

# Shell notes:

## Short news items concerning Shell Oil and its employees

The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, Board of Directors at its Dec. 11 meeting approved a major increase in the Shell Companies Merit Scholarship awards. The four-year awards, which have ranged from a minimum of \$750 to a maximum of \$2,000 a year, have been increased to \$1,000 and \$4,000 respectively.

The Shell Companies Merit Scholarship program provides 50 four-year scholarship awards to Shell children of regular full-time employees and retired or deceased employees of Shell Oil Company (including Shell Chemical Company and Shell Development Company) and Shell Pipe Line Corporation.

Only nine of the 400 companies participating in the National Merit Programs offer scholarships in the \$1,000 to \$4,000 range, and Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated offers the largest number of such scholarships.

The increase will become effective with the 1982 fall semester and will affect those scholarship winners entering college in 1982 as well as those presently in the Program.

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Executive Vice President J. B. Henderson was elected Chairman of the Board of the American Industrial Health Council (AIHC) at its annual meeting Dec. 1.

AIHC is a non-profit organization founded in 1977 in response to proposed federal regulations dealing with chronic health problems. Its membership consists of nearly 140 companies and more than 80 affiliated trade associations representing a broad spectrum of American industry.

AIHC's principal objective is to assist in the development, when necessary, of scientifically sound and economically viable government regulation of substances which may cause adverse chronic health effects. Members of the council share the concern that such regulation should be rational, practical and effective.

Key AIHC recommendations call for the development of a comprehensive approach to a national cancer policy; an independent science panel to assess risk in significant cases; and procedures for validating scientific data used in many types of government initiatives.

The primary goal of AIHC, said Henderson, "will continue to be placing the better known public health issues of today in proper scientific perspective through all avenues of communication available to us."

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Land is being prepared and foundations are being poured for Saudi Petrochemical Company's petrochemical complex in Al-Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

A joint venture of Pecten Arabian Limited, a Shell affiliate, and Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), the complex will be equally owned and is scheduled for phased completion from mid-1984 through the third quarter, 1985.

The complex will include some 200 prefabricated modules, which — fully equipped — are estimated to cost more than \$700 million. Total cost of the complex is estimated at about \$3 billion.

The first shipment of modules to the site will begin in June, 1982.

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A petrochemical industry in Alaska is feasible by the late 1980s under certain conditions, according to a study by The Dow-Shell Group.

The group's report on its year-long, \$5.5 million study said that, while a \$9 billion to \$10 billion investment could establish Alaska as a major petrochemical derivative producer and liquefied petroleum gas supplier, several key developments must occur first. They include: an increase in the real value of world crude oil, growth of petrochemical derivative markets in Asia and on the west coasts of North and South America, development of industries, services and a transportation network in Alaska to support economic growth, and availability of natural gas liquids from the North Slope at an acceptable cost.

Besides Shell and Dow Chemical, the study group included seven other companies.

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The federal agencies predict there will be an adequate supply of natural gas this winter. The energy Department reports there will be no shortages like the ones that hit New England last year. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates pipelines, predicts there will be no significant disruption of natural gas service or supply, even if this winter is colder than normal.

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Complex Manager Art Williams recently presented a Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. check for \$4,650 to the Madison County Mental Health Center building fund.

The Health Center is a private incorporated, not-for-profit, tax-exempt agency that delivers health services to the 128,000 residents in the northern part of Madison County. Pictured above is Mr. David Shaw, director of the center; Marvin Peterson, fund raising chairman; Williams; and Dale Kelly, chairman of the Board of Directors of the center.

## Check it out



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# Answer Books now number one billion

Lay out a billion "Come to Shell for Answers" booklets, end to end, and you're half way to the moon. Or, closer to home, they would circle the earth's equator four and a half times.

From any perspective, a billion "Answer Books" is a lot, but that landmark figure has been reached with publication of "The Energy Conservation Payback Book" in mid-October.

