

Ed Ballman moves to Houston

Ed Ballman, refinery manager at Wood River for the last eight years, was promoted to General Manager Chemical Plants and Refineries, and transferred to the Houston Head Offices during July. In his new position he will have administrative responsibility for all of Shell's manufacturing locations across the country. The managers of these installations report to him.

Originally a native of St. Louis, Ed received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla before starting his Shell career here at Wood River as a technologist in 1938. He has spent 15 of his 36 Shell-years at the refinery.

Active locally

After becoming the Wood River manager in June, 1966, Ed and his wife, Harriette, resided in East Alton, and he was very active in civic affairs. Among them: he was a member of the Board of Directors - Greater Alton Chamber of Commerce, and

its president in 1969; a member of the Alton-Wood River Area United Fund, and its president in 1973.

He has also been a member of the boards of directors or executive committees of: the Southwestern Illinois Industrial Association, Pride Incorporated, Piasa Bird Council-Boy Scouts of America, and the Illinois Petroleum Council.

Referring to these activities, Ed said, "I've enjoyed being a part of these worthwhile organizations, both as an individual and as a representative of Shell. You know, a lot of people don't realize that a refinery manager's job, for instance, is really two jobs in one.

"Of course there's the job of running the refinery. But as a spokesman for the refinery it is 'expected' that you be an active member of the community too.

"It's been some extra work and taken some extra time, but I'm glad I got involved, because I feel it has

broadened and improved me as a person. That doesn't just apply to refinery managers either; it's good for any good citizen."

"This is our home"

Of their move to Houston, Ed said, "Mrs. Ballman and I leave this area with mixed emotions. In more ways than one, this is our home. I grew up just across the river. And I've spent about half of my long career right here at this refinery.

"We have many, many friends here, and hate to leave them. Corny as it may sound, the refinery itself has become an old friend. I feel comfortable here."

Ed continued, "From the time I was a brand new technologist (engineer) up to and including today, I've always had the utmost respect for and confidence in the abilities of all the people that keep this refinery going. We're going to miss them."

"I'll be back"

Ed is quick to point out that although he is leaving Wood River, he's not going to be totally out of the picture. He said, "This will be Art Williams' refinery, but I'll have some indirect responsibilities for the ol' gal too, so don't be surprised if I return from time to time to see how my old friend . . . and friends . . . are doing."



ED BALLMAN, "I'll miss Wood River. I feel that I'll be leaving a part of me here."

He concluded, "I've always given what I could to Wood River, and given freely. As I leave, I feel there's still a part of me here."

That there is, Ed, and we're all the better for it.

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Art Williams new refinery manager

Art Williams became Wood River's new refinery manager this month, replacing Ed Ballman. Art comes to Wood River from the Anacortes Refinery in Washington. He had been manager there since October, 1971.

After receiving his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Oregon State University, Art began his Shell career as a roustabout at the famous Signal Hill Oil Field in Long Beach, California.

Art said, "Most of my assignments have been on the production side of the business. I hadn't really gotten into the manufacturing side, such as a refinery, until a few years ago. I find manufacturing interesting and challenging--as is production in its way too."

A pioneer

Interesting and challenging

aptly describe Art's assignments during his 27 years with Shell. He might be considered a "pioneer" of sorts, as he has been involved in some challenging "firsts". For instance:

In the late fifties Art Williams was involved in a project to develop offshore oil fields at the mouth of the Mississippi River. It was the first accelerated development of this kind attempted by Shell.

From 1960 to '62 he was with Exploration and Production Research in Houston, in charge of the research and development of techniques and equipment for Shell's first floating platforms for drilling and underwater production. Today Shell has a number of such exploration and production platforms, primarily in the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1965 Art found himself in Alaska where he was responsible for the design and installation of an offshore platform and pipeline in Cook Inlet--an area much in the news again today as a possible location for further oil production.

Art's project for Shell was the first such attempt in Cook Inlet -- known for its strong tides and blustery weather -- by any oil company.

Management philosophy

As with any good manager, Art has some basic management philosophies that he uses to guide his everyday decisions. He said, "I believe we as people making up a responsible company are here to serve three groups. Each group should be essentially equal in our eyes and each

should be considered when decisions affecting our business are made.

"The groups (in alphabetical order) are: the community in which we are situated and with whom we must remain a responsible and responsive neighbor.

