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NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL DRAWS CAPACITY CROWD!



The most successful New Year's Eve Ball ever held by the Shell Club saw the New Year in at the DeSoto Hotel in St. Louis.

When the hour of midnight struck,



the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" mingled with cheers and the blowing of horns. Hilarity ran rampant and the crowd immediately joined in a "Conga" line which wiggled over the dance



floor and overflowed into the aisles. It was an occasion not to be easily forgotten and everyone promised themselves that they would be back to see 1943 in.

Annual Bowling Tournament on January 24

By popular demand, the annual Refinery Singles and Doubles Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 24.

All bowlers who have rolled 12 or more games in any of the Shell Bowling Leagues (Alton or Edwardsville) are invited to participate in this fourth annual tournament at the Acme alleys in Alton.

The tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis (75% of the difference between 210 and your average as of January 16). Each event will be arranged in shifts so that all bowlers, regardless of working schedule, will be able to compete. The shifts will begin at the same time as scheduled last year with doubles starting at 10 a. m. and singles at 11 a. m. All events will be rolled across alleys 17 to 26, inclusive (top floor). Each bowler will be allowed to bowl only one singles series; however, the doubles are unlimited, the only qualification being different partners for each series.

Entry blanks will soon be available at designated places throughout the refinery. Guaranteed prizes for first place winners will be announced later. Other prizes will depend on number of entries—the more entries, the bigger and better prizes to be awarded.

NEW MILITARY LEAVE POLICY

The following is a brief outline of our Company's revised military leave policy.

Employees with one or more years of accredited service with the Company who enter active military or naval service of the United States subsequent to May 1, 1940 (either by selective service or by voluntary enlistment), and who serve during such time as the national interests are imperiled or until the earliest date the employee is entitled to receive a certificate of completion of training and service shall be considered as being on a leave of absence without pay and entitled to the following:

(1) Return to the position of em-

ployment which the employee is entitled to hold on the basis of his seniority standing in the department or division in which he held seniority at the time of leaving, provided the employee shall apply for his job within forty days from the termination of his military or naval service.

(2) "Service Allowance" equivalent to normal wages for a period of two months, calculated on the same basis as vacation pay.

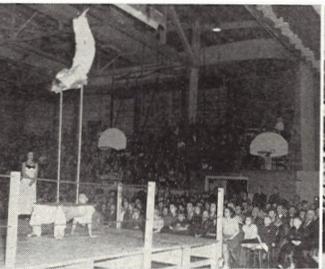
(3) Benefits by which such employee may continue without cost to himself premiums on Shell Group Life Insurance or National Service Life Insurance in an amount equal to his coverage in effect at the be-

ginning of his leave of absence.

Employees with less than one year of accredited service with the Company who enter the military or naval service of the United States subsequent to May 1, 1940 (either by selective service or by voluntary enlistment), will be entitled only to the benefits outlined in No. 1 above.

It will be observed that our policy in this respect has been greatly liberalized. It is to be understood that the foregoing represents only the salient features and does not embody all the requirements and restrictions of our policy. Complete details may be obtained from the Industrial Relations Department.

— CHRISTMAS PARTY LARGEST EVER HELD! —



Shell employees and their families attended a Christmas party at the Wood River High School on December 17.

Approximately 3,000 people filled the large auditorium to overflowing, while entertainers kept the audience spellbound. At last Santa Claus made his appearance and the children welcomed the generous presents which he distributed.

Much credit is due Bud Chappell, chairman of the party, and to his assistants for the way in which they co-operated in bringing another successful Christmas party to the Shell employees and their families.

Shell Basketball Team In Top Rank

The Shell basketeers are upholding the fine records all Shell teams have hung up this year. With only one game lost in the Alton Industrial League, Shell matches with the Western Cagers for first place.

Under the capable management of Dan Ufert, the Shell team is building up to a hard-hitting, fast-playing team.

The players on the Shell team consist of Merkle, Owsley, centers; Lamb, Briskey, Laumbattus, H'llen, McBride, Ufert, forwards; Nicolet, Sullivan, Donham,

Moorman, Isselhardt and Harshbarger, guards.

The games are held every Thursday evening at the Milton School Gym. Come on out and cheer our team on to the championship.