The popular series was introduced in May, 1976. The latest book, Number 28, tells how to select "cost-effective" energy conservation measures — those that will pay for themselves in a reasonable length of time.

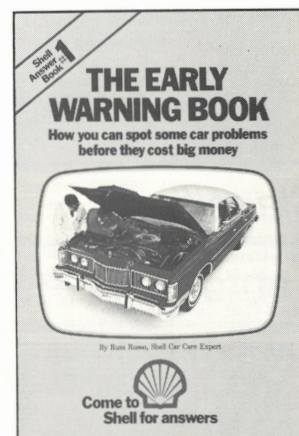
For example, a homeowner might buy and install an insulation blanket for his water heater. The blanket may cost about \$25, but it could save about \$20 a year on fuel.

Written by Ed Mergens, Shell's manager of energy conservation, "The Energy Conservation Book" gives advice on how to go about this and other rewarding exercises in home energy savings. The first step he suggests is to call on the services of an energy auditor. This is a professional, trained to ferret out energy waste and recommend cost-effective ways to correct such situations.

Mergens points out that many major utility companies have developed energy auditing programs for their customers and will send an energy auditor to the home for a small fee. In addition, some private companies offering this service advertise in the Yellow Pages under "Conservation."

"An energy auditor can make specific recommendations for your home and your family in your climate region," Mergens emphasizes. "This is very important because every household uses, and loses energy differently."

Mergens traveled across the country, climbing through attics and crawling through



basements. He learned that "what might be cost-effective in one part of the country might not somewhere else."

He went with energy auditors to homes in three regions of the country: the cold Northeast, the hot South, and the mild Northwest. In the book, he presents a detailed energy audit for one home in each of the three sections.

Mergens also answers questions about specific ways to conserve energy, listing several that are free or inexpensive, and therefore cost-effective wherever you live.

"The Conservation Payback Book" (Shell Answer Book Number 28) is available free at service stations of participating Shell dealers, or by writing to Shell Answer Books, P.O. Box 61609, P.A. Department, Houston, TX 77208.



# Shell shorts

Shell Oil Company has made six oil and gas discoveries among its 13 wildcat drilling ventures in the Pigeon River County State Forest in northern Michigan. Two of the wells are the first major natural gas discovery wells in the state forest, each producing at a rate of more than 3 million cubic feet of natural gas per day in tests. The other four wells are oil wells which also produce small quantities of natural gas. The drilling program followed last year's compromise agreement to permit oil and gas development in the forest.

## Little Miss Granddaughter crowned

Tiffanye Gene Bond, granddaughter of Shirley Allen, Maintenance, was recently crowned Little Miss Bethalto in a pageant held for little girls.



Tiffanye Bond

Each contestant was judged on beauty, personality, stage appearance, bow and a song. Three year old Tiffanye, who has brown hair and shiny blue eyes, has made her grandmother very proud.

## "All-American" daughter nominated

Barb Smith, all-American daughter of Don Smith, Data Processing, has been nominated to the 1981 Collegiate All-American Field Hockey Team.

A proud Pop reports Barb was very surprised to have been nominated. A mix-up prevented her own coach from nominating Barb. The nominations were made on secret ballots and she hasn't been able to find out who nominated her.

Barb, who plays for the Salukis at SIU-Carbondale, now has a chance to vie for one of 26 spots on the All-American field hockey team.

## Solar products look sunny

Subsidiaries of Shell Oil Company and Motorola have announced the formation of a 50/50 partnership for the research, development, manufacture, and marketing of photovoltaic solar energy panels and systems to convert sunlight directly into electricity. The subsidiaries are SES, Incorporated, and Motorola Solar Energy, Inc.

Patented technology from both companies will be used in the partnership. SES will continue research and development in cadmium-based, thin-film electricity production technology in Newark, Delaware. Motorola will continue studying silicon technology in its Phoenix, Arizona facilities for power applications in remote areas of the world.

