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Happy Anniversary!

45th year of publication begun with this issue

The *Wood River Review* has now been in service to Wood River Shell employees for 45 years. The very first issue of the *Review*, pictured at left, was published on Dec. 10, 1936.

On the front cover was a message from Refinery Manager R. H. Waser. Said Waser: "On the occasion of the publication of the first edition of *Shell Review*, I want you to know that the Company is pleased to sponsor a paper for the benefit of the Wood River Employees. It is hoped that this paper will be of interest to each of you and that it will be the means of making you better acquainted with your fellow workers and supervisors, the Refinery Management, the Wood River Refinery and the Company as a whole."

Forty-five years later the *Review* is still operating with a goal to keep Wood River employees informed about the place they work and the people they work with, and to keep pensioners up-to-date on Complex happenings.

Some things do change, however. The outward appearance and content of the *Review*

have changed quite a bit over the years. In 1936, the *Review* was published twice a month as a 5½ by 8½ inch pamphlet. Content in the first issues consisted of a long series of short news tidbits, ranging from an ad for a 1931 two-door Chevy sedan to news about where various employees spent their vacations.

Also included in the first *Review*:

- Several marriages, several births and several introductions of new employees.

- A list of 38 "reporters" assigned to report news for the *Review* from their various departments and divisions.

- A note that during the month of November, 30 refinery trucks had operated for a total of 15,107 miles without an accident.

- An announcement that three employees had tied for first place in a contest to name the fledgling Wood River newspaper. The three were awarded \$5 each for their efforts.

Happy Anniversary, *Review!*

Environmental safety key at docks

Oil and water don't mix, especially at the Shell loading docks perched on the edge of the Mississippi River.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline, oil and petrochemicals cross the docks as they are loaded onto or off of the barges that traverse the mighty river. With environmental protection a key goal, even a single drop of liquid spilled into the river is too much.

"The best plan is not how to meet spills, but how to prevent them from happening in the first place," said Cliff Woodford, manager Dispatching. "We built those docks not to have spills, and that is foremost in everyone's mind who works down there."

The preventive medicine practiced by Shell has paid off; the Wood River spill record is an enviable one. During 1981 there were 1,300 vessels that came through the Shell dock. Despite this very heavy traffic, there were only five incidents, none of which were attributed to Shell. In total, less than one gallon of product was spilled for each 1,250,000 gallons handled at our dock.

No matter how good the record is, however, the standards are not relaxed. "That's a very good record, but we don't get any medals for only spilling a pint instead of 100 barrels," said Woodford. "Each incident—whether it is a pint, a gallon or several barrels—is serious. They are all bad."

Every spill, no matter what size, is reported immediately to the Coast Guard who, by agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, is responsible for protection of all navigable waters. The EPA handles the non-navigable waters.

The spill is called into the Coast Guard National Response Center. The Center will call back within an hour to either give permission for operation to continue, or to refuse permission until the spill is cleaned.

A full written report with very specific information is filed right away. The party responsible for the spill can be cited and fined. Continued infractions could result in revocation of the license to operate.

"Most spills happen in the hooking up and unhooking stages," explained Woodford. The error can be either human or mechanical, and can be attributed either to Shell personnel or the barge operator.

Each party is responsible for the integrity of

their equipment, and responsibility starts as soon as the product comes into their possession.

"Most of the spill problems are not our fault, but they happen at our docks so we're concerned," said Woodford. "Where Shell equipment has failed we've spent money to get rid of the faulty equipment to have a more reliable operation."

With any spill there is a clean up, said Woodford, through sometimes it is not entirely feasible. "For instance if a gallon of gasoline gets spilled

into the river, there is no way to recover it," said Woodford, Shell employees have been sent to oil spill school in addition to training given here at the Complex.

By law, Shell has a contingency plan mapped out that tells step by step what needs to be done to handle a spill. But the plan isn't used very often.

"The accent on this is to prevent spills," said Woodford emphatically. "But we're prepared to handle any spills that might occur at our dock."



The Shell docks are a place where an ounce of spill prevention is the cure.



Shell shorts

Camera Club invites participation

SRA members and their families who enjoy taking pictures at home, on vacation or anywhere else are invited to attend the meetings of the Shell Camera Club held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room in the south end of the cafeteria.

The Feb. 2 meeting will be aimed especially at those who have received new cameras for Christmas and need some help getting started. Whether you own a 35 mm or a 110 pocket instamatic, Camera Club members will be on hand to answer questions about basic camera operation and film types. If you don't know your "f-stop" from your shutter speed, or your aperture preferred from your shutter preferred, bring your cameras to this meeting and clear up those questions.

