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Help Check TB

Free X-Rays For Everyone May 23-25

The Madison County Tuberculosis Association will sponsor their annual Chest X-Ray visit to Wood River Refinery on May 23, 24, and 25, according to a recent announcement. All employees can take advantage of the service at no charge.

The X-Ray mobile unit will be stationed at the South Gate on Wednesday, May 23, and at the Main Gate, near the Emergency Hospital, on the following Thursday, May 24, and Friday, May 25. Employees as usual will schedule their visits to the unit at the following periods:

7 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

12 noon—12:45 p.m.

2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Every employee will have ample opportunity to take advantage of the free Chest X-Ray service. After X-Rays have been taken, cards carrying the results of the examination are mailed to every individual in approximately two weeks.

Further information can be obtained by calling Personnel and Industrial Relations, plant phone 342.

Service Club Holds First Award Dinner Of 1956 on May 8

The initial Service Award Dinner of 1956, honoring all male employees observing a service anniversary of 10, 15, or more years during the year, will be held Tuesday, May 8 at the Wood River VFW hall. Dinner is scheduled to be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner music will be supplied by Al Rezak and his Orchestra. Bob Holt, popular St. Louis impressionist and TV personality, will also be featured at the banquet. Holt has appeared at various shows throughout the area, and can always be depended upon for an interesting performance. He has gained area-wide popularity through his numerous appearances on the Gil Newsome TV program.

The Award Banquet, sponsored by the Shell Service Club, is free to all men observing a major service award throughout the year. This includes all anniversaries of 10, 15, 20 or more years—or anniversaries recognized further by the Company with the awarding of Shell pins.

Invitations have been mailed out to all employees eligible to attend.

Sun's Around Corner



SPRING IS HERE! Tree buds and shrub greenery frame the West Side of the Main Office about this time of the year. It's a sure sign that Spring is really here. The lawn and other plants around the Main Office should blossom forth in fine fettle this year after several months of expert care.

Shell Foundation Gives Over Million to Charity

The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, and Shell companies will give more than \$1,000,000 this year to a wide range of charitable, educational, religious, and public service organizations.

Donations of about \$450,000 in the academic field will be \$100,000 more than in 1955. This sum will be the largest ever provided by Shell, one of industry's most generous contributors to education. Sharing directly in the fund, principally through 110 fellowships and 20 research grants, are 44 colleges and universities.

Many Colleges Benefits

A large number of other colleges and universities and educational activities will receive support through Foundation gifts to the National Fund for Medical Education, National Science Teachers Association, Institute of International Education, Inc., and the United Negro College Fund, Inc.

About \$600,000 has been budgeted for donations to the nation-wide programs of voluntary health organizations and religious groups, to local Red Cross and community fund drives, and to civic, youth, and cultural activities.

Local Donations Made

The policy of the Shell Foundation is to make local donations in communities where Shell people live. The concept followed is that

Shell employees and the Shell Foundation work as partner to support worthwhile causes.

Donations to chapters of the American Red Cross, for instance, are made either direct to local Red Cross campaigns in March or through local United Fund campaigns in October which include Red Cross.

While most funds are budgeted on an annual basis, additional gifts are made under special circumstances. For example, flood victims in the Northeast in September, 1955, and in northern California in December were helped by special donations given to Red Cross emergency drives.

Shell Club Dance May 11

See Queen Candidates For Tickets

Refinery Enjoys First Safety Record of '56

Employees Work 1,181,576 Man-hours without Injury

Refinery employees established another outstanding safety record this month and last when the plant worked 1,181,576 man-hours without suffering a disabling injury. The record was brought to a close during the first week of April due to an ankle injury to a Shell craftsman.

In setting the first million man-hour record here since 1954, employees worked safely for a period of 57 days.

An Excellent Start

According to R. A. Randels, Manager of the Fire and Safety Department, employees have an excellent chance of establishing an outstanding safety record in 1956. Although Randels cautioned that it is "too soon to predict anything," he cited that, as of April 20, only five lost-time accidents had been suffered at the plant.

This compares very favorably with 1954, when the refinery had an outstanding safety year in spite of a poor start. The year 1954 was one of the best in the entire oil industry, due to two lengthy periods of safe working time.

1947 Remains Best

The refinery's all-time safety record was established in 1947, when the plant worked 3,476,721 man-hours over a period of 164 days without suffering a disabling injury.

Shell Pipe Line to Offer Free Course in First Aid Here

A First Aid course, consisting of four successive sessions, will be offered to all interested persons beginning Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Training Building. Sponsored by Shell Pipe Line, the courses will be under the supervision of a Bureau of Mines instructor.

Each evening session is scheduled to last two and one-half hours. Persons wishing to take part in the program need not make a reservation. Enrollment in the course can be obtained merely by being on hand for the initial session on May 7.

Persons over 16 years of age who complete the four-session course will become eligible for a Bureau of Mines first aid certificate. Those under 16 finishing the instructions will be presented with an official first aid card.

The courses are being made possible through the courtesy of O. J. Wood and his associates at Shell Pipe Line.