J.B. Henderson, Shell's executive vice president for Products, spoke September 30 to Motorola Solar employees. He said, "... we have joined the components of a system which will expand and multiply upon our mutual strengths. We are confident that the result will be a workable, affordable, efficient energy source to meet a sizable sector of the world's needs."

## Classifieds

**Real estate.** Holiday Shores lot, No. A 221 Woodland Dr., 85' x 120', two large shade trees, \$1,500. Call Lloyd Duty, 278-4534.

**Assorted stuff.** Bowling ball, \$10. Two medium bicycles, \$15 each. Two 15" wheels with tires from 1966 Ford Galaxie. Call 254-3587.

**Range and guitar.** Magic Chef double oven, avocado green, \$150. Alvarez acoustic guitar and case, \$200. Call Tom Holland, 259-0131.

**Miscellaneous.** Portable Singer sewing machine, \$50. Shetland floor polisher, \$25. Four chrome chairs, \$10 each. Call Joe Zelenka, 835-4511.

**Windows.** Nine sets double hung sash and weights, 11 wood storm windows, suitable for clubhouse. Call W. D. Bost, 254-6350.

**Antique fireplace mantle.** Two columns in front, mirror dated 1909, cast iron grate. Make an offer, call Bob 2253, or 315-261-1325.

**Cemetery lots.** Two spaces Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens in Bethalto, \$850. Call Floyd Durbin, 427-5329.

**For rent.** Three bedroom house, family room, A/C, fully carpeted, garage, \$400/month. Call 466-5720.

**Shell watch.** 1939 Golden Shell watch with fob, like new, make an offer. Call Joseph LeVora, 217-368-2840.

**Pool table.** Brunswick slate top with new felt, cue sticks, stand-type cue rack, \$550. Call Jim Deeter, 466-4160.

**Camper.** 1977 Jaco with extras. Call Bob Neudecker after 5 p.m., 656-4982.

## WOODY & CLYDE



## Anniversaries



Jim Becker  
LOP-Cracking  
40 years



Mike Bekeske  
Quality Assur.  
40 years



Fred Brown  
Maintenance  
30 years



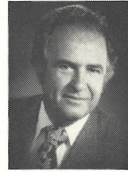
Bill Connell  
Lubricants  
35 years



Bill Copley  
Maintenance  
30 years



Pete Disher  
Lube  
40 years



Pete Dochwat  
Compounding  
30 years



Jim Grizzle  
Safety  
25 years



Bill Hill  
LOP-Distilling  
30 years



Clem Less  
Compounding  
30 years



Everett Nussman  
Maintenance  
30 years



Norm Prante  
LOP-Dispatching  
40 years



Marg Stroud  
Financial  
35 years



Jack Williams  
Maintenance  
30 years



Emmett Winkle  
Quality Assur.  
40 years

## In remembrance



F. E. Carrigan



E. F. Frisse



J. C. Gorman



M. L. Hoffmann



L. F. Mor



O. R. Oglesby



T. J. Patterson



O. D. Phelps



C. A. Pickering



H. L. Short



G. P. Willis



R. Wright

Francis E. Carrigan, 67, died Sept. 30. Mr. Carrigan was a boilermaker before his retirement in 1978.

Elmer F. Frisse, 78, died Oct. 9. Mr. Frisse was a janitor in Engineering Field before his retirement in 1966.

James C. Gorman, 75, died Oct. 3. Mr. Gorman was an operations foreman in Compounding before his retirement in 1970.

Melvin L. Hoffmann, 65, died Sept. 22. Mr. Hoffmann was an insulator before his retirement in 1977.

Louis F. Mor, 64, died Sept. 19. Mr. Mor was a carpenter 1 before his retirement earlier this year.

Orvil R. Oglesby, 78, died Aug. 26. Mr. Oglesby was a laboratory foreman before his retirement in 1963.

