

# Shell will contest antitrust complaint filed by Federal Trade Commission

The Federal Trade Commission's antitrust complaint against eight major oil companies has no basis in fact as far as Shell is concerned and the Company will contest it vigorously, President Harry Bridges said recently.

"Meanwhile, the public should not be misled into thinking that the present energy shortages have been contrived and will now vanish," he warned. "The shortages are real and have not been contrived. They are the outcome of the hard facts of soaring demand, declining

domestic production of oil and gas, and other factors beyond the industry's control. Even with our best efforts, the situation is going to get worse before it gets better."

Bridges explained that even though the spot gasoline shortages are probably over for the summer, the nation can expect domestic heating oil problems again this winter.

"Demand is going to be much in excess of what it was last year, whereas the amount of distillates that the industry

can make in the refineries of this country will not go up by the same amounts," he noted.

## Refining at peak levels

Bridges said it is obvious that charges the shortages are contrived could not be true, since the oil refineries in this country are operating at maximum capacity.

"The truth is the refining industry is running flat out and our own refineries are running almost flat out," he said. "We are restricted to some extent by a shortage of crude oil. We have not been able to buy as much domestic crude as we have been able to buy in the past, and we have not been able to buy enough crude overseas to make up the deficit. For these reasons, we are running not quite at capacity, but almost."

Bridges, noting that last year gasoline supply exceeded demand, said the shortages occurred during the summer because demand increased more rapidly than expected.

"Motor gasoline sales were up something like seven percent last year and another seven percent this year. The facilities in this country are just not expanding rapidly enough to keep up with that kind of demand."

## Competitive industry

In discussing the charges against Shell and the other oil companies, Bridges said he feels the people responsible sincerely believe in what they are doing.

"But the facts are against them," he said. "The oil industry is highly competitive. To reach a total of seventy percent of the market for petroleum products in this country you have to name twenty companies. There is practically no other industry in this country where a similar situation applies. Look at the automobile manufacturers. Or steel. Or aluminum. Or any others.

You don't have to nominate twenty companies before you get seventy percent of the total production and sales."

The Shell President added that divesting the oil companies of their refining capabilities would not be in the nation's best interest. "I believe when all the facts are available, people will realize that this is the most efficient way of doing things," he said. "I firmly believe that an integrated company is more efficient because it's integrated, and therefore, if there is to be divestiture, in my opinion, all it will do is make the problem of supply more difficult and ultimately result in higher prices to the consumer."

## Scalepageout

Bridges said the flak the industry is getting in the wake of the energy shortages apparently results from the fact that "somebody's got to be blamed." "The oil industry has never been very popular here and this makes it a very easy target," he said. "We have been warning people for a long time that this energy situation would arise. We have been recommending courses of action to government on things they could do to alleviate the situation, but they haven't done those things. The warnings we gave were adequate to have alleviated the problems we are suffering from now."

He said Shell will respond to the FTC complaint within the required thirty days by saying the allegations are not true. "Then we will just have to see what the FTC does," he said. "We are confident that when all the facts are known, we will prevail."

Bridges' comments came during an interview with Bernard Goldberg of CBS News, Houston, and his remarks were excerpted for the subsequent network newscast.



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## Special adult education class from Principia College tours refinery

A unique group of students toured the refinery August 15. The students, nine in all, were attending a special two-week summer session of the adult education program at Principia College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

This program, which does not carry college credit, is attended by business, labor and community leaders from all over the country. Many bring their spouses. This particular group consisted of five women and four men. Some take vacation from their regular activities for these seminars and others are retired.

Their tour of the refinery was what their professor, Gene Shultz of Principia, termed as the "industrial exposure" part of their overall program. He said, "These people are here to receive personal enrichment and education, and we try to provide them with a broad base. Noted

journalists and other specialists are brought in to talk to them as well."

The class was greeted by Dick Dreith, Manager Environmental Conservation, and then turned over to their tour guide, Ron Rolando, engineer in Technological. Before going into the refinery, Ron explained the basics of petroleum refining in order to prepare them for some of the process units they were going to visit.

Ron took the group on a bus tour of the refinery proper, with stops at the Distilling control room and the Oil Movements Center.

