

## Fishermen! SRA Contest Starts April 1

There might be snow on the highways, but Shell's fishermen are looking toward the waterways, lakes, and streams—for the SRA-sponsored Fishing Contest is scheduled to begin April 1 and end September 30. Several changes have been made the contest rules to make the summer-long competition even more interesting.



Al Doerr

One of the most important changes features the addition of another species of fish, that being in the Blue Gill division. In 1955, the first year for the contest, entries were allowed in Bass and Crappie. But the Blue Gill, a variety of Sun Perch with a copper colored belly should give a number of fisherman an opportunity to win a prize.

### More Prizes Offered

Another major change concerns the addition of prizes. Last year prizes were awarded only at the end of the contest. But this summer, according to contest chairman Al Doerr, prizes will be given away every 60 days. At the end of a 60-day period, the contest starts all over again, and all fishermen become eligible for added gifts, even though they may have won previous ones.

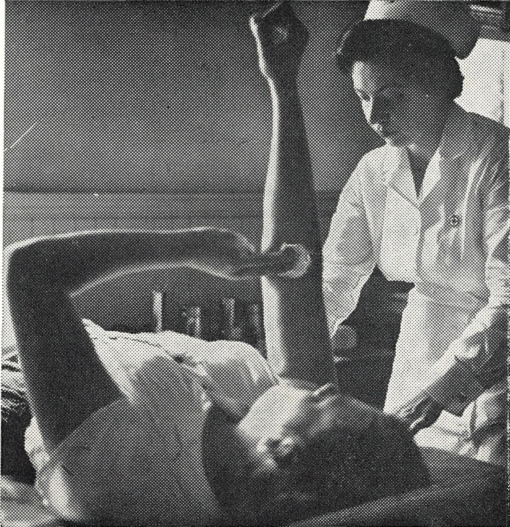
In addition to the 60-day giveaways, grand prizes will be awarded in all three divisions for the heaviest fish caught. This arrangement makes it possible for more men to win prizes throughout the season, but still makes the big catch most desirable.

### Outlook is Good

According to Doerr and his three judges, "Buck" Baumeister, Dave Patton, and Clarence Priest, weather predictions and water condi-

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## Bloodmobile Visit



A NEW KIND OF SALUTE is becoming popular all over the nation. It's the raised arm of the person who's just given blood so that others may live. The young lady above is following correct Red Cross procedure in holding a wad of cotton to her arm as the nurse starts a freshly-filled blood bottle on its life-saving mission. That could be you in this picture, if you keep your date for the next visit of the Bloodmobile at the Roxana Community Center on April 11.

# Employees Excused To Donate Blood April 11

## Red Cross Bloodmobile Stationed At Roxana Community Center

Employees who wish to donate blood to the Alton-Wood River area blood bank may be excused from work to do so on Wednesday, April 11, as previously announced in the SHELL REVIEW. Transportation to and from the Roxana Community Center, where the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located, will also be provided. All donors will be excused without loss of pay.

Supervisors have supplies of appointment cards to be completed by those who volunteer to donate blood. Appointment cards are also available at the Personnel and Industrial Relations office. Employees wishing to fill out these cards may either do so at Personnel and Industrial Relations or call 342 and have them filled out. The nurse on duty at the Emergency Hospital will have these cards available for those men working night shifts.

### To Notify Departments

Departments will be notified as to the names of men who wish to donate after the cards have been turned over to the Red Cross. If a man can, in his supervisor's opinion, be released from his job for approximately one hour, he will be notified as to the time of his appointment and the bus schedule.

Bus service will be from the Main Gate.

Blood which the Red Cross collects in this area is turned over to local hospitals for use. This blood is free to all patients who are in need of transfusions, even though in the past the Alton-Wood River area blood bank has used

more blood than has been donated in this area.

### Many Volunteers Needed

During the last six months of 1955, 1043 pints of blood were donated in the area, according to Red Cross figures. However, 1,569 pints were used by local hospitals. The difference of 526 pints was contributed by volunteer donors.

Additional information on the blood program may be obtained by calling Personnel and Industrial Relations, plant phone 342.

## Waive 2 Premiums For IPI Insurance

As a result of favorable experience under the Company's contract with Travelers Insurance Company, the equivalent of two month's Income Protection Insurance (IPI) premiums are being waived during the months of April and May, 1956, for members of the plan whose membership began on or prior to October 1, 1955.

To qualify for this waiver, each employee must also have been on the payroll on the date premium deductions normally would be made.

# Five Queen Candidates Named

## New Queen to be Crowned at Second Annual Shell Club Dance; All Employees Invited to Attend Event at Civic Center May 11th

Five Refinery stenos were nominated this month as candidates for 1956 Shell Club Queen. One of the Candidates will be crowned queen at the Shell Club's Second Annual Spring Dance on May 11 at the Godfrey Civic Center. The winner will be chosen on the basis of the most votes received from those who purchase tickets to the affair.

