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Children May Be Insured After Age 19

All employees who have coverage for themselves and dependents under the Shell Hospital-Surgical-Medical program are reminded that unmarried dependent children can continue to be covered after their 19th birthday for a nominal sum.

Thirty-one Days Granted

Employees can continue coverage for such dependents at a cost of \$1.72 per month for each dependent under the Basic Plan, and \$2.42 for both the Basic and the Excess Plan. Such coverage will continue as long as the dependency status continues but not beyond the end of the month in which the dependent reaches 25 years of age.

Enrollment for the proper coverage should be made with the insurance clerk in Personnel and Industrial Relations within 31 days of the date each dependent reaches 19 years of age. Failure to enroll such dependents within this time limit will necessitate a statement of health being submitted for insurance company approval before coverage may be effected.

Blue Cross Plan

Employees who have coverage under the Blue Cross plan for themselves and their children are reminded that when dependent children marry or reach their 19th birthday, coverage and protection ceases.

However, application for continued membership may be made by employees writing directly to the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans, 425 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 90, Illinois. In this manner, dependents may receive individual certificates in their own names.

Under the Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan, this application must be made within 31 days of any change in status of the dependent.

Booklet About Shell's Hosp'l-Surgical-Medical Program to be Published

A booklet about the new Shell Hospital Surgical Medical Program will be mailed shortly to the homes of employees. Extensive revisions to the Program early this year made this new booklet necessary.

The new booklet has the following main sections: A graphic at-a-glance display of the major provisions of the Program; a full explanation of the Basic and Excess Plans; the certificate of coverage; and an outline of the Program's benefits for retired employees.

Young Oldsters



THE TWO OLDEST retired employees present at the Service Club Barbecue July 21 were J. A. VanHemelen, 84, left, and A. M. Colyar, 81. Both retired in 1941. VanHemelen says he still makes a garden, and cares for his chickens, living alone on the outskirts of Wood River. Colyar lives in Roxana and says he just "takes it easy." These Gentlemen never miss a Barbecue.

Weatherman Cooperates Once Again!

Annual Barbecue Retains Popularity, Attracts Crowd

The 1956 Shell Barbecue, sponsored by the Shell Service Club, wasn't any different than events of past years. That is to say, the event once again was termed a huge success, and both retired and active employees seemed to have as always, "the time of their lives."

The Barbecue was held Saturday, July 21 at the American Legion Park in Edwardsville, and Service Club officers agreed that a big majority of the 2800 members eligible to attend were on hand for festivities.

Over 100 Pensioners Present

And once again, the weatherman couldn't have been more cooperative. The temperature ranged from the high 70's to the middle 80's most of the day, and the sun spent most of the time behind large, billowy clouds. The usual, large number of retired employees attended the event, with over 100 signing the register.

Thirty or more attendances prizes were given away during the course of the day, including car spotlights, seat cushions, mechanical pencils, cigarette lighters, and numerous other gifts.

Plenty of Recreation

The large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the varied program of recreation. A competitive softball game was the highlight of the afternoon's activities, and the high-striker, basketball throw, and

skeet-shoot were popular throughout the day. The softball contest ended after seven innings in a 33-14 score.

Tremendous amounts of barbecue, ham, tomatoes, onions, and potato chips were consumed. A long line could always be found by the refreshment stands.

And following 12 hours of active participation in the day's activities, the large group seemed particularly content—until another year and another barbecue!

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Statistics Say '56 Could Be a Good Safety Year

Refinery employees still have an opportunity to establish a creditable safety record here this year, according to Safety Department records. Despite a lost-time accident of the "freak" variety which culminated the refinery's recent quest of a million man-hour safety record, employees are still ahead of both 1954 and 1955's records.

A twisted ankle to a machinist on July 23, which unexpectedly resulted in a minor bone fracture, ended the safety mark here which had reached 723,225 man-hours of accident-free working time.

Eleven Accidents in '56

As of July 24, 11 lost-time accidents had been recorded at the refinery. This compares favorably with good safety years in the past. Employees have already observed one safety record in excess of a million man-hours this year. This record was established during March and April, when employees worked 1,181,577 man-hours without a disabling injury. This record was accumulated over a period of 57 days.

The potential of 1956 can be appreciated by a comparison with the year 1955. During that year, 31 disabling injuries were charged to the local plant, the majority of them being of the minor accident variety. In '55, as of July 1, the plant had suffered 16 disabling injuries as compared to 11 at the present time.

Good Records in Past

This year even compares favorably with 1954, when Wood River established what was considered a good safety record. Twenty-two disabling injuries were suffered, but no employee incurred a loss of eye or limb. During 1954, the plant twice exceeded the million hour mark, working on one occasion a total of 1,578,610 man-hours, and on another, 1,617,059. The first record was accumulated over a period of 73 days, and the second lasted for 76 days.

Since 1950, the plant has had three good safety years, two of which could be termed "outstanding." In 1950 employees suffered only nine disabling injuries in what was one of the finest marks in the entire oil industry. The year 1952 was also a fine safety year, with 13 lost-time accidents being suffered for a low frequency rate.

Million Hour Record Needed

A Safety Department spokesman said this month that 1956 might prove to be a good year for safety. He was quick to point out, however, that a record in excess of a million man-hours is a necessity if 1956 is to measure up to 1950 and '52. The recent record looked promising until the mishap ended the mark only 13 days short of a million man-hours.

Both a challenge and an opportunity to make 1956 a fine year for safety exist.