"The employees, whose efforts make it possible for the company to provide the goods and services it draws its living from.

"And the stockholders -- the many thousands of people who own one share or many shares -- who have invested their hard-earned money to finance our efforts, and who deserve a return on those investments."

Another important thing to Art Williams is safety. He said, "I believe safety consciousness is important anytime, but especially so in a plant environment. I'm happy to hear that Wood River has a tradition of emphasis on safety. I intend to endorse and continue this atmosphere."



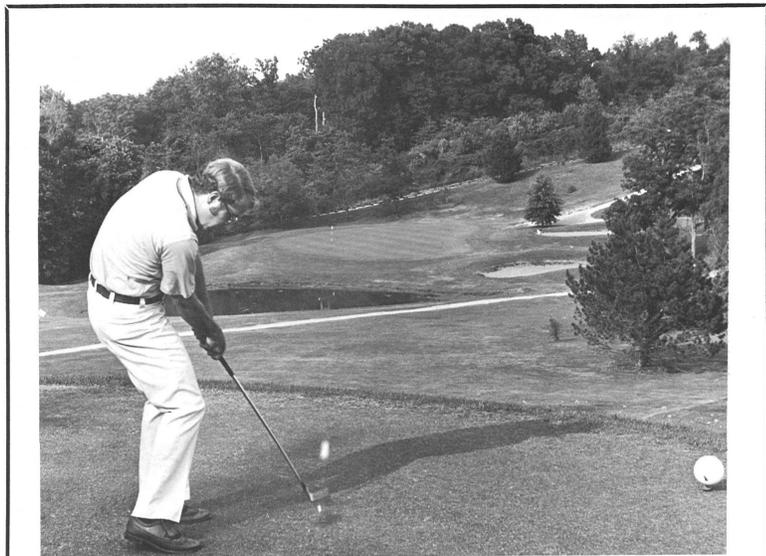
ART WILLIAMS, "I think any responsible company must keep the interests of the community, the employees, and the stockholders ever in mind."

Twenty-three homes

Art and his wife Joyce are in the process of moving into their new home in Godfrey. This will be their 23rd home in 27 years with Shell.

He said, "I guess it's a good thing we enjoy moving around because we certainly have been all around! In all these different places, I've never lived anywhere I didn't enjoy. I'm sure that will be the case here."

We are sure of it too, Art, and the people of Wood River welcome you.



TEED OFF. This issue features several golf stories. See "Sports and Shorts" (Pg. 2), "Four Aces" (pg. 3), and "Golf Day" (Pg. 4). Shown here is Tom See, on the hole he made his most recent hole-in-one. (He nearly duplicated the feat for the camera.)

Family Day set for September 21

As Wood River employees we come to work day after day and never consider our work place worthy of anyone's curiosity. But what about our families? They see us come and go . . . they hear us talk about how things are going at work; and yet how many have ever seen the place where we work?

Well, here comes their chance. Saturday, September 21, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. has been designated Family Day at the Wood River Refinery.

Soon, refinery and research lab employees and Wood River pensioners, along with other local area Shell employees, will be receiving personal invitations to bring their immediate families to the refinery for this special day.

In addition to a lunch and refreshments geared to serve the expected crowd, there will be guided tours of operating, shops, and office areas. Candy, balloons and entertainment will be provided for the kids.

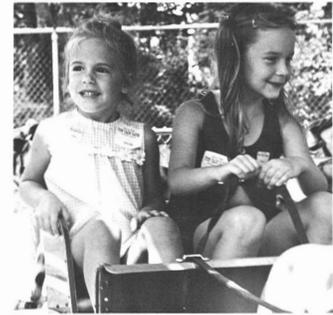
Watch the mail for your invitation, and set aside Saturday, September 21, for Wood River Refinery Family Day.

Picnic!

Last year's SRA Family Picnic at the Chain of Rocks amusement park was termed "the best ever." It was... until this year's, that is.

It was held there again in '74 and more than a thousand Wood River employees, pensioners, and their families enjoyed the run of the park on a sunny summer day, June 29.

There was something for everyone: rides, swimming, refreshments and free bingo. Pictured here are random shots of Shell-folks doing their things that day. If you missed it this year, you missed a good time. Next year don't be left out!



Sports and shorts

Hole-in-one for Mrs. Ballman

As if it wasn't enough that four Shell golfers made holes-in-one in just over a month (see story, pg. 3), as the *Review* went to press it was learned that Harriette Ballman, wife of Ed Ballman the outgoing refinery manager, recently made one too!

