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# SHELL REVIEW

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YOUR RECREATION  
ASSOCIATION DUES

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No. 1

## Social Security Law Recently Amended

As the Social Security law was originally enacted three years ago, it provided for the payment of old age pensions to workers when they reached age 65. Pensions, however, were to be paid only to the worker himself—the person who had had payroll deduction taken from his wages.

If a worker reaches 65 and has a wife to support, he will receive no extra pension. But if he dies before age 65, his widow and children will receive a single lump settlement based on the amount of taxes the worker and his employer have paid into the Old Age Pension Fund before his death.

If a worker dies after 65, his heirs will receive a lump sum settlement equal to the difference between the pension already paid him and the total taxes he and his employer have paid into the fund on his account.

In the last session of Congress amendments were made which broadened the pension plan and extended pensions to whole families. Now, when a man reaches 65, if he has a wife who is 65, he will be paid an extra 50 percent for her. Furthermore, if a worker dies before he is 65, his widow will receive a pension for the rest of her life equal to three-fourths of the pension he would have received, based on the length of time he had worked and paid Social Security taxes.

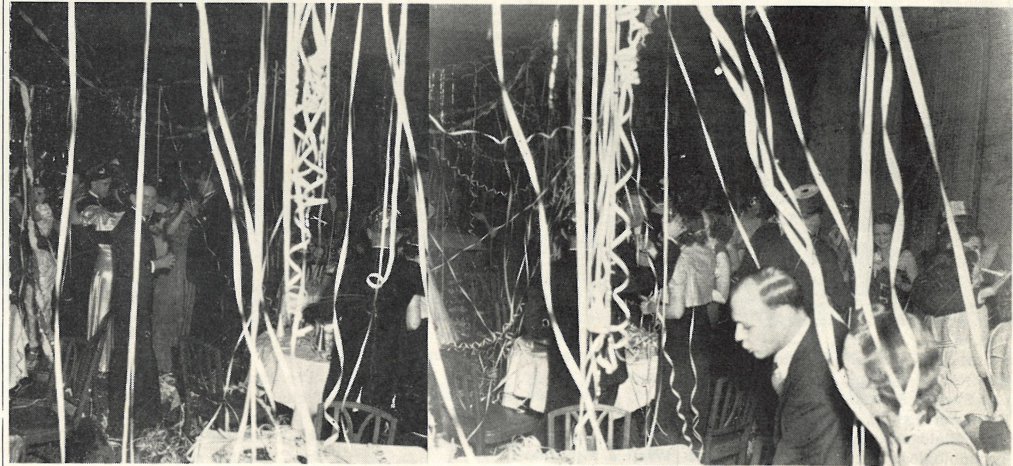
In addition, under the new provisions, surviving children will each receive a pension equal to 50% of his pension until they reach age 16, or, if attending school, 18. In a case where a worker dies without wife or children, his parents, if surviving, will each receive 50% of his pension, if they are 65 years old and dependent.

Other amendments provide that the tax rate of 1% paid by both employee and employer which was to have increased January 1, 1940, will remain at 1% until January 1, 1943. Also, that payment of pensions as outlined above will start January 1, 1940, instead of January 1, 1942, as originally provided for.

The effects of these Social Security Amendments are far-reaching. They will give some 45 million Americans a greatly liberalized pension plan, affecting widow, children and dependent parents of workers.

Adjacent is a table which indicates the benefits which will be paid at age 65 under the Social Security law as now amended. All benefits to survivors are figured on the basis of a single man's pension. This table shows both a single and a married man's monthly pension.

| Years Under the Plan | Monthly payments if Average wage was \$100 a Month |         |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                      | Single                                             | Married |
| 3                    | \$25.75                                            | \$38.63 |
| 5                    | 26.25                                              | 39.38   |
| 10                   | 27.50                                              | 41.25   |



## SHELL FROLICS AT NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

### Taking Things For Granted

General Smedley Butler, who was always careful of his men, when in France met two privates carrying a large soup kettle from the kitchen. He asked to taste the contents. The soldier sputtered a protest, but the General was obdurate and demanded a spoon. On sipping the spoon, he exclaimed:

"You don't call that soup, do you?"  
"No, sir!" replied the soldier, "That's what I was trying to tell you—it's dishwater, sir!"

Taking things for granted has caused much more serious mistakes than the General's. The habit of always checking is a good one and will prevent error.

|    |       |       |
|----|-------|-------|
| 20 | 30.00 | 45.00 |
| 30 | 32.50 | 48.75 |
| 40 | 35.00 | 52.50 |

| Years Under the Plan | Monthly payments if Average wage was \$150 a month |         |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                      | Single                                             | Married |
| 3                    | \$30.90                                            | \$46.35 |
| 5                    | 31.50                                              | 47.25   |
| 10                   | 33.00                                              | 49.50   |
| 20                   | 36.00                                              | 54.00   |
| 30                   | 39.00                                              | 58.50   |
| 40                   | 42.00                                              | 63.00   |

| Years Under the Plan | Monthly payments if Average wage was \$250 a month |         |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                      | Single                                             | Married |
| 3                    | \$41.20                                            | \$61.80 |
| 5                    | 42.00                                              | 63.00   |
| 10                   | 44.00                                              | 66.00   |
| 20                   | 48.00                                              | 72.00   |
| 30                   | 52.00                                              | 78.00   |
| 40                   | 56.00                                              | 84.00   |

Further questions will be answered at the Industrial Relations Department.

### A New Feature - - THE SHELL QUIZ

Who started the custom of sending Christmas cards? Did you ever hear an oil driller talk about a Christmas tree? Take your pencil and see how many of these holiday stoppers you can handle. Then turn to page 4 for the answers. Give yourself ten points for each of those you knew, and count up your score. If it's 40 or above, you're qualified to play Santa Claus. Then whatever your score, send in some quiz questions for the next issue.

1. In the oil fields a Christmas tree is:

a nickname for the derrick; an assembly of pipes and valves at the top of a well-casing to control the flow; the pump which does the drilling.

2. Those luscious golden oranges Santa Claus leaves in Junior's stocking are covered with a thin film of petroleum wax:

to make them yellow; to make skins more pliable; to preserve their juice and flavor; for convenience in packing.

3. Those plum-pudding shaped (spheroid) gasoline tanks are made that way:

to prevent snow from collecting on top; because they're easier to build and maintain; to reduce vapor space and temperature variation, and lessen evaporation; because they hold more product and cost less.

4. Diamonds are on Shell's regular shopping list because:

they are used as drill tips in drilling oil wells; diamond dust is used to polish machinery; they are needed for investment purposes.

5. Shell is also a customer for white rats, which are used:

to detect the presence of gas in a well; in testing Shell Livestock

About 500 employees of the Wood River Refinery, the St. Louis Office, and their friends welcomed in the New Year at the Shell Club Ball in true Shellite fashion.

Vari-colored paper streamers, brightly colored hats and streamer decorations added to the festive nature of the occasion. As the year of 1940 drew near, the clamor of horns and shouts of the crowd almost drowned out the strains of "Auld Lang Syne". People who had been only casual acquaintances before were hugging and slapping each other on the back.

The music of El Roland's Orchestra was so captivating that encore after encore extended the dance until early morning.