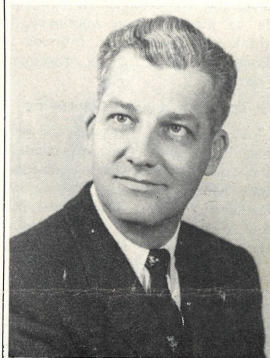
NINE PROJECT LEADERS PROMOTED AT RESEARCH

Nine Research Laboratory Project Leaders have been promoted to Group Leaders, effective June 1.

The nine are Fred Wopat, Jr., L. C. Westcott, R. G. Tuell, W. W. Reynolds, J. J. Heithaus, Jr., D. F. Fink, J. J. Conradi, H. D. Burnham, and J. L. Bame.

Sarchett Is Appointed To Tulsa Post

L. L. (Jack) Sarchett, Refinery Treasury Manager since 1949, will be transferred to the Company's Tulsa Exploration and Production area office in a similar capacity, it was announced July 2 by Refinery Manager H. D. Dale. Sarchett will assume his new position about September 1, and will be succeeded here by G. M. McCawley, presently assigned to Head Office Refinery Accounting.



L. L. Sarchett

Sarchett joined Shell in 1936 as plant ledger clerk at the Des Moines, Iowa division. He was later transferred to the Minneapolis division as Chief Clerk, and subsequently to New York as a Methods Analyst in the Controller's organization. In 1948, he was appointed Chief Accountant at Wood River Refinery. He was promoted to Treasury Manager in 1949, and has held the position since that time.

Rank of Captain

During World War II, Sarchett served four years in the Army. He advanced to the rank of Captain and served in the European theater of operations.

A native of Center Point, Iowa, Sarchett was graduated from the University of Iowa with a B. S. in Commerce. He has also had graduate work at New York University in methods and procedures and accounting systems.

Sarchett is a member of the Masonic Order, the Elks Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also holds memberships in the National Association of Cost Accountants and Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary commerce society. His Shell memberships include the Shell Club, SRA, and the Service Club.

Active in Community

For the past several years, Sarchett has been active in Community Chest and Red Cross fund campaigns in the Alton-Wood River area. In 1952, he served as

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Helps Men Think Clearly

Shell 'Planning for Retirement' Program Proves Successful

The man who does some thoughtful planning is the one most likely to have a satisfactory and successful retirement.

Some people start thinking and doing something about their retirement years well in advance of retirement; others face up to the subject only after they have retired from their jobs. It's the former who have, by far, the best chance for happiness in retirement.

Retired Men Agree

This is the consensus of those who have experienced several years of retirement.

Experience, in most cases, shows that one of the biggest hurdles to surmount in making retirement plans is to start thinking about it. However, once the individual puts his mental wheels in motion and gets down to cases, plans seem to shape up fairly well.

Recognizing this obstacle to retirement planning, Shell has provided a stepping stone to give an "assist" to employees nearing retirement age. The purpose of the Planning for Retirement program is to stimulate an employee to think and to take an interest in laying his plans for his retirement years.

Davidson Handles Counseling

At most payroll centers one person has been named to conduct individual pre-retirement discussions with employees. The person conducting these interviews has had the benefit of special training and study to help him render this service. Here at Wood River, C. A. Davidson, Training Supervisor, handles retirement counseling.

Davidson is a veteran of 24 years of Shell service. He has a varied background with Shell—one that includes experience in many phases of Shell's activities. These include assignments with the Pipe Line, in operations, laboratory work and for the past eight years, in Training. Davidson also served with Shell overseas, handling various technical assignments at the Shell refinery on the island of Borneo in the East Indies.

Several years before an employee reaches normal retirement age, he is given the opportunity to talk with Davidson concerning his retirement.

No Pat Answers

The individual who conducts these pre-retirement talks has no magic formula for solving retirement problems, nor does he try to go over a long check list of do's and don'ts with the employee. What Davidson tries to do is help the employee examine his own

thinking about retirement and, where information related to it is desired, or would be helpful, he uses his own resources and those of the Company to see if such information can be provided.

Usually, as in Davidson's case, the interviewer has talked to a good many people, some of whom have retired and been glad to tell of their experiences—what they have done and how it has turned out. Often times, their observations and comments are helpful and, if not always applicable, they may be of interest to others. In addition, the employee may have for the asking a fairly accurate estimate of what his retirement benefits will be—Pension, Provident Fund, Social Security, and Group Life Insurance.

Employees Welcome Talks

Perhaps the best indication of how employees feel about these discussions can be seen from this fact: Many people believe there is little to discuss when they are first invited to participate in the program. They find, however, that reviewing the past and taking stock of the present is not only helpful, but, in fact, is essential in making plans for the future. In many cases, wives have participated in the discussions along with their husbands.

Experience proves that planning provides the key which opens the door to successful retirement.

SHELL PIPEFITTER SINGS PRAISE OF SAFETY SHOE

One Shell pipefitter who has been singing praises of the safety shoe recently is W. F. Bird.

Bird has formed the habit of wearing his safety shoes not only at work but also while performing various tasks around the house.

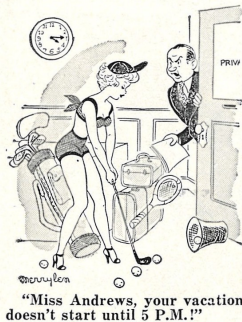
Recently, while he was using a rotary power mower at home, the front wheels of the mower sank into a mole tunnel, Bird's left foot sliding under the mower. The whirling blade struck the safety toe with great force, breaking off one blade and loosening the rivets on the other.

But, because he was wearing safety shoes, the injury to Bird's foot was slight.