Covers All Phases

The course will cover all phases of first aid and will include demonstrations of the most modern methods of life saving. Included will be artificial respiration, control of bleeding, and treatment of shock.

Pipe Line officials issued a special invitation to wives and children of Shell employees. While the course is held primarily for Shell people, guests are also welcome to participate in the classes. Attendance is completely voluntary.

Shell Pipe Line has through the years earned more first place awards for on-the-job safety than

A.P.I. Honors Two Departments Here For Safety Records

Two employee groups will be honored by the American Petroleum Institute this month for the recognition of outstanding safety records attained at Wood River Refinery.

The API Accident Prevention Awards will be presented to the Field Machinists for working 1,018,104 man-hours without suffering a disabling injury over a period of several years.

A similar award will be given to the employees of the Control Laboratory. The Lab men worked 1,304,991 man-hours without a chargeable accident.

Refinery Manager H. D. Dale will make the API awards to both groups in ceremonies this week. In a letter to Mr. Dale recently, F. S. Clulow, Vice President-Manufacturing, Shell Oil Company, said in referring to the awards, "We offer to you and your staff our sincere congratulations for the attainment of these awards."

A RECORD

Employees Donate 216 Pints of Blood At Roxana Center

Wood River employees set another record this month when they donated 216 pints of blood in the annual Red Cross bloodmobile visit April 11 at the Roxana Community Center. According to Red Cross figures, blood donations at the Center established an all-time mark for a bloodmobile visit to Roxana.

The Company provided transportation to and from the Center for all employees donating blood. Employees were excused from work for approximately two hours. Refreshments were served to all donors following medical examination and actual blood-donating.

Scheduling for the bloodmobile was handled through the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department. V. G. Whittington, P & IR, was in charge of scheduling.

According to Red Cross officials, the Shell group had an unusually low percentage of volunteers who were not physically fit. Only 16 of the 232 people who signed to donate were turned down for various physical reasons. Bloodmobile officials added that the Shell group represented a capacity crowd for the day.

any other company in the industry. The bi-yearly training is a part of the safety policy of the company.

Spaght Speaks on Profession

'Teachers Neglected' Shell Executive Says

Mr. E. Spaght, Shell Oil Company's Executive Vice President, saying the United States has "shamefully" neglected the teaching profession, thus causing a shortage of scientists, has called for a vigorous program to "make the lot of the high school science teacher more attractive and challenging."

Mr. Spaght told the convention of Ohio Petroleum Marketers Association at Columbus, Ohio, that "probably no other country in the western world neglects its teacher so shamefully" as the U. S.

'Why Teach?'

"A generation ago, teachers were respected and relatively well paid," he said. "Now there is little incentive for a young person in the United States to become a teacher."

At the same time, the teacher's profession in the Soviet Union "is becoming most coveted," he said. Thus, "while our supply of scientists, engineers and technologists dwindles, the Soviet Union's supply increases. From 1950 to 1960, Russia will produce 1,200,000 scientists and engineers, against 900,000 in the United States."

Focus on High Schools

"We must induce more high school students to study science so they, in turn, can become science teachers to train future generations of scientists," he said.

Mr. Spaght cited Shell's science teacher fellowship plan under which the Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, will underwrite all expenses for summer seminars at Stanford and Cornell for 60 teachers yearly.

"The idea behind this program is that we want these teachers to go back to their high schools with new enthusiasm," Mr. Spaght said.

The summer seminar program has been enthusiastically received by science teachers. Approximately 2,000 teachers applied for information about the 60 summer fellowships offered at Cornell and Stanford this year.

All Employees Eligible for Free Medical Exam

If you have not had a physical examination in the last three years, ask your supervisor to arrange one for you. This can be done at no expense to you through the Company's Voluntary Physical Re-examination Program. Only you receive the doctor's report.

Shell Club Plans on Big Dance Crowd

Plans are nearing completion for the Second Annual Shell Club Dance on May 11 at the Godfrey Civic Center.

According to H. J. Hayes, Shell Club president, advance ticket sales point to a capacity crowd of 225 couples. The club this year intends to limit the sale of tickets to avoid congestion, Hayes added.

Scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., the Queen Coronation ceremonies are to be held at 10. Dancing will continue until 1 a.m. Music will be furnished by Al Rezabek and his Orchestra.

Tickets for the dance may be purchased from the five Queen Candidates. They are Jackie Chappee, Ella Jean Farthing, Doris Peters, Fay Prosser, and Joan Rinkel. The Shell Club officers, Hubert Hayes, Phil Leininger, Harold Dolan, Jack Creekmore, and Jim Kahmann, are also handling tickets.

Table reservations may be secured by calling any of the officers.

Tri-City Red Cross Chairman Thanks Shell Contributors

Monroe Flinn, Chairman of the 1956 Red Cross Drive in the Tri-City area, has issued a vote of thanks to employees at Wood River Refinery who earmarked their contributions to the Tri-City chapter.

Over \$60 was sent to the Tri-City Red Cross by residents of that area who are employed at the refinery.