The schedule for the remaining games is as follows:

January 15: Shell vs. Standard Oil	7:15 p. m.
January 22: Shell vs. Western	8:10 p. m.
January 29: Shell vs. Laclede	9:05 p. m.
February 5: Shell vs. Isco	9:05 p. m.
February 12: Shell vs. Box Board	7:15 p. m.

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Opportunities

FOR SALE—10 room brick rooming house; small down payment. 513 Second St., Edwardsville.

FOR SALE—6 room house; modern. 410 Springer Ave., Edwardsville.

FOR SALE—Overcoat, size 42. Lester Jenkins, phone 2-2740.

FOR SALE—120 acre farm, circulator heater, 50 lb. ice box, hot water tank, Ford radio, Browning automatic shotgun. Mike Malone, Main Gate.

FOR RENT—3 room apartment. 317 Fourth St., Edwardsville.

FOR RENT—3 rooms and bath, recently remodeled. 410 Springer Ave., Edwardsville.

FOR RENT—Room—single or double. 201 S. 7th St., Wood River.

WANTED—Rides on No. 7 schedule from Bethalto. H. Coffler, Ldg. Racks.

FOR SALE—1941 Chevrolet five passenger coupe. Jake Miller, Vacuum Plant.

Main Oil Line

C. O. JONES.

Maurice Scully and Henry Coffler are flashing some wide open smiles around since they became owners of new store teeth. These masticators were in excellent condition for the Thanksgiving festivals.

The first signs of cold weather are when K. Matthews removes his socks and turns down his ear muffs. Clarence Meeks has also blown the moth balls from around his leather cap.

The wash house is quiet as a tomb now since Joe Zimmerman ceased changing clothes with the boys. Joe's line of chatter is sure missed, especially by some of our more reserved, dignified Gaugers.

Henry Wolfe has no fear of the High Cost of Living. Snaring Rabbits at the North Property provides the meat, and Henry has around a ton of shelled popcorn at home.

John Harris came out the day prior to Thanksgiving with a lunch bucket crammed with the most choice parts of fried chicken. Thanksgiving Day Johnnie oined on fried egg and jelly sandwiches.

Wood River's First Twenty Five Year Man



Washroom Etchings.

Joe Dugger: Hey, Rolli, they tell me you came from Vera Cruz, is that right?

Tom Olive: I heard that John Laux is giving up horse-racing and fox-hunting and is taking up needle work for his nerves.

Jim Ellison: Modern design makes the big difference!

Bill McNaney: Looks like Hamilton is doing a spicer on us, washing the hand bowl.

F. Payne: All you have to do is give good relief and you'll get it.

Wm. Hamilton: Well, I see Harold Kay gives better relief since he came back from the army.

Frank Adams (D No. 18 crab man) wants to know when the next Louis fight is, and also the date of the next World Series.

The new cars are broader, thus permitting the married couples to sit farther apart.

On January 2, 1942, Mr. R. C. Roberts, Refinery Manager, completed his 25th service birthday with Shell. His service started in 1917 at the Martinez Refinery in California. He was transferred to Wood River in March, 1920, as Assistant Head Stillman. In 1923 he went to Arkansas Refinery as Assistant Superintendent. In January, 1927, he was transferred to the East Chicago Refinery. In December, 1928, he returned to the Arkansas Refinery as Manager, and in July, 1938, he returned to the East Chicago Refinery and in 1939 he returned to our fold. We hope that his wanderings have ceased for the time being and that we may claim him for our own for some years to come.

"Bob," as he is affectionately known to many of the older employees, enjoys a position of great popularity among the employees in the refinery. His interest in employee functions, his ready wit, and his spirit of good fellowship towards the Wood Riverites during the less than three years which he has spent here have established his popularity once and for all.

We all join in expressing our congratulations to you, Mr. Roberts, on your 25th service anniversary. Here's hoping we may celebrate many more anniversaries here with you!

Judge: So you deceived your husband?

Witness: On the contrary, your honor, he deceived me. He said he was going out of town, and he didn't go.

Captain (to Sergeant)—Look here. There are men coming into camp night after night after "Lights Out" has been sounded. It's got to stop!

A few days later he asked the sergeant whether things had improved.

Sergeant—Oh, yes, sir. The last man in blows the bugie now!

George Mueller Retires On January 1



Front row, left to right: A. H. Eppel, R. L. Johnson, G. C. Mueller, J. Robinson, H. L. Rohrkaste, Tinner Foreman presenting the watch.