New Supervisor Training



NINETEEN MEN took part in the 40-hour New Supervisor training program concluded here last month. The group included J. G. Gaines, Boilermaker; E. J. Blair, Electrician; Joseph Dodd and Mike Mygatt, Engineering Inspection; B. C. Gibbons and H. E. Gorin, Labor; D. E. Smith, J. E. Delassus, E. E. Cambell, and S. C. Cook, Machinists; E. A. Wade and W. S. Rives, Pipefitters; F. W. Hamilton and C. H. Levi, Alkylation operators; D. R. Linn, Aromatics; L. E. Wilson, Compounding; W. Schneider, Utilities, and L. E. Stubblefield, Treasury.



Announce Three Engineering Dept. Movements Here

Three Engineering Department movements were announced late last month by C. C. Wuth, Chief Engineer.

J. W. Stallings has been promoted to Senior Engineer—Instrumentation in the Technical Services section here.

J. T. (Jack) Fisher has been transferred to Shell Chemical Company's Norco, Louisiana, plant as Senior Engineer—Instrumentation. At Norco, Fisher will be responsible for the organization of the Instrument Engineer section.

James Glover has been transferred to the Norco Refinery as Project Engineer. Glover will be working with the plant expansion program at Norco, which includes a Platformer and major related extensions.

Sarchett Appointed To Tulsa Position

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Refinery Drive Chairman for the Community Chest, and in 1955 as Red Cross Chairman. He was also chairman of the Industrial Division of the Red Cross in 1955.

G. M. McCawley

G. M. McCawley joined Shell in 1933 at Head Office in St. Louis. In 1936, he was transferred to Houston Refinery in the Accounting Section. He was promoted to Chief Accountant at Houston in 1946, and was transferred to Head Office in 1947. He remained in New York until 1950, when he was promoted to Treasury Manager at Norco Refinery, Norco, Louisiana. Just recently, McCawley left Norco for a special assignment in Head Office.

Extra Copies of Budget Plan Available

'Money Manager' Pleases Credit Union Members

Members of the Shell Wood River Federal Credit Union received a pleasant surprise this month when they received a "Money Manager" in the mail. The Money Manager is not a real life person, but a paper chart geared for saving money.

The object of the Money Manager, which is available free to callers at the Credit Union, is to assist Shell employees in the budgeting of their monthly income. It is merely a system of money management—a system of planned spending and saving.

Four Steps to Follow

As explained by the leaflet, there are four things to do to put your Money Manager into operation:

1. Estimate your average weekly income for the next 12 months.
2. Itemize fixed expenses and obligations. Add these and divide by 52 for weekly outlay.
3. Initiate a "rainy day" emergency fund by deciding to put away a definite amount each pay day.
4. Total all three estimates and subtract from your take-home pay to determine what is left for regular savings.

The Money Manager chart is complete with space for Family housing, family protection, family debts and obligations, taxes, and other major items. In the estimate of weekly living bracket, space is allowed for food, household operation, laundry, car operation, lunches, clothing, ordinary medical expenses, and personal allowances.

Plan is Realistic

A reliable budget is explained in the Money Manager as being a family affair. It states: "No family budget is ever really successful unless everybody in the family agrees that it is a good budget. For this reason, if for no other, everybody should take a hand in family money planning. Most children in their teens are mature enough to help, and some children who are even younger."

The Money Manager also explains that on a family's initial budget attempt, there is a tendency to be too liberal in certain estimates and too restricting in others.

Chief object of the Manager is, of course, to assist families in saving money regularly. Credit union officials are always happy to assist employees in money matters. For the added convenience of employees, the establishment is now open until 8 p.m. every Friday evening.

SHELL TREASURY MEN HANDLING AUDIT HERE

E. M. Rogers and S. G. Otto of the Shell auditing staff will be in Wood River for a few months. They will be assisted by G. E. (Eddie) Ninde, Chief Accountant in the Chicago Marketing division.

Farewell Gift



A. C. HOGGE, left admires the electric clock given him at a farewell banquet last month. Hogge, former Assistant Superintendent here, assumed a new position this month as Plant Superintendent of Shell's Montreal Refinery. Left to right are Hogge, A. S. Lehmann, J. R. Hanahan, H. A. Dumont, and G. C. Havel.



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Shell Now Supplies Third of Domestic U.S. Airlines Fuel

Shell Oil Company began supplying a major part of the fuel requirements of National Airlines July 1 under a five-year, \$17 million contract.

With the National account, Shell now supplies more than one-third of all aviation gasoline used by domestic commercial airlines in the United States. The Company serves all of the 12 U. S. domestic truck lines.

Shell serves National at 19 points on the airline's routes, which extend south from New York to Miami and Havana and west to New Orleans. Four Shell Marketing Divisions are involved in supplying the aviation products: Atlanta, New Orleans, Baltimore and New York.

In preparing to serve the new account, Shell surveyed all the National landing points and in most cases installed new equipment or modernized existing facilities.

DID YOU KNOW?



Oil refinery products service more than 60 million automobiles, buses, and trucks . . . heat more than 8 million homes.

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Each year refineries turn out enough gasoline to take an automobile on 31 round trips to each of the other planets in the solar system, with plenty left over for the DETOURS!

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The petroleum industry provides employment for one of every 38 of the nation's workers.

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In less than 100 years, the American oil industry has grown from one well to the third largest industry in the United States. It was started by the spirit of free enterprise, and thrives on competition.

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Two gallons of today's gasoline do the work that took three gallons thirty years ago.



"It's perfectly obvious that he's only interested in her money!"

Introducing . . .

Miss Francine Womack



MISS FRANCINE WOMACK, petite stenographic section steno, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Womack, Alton . . . Francine has been with Shell almost a year . . . hobbies are knitting, crocheting, and playing piano . . . bouncy and bright, she also enjoys swimming and dancing . . . says if she had her pick at any occupation, she'd raise race horses.