Thomas J. Patterson, 88, died Sept. 20. Mr. Patterson was a boilermaker before his retirement in 1954.

Omar D. Phelps, 66, died Sept. 26. Mr. Phelps was an operations foreman in LOP-Gas before his retirement in 1975.

Clarence A. Pickering, 69, died Sept. 4. Mr. Pickering was an operator in Lubricants before his retirement in 1967.

Howard L. Short, 83, died Sept. 24. Mr. Short was a carpenter 1 before his retirement in 1959.

Glenn P. Willis, 78, died Sept. 29. Mr. Willis was an operator 1 in Cracking before his retirement in 1963.

Raymond Wright, 62, died Oct. 10. Mr. Wright was a truck driver in Maintenance before his retirement earlier this year.

# Kids draw top safety messages

A dozen beaming kids walked out of Main Office one cool Saturday morning this fall, each clutching a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

The bond was their prize for creating one of the top twelve posters submitted in the safety poster contest conducted late this summer for children of employees between the ages of five and thirteen. The winning posters are now being combined into the 1982 safety calendar which will be mailed to all employees in December.

The winners came to the Complex with their parents to receive their bonds and to get their photograph taken to be included with their posters. Each child's poster will occupy one month of the calendar.

The panel of judges for the contest reported the quality of the 78 posters submitted made it tough for them to select only 12 winners. Somehow they managed to come up with four winners

in each of the three age categories: five to seven-year-olds, eight to ten-year-olds, and eleven to thirteen-year-olds.

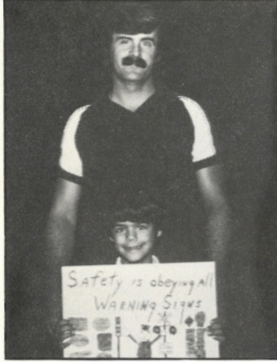
The judges for the contest were: Don Davis, chairman of the Department of Art and Design at SIUE; Dave Cousley, advertising manager for the Alton Telegraph; Jim Grizzle, safety supervisor in Safety and Industrial Hygiene; and John Houser, who was community relations manager.

Judging was based on artistic quality, creativity and representation of the safety theme. The theme for the contest was "Safety at Work, Home or Play."

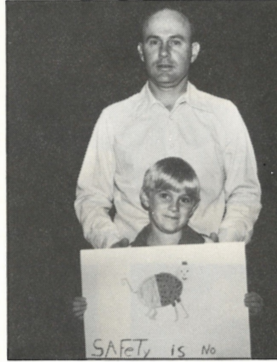
Every child who submitted a poster was a winner. Consolation prizes were given to all entrants. (Consolation prize winners can now pick up their posters in the Community Relations Office.)

The winners, along with their parents and posters, are pictured below.