Second row: F. Plesek, L. Pfeifer, T. Fischer, Wm. Reed.

Third row: E. Uhley, H. Dubin, C. W. Rinkel. (E. Kessman not shown in the picture.)

George Mueller, veteran Tinner at the refinery, decided to avail himself of the benefits of the Shell Pension Plan on January 1.

George started to work as a Tinner on August 1, 1918, when the refinery was in its infancy. George has seen the plant grow from a Trumbles unit and Boiler House to its present size. Now he feels that he has earned a much needed rest and plans to retire to his home in Alton and take life easy.

His fellow workers, in tribute to George, gathered at the Tin Shop on his last day and presented him with an electric razor.

The Shell Employees Credit Union will hold its annual meeting in the Roxana Community Hall on Monday, January 19, at 7:30 p. m. All Shell employees are invited to attend this meeting.

It's All Out Now!

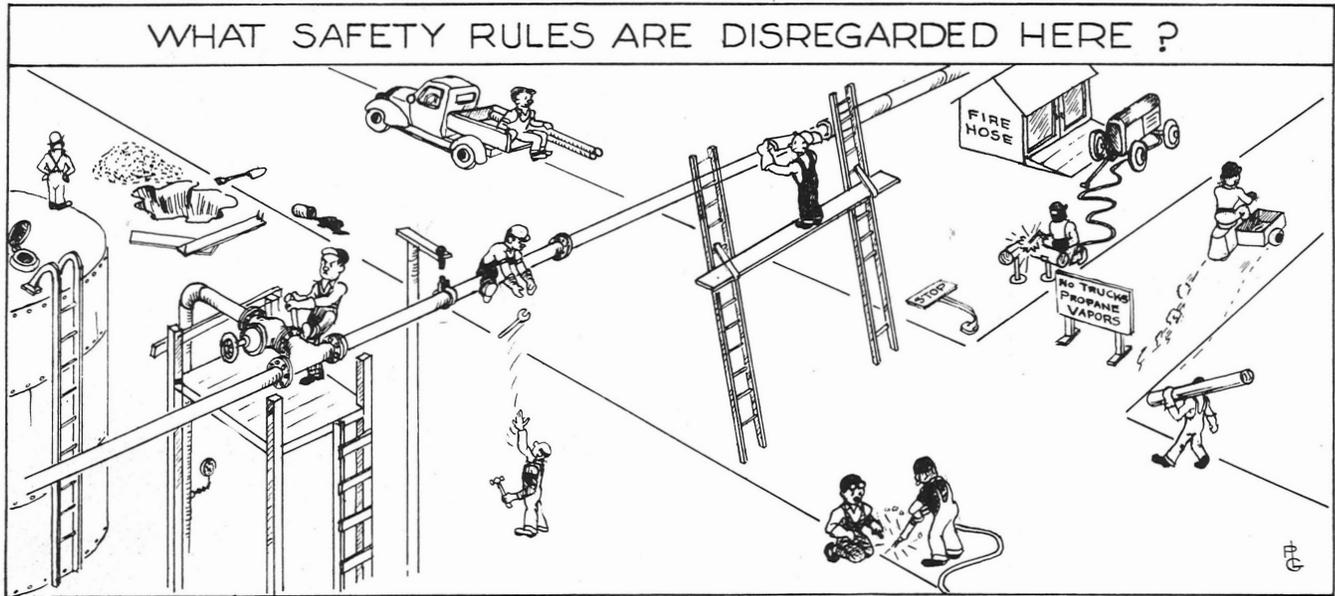
President Roosevelt's message to Congress and to the American public on January 6 put new heart into those fighting for the preservation of the nations of democracy.

A great task lies before us. We are going to live up to it if at all humanly possible. The creation of a gigantic air armada, thousands upon thousands of tanks, and millions of tons of shipping will require in turn fuel with which to operate these vast mechanized forces.

The gauntlet has been thrown to us. As workers of this refinery which will play an important part in the production of these vital supplies, we will pitch in and show them that we are doing our part!

Let's make America truly "the arsenal of the democracies."

A Safety Engineer's Nightmare...



The picture above might be entitled, "A Safety Engineer's Nightmare."

