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UNITED FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 1965 were photographed at a meeting in the Refinery Cafeteria. From the left are A. M. Peccola, Engineering Field, representing the International Association of Machinists; R. E. Elliott, Engineering Field, representing the Refinery's 10 craft unions; J. S. Spaulding, Distilling, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers; D. L. Buffington, Personnel and Industrial Relations; C. L. Baker, Engineering Field; V. E. Yust, Research Laboratory; C. A. Davidson, Personnel and Industrial Relations; H. W. Platt and R. L. White, Treasury.

Refinery United Fund Drive Plans Made

"Don't Let George Do \$t All," is the theme of the 1965 Alton-Wood River Area United Fund campaign. The theme is a take-off on the familiar old saying, "Let George Do It" - - - a four word history of the well known practice of passing the buck.

George can't do it all. He needs our help.

Many Wood River Refinery employees are helping George do it, by giving their time and effort to help make the United Fund campaign a success. And every employee will have an opportunity to help when the annual campaign for funds is held at the Refinery October 11 through 15.

Let's All Help George Do It.

"Don't Let George Do It All,"

Members of a steering committee organizing a Refinery campaign to help the proverbial George include D. L. Buffington, Manager Personnel and Industrial Relations; J. S. Spaulding, Distilling, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers; A. M. Peccola, Engineering Field, representing the International Association of Machinists; and R. L. Elliott, Engineering Field, representing the Refinery's 10 craft unions.

Other members include C. L. Baker, Engineering Field; H. W. Platt and R. L. White, Treasury; V. E. Yust, Research Laboratory; and C. A. Davidson, Personnel and Industrial Relations.

Buffington and his committee members can't be expected to provide all the help George will need. They're going to need help from everyone in the Refinery to get the job done, and



THE FIRST CORPORATE GIFT to the Alton-Wood River Area United Fund this year was a check for \$17,500 from the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. Wood River Refinery Manager George A. Lorenz is shown above presenting the check to James F. Towey, general chairman of the area United Fund campaign.

a monetary contribution or pledge to help support that work.

The area United Fund supports 20 agencies providing a variety of charitable and civic services in Brighton, Godfrey,

Alton, East Alton, Wood River, Hartford, Roxana, South Roxana, Fosterburg, Moro, Bethalto, Cottage Hills and Rosewood Heights. Refinery employees living outside the area will be able to contribute to United Fund or other charity drives in their home community through the Refinery campaign if desired.

As in the past, contributions to the United Fund may be made through payroll deduction, thus allowing smaller gifts, not so easily missed from the paycheck, to be made over a period of time instead of a single large gift in a lump sum.

George will be looking for your help soon. Be thinking about it, and be prepared to give him a hand.

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THE FERRIS WHEEL was one of the biggest attractions of the day at the annual SRA Family Picnic Sunday, September 19. There always was a line of children and adults waiting their turn to ride.

More Than 500 People Attend SRA Family Picnic

Entertainment for everyone - - - men, women and children - - - was available at the Shell Recreation Association's annual Family Picnic Sunday, September 19, on Kendall Hill. Festivities began at noon and continued until 6 p.m.

More than 500 people participated in activities for all age groups. There was a horseshoe pitching tournament for men, and a hole-in-one contest for golfing enthusiasts of either sex and all ages. Rides for the children included ponies, a survey pulled by a team of horses, a ferris wheel and mechanical cars - - - all free.

Free refreshments - - - soda pop, ice cream and sno-cones - - - were offered throughout the afternoon. Many families made an all-day affair of it bringing their picnic lunch to Kendall Hill.

Hole-In-One Winners

A. C. Rezabek, Truck Drivers, was winner of the men's division of the hole-in-one contest. Bill Schiller, a guest at the picnic, placed second, and

D. L. Buffington, Personnel and Industrial Relations, third. In the women's division, Mrs. Helen Scroggins placed first, followed by Harriet Juda and Betty DeLaurenti. In the children's division, first place went to John Jarvis, second to Richard Carroll, third to Dow Cherry and fourth to John Scroggins.