All in all, it was a memorable New Year's Eve, and we all hope that the Shell Club will sponsor another Ball next New Year's Eve.

### Wings For Aviation's New Generation

To A. J. M. Hamon, Manager of Aviation in Shell's Atlantic Coast Territory, goes the credit for originating a program unique in industrial history, a program which will have a profound effect on the future of American aviation. It is called the Shell Aviation Scholarships and Awards Program. Planned to promote the success of the Civilian Pilot Training Program of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, it is being administered by the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, the society representing leaders, engineers, and scientists in the field of aeronautics.

Spray; to spot leaks in gasoline pipe lines.

6. The exact amount of Shell Spot Remover in the gift packages Shell customers are receiving from their neighborhood dealers this month is:

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 5 ounces | 8 ounces  |
| 7 ounces | 10 ounces |



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## Lube D. &amp; D.

E. SCOTT

Frank Heintz DID shave before New Year's — he was afraid Baby New Year wouldn't know him and might take him for Father Time.

Herb Miller received a book from Santa Claus giving in detail instructions on making bets. Papa Ragus will explain index.

Harry Nunnally received a scooter for Christmas. He figured—by the fourth dimension—that he could make better speed around the D. & D. via the scooter.

Mr. Stokes said passing Dr. Baker's physical examination is like making ten yards through the Southern California football line. Mr. Stokes passed with flying colors.

Mr. Williams said Rome wasn't built in a day — so why bother.

Steve Owsley's New Year's resolution is to agree with everyone but himself.

Rudy Percick dreamed he washed twelve filter cloths on one shift — What a nightmare!

Mr. Settles' home mopping has improved greatly due to his experience and practice doing same at the D. & D. plant.

## A RECREATION TANGO



A large crowd attended the Employees' Recreation Dance held at the Roxana Community Building on Saturday, December 16. Members and their guests were very enthusiastic about the dance and all reported a very enjoyable evening.

H. R. Helvie, Vacuum Plant Supervisor, thoughtfully provided the Christmas shift with a box of cookies— Thanks, Mr. Helvie.

It seems that Joe Levora, the Vacuum Plant aviator, was trying some ground acrobatics the other day — it won't work Joe, you have to do that in the air. We are glad to report very little damage to the plane and none to Joe.

Walter "Pat" Schudel passed out cigars a short time ago, thereby announcing the birth of a daughter to the Schudel family. This makes two girls for Pat — look out, Eddie Cantor.

What's the catch to this "steak dinner" provided to the shift of Harold Killebrew? The boys say there's no catch to it, and the dinner was sponsored and paid for by Harold.

She's a nicely reared girl, isn't she? I should say so. Not bad from the front either.

Margaret Tate asked Tommy Collins if he could teach her how to play golf.

"Sure, it's easy enough," Tom told her. "All you do is smack the pill and then walk."

"How interesting," Margaret replied, "just like some auto rides I've been on."

The city girl, visiting in the country, went to an old swimming hole for a swim. She hung her clothes on a nearby bush and dived in. A little later a country lad came along and tied her clothes in a knot. The city girl grabbed an old tub nearby and, placing it in front of her, accosted the lad:

"Do you know what I think?" said she furiously.

"Yes," said the lad. "You think that tub has a bottom in it."

## Vacuum-Asphalt Plants

O. J. McNEILLY

We thought every one was aware of that ancient gag about a "couple of passes to a hockey game" but it recently found another victim — Ira "Jake" Miller called at the H. & H. tavern for his passes and HE GOT THEM.

Last issue we called attention to that moustache of "Pappy" Proffer's, but as soon as the paper was read he shaved it off. We don't believe it, Ayres!

Once upon a time a hunter took a pot shot at a couple of quail and killed two guineas. Ask Smithsonian to tell you the whole story.

Dan Webster says "down" comes from the eider duck, yet H. R. Helvie fills the daily order book with "bear down".

Quoting our city slicker, Harold Plant—"Business is Russian in Finland" and "the Russians quit eating fish because they are afraid of the Finns".

Excerpts from shift reports at the Kinney pump house:

Three o'clock and all is well  
Steam pressure's gone to hell  
Surge is steady, lube is good  
But gas is low, throw on some wood! —Madosh.

The fires are burning nicely  
Tho the feed is not so well  
The surge and lube are holding  
But the caustic's gone to hell. —Leavell.

"Is is obligatory to you in your capacity as 'supervisor of the fires' and 'maintainer of temperatures' to exert the maximum energy commensurate with your ability to hold the temperature indicators at a minimum fluctuation." —Hammack.

Vacuum Plant employees certainly envied O. J. McNeilly his Christmas vacation, although Mac says it wasn't a vacation, just a change of jobs. "Jazz" is fixing up around the house he bought in Edwardsville.

## JOB IMPORTANCE

Most of us have a desire to do what we are want to call important work. And yet, when we read an account of the life of some one whose work has become renowned, we find that he labored a number of years quite unnoticed by all but a few close associates. His work was just as important then as it was later when he was acclaimed. If he had not done THAT work well, he would not have been able to do the later work.

For this reason, every job is important. Doing the relatively small jobs well forms the foundation of knowledge and work habits for the larger jobs. The importance of our tasks depends to a great extent on how well we do them and how much of ourselves we put into them. If we continually try to improve our ability to do our work and to improve the work itself, then our job is important because it is preparing us for bigger work.

## Can House

V. L. TAYLOR

Work in the Can House seems to go on as usual, but just outside the Can House on the east side and the north end unusual things are happening. The carpenters have been very busy wrecking the temporary Compounding House and are building forms for something right back again; just what, well, we don't know. What we ARE curious to know is what the little shanty northeast of the Can House is for. Some say it is for a tool house, while others say it is nothing other than a dog house. Who has the dog?

The things we talk about in the Can House just don't make news.

We talk about our work at home. Ask "Rob" and "Dimp" what's talked about on the job.

## Stork News

1. Ruth Ann to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Schudel on December 10.
2. A nine-pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pickett on December 31.
3. Derance Bage to Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Williams on December 24.
4. A baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morgan on December 1.

## Opportunities

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—1930 Studabaker. B. R. Staats, South Roxana.

**WANTED**—Riders on No. 2 schedule from Alton. Phone Alton 2770-R.

**WANTED**—Riders on No. 9 schedule from Alton. Fred Settles.



## 1800 Xmas Bags Given Shell Kiddies At Annual Xmas Party



The annual Xmas party for Shell children given on Saturday, December 23, was the biggest Christmas party ever given by the Service Club.

Mr. H. D. Chappell, chairman of the party, is to be congratulated for the excellent program of entertainment and the well planned arrangements for the party.

Approximately 1800 bags of Xmas goodies were given to the children by the Shell Santa Claus. (Does that look like Jim Cuddy behind that beard?)

### Car Shop Hot Box

L. A. BROWN

The boys at the Car Shop captured an owl during their noon hour recently, Louie Fisher being given credit for striking the fatal blow. After much discussion, the owl was given to Charlie Manahan who plans to have it mounted although "Bullet" Zimmerman says that they have a different way of describing such work at Bethalto.

Newt West reports that the road between Wanda and Belleville is in good shape, in spite of the recent snows. What's the attraction in Belleville, Newt?

