

# 'Master chef' Henkhaus celebrates 45 years

Ever see a master chef at work? With skill and experience, and some intuitive magic, he blends a variety of ingredients into a concoction of beauty, aroma, perfect texture, and taste.

R. E. "Hank" Henkhaus, special tester in the Refinery Laboratory, is a master chef of sorts in his job ... except he never tastes his masterpieces. Smell maybe, but never taste.

You see, Hank makes certain that the lubricating oils Shell manufactures have the just-right combination of ingredients they need to do the job.

## Years of experience

In his lab tester capacity, Hank has been, for 25 years, responsible for the formula-

tion and reformulation of Wood River lube oils to assure they meet specifications. He has been the lube "master chef" for all of Shell Oil Company's lube oils since 1970.

In June, Henkhaus celebrated his 45th service anniversary with Shell. He is currently the most senior active employee not only in the lab, but also at Wood River.

## Master chef

According to Lew Winterrowd, refinery lab supervisor, Hank lives up to the master chef label. Lew said, "When everyone else is baffled why the supposed perfect recipe doesn't result in on-spec product, we turn to Hank."

"We leave him alone with

the sample, and pretty soon he comes back with an 'add a little of this and a pinch of that' ... sure enough we're back on specs!"

Lew continued, "The same thing goes when Head Office wants a reformulation done. We just show Hank the correspondence telling us the results they are looking for; he determines the necessary recipe, and off we go."

## Lube specialist

Hank began his Shell career at Wood River a few months before the Depression in 1929. He began, as many did, in the lab as a sample carrier. His entire career has been in one aspect or another in what is now the Refinery Lab. He went to the old Lube Lab in 1935 and has been specializ-

ing in lubricants ever since.

He started with Shell after graduating from Wood River High School, but not right away. Hank said, "I had to wait until my 18th birthday because you couldn't work in the lab until you were 18. It was only a wait of from June to August, though."

Originally, he commuted from Bethalto but moved a little closer -- to Wood River -- where he and his wife, Agnes, have lived the last 38 years. They have three married children, all of whom they helped put through college. Hank said, "Our daughter has a nursing degree, and our two sons have accounting degrees. We're proud of them all."

## A good bet

Hank is retiring in August and hopes to do a little traveling. He isn't sure whether or not he'll continue with his second (off and on) vocation of the last 25 years: working behind the mutuel windows at local horse tracks.

He said, "Don't expect any tips, the closest I've gotten to betting is changing the codes in the totalizator machines



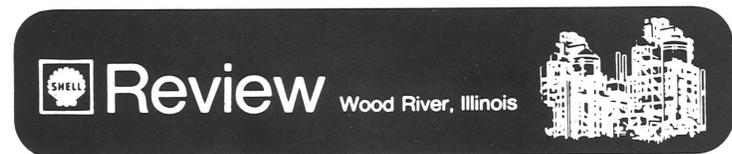
R. E. Henkhaus

and inserting new rolls of tickets. I hardly even know the names of the horses entered, let alone place a bet myself.

## The formula

Whether or not Hank Henkhaus is searching for the "formula" for the ponies is unimportant ... it's obvious he's an expert in lube oil formulas. Lew Winterrowd said,

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## Rolling safety shoe store visits Wood River

"Slip this little dandy on. There... how does that feel?"

"Feels very good, comfortable. Looks pretty nice, too. You'd never know it was a safety shoe. I'll take 'em ... just put my old ones in the box, I'll wear these home."

Sound easy? Well, it really is ... buying safety shoes at Wood River Refinery. Arrangements have been made with Boedeker Shoemobile Service of St. Louis to have their traveling safety shoe store (it's really a semi-trailer/truck) stop at the refinery on a scheduled basis. Check your bulletin board for the exact locations and hours.

While the store is here, employees can see, try on, and carry away Hy-Test brand safety shoes ... literally in a matter of minutes. On display are 35 different styles of shoes for men and women.

They range from dress shoes and boots, to casual wear, to regular work boots. All are equipped with safety shoe steel toes.

In addition to the varied styles, the trailer has on hand a wide range of sizes. Chances are the one you want is there waiting for you. If not, it can most likely be ordered for future delivery.

The prices are right, too. The first two pairs purchased for an employee per calendar year are \$5 per pair below the regular shoemobile price. Additional pairs can be purchased at the regular price.

Employees need only pick the shoes that suit them, give their name, department, and badge number, and sign a payroll deduction authorization. Cash payment can be arranged if preferred.