In thanking the refinery for the funds, Flinn said, "We are most appreciative of the interest your employees have in contributing not only to the Red Cross, but also in their interest that their contribution should return to their home community."

An Outstanding Record



RED CROSS INDUSTRIAL CHAIRMAN A. C. Hogge, seventh from left, accepts a check for \$5415 from Dick Burton, treasurer of the Shell fund drive. Looking on are members of the committee and local Red Cross officials. The Shell drive this year passed its quota of \$5400 and employees' contributions totaled \$899 more than ever before for a Red Cross campaign at the refinery. Left to right are E. C. Schwalb, Cracking; F. A. Giacomini, Engineering Field; H. F. May, Head Watchman; Burton; L. W. Linebarger, Engineering Field; J. B. Kahmann Shell drive chairman; Hogge; L. P. Gleiber, Alton, area chairman; W. R. Downey, Executive Red Cross Director, and Frank Grueninger, Engineering Field.

Employees Donate \$900 More than Ever Before!

Refinery Red Cross Drive 'Over the Top' with \$5415 Total

Contributions from Refinery employees set an all-time Red Cross Drive record this year, according to final tabulations released this month by drive chairman J. B. Kahmann. Employees surpassed the increased 1956 quota of \$5400, contributing a total of \$5415 for the Alton-Wood River, Edwardsville, and other local Red Cross chapters.

The results of the 1956 campaign were cited as being outstanding by local Red Cross officials, including Eckford DeKay, chairman of the board, and W. R. Downey, Executive Secretary. And according to L. P. Gleiber, chairman of the drive in the Alton-Wood River area, the Shell donation represents the highest contribution of any local industry.

Safety Department Tops

Final total of the campaign—\$5415—exceeds by \$899.45 the previous high Red Cross total of \$4515.55 contributed here during the 1954 campaign. A total of 21 departments at the refinery reached or surpassed their respective monetary quotas. The Fire and Safety Department headed the list of over-all group participation by reaching 100 per cent. Every man in the department contributed to the drive.

Departments having 90 per cent participation or over include the Cracking Departments, Engineering Field Staff, Treasury, Engineering Office, Economics and Scheduling, Technological, Products Application, Personnel and Industrial Relations, Experimental Laboratory, Technical Services, Valve Repairmen, and Tool Room.

Hogge Lauds Employees

A. C. Hogge, chairman of the Industrial Division, echoed the sentiments of Refinery Management as he said, "Refinery employees can be proud of the fact that for the third consecutive year, Shell leads the Industrial Division in contributions." He added, "Even with a quota increased \$1700 over 1955, we all dug a little deeper and passed our goal—that is answering the call."

Shell Plans Big Ad Venture This Spring and Summer

Shell Oil Company will use the largest advertising schedule in its history this spring and summer. Advertisements about Shell products and services will appear in over 400 newspapers and will be heard or seen on more than 200 radio stations.

Motorists will see the story of Shell product quality displayed on about 8,000 billboards and 35,000 swivel frame posters. Magazine posters. Magazine readers will find Shell ads in the four big national publications; READER'S DIGEST, LIFE, LOOK, AND THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

Tell TCP Story

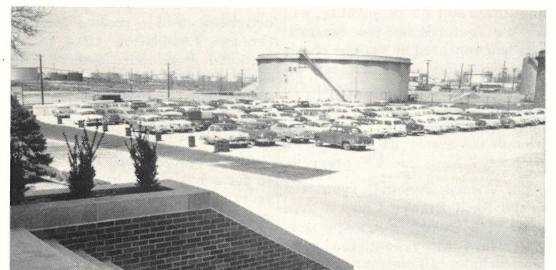
Newspaper ads will combine pictures and facts to tell the story of Shell Premium with TCP*, the gasoline additive needed more and more

as engine compression ratios climb. Photographs and statistics for the campaign came from wide-scale testing of 1956 model cars conducted by Shell Oil's Products Application Department this winter.

Various ads have been tested in Florida, where motorists drive as much in winter as in summer. The types which were found to do the best selling job will be scheduled in various sections of the country as spring weather lures more and more drivers out onto the highways.

*Trade-Mark—Shell Oil Company

New Parking Lot



PARKING FACILITIES for Main Office, Research, and Personnel and Industrial Relations people have been completed and are now in use. Located just west of the P & IR office and north of the Main Office, the new lot is expected to handle cars formerly parked in the large lot west of highway 111. The construction of a new highway necessitated building of the new lot, which is now asphalted.



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Introducing . . .

Miss Rosemary Maynard



CUTE ROSEMARY MAYNARD, hired last month as a Treasury Department steno . . . Rosemary was born in Quincy, but has lived in Edwardsville most of her life . . . Engaged and spends most of her spare time with boyfriend . . . She enjoys swimming, dancing, and bowling . . . hopes to have four children someday, she says . . . a former University of Illinois coed, she decided to work and save instead of study and spend.