Sam Morehead was cleaning the snow from the walks around his home the other day and was working so fast that he practically covered up his car, parked in the driveway. Sam says that it took him almost as much time to unearth the car as it did to clean the walks.

Chancy Titsworth is back to work after a week's absence due to experimenting with a pair of roller skates.

Young Doctor—I took my new car to have it repaired and the garage man charged me \$200.

Old Medico—You could get a new bus for that.

Young Doctor—Well, you see, he didn't know what was the matter with it so he called a consultation.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graham on December 6. Weight—7 lbs., 13 ounces. Name—Carol Ann.

### Vox Pop

To the Editor, Shell Review:

Dear Sir:

We note in your issue of December 21, 1939, Page 3, Column 4, Lines 31 to 35 Inclusive, a statement to the effect that the Safety Wheelbarrow must be pushed by "TWO" individuals, one a holt of either handle.

We have had the privilege of watching that particular stunt tried on several occasions and have yet to see the expedition wind up in anything but disaster. We therefore respectfully request that "TWO" selected members of the Safety Committee on a day and hour to be selected by themselves and duly publicized beforehand in your columns, demonstrate the workability of this suggestion by pushing a wheelbarrow full of water from the Safety Office (Field) to the Main Office. We feel confident that the spectators will be glad to drink all of the water that is left at the end of the journey.

Signed,

US MISSOURIANS.

Messrs. Missourians:

I think you've got something there!

THE EDITOR.

Mr. Editor:

Can office workers read? Why don't they park where they are supposed to and leave the shift workers' lot for the shift workers?

This would relieve congestion in the lot when the 12-8 shift is leaving, and probably most of the 4-12 shift could park where they are supposed to.

A SHIFT WORKER.

Mr. Shift Worker:

The office workers have been instructed to use Parking Lot No. 1. Apparently some of them have been disregarding the instructions.

THE EDITOR.

Some people get the reputation of being generous because they are always promoting some idea to get the other fellow to spend his money.



### Did You Know - -

That 36 Smiths are employed at this refinery?

That although the maximum bearing pressure of an automobile engine is about 1,000 pounds per square inch, a film of Golden Shell oil must withstand pressure above 50,000 pounds per square inch?

That from the time it leaves the well until it reaches the consumer, Shell Fuel Oil goes through twenty separate tests?

### Dispatching

What we want to Know at M. O. P. H. 1-2:

1. Why Roy Armes turns up with so much news for the Shell Review?
2. Why Roy brought back a bottle full of fleas and a handful of briars on his last trip back from Kentucky?
3. Why does he always use the ferry instead of the bridge on these trips?
4. How many trees does Roy have to chop down to get the big black job into Montgomery County, Kentucky?
5. Who can answer these?

### THE GRAPEVINE

We hear that Butch Dustman awarded a young lady a diamond solitaire in token of his affection. That's right, if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again.

The presence of mistletoe in several departments during Christmas week developed some hitherto unsuspected talents among some of the fair sex at this refinery.

Beck Wolverton recently achieved local prominence when he was the lucky winner of a new Hudson sedan at a local cinema palace. Beck, upon presentation from the stage, made this immortal statement: "Aw, shucks, I knew I was gonna win all the time."

You know, Margaret Tate, our correspondent from the Store House, has the right Christmas spirit. She wore mistletoe in her hair just in case she might visit some place that didn't have any.

Leila Schade is sporting a big diamond ring. It just matches the sparkle in her eyes.

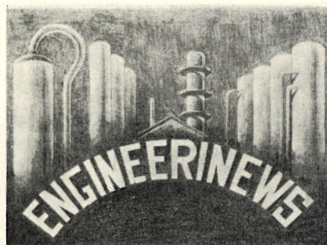
We understand that Neal Borman has circled the finger of his lady love with a solitaire. We can't give you her name but we can tell you it's the real thing.

'Tis rumored that cities of Alton, Wood River, and Edwardsville did a record business in Bromo Seltzer New Year's Day. Of course, the Shell Club Ball had nothing to do with it.

The Lube Department recently pulled a "fast one" on the boys in the plant. They announced that they had a large supply of free cigarette lighters on hand. All that was required was to sign one's name on their list. The word quickly spread around the plant and some fifty men eagerly signed up. The boys from the Lube Department then gravely proceeded to hand each of them a safety match.

Bill Redd and Joe Schanafelt declared themselves to be "interior aviators" at the New Year's Eve Ball and proceeded to ride the elevators up and down from the basement to the roof garden, announcing at each stop, "All out for Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, etc." Unfortunately the elevator operator curtailed their flying course by ejecting them from the elevator before they arrived at Los Angeles.





"Greasy" Dale suffered a grave disappointment recently when he failed to get the job of running the new Alkylation Plant. Being a connoisseur of alcohols and such stuff, Dale reasoned that he was the logical candidate for the job.

With an abundance of mistletoe and stenos, the Engineering Office spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Steno's Christmas party. The game of getting the girls under the lethal vegetation was some fun. Then some of the girls obliged by wearing the evergreen plants in their hair which simplified the necessary strategy. Frank Schinagle led the pack until Bill Seymour called Mrs. Schinagle. Emery Caler and Little Nelle posed for the photographers and demonstrated for some of the married men who needed brushing up on their technique.

Doc Barton attributes his recent change in facial expression to falling off an airplane and being run over by a steamboat.

Being the lucky winner of a new automobile at the local theatre, B. L. Wolverton, welding foreman, took the stage and announced in his best Kentucky accent that he knew all along that he would win. He also invited the entire audience to come around for a free ride. Hospitable—these Kentuckians.

Master Mechanic Robb, leaving his truck at the warehouse, recently took a ride with Beanie Wightman. When they came back, Beanie dropped Robb off at Central Shops. Then Robb started looking for his truck, but couldn't find it. Later in the day, after accusing sundry persons of taking it, Robb remembered leaving it at the warehouse.

It is being rumored that a colossal wrestling match will be staged in the near future between "Krotch Hold" Kirkman, demon boss of the lube zone pipefitters, and "Man Mountain" McGraw, Main Office Mauler. A tribute to one of the combatants has been penned by Mr. Ottwell, machinist poet laureate:

#### "Krotch Hold" Kirkman

Charley Kirkman, known as "Unk," is quite a rastler and not a punk. He rides his bike with plenty of vim Getting his leg muskles into trim. He's billed for Shell and thinks he'll win With bulging muskles and a lot of wind.

If only his muskles were as big as his feet, His bony opponent we know he would beat.

With an eye like a cut worm, quick as a cat,

His opponent he'll surely lay cold and flat.

He sits on his farm, under the shade trees,

## ∴ Shell Employees Recreation Association ∴

### Pinochle Tournament

It is not too late to get into the Pinochle Tournament which is in progress for all Refinery employees.

The fourth round will be played in the Cafeteria on Wednesday night, January 17; the remaining four rounds will be played on the first and third Wednesdays, namely: February 7, February 21, March 6, and March 20. In order to be eligible for the grand prize, each player must complete five rounds. However, cash prizes are awarded each night for which anyone is eligible.

The Cafeteria is also available on these nights for other card games or entertainment.