Study this picture—see how many unsafe conditions you can locate. If you are in doubt about some conditions, dig into your Safety Rules book. There are 28 unsafe working conditions pictured here. Can you find them all?

After you have listed your findings, turn to the back page and see how your list compares with the correct list.

(Editor's note: Following the suggestions of a member of the Safety Department, one of our own employees, Ralph Grahame, Engineering Inspector, drew this cartoon.)

D. & D. Plant E. SCOTT.

Frank Heinty paid the City of Wood River \$8.40 for the privilege of riding through said city. It might prove cheaper to lead your car at the end of a rope through the city.

Bill King said antiques were sold to look at or on rare occasions to sit on, but now you take his car, he says he can even drive it!

Headaches of January 1st will be nothing compared to the headaches of March 15. That is the day we find out how rich we WERE and how POOR we are.

For the week ending 12-12-41 the production at the D. & D. Plant for one week was 20,391 barrels of de-waxed oil, which sets a new record since this plant has been built. Not bad!

Mr. Stark said the Einstein Theory was simple compared to the puzzle of just how to go about getting Walter Zimmerman to "pop."

Our tastes change as we mature. The little girls like painted dolls and little boys like painted soldiers. When they grow up, the girls like the soldiers and the boys go after every painted doll they see.

Warehouse News BY MARJORIE STAFFORD

What did DeWerff have on his mind the night that he came to Shell to work the "graveyard shift," when he wasn't supposed to? Do you suppose his wife believed that tale?

C. Boyles says the only way he can get things done around Shell is by getting one of those "Jitterbugs" and going all over the place with it. It took us 30 minutes to figure out he was talking about "Jeeps."

Congratulations to Kenny Bruning, who hit high single game for the Shell League, with a score of 268. Nice work, Kenny! Keep it up, and give us a 300!

We think Sam Gehrke will watch his step in the future. The things you can walk into!

How did Lucille Wendle rate a regular mimeographed invitation to the Shell Club party? Mr. Branine handed it to her, and before she could read it, stated definitely, "You can't go!" Now, was that nice?

The army is certainly trying to take its toll around the Warehouse. "Whitey" Delassus was first on the list, and left after New Year's Day. However, he thwarted them by joining the navy. And now Kenny McConnathy, or just "Mack" to us, tells us that he has been called for physical examination. Best of luck, boys.

More congratulations to Mrs. Lee Boverie, and that new daughter of hers!

If Santa doesn't also bring Lucille Wendle a soldier from Texas, we don't think he's very nice. (Santa, not the soldier. From what Lucille says, he must be that perfect specimen the world has been seeking.)

We, the members of the Warehouse wish to extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years to all of the employees of Shell Oil Company.

Thoughts At Noon By TONY SITKO.

(Poem recently written during noon hour by mail boy who was just transferred to Engineering Field Office).

I watched the clouds go scudding by,
One bleak November day;
They brought me memories of other folks

In lands so far away;
Where children cry for hunger,
And widows cry in pain,
For those they once had learned to love,

But will never see again.
In France I saw a man die,
As he ran, then stumbled and fell,
To us it is more front page news,
To them it is living Hell.
It makes me boil to hear folks moan,
About the tax they have to pay,
Don't they know that the land they now own,

Will belong to their children some day?

Would they like to see their children
Grow up under a foreign rule?
Would they like to see the sons and daughters they love,
Rot in concentration camps
Instead of being in school?

GRAPEVINE

Bud Arnold said that when he woke up the morning following New Year's Eve, his eyes were so slanted that he had to go down and turn in his camera and shot-gun.

You have probably wondered why Al Donahue always carries so many passengers in his car. It seems that Al has never mastered the intricacies of turning a car around successfully and has to rely on his passengers to lift his car out of ditches.

They say, that when a man bites a dog, that's news; we still believe it's news, however, when we find that Tom Collins had to lay off due to a dog bite. We hear (unconfirmed) that Tom, after a certain incident, attempted to occupy the dog-house, whereupon the canine occupant protested vigorously.

Elbert Niebruegge kept his riders waiting the other evening while he took a certain young lady to her home in Wood River. We understand that Elbert engaged the young lady in conversation and caused her to miss her bus. His passengers are very concerned about his apparent seriousness and also about whether there may be a recurrence of this situation.