The horseshoe pitching tournament was divided into three classes. V. E. Bunge, Laborers was winner of Class A, followed by M. Urban, Instruments. R. A. Nesler, Auto Mechanics, was Class B winner, with R. D. Garner, Loading Racks, placing second. J. R. Cunningham placed first in Class C, with J. R. Carmean, Machinists, placing second.

In doubles competition, Bunge and Urban teamed up to win first place, with Ralph Dodd, Research Laboratory, and C. Arnold, Pipefitters, placing second.

(Additional photographs on Page 2.)



SAFETY SHOE CONTEST WINNERS were photographed last month in the Refinery Shoe Store as they picked up their prizes. First Prize Winner R. B. Moon, Engineering Services, holds the top of the outdoor cooker he received. Second, third, fourth and fifth prize winners received tickets to Cardinal baseball games. From the left they are C. J. Echele, Engineering Field Yardman; M. G. Henschen, Engineering Field Truck Driver; C. F. Zimpel, Senior Research Chemist, Research Laboratory; and W. J. Wojtkiewicz, Operator 1st, Utilities.

36 Contestants in 'Mileage Marathon'

You might have thought they were just out for a leisurely drive. Or maybe you thought they were having trouble with their car. Or perhaps that they were "Sunday drivers," loose on Saturday morning.

If it was Saturday morning, September 11, the motorists you saw probably were contestants in the annual Mileage Marathon for Wood River Research Laboratory employees. You might have seen any one or several of 36 such motorists who seemed content at one moment to barely creep along, only to accelerate at the next moment to a reasonable speed.

You might have seen them somewhere along a 56-mile course over city streets, country lanes, state or Interstate highways. Their circuitous route began at the Research Laboratory and went to Bethalto, Moro, Dorsey, Prairietown, Worden, Carpenter and Edwardsville, and then south to Interstate 270, west to Illinois Highway 111 and then north back to the Research Laboratory.

Unusual driving performances you might have witnessed were



1965 MILEAGE MARATHON WINNERS photographed during a trophy presentation ceremony on Kendall Hill following the Marathon are (from the left) G. P. McLain, W. E. Heinz, K. T. Wendler, G. Strotheide, Lab Club President G. E. Bahlmann (presenting a trophy to McLain), E. A. Brown and E. R. Lane. McLain was winner of Class B, Heinz of Class F, Wendler of Class A, Strotheide of Class C, Brown of Class E and Lane of Class D.

designed by the driver (or maybe a passenger - or perhaps even a committee) to coax the greatest possible distance from the smallest possible amount of gasoline. The winners of this strange race were those drivers

and automobiles performing the most efficiently, thereby recording the greatest "ton miles per gallon" (the number of miles a gallon of gasoline carried a ton).

Marathon contestants were divided into six classes according to the cubic inch displacement of their automobile engines. The winners recorded some rather unusual results, both in the critical (by Marathon standards) ton miles per gallon category and the more simple to calculate "miles per gallon."

However, the mere fact that one type of automobile was the winner over others in the Marathon isn't proof of greater efficiency, for driving skill also was a factor, as well as mechanical ingenuity. Penalties were assessed for completing the course too quickly, or taking too long, and some contestants spent many hours tuning and adjusting their cars prior to the Marathon. Others drove over the course prior to the Marathon, in order to determine just how far they could coast after topping a particular hill, or how much they would have to accelerate to pull another grade.

K. T. Wendler was winner in class A, recording 52.52 ton miles per gallon in a 1964 Volkswagen. K. C. Crawford, who ran second in class A recorded the best miles per gallon figure, 48.71, in a 1963 VW.

G. P. McLain, driving a 1960 Falcon sedan, was winner of Class B, recording 68 ton miles per gallon. G. E. Bahlmann, driving a 1962 Corvair, averaged 47.01 miles per gallon, the best figure of that type in the class.