For Traffic Safety Campaign

Edwardsville Newspaper Gives Shell Merit Award

In behalf of the Newspapers of America, the EDWARDSVILLE, INTELLIGENCER, Madison County's Home Daily, this month awarded Shell Oil Company a citation of merit in recognition of the Company's efforts to promote safe driving. The award was presented to Refinery Manager H. D. Dale by Oscar Ochs, General Manager of the INTELLIGENCER.

Shell's activities in the public interest to combat careless driving recently drew nation-wide attention through a campaign in approximately 200 newspapers throughout the United States. In this area, the campaign was handled by the INTELLIGENCER, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, the POST-DISPATCH, and the GLOBE-DEMOCRAT.

Full-Page Advertising

The campaign took the form of six full-page ads appearing twice a week for a period of three weeks. The ads were reader-participation type ads, the objectives of which were not only to gain the reader's attention but to encourage him taking a series of tests on reaction time, eyesight, traffic sign knowledge, and similar driving skills.

Reaction to the program everywhere seemed to be high. In this area, over 75 civic leaders and businessmen registered their approval with letters to Refinery Manager H. D. Dale.

Ochs Comments Shell

In presenting the award to the Company, Ochs, General Manager

of the INTELLIGENCER, said, "Shell has just completed one of the finest public service newspaper campaigns ever used. This certificate is intended to show the importance which we and other newspapers regard the efforts of Shell Oil Company in promoting safety."

The certificate itself reads, "In recognition of its efforts in the public interest, as exemplified by its outstandingly effective newspaper advertising campaign to promote safe driving, the EDWARDSVILLE INTELLIGENCER presents this citation to Shell Oil Company in behalf of the Newspapers of America . . . We commend Shell Oil Company and its representatives for their leadership in helping to overcome the problem of human life being taken by traffic accidents."

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.

Shell Develops Fire-Resistant Hydraulic Fluid

Shell Oil Company has developed a new hydraulic liquid which is fire-resistant. Called SHELL IRUS FLUID 902*, it is now being sold for use in the hydraulic equipment of such industries as die-casting, iron and steel, glass, automotive, and ceramics.

If a hydraulic system develops a leak under normal working pressures near a source of high temperature heat, an ordinary hydraulic fluid may become ignited.

Reduces Danger

Shell Irus Fluid 902 reduces this danger. It is basically a water-in-oil emulsion of hydraulic oil, water, and additives. Three years of intensive research, field application, and evaluation by Shell scientists and engineers have shown the oil in the Shell fluid provides lubrication, while the water at high temperatures will form steam to smother flame in a "snuffer action."

The Shell product is useable in 90 per cent of currently installed hydraulic systems with minimum modification. It is neither toxic nor corrosive, and evaporation losses below 150° F are very small.

Low Cost

Shell Irus Fluid 902 sells for one-half or less than competitive products. It is manufactured at the Martinez Refinery and the Sewaren Plant.

*Trademark Shell Oil Company

Shell Erects Two Drilling Platforms In Gulf of Mexico

Two additional platforms, each designed to handle the drilling of 12 wells, have been erected in the Gulf of Mexico for Shell Oil Company. A wide area can be drilled from each platform through the use of slanted drilling techniques.

Shell's first 12-well permanent drilling platform was constructed in the summer of 1955 in Southwest Pass Block 42 near the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Firm Supports

The second and third platforms are several miles north of another company's production and are on a jointly-held 5,000-acre lease in Block 116, Eugene Island area. Supported by 29 steel piles driven 140 feet into the bottom of the Gulf, each platform stands in about 48 feet of water about 40 miles

Succeeds W. C. Krupski

Dahlmann Named Supervisor Of General Accounting May 1

R. C. Dahlmann has been promoted to Supervisor of General Accounting, effective May 1, it was announced this month by L. L. Sarchett, Treasury Manger. Dahlmann succeeds W. C. Krupski, who was transferred to Supervisor-Utilities.

Joining Shell in September of 1951, Dahlmann has spent virtually his entire career with the Company in the General Accounting section. He was initially hired as an accountant in Shipping, but was transferred to General Accounting in 1952. He has worked on various assignments during the past four years.

Dahlman is a graduate of St. Louis University. He received a B. S. in Commerce in 1950. A native of Belleville, he attended Cathedral high school there. He was with the Army during World II from December, 1942, until February, 1946.

He and his wife LaVerna reside in Belleville.



R. C. Dahlmann

Mihelich Is Transferred To Anacortes

W. R. (Bill) Mihelich, Shell Boilermaker Foreman, has been transferred to the Company's Anacortes Refinery in a similar capacity. Mihelich, who left April 20 for his new assignment, has been a boilermaker here for almost 20 years.

Mihelich joined Shell in 1937 after learning his trade on the railroad and in industrial plants in Madison, Illinois. He handled various boilermaker assignments and in 1942 was promoted to boilermaker foreman.

Born in Chicago, Mihelich later moved to Centralia, Illinois, and was graduated from high school there. He is married to the former Darlene Wilkerson of Centralia, and has one son, William Joseph, 19.

Mihelich has been active in several civic organizations in Wood River during the past several years, and was interested in the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Moose Lodge. For years he has handled various concessions at the Annual Service Club Barbecue.