The girls nominated are Jackie Chappie, Aromatics; Ella Jean Farthing, Dispatching; Doris Peters, Research; Fay Prosser, Stenographic, and Joan Rinkel, Personnel and Industrial Relations. All of the nominees are single girls.

### Invite All Employees

Although the dance is sponsored by the Shell club, all Shell em-

ployees are invited to attend the annual event. Music will be furnished by Al Rezabek and his Orchestra, and the dance is scheduled for 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. The Queen coronation ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m., and the new queen will be crowned by Lynette Spudich, 1955 Shell Club queen.

Tickets will be available by April 1, according to Shell Club officers. Each queen candidate will be provided with tickets, as will all of the officers of the Shell Club. By necessity, attendance at the dance this year must be limited to 225 couples—or 450 people. The first tickets sold will be honored. Donation is \$3.00 per ticket, and

each ticket admits one couple.

Each ticket will have a separate ballot. When a person purchases a ticket, he is eligible for one vote for the candidate of his choice. Candidates' names will be included on each ticket. Results of the election will be kept secret until the coronation.

## One of these Beauties will be Our 1956 Queen!



Jackie Chappie



Ella Jean Farthing



Doris Peters



Fay Prosser



Joan Rinkel

**Most Effective Device Available**

# Refinery Buys New Pneolator For Mechanical Artificial Respiration

## Breathing Easy

A new instrument called the "Pneolator" (pronounced Knee-o-later) has been purchased by the Company and placed in service here in conjunction with emergency calls. The Pneolator is the latest device obtainable for mechanical administration of artificial respiration.

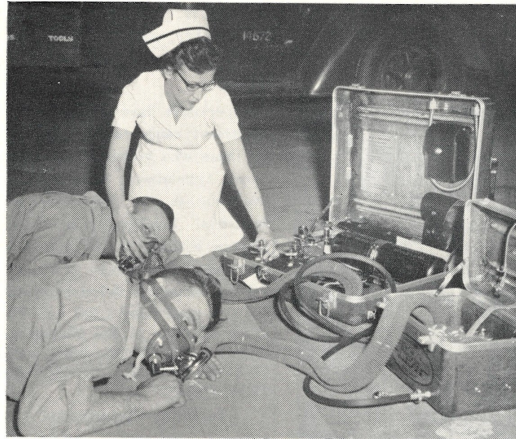
The new device, which has earned the endorsement of the American Medical Association, is completely portable.

**Easily Operated**

After being taken to the scene of rescue, it can be put into operation within a matter of seconds. All nurses and members of the Fire and Safety Department have been trained in the operation of the Pneolator.

An auxiliary attachment to the Pneolator has also been purchased, making it doubly effective. The supplementary mechanism makes it possible to give artificial respiration to a second patient at the same time.

The instrument automatically performs artificial respiration with a gentle predetermined pressure on inhalation and without suction on exhalation. This most nearly represents normal respiration and has been selected by medical authorities as the method of choice in restoring breathing.



DEMONSTRATING THE PNEOLATOR is Shell nurse Pat Bray and two members of the Automotive Department. At left is L. D. Ellis, while C. C. Howard is on the right. The Pneolator, just purchased by the Refinery, is considered the most effective means of mechanical artificial respiration in use today. The device can administer respiration to two people simultaneously.

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**Versatile Device**

In addition, when the patient is breathing, the Pneolator becomes an effective oxygen inhalator by a simple adjustment. If the air passage is obstructed by any foreign material, a warning is immediately given by a chattering of the cycling valve and the instrument provides the means (an aspirator) for removing the obstruction.

Although this new device does a more effective job

of artificial respiration than can be done manually, it does not lessen the importance of manual know-how. In cases where the patient is not breathing, correct procedure is to proceed as soon as possible with arm-lift, back-pressure method of respiration. This method should be continued without interruption until the nurse, after arrival in the ambulance, is completely ready to use the Pneolator.

### Rules for SRA Fishing Contest

tions point to a very good fishing season during the next six months.

Last summer, fishermen say the warm June, July, and August weather took its toll of fish, especially Bass and Crappie. But with the season getting off to a month head-start (April 1 instead of May 1 as in 1955) fishermen should be able to come up with heavy early catches.

Rules for 1956 SRA Fishing Contest:

1. Participant (Male or Female)

2. Participant must be a member of the Shell Recreation Association.

3. Entry will be placed on display in cafeteria for a period of 60 days. Fish must be picked up by participant after this period.

4. Fish must be taken on "rod and reel", "flyrod," or "cane pole".

5. It is permissible to use live bait, minnows, or artificial lures and plugs.

6. No use of seine or fish traps,

or any other illegal contrivances, may be used to qualify for the contest.

7. No fish will be accepted that is mutilated or previously frozen.

8. Fish must be weighed within 3 hours after being caught in a lake, stream, or river which is open to the public in the surrounding area.

9. A signed record card indicating where, when, and how the fish was caught must be filled in at the time of the weigh-in.

10. An "autopsy" will be performed on the fish, insuring legality and conformity to the rules.

11. All decisions will be final. Decisions will be made by four contest judges.

12. Only one GRAND prize may be won by an individual. However, entrants may win prizes in any division during the 60-day periods of the contest.