On Payroll Deduction Plan

Over 5000 Shell Employees Purchasing Savings Bonds

While a bird in the hand is better than one in the bush, no one should object to having both birds. That is exactly what people who buy U. S. Savings Bonds get—the equivalent of good U. S. cash in the hand, with more to come if they hang on to the bonds.

About one in every eight Shell employees buys U. S. Savings Bonds regularly on the payroll savings plan. Others undoubtedly buy bonds for cash or through the bond a month plan at their bank.

5000 Employees Buying

A total of about 5,000 employees of the four Shell Companies know the satisfaction of regular purchase of these gilt-edged securities. They have authorized the Company to withhold a stated amount from their pay until a sum sufficient to pay for a bond is accumulated. The bond is then purchased and mailed direct to the employee. There is no handling charge.

Since the start of the payroll savings plan in February, 1942, over 42½ million dollars has been invested in this manner by Shell people. The 10-year maturity value of these purchases is well over 56 million dollars.

Shell employees patriotically supported the bond buying program throughout World War II, with most sections of the Company showing more than 90-per-cent participation and a number reaching 100 per cent. After the urgency of the war years, however, many dropped out of the payroll plan.

Payroll Purchases Increasing

Renewed interest and appreciation of the soundness of the program are shown in the fact that Shell people have brought more bonds in each succeeding quarter for the past two years. More and more of them are again deciding that government bonds are an excellent way to save cash—their money is immediately available if they need it, while it earns a full three per cent if the savings bonds are held to maturity.

These solid savings mean many things to many people. They make possible the purchase or improvement of homes, help pay for the college education of children, provide additional income during retirement years, and extend the enjoyment of leisure time by paying for hobby and recreation equipment.

You Can Start

If you are not now buying Savings Bonds on the payroll savings plans, you can start by contacting the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department, plant phone 370.

The periodic arrival of your bonds will be a continually satisfying experience.

Daughter of Shell Employee Talented Connie Eckman Wins College Scholarship

Connie Eckman is one person who hasn't let a physical handicap stand in her way.

Connie is an attractive teenager who just graduated from Wood River Community high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Eckman, and recently was awarded a scholarship to the University of Illinois. Both her father, a Control Lab tester, and her mother, are quite proud of their daughter.

And Connie's classmates are proud of her too. For despite a serious polio attack which caused her to miss her entire freshman year of high school, Connie graduated with her original class—even though it meant finishing her secondary training in three rather than four years.

All-Around Student

Connie was awarded the scholarship by a freighting company on the basis of her outstanding scholastic achievements, her excellent extra-curricular work, and a personal recommendation from her high school principal. She became eligible for the scholarship by writing an essay on the value of the motor freight industry to the community.

Connie ranked third in a class of 165 members and was first among the students majoring in science. In addition to being an honor student, she was a member of practically every club and organization sponsored by the school. A further indication of her popularity with other students is the fact that she served as an officer of virtually every organization of which she was a member.

Class Secretary

She served as secretary of the senior class and treasurer of the student cabinet. Connie also was elected secretary-treasurer of the future nurses club, and associate editor of the year book. One of her most outstanding honors came at the end of her senior year when she was voted the recipient of the D.A.R. Award by the students and faculty. This honor goes annually to the member of the graduating class voted the outstanding citizen.

Connie also held memberships in the National Honor Society,



Connie Eckman

Quill and Scroll, National Thespians, Junior Engineers, Big Sisters, and was elected as an alternate to Girl's State in her junior year.

She intends to enter the University of Illinois in the fall as a Chemical Engineering major. She is spending this summer working in the County Clerk's office in Edwardsville.

PERMIAN BASIN OIL FIELD IS COUNTRY'S GREATEST PRODUCER

The Permian Basin, which covers some 76,610 square miles of Texas and 12,000 square miles of southeastern New Mexico, is the largest gas and oil producing area in the United States. It provides one-fifth of the nation's oil from some 50,289 producing wells.

Since the first commercial production 35 years ago, nearly five and a half million barrels of petroleum have been produced from this area, and there is still more oil to be covered than has already been produced!

EASY

Tourist: "I see you raise hogs almost exclusively around here. Do they pay better than corn and potatoes?"

Native: "Well, truth is, they don't—but hogs don't deed no hoein."

Looking for a Cool Spot



AS AN ANTIDOTE to late summer heat waves, this scene might bring some relief. It was taken in mid-winter last year, in northern Alberta, where surveyors of Shell Oil Company's Calgary Area used a Bombardier Surveyor's Unit (that's the vehicle) to plow through snowdrifts to their work locations.

New Furnace Installed at Distilling Three

Unit Replaces Four Trumble Heaters Here

A major construction job was culminated at the refinery this month with the installation of a radiant feed heater for Distilling Unit Three.

The new vertical furnaces stands 150 feet in height, and features an 85-foot stack. The SHELL REVIEW was on hand to follow the raising of the 25,000 pound stack, which proved to be a major installation project.

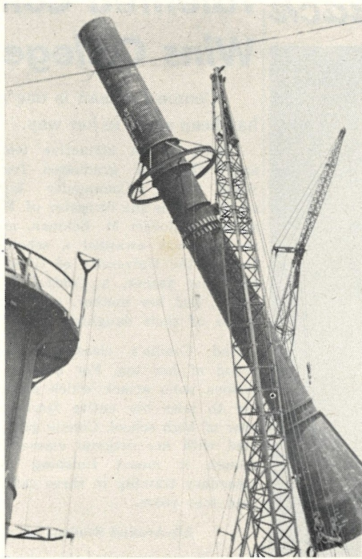
Large Crane Used

Lifting of the huge stack necessitated the use of two cranes—the larger of the two featuring a 100-foot boom and having a lifting capacity of 100,000 pounds. The smaller crane was used mainly for balance in the lifting project.