Today's cars are supposed to be mechanically perfect and smooth running, but it seems there are still a lot of "jerks" in them.

Shell Gets \$17,000,000 Gasoline Contract With National Airline Co.

Beginning July 1, Shell Oil Company will supply a major portion of the fuel requirements of National Airlines.

A five-year contract calls for delivery of approximately \$17,000,000 worth of aviation products. After the National contract goes into effect, Shell will be supplying more than one-third of all aviation gasoline used by our nation's domestic commercial airlines.

National's routes extend from New York to Miami and Havana, and westward to New Orleans. Shell will supply all points on National's system except Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida, and Idlewild Airport, New York.

south of the Louisiana coast.

The fixed structures have working decks 192 feet long and 82 feet wide. Each will allow the drilling of six wells without skidding the derrick on the platform, one vertically and five directionally. The derrick and draw-works can then be skidded 20 feet to permit the drilling of six more wells.

One oil well has been completed from the first of these two platforms. Each structure has a well drilling now.

Receive IBM Training



TWENTY-FIVE EMPLOYEES attended an instruction course in IBM this month at East St. Louis. Most of the material presented to the Shell group was introductory information about IBM equipment. Left to right are Woods, Stotler, Casey, Hudson, Edwards, Truitt, Stubblefield, Linebarger, Burian, Burton, Reichert, Devereux, Maguire, Haxel, Broderick, Dahlmann, Ziha, Yates, Cannon, Ebelage, North, Schaefer, Costa, Stroud, Fabich, and Louis Hall, Sales Representative for IBM who served as instructor for the course.

S.R.A. Egg Hunt Attracts a Record Crowd

Estimate Over 400 Folks Attend Annual Easter Festivities

The SRA's Board of Governors had that worried look on their faces on the morning of March 24—the day of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

It was one of those early Spring mornings that better resembles winter. The temperature was flirting with the low 30's, the wind was howling, and the sky was gloomy.

Then, all of a sudden on that blistery Saturday morning at Kendall Hill, some 250 youngsters and their parents stormed upon the scene and warmed the place up as only they can. Luckily, the SRA board had arrived upon the scene earlier and erected boundry lines enclosing the area in which the 1000 or so eggs were hidden. Ropes contained the eager crowd for the 30 or 45 minutes until the time of the hunt.

As the loud speaker announcer stepped to the microphone, the children toed the mark. "Get Ready, Get Set . . . Go!" And the kids? They were gone.

They went through the Kendall Hill area with a fine tooth comb. The smallest youngster, of whom was said, "He'll never find any eggs," was the guy who grabbed the first one. The little kid who looked as though he couldn't push over a feather brushed by a huskie curleyhead and neatly picked up a prize egg.

That's the way it went all day. And the weather? Why, no one even noticed it!

The highest reward for a mans toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it.



AWAY THEY GO . . . and its Freddy Jones on the outside . . . Pricilla Smith is coming up through the bunch . . . and now . . . Feedlebomb. Needless to add, the "Go" signal was given just before this picture was snapped.



CARL ZIMPEL had his hands full with his two boys at the hunt. Right about here, Carl is helping the boys scan the Kendall Hill area for some prize eggs. Carl is employed at the Research Laboratory, and his boys did some research on the eggs.

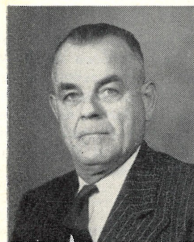


LEO BETHARDS, Employee Activities, issues words of advice to the egg-hunting aspirants prior to the starting gun, and the parents on hand seem to be about as excited as the youngsters. At left is Cecil Fones and two of his daughters, while Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taul and their three youngsters are at the right, ready to start huntin' eggs.

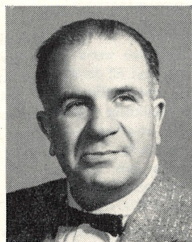


CHARLEY ROSE, Dispatching Office, brought his two children to the Egg Hunt. Both of them were lucky to take home prize baskets. His little boy on the left had scarf troubles just about the time the photographer snapped the picture.

April Service Anniversaries



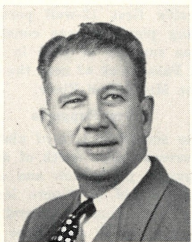
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Automotive



30 Years
H. M. Kay
Cracking



30 Years
Goebel Knauss
Automotive



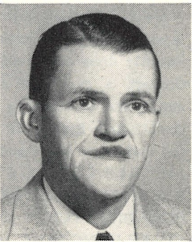
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C. F. Oglesby
Compounding



30 Years
Tony Young
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25 Years
R. T. Coale
Cracking



25 Years
Ben Tyler
Cracking



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Lemuel Dillow
Automotive



20 Years
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Paint



20 Years
A. J. Losch
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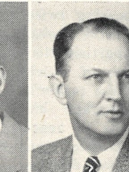
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Lube



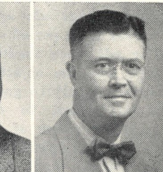
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J. M. Sones
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20 Years
E. L. Sooy
Cracking