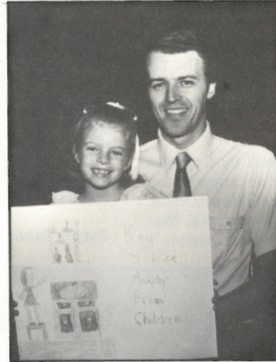
## Five to seven-year-olds



**Jeff Frazer**  
son of Wayne Frazer, Aromatics  
East-Hydroprocessing



**John Friemann**  
son of George Friemann, Utilities



**Debbie Heinz**  
daughter of Rich Heinz, Maintenance



**Anne Schreiber**  
daughter of Joe Schreiber,  
Distilling-LOP, and Nancy Schreiber

## Eight to ten-year-olds



**Stephen Franke**  
son of Steve Franke, LOP



**Sean Kent**  
son of Evelyn Kent, Maintenance  
and Kevin Kent



**Kara Ray**  
daughter of Larry Ray, Maintenance,  
and Sandy Ray



**Sandra Sotelo**  
daughter of Hector Sotelo,  
Purchasing

## Eleven to thirteen-year-olds



**Ludy Celis**  
daughter of Jesse Celis, P & PE



**Cindy Friemann**  
daughter of George Friemann,  
Utilities



**Bill Wagnon**  
son of Don Wagnon, Aromatics  
East-Hydroprocessing



**Bruce Nolan**  
son of Ed Nolan, Maintenance

# 'Memories' theme song for dinner

Retiree Byron Tanner ('61) approached the piano player at the Wood River Pensioners' Dinner with a request for an old song. Al Rezabek (ret. '73) obliged, his fingers flying over the keys in a spirited rendition of "Memories," as Tanner belted out the words.

If there had been a theme song for the annual retirees' dinner, "Memories", sang with Tanner's gusto, would have had to be it. Many hands were shaken, many friendly slaps delivered to many backs as strains of "How have you been?" and "Remember when..." filled the hall.

A record 362 retirees gathered the afternoon of Halloween at the Wood River Moose Hall. What started 15 years ago with a dozen retirees getting together over the holidays has blossomed into the largest retiree gathering in the Shell system.

"Most of them said they'd be back," said John McConnell, secretary/treasurer of the retiree organization, explaining that most everyone had a good time. "The only problem was the crowd. They would see someone they wanted to talk to and couldn't get to them," he said, adding that the organizing committee is looking into finding a bigger hall for next year's get-together.

McConnell offered some statistic on the crowd, including the fact that there were 24,650 years of living between all the retirees in attendance. The average participant was 72.5 years old, with 18 retirees in their 80s and two in their 90s. The oldest male retiree was Ollie Phillips, at 93 years of age. The oldest woman retiree was Louise Paul, 72 years old.

After dinner, the retirees were treated to a talk by Complex Manager Art Williams about changes that have occurred at the Complex during the past year. A special guest from Head Office, Bill Carpenter, general manager of engineering products, then spoke about changes in the oil industry and Shell's position.



Byron Tanner (ret. '61) belts out the words to "Memories" as Al Rezabek plays along.



"We're the machinists — the best Shell ever had," proclaimed the group above; Ray Drury (ret. '66), Gerald McAtee (ret. '68), Joe Vallina (ret. '81), Otis Logan (ret. '63), and Louis Ahlmeyer (ret. '60).



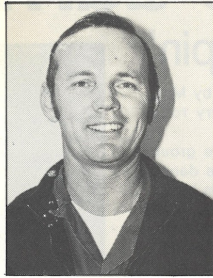
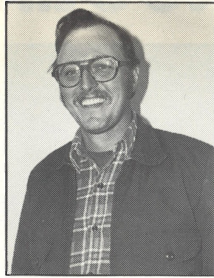
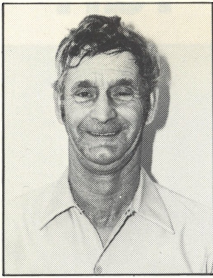
Bill Carpenter, general manager of engineering products, spoke to the retirees about the changing oil industry. (Photograph by Ray Thrasher)



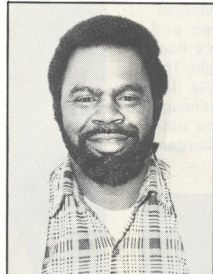
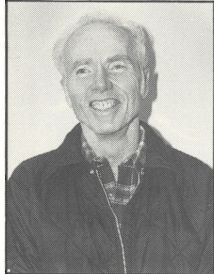
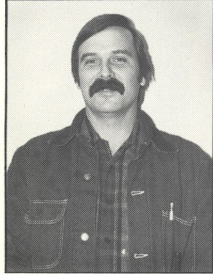
Organizing committee and guests: (sitting) Joe Lanzerotte, John McConnell; (standing) Charlie Stanley, Al Rezabek, Complex Manager Art Williams, special guest W.A. Carpenter, David Grieve, and John Ventress. (Photograph by Ray Thrasher)