They then returned to the cafeteria conference room where Dreith conducted a discussion session. Participants asked many questions about the petroleum industry, and in particular the current energy situation and environmental considerations.



Dick Dreith, Manager Environmental Conservation, fields questions regarding the fuel shortage, environmental conservation, and the petroleum industry in general from members of a special adult education class from Principia College. Members of the class come from all over the country to attend these two-week summer sessions.

## Twenty-five year service award program updated

The attaining of 25 years' service is a significant milestone in any Shell employee's career. In recognition of this, Shell has a program of special service awards for these silver anniversary celebrants. The program has been updated, adding an eight-day clock of traditional design, plus several new selections in both men's and women's watches. Service awards other than 25 years are not affected by this change.

New to the choice of awards is the Seth Thomas Legacy mantel clock, which has a walnut finished mahogany case, eight-day wound movement and quarter-hour Westminster chime. It is almost 15 inches high and a little more than 10 inches wide. The Seth Thomas is expected to give considerable competition to the "perpetual motion" LeCoultre Atmos Heritage clock still available in the program.

Men's watches offered in the revised program concentrate on a broader selection of stylish contemporary Hamilton and Bulova models. Most of the

latter are the highly-popular Accutron electronic watches, several of which feature calendar windows showing both the day and the date. Formerly, all calendar models showed only the date.

Women's watch selections now also feature Bulova and Hamilton, with seven of the watches previously offered being replaced by new styles. The new diamond models run from the Bulova Diamond Caress, in a 14 karat white or yellow gold case with six diamonds, to the Hamilton Fascination, in a 14 karat yellow or white gold case with four diamonds. Also new is the Bulova Golden Dior, in a plain 14 karat yellow gold case with matching gold bracelet.

In this award program, eligible employees are notified several months in advance of their anniversary to make their selection. At the appropriate time, their service award is presented to them. Inscriptions indicate that the award is given in recognition of 25 years of Shell service and includes the employee's name and the year of the anniversary.



## Sports and shorts

### A measured response

In the June issue of the *Shell Review* we gave examples of how some of our favorite expressions, phrases and songs might have to be rewritten if the United States went to a metric system. Mrs. Jane Elam, wife of Doc Elam, operations foreman in Lube, offers more of these mind benders for your consideration. Can you come up with any others?

- \* A miss is as good as 1.609 kilometers.
- \* Mr. 152.4 centimeters by 152.4 centimeters.
- \* 2.54 centimeter worm.
- \* A 36.181 kilogram weakling.
- \* Give them 2.54 centimeters and they'll take 1.609 kilometers.

### Masters Degree

Joyce Lanzerotte, daughter of Joe Lanzerotte, senior inspector, received her MA degree in Education during summer commencement exercises at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Joyce teaches special education in the St. Louis County School system.



Joyce Lanzerotte

### Softball championship to Fitters . . . again

There didn't need to be a play off for the refinery softball championship this year because the Fitters rolled over everybody in sight during the regular season. They won both halves of the season and went undefeated in the process. The Fitters softball team is becoming a dynasty; this is their fifth consecutive refinery championship.

### Top photos on display

Every month the Camera Club holds a contest for the best photographs submitted in that month's category, such as "winter scene" or "pets and animals". Club members vote, and the winning photos are enlarged and shown in a special lighted display in the cafeteria. Stop by and see some of this excellent photography done by fellow refinery employees, pensioners and their families. If you would like to participate in this activity, just attend one of the meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### Management outlasts Engineers

Slow pitch softball was dealt a severe blow again this year in the traditional Management vs Engineers game held at Kendall Hill. Although there were several disclaimers as to specific responsibility, it was generally believed that the teams were captained by: Ray Lopez of Light Oils and Larry Nieman of Tech. Coming from behind, the Management team posted a 17-15 victory, which was, in no small measure, a credit to the spirited umpiring of Clo Laird of Light Oils and Charlie Cech of Economics and Scheduling.

### Bowling leagues begin

The SRA bowling leagues are off and winging on another season. The Monday night league began August 20 and the Wednesday night league began August 29. The 10 Monday teams and 8 Wednesday teams bowl at 6:30 p.m. at the Wood River Bowl. SRA members desiring further information should contact: John Thomas of Technological (Monday league) or Lyn Clark of Lubricants (Wednesday league).