20 Years
G. J. Turnbeaugh
Alkylation

15 Years

J. H. Becker
Cracking

L. E. Bethards
P. & I. R.

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Alkylation

B. B. Trousdale
Distilling

R. Watson, Jr.
Cracking

10 Years

G. D. Chambliss
Research

V. H. Chandler
Pipe

R. A. Jones
Cracking

E. J. Kapp
Labor

W. I. Lengacher
Gas

E. H. Mohme
Engineering

K. L. Paddock
Distilling

H. A. Poitz
Research

F. F. Weise
Elec. Engineering

D. T. Russell
Engineering

P. W. Wood
Pipe

Shell Film Showings Set Record in 1955

More people saw Shell motion pictures in 1955 than in any previous year. Audience showings attracted nearly 13½ million people—25 per cent more than in 1954—and 211 television showings reached an estimated 22½ million viewers.

Two films, "The Fossil Story" and "Birth of an Oil Field," were each seen by over a million people. Eighteen other films had audiences ranging from one-quarter of a million to almost a million persons.

24 Company Films

Shell film libraries at present distribute 24 film titles produced expressly for the Company at a total cost of over \$1,000,000. These libraries are maintained in New York, Chicago, Houston, and San Francisco, each serving roughly one-quarter of the nation.

A new film, covering oil distribution and marketing, is in production and will be the fifth in the series called "This Is Oil". Each of the first four covered a major activity of the oil business; prospecting, drilling and production, refining, and transportation.

Film Catalog Available

Any group with a 16 mm. sound projector may borrow films without charge, except for return postage. A catalog of the films and request forms are available through any Shell public relations representative. Employees may also ask their supervisor to obtain catalog and request forms.

Provident Fund Is Retirement Nestegg

Through the Provident Fund you are building a substantial "nestegg" for retirement. For every dollar you deposit, the Company deposits another to your credit. Both yours and the Company's contributions are paid over to a Trust Fund, where all funds are invested in U. S. government bonds and other high-grade securities. After making provision for reserves, earnings from investments are proportionately distributed to members' accounts.

RADIATOR FLUSH

Shell Radiator Flush is a safe, scientific blend of detergents and solvents that dissolves and flushes away grease, rust, and scale in the automotive cooling system.

Firecrackers Tied Up In Fems' League

They're sharing first place right now, but it's still too early to tell if the Firecrackers have fizzled out!

The 'Crackers, who have been beating all comers all season long in the Ladies' Bowling League, have finally been caught. The impossible happened this month, when the league-leaders for 75 per cent of the season were tied up by the Shelletes and Shell Mixers. With only a few weeks to go on the schedule, all three teams have 211 wins, and 18 losses.

Tie For Second

In second place only one game down are the Oilerettes and Shell Mrs., still very much in the race. And hope is not lost for the Activators, now in third position with 19 wins against 20 defeats. Research and the Shell Shippers will have to really catch fire to wrest the second half crown. They are currently tied for the cellar with 17½ and 21½.

Mrs. Boren has been leading the Shell Mixers in their second-half quest for the title. She's hitting 148, followed by Mrs. Dolan with 131, Moore, 125, and Fletcher, 132. Mrs. Herb Poitz is still pacing the Shelletes with a 148 mark, followed by Welch with 135, Werling with 130, and Manns with 125. Mrs. Watson has rolled 15 games and has a strong 148 average.

'Crackers Team to Beat

But the Firecrackers, who have been pressed for first place many times before, still have to be beaten. Their lineup boasts a veteran bunch of bowlers who have been teaming together for a number of years.

They'll be tough to beat!

Too many parents are not on "spanking" terms with their children.

Take A Deep Breath



FINAL STEP of a series of examinations before actually donating blood is the blood pressure check. Red Cross nurses carefully check each individual's blood pressure before penciling the final "O.K." on the donor card. A volunteer doctor was constantly on duty re-checking questionable cases. Over 95 per cent of the Shell volunteers were accepted as donors, which, said Red Cross officials, is far better than average.

'Hotter than a Bandit's Pistol', Says Doerr

Fishing Contest Going Great Guns After First Month of Competition

The Second Annual SRA Fishing Contest, according to chairman Al Doerr, is "hotter than a bandit's pistol." Al's vernacular isn't too far wrong in describing what looks like a spirited battle of the sportsmen with six fish already entered in the Bass, Crappie, and Blue Gill divisions.

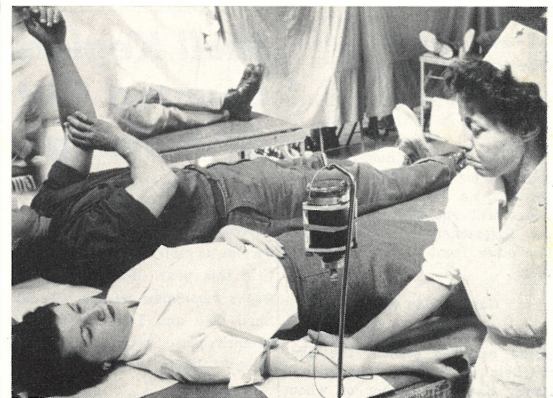
With the contest only a month old, it seems as if the fishermen at the refinery are out to make that first batch of prizes well-earned ones. Prizes will be awarded in all three divisions on June 1, August 1, and October 1 in addition to grand prizes on November 1.