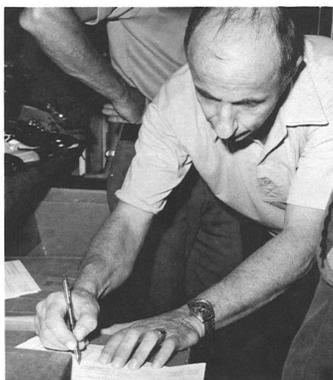
ON DISPLAY. Don Mueller (nearest), operator helper in Aromatics, and Randel Bilyue, pipefitter, look at the selection of safety shoes on hand.



FEELS FINE. Bob Cannito (left) shoemobile man, helps Dennis Wright, Alkylation operator, try on a pair. Dennis walked out with his new shoes less than five minutes later.



SHOE STORE WITH WHEELS. It may look like a semi, but it's a shoe store on the inside. The shoemobile makes regular stops at the refinery.



SIGN HERE. Putting the ol' Al Zuccolotto on the dotted line, Mr. Z., Aromatics operator, gives his authorization for a safety shoe payroll deduction.



TAKE 'EM HOME. George Gonzales, operator helper in Utilities, gets his new shoes on the spot and takes them home.

# Energy Forum

If one of your friends or neighbors asked you the following questions, how would you answer? Our answers are on page three.

1. Oil companies recently raised their prices of gasoline just in time for the big Fourth of July weekend. That sure smacks of a conspiracy to me. . .
2. I live in the Midwest and can't get very worked up about the need for offshore drilling. Why all the interest?
3. I have to agree with the environmentalists on this offshore drilling bit. Why, I understand that the Santa Barbara spill is still leaking oil, and you can still see streaks of crude oil floating on the surface.

## Classified Ads

### For Sale

**Zenith console sound unit.** Stereo plus AM/FM radio. Modern walnut design. Barbara Malley. 618-635-2106.

**Shoreline boat trailer.** Model L-V-18. 13 inch wheels. A-1 shape. T. Bertagnolli. 217-835-4405.

**1964 Pontiac.** Two-door hardtop. Power and air. Maynard Green. 217-324-2859.

### Wanted

**Bowlers.** If you are interested in

bowling in either the Monday or Wednesday night (6:30) SRA leagues, but are not on a team, contact either John Thomas in Technological or John Hamm in Lubricants.

### Thank you

The Karen (Hess) Cavanaugh family extends its sincerest gratitude to all who were able to participate in the recent blood-mobile visit. Her appeal was met immediately.

*Wilfred Hess, electrician.*

## Retirements



**Joe Watsker**  
Utilities  
44 Years



**Willard Bruce**  
Refinery Lab  
41 years



**Joe Howard**  
Gate Captain  
36 years



**Charley Stanley**  
Lead Burner  
36 years



**Joe Hozian**  
Pipefitter  
35 years



**Moss Armistead**  
Technological  
34 years



**Ollie Holdenried**  
Insulator  
32 years



**Bob Clem**  
Lubricants  
30 years



**Jesse Wilhite**  
Aromatics E  
30 years



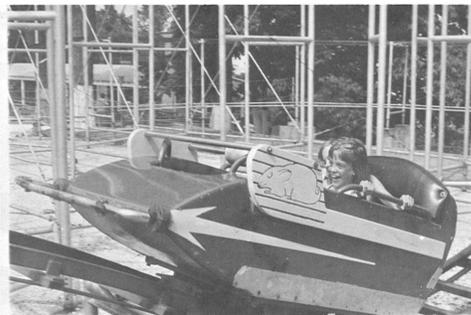
**Art Curfman**  
Pipefitter  
27 years

# SRA's annual family affair: it's a picnic!

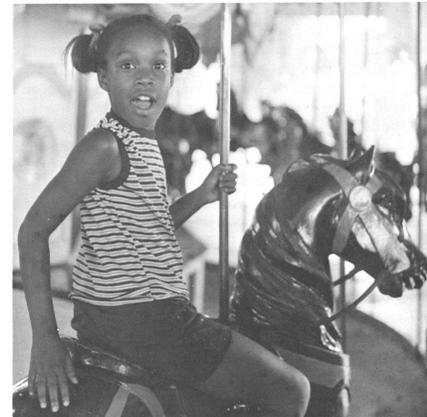
The SRA Family Picnic is gaining in popularity every year. The weatherman provided a typical summer day . . . super-hot and super-sunny, and SRA members and their families responded to the tune of about a thousand people.

The event, held at Chain of Rocks Park on June 28, had something for everyone in the family. Here are just a few of the folks who were there.