### Honey sent me

Imagine the pleasant surprise Mike Brenneisen of Treasury-Oil Accounting got recently when he took delivery on his new Dodge. "Honey", the special promotional representative for Dodge in the greater St. Louis area, was visiting Hoefert Dodge in Alton that day, and she presented Mike with the keys to his new car. What model car was it? A "Swinger."



Honey and Mike Brenneisen

## Insulator oversees city league softball program in Edwardsville

"Mr. Commissioner." Olin Pence, insulator and a veteran of Wood River since 1953, is also a veteran of the summer softball world of Edwardsville, Illinois. He has played in, coached in, and for the last five years has been in charge of the entire city league program.

"The title 'Commissioner' may be a little strong," says Olin, "I'm not sure there is an official title tied to my duties, but I can tell you it takes a jack of all trades! The city fathers have been aware of the sports and recreational needs of Edwardsville and are very helpful. I have a staff of umpires, scorekeepers, a groundskeeper, and the like, but still there's a lot to do."

Olin has taken more than just a passing interest in this program. In fact he probably spends more of his time helping others have fun, than most of us dedicate to our own recreation. Olin said, "The season itself runs from about the first of June through mid-August, counting play offs. Monday through Friday I dash home from work at Shell, grab a bite to eat and go over to the park. I'm usually there until 11 or 12. On Saturday it's noon to 11. Sunday is a day of rest -- unless we have some rainouts that need to be made up." Olin also indicated that he takes two weeks' vacation in May in order to set up the schedules, rosters, officials and the myriad of things required to start the program rolling again.

### Staff of 12

Olin continued, "I don't want to give the impression I do all the work, because I don't. I've got 12 of the most dependable people working with me . . . it sure makes it easier."

One of the people Olin has "recruited" into service is his wife, LaVerne. "She does a great job," Olin said, "She's the secretary of the operation, and does all the typing, payroll, etc. But maybe more important than that, she not only has put up with all the distractions and the long hours I spend at the ball park, she has actually joined me."

Another Wood River employee also plays an important roll in the success of Edwardsville softball. He is Olin Buhr, tester helper at the Research Lab. Olin Pence said, "Olin is our chief umpire and he really knows his stuff. Whenever he is handling a game I know I couldn't do any better myself. He is always in command and on top of the situation -- and that's not just in the youngster games, because we have some highly skilled traveling-league teams playing here too."

### An expanding program

When Pence took over the duties of heading Edwardsville's softball program in 1968, there were 36 teams. Play was held only five nights per week with one or perhaps two games a night. Today there are 62 teams and a total of some



Olin Pence, insulator, shows his wife, LaVerne, where improvements have been made to Edwardsville's Vadalabene Park for the city league softball action. Olin heads the city's softball program, and LaVerne acts as secretary.

1200 players. There are two diamonds (one regulation and one junior-size) and play is scheduled late into the night and nearly all day Saturday.

"I think we have a good cross section of leagues," said Olin. "We have a league for high school boys, and two men's leagues of varying skill. Two of the more popular leagues are for junior and senior girls. On the other hand, this year, for the first time, we don't have a league of junior boys. I guess they are all too busy with little league baseball."

The Edwardsville softball diamonds are located on ground directly above an old coal mine. "The main shaft is right down the left field line, but don't worry, it was filled with cement," said Olin. He continued, "This area used to be slag from the pit so the base is very good and drains quite well. If the rain stops by 3 p.m. we can usually get a game in at six."

Olin Pence knows his softball, and he is a dedicated worker. If you're ever in Edwardsville during the softball season, drop by Vadalabene Park and see him. He's apt to be there most anytime there's a game-day or night.



Joe Hlavska  
Engineering Field

### RETIREMENT

### ANNIVERSARIES



Jess Billings  
Engineering Field  
30 years



Clarence Held  
Engineering Field  
30 years



Norm Morse  
MTM Research Lab  
30 years



Doc Elam  
Lubricants  
25 years



Tom Margaritis  
Engineering Field  
25 years



Amos Ruyle  
Engineering Field  
25 years

# Gas plant operator is carving a name for himself

Alan Derenne, because of his allegiance to a colorful television hero, carries the nickname of "Luke the Rifleman", but Alan is fast becoming known also as one of the more talented wood-carvers around these parts.