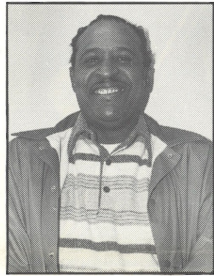
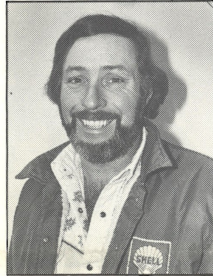
Oldest retirees: (front row) Louis R. Cox, 84; Otis Logan, 83; Byron Tanner, 80; J.C. Willman, 83; Ollie Phillips, 93; Joe Kennedy, 90; (second row) Maura K. Phillips, 84; John Ellis, 80; Norval Mitchell, 80; Bailey Brown, 88; Donald Smith, 85; James Crouch, 88; (back row) Vic Mellor, 84; Carl Steiner, 81; Bill Hawkins, 83; Roscoe Hoover, 88; Charles Beason, 80; Rudy Puetz, 85. (Photograph by Ray Thrasher)



Crafts representatives: Dave Crockett-pipefitter; Jim Hughart-truck driver; Gary Whyte-pipefitter.



Operations representatives: Dan Dona-Dispatching; Red Dougherty-Dispatching; Bob Smoot-Alkylation.



Staff representatives: Bob Eagan-Maintenance; Ludy Hoskins-Maintenance; Evelyn Kent-Maintenance.

## New Board members

Nine new representatives to the Shell Recreation Association Board of Governors were elected by SRA members who voted in the election held Nov. 5 and 6.

Each representative will serve a two-year term. The SRA Board meets once a month to plan all SRA activities. The Board will select new officers at the January meeting.

The Board consists of seven representatives from each of three areas: operations, staff and crafts. The four other reps from each area come up for election next year.



## Rackets!

The winning racquetball team lines up as follows: front row, Larry LeFlore-Dispatching, Bob Travis-Maintenance, Marv Brokaw-S & IH. Second row, Jay Burack-E & S, Scott Wood-Maintenance. Congratulations!

## Sport Shorts

The Shell Swingers, the skeet shooting team pictured below, pulled off a winning feat this season. First the Swingers came out on top of the "B" industrial league they shoot in, then they went on to beat the best team from the "A" league in a championship shootout.

The top "A" team, from Olin, was in theory a better team. "We were the underdogs going in," said Larry Ray, Maintenance. "We just had a hot night shooting against a better team."

Not pictured below are team members Jerry Scroggins and Steve Bumpus, both from Maintenance.



Kneeling, Mike McVey and Larry Ray. Second row, Gary Liley, Greg Franke, and Bill Walton. Walton works in LF & E; all others in Maintenance.

The last SRA fishing contest of the year was held Oct. 10 at Lake Lou Yaeger in Litchfield, Ill.

First place went to Larry Stark, Distilling, and second place to Jules Weshinsky, Maintenance. Twelve SRA members participated in the contest.

The tournament culminating the co-ed volleyball season went "just like the season did," said Dennis Bolton, secretary of the league.

After six regular evenings of play, the teams went into the tournament with the first place team playing the fourth ranked, and the second place playing the third ranked.

After the first round of elimination play, the first and second ranked teams had won their contests and faced each other. The team ranked number one going into the tournament, the Bruins, ended up right on top. Second, third and fourth place teams fell right in behind.

Playing under captain Gary Kindt, the Bruins are: Kenny Hudson, Financial, and wife Susannah; Mark Booth, P & PE; Barb Paul, Financial; Donna Jacikas, Purchasing; and Debbie Walker, Financial.

Bolton also reports the co-ed volleyball teams met with some formidable foes in a Shell-Olin volleyball tourney.

"Our four teams played their four best teams," said Bolton. "The thing is they have nine teams that play year-round while we have the four teams from one season."

Bolton reports that the Shell teams "got slaughtered," but had fun anyway. "We hope to get more people involved next year," he said, "and be more competitive."