13. Eighteen prizes will be offered during the contest, including three grand prizes in each division.

Further information on the contest may be obtained by calling any of the contest judges: Al Doerr, plant phone—4-0220, home phone—4-9903. Buck Baumeister, plant phone—291, home phone—4-9357. Dave Patton, plant phone—264, home phone—Edwardsville 2134. Clarence Priest, plant phone—326, home phone—4-0086.

## Plant Red Cross Drive Reaches Fourth of Quota

As of March 21st

The Refinery Red Cross Drive on March 21 had reached the quarter mark toward a quota of \$5400, according to Dick Burton, drive treasurer. In addition to advance gift figures, which have not yet been released, \$1369.50 has been donated by employees. This is approximately 25 per cent of the plant goal.

Personnel and Industrial Relations has the highest percentage of participation with 97 per cent. P and IR collections total \$129.50 or \$81.50 more than their quota of \$48.

The Research Laboratory has also passed their quota after receiving donations from 109 of their 165 employees. Research has topped their goal of \$247.50 by \$17.50 for a total of \$265, excluding advance gifts.

The Red Cross Drive, which began March 12, will continue through March 28, with final collections being recorded the first week in April. Employees living in communities not covered by the Alton-Wood River or Edwardsville chapters of the Red Cross may this year send their donations to their home communities simply by telling the person soliciting them.

Every foot of exploratory hole drilled last year cost oil men an average of \$24.30.

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To date, more than \$343,000,000 has been spent on underground storage facilities for natural gas. During the next three years, an additional \$65,000,000 will go into the program.

## Lewis Morgan Is Honored By Chicago Group

Lewis Morgan, who won the Shell Camera Club's "Picture of the Year" award in 1955, this month had the honor of having two colored slides accepted by the Eleventh Chicago International Exhibition of Nature Photography.

Morgan's slides were two of 800 selected from an original field of 3300 slides. The slides were shown at the Chicago Museum of Natural History.

**Other Camera Club notes:**

The next meeting of the club will be held on April 3 in the south end of the Training Building at 8 p.m. All SRA members are invited to attend.

Subject for slides next month will be "Portraits", of one or more people.

The club is completing plans for a Barbecue sometime in May. The all-day picnic will be held in Forest Park in St. Louis.

### Introducing . . .

## Carol Jean Puto



MISS CAROL JEAN PUTO, junior clerk-typist in the Shipping Section, is one girl who is at home on the softball field. Carol is an outstanding amateur player, hit .350 last year in a highly-competitive league. Carol, who has been with Shell a year, lives in Livingston with her mother, Mrs. John F. Delahanty. Hobbies other than softball include collecting pictures, dancing, and watching basketball games. Carol says she enjoys her work at Shell, but confesses she has always had one life-long ambition: To marry a famous major league baseball player.



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# Edwardsville Tigers Take Second at State!

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Edwardsville high school, for the past 10 years the terror of Southwestern Conference basketball, had its biggest year in 1956. Biggest in number of victories, (28) Biggest in attendance at games, and Biggest in trophies brought home.

The brilliant Tigers of Edwardsville high did everything, in fact, except win the State Tournament.

They took second place.

## Best Ever

On the brightest basketball team in the history of the school were three sons of Shell employees: Playmaker and great defensive man Harold Patton is the son of Instrument Man Al Patton. Spark-plug and deft ball-handler Jim Chandler is the son of L. L. Chandler, Shell pipefitter. And Rich Pulliam, a starter for much of the season and a great shot, is the offspring of Hubert Pulliam, Wood River Operator.

Rounding out the "first ten" were the Tiger scoring leaders, Manny Jackson and Governor Vaughn. Others include "Buzz" Shaw, Gordon Mallory, Bobby White, Byron Madison, and Lee May. Wade Buckles, son of Mrs. Ferol Buckles, Shell nurse rounded out his final year as head manager of the team.

If you were to walk down the streets of Edwardsville, and talk to the butcher, the banker, or the freckled-faced kid in front of the drug store, you wouldn't know that the Tigers came out on the short end of a 67-65 score to West Rockford at Champaign. To Tiger followers, that night of March 17 in Huff gymnasium is more accurately the night the boys triumphed to second place in the State Tournament.

You see, Edwardsville's fans are positive thinkers.

## Secret Weapon

And perhaps that's one of the secrets of Edwardsville's amazing basketball success. Positive thinking. Winning thinking. Optimistic thinking. This thinking is predominant, not only on the part of the fans, coaches, and players, but the entire Edwardsville school administration and faculty.

This is the impression the SHELL REVIEW got when we attended a reception banquet for the players on the night of March 19 in the school cafeteria. The dinner, sponsored by the Edwardsville chamber of commerce, was attended by some 500 loyal adult followers. The eyes of the populace in attendance

## Three Shell Sons Star on Team Lucco Calls 'The Best I Ever Coached' -- this 1956 Crew Is The End Result of a Unique Basketball Philosophy . . .