Wins in Class C
G. Strotheide, driving a 1962 Valiant sedan, recorded 56.61 ton miles per gallon and 36.76 miles per gallon to sweep the honors in class C.

E. R. Lane recorded 72.34 ton miles per gallon and 40.19 miles per gallon in a 1965 Mustang hardtop to win class D. But the best miles per gallon record in that class was 40.49 recorded by C. A. Towne in a 1964 Chevelle, and he finished third. J. R. Williams was second with a score of 70.70 in a 1957 Chevrolet.

In class E, a 1964 Corvette driven by E. A. Brown swept the field, recording 71.58 ton miles per gallon and 40.44 miles per gallon.

W. E. Heinz won class F, recording 63.37 ton miles per gallon and 25.45 miles per gallon in a 1957 Mercury convertible.

Meanwhile, back at the drawing board, some contestants are planning for next year's Marathon.

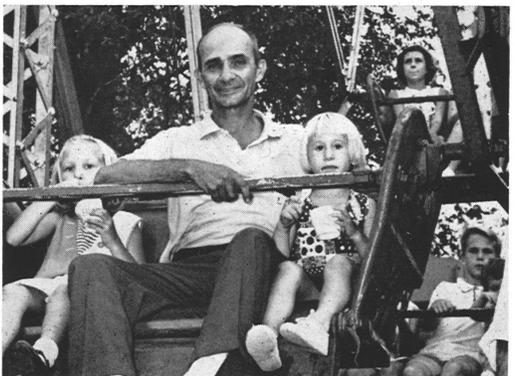


GUEST PANELISTS for the KMOX-TV program "Frankly Speaking" August 28, included Julian G. Ryan, Technical Advisor, Research Laboratory, shown at left above. The safe driving program was presented just two days before the re-broadcast of the Shell sponsored National Driver's Test. Others shown (from the left) are Moderator Lee Cavanagh; Sgt. Charles Tucker, Troop C, Missouri State Highway Patrol; and William F. Yorger, managing director of the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis. Others on the program included James Baumann of the St. Louis City Traffic Commission and Delbert Karmer, Traffic Commissioner of St. Louis County.

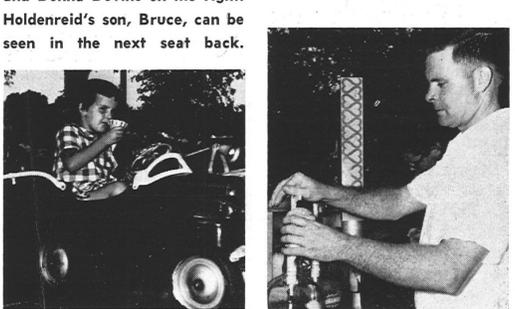
Family Picnic Scenes



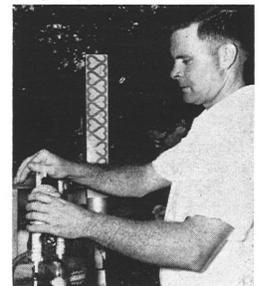
MECHANICAL CARS were a big attraction for the younger set. Young Steve Miller, son of Electrician U. E. Miller, is in the foreground in the photo above, with his father in the background.



FERRIS WHEEL RIDERS included Oliver Holdenreid, Insulators, and two of his granddaughters, Stephani Cipriano on the left and Donna Devins on the right.



A YOUNG DRIVER of one of the mechanical cars was Christy Robinette, daughter of R. P. Robinette, Fire and Safety Department.



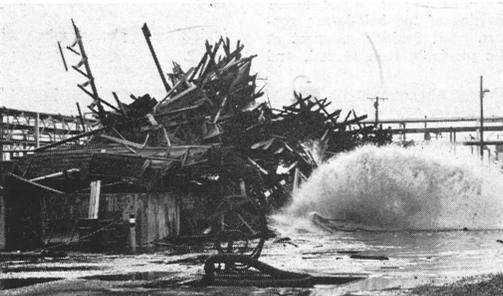
SNO CONES were a big hit throughout the afternoon, keeping H. W. Green busy crushing ice and fixing them for the children.