Alan is an operator in Gas, and although he has dabbled in wood carving since he was 10, he really didn't pick it up in earnest until about a year ago. Since then, most of his leisure time has been filled with the deft and detailed formation of wooden knives, guns, plaques, figurines and even modern art sculptures.

Showing a display of some of his work, Alan said, "Most of the things I make, I give away. I could probably fill my living room from floor to ceiling with all my works if I could gather them together, but they are scattered all over the countryside."

Alan's desire for perfection is strong, and those lucky enough to be a recipient of one of his carvings get a first rate

piece. Ed Ballman, refinery manager, was one of those recipients recently as Alan presented him with a large white pine pecten to mark Ed's 35th anniversary with Shell. Alton mayor, Paul Lenz, received a desk plaque with a detailed replica of the Piasa Bird emblazoned on it in shavings to mark the tricentennial celebration of Marquette's journey down the Mississippi.

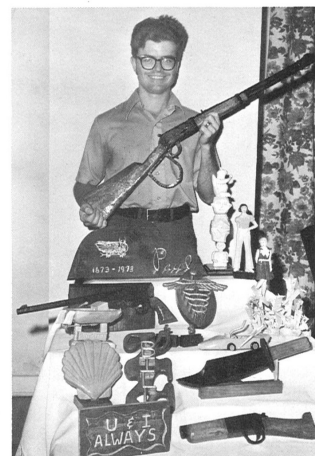
"I take a lot of pride in making my carvings to scale," said Alan. "This is especially true when I make replicas of guns. I've carved a wide variety of pistols and rifles, and in each case I outline the real article and take careful measurements before I start. Each is painted to add to its authenticity. Painting is harder for me than the carving -- I guess it's really a matter of my own interests."

Alan doesn't use any fancy tools for his work, just a pocket knife, a rubber mallet and a 1/4 inch chisel. Most all of the work is done with the pocket knife.

Admitting to having learned a good deal through trial and error, Alan says it is now easier for him to include minute detail in his work than it was just to get the basic shapes when he first started his hobby.

He said, "The most difficult thing I've made so far is a medical caduceus--that's the medical insignia with the intertwined snakes. As with most of my works, it is carved out of one solid piece of wood. It took me two months, off and on, to make. When I was in the hospital for a week earlier this year the nurses were so helpful I promised I'd make them one. They probably think I never got it done, but I have, and I plan to surprise them with it soon."

When most of us look at a block of wood we don't envision much, unless we have a fireplace. But when Alan Derenne looks at a block of wood his imagination fairly dances with thoughts of finely crafted and carved knives, guns, plaques, figurines and even modern art sculptures.



Alan Derenne, operator in Gas, holds his hand-carved-to-scale "Rifleman" rifle and displays a variety of objects he fashions in his spare time.

## DEATHS

LOUIS SANVI, July 20. Louis was a field machinist 1st before retiring in 1971.

VERNON VITATOE, July 26. Vernon was an operator 1 in Utilities before retiring in 1968.

JOHN LAWRENCE CUDDY, August 2. John was an instrument man 1st before retiring in 1967.

EVERETT VINYARD, August 5. Everett was a boilermaker 1st before retiring in 1952.

HARVEY A. DEEM, August 12. Harvey was a head watchman before retiring in 1955.

LARRY E. FRANKLIN, August 12. Larry was a pipefitter 1st and had worked at Wood River since 1959.

WILLIAM RAGUEL MOTT, August 17. William was a yardman before retiring in 1966.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Shop manual for 1970 Opel Kadett, Rallye, and GT. \$5. J. W. Nielson. 618-656-5398

1972 Mustang Grande. Fully equipped. Less than 7,000 miles. Jon Hayes. 618-465-9334.

1972 Yamaha 360 Enduro. 2,000 miles. \$625. B. Pringle. 618-654-3822.

Norton 750. Excellent condition. Red with extra chrome. Must sell. Price open. Neil Belanger. 618-254-6655.