### Main Office News

EXTRA — EXTRA — BIG

#### CIGAR MYSTERY

"Grab the fire extinguishers!" Such was the cry heard coming from the Stenographic Department a few days after Xmas with no apparent reason. The only cause for alarm that could be seen was Glee Chamness and Tony Buzzi in Tony's office getting ready to light up a cigar. What everyone did not know was that the cigar was made of nice looking rubber. Glee discovered the truth just as he and Tony were about to apply the torch. Now Glee, and Bert Burris, who was also a victim of a rubber cigar from Tony, claim that Tony was trying to "get" them. Tony claims that he is an innocent party and that the Stenos must have given the rubber cigars to him for Xmas, but is unable to prove this as he had placed their gift cigars in with others in his cigar box. Glee and Bert are offering a reward of a fur lined cuspidor to anyone who furnishes them with the truth behind all this.

#### A HANGOVER FROM NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Company should make a resolution to provide an extra day (January 2) for those employees who are unable to think clearly. Clem Cunningham came to work the day after New Year's with his neck-tie partly under his collar and partly over it. He wore it like that all morning until Tony Buzzi felt sorry for his condition and told him otherwise. Another poor soul unable to remember is G. A. Wolf—at the dance he made a two-point landing with some fair dame. Anyone who happened to see all this please notify Wolf, care Cost Dept., as he is very anxious to find out who the gal was with him.

#### A LEAP YEAR TIP FOR THE SHELL GIRLS

It is understood that the eligible men in the Yield Department, namely: Schwab, Lenhardt and Al Rose, are waiting patiently to be asked. It looks as though three more diamonds will be in evidence SOON.

With a half nelson around his knob-by knees.

He eats his own cooking; that's why he's so fat.

That's why he's certain he won't hit the mat.

### FIRST HALF BOWLING LEAGUE OVER!

#### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND LABORERS WINNERS IN FIRST ROUND

##### LEAGUE NO. 1

| Team                  | W  | L  |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Industrial Relations  | 32 | 16 |
| Control Laboratory    | 31 | 17 |
| Pipefitters No. 1     | 28 | 20 |
| Engineers             | 28 | 20 |
| Elec. & Mach.         | 28 | 20 |
| "Crackers"            | 25 | 23 |
| Topping Plant         | 23 | 25 |
| T. V. P. & I. O.      | 22 | 26 |
| Lube Dept. No. 2      | 21 | 27 |
| Riggers               | 19 | 29 |
| Analytical Laboratory | 17 | 31 |
| Gas Plant             | 14 | 34 |

##### LEAGUE NO. 2

| Team                | W  | L  |
|---------------------|----|----|
| Laborers            | 34 | 14 |
| Lube Dept. No. 1    | 29 | 19 |
| Compounding House   | 28 | 20 |
| Automotive          | 28 | 20 |
| "Cokers"            | 27 | 21 |
| "Reformers"         | 27 | 21 |
| Warehouse           | 27 | 21 |
| Main Office         | 23 | 25 |
| L. O. Treating      | 22 | 26 |
| Pipefitters No. 2   | 19 | 29 |
| Construction Office | 12 | 36 |
| Cooling Water       | 12 | 36 |

### Bowling Notes

The Industrial Relations Bowling team defeated the Laborers team in a special match game Sunday afternoon, January 7th, at the Acme Alleys. The Industrial Relations won the first half of the season league play in Shell League No. 1, and the Laborers were the first half winners in League No. 2. The Industrial Relations boys feel rather "cocky" after their win over the "champs" of League No. 2, and are now open to challenges from other teams in either league. How about it, Ollie Gent?

### Warehouse News

#### MARGARET TATE

Stores employees held their Christmas party in the office at noon Friday, December 22. A quantity of potato salad, baked beans, sandwiches, etc., was consumed, and a gift exchange provided entertainment. Dula Heuer took it upon herself to cut a date loaf made by our own Harley Sparks, and broke the knife while carrying on this operation. Some people seem to think it was due to the date loaf, others are inclined to believe Dula isn't the handiest person in the world with a knife.

For real frugality, we nominate Sammy Gehrke, who paid \$1.75 for medicine for his daughter and when she refused to take it, took it himself so his investment wouldn't be a complete loss. This, according to Sam, has brought about several childish tricks.

Stores and Salvage Yard employees held a stag Friday evening, December 22, at Pontoon Beach, and a good time was had by all, so I understand. The dance presented by Rastus Engle and E. A. Nordstrom evidently was especially well received, since it has been the favorite topic for the past few days.

Harlan Prosser always slips upstairs about 4:15 and brushes his teeth. Everyone thought it was wonderful to take such excellent care of them — but the other day the news slipped out that this is only a precaution to keep his wife from knowing he has acquired the habit of chewing.

### Basketball

Basketball for refinery players was resumed this week after a recess over the holidays. The race is still led by the Main Office boys who have succeeded in winning every game in which they have played.

All employees are invited to witness these games on Monday nights at the Edison School, and at the Community Building on Tuesdays.

### Are Safety Shoes Worthwhile?

At another Shell Refinery one of the employees reported to the Emergency Hospital, advising that he had just injured his foot. The story was as follows:

"I was working with Mr. M— and Mr. A—. We were carrying a length of six-inch pipe having three flanges on the side of it. We took this inside the pump house where we rested it to get a new hold. I rested my end against a motor on a pump. The other two men picked up their end and as I started to take hold of my end of the pipe it slipped off the pump and fell on my foot."

The doctor diagnosed the injury as a compound fracture of the left great toe and estimated that the employee would lose from four to six weeks of work.

This employee had not worn safety shoes. Had he been wearing the proper safety shoes which are sold to our employees at the Emergency Hospital it is very probable that the toe would not have been fractured.

If you are not wearing safety shoes stop in at the Emergency Hospital and ask the Nurse to show them to you. They may save your toe.

### Answers to Shell Quiz

ON PAGE ONE.

1. An assembly of pipes and valves at the top of a well-casing to control the flow.
2. To preserve their juice and flavor.
3. To reduce vapor space and temperature variation, and lessen evaporation.
4. They are used as drill tips in drilling wells.
5. In testing Shell Livestock Spray.
6. 8 ounces.



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# SHELL REVIEW

WOOD RIVER REFINERY

HAVE YOU PAID  
YOUR RECREATION  
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## WOOD RIVER AGAIN WINS VICE-PRESIDENT SAFETY TROPHY

### Tools For The Refinery

Good work is the product of proper tools in the hands of a capable worker. The job of supplying the proper tools and keeping them in good condition lies with E. F. Baker and the employees of the Central Tool Room and the Laborers' Tool Room. In a large refinery where the various operations of many craftsmen are involved, this task is of no small consequence.

Tools for nearly all crafts are handled in the Central Tool Room which remains open day and night. Drills, chisels, hammers, bits, wrenches, and various types of hose are only a few of the many items handled. All safety equipment and protective clothing are stocked. Almost any type of wrench found in industrial use may be obtained at the Central Tool Room. Extensive records are necessary to keep track of all tools issued.

But it is not enough to keep these tools on hand and records of their disposal. For the sake of efficiency and safe working, all tools must be kept in good condition. The regrinding of points, installing of new handles, and repairing of hose, is done at the tool room.