Flashes from the Shell Club New Year's Eve Ball—Beanie Wightman in the Conga line—the boys making a dash for Judy Dietiker and June McKean at midnight—lots of soup and fish out of the moth balls—the Evans family whoopin' it up in one corner—Dud Brewer engaging in a very serious conversation with his femme—Bud Arnold's happy grin—Mr. Roberts being enthusiastically welcomed by the furloughed sailors—the gang in the Coffee Shop at 5 a. m.

The other afternoon when the mercury hovered around zero, Tom Harris walked into the Central Shops and asked Harvick for a "sweat band." This remark really floored the boys in the shop who had not thawed out from the bitter cold. It really takes a hard worker to work up a "sweat" in this kind of weather, doesn't it, Tom!

We hereby move that the girls' quartet at the Main Office Christmas party be called upon again for some vocal renditions. How about it Margaret, Lelia, Dorothy and Jane?

The Veteran Operator

He's spent a whole lifetime of labor and toil,
As much as gasoline, he's a product of oil.
He's worked shift-work for many long years,
And many a pot of coffee he's diluted with tears.

We eye him with wonder, we all want to know,
What's inside the man that still makes him go.
'Tis two in the morning: we ask how he does it,
And grind our teeth to powder when he answers he loves it.

He lifts up to heaven his tired old eyes,
And drinks in the beauty of the star flooded skies.
His face glows amused in the giant full moonlight.
"For you young guys," he says, "It's a bloomin' good spoon-nite."

He throws back his head as if in a dream,
He hears the pound of the pumps and the hiss of the steam.
The clink of the lines as the oil surges through
Through the control room door he sees the clock pointing "two."

He sees the belching of smoke from the neighboring stack,
And the dart of a mouse for a near-by crack,
A million lights blended with a million stars,
Silhouettes of tanks; those giant reservoirs.

A million lines; webs of piling and straw,
A picture such as a surrealist might draw,
And they have their meaning; though only he knows,
That phantasmagora of surges and flows.

There's something about it; joy and sorrow,
If I hate it today, I'll love it tomorrow.
I wish somehow I could get an extension,
I'll hate it like hell when I go on a pension.

A short time ago a certain man decided to see just how strong a woman's curiosity was. He cut a small "personal" item from the newspaper and left the paper where his wife would be sure to find it. When he returned home the next evening, he was surprised to find the domestic atmosphere hanging heavy with thunder clouds. Investigation revealed that his wife had borrowed a neighbor's paper to see what he had clipped. He fumbled in his vest pocket for the clipping and was electrified to find on the opposite side from the "personal" item, this headline: "Prominent Citizens Figure in Wild Party at Roadhouse. Due to Prominence of Participation, No Names Are Given at This Time." And now a certain man has no further interest in feminine curiosity!

The world is full of trouble but this part of it is not as full as some others.

Unsafe Conditions Pictured in Cartoon:

1. Tank gauge hatch left open.
2. Man standing on edge of tank.
3. No back guard on tank ladder.
4. Unguarded excavation.
5. Nails sticking up in board.
6. Oil spill not cleaned up.
7. Shovel and bottle laying in roadway.
8. Stationary scaffold not properly braced.
9. Hand railing missing on stationary scaffold.
10. Hand railing which is installed is improperly built.
11. Hanger broken on overhead pipe.
12. Piping extending out back of truck not red flagged.
13. Man riding in back of truck with legs hanging out over end of truck.
14. Man hanging on pipe to work.
15. Man below throwing tools to man overhead.
16. Man not wearing safety hat when working underneath other workmen.
17. Man working off board on ladders without back rail.
18. Ladders not wired off, equipped with safety shoes, or man below holding ladders.
19. No barricade around ladders in roadway.
20. Rungs missing on ladder.
21. Stop sign not standing erect and therefore not visible.
22. No barricade around laborers using air gun in roadway.
23. Man directly alongside operating air gun not wearing goggles.
24. Man walking up wrong side of roadway.
25. Weiders elect. welding on piping without shields around job.
26. Firehouse exit blocked.
27. Scooter going into gassy area.
28. Welding in gassy area.

When autos were young, some reaching a speed of 35 miles per hour, one traveling down a rough road, ran over a hen.

The hen picked herself up—shook herself vigorously and said, "gee, but that was a rough rooster!"

Shell Bowling League

SUPER SHELL BOWLING LEAGUE.