One person who wasn't there was your editor as he was experiencing some "altar-ations" to his own family status. Thanks go to Joel Harmon, chemist in the Refinery Lab, and Rich Johnson, instrumentman, for providing photographic coverage. Credits are given in parentheses.



**THE MAD MOUSE** provided plenty of excitement for Kim and Pam Johnson, twin daughters of instrumentman Rich Johnson. (Johnson)



**LET'S GO!** Angelyn Harmon, daughter of Joel Harmon, chemist in the Refinery Lab, is ready for another circular journey on the merry-go-round. Special ride tickets allowing unlimited rides could be purchased at reduced rates. (Harmon)

**RIDES** of every description are available at Chain of Rocks Park. (Harmon)



**LOOP D LOOP.** Brian Horn, group leader in Tech, and Carolyn Odle, wife of Bill Odle, engineer in Economics and Scheduling, survive one of the more scary rides. The timid Mr. Odle and Mrs. Horn watched from a more 'terra firma' vantage point. (Johnson)



**AN ACTIVE DAY** came to a restful end for Steve Johnson, son of Rich Johnson, instrumentman. (Johnson)

# Golfers get in the swing ... and swing ...and swing

One hundred ninety golfers attacked Cloverleaf Golf Course in Alton Saturday, June 21, at the annual SRA Golf Day. Unlike last year, the hackers were greeted with excellent weather so their only excuse for poor scores was an absence of skill.

Included in the \$6 fee were a round of golf, donuts and coffee, and all the chicken you could eat, and beer and soda you could drink, at the Wood River Moose following the event.

Charlie Gibson of Light Oil Processing was chairman for the event, and he distributed prizes to those who demonstrated their golfing skills. Top prize winners were:

Low scratch	John Merkel (Util. fmn)	69
Low gross	Andy Bray (trucks)	63
	Tony Allaria (CC fmn)	63
Close to hole (No. 3)	Max Clark (LF&E opr)	2'2"
Long drive (No. 5)	Tom Buller (Tech grp ldr)	(on green)



"OK to move the ball from this bench?" asks Tony Calcaterra, assistant manager of Engineering Field ... then answers his own question: "Probably not with this bunch, they're pretty tough."



Many foursomes make Golf Day a traditional affair, getting together year after year. 1975 marks the first time all members of this traditional foursome are retired. They are (from left): pipefitters Glen VanDoren, Amos Wall, Pete Hardy, and Charley Stanley.

## In Remembrance

**RALPH LESLIE GRAHAM**, April 17. Mr. Graham was a design draftsman in Engineering Office before retiring in September 1974. He was 65.

**EARNEST D. McCALLISTER**, April 26. Mr. McCallister was a pipefitter 1st before retiring in 1959. He was 79.

**CHARLES LEE KIRBY**, May 10. Mr. Kirby was a compounder 1st before retiring in 1962. He was 78.

**WALTER J. JOHNSON**, May 16. Mr. Johnson was a tester-1 in the Refinery Lab and had worked at Wood River for over 33 years. He was 59.

**JOHN FRANCIS MURPHY**, May 23. Mr. Murphy was a machinist foreman before retiring in 1973. He was 65.

**HERSCHEL ALLEN SPARLING**, June 13. Mr. Sparling was an operator 1st in Cracking. He was 57 and had worked at Wood River for over 33 years.

**GEORGE W. KRANTZ**, June 18. Mr. Krantz was a pipefitter 1st before retiring in 1958. He was 77.

**ELMER WILLIAM ZITZMAN**, July 1. Mr. Zitzman was a zone foreman before retiring in 1960. He was 74.

**CALIA E. ADAMS**, July 2. Mr. Adams was a salvageman 1st before retiring in 1965. He was 71.

**CHARLES W. VOGEL**, July 3. Mr. Vogel was a valve repairman before retiring in 1953. He was 76.

**LEO EUGENE CUMMINGS**, July 9. Mr. Cummings was an automotive foreman before retiring in 1973. He was 63.

**ALLEN M. WEISS**, July 11. Mr. Weiss was an operator 1st Alkylation before retiring in 1964. He was 64.



C. E. Adams



L. E. Cummings



R. L. Graham



W. J. Johnson



C. L. Kirby



G. W. Krantz



E.D. McCallister



J. F. Murphy



H. A. Sparling



C. W. Vogel



A. M. Weiss



E. W. Zitzman

## Energy Forum

Here are answers to the Energy Forum questions on page two.