The Laborers' Tool Room stocks shovels, picks, suction and discharge hose, and such bulky equipment required for the particular needs of the laborers. Special clothing for those working around Ethyl gasoline is kept in a dust proof room.

For thirteen years, the supervision of the tool rooms has been in the hands of "Shorty" Baker, the little man with the big smile. He orders all new equipment and replacements. The tool room employees are: Jim Faughn, foreman; E. F. Cox, C. Sanders, C. Hegeman, H. Keene, O. E.

### Shell's New and Improved Gasolines - -

NEW SUPER SHELL  
NEW SHELL PREMIUM

Doubtless you have seen recent newspaper announcements and also heard radio announcements covering the two greatly improved motor fuels—New Super Shell and New Shell Premium—which were made available to the public through various sales outlets on January 5th. As a refinery employee you will be interested to know that these gasolines do, in fact, represent marked improvements in quality which places Shell gasoline definitely ahead of competitive motor fuels.

For some years our base gasoline—Super Shell—has been made by combining the advantages of cracked and reformed gasoline with those inherent in the heart cut of straight run. This combination enabled us to supply a superior fuel which took full advantage of the high sensitivity of the reformed and cracked materials. The high sensitivity of our gasolines has been further improved in recent months by taking full advantage of the T.V.P. gasoline produced at Wood River and the extremely high octane material produced in our polymerization processes. More recently changes in spark timing characteristics of automobiles, while not altering the advantage of so-called sensitive fuels, such as Super Shell, in the low speed range, did result in an advantage for leaded fuels in high speed ranges at full throttle.

In order that our Super Shell might continue to be an outstanding gaso-

Grifwald, L. W. Beaumont, J. G. Jones and H. R. Simmons

### Mr. E. D. Cumming, Vice-President of Manufacturing, Makes Presentation at Service Club Banquet.

The Safety Trophy awarded by the Vice-President of Manufacturing Department, which is presented to the refinery having the best disabling injury frequency for a six months contest period, has again been won by the Wood River Refinery for the period of July 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939.

The trophy now being contested for, was won first by the Arkansas City Refinery during the period of July 1, to December 31, 1937; the Arkansas City Refinery lost it to the Norco Refinery, where it was won on two consecutive perfect records, during the year 1938.

The fourth leg was won by the Wood River Refinery with a frequency rate of 4.01 for the period of January 1 to June 30, 1939 and in the contest just closed on December 31, 1939 the Wood River Refinery continued their winning experience by establishing the extremely low frequency rate of 1.08 disabling injuries per million man-hours worked. This low frequency rate is outstanding, when considering that an average of 2908 men, many of whom were new employees, wholly unfamiliar with hazards common to refinery construction and operation, amassed a total of 2,765,412 man-hours of exposure and experienced only three disabling injuries.

A brief comparison of accident experience for the period of July 1 to December 31, 1939 for all refineries is shown below:

| Refinery         | Hours Worked | Average No. of Men | Number of Disabling Injuries | Frequency Rate |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Wood River — — — | 2,765,412    | 2908.4             | 3                            | 1.08           |
| Norco — — — — —  | 454,312      | 469.7              | 1                            | 2.21           |
| Houston — — — —  | 1,373,576    | 1433.9             | 10                           | 7.28           |
| E. Chicago — — — | 672,517      | 704.4              | 5                            | 7.43           |

This enviable record has been brought about by close cooperation between Management, who have provided the safest mechanical plant possible, the Supervisors who have extended every effort to help new and old employees understand their jobs thoroughly and especially the workmen who have exhibited a safety consciousness of high order, and a determination to eliminate unnecessary accidents to themselves and fellow workmen.

Cooperation such as this can't be surpassed and its continuation will bring the trophy permanently to Wood River.

Our president, Mr. Alexander Fraser, sent the following congratulatory telegram to the Wood River Refinery:

MR R C ROBERTS WOODRIVER REFY

SLA-2216: MR CUMMING INFORMS ME THAT WOODRIVER HAS NOW WON THE MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT SAFETY TROPHY FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE TIME WHICH MEANS THAT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1939 WOODRIVER HAD THE BEST SAFETY RECORD OF ANY OF OUR REFINERIES. I CONSIDER THIS TO BE ESPECIALLY PRAISE-WORTHY IN VIEW OF THE GREATLY INCREASED PERSONNEL AND THE EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN PROGRESS. I WISH YOU WOULD EXTEND MY APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOUR EMPLOYEES WHOSE SPLENDID COOPERATION MADE THIS ACHIEVEMENT POSSIBLE.

A FRASER

### Interior View of Tool Room



line we have, for the first time, added tetraethyl lead to our house-brand gasoline. New Super Shell Gasoline thus represents a balanced fuel containing the highly desirable "sensitivity" quality of reformed and cracked gasoline recently intensified by the use of T.V.P. and polymer fuels, and now with the use of tetraethyl lead, so that the anti-knock qualities of the new gasoline are markedly improved. The New Shell Premium Gasoline has similarly been greatly improved in anti-knock qualities and it also takes full advantage of a proper balance between sensitive base material with the usage of tetraethyl lead.

We trust that you will not only use these gasolines in your own car but will not hesitate to tell your friends

### Cafeteria Installs New Ice Cream Service

Mr. T. S. Evans, refinery cafeteria manager, has announced that the cafeteria will henceforth make its own ice cream. The purchase of a Taylor freezer will give the refinery employees an opportunity to purchase a much superior cream at lower prices.

The "carry home" prices are: 25c a quart and 15c a pint. All employees are invited to try this delicious new ice cream.

that they represent a real improvement and are definitely ahead of competitive brands.



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## Opportunities

**FOR SALE**—Briggs and Stratton 7/8 hp gas engine. 114 Central Ave., Roxana, Ill.

**FOR SALE**—A year's subscription to the "Refiner." W. H. Bailey, Extraction Plant.

**FOR SALE**—4 room modern house—Cottage Hills Addition, Lincoln Drive, 1/2 acre, young orchard, \$1,950.

**WANTED**—A ride from East Alton on No. 10 Schedule. Joe Chaney, B. House No. 2.

## THE GRAPEVINE

We understand that Jimmy Moore recently bought a new car. Unfortunately, the weather has been rather inclement and Jimmy refuses to bare his rig to the wrath of the elements. His fellow workers claim that he hasn't even taken the cellophane off of it.

Ray Randels must have undergone an extensive fast before the Service Club dinner the other night. Ray was all set for an evening of gastric orgy, however the waitress took some of the edge off his appetite when she remarked that "as long as he wasn't twins he was only going to get one dinner."

Considerable rivalry has been existing between Mark Lambert and "Terrible Swede" Olson over the respective merits of their cars. Oley had the edge when he towed Mark's car the other morning to get it started. He proceeded to razz Mark all day about it. That evening people were astounded to see a figure in the parking lot leaping up and down and screaming with maniacal glee. Upon closer investigation it proved to be Mark Lambert who had discovered his pal, the "Terrible Swede," trying to crank his car to no avail.

Joe Gavin has added another star to his crown by his election to the post of Secretary of the Madison Safety Council. We understand that Joe holds so many public offices that Mrs. Gavin says Joe might as well be at the South Pole with Admiral Byrd for all she sees of him.