TABULATING THE SCORES for the Marathon was the duty of C. A. Towne, shown above. His work is being observed by J. W. Armstrong and M. C. Guerrero.



HUNGRY DRIVERS and others ended the Marathon with a picnic on Kendall Hill. In the scene above, Researcher J. F. Wickey and his wife are shown preparing fried chicken for the picnic.



A STORM CASUALTY Friday morning, August 27, was Cooling Water Tower No. 5, just north of the Vacuum Flasher, shown above just after being reduced to a pile of kindling by a 75-mile-per-hour wind. Company intentions were to remove the tower anyway within the next few months, but to shut off the flow of water first - a conservation effort Mother Nature apparently overlooked. Still another casualty, not pictured, was an egret, reported to have a 62-inch wingspread. The large bird was blown against a heater stack at Distilling 3.



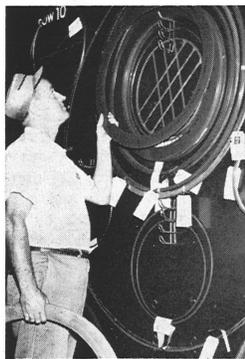
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Variety of Materials Needed for Refinery Operations

P. J. Hennekes Is Manager Of Construction



Can you imagine a retail store selling millions of dollars worth of merchandise without any sales effort or advertising? Wood River Refinery's Purchasing-Stores Department, like a retail store in many respects, handles a volume of material that would seem like a dream world to many retail merchants.

The Purchasing-Stores Department has available or obtains as quickly as possible a multitude of items needed for operation and maintenance of Wood River Refinery. To do this, the department issues more than 19,000 purchase orders annually to some 2,000 different suppliers in all parts of the United States. An inventory is maintained of more than 15,000 different items, from carloads of pipe to microscopic instrument parts, ranging in value from a few cents to \$20,000 each, and totaling in excess of \$1 million.

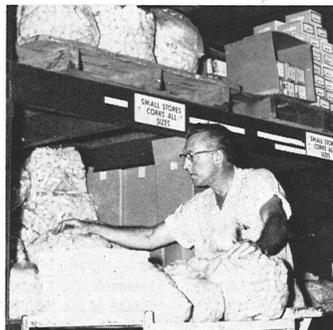
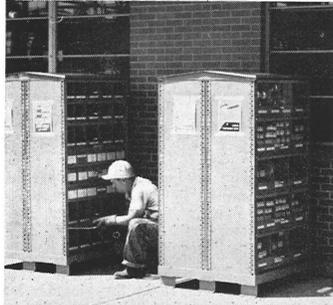
Whether you need a contractor to build a Refinery unit or a gram of an unusual chemical, typing paper for Main Office or a special valve for a Cat Cracker, the Purchasing-Stores Department is directly involved and ready to handle the job.



Paul J. Hennekes, formerly Assistant Manager Engineering Field at Wood River Refinery, has been named to fill the newly created position of Manager Construction, according to an announcement by Refinery Manager G. A. Lorenz.

Hennekes returned to Wood River September 1, from Head Office where he had served since July, 1963, as Project Engineer in the Company's Manufacturing Engineering Department.

Hennekes began his Shell career at Wood River in July, 1946. After serving in various capacities in the Engineering organization, he was named Senior Engineer - Construction in January, 1960, and Assistant Manager Engineering Field in August, 1961.



Rock Club Meeting Set for October 14

The Shell Rock, Gem and Mineral Club will hear a talk by M. C. Norman, president of the Piasa Rock Club, at the regular monthly meeting of the organization at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 14, in the Refinery Cafeteria.

The SRA-sponsored club has a membership of about 30 active and retired employees or members of their families. All interested SRA members are invited to the October 14 meeting.