LOOKING DEAD SERIOUS as they read the newspaper article on their tremendous showing at State, the Shell dads and their basketball-playing sons are actually experiencing the lull after the storm. But that's the way Edwardsville takes their basketball—seriously. Seated are, left to right, Al Patton, L. L. Chandler, and Hubert Pulliam. Looking on behind their dads are Harold Patton, Jim Chandler, and Rich Pulliam. Surveying the whole situation, Al Patton good-naturedly remarked, "They used to say Harold was my son—now they refer to me as Harold Patton's father!"



A VIEW OF THE SPEAKER'S TABLE at the reception banquet held for the players when they returned from State pictures the five trophies the Tigers won this year. They include the Tiger's Invitational, the Southwestern Conference title, and the Regional, Sectional, and State Tournament awards. At the rostrum is Mr. Brooks, president of the Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce. On the far left is Wade Buckles, head manager for the team and the son of Mrs. Ferol Buckles, Shell nurse. Coach Joe Lucco and his wife can be seen at right.

sparkled like two-year old's at Christmas as they heard fanciful oratory lauding Coach Joe Lucco and his talented basketball bunch.

Said Edwardsville Mayor George Moorman, a Shell man for 20 years, "Our team was as good as the best." Superintendent of Schools E. L. Alexander smiled as he remarked, "We've waited impatient years for a crack at the title, and we did ourselves proud." Chub Stubbs, Edwardsville businessman speaking in behalf of his loyal group of followers, almost cried when he said, "We don't like these boys, we LOVE 'em".

## Hard Work

School principal Nolan Correll, "Our record this was the result of great sacrifice, hard work, and firmness of purpose." Howie Brown, former U. of I. athlete, and now Assistant Basketball Coach at the University of Illinois was obviously sincere as he shouted with enthusiasm, "This is the best basketball team to come out of the Southwestern Conference in 30 years."

Edwardsville Coach Joe Lucco was the last to step to the rostrum. As he was introduced, Lucco was the recipient of a standing ovation. Joe himself, after listening to the many words of praise, said he personally considered the remark

made about his athletes being "Clean-cut youngsters" as the most gratifying.

"I try to be the kind of coach I'd want my boy to play for," Lucco said. "We try to work hard and make use of the God-given ability we have. . ."

It didn't take the popular coach long to draw a line between his 1956 team and other great teams he has coached at Edwardsville. "These boys were the kind of basketball players a coach has to chase out of the gym. They would have practiced on Sundays if I'd let them." He continued, "I never worried about them being good boys—and that's half of coaching—having good boys!"

## Joe Talks

Listening to Joe Lucco talk about basketball al-



Joe Lucco

most sends chills through one even remotely interested in athletics. To him, basketball isn't just getting a round ball through an iron ring stationed 10 feet above a hardwood floor. It is more important, a game where boys learn to work together, play together, think together. And further, to make sacrifices to accomplish an important goal.

The rest of the faculty seems to agree with him.

Basketball crazy? Some might say so. But basketball at Edwardsville has become more than an extracurricular activity. It is, in the words of Edwardsville's Superintendent of Schools Alexander, "An important constituent of our education—learning to play, win or lose, with good sportsmanship—and living the same way."

## Play to Win

While some might opinion that it is only theoretical thinking, Edwardsville educators like to look upon basketball and other sports much the same way: Playing to win, but always learning something, even if losing; taking the hard knocks and the criticisms in the same stride as the applause; acknowledging that there is something more important than winning. But always, trying to win.

Theoretical? Edwardsville fans say not entirely.

Lucco himself can point with pride to the basketball stars who leave him to play an even more important game of life. To boys like John Marks, a high scorer in basketball at EHS in 1945 and a successful civil engineer today. To Bob Merkel, also a whiz on the '45 team who is an electrical engineer. To Leroy Wheat, George Naumann, Bob Coleman, and others of the late 40's. And more recently to Don Dudacek, Bob Gregor, Jim Barton and Don Ohl.

When Edwardsville fans go to a basketball game, they see more than 10 boys attired in shorts rushing up and down a shiny floor. They see character being molded. To them, a gymnasium is in itself a classroom.

And if they see these things, they must be there.

In winning 28 games and losing only 6 this past basketball season, Edwardsville's Tigers copped five new trophies, including their own Invitational, the Southwestern Conference title, and the Regional, Sectional, and State Tourney awards. On the honors won, Lucco quipped, "The hardest victory merited the smallest trophy. That Southwestern Conference title, that was the toughest."

# Clarence Mayfield Receives Coveted Silver Beaver Boy Scout Award March 13

Clarence Mayfield, Research Lab. was honored by the Boy Scouts of America March 13 with the coveted Silver Beaver award, the highest scouting honor bestowed on the council level. The presentation was made at the Piasa Bird council's annual meeting by Refinery Manager H. D. Dale, himself a Silver Beaver winner.

Everet Kelley and Joseph Wineburner were also awarded Silver Beavers at the meeting.