Elza McCann recently found that it doesn't pay to play cards against a bunch of women. Elza paid fifty cents to attend the ladies' card party and then wound up with the consolation prize of fifteen cents!

## Old Timer



John W. Elliott

John can boast of a well based experience at his trade of a master machinist. For over 10 years before he started to work at this refinery, John had plied his trade. In January, 1920, he obtained a job as machinist at the new Shell refinery and from that beginning he has risen to his present position of Machine Shop Foreman.

John has a reputation of being a radio expert of no mean skill, having pattered around building various types of radio sets since the early days of head-phones and crystal sets. Almost any evening you can find him twirling the dials of his short wave set in an effort to pick up unintelligible gibberish from Japan, China, or other far-away countries.

John is appreciative of the very fair treatment and co-operation he has received from the company and his fellow workers.

Bill Hayes: How's the vegetable soup today?

Cal Evans: Well, it's a good deal like our hash, only it's looser.

## Can House

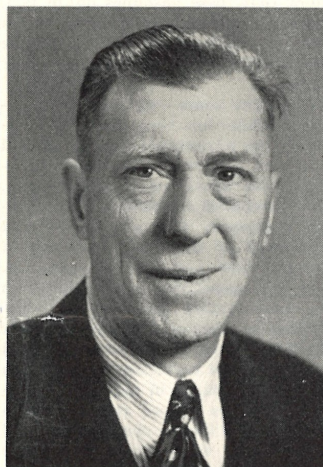
V. L. TAYLOR

The cold weather has been keeping the boys close to the heaters, but finding a place large enough for the filling crew and loading crew to eat and exchange jokes, and at the same time keep warm, seems to be the major problem.

Well, Nicolet has just about solved it. He says let's have some stalls and mangers built so we can eat like mules, since we work like mules, or somethin'. Sounds good, Bill!

The boss has a bad cold and doesn't seem to feel so good. Take it easy, Al, and don't forget we have bad colds and feel bad, too. Why don't you tell us to take it easy? But, after all, this is no Hospital!

## Old Timer



William Linder

"Bill" succumbed to an early ambition and obtained a job as a motorman on one of the street cars in St. Louis. For seven years Bill wheeled his horseless vehicle around the streets of St. Louis. Then, one day he heard of a new refinery rising from the Wood River prairie, about fifteen miles northeast of St. Louis. He hurried over there and got a job at the Roxana Refinery where he has been employed ever since in the Car Department.

Bill lays some claim to being a farmer. He owns a 6-acre farm near Edwardsville and goes in for "gentleman farming". Bill has two fine sons—one of whom is studying at the University of Illinois, and the other is employed at this refinery.

Bill is very appreciative of the benefits he has received while in the employ of Shell and hopes to be able to avail himself of the benefits of the Shell Pension Plan when the proper time comes.

Wilbur Zirges and Harry Smith must have been good little boys in 1939, for Santa Claus brought each one of them an electric train. Zirges must have been exceptionally good for he also got a set of ABC blocks.

## Inspection Lab. News

B. W. DeLONG

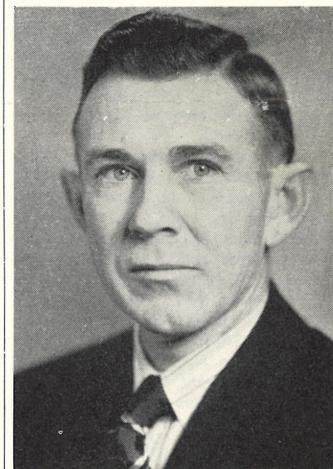
It's about time somebody told Jordan that the abbreviation of "N T" on test tags stands for Naphtha Tower and not New Trumble.

During the recent heavy snow some of the boys observed Ragus cutting up capers out on a vacant lot near his home. He explains this by claiming he was on his way home from a little shopping tour down the street, and since he had a new pair of boots he thought he would try them out in the heavy snow. From the tracks, one would judge that he was a little unsteady in his boots.

The table tennis tournament is now under full swing with challenges flying right and left. Twenty-one entries have been received to date and enthusiasm is running high. Anyone interested may still enter, as this is a non-elimination tournament whereby the best may work their way to the top and the losers fall down the list till they find a place they can keep.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Roy Crews during his sorrow over the loss of his child.

## Old Timer



Dana Sloan

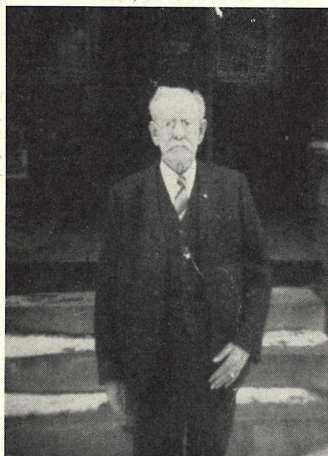
Danny joined the United States army at a tender age during the World war. Much to his disappointment he was stationed on the Mexican border. After the signing of the Armistice Danny returned to Wood River where he obtained a job as an electrician helper at the new Roxana Refinery. Some time later he was transferred to the Pipe Gang, where he has worked himself up to Assistant Pipefitter Foreman.

Danny likes to see the warmer months of the year roll around because he can then enjoy his favorite sports, fishing and baseball. He is a secret admirer of the Cubs although he has to be careful of expressing his sentiments in this pro-Cardinal territory.

Danny is strong for the Shell Safety Program, and feels that such a program is adapted for the best interests of himself and every other worker in the refinery.



## "Pop" Alsop Retires



"Pop" Alsop, as he is affectionately known to his fellow workers, started work at this refinery on November 20, 1922, in the labor gang. Almost two years later he was transferred to the classification of a Watchman, which he has held ever since.

Now, due to ill health, "Pop" is going to take advantage of the benefits of the Shell Pension Plan and hie himself away to the life of a country gentleman, with fishing and gardening to fill in the spare time.

His fellow workers at this refinery are going to miss his pleasant ways and cheery good nature. Pop, on his part, likewise states that his work and associations while at the Wood River refinery will be one of the happiest memories of his life. He hopes to visit his friends at Wood River from time to time, and extends a cordial invitation to all Shell employees who pass through Charleston, Illinois, where he will be located, to stop in and visit with him.

## Warehouse News

MARGARET TATE

An enormous quantity of the candy bar with the word WIN! written in big bold letters is being consumed at this point. It seems, contained therein is the possible road to fame and fortune, by choosing a name for the bar. Jim Branine and Tom Collins are so determined to win they sometimes eat as many as three a day.

Herman (Junior) Niemann still enhances the Salvage Yard with his mackinaw that Santa Claus brought him although he has taken quite a bit of kidding about it. He said one of the fellows even wanted to know what relief office was giving them out.

Gene Grosh was relating a story the other day and quoted that the man was of small build like Walt Myers. It was later found out that Gene weighs ten pounds less than Walt!

There's something about Clarence that makes one want to call him "Jockey" Boyles. It couldn't be that cap!

## Industry and Ourselves

EDWARD SCOTT—Lube D. & D.

We all know we are living in an economic age. The articles and goods we produce and the articles and goods other people make are bought and sold and in this exchange of buying and selling there is a profit made or there may be money lost. The head of an organization, or rather the whole group comprising the industry, can bring about success or failure as the case may be.