PURCHASING-STORES EMPLOYEES handle a large assortment of materials in a wide variety of ways to have supplies available in the proper place in the Refinery when needed. The photos above offer examples of their materials and methods. At upper left, Counterman A. T. Kocis selects some large gaskets from a rack to send to some unit in the Refinery where they are needed. At upper right, Counterman

E. H. Behme uses a fork lift to maneuver a pallet of bags of Fuller's earth into place in the warehouse, to hold there until needed by the Lubricating Oils Department. At lower left, Pipefitter R. B. Travis selects a fitting from one of several bins placed conveniently at a shutdown site. The Purchasing-Stores Department arranges to have all types and sizes of small parts readily available for unit shutdowns. Pipe

fittings aren't the only "small parts" stocked by the Purchasing-Stores Department. In the center photo, Counterman C. E. Nisinger is shown lifting a bag of corks from a bin to be sent to one of the laboratories along with other material. At right, Truck Driver D. R. Clark drives a fork lift towing three trailer-loads of materials to be delivered to different places in the refinery.

Service Anniversaries



R. L. Bedwell Compounding 40 Years | W. E. Harper Eng. Field 40 Years | I. E. Stull Utilities 40 Years | L. C. Enloe Gas 30 Years | G. H. Franklin Gas 30 Years | I. W. Gouy Compounding 30 Years | W. M. Jacoby Gas 30 Years | J. G. Ryan Gas Research Lab 30 Years | V. F. Walker Refinery Lab 30 Years | A. M. DeBoard Cat Cracking 25 Years



C. G. Elliott Refinery Lab 25 Years | V. R. Hellingner Cat Cracking 25 Years | W. Henderson Eng. Field 25 Years | J. Hlavsa Jr. Eng. Field 25 Years | E. A. Hoffmann Ther. Cracking 25 Years | G. F. Hughes Distilling 25 Years | H. F. Laycock Gas Dispatching 25 Years | W. J. More Treating 25 Years | R. C. Niepert Gas 25 Years | R. R. Shaffer Compounding 25 Years

20 Years

- A. N. Bertagnolli Aromatics
- L. D. Brown P&IR
- H. D. Browning Compounding
- A. J. Martin Administration
- C. A. Pike Gas
- L. E. Smith Eng. Field
- G. W. Swires Compounding
- R. M. Waymire Alkylation

15 Years

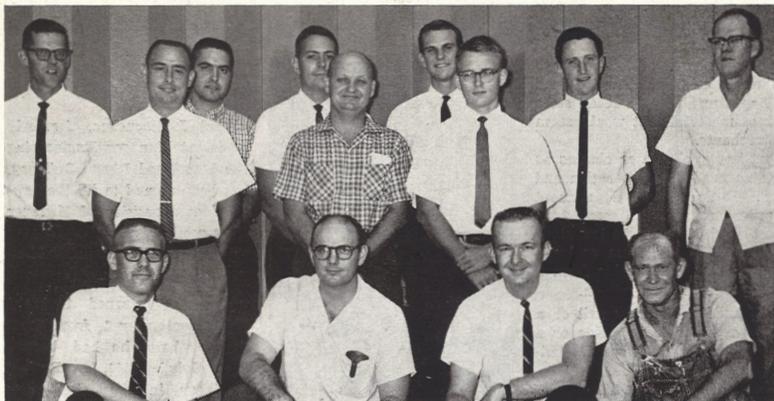
- R. T. Schlobohm Research Lab



M. G. Slocumb Refinery Lab 25 Years | R. C. Wylder Refinery Lab 25 Years

10 Years

- J. M. Ballantyne Eng. Field
- F. E. Baker Utilities
- T. Brodeur Eng. Field
- O. C. Buhr Research Lab
- H. D. Campion Treasury
- J. E. Clark Lube Oils
- R. A. Dealey Utilities
- W. E. Doss Research Lab
- R. B. Gray Aromatics
- R. J. Mossman Utilities
- G. R. Nash Research Lab