Harriette, who has been golfing for 15 years and consistently shoots in the low 80's, made her third such ace in an invitational tournament at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

She hit an 8-iron into a stiff mountain breeze on an 85 yard hole. Her other two holes-in-one have come on numbers eight and thirteen at Lockhaven Country Club near Alton.

Fish story

Winners of the first quarter of the SRA fishing contest have been announced. Three types of fish are being judged. Top anglers in each category are: Bass - 6 lb. 9 oz., Bill Wojtkiewicz (pensioner); Blue Gill - 14 oz., Joe Howard (gate captain); Crappie - 2 lb. 4 oz., Jim Eppers (yardman).

Outstanding student

Carol Means, daughter of Maurice Means, operator 1 in LF&E, has been named the Outstanding Student by the Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction, under a state program "Those Who Excel." Carol graduated from Alton High recently and will attend Western Illinois University starting this fall. In receiving her award Carol was commended for her excellence in leadership abilities. During high school, Carol was president of the Future Business Leaders of America chapters for her school, for southwest Illinois, and for the state. Other state awards were given for the outstanding teacher, school board member, and school administrator.



Carol Means

RETIREMENTS



Taylor Narup
Refinery Lab
40 years



Tony Amburg
L.O.P.
37 years



Doc Bush
Eng. Field
37 years



Bill Krupski
Treasury
36 years



Vince Muentnich
Group Projects
35 years



John Britton
Eng. Field
34 years



Tony Certa
Eng. Field
34 years



Ed Hilt
Eng. Field
34 years



Woodrow Jones
Eng. Field
34 years



Clarence Murphy
Eng. Field
34 years



Johnny Parjanie
Eng. Field
34 years



Harold Laycock
L.O.P.
33 years



Tod Gillespie
Eng. Field
32 years



Joe Maccanelli
Eng. Field
31 years



Frank Prusa
Eng. Field
31 years



Henry Wagner
Eng. Field
31 years



Bill Wojtkiewicz
Utilities
31 years



Fred Burger
Eng. Field
26 years

Oil company profits aid energy search

Robert C. Thompson, Shell's controller, told the annual convention of the Florida Bankers Association recently that the cost of energy self-sufficiency for the U.S. will dwarf the costs of both the Apollo moon project and the Manhattan atom bomb project.

He said, "The moon shot was the most difficult of the two previous national commitments and it cost about \$50 billion and took 10 years. Capital investment and other financial requirements of the petroleum industry will total one and a third trillion dollars between 1970 and 1985. This is

more than the annual gross national product of the United States, and this money must come from somewhere."

Viewed from this perspective, oil company profits are far from "excessive," he pointed out. "Rather, they are still far from meeting the monetary requirements of the future."

Thompson said that much of the confusion over our present energy dilemma comes from the noise of political debate as it heralds new elections in the fall for the Senate and the House of Representatives. "Part comes from the failure to understand our economic

system and part comes from misunderstanding the term 'self-sufficiency' when it is applied to energy," he told the bankers.

"Some people think we are going to build a wall around our country again and live in splendid isolation. This is the impossible dream. The realities of energy self-sufficiency are quite different," he said.

"Money is not the only limitation to developing energy self-sufficiency," Thompson pointed out. "Other materials are also in short supply, including metals of all kinds which are needed to develop

our energy resources. Steel is already in critically short supply in the oil industry with tubular goods most prominently mentioned as a delaying factor in many drilling operations.

"We also must be careful not to direct so much effort into developing our energy supplies that we fail to develop other essential parts of our society," he added. "A balance must be achieved between our energy goals and other national goals."

He indicated that to achieve self-sufficiency will require a major national effort involving the cooperation of all

Americans and the leadership of all levels of government and business.

"At the moment we don't seem to be going any place. Too many of our leaders fail to give energy self-sufficiency a high priority and most Americans are confused on the nature and doubt the reality of the problem," Thompson explained.

"Our immediate need is to dispel the atmosphere of confusion and confrontation that prevails throughout the country. It is preventing us from getting on with the job of working together to solve these critical problems."