Team standing.	W	L
1. Laborers ————	8	1
2. Cokers ————	7	2
3. Garage ————	6	3
4. Control Lab. ————	5	4
5. Lube No. 1 ————	5	4
6. Industrial Relations ————	5	4
7. Cracking ————	5	4
8. Warehouse ————	4	5
9. Loading Racks ————	4	5
10. Elect. & Mach. ————	4	5
11. Research Lab. ————	3	6
12. X-100 ————	3	6
13. Compounding House ————	3	6

GOLDEN SHELL LEAGUE.

Team standing.	W	L
1. Control Lab. No. 2 ————	7	2
2. Lt. Oil Tr. No. 2 ————	7	2
3. Riggers ————	7	2
4. Oilers ————	7	2
5. Stabilizers ————	6	3
6. Decokers ————	5	4
7. Topping ————	5	4
8. Gas Plants ————	5	4
9. L. O. Tr. No. 1 ————	5	4
10. Lube. No. 2 ————	4	5
11. Reformers ————	4	5
12. Supervisors ————	4	5
13. Crk. Cleanout ————	2	7
14. Tr. Drivers ————	2	7
15. Local No. 553 ————	2	7
16. Pipefitters ————	0	9

Mandy: Is you de judge ob reprobrates?

Judge: Well, Madam, I am the probate judge, if that is what you mean.

Mandy: Yassah, dat's it, Ah 'spects. Well, Mistuh Judge, it's like dis—mah husban' had done died detested, and lef' me with seven little infidels, and Ah wants to be appointed as de executioner.

You've probably heard it, but we like it so well, we think it deserves reprinting.

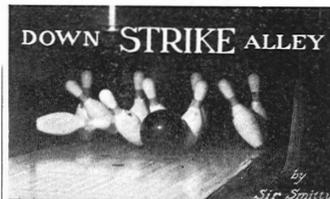
The American stood before the judge, accused of being unsympathetic to the American causes.

"But, judge," he protested, "I AM sympathetic to the American cause. I only said that I would prefer serving the Japanese to serving the Americans."

"And why," asked the stern judge, "Would you prefer serving the Japanese to serving the Americans?"

"Because I'm an undertaker" was the smug answer.

There is no man so friendless as the one who has lost his political pull.



Well, well! Look who's on top in the Super Shell League—Carl Davidson's Laborers. They're moving at a fast pace, too, having won 8 out of 9 games. Remarkable, considering that "Carl, the Load," has bowled in all of these games.

Close behind are those pesky "here I am again" Cokers and that nosey, noisy crew—Buck Homann's happy hoboes. (Bums to you, Crystal.)

Last year's champs, Control Lab. No. 2, look as if they intend to reassert themselves, as they have crowded into the driver's seat of the Golden Shell League with those hard fighting Treaters No. 2 and those surprising Oilers and Riggers.

Boy, oh, boy! How Rayburn and Doc Pierson have put the punch in those Oilers!

The first-half champs, the Crackers and the Stabilizers, got off a little slow the second half start, but keep an eye on them.

The power-house team of the Shell Leagues are those Electricians-Machinists. Just take a look at their averages—Nagy, 180; Bierbaum, 176; Brownie, 174; Dolan, 170, and Forcade 167. They've hit 41 games of 200 or better.

Better get your singles and doubles entries in right away for the big annual Shell Bowling Tournament on January 24, 1942—Acme Alleys in Alton. Members of the Super Shell and Golden Shell and Edwardsville Shell Leagues are eligible to compete. Remember—that's only a week and a half away.

For its size, we nominate the Lt. Oil Treating Dept. as being the most completely "bowling buggy." The Gas Plts. run them a close second.

Glen Andrews and Buck Homann are really hot after Cy Gorman's high average leadership these days. Last week "Buck" rammed home a 256 game and Andy a 599 series.

Hertel, Rayburn, and Hubach are really in there battling, too.

Don't forget the tournament—regardless of your shift, you can bowl. You can bowl any time from 10 a. m. till midnight. Turn in your entries.

Material Yard Presents Gift to "Whitey" Delassus



The members of the Material Yard presented "Whitey" Delassus with a travel bag last month when "Whitey" left for military service. Herman Niemann is presenting the bag to him while Mr. Wightman and the members of the Material Yard crew look on. Good luck, "Whitey."