The Silver Beaver is given for outstanding service in the field of scouting. For the past several years, Mayfield has devoted many hours to scouting work, as a counsellor, scoutmaster, and more recently as an institutional representative for St. Bernard's Church. He has a reputation throughout the council as a man never too busy to help a boy who needs guidance.

Mayfield began his career in scouting in 1944 as a committeeman for Troop 37 in Wood River. He later served as Assistant Scoutmaster and subsequently, Scoutmaster for six years. Last year he became institutional repre-



CLARENCE MAYFIELD is congratulated by Refinery Manager H. D. Dale, right, after receiving scouting's highly-regarded Silver Beaver Award. With Mayfield is his wife, Elenora. Mr. Dale, himself a Silver Beaver winner, presented the award to Mayfield.

sentative for Troop 37.

He now devotes much of his time helping to coordinate training programs for scoutmasters, scouts, and others interested in the field. Mayfield and his wife Elenora have no children. He says, "I just got wrapped up with those scouts and now I guess I have more fun than they do."

### DID YOU KNOW?

That during the last 22 years, the oil industry has managed to find 1.54 barrels of new reserves for each barrel of oil produced.

About 52 percent of all the new rubber used by American industry is man-made, derived from petroleum.

## No Lost-time Accident for 46 Days

# Plant has Good Start On Outstanding Safety Year

As the SHELL REVIEW went to press March 23, the Refinery had a good start on their first million man-hour safety record since 1954. Up until that time, employees at the plant had worked 963,080 man-hours, or 46 days, without suffering a disabling injury.

The last time the Refinery experienced a safety record of a million man-hours or more was in December, 1954, when the plant went 76 days, or 1,617,059 man-hours without a lost-time accident. In 1954, the plant also enjoyed another fine safety record during the period June 19—August 31. This mark went 1,578,610 man-hours without an accident.

Throughout 1954, Wood River Refinery established one of the outstanding safety records in the oil industry. Suffering only 22 lost-time accidents, the Refinery suffered but 2.95 accidents per million man-hours worked. This mark was 6.72 better than the mark for the oil industry as a whole, which suffered 9.76 injuries per million man-hours of labor.

The year 1956 could well be an outstanding safety year for Wood River Refinery. To date, only 3

lost-time accidents have occurred in the plant, which is considerably better than any year prior to 1950.

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# March Service Anniversaries



**30 Years**  
W. C. Hamilton  
Thermal Cracking

**30 Years**  
A. S. Hicks  
Catalytic Cracking

**30 Years**  
Z. T. Lynch  
Lube Extr.

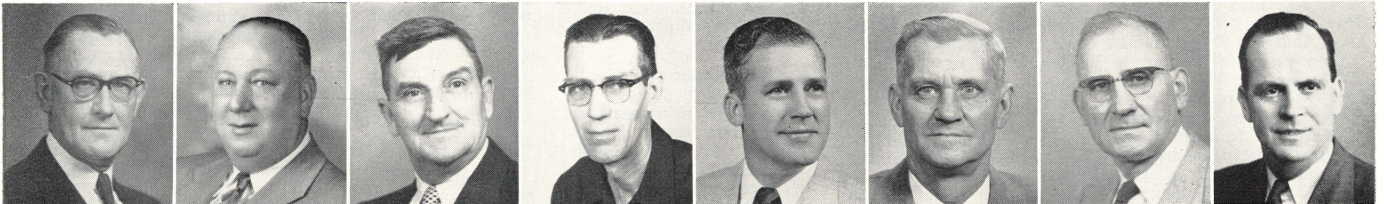
**30 Years**  
E. C. Martindale  
Electrician

**30 Years**  
Scellie Schuetz  
Labor

**30 Years**  
W. R. Stark  
Control Laboratory

**30 Years**  
D. F. VanFossen  
Utilities

**30 Years**  
W. A. Wiedman  
Compounding



**25 Years**  
F. H. Gesike  
Electrician

**25 Years**  
P. F. Lauck  
Thermal Cracking

**25 Years**  
Clarence Meek  
Dispatching

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S. L. Owsley  
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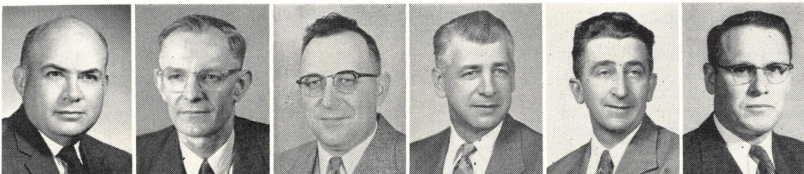
**25 Years**  
H. A. Schulmeister  
Labor

**25 Years**  
R. E. Wankel  
Cooling Water

**25 Years**  
J. E. Watsker  
Utilities

## Southern Cal Folks Have Backyard Oil But Don't Know It

Some folks have oil wells next door to them and don't know it. Take the people who live in La Habra Heights in Southern California. More than 60 oil wells have been completed in that area, and the drilling and producing operations have been so silent that the residents don't know where the wells are located! By using special equipment blanketed in sound-proofing material, oil men have succeeded in drilling a well with less noise than it would take to write a letter on a standard typewriter. This trend toward silent drilling is the result of the constant research in materials and methods to boost the nation's oil reserves to new heights.