THE WINNERS of the Shell Recreation Association slow-pitch softball league posed during their lunch hour shortly after the end of the season. From the left in the front row are K. Henrich, D. Smith, R. J. Bunting and Umpire S. M. Fulkerson. In the second row (from the left) are R. A. Webb, J. Kornegay and K. Borgwald. In the back row are P. J. Nelson, D. Ottwell, R. E. Glenn, W. Gabris, C. Marker and Umpire R. C. Niepert. Team members not pictured are G. Hachman, L. Beland and R. W. Lambert. All members of the team and both umpires wish to report there is no significance in the fact that the umpires were invited to pose with the championship team. The umpires just happened to be nearby at the time.

Pistons Win Slow-Pitch Softball League

Pistons, Fuel Pumps, Spark Plugs and Carburetors fied, misfired, choked up and fouled with regularity on Monday nights this summer on Kendall Hill as the Shell Recreation Association's slow-pitch softball players competed for the league title. And SRA officials report team names were not the only unusual elements in a league that was "Strictly for Fun."

The Pistons finished in first place undefeated in seven games.

Members of the Pistons included Captain R. E. Glenn, R. A. Webb, R. W. Lambert, W. Gabris, D. E. Smith, R. J. Bunting, P. J. Nelson, L. Beland, G. Hachman, K. Henrich, K. Borgwald, C. Marker, D. Ottwell and J. Kornegay.

Playing for the Spark Plugs were Captain W. E. Heinz, M. E. Mason, C. H. Wankel, W. J. Becktel, B. E. Harthorn, C. H. Hendrickson, G. E. James, D. A. Barker, T. Porter, G. L. Monken, T. Smith, G. L. Sanner, R. E. Rossbacher and B. L. Tucker.

Players for the Fuel Pumps included Captain R. R. Kienle, W. R. Cauty, A. D. Kiehne, R. A. York, R. G. Stellman, R. B. Farrar, D. R. Cox, R. Rogier, R. M. Kemball-Cook, R. Wenom, M. T. Cohen, P. J. Wood and J. Winkle.

Playing for the Carburetors were Captain L. E. Abrahamson, M. Boyle, F. L. Pinkas, C. R. Jones, R. M. Obringer, W. Otaguro, L. Ferrari, W. King, R. E. Umbaugh, R. Davis, R. D. Appleby, C. B. Kindrick, J. L. Lanzerotte, J. L. Carlson and C. C. Smith.

Fishing Contest Winners Announced for 3rd Period

A 6-pound, 6-ounce bass was the biggest catch in the third quarter of Shell Recreation Association fishing contest. H. Tune, Aromatics, turned in the prize winner.

The third quarter of the contest ended August 31. The contest continues until October 31.

Other first prize winners in the third period included a 1-pound, 3-ounce crappie caught by J. R. Carmean, Machinist; and an 11-ounce blue gill caught by C. A. Reynolds, Purchasing-Stores.

Additional prize winners in the bass division included a 5-pound, 5-ounce catch by U. E. Miller, Electricians, taking second prize; a 4-pound, 12-ounce catch by D. Patton, Engineering Field Foreman; and a 3-pound, 11-ounce catch by L. Wilson, retired Compounding employee.

A second prize winner in the crappie division was H. H. Hayes, Dispatching, with a 14-ounce catch. E. Allen, Automotive; and L. Giacomelli, Pipefitters, tied for second and third place in the blue gill division with half-pound catches.

Utilities Golf Team Wins 1965 Refinery League Championship

Utilities golfers won the 1965 Refinery golf championship, scoring a 79-65 victory September 11, in an 18-hole playoff with Research No. 2 golfers. Utilities, winner of the first half in Perm-

ium League competition, earned the berth in the championship playoffs by defeating the second-half winning Alky - Aromatics golfers.