Be it a large industry or a small one each worker has a responsibility toward his co-worker. If a salesman should slack his job in selling the product we all help to make, he would not only be jeopardizing his own job but all of our jobs as well. If the company doesn't sell its product and make a fair profit thereon, there would be no money with which to pay our wages, hence our very jobs depend on the other fellow doing his job to the best of his ability. It goes without saying that the salesman must have the "goods" to sell. We are all, each and every one of us, an important cog in an organization.

When a man on the job shirks his work he is harming not only himself but every fellow worker from the head of an organization to the last man in the plant. When we shirk our own individual work it adds to the cost of the job and lessens the chances of the company to get profitable returns for their product—from this return comes our wages! We should all work together in making a good product that in turn this good product may help make a profitable concern. Our own compensation will be far greater. A job well done means profitable returns in self-respect as well as in our pocketbook.

## Barrel Reconditioning

By M. E. BUCHANAN

We have heard of men who will trade anything as long as they are on the long end of the deal. Such a man is L. Woods, our barrel inspector. He heard of one of the boys who wanted to buy or trade for a Shetland pony and he preferred a black one. Woods had about what he wanted so they made a deal. Everything was fine until it rained the next day, then the BLACK pony became gray, as lampblack is not a fast color, so now Woods is looking for something that will not fade so soon, at least not until he gets his money out of the deal.

With so much ice on the ground, some people are unsteady on their feet. Ask Calvin Oglesby. He saw a lot of new stars in the parking lot one night last week and the next morning as he was coming to work he slipped on his steps at home. Result: a broken bottle of coffee, a ruined lunch, and a good disposition all twisted out of shape.

The boys all thought that when Bill Baker had his teeth pulled he would not be able to take so big a chew, as he chews O. P. (other people's), but they find they were wrong, for with the teeth out of the way there is more room for tobacco.

## Lite Oil

S. KENNEDY.

Our congratulations to Richard Dippold, who forfeited his right to single blessedness on December 15th. Which makes us wonder if this leap year will take Messrs. J. Elam, L. Kennedy and Clyde Hitch in its toll.

Charley Schoeneweis has already informed C. Priest that he won't rock the fishing boat this summer as he will be too busy rocking the cradle of that baby girl born January 12th. Congratulations.

Here's a bit of "Man Bites Dog" News found in the "Telegraph's" 25 Years Ago column: Reid Bivens took two gunmen for a ride to the police station in his trolley car. The gunmen were the two staged a holdup. When questioned of this feat by his co-workers, Reid beamed and said:—"That's nothing, boys, when I first started gauging here I found a thief on top of every storage tank."

Remember when you went to grade school and when you played marbles there were a few kids who wouldn't play if you didn't let them win? Well, it seems as though the Lite Oil bowlers met these kids in bowling a few weeks ago. It all started when the Fitters in No. 2 league put a "reducer" on the Treaters' score, but was soon discovered. Then, in order to quiet the wails of the Fitters the Treaters agreed to bowl the game over at an early date. It appears to us that the Fitters have their good bowlers in No. 1 league.

## Birth News

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crystal, a son, on January 21st.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Fletcher, a baby girl, on December 14th.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Green, a baby girl, on January 1st.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pickett, a baby boy, on December 31st.

## AN AMERICAN

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ONE

Some idea of what it means to be an American, to live in, to work in, and to enjoy the privileges of America, will be obtained from the following editorial which appeared in a recent issue of the New York Sun. It was entitled, "He Is An American."

"He is an American.

"He hears an airplane overhead, and if he looks up at all, does so in curiosity, neither in fear, nor in the hope of seeing a protector.

"His wife goes marketing, and her purchases are limited by her needs, her tastes, her budget, but not by decree.

"He comes home of an evening through streets which are well lighted not dimly in blue.

"He reads his newspaper and knows that what it says is not concocted by a bureau, but an honest, untrammelled effort to present the truth.

"He has never had a gas mask on.

"He has never been in a bombproof shelter.

"His military training, an R. O. T. C. course in college, he took because it excused him from the gym course, and it was not compulsory.

"He belongs to such fraternal organizations and clubs as he wishes.

"He adheres to a political party to the extent that he desires—the dominant one, if that be his choice, but with the distinct reservation that he may criticize any of its policies with all the vigor which to him seems proper—any other as his convictions dictate, even if it be his decision, one which holds that the theory of government of the country is wrong and should be scrapped.

"He does not believe, if his party is out of power, that the only way in which it can come into power is through a bloody revolution.

"He converses with friends, even with chance acquaintances, expressing freely his opinion on any subject, without fear.

"He does not expect his mail to be opened between posting and receipt, nor his telephone to be tapped.

"He changes his place of dwelling, and does not report so doing to the police.

"He carries an identification card only in case he should be the victim of a traffic accident.

"He thinks of his neighbors across international borders—of those to the north as though they were across a State line, rather than as foreigners—of those to the south more as strangers since they speak a language different from his, and with the knowledge that there are now matters of difference between his government and theirs, but of neither with an expectancy of war.

"He worships God in the fashion of his choice, without let.

"His children are with him in his home, neither removed to a place of greater safety, if young, nor, if older, ordered ready to serve the State with sacrifice of limb, or life.

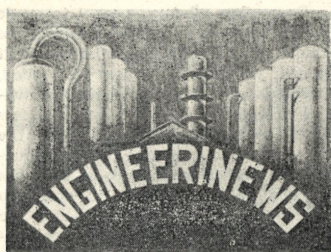
"He has his problems, his troubles, his uncertainties, but all others are not overshadowed by the imminence of battle and sudden death.

"He should struggle to preserve his Americanism with its priceless privileges.

"He is a fortunate man.

"HE IS AN AMERICAN."





The termination of the party came when Dick Roberts went down his basement steps one at a time with his feet in the air. He has since been dubbed the "Bouncing Bridegroom".

"Every little bit helps," quoth C. K. (Sandy) Johnson as he dug a penny out of the ice in front of the Construction Office.

An alert agent for a well known reducing sanitarium recently spotted Paul Hoyt on the streets of St. Louis and presented him with advertising material on the subject of slim figures. Al Meyer, who was also present, extended his hand for some of the same but was refused. It was also reported that a subsequent trip to the Winter Garden found Paul massaging the ice with various anatomical parts.

The W. R. Smith family and the J. M. Daunis family were recently visited by the stork. It was a boy in both cases.

The night gang is hoping that "Bunny" Cummings, night welding foreman, will soon recover from his attack of pneumonia.

Beck Wolverton has found that many people took him seriously when he invited a theater full of people to have a free ride in that new car that he won.

Johnny Hoffner has been known as "Coal Oil" Johnny since he was forced to spend a night in a cabin heated with a coal oil stove. It seems that coal oil smoke had a harmful effect on his rheumatism.

It has been discovered that Mark Lambert gets free towing service with his room and board.

Marian Dille, that resourceful stenographer in the Construction Office, expedites telegrams by marking them "Air Mail".

One of the welders sent a ham to Beck Wolverton, but the play was intercepted by that avaricious Tom Close. But to the latter's dismay, the prize turned out to be nothing that a hog would respect, only a display dummy.