**20 Years**  
L. F. Bouillion  
Compounding

**20 Years**  
C. H. Gibhart  
Compounding

**20 Years**  
C. H. Levi  
Alkylation

**20 Years**  
G. L. Moorman  
Engineering Office

**20 Years**  
Alois Pfeifer  
Tinner

**20 Years**  
L. H. Shubert  
L. O. Treating

**15 Years**

F. C. Grueninger  
Paint

Middle age is when you don't care where you go just so you're home by 10 o'clock.

Considering all the new cars it seems only fair to bring out a high powered faster pedestrian each year, too.



Retired  
J. O. Ingram  
Alkylation

**10 Years**

L. E. Bayer  
Control Lab.

A. E. Calvin  
Dispatching

L. F. Hale  
Boilermaker

J. F. Hayes  
Pipe

C. E. Henkhaus  
Machinist

D. M. Jilek  
Engineering

R. D. T. J. Kelly  
Medical Director

V. H. Pile  
Boilermaker

E. B. Schriber  
Lube Vacuum

C. M. Twente  
Labor

G. C. Voumard  
Machinist

## Annual Research Bowling Tourney Slated April 15

The Annual Research Lab bowling tournament will be held Sunday, April 15 at the Bowl Inn, East Alton. Women's and Men's Singles are slated to begin at 1:30 p.m. and the Mixed Doubles will start at 3 p.m. Four trophies will be awarded to the winners. First-place trophies to the top scorers in both singles' events will be presented, and each member of the winning mixed doubles' team will be awarded a trophy. The tournament is open to all Research employees and their wives or husbands. Following the tournament, free refreshments will be served.

## 'Hack' Paces Industrials To 1048 Series

Paced by Frank Hackethal's 244 game, Shell's Number Two Industrial bowlers hit the second high single of the year in the Industrial League on March 8 with a 1048 total. The score put the Number Two boys right behind Shell One (1066) in that division.

Four of the five members of Shell Two hit over "200" as they routed Boxboard One in the contest. Oddly enough, it was the only win for the Shell boys of the evening.

Along with Hack's outstanding 244 game were Don Isted's 201, Jim Thompson's 202, George Archibald's 212, and George Adams' 189. After the first week of activity in the fourth and final quarter of play, Shell Two is in a last place tie with Shell One with one win against two losses. Shell Two won the second quarter of play in the Industrial circuit, but lost out to Industrial in the first-half crown.

Both Shell One and Shell Two need a victory in this quarter to become eligible for the roll-offs. Shell One won the championship last season.

Two of the five girls who have been nominated for Shell Club Queen have also been invited to compete in the "Miss Wood River" contest April 14. The two are Jackie Chappie, Cottage Hills, and Joan Rinkel, Edwardsville. Employees who wish to attend the "Miss Wood River" affair may contact Bill Reynolds, Research, for tickets.

## G. Bruns Greets Son on Feb. 29

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Bruns, lucky parents of a baby boy named Brad, have a formula for saving money.

Since Brad was born on February 29 this year, his birthday falls only once every four years. That means technically Bruns won't have to buy Brad's birthday present until 1960. But Bruns, who works at the Research Lab, is still scratching his head.

He's afraid Brad won't look at it technically!



REACHING FOR THE CROWN are the Shell Club's five Candidates for 1956 Queen. Left to right are, Doris Peters, Research; Ella Jean Farthing, Dispatching; Joan Rinkel, Personnel and Industrial Relations; Jackie Chappie, Aromatics, and Fay Prosser, Stenographic. One of these girls will be crowned Shell Club Queen at the organization's annual spring dance on May 11.

## Girls Come from Five Different Communities

# A Sketch on the Shell Club's 5 Queen Candidates for 1956

All of the candidates for 1956 Shell Club Queen are unmarried girls, and all of them have been Shell employees for a year or less. The attractive young women come from five different communities, including Roxana, Alton, Edwardsville, Cottage Hills, and Livingston.

The candidates are:

**JACKIE CHAPPEE**, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chappie of Cottage Hills. Jackie has been working for Shell for a year, including jobs in Treasury, Research, and more recently, Aromatics.

She was graduated from Civic Memorial high school in Bethalto, where she was active in various clubs. Jackie's chief interest is in voice. She is a contralto, and has had try-outs with Fred Waring's orchestra and with the Metropolitan Opera in Chicago. Jackie was one of 18 finalists with the Metropolitan, from an original field of 118 contestants.

**ELLA JEAN FARTHING**, 19, has been a Shell girl a little less than a year. She worked in Treasury before being transferred to Dispatching as a stenographer. The daughter of Mrs. Trula Farthing, Ella Jean now lives in Roxana with her mother.

Ella Jean attended and graduated from Roxana high school. Her

hobbies are swimming, traveling, and playing golf. She is also interested in piano, and enjoys playing during her leisure hours. Her big ambition, she says, is to live to be "100".