New SRA executives appointed

With the new year has come the selection of new SRA officers. Filling the new posts are: President, Dennis Bolton, Maintenance; Vice-President, Stan Pohlman, Maintenance; Secretary, Evelyn Kent, Maintenance; Treasurer, Jackie Page, Financial.

The SRA Board of Trustees also has some new faces. In addition to the four officers, the Board also includes representatives from different areas: Ludy Hoskins, Maintenance; Jim Hugart, Maintenance; Paul Schutz, Quality Assurance.

Shell course part of university course

A course Shell conducted at Texas A&M University on handling a tank-truck rollover is being incorporated into the University curriculum.

The two-day school held last fall included a staged tank-trailer rollover which gave participants first-hand field experience in choosing and practicing methods to deal with an accident. The course teaches several methods for handling the mechanical aspects of recovery and clean-up.

Shell conducted the school to share its expertise and information on such emergencies with the industry and involved community agencies. The rollover school included classroom presentations dealing with several aspects of an emergency rollover situation, including communicating with the proper emergency-response agencies, working with the authorities in the area of the accident, handling public safety in the accident zone and working with the media.

The training was incorporated into the University's Oil and Hazardous Material Control Division curriculum in November.

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Qual. Assurance
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Retirement

Classifieds

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Tire. New General tire and wheel, FR-78-14, fits LTD. Call Charley Modrovsky, 377-9945.

In remembrance



D. M. Benner



J. R. Creekmore



L. H. DeWall



W. I. Franklin



H. G. Gallatin



T. A. Johnson



E. Z. Jur



G. M. Kendall



M. C. Perrin



L. L. Wall

Dwight M. Benner, 79, died Oct. 30. Mr. Benner was operations supervisor in Dispatching before his retirement in 1967.

Jack R. Creekmore, 72, died Nov. 20. Mr. Creekmore was engineering supervisor in Engineering Field before his retirement in 1973.

Lester H. DeWall, 80, died Nov. 8. Mr. DeWall was a field machinist in Engineering Field before his retirement in 1963.

Walter I. Franklin, 79, died Nov. 25. Mr. Franklin was a Treating-Effluent Control shift foreman before his retirement in 1963.

Harold G. Gallatin, 72, died Nov. 12. Mr. Gallatin was a pipefitter helper in Engineering Field before his retirement in 1963.

T. A. Johnson, 63, died Nov. 9. Mr. Johnson was a truck driver before his retirement in 1978.

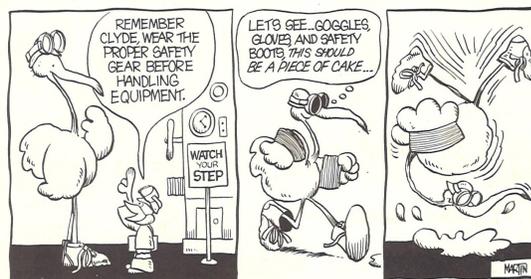
Ernest Z. Jur, 60, died Oct. 26. Mr. Jur was a truck driver before his retirement in 1978.

George M. Kendall, 87, died Oct. 23. Mr. Kendall was a truck driver 1st before his retirement in 1954.

Milton C. Perrin, 73, died Oct. 20. Mr. Perrin was Engineering Field foreman before his retirement in 1966.

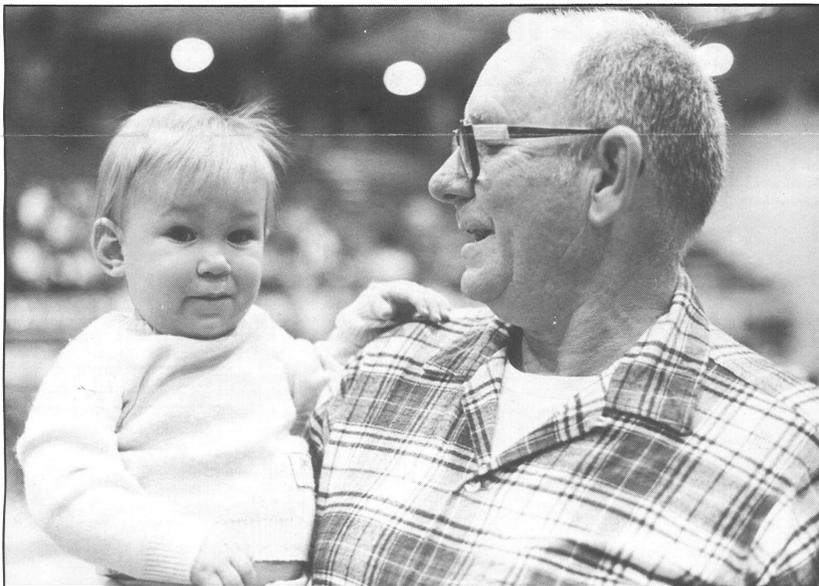
Leo L. Wall, 73, died Oct. 14. Mr. Wall was a yardman in Engineering Field before his retirement in 1967.