The initial step prior to raising the stack 85 feet in the air atop the furnace proper consisted of lashing a cinch approximately two-thirds up the stack. A heavy cable was secured here for the larger crane, while the smaller crane took hold at the very bottom of the stack.

Carefully Calculated

The lifting process itself was a comparatively slow one, with caution being the by-word throughout the operation. When the stack was raised to its de-



ABOUT HALF WAY up, the furnace forms a 45 degree angle between the two cranes. The major part of the lifting was handled by the larger crane in the foreground, which the smaller crane helped balance the lift.

sired height, only a few inches of cable remained at the top of the boom. Calculations had to be exact to set the stack atop the furnace, and the angle of the lift had to be perfect.

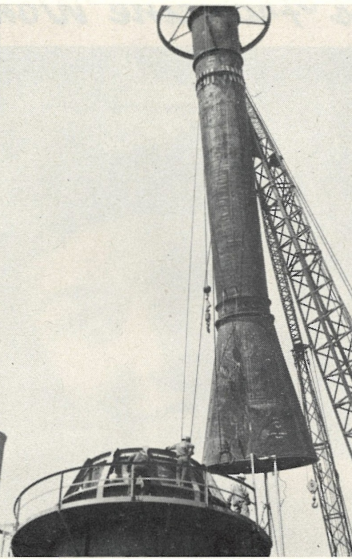
Following the lifting process, the stack was bolted to the top of the furnace, and other installation projects were completed.

The entire project can be considered a major installation job,

since supplementary work included many line revisions on the unit.

A Firm Foundation

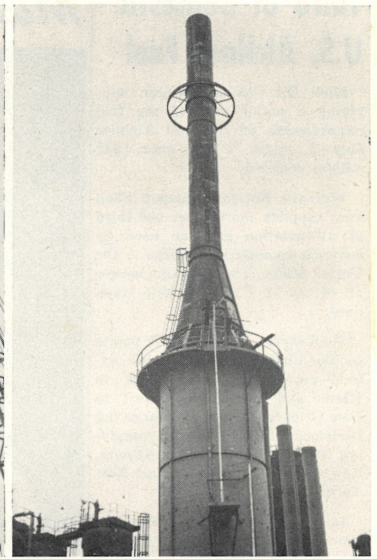
One phase of the furnace project which reached large proportions was the foundation for the unit. Over 74 cubic yards of concrete went into the foundation of the furnace. This concrete, poured over a heavy steel



RESTING ON THE TOP of the furnace proper, the large stack is nearing the end of the lifting project. As the 85-foot stack was moved into place, only a few inches of cable remained at the top of the boom.

meshing, weighed approximately 300,000 pounds. The foundation itself is a 31-foot octagon.

The new furnace is a standard Petro-Chem radiant heater, and replaces four trumble heaters for the fractionating tower at Distilling Unit Three. It is similar to the vertical heater at the Rectified Absorber, which went on steam in 1953.



SECURED IN PLACE atop the furnace proper, the large stack rises above other towers in the immediate vicinity. The furnace is similar to the Rectified Absorber heater, which went on stream in 1953.

Designed by Petro-Chem, it was built and erected by the Missouri Boiler Corporation.

In operation on Distilling Three, the new furnace is expected to add both efficiency and speed. It has a capacity of 42,000,000 BTU's per hour, and is gas-fired. Following a shut-down at the unit, the new furnace is expected to go into operation about the middle of August.

Sport Dates Back to Days Before Patios and Crowded Highways

Shell Horseshoe Pitchers Know How to Enjoy Life

It used to be that any Sunday strutter could drop by the city park and watch the horseshoe pitchers!

In almost every little town, you could find the village horseshoe pitchers at their favorite pastime: Throwing the ringers and chomping hard on that hot pipe stem. Joe Jones would be known for miles around as the best pitcher in the county, but that other guy, Ben Smith, was tough in a close game.

And so it used to be.

Any more, folks don't seem to have time for pitching horseshoes. It seems that now it has to be a barbecue on the patio—if you have a patio; or maybe a drive, fighting and dodging a million other Sunday drivers on the crowded highways; or going on a picnic—when a million other picnic lovers seem to have the same idea. And so it is, no matter where you go, a trillion other people are clamoring for the same spot you've picked out.

It's getting so it's harder to find a picnic spot than a house-fly.

But what about the horseshoe pitcher? Why he can still enjoy the peace, and comfort, and yes, even the privacy, of a good horseshoe-throwing contest.



WALT STARK throws what he hopes is a ringer, while Dale Schneider watches carefully in horseshoe action at the Training Building pits. Most of the throwers who gather here are Control Lab men, but everyone is welcome.

If he can find a spot—somewhere where people aren't sitting—to drive the 'shoe pegs in the ground, and someone to oppose him, why, he's set for one of the most rewarding, economical, relaxing sports there is.

Horseshoe pitchin' is a sport where a man doesn't have to race his motor. All he's gotta' do is rare back and throw that iron object at a peg some 30 feet away. It sounds easy, and it looks easy, but, like finding a picnic spot, it isn't.

What does all this mean? It means that here at Wood River Refinery we have with us a unique individual in these days of rock and roll, drag racing, and short-haired women.

Because we have some pretty fair country horseshoe pitchers here at Wood River. Like the American Indian, there aren't many of them around anymore.

But here, everyday at lunchtime, some 50 or so men gulp down their lunch and head for the pits—one located behind the Training Building and one at the South Gate. They resemble the kids like Huck Finn headed for the old swimmin' hole—when we used to have swimming

holes. That was before the patios and the portable barbecue pits.