**DORIS PETERS**, 18, Research Lab steno, has been a Shell girl since December, 1955. Born in Alton, Doris has lived there all of her 18 years. She is the daughter of Mr. Frank Peters, and is a graduate of Marquette high school.

Doris' main interest is in music. She is taking voice lessons now, and also enjoys playing the piano. She has appeared in numerous recitals, and has that far-away look in her eyes about doing something with her singing. In addition to spending most of her free time with music, Doris also enjoys swimming and dancing.

**FAY PROSSER**, 19, has been in the Stenographic Section for approximately a year. Fay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Prosser of Livingston. A Livingston high graduate, Fay's chief in-

terests are dancing, swimming, and reading good books.

An outdoor girl, Fay enjoys taking pictures and keeping a scrapbook. She says she enjoys her job with Shell, but would someday like to buy a sports car and tour the United States. "Kinda crazy," she says, "But I still think it would be fun!"

**JOAN RINKEL**, 19, has worked in Personnel and Industrial Relations since she joined Shell in March of 1955. The daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Rinkel of Edwardsville, Joan is a graduate of Edwardsville high school.

Before she came to work for Shell, Joan worked for the Edwardsville Intelligencer, Madison County's home daily. She is interested in singing, and has sung in weddings for a number of years. A soprano, Joan is most interested in semi-classical music.

An avid horseback rider, Joan also enjoys dancing and collecting pictures—especially of dogs.

## Firecrackers Are Pressed By 4 Teams

The Firecrackers had a rather easy time of it winning the first half of the Ladies' Bowling League, but things are different now.

After 27 games rolled in the second half, and with approximately the same number yet to be bowled, the 'Crackers are only a game ahead of four different teams who are tied for second place.

### Closely Bunched

The Firecrackers have won 16 and lost 11, but right behind them are the Oilerettes, Shell Mrs., Shell Mixers, and the Shelletes, all of whom have won 15 and lost 12. The rest of the league is still fairly close, with the Activators and Research next with 12 and 15. The Shell Shippers have a pretty firm hold on the cellar slot with only 9 wins and 17 losses.

Margie Erzen, "Kie" Booten, "Tootsie" Nash and Dotte Kladar are ahead of the field in high averages. Margie has bowled only 3 games, but the other three ladies have been bowling regularly all season long. Mrs. Booten has a 159 average after 72 games; Mrs. Nash has a 157 after 69 contests, and Mrs. Kladar is hitting 155 after 63 encounters.

### High Scores Stand

The Firecrackers have a 828 high single for first place in that division, and the Oilerettes are leading the Team High Three with 2283 scratch. Mrs. Kladar's 572 is still high for Individual High Three, and Mrs. Booten's 217 Individual High Single looks like a cinch to cop first place.

But at this stage of second-half operations, it looks as if any of five teams could get hot and take first place right away from the Firecrackers. How long they could stay ahead of the 'Crackers is another story.

### APPRECIATION

L. H. Stahlhut, pipefitter foreman, wishes to express his thanks to the Company and his fellow workers for the messages of sympathy and the flowers on the death of his father, Lewis Stahlhut.

## The Way We Looked Back in '39



H. L. (SKEET) DAY, Utilities, supplied the SHELL REVIEW with this comparatively

old photograph, taken of the Refinery staff employees in 1939. Skeet, who identified all

of the veteran employees pictured in last month's issue, can also name the folks on this pic-

ture. Over 20 of these people are still employed at the Refinery. How many of them can

you identify? (Be sure and be honest, now.)

# SPORTS

Add 'Em Up!



READY TO FIRE are four men who took part in the Shell Bowling Tourney on March 17. Verl Whittington is readying the scoresheet, while looking on are left to right, Jess Mason, Jack Harris, and Gene Lawson. Over 300 bowlers took part in the tournament.

## Three New Champs In Shell Bowling Leagues

The Research Ramblers won their second quarter of the season, and three new teams piled up quarter wins as the Plant Bowling Leagues roll into the final division of play. The Ramblers, who won the second round in the Golden Shell circuit only to lose the first-half roll-offs to the Fab Shop, insured themselves of another crack at the league title.

Other teams racking up third quarter victories include Engineering Inspection in the Premium League, the Research Pilots in the Super Shell, and the Whiz Kids in the X-100 loop.

### Premium League

The Inspectors had been coasting along in the basement for most of the season as the third quarter of play began 3 months ago. Then, as if shot out of a cannon, they up and polished off 21 victories in a row, and on March 13, they were still going. If the rest of the teams in the league aren't careful, the Inspectors are likely to run off with the last stanza of play these last few weeks. They finally closed the third quarter with 24 wins (21 in-a-row) and three losses.

### X-100 League

Edging the Bulk Depot by a half a game, the Whiz Kids won the third quarter crown in the X-100 league in a real close one. Final standings put the Kids in front with 17 wins, 10 losses, with the Depot boys only a half-a-game down. In third place and still close, the Plant Tech and Dispatching Office teams finished with 14-13.