WOODY & CLYDE





Enraptured children watch Santa as they await their turn to sit on his lap.



Eleven-month old Joseph Michael is a little apprehensive about the noisy pre-party activity, but Grandpa (William Dennis, ret. '80) holds on tight.



Above: An employee borrowed from the audience takes a bounce with Chase and Park, a trampoline act in the show.



Right: Goofy the Clown entertained children in the audience with balloon animals, masks and bow ties.

Snow heralds holiday party

The first real snow of the season began falling the evening of December 16, creating a nearly perfect backdrop for the annual Shell Children's Christmas Party.

Unfortunately, the snow may have slowed some employees and pensioners headed for the party, but Santa Claus reports landing conditions on the roof of the East Alton-Wood River High School couldn't have been better.

"Usually the reindeer have a little trouble putting the sleigh down on a dry roof, but this year it was smooth landing," the jolly fat man told the group of enraptured children after his arrival late in the Christmas program.

Santa stuck around after the program had ended to hear Christmas wishes from the tots and give Mom and Dad a chance to snap a picture of Santa and kids in front of the Christmas tree. Santa expressed special thanks to retiree Jerome Juda (ret. '73) for making his visit possible.

St. Louis favorite Russ David and his orchestra kept the crowd entertained before St. Nick's arrival, with help from some other performers. Professor Goofy the Clown entertained children in the audience by making balloon animals and engineering shouting matches before the program began. After Complex Manager Art Williams opened the show with his wish for a happy holiday season, Professor Goofy took the stage to act as host for the evening, introducing a family of five harmonica players, a tumbling-and-juggling act in the guise of a chef and waitress at a pizza parlor, a pair of humorous trampoline artists and a team of performing poodles to entertain the crowd of about 1,500 spectators.

To top off the evening, each child was given a Christmas stocking full of candy on the way out the door. No one left empty-handed, thanks to help from retirees Jack Turner, Lou Roller and Jack Harris, and from Weldon Tucker (Quality Assurance and EC), Shirley Roderfeld (Financial), and Barb Paul (Financial).

The Christmas cheer generated at the party spread even after the party was over. The Christmas tree used to decorate the stage was donated to the Catholic Children's Home in Alton, along with enough candy filled stockings for the 50 children who live there.

SRA banquet recognizes winners

"The SRA Awards Banquet," explained Warren Saunders, superintendent, "is an annual affair where we get together to give recognition to those who have been winners in the past year in SRA sports and other activities."

Thus began the awards banquet, held Dec. 2 at the Wood River Moose Hall. Saunders was there to help serve as emcee for the evening, along with SRA president Arlene Tutt and SRA athletic director Ludy Hoskins.

It was a lighthearted evening, with special guest Bill Wilkerson, sports reporter for KMOX radio, delivering a humorous after dinner speech about winning and losing.

"I'd like to congratulate you all on your winning," Wilkerson told the crowd. "I've been informed that you will all be signed to long-term contracts—\$6 million should do you. You can see the emcee about that," he said, gesturing toward Saunders.

Pipefitter Rusty Crane got pulled into the speech when he asked a question about Cardinal quarterback Jim Hart and how Hart feels about being edged out by

rookie Neil Lomax.

"Let's say you're an all-pro pipefitter," said Wilkerson to Crane, amid laughter from the crowd. "You've been to the Pipefitter Bowl—you think you're pretty good. You've given Shell your best pipefitting years and are a darn good pipefitter."

"Then one day the boss comes up to you and tells you they got a sharp young guy right out of pipefitter school and, hey Rusty, we know you've done a good job for us but we're gonna give the kid a chance. In fact, we're gonna send you to work on the pipeline in Butte."

"I'd rather be second string in Butte," said Crane promptly, eliciting gales of laughter from the audience.

Wilkerson kept the audience chuckling with stories about his college football career and his experiences as a sports commentator at KMOX. At the end of his prepared speech, Wilkerson opened the floor to questions for "our own version of Sports Open Line."