It's hard to top four aces



Getting a hole-in-one is something that all golfers would like to achieve, but few ever do. It's a rare occurrence, and newsworthy whenever it happens. But when four Shell people do it within about a month of each other (two on the same day!) -- well now, that IS news. Three of the aces were made at Belk Park Golf Course in Wood River, and the other at Lockhaven Country Club near Alton. No two of the holes-in-one were made on the same hole. Each hole had its own manner of difficulty. Below are the stories of these four feats of skill. (NOTE: A fifth hole-in-one has just been recorded! See Sports and Shorts.)

Joe Kingery

Joe Kingery, senior engineering assistant in Engineering Office, never lets that big ol' lake guarding the 130-yard eighth hole at Belk bother him. In fact, on May 29 he never even noticed that water because he was busy watching his 8-iron shot go straight at, and in, the hole for an ace.

Joe said, "Like they say on TV, it 'covered the flag all the way.' The ball hit on the green about nine feet in front of the hole, took two bounces, and rolled right in."

Being a low handicap golfer, Joe is used to being somewhere near the hole, but a hole-in-one? Well, it's his second in forty years as a golfer. "But my real claim to fame," says Joe, "is a double-eagle two on the par five first hole at Muni Golf Course in Alton. I sunk a 3-wood from more than 200 yards away."

(For the uninitiated, a double-eagle, which is three strokes lower than par on any given hole, is more difficult and rarer than a hole-in-one on a 3-par hole.)

Joe's latest super-shot was achieved in SRA golf league action. Witnesses were his partner, Dale Appleby, senior engineer in Engineering Office, and weary opponents Ron Adams, safety inspector, and Hubert Hayes, retiree from Safety.

Joe Scroggins

"I've been playing this game for thirty years and that's my first hole-in-one. Take it from me, it's a real thrill!" Joe Scroggins, operator in Cat Cracking, achieved his golfer's dream on May 29 on the 170-yard 17th hole at Belk.

He said, "It was a 3-iron shot. The ball hit right in front of the green and, since the pin was in the back, it had a long way to roll. It rolled and rolled and then disappeared. I thought the ball had rolled off the back side of the green. But the guys told me it had gone right in!"

"We were all amazingly calm considering what had just happened, or was it stunned? Maybe we were tired. That was the 30th of 31 holes we played that day. I didn't have any trouble with being tired on that 31st hole though... smiled all the way to the clubhouse."

Playing with Joe were three local (but not Shell) golfers: Ray Zielinski, Dauber Brazier, and Harry Turnbeaugh. Jack Cherry, a foreman in Asphalt, missed seeing the magic shot because he had dropped out of the group earlier to come to work.

Al Springer

Thousands of people play a lifetime of golf and never even come close to a hole-in-one. Al Springer, retired Gas Plant operator, scored his third such feat on May 10 at Belk. Al is the first to admit he's been at this game for awhile, though--he started playing in 1935.

It was a 3-iron on the 150-yard 12th hole that turned the trick for Al this time. He said, "These ol' 73-year-old eyes aren't what they used to be and I can't see so good at long distances. That's a pretty small little ball, you know."

"I knew I'd hit it well but once it got to the green I lost sight of it. The two youngsters I was playing with had to tell me that it went into the hole. But that's okay, it didn't diminish the enjoyment of knowing the ball went into the hole in one swing of the club."

Al laughed, "Some of my golfing buddies kid me about always hitting the ball out of sight. Well, I'll tell you this, I can see all right to the bottom of the cup!"

The two young men who were Al's "eyes" that special day were Terry Clark and Don Teeske, both from this area, but not Shell employees.

Tom See

To the average golfer, the 8th hole at Lockhaven Country Club is an imposing (but beautiful) golf hole. It's a 170 yard par 3 from an elevated tee. The green below is just beyond a lake that seems bigger than it really is.

On Friday evening, June 29, Tom See, employee relations representative, was playing golf after work with his wife, Ann. His 6-iron shot on number 8 hit ten feet in front of the pin, bounced once, and rolled right in!

Tom said, "Ann had never seen a hole-in-one before. She went bananas. Needless to say, I got a charge out of it, too!"

Tom's what you might consider a good golfer. He has been playing golf 14 of his 28 years and this is his third hole-in-one. He made his first at the age of sixteen.

Ever make any double-eagles? "When I was seventeen I cut the dogleg on a 560 yard par 5 and holed out a 250 yard 3-wood," he said. "Those were two of the better back-to-back shots I've ever hit."