But getting back to the Shell horseshoe pitchers. Those boys really have a time. Fellows like Walt Stark, and Tom Colgate, and Dale Schneider, and the rest of 'em at the Training Building pits. And at the South Gate, every noon you can find "Tennessees" DeVasher and Bill Hes-

ter, and Chuck Taynor and others yearning to pick up those 'shoes and give them a pitch.

A horseshoe pitcher needn't feel antiquated. And we're not saying that patios, and portable barbecue pits, and screened-in porches, and short-haired women aren't O.K.

But it's nice to see the horseshoe pitchers—they've got style.



AT THE SOUTH GATE, horseshoe action is becoming increasingly popular. A large crowd is usually on hand for the competitive matches. The South Gate pits are in the shade of several large trees and ample bench space is available.

Loren Love - A Man Who Loves the Soil

Retired Man Both Active And Happy

There's a friendly farmer out on Bender Street in Rosewood Heights who owns three rocking chairs. But Loren Webster Love, who retired here in 1953, doesn't have time for any of them. He's too busy spending his days in active retirement.

Loren Love's face is hardened by many years of outdoor life, but it softens when he smiles and says, "I'm just a farmer at heart." Although he enjoyed his job with Shell (he worked in the Compounding Department here for 19 years) Love admits that his heart has always been closest to the soil.

Planned for Retirement

One Shell pensioner who certainly planned for his retirement, Love moved to his present residence in 1943—10 years before he retired. He owns two houses on an acre-and-a-half piece of rich, black earth, and he has every inch of it planted in something. Love and his energetic wife, Hattie May, built both of their houses on Bender. "Our first home was real humble," Love smiles, "But we were tickled pink to have it because it meant breathing that good country air once again."

Loren and Hattie May began their life together in 1913 when they were married near Elizabethtown, Illinois, a farming community in the southern part of the state. Both were born and raised on a farm, and Hattie's mother said of the wedding 43 years ago, "If you kids make it through this year, bad as the crops are, you should do all right in life."

Love and his wife not only made it through that bleak farm year of '13, but salvaged a few dollars from other bad years to come to this area in the late 20's for work. Love said things started looking up for them when he was hired by Shell in 1934.



LOREN LOVE'S RASPBERRY crop is one of which he is most proud. He has eight rows of bushes, each over 100 feet long. Here Love trims the stems of his bushes to keep them neat and easily accessible.

Pension Check Important

Loren says his Shell pension check provides the biggest part of his retirement income, but he supplements this nicely with money he and Hattie make from selling crops.

One of his best sellers is his raspberry crop. Harvested just a few weeks ago, the Love's berries this year brought them well over \$100, and they could have sold twice that amount if they would have had more on hand. Loren and Hattie have eight rows of raspberry bushes, each row being 100 feet long. They keep them trimmed neatly, as Love is quick to point out, "If you don't trim berry bushes often, they get out of hand, and you'll never be able to reach the berries when they ripen."

Love and his wife picked berries this year for three solid weeks and are proud of their best crop in years.

But raspberries aren't the only money-maker for the Love's. A quick look around their place tells any urbanite

that Loren is indeed, "A farmer at heart." His field corn grows tall and straight, his tomato plants spread far in all directions, and his beets grow to almost unbelievable proportions.



MRS. LOVE, according to her husband, is the grower in the family. Her many rows of beautiful flowers are living example that Mr. Love is correct in his opinion. Mrs. Love matter-of-factly states, "I always have been able to grow things."



LOVE AND HIS WIFE own three rocking chairs, which Loren purchased for 50 cents each at an auction. "When I retired, fellows told me to be sure to buy a rocking chair," Love laughs, "But I seldom use one."

Visitors to the Love place gasp at the size of all their fruits and vegetables. Love modestly explains it by saying, "That wife of mine, she's the grower, I just tend the crops." But Hattie defends her industrious husband and counters, "Loren's care for the crops is just as important as knowing how to put them in the ground."

Hattie went on to explain how, when she was a young girl, she used to watch her mother make garden. "I can remember once when my mother was sick, I had to put in the whole garden," Hattie explains, "and I've been doing it ever since."

Rock Phosphate Good

And Love concludes the explanation by giving the credit to a rich fertilizer he's been using for 15 years, rock phosphate. "Rock phosphate won't burn out your ground," he says, "And even in a dry year, the crops stay green."

In addition to the income they derive from crops, Loren and Hattie enjoy good food the year 'round. Hattie cans fruit and

vegetables religiously and usually shelves enough of both to last through the winter. Hattie says the grocery stores would go broke if they depended on her, and adds she hasn't bought a can of corn in over 20 years.

Loren himself is pretty proud of Hattie's budgeting ability. "Her money sense has increased our savings," he says.

Any observer would be quick to note that the love of the outdoors and working there is another of the Loves' many success secrets. These things, coupled with their totally unselfish attitude about each other, make Hattie and Loren an ideal couple.

Love says the healthful environment of farm life, plus good living habits, are the secrets of his constructive life. The rocking chair bit is just a joke with Love. He laughs heartily as he says, "When I retired, I heard you just couldn't get along without a rocking chair, so I bought three of them. They cost me 50 cents apiece at an auction, but I think I've got my money's worth in laughs."

New Main Office And Research Laboratory Planned for Houston

A new Main Office building and a Research and Laboratory building are under construction at Houston Refinery to provide facilities necessitated by expansion of the refinery and increased research activities in recent years. Completion is expected by the middle of next year.

The new, two-story Main Office building will be built around and integrated with the present one, with a courtyard between them.