SRA winners were recognized by the crowd with applause and, in some cases, trophies. The winners are listed below.



Sports reporter Bill Wilkerson entertains the SRA winners with a story about hanging onto a linebacker as he runs down the football field.

Year-end sports roundup: SRA winners

Basketball

The Roundballers were the champs with a 12-0 season.

Ron Miller
Mitch Scroggins
Les Tiek
Larry Meisenheimer
Terry Green
Mark Paproth
Steve Eatmon
Harry Green

Most Valuable Player:

Larry Barringer

Free Throw Champ:

Henry Hoehn

Bowling

Annual tournament-

Singles: Bill King
Doubles: Leo Cox and Willie Walker
Three-man team: Bill Johnson, Larry Ray, Dave Colgate

AERO Tournament-

Male: Harold Hawkins
Female: Karen Leathers
Doubles: Christy Hoskins, Winston Wallace
Four-person Team: Tim Eppers, Darlene Eppers, Ludy Hoskins, Christy Hoskins

Sunday Night Mixed-

Warren Howard
Elaine Howard
Ron McGill
Vicki McGill
Joe Kingery
Ann Kingery

Monday Premium A Division-

Lou Higgins
Larry Spears
Dave Johnson
Bob Hardy
Paul Aderholt
Paul Schutz
Orville Rahn
Bob Frizzo
Stan Kruemmebine
Virgil Bunge

Monday Premium B Division-

Dave Miller
Shirley Talley
Dan Bangent
Larry Wickiser
Ed Weber
Jim Wo Whorl
Tom Howland
Paul Lanzerotte
Tony Cafazza
Rich Harris
Joe Adams

Wednesday Super Shell A Division-

Roy Leathers
Jack Cherry
Lyn Clark
Glen Crocket
J. I. Smith
George Archibald
Bob Lewis
Mel Arth

Wednesday Super Shell B Division-

Kelley Sitton
Vince Leady
Steve James
Tim Varady
Vernon Cline
John Friend
Mike Wilkey
Dave Snyders
Norm Emmons
Harold Heilig

Fishing

Bass Contests-

First Tourney: O. C. Johnson
Second Tourney: Ron Miller
Third Tourney: Orville Rahn
Fourth Tourney: Larry Stark

Fishing Club-

Harry Reynolds
Art Caldieraro
Jerry Tilley, 1981 bass champion

Football

Flag football champs:

Kevin Law
Bob Johnson
Mark Paproth
Maikie Loehr
David Ward
Basil Plato
John Chandler
Kevin Klokenga

Golf

Super Shell League-

Joe Kingery
Richard Cox
Ron Adams
Bob Lewis
Max Clark
Larry Jones
Dick Rogers
George Chaffee
Fred Bryant
Les Schlemer
Karl Killam
Bob Sims

Match Play Tournament-

Jack Cherry
Joe Scroggins
Orville Sandbach
Ed Weichbrodt
Tim Yinger

Racquetball

Scott Woods
Bob Travis
Marv Brokaw
Larry Leflore
Jay Burack
Steve Scott
Gil Rogalski
Les Schlemer
Tony Calcaterra

Softball

Winners of the league and also the refinery champs:

Mickey Bruce
Mike Brooks
Leo Cox
Al Gaines
Joe Pelligrino
Jim Berry
Rusty Crain
Steve Eatmon
Jim Sherwood
Jean Hayes
Wayne Priest
Ken Grebel
Kelly Sitton
Jim Davis

Special Interests

Camera Club-

Earl Nailor
June Coalson
Frank Heintz

Rock, Gem and Mineral Club-

W. K. Anderson
Jack Turner
H. E. Hobson

Tennis

Bob Ziervogel
Ken Grebel
Bill Vargo
Marv Adler
Martin Culp

Trap/Skeet

Trap Shooting-

Dave Plummer
Dave Shaw
Ralph Cooke
John Fields
Truman Hargiss
Bill McGruder
Mike McVey
Paul Hanold

Skeet Shooting-

Larry Ray
Steve Bumpus
Bill Walton
Jerry Scroggins
Mike McVey
Gary Liley
Greg Franke

Volleyball

Regular League-

Bob Travis
Roy Haug
Dave Crocket
Martin Culp
Ron Dahlen
Ken Grable
Rich Heins
Ron Ragus

Co-ed League-

Gary Kindt
Kenny Hudson
Susana Hudson
Mark Booth
Barb Paul
Dona Jacikas
Debbie Walker



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