1. It wasn't exactly a coincidence that the companies who raised gasoline prices did so at the first of the month ... but neither was it a conspiracy, nor did all companies raise prices.

The Federal Energy Administration (FEA) regulates petroleum prices, and many of the cost increases the companies incur can't be passed on until the following month. It doesn't take any collusion ... nor is it really a coincidence ... that some companies independently decided upon an early date in the month to recover these costs.

2. The Midwest has a vital stake in the timely development of offshore oil and gas supplies. Right now, more than 20 percent of the Midwest's supply comes from foreign sources ... sources which could be shut off at any time.

The greatest potential for adding significantly to America's domestic oil and gas supplies comes from the Outer Continental Shelf. The Midwest, like the rest of the country, ultimately stands to gain from these resources.

It's not just jobs and the overall economic health of the Midwest that's at stake ... to be considered also are international trade and the supplying of food to the rest of the world.

3. What you say in both examples is true BUT ... first of all you don't know the whole story, and second, the two situations aren't even related.

Yes, that infamous Santa Barbara spill is still seeping, but none of it is escaping. A metal dome has been placed over the seepage spot, and all the oil is being recovered.

The streaks of crude oil on the ocean's surface are something different. In fact, it's a natural occurrence which had been going on long before oil companies came into existence. When Sir Francis Drake was sailing around the world in the late 1500's, he noticed the same phenomenon off the California coast.

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## Master chef

"Hank always has been dedicated to his work. He's reliable and timely. He'll be a hard one to replace."

Hank counters, "I'm not so special. There are plenty of people out here who are very talented in lube blending and

testing. I've just tried to do my best and hold up my end of the job."

That's right, Hank, there are some very talented people out here ... but to many of them you're still the "master chef."

# The Barbecue

No one goes around with a clip board and counter at the annual Ten-and-Over Barbecue to see if this year's crowd is bigger than last year's, etc., but if impressions from veterans of such affairs are accurate, this year's Barbecue was not only one of the best attended, but also just plain one of the best.

Maybe it was the weather ... sunny and 72. Maybe it was the new, expanded facilities and excellent condition of the Edwardsville Legion grounds. Maybe it was the terrific (as usual) food and refreshments.

Whatever (and probably all of the above), the handshakes and smiles seemed even more enthusiastic than before; the sporting events seemed more vigorously performed; and more people seemed to stay longer and have more fun.

Pictured here are some of the people who were there Saturday, July 12.



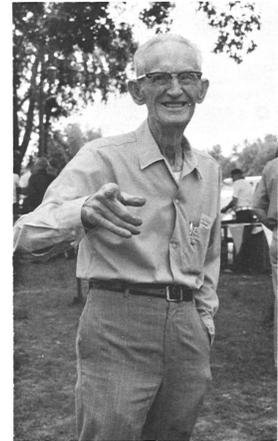
There's nothing like spending a day with good friends. One sees many such groups at the annual Barbecue (from left): John Knop, retired carpenter; John Granger, concrete finisher; and Joe Zelenka, carpenter.



Refinery manager Art Williams and machinist Earl Flatt enjoy a friendly conversation and a beer. There were plenty of both on hand at the Legion park.



Les Booth, retired inspector, watches as Vic Mellor, retired lube foreman, stokes up another cigar.



Leo Smith, retired head filler - Compounding, doubted the cameraman would really snap the shutter.



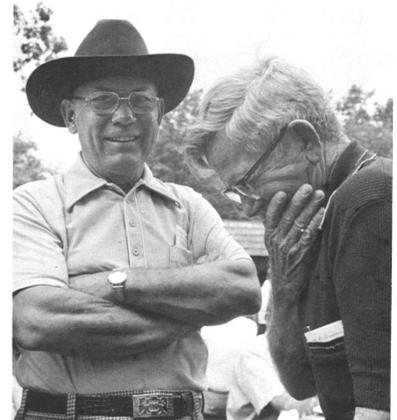
Back window barbecue. Truck driver, Art Cunningham, uses the kitchen window sill as his table.



Jim Painter (left), retired Refinery Lab foreman, and Dean VanBebber, retired Dispatching operator, enjoy the perfect weather on Barbecue Day.



John Sheraka, retired special tester, waits his turn on the hole-in-one contest as Jerry Terry, administrative superintendent, and Joe Gregor, special tester, fire away. Joe was the most persistent contestant of the day, signing up six times.



Whatever retired instrumentman Gus Fultz did or said, retired compounder Clarence Wilson got a big kick out of it.

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