Leo Wondolofski's fine Bass catch of 4 pounds, six ounces is first in that division, passing up George Norvell's initial Bass entry, which weighs 3 pounds, 14 ounces. Wondolofski caught his prize fish on Swan Lake on a "Bright Eye" lure. Norvell's whopper was caught on a "Jitter-Bug" at Camp Warren Lewis Lake.

In the Crappie division, John Kozak's catch of 1 pound, 15 ounces leads the parade. John's catch is 13 ounces heavier than that of G. C. Haynes.

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See How Easy



MRS. JOAN STROUP, Personnel and Industrial Relations steno, smiles as she watches the pint bottle being filled with blood. Most of the folks who were giving blood for the first time were surprised to find that it took such a short time for the actual donating.

Shell Ladies Honored



TWENTY-NINE LADIES were present for this month's service award dinner for women with 10 or more year's service with the Company. Left to right are, front row: Virginia Cline, Lynette Spudich, Margaret Ann Eden, Pearl Thornton and Nellie Jones, both retired ladies, Leila Hall, and Jean Day. Second row: Bonnie Long, Marion Teachout, Fern Vedder, Doris Meyer, Adele Costa, Ruth Holliday, Margaret Stroud, and Louise Paul. Back row: Margaret Middlecoff, Jean Gorman, Millie Meyers, Margaret Stulken, Jane Thatcher, Dot McNally, Charlotte VanHorn, Dottie Kladar, Shirley DuVal, Twila Land, Helen Ebelage, Mary Snider, Roberta Kratschmer, and Elizabeth Halliday.

All SRA Members Invited

Shell Camera Club Plans 'Barbecue' Picnic May 20

The Shell Camera Club's annual picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, May 20 at Forest Park in St. Louis. All Shell employees interested in photography are invited to attend the event, which is slated to get underway at 2 p.m.

Present plans call for members and guests to meet in Forest Park on Sunday afternoon for a session of picture-taking. Following this, the group will meet for lunch and refreshments. Several of the club's

amateur chefs plan to barbecue beef and pork at the picnic.

Further information can be obtained by calling Ray Thrasher, plant phone 586. Orville Abernathy, who is helping make arrangements for the affair, issued the invitation to all SRA members and added, "Don't forget your camera!"

Life returns what we put into it with interest.

SPORTS

Individual Winners



CONGRATULATIONS are in order for four men who won individual championships in the Annual Shell Bowling Tournament last month. Left to right are Mel Hubach, who captured the high game award with a 252 scratch game; Herschel Nelson, handicap-singles winner with 671; Emil Kania, high scratch series champion with 649, and Lou Holtman, who won the all-events (singles, doubles, three-man team) with a handicap total of 1924, one team getting a bye approximately once a month.

Just Too Much Power!

Dispatching Still Looks Tough in Plant Softball

Seven teams have signed up for plant softball league action, and activity is scheduled to get underway on May 7 at Kendall Hill. Three games will be played each week, with

Many of the rosters have not yet been completed, but as always, Dispatching looks like they'll be tough to beat. Whereas most of the teams are looking around every pipe and tank in the refinery for a pitcher, Dispatching has chuckers to spare. Even if Bobby Garner, the best pitcher in the area, were to break a leg, which everyone hopes will not happen, of course the Dispatchers would still have two other front-line hurlers ready to go.

Garner Has Support

Behind Garner, who lost only one game all last season, the Dispatchers have Dick Downer and Sandy Sandbach, either of whom could make any team in the league.

In addition to having three fine hurlers, Dispatching is two-deep at every position. They have won so many plant league championships in-a-row that the rest of the circuit has stopped counting them. It is the hope of the rest of the league that the race this year will at least be more competitive. Two teams have joined the ranks since last summer, and things could, as they say, be different.

Add Stores, Gas

Other teams in the plant league this year include Research, Treasury, Control Lab, Gas Plant, Laborers, and Stores. Stores and Gas Plant are new additions to the league this season.

All plant league games will be played at Kendall Hill, with the first game getting underway each evening at 6:15 p.m. The second game follows at 8:15.

Shell Keglers Counted Out Of Running

It will almost take a miracle for either of the SRA-sponsored Industrial League bowling teams to become eligible for a crack at the title this year. With only a few weeks remaining on the schedule, Shell One and Two are tied for seventh place with records of 7 wins, 11 losses.

Sinclair has been hitting with consistency this fourth and final quarter, and currently leads the parade with 14 wins, 4 losses. Onized Two, first-half winners, are in second with 12-6, followed by Westerner, Boxboard, and International Shoe Co., all with 11-7.

Most of the members of both Shell-sponsored teams are holding their averages up, but neither team seems to be capable of winning the close contests. Dave Patton with 182 and Jess Grover at 181 are only a few pins shy of their 1955 averages, when Shell One won the league championship.