The new Research Office Laboratory building, to supplement existing research facilities, will also be two stories. Besides laboratories, it will have a library, a meeting room, storage space and offices. Offices in the present Research Laboratory will be converted to laboratories.

Smilin' Ralph



RALPH WANDLING, Chief Engineering Estimator, is a fitting subject for a character study in this portrait snapped by Orville Abernathy, Electrician Foreman. Ralph, here sitting with Jack Fisher, left, and his wife, isn't leaning on a cane—but a golf club! The shot was taken at the Engineering Picnic last month.

Shell Supplies Fuel, Lubricant

Chicago Helicopter Service Begins Commercial Flights

Helicopter Air Service of Chicago, for which Shell Oil Company has supplied all fuel and lubricants since it began service in 1949, is scheduled to begin passenger service soon. The Service recently extended its contract with Shell through 1960.

New York and Los Angeles are the only other metropolitan centers with regularly-scheduled helicopter passenger service. But scores of applications have been made for authority to start such service at other cities.

Shell's 100-per-cent supply role with the Chicago service, and with New York Airways which serves the New York metropolitan area, indicates the Company's leadership in supplying this fast-growing sector of aviation.

The Chicago service previously carried only mail. Now it has been authorized to carry passengers between points within a 60-mile radius of Chicago's O'Hare Field.

Six Bell Model 47 helicopters are used to fly mail. The passenger service will start with three six-passenger Sikorsky S-55 helicopters. later it proposes to add three 12-passenger Sikorsky S-58's.

Bride: "The two best things I prepare are meat loaf and cobbler." Groom: "Well, which is this?"

Over 100 Retired Employees Attend Barbecue

**Service Club Members Gather for Day of Recreation
And Renewing Old Friendships - Also Eating Barbecue!**



NINETY-EIGHT retired employees were present for the annual picture taken at the Barbecue July 21. This picture will be mailed to all of the men present. Left to right are, Front Row: (seated on floor) H. E. Thompson, G. W. Norder, W. Lewis, J. O. Ingram, G. G. Welch, W. E. Lane, W. F. Gillespie. Second row: (seated in chairs) R. Bennett, L. C.

Aikins, F. A. Wasman, G. C. Mueller, E. N. Miller, A. Higgins, A. M. Colyar, P. E. Johnson, W. F. Boehm, W. E. Espy, W. A. McEwen, W. D. Wall, William Kreider, T. J. Patterson, C. W. Myers, G. Holford, and F. S. Howard. Third Row: L. C. Wood, L. E. Grosh, R. A. Cruthis, Roy Hunter, J. L. Slaughter, J. Moran, T. F. Jones, S. Henson, F. E. Babbs,

J. W. Madosh, A. J. Gurley, S. A. Aldredge, C. F. Maguire, H. V. Wolfe, G. C. Rieken, W. I. Shattuck, W. Nowaski, and A. G. Fuchs. Fourth row: Newton Mallory, G. K. Frieman, W. G. Kovarik, C. H. Wolf, W. M. Arth, J. H. Murphy, H. C. Tennakait, T. J. Jackson, J. R. Shenton, J. J. St. Eve, J. W. Hoppe, F. A. Reese, E. J. Juneau, G. F. Myers,

William Reed, C. E. Mabb, E. O. Schoeneweiss, and E. Feldman. Fifth Row: F. Schmid, Otto Owens, C. V. Nord, W. L. Koch, J. A. VanHemelen, H. E. Slingerland, C. Davisson, H. E. Harvick, C. E. Picker, P. M. Hartnett, R. M. Fields, W. F. Strayhorn, W. H. Anderson, S. R. Rice, J. A. Spanholtz, George Caudle, J. G. Riggs, M. D. Patterson, H. C.

Vincent. Back Row: R. U. Kennedy, B. H. Williams, Edward Whalen, William Linder, J. E. McMichael, W. L. Schnert, E. F. Baker, J. H. Miller, O. L. Wilholt, E. L. Hopper, J. J. Grossheim, W. F. Strayhorn, H. C. Reding, O. W. Kirkpatrick, S. W. Anderson, C. Dilling, W. H. Luman, Curtis Summers, M. J. Jenkins, and C. W. Vogel.



THIS VIEW OF THE BARBECUE crowd, taken from the pavillion roof, gives an indication of the size of the crowd. Service Club members in the picture are, "lining up for chow." Men in the foreground include Paul Hofmeier, left, and Chuck Andrews, far right.



THE BASKETBALL THROW was one of the more popular activities of the day. Cigars were presented to employees hitting three baskets-in-a-row.



SKEET SHOOTING—Lining up to test their skill on the skeet-shooting range, Service Club members peppered the clay birds all day. The shoot is always well-attended, and this year was no exception. Handling this popular booth were Dale Brueggemann and Dick Schulke.

Now, Miss Gann!

The boss called the new stenographer into his office. "Miss Gann," he said, "you are the best looking girl we ever had working in this office."

A pleased look came into the girl's eyes.

"You dress well," the boss continued, "you have a nice voice, you make a good impression on the public, and your deportment is of the highest."

"Oh, thank you," she said, "your compliments are very pleasing."

"Enjoy them to the fullest," returned the boss, "because now we are going to discuss your spelling, punctuation, and typing."

First Mosquito: "What are you so happy about?"

Second Mosquito: "I just passed my screen test."



DINNER IS SERVED! Delicious barbecue is passed across the counter as the chow line shows little sign of subsiding.

'Blind Bogey'**Cuddy Takes First Place In Golf Meet**

It was a big golfing month for Instrument Man Jerry Cuddy, who not only enjoyed his first hole-in-one, but copped the Instrument Department's Blind Bogey tournament June 30 at Staunton Country Club. Cuddy shot a scratch score of 89 for the 18 holes, and picked a bogey number of 73, which combined with his 16 handicap for a perfect 89 total.



