not content with the Industrial League basketball crown, the Standard boys make no bones about going after the softball title as well. On June 20, Standard dropped Shell, 12-6 at Kendall Hill for their fifth straight win.

Shell should have had enough runs to win the ball game, smashing out six hits good for five runs in the first inning. But Standard came roaring back to counter five for themselves in the last of the third. They went ahead in the fourth, 7-5, and added insurance runs in the sixth. Shell managed to get one more in the fifth, but they were still six marks away from the win.

Standard outhit the local boys, 14-10, with Simms and Easton each smashing out three hits. Benny McCormick had two softies. For Shell, Harold Taul and Johnny Martin had two apiece.

The Box Score:

SHELL (6)

	AB	R	H
Uffert	2	1	1
Turley	4	0	1
Zumwalt	4	1	1
Cunningham	4	0	0
Martin	4	2	2
Shields	4	1	1
Taul	3	1	2
Kus'off	3	0	1
Allen	3	0	1
Totals	31	6	10

	AB	R	H
McCor'ck	3	2	2
Palermo	2	1	1
Simms	4	2	3
Easton	4	2	3
Bertinelli	2	2	1
Green	4	2	1
Moore	4	1	1
St. Peters	4	0	1
Hulenkamp	4	0	0
Totals	31	12	14

Fisherman Sam Tells How He Caught 'Em In Sunny Florida

Sam Leffler, Dispatching dock operator and a Shell employee of 24 years' standing, has this to say about the receipt fishing expedition to the Florida Keys:

"I fished out of Marathon, Florida, which is about 50 miles north of Key West. Tarpon, like Cat Fish, do most of their feeding at night time. So to be there at the best time, the guide took me out at night, and we fished under one of Florida's full moons. I landed the first one that struck, an 85 pounder."

"It probably took about 40 minutes to land him—an estimate of course—as a person forgets all about time when a big one strikes and a reel starts singing. Big Tarpon are plentiful and I played at least a dozen more but failed to land another."

"Later, I fished for sail fish with Capt. Jack Piper in the Gulf Stream, which is about six miles out. The sail fish were not hitting, but we caught plenty of others."

It has been generally established that most great baseball pitchers always save that "something extra" for the rough innnings — they will bear down in the clutch to get the tough hitters, and let up a bit at the bottom of the batting order. The point is: THEY ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THEY HAVE TO BE.

And perhaps that's the mark of a true champion, because you can't argue with the record books. On June 1 at the Bowl Inn the 1954-55 Plant League Bowling Champs—once again the Electricians and Machinists—were only as good as they had to be to defeat the Brickmasons for the title. They didn't burn up the score sheets, but, you guessed it, they didn't have to.

Against a real good Engineering Inspection crew last month, the Machinists hit torrid scores of 900, 926, and 946. They had to in order to defeat the Inspectors. Against the Fire and Safety team, the league champs hit fair scores of 836, 837, and 902 because that's what they needed to win.

Enough to Win

And June 1 at Bowl Inn, the Electricians and Machinists hit just what they needed. The Brickmasons hit only 730 in the first game, so all the Machinists needed to win was 835. They dropped the second game 891 to 847. Then they came back in the third one to win by two pins—861 to 859. They won the fourth and final game easily, 870 to 738, as the Brickmasons slumped to a paltry 662 scratch.

No, you can't argue with the record books, and according to the bowling ledger, the Electricians and Machinists are tops. This makes the second straight year they've won the Plant Championship, and the fifth year in a row that they've copped the Premium League title. They have won the over-all championship four times in the last five years, losing to Research in 1952.

Like all great teams, the Machinists always seem to have someone "going" for them. When one or two members of the squad fall off, some, there will always be someone to pick them up.

Someone Always Hot

In the roll-off against the Inspectors, it was Joe Nagy, Harold Dolan, and Julie Brown. Against Fire and Safety, Nagy and Martin and Brown once again paced the winners.

And against the Brickmasons, it was Charley Martin, the youngster of the group, all the way. Martin hit games of 174, 178, 200, and 202 for a 754 total. For a fellow with a 169 average, that's mighty heavy hitting. Captain Harold Dolan also had a fine night against the Brickmasons, hitting 565 in three games.

The turning point of the contest against the Brickmasons came in the third game, with the score tied at one game all. The Machinists

were 12 marks down going into the seventh frame. But they came up with eight marks in the seventh frame and six in the eighth to knot the score at 33-all going into the ninth. Martin, Bierbaum and Schindewolf all doubled in that whooping seventh frame to pace the victors. The Machinists went on to win the third game by 2 pins, and that was it for the evening.

Stringer Leads Masons

Stringer paced the Masons all the way, hitting for a 708 total on games of 153, 211, 184, and 160. Long, Harris, and Johnson had good games in the second tilt, but in general the Masons just weren't steady enough to unseat the champions.

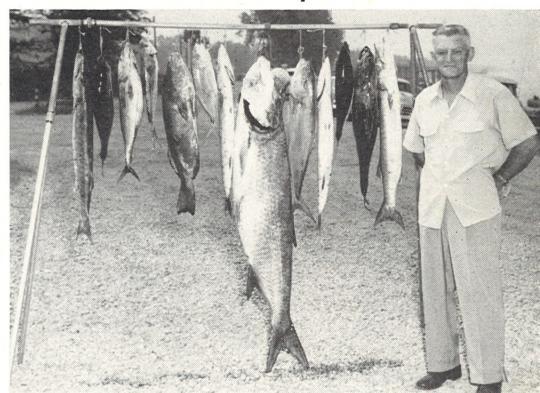
Yes, the Electricians and Machinists always seem to get just enough to win. And that's all that counts!

The Box Score				
Electricians and Machinists				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Brown	164	152	165	481
Bierbaum	130	151	169	480
Martin	200	174	178	202
Dolan	190	188	177	565
Schindewolf	160	160	171	670
Nagy	155	175	163	493
Totals	835	847	851	3443

Brickmasons

Brickmasons				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Duerr	141	92	233	
Harris	133	193	138	464
Long	143	120	145	377
Johnson	133	127	148	356
Frederick	142	125	124	391
Stringer	153	211	184	708
Totals	710	734	763	2292
Handicap	80	97	96	349
Grand Total	790	891	859	3783

Here They Are!



Sam Leffler, a Shell fisherman of note, really hit the jackpot this month on an expedition to the Florida Keys. Sam fished out of Marathon, about 50 miles north of Key West. His biggest catch was a 86 pound Tarpon, which he landed on a red-and-white plug about 10:30 p.m. The Tarpon — that big boy in the center of the picture — fought Sam about 40 minutes, but Sam finally brought him in. He also caught plenty of grouper, barracuda, dolphin, amber jac, and bonito.

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Phone 395

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