On Shell Two's team, Fissel, Archibald, Hackenthal, Farley, Thompson, and Lamar are all hitting their usual averages, or close to them.

It's just that the results this year are different!

All Roll-offs to be completed by June 1

Could be 4 New Champs In Plant Bowling Circles

With only a week remaining on the Plant Bowling League schedule, there is a strong possibility that four new champions may come to the front in the final quarter of activity. New faces head the standings in three of the four plant circuits, and one of them might be fairly well secured.

The Reformers in the Premium League, after their first quarter championship of the year, look plenty strong, but still need two wins on May 2 to cinch a tie. The Engineering Inspection boys, third quarter winners, are only a game down and have a mathematical chance to take first place. The rest of the teams are oil but counted out.

X-100 League

In the X-100 circuit, the Cat Crackers are making a strong bid for the last quarter crown. The Crackers are just a half-game in front of the Dispatching Office and two games in front of the Bulk Depot. The Whiz Kids, who won the third quarter of play, are buried in seventh place, eight big games away. This could be a real thriller.

Super Shell

It's anybody's guess in the Super Shell circuit, where the Gas Plant, Control Lab, Research Relics, or Fire and Safety could still win the championship. The Gas Department men and the Lab team are tied for first with 13-8, followed by the Relics and the Safety Department, who are tied for second with 12-9.

Provided the Control Lab should win this one, they'll meet the Research Pilots for the second-half championship. If the Lab boys in turn win this one, they'll have cinched the league championship, already having won the first half crown from Fire and Safety.

Golden Shell

The Engineering Office, who finished in the basement last quarter, are making things plenty tough in the Golden Shell league, and with a little luck could win themselves a championship in the final quarter of play.

The Engineering boys are only a game ahead of Distilling, and two ahead of three other teams, but with only six games left on the schedule might well pull the unexpected. The Fab Shop, first-half winners, could also come out in front this quarter with a strong surge at the finish line. The Boiler-makers are only two games out, along with the Engineering Mix-ups and Research Rollaways.

Roll-Offs in May

According to Joe Nagy, Plant League President, plans call for the roll-offs for the respective league titles to be held as early in May as possible. With several play-off games to be rolled, it will take some doing to wind the bowling season up by the first of June.

FISHING CONTEST

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Carl Reynolds caught an 8 ounce Blue Gill on a cane pole using worms for bait. He heads that division, followed by G. C. Haynes, with an entry of 7 1/2 ounces.

Doerr explained this month that the "Pumpkin Seed" species of Blue Gill will be the only one accepted in that division.

Over 130 Men Have Registered

Interest in Golf Unusually High with 14 Teams Ready

It looks like a big season for golf.

Each year, it seems as if more interest is aroused in golf, and the 1956 season is no exception. According to Bill Loomis, plant golf league secretary, over 130 men have signed up for action on 14 teams beginning on May 8.

All of the plant league matches will be played at Cloverleaf Golf Course on the Fosterburg Road. Throughout the season, nine-hole matches will be played. Action will be scheduled each week for 13 weeks, with matches to be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. Teams who find it inconvenient to play on the scheduled evenings may reschedule their matches through respective team captains.

On Handicap Basis

As usual, the league this year will be operated on a handicap basis. This method makes for keener competition, and gives the "duffers" an opportunity to play hero on occasion.

Departments who have entered teams include Research One, Research Two, Distilling, Engineering Inspection, Lube, Instrument Men, Plant Tech, Tech Department, Dispatching, Engineering, Personnel and Industrial Relations, Light Oil Treating, Alkylation, and the Main Office.

Schedules Mailed Soon

Schedules for the entire season will be mailed out to team captains during the first week in May. Additional information can be obtained by calling Bill Loomis, plant phone 546.

When you can think of yesterday without a regret and of tomorrow without a fear you are on the road to success.

Kids Ready to Start Slidin' Into Second

The Kids Softball League, sponsored by the Shell Recreation Association, is scheduled to begin play for the third consecutive year on June 8, according to an announcement by Jerry Braham, chairman of the league.

The League is once again to be composed of four teams, and will run through August 3, with an All-Star game being played a week later as a grand finale. All games will be played on Friday nights at Kendall Hill.

Four teams who will make up the league include the Colts, Rams, Lions, and Panthers.

As usual Branham has a goody number of youngsters scheduled to take part in the summer's activities, but still needs additional supervision. Anyone interested in assisting with the program can contact Branham in Engineering Design.

Boys interested in taking part the program must be between the ages of 10 to 14. A boy must be 10 years old by June 8, and not yet 15 by August 3.

Team Champs



TEAM WINNERS in the Annual Shell Bowling Tournament are, left to right, Harold Taul, Bert Strebler, Joe Nash, and "Dutch" Fors. Taul, Strebler, and Fors won the three-man championship with a three-game handicap series of 1934. Nash and Kenny Friedline, who was unavailable for the picture, won the doubles crown with a handicap series of 1310.