Bolton is looking for a replacement for league secretary for the upcoming winter league that runs February through May. Anyone interested should contact Ludy Hoskins.



# SRA fall dance darn tootin' fun

## Country music had 'em hoppin'

A change to country music at the SRA fall dance helped bring out the largest crowd for a dance seen in some time. The country flair also helped make for a rousing good time.

"We had nothing but compliments," said Rene LeBrun, organizer of the fall dance held Oct. 23 at the Firemen's Hall in Collinsville. LeBrun attributes much of the success of the dance to the down-home music and said he expects country music will be included in future dance plans.

Over 600 folks turned out for the annual autumn affair, most coming early to take advantage of a buffet dinner catered by Mother's of Wood River.

The Firemen's Hall was filled with diverse country tunes, ranging from the music of Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings to Johnny Cash and Hank

Williams. Music was provided by Morgantown, a five-piece country rock band.

The regular members of the group got some help the night of the dance from fiddler Marvin Rahn. Rahn had a special interest in the SRA dance; during the day he works at the Complex in the Maintenance department. Rahn occasionally sits in with the group, as well as serving as the house fiddler for Cowgirl, a country nightclub in Meadowbrook, Ill.

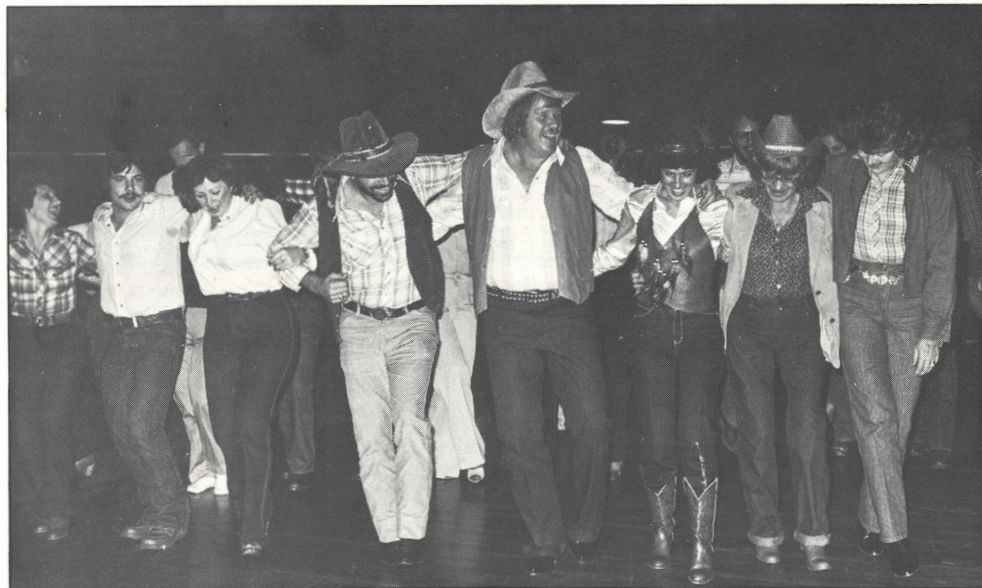
Country music meant fancy steppin' for Shell employees, retirees and guests at the dance. The dance floor was given a good workout all night. The Cotton Eye Joe, a Texas-style line dance, was a popular number, although the dancers kept pace with the wide range of music delivered by Morgantown.




Top right, Marvin Rahn, who works in Maintenance during the day, moonlights as a fiddle player. Rahn occasionally plays with the band that performed for the fall dance, Morgantown. He is also the house fiddler at Cowgirl's in Meadowbrook, Ill.


Above, Duane Hammann, Maintenance, and wife Ruth show some western-style fancy steppin' on the dance floor.

Right, The band's rendition of a classic Texan dance, The Cotton Eye Joe, had dancers lining up and steppin' fast to the tune.





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