Research No. 2 golfers earned their berth in the playoffs by winning first half competition in the Silver Shell League, and then defeating the second-half-winning Personnel and Industrial Relations team for the league title.

Members of the Utilities team are K. R. Zumwalt, J. J. Merkel, F. E. Pullen, A. E. Pritchard, H. D. Tyree, L. W. Condellone, P. Simpson, W. W. Zirges and A. L. Kellar.

114 Taking Part In SRA Annual Golf Tourney

Wood River Refinery golfers began play in late August in the annual Shell Recreation Association Golf Tournament. A total of 114 golfers are competing in five flights.

Nineteen golfers are in the championship flight competition, 31 in "A" flight, 30 in "B" flight, 25 in "C" flight and nine in "D" flight. Matches are to be completed by October 22.

John Honchak was winner of the championship flight in 1964. Other golfers defending tourney titles include John Martin, "A" flight; Ken Baird, "B" flight; T. E. Innocenzi, "C" flight; and S. A. Rinaldi, "D" flight. Honchak is employed in Thermal Cracking, Martin in Engineering Office, Baird in Aromatics, Innocenzi is Chief Technologist, and Rinaldi is in Technological.

Deaths

James R. Venable, Electrician who retired September 1, 1959, died August 11, 1965.

Winford Hix, Electrician who retired October 1, 1961, died August 22, 1965.

Fred W. Schoenewey, Boiler House Operator who retired February 1, 1949, died September 8, 1965.

John W. Madosh, Pipe Machine Operator who retired March 1, 1946, died September 15, 1965.

Bowlers Begin 1956-66 Season

Eight Refinery employee bowling teams began the 1965-66 bowling season August 25, at the Bowl Inn alleys in East Alton. The season will last 35 weeks.

North Property bowlers are the defending champions of the Shell Recreation Association-sponsored league. Other teams in the league include the Boiler

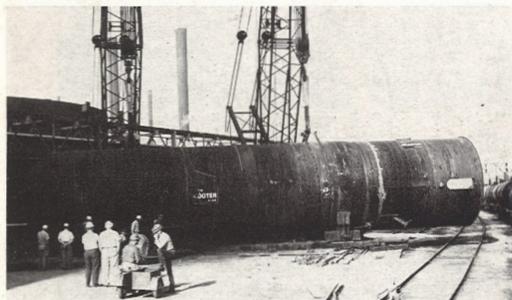
House, Tool Room, Engineering Office, Technological, two teams from Research Laboratory (Rejects and Relics) and the Mixers.

The Shell Recreation Association also sponsors two teams in the area industrial league, which also began a 35-week season in August at the Bowl Arena in Godfrey.

Bridge Club Holds Annual Tournament

Mr. and Mrs. Noel P. Lane were winners of the Martha Kimmel trophy in the Shell Recreation Association Bridge Club's annual tourney September 30.

R. L. Gray, Refinery Laboratory, and J. D. Metcalfe, Research Laboratory, placed second in the tourney.



THE REACTOR for the Refinery's new Cat Feed Hydrotreater is shown here blocking "K" Street shortly after being unloaded from railroad flatcars. The reactor, 41 feet tall and with steel walls five inches thick, weighs 280 tons. It was a massive job to move it the short distance from the railroad tracks to the construction site.



Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Olive, a daughter, **Ruth Ann Olive** is a Truck Driver, Engineering Field.

Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Miller, a son, **Rodney Leon Miller** is an Electrician, Engineering Field.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Burnham, a son, **Hugh Douglas Burnham** is a Group Leader, Research Laboratory.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Vassar, a son, **Wayne Fitzgerald Vassar** is a Laborer, Engineering Field.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Obringer, a son, **Timothy R. Obringer** is an Engineer in Engineering Services.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Manis, a daughter, **Jodi Lynn Manis** is a Senior Lab Assistant Research Laboratory.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Volling, a son, **Jeffrey Scott Volling** is an Engineer, Engineering Services.

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