The amazing thing about this cold weather is the amount of clothes these southern boys can carry without having to crawl.

That calendar in the Engineering Inspection Office has received considerable attention and comment from no less a personage than Don Deal, who speaks on such subjects with no idle tongue.

At least, that's what we hear.

## Shell Employees Recreation Association

### 3-Way Tie In Basketball League

The blood-thirsty battle for supremacy in the basketball league features the playing of the Office, T. V. P. - I. O., and the Cracking teams, with a three-way tie existing between these teams. The league standings are as follows:

| Team              | Won | Lost |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Office            | 5   | 1    |
| T.V.P.-I.O.       | 5   | 1    |
| Cracking          | 5   | 1    |
| Service           | 4   | 2    |
| Lube              | 3   | 3    |
| Engineering Field | 3   | 3    |
| Topping           | 2   | 4    |
| Lab. Oilers       | 2   | 4    |
| Lab. Greasers     | 1   | 5    |
| Research          | 0   | 6    |

### Bowling

#### Industrial Relations Bowlers Defeat Cokers In Challenge Game

The Cokers of Ollie Gent went down in defeat before the Industrial Relations keglars in a special challenge game. Cokers—2471 pins; Industrial Relations—2669 pins.

The Industrial Relations bowlers are getting too "cocky". Let's see some other team battle them for a dark horse championship.

### Shell Quiz

How much do you remember about what happened in 1939? During the last twelve months the automotive and oil industries celebrated some important milestones. New products went on the market. New racers became champions. An important national magazine began a campaign to educate car owners on Preventive Service. So take your pencil in hand and write your own answer to the first question. Check off your replies to the others. Give yourself 10 for every answer that checks up with those on this page; then count up your score for what went on during 1939.

1. An important new Shell Product for automotive use in winter went on the market. What was it?  
2. Which one of the nationally known magazines sponsored a department on "Preventive Service for Motor Car Owners?" Time, Liberty, Colliers, Saturday Evening Post, Good Housekeeping, Newsweek.

3. Last August a new land speed record for automobiles of 368.85 mph over a measured mile on the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, was made by Capt. G. E. T. Eyston, John Cobb, Ab Jenkins, Sir Malcolm Campbell?

4. And on the junior side, during the same month, the annual All-American Soap Box Derby run in Akron, Ohio, was won by: Cliff Hardesty, White Plains, N. Y.; Harold Armstrong, Kansas City, Kan.; Robert Berger, Omaha, Neb.; Mason Colbert, North Platte, Neb.?

5. The gasoline fill pipe on 1940 models is in the left rear fender on all makes except three of the following: Chevrolet, Studebaker, Buick,

### Cracking Department Teams Lead Both Leagues

The honors for bowling supremacy at the present time are monopolized by the Dubbs keglars as their three teams are leading both leagues. In No. 1 League, the Crackers are tied with the Pipefitters for 1st place while in the second league, the Cokers are on top with 11 games won and only one lost, followed by their brotherly rivals, the Reformers, with 10 games in the winning column.

### League Standings

Includes games of January 26

#### NO. 1 LEAGUE

| Team                 | W | L  |
|----------------------|---|----|
| Pipefitters No. 1    | 9 | 3  |
| Crackers             | 9 | 3  |
| Gas Plant            | 8 | 4  |
| Industrial Relations | 8 | 4  |
| Anal. Laboratory     | 8 | 4  |
| Elec. Mach.          | 8 | 4  |
| Lube No. 2           | 6 | 6  |
| Topping              | 6 | 6  |
| Cont. Lab.           | 5 | 7  |
| Engineers            | 4 | 8  |
| Riggers              | 1 | 11 |
| TVP-IO               | 0 | 12 |

#### NO. 2 LEAGUE

| Team                 | W  | L  |
|----------------------|----|----|
| Cokers               | 11 | 1  |
| Reformers            | 10 | 2  |
| Main Office          | 9  | 3  |
| L. O. Treating No. 1 | 7  | 5  |
| Comp. House          | 6  | 6  |
| Laborers             | 6  | 6  |
| Pipefitters No. 2    | 5  | 7  |
| Lube No. 1           | 5  | 7  |
| Automotive           | 5  | 7  |
| Warehouse            | 4  | 8  |
| L. O. Treating No. 2 | 2  | 10 |
| Cooling Water        | 2  | 10 |

Willys, Chrysler, Oldsmobile.

6. An important safety feature found on 75 per cent of the 1940 automobiles is: new safety glass, heavier tires, a speed governor, longer wheelbase?

7. One new make of automobile went on the market in 1939. It was the: American Bantam, Crosley, Pilot, Mercury.

8. Which brings up the question of how many makes of automobiles have been developed since the first car propelled by an internal combustion engine appeared in France in 1868. There have been: Under 1,000; around 2,000; nearly 3,000; more than 4,000.

9. Last spring there was celebrated the —th anniversary of the discovery by Charles Goodyear of the vulcanization process of rubber: 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th.

10. Final roster of Share-the-Road Club members signed up in Shell's nationwide Show-Your-Colors Campaign to promote courteous driving numbered in round figures: 2,000,000 motorists, 3,000,000 motorists, 4,000,000 motorists, 5,000,000 motorists.

### Topping Row

H. E. McCARTHY

We here and now apologize for our delay and wish to extend our sympathy to Eugene Quillen and family in their recent bereavement in the loss of Eugene's father, Walter H. Quillen.

We have noticed Grover Almon hopping around since feasting on a couple of Buttrey's specially shot rabbits. Of course, the present cold spell could be a factor in Grover's "double timing" along steam hose row.

William Reydon and Fred Mansholt have returned to work after several days absence due to illness. We're glad to see you fellows among those present.

Charlie Bund's protracted illness is responding to treatment and rest, and he expects to be "as good as new" in the immediate future. Charlie's illness, combined with the sub-zero wea-

ther, has halted his crappie expeditions to Otter Creek.

Cheer up, Chas.! Winter HAS come but Spring can't be far behind.

A note placed in Henry Schwaab's lunch pail seems to have worked to Henry's advantage as he himself admits. He now gets an extra sandwich; furthermore, his pajamas no longer fit his anatomy "twice". We wouldn't know to whom Henry owes thanks.

Our nomination for the title "Man with the iron nerves," goes to "Brigham" Young.

We base our choice on the fact "Brig" drives from Palmyra, Illinois, to work and return each shift he's scheduled.

Brother! If that trip through the present snow and ice isn't nerve-racking, then we stand to be corrected.

Since ALL the accommodations in rear of the instrument panel at Topping V were not removed we can still expect to see those PAINED EXPRESSIONS on visitors' faces upon finding the door locked and no key in sight.

We overheard Betts asking Harrington if he had any scrap tobacco. Sid replied, "Sure, but you'll have to SCRAP me to get some of it." Whereupon Lawrence passed out — and we don't mean cigars.

Nice weather we're having—don't you think—or do you? (With apologies to Tizzie Lish).

### Shell Quiz Answers

1. Shellzone.
2. Collier's.
3. John Cobb.
4. Cliff Hardesty.
5. Chevrolet, Studebaker, Willys.
6. New Safety Glass.
7. Crosley.
8. More than 4,000.
9. 100th.
10. 5,000,000 motorists.