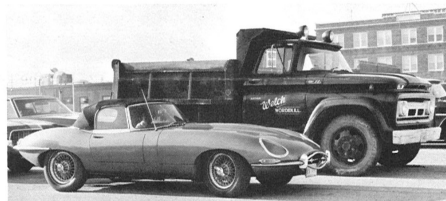
11½ foot sectional boat. Can be hauled in trunk of car. Good condition. Cheap. Joseph Le Vora. 618-466-3898.

"Hobby Car". 1941 Ford V-8, Tudor. Extra tires and new battery. See it at 315 East Market, Troy, Ill. 618-667-9496 (evenings only).

## Did you know?

There are about 250 oil refineries operating in 39 states, with capacities ranging from under 1,000 barrels to over 400,000 barrels daily. The largest single refining company has less than 9 percent of the total capacity.

## The 'drive' to work



How do you get to work? It took only a quick trip around the parking lots to find Wood River employees use a variety of conveyances to take them to and from the refinery, some are even a little out of the ordinary. Did we include your favorite?







## Crude line bound for Wood River

While construction crews were busy fitting together the Wood River Refinery in 1916-18, pipeline crews were intent on laying a 10-inch line from Cushing, Oklahoma, to Wood River. This line, initially called Yarhola after an Indian chief, supplied Wood River with the precious crude needed to make the refinery a going concern.

As the pipe was laid across the Oklahoma and Missouri countryside, local farmers and professional teamsters were contracted to haul loads of pipe to the construction sites. Shown in this picture is a 20-mule team pulling a train of wagons near Bland, Missouri, north of Rolla.

This particular team was headed by an Indian from Oklahoma, but other teams consisting of only two horses or mules also contributed to the effort. Farmers had friendly competition to see whose team could haul the biggest load over the rough terrain.

The 10-inch Yarhola Line is no longer in use as it was replaced by the 22-inch Ozark Line built along the same right-of-way in 1947. Shell

currently has a pumping station on this line, southeast of Bland, not far from where this picture was taken.

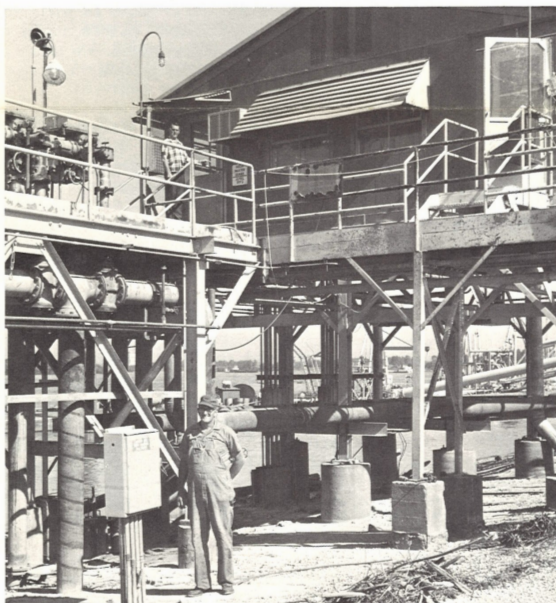
This photo was loaned to us by Mrs. Minnie Thomas of Bland. Pipeline construction personnel set up camp on the farm of her brother, Richard Stockton, and for a drayage fee of \$6 per day he hauled the massive amounts of food prepared by the camp cook.

Mrs. Thomas recalls that 1918 was one of the worst winters in mid-Missouri history with the temperature dipping to 18 degrees below zero at times, and snow piling in drifts over the fences. Hardly the best weather to lay a pipeline!

Being observant, you ask why we claim this to be a 20-mule team with only 18 mules showing? We are told the photographer accidentally cut off the lead pair when taking the picture -- besides who ever heard of an 18-mule team?

*For those complaining of hot dry weather...*

## Anyone remember how wet it was last April?



Velmer Schuette, a six-footer-plus operator at the docks, stands at normal ground level while Jean Pile, operations supervisor, shows where the April high-watermark reached just below the windows on the control house. Flood waters climbed 19 feet, 7 inches up the side of the control house and in the dock area, requiring extensive cleanup after waters receded.



Even a half mile from the dock facilities the flood waters were high. On Rand Road, only 100 feet from the levee, operations supervisor Jean Pile points to the mark of 13 feet reached by April's record floods.



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