Although two 153 bowlers are the leaders on the Kids' team, the boys seem to always get enough pins to win the close ones. Tarcha and Havel are leading the Whizzers with 153 marks, followed by Loomis with 150, and Londrigam with 144. Both McCollum and Bailey are hitting 142.

### Super Shell

After flirting with first place for the first two quarters, the Re-

search Pilots, paced by Jim Price and Elmer Gillis, finally did it. The Pilots won the third quarter crown, in another close one, by one game over Fire and Safety. The Pilots finished 18-9.

Price, having his best year with a 174 average, has a good chance to wrest the high average championship if he doesn't let up. Big Bob Kapp is only three points ahead of the Pilot's leader, and Jim has been upping his average a point every two weeks. Gillis, the Pilots' other big gun, is hitting a 171 clip and seems to be getting better as the season progresses.

### Golden Shell

Over in the Golden Shell, the Ramblers are determined to get another crack at the league championship in May. They won the second-half crown only to lose the first-half playoffs to the first-quarter champs, the Fab Shop. Now the Ramblers, who won the third quarter by two-and-a-half games over the Research Rollaways, are assured of another play-off berth.

Clark Judd is pacing the Rambler team, and a hot night here and there by some of the other fellows has helped them along. Behind Judd, who leads the league with a 172 mark, are Wally Heinz with 168, Wilson, 154, D. Williams, 151, and Kepner, 147.

Today the oil and gas industry consumes almost eight per cent of the nation's steel output. It goes into well equipment, pipe lines, refineries, storage tanks, and many other items.

## 'Hersh' Hits 671; Joe and Ken Fire 1310!

# Nelson, Nash, Friedline Capture Bowling Crowns

Hershel Nelson, who has had his troubles finding the mark in bowling this season, found plenty of 'em to spare in the Annual Shell Bowling Tournament March 17 as he posted a 671 to win the men's singles. Hersh hit 566 scratch and received 105 pins handicap with his 153 season's average.

In the doubles, Joe Nash and Kenny Friedline banged out a 1310 total to take first place away from last year's winning team—Johnny Allison and Ed Lewis—who had previously hit a 1285. Both Nash and Friedline were way over their averages as they hit a scratch total of 1122. Joe had games of 188, 172, and 234, while Friedline hit 162, 170, and 196. Nash has a 162 average and Friedline is hitting at a 154 clip.

### LaMar is Close

Jerry LaMar seemingly had the singles crown sewed up until Nelson stepped on the lanes late Saturday afternoon. Jerry had 661, just 10 points shy of Nelson's winning total. The "top ten" in the singles also include Lou Holtman, 656; Harold Dolan, 647; Doug Hake, 640; Earl Bailey, 639; Emil Kania, 637; Kenny Zumwalt, 630; Jim Price, 628, and Charlie Rose, 624.

Lewis and Allison, who won the doubles crown last year with the very same 1285 total, proved their top score was no fluke in 1955. They took second place by two pins over Ostanik and Bob Waymire, who finished third in the two-man events with a 1283 final.

### Top Doubles' Scores

Rounding out the first ten in the doubles are Harold Dolan and Joe Nagy, 1281; Lee Langendorf and Gil Heil, 1280, Doug Hake and Emil Kania, 1279; Lou Holtman and Herb Poitz, 1262; Lew Oden and Jim Snell, 1243; Jim Price and Vic Reedy, 1243, and Joe Patch and Jim Decker, 1241.

The three-man events were scheduled to be held March 24 to wind up the annual tournament.

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## 'Who Hit 200?'



FIGURING THE TOTALS at the Annual Bowling Tournament are, front, left to right, Al Lince and Gerald Ferranti. Looking on are, left to right, Cal Bartles, Frank Carroll, Ray Robinson, and Carl Herzog.

## SRA Hopes to Revive Interest in Plant Softball

Plant Softball League action is—that's right—only a month away!

Organization plans have not yet been completed, but the new SRA Board of Governors would like nothing better than to see the softball league come alive with the spirit of competition that enveloped the teams of the late 40's.

Russ Henry, chairman of the board, is urging all departments to take inventory of their softball talent and seriously consider entering a team for the 1956 summer season. "If we know the interest is there, we will do all we can to get behind the league," Russ said this month in speaking of the formation of a stronger circuit.

Last summer, the league dwindled to six teams, Dispatching, Distilling, Treasury, Research, Control Lab., and the Pipefitters.

This summer, the SRA would like to see at least an eight-team league. Competition would be keener, and a fuller schedule could be developed. Several possibilities for team entries include Engineering, Stores, Labor and other operating departments.

Information concerning entry in the plant league can be obtained by contacting Carl Herzog, SRA Secretary, plant phone 368.



PLANT BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS! The Laborers neatly wrapped up the Plant Basketball League this year, going through 10 games undefeated. Left to right are, front row, Felton, Hmurovich, Wigger, Wood, and King, Back row, Johnson, Vineyard, and Gall. Missing when the picture was taken was team member Carmean.