Tom attended Cal Poly (at San Luis Obispo, California) on golf and football scholarships, and was golf team captain for three years. During this time he competed against such current leading PGA winners as Johnny Miller, Jerry Heard, and Buddy Allin.

IN REMEMBRANCE

EDWIN S. BARNETT, June 15. Mr. Barnett was a janitor 1st before retiring in 1964. He was 75.

WALTER JOHN MILLER, June 15. Mr. Miller was a truck driver 1st before retiring in 1961. He was 74.

EVERETT RAYMOND TURNER, June 18. Mr. Turner was a pipefitter helper 1st before retiring in 1963. He was 72.

CLARENCE L. SHIRLEY, June 24. Mr. Shirley was a pipefitter 1st and had worked at the Wood River Refinery for 35 years. He was 54.

FREDERICK RUDOLPH ALSBERG, July 4. Mr. Alsberg was a research chemist before retiring in 1971. He was 58.

LENNIE ELLSWORTH LAMB, July 10. Mr. Lamb was a shift foreman in Lube before retiring in 1963. He was 67.

HARRY J. SHEWMAKE, July 17. Mr. Shewmake was a head stillman in Cat Cracking before retiring in 1950. He was 84.

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WANTED ... ONE BOWLING TEAM. The Wednesday night SRA bowling league has an opening for one team. League play starts September 4. Get together at least five bowlers and contact either John Thomas on plant phone 739 or Lyn Clark on plant phone 612.



THE GRIP. THE SWING. THE PUTTING TOUCH. Jo Ann Boren (Engineering Office) shows good form in the basics of golf. Jo Ann shot 48 for nine holes before the rains came. Her score bested many of the "male chauvinists."



TOWARD THE GREEN. Junior Edwards (boilermaker foreman), Clarence Schwab (boilermaker), and Leon Little (retired) watch as Les Smorado (boilermaker) tees off on the "nearest the pin" hole, number three.



CONVERSATION. Clo Laird (LOP); "Whadya shoot Marg?" Marg Stroud (Treasury); "Not so good ... pssst, pssst." Walt Ogg (retired); "What did she say? I think she beat me!"

Golf Day

Through wind and rain, sleet and snow . . . second only to the valiant postman is the golfer in striving to complete his appointed rounds.

Such fortitude notwithstanding, nearly one-third of the golfers who started their rounds on Golf Day, June 8, were unable to finish them due to the heavy rains that hit Alton's Cloverleaf Golf Course.

The result was that some golfers were due refunds and the prizes had to be rearranged into separate categories depending upon whether 18 or just 9 holes were completed before the course was closed.

Top prize getters were:

NINE HOLES

SCRATCH: Tom Buller 34

HANDICAP: Roy Haug 31

EIGHTEEN HOLES

SCRATCH: Ron Adams 73

Tom See 73

HANDICAP: Jr. Edwards 65

Ron Adams 65

Wayne Strickland 65



RAINY DAZE. Herb Foederer and Bill Wyckoff (both of Treasury) wonder why it had to rain that particular Saturday. At least they had cover!



NINETEENTH HOLE. Golfers, wet and dry, gathered at the Moose Lodge in Wood River for chicken and refreshments. This foursome from left is: Pete Hardy (pipefitter), Charlie Stanley (pipefitter), Amos Wall (retired), and Glenn Van Doren (retired).

CLOSEST TO THE PIN (No. 3): John Nicholson 4'11½"
LONGEST FAIRWAY DRIVE (No. 5): Charlie Gibson



SMILES. Before the match, Roger Romani and Bill Ackman (both pipefitters) were pretty smug because they had been paired with Jo Ann Boren and Marg Stroud. Afterward, however, Roger was heard to have said, "I'm glad we didn't have any bets going." But they were still smiling.



STRETCH. Harold Schenk (Cracking): "I usually tie my shoes sitting down. What are you trying to do, make me rip my pants?"



THE SECRET. Jess Grover (Eng. Field) displays his secret weapon for distance; two clubs. He never knows which way it's going, though.



ANY PORT IN A STORM. When the heavy rains hit, Earl Fabik (Treasury) and Spud Spurlock (Engineering Office) decided to sit it out at the nearest shelter.



FRIENDSHIP is sharing your umbrella.



OH NO! Ralph Graham (Engineering Office) must watch a lot of TV golf ... he has that "anguished" look down pat. Harold Dolan and Russ Gilman (both retired) show amazingly little sympathy.

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