In a blind bogey tourney, each entrant has two chances to win—his first is to guess the exact score he thinks he will shoot in the tourney, and his second when he draws his "bogey" number from a hat. In Cuddy's case, he hit the ball on the nose, hitting 89 scratch and drawing number 73 from the hat. Jerry's handicap being 16, his corrected score registered exactly 73.

Gus Fultz, hitting 86 scratch, and Joe Nagy, who had 85, took second and third places respectively.

Final Stands:

Name	Scratch Score	Handicap	Bogey Score
Fultz	86	10	76
A. Patton	86	5	81*(out)
D. Patton	84	5	79
Nagy	85	8	77
Dolan	88	10	78
Rice	98	16	82*(out)
Fisher	102	22	80
Cuddy	89	16	73
Rhodes	104	25	79
Dowthitt	113	25	88*(out)
Tassan	116	55	61*(out)
Adams	114	45	69*(out)
Bartles	139	78	61*(out)
Brodeur	142	45	99*(out)
Tauclet	135	70	65*(out)

*Bogey number between 70 and 80.



COOL RELAXATION by the pool was enjoyed by this bevy of stenos, and, the gentleman chaperone on the far right. Left to right are Joan Thomas, Bev McNear, Debbie and Norma Yowell, Sharlene Coontz, Fay Prosser, Kitty Kopuster, Francine Womack, Dean Loeh, and her husband Herb.

Main Office Picnic Attended by Over 175 Shell People

Saturday, June 30 was a big day for approximately 175 people who attended the Main Office picnic this year. The group included employees of the Main Office as well as several in-plant Treasury people.

Held at Higland's Lindendale Park, the picnic once again featured fried chicken—140 pounds of it! The chicken was deep-fried by Jean Day and Delores Moehle. The pot-luck luncheon also included baked beans, potato salad, and the usual picnic pleasantries.

The large group enjoyed swimming, softball, and various other activities. Additional activity was provided the youngsters.

Mrs. Connie Devereux won the day's attendance prize—a "Big Boy" charcoal broiler.

CORRECTION

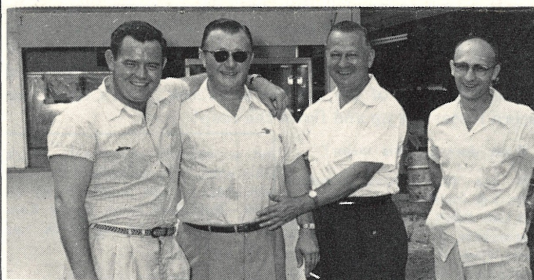
Last month, the SHELL REVIEW published a picture of Cecil Blankenship and his family seated in a 1916 Buick.

Blankenship was incorrectly identified as Harry Hockinghommer.

Other people in the picture—relatives of Blankenship's—were identified correctly.



DELICIOUS FRIED CHICKEN was enjoyed by the large group. Prepared by the trio above, the chicken averaged almost a pound per person. That is, 140 pounds for 175 people. Left to right Jean Day, Dave Yates, general chairman, and Delores Moehle.



DRUMMERS FOR THE DAY—This quartet seemed to be having a whale of a time. Left to right are Gene Frazier, Jerry Stroud, Bill Volma, and Darrell Shaffer. Gene's and Jerry's wives are Shell employees, while Bill and Darrell are Shell men.

Fishing Contest**Doerr Says 'Rule Seven' Is Important**

Al Doerr, chairman of the SRA Fishing Contest, this month explained further the interpretation of Rule Seven of the regulations governing the contest.

Rule Seven pertains to the time limit on the entries and states:

"Fish must be weighed within three hours after being caught in a lake, stream, or river open to the public within the surrounding area."

According to Doerr, the three hour time element is interpreted to mean within a 150-mile radius of the plant. The public stream, lake, or river, open to the public eliminates semi-public or private lakes or streams. The judges of the contest consider private lakes as those being owned by one person only, and one which is not open to anyone other than the owner or his family.



A mountaineer, on his first visit to a town of any size, came to the city with his son. He was fascinated by the asphalt streets. Scraping his feet on the hard surface, he remarked to the boy, "Well, I can't blame 'em for building a town here. The ground's too turned hard to plow anyhow."

July Service Anniversaries**15 Years**

E. C. Atteberry
Boiler maker

P. C. Balotti
Compounding

F. A. Bryant
Cracking

L. E. Cummings
Automotive

R. H. Dourson
Catalytic Cracking

W. J. Going
Boiler maker

C. W. Grosenheider
Machinist

J. A. Jackson
Cracking

C. A. Little
Labor

R. A. Mormino, Jr.
Automotive



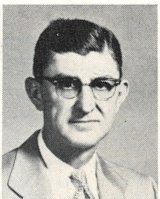
25 Years
J. H. Anderson
Boiler maker



25 Years
J. B. Gerard
Cracking



20 Years
C. F. Gunter, Jr.
Pipe



25 Years
Gerald Hedges
Cracking



20 Years
C. O. Schlieper
Carpenter



Retired
D. W. Carroll
Electrical



Retired
G. K. Friemann
Compounding



Retired
W. C. McPheron
Utilities



Retired
M. L. Schlechte
Labor



Retired
H. N. Starkey
Machinist



Retired
J. E. Taubee
Dispatching

15 Years

H. J. Rosenthal
Labor

D. F. Schaffer
Utilities

Lotsi Smorado
Boiler maker

G. I. Snider
Automotive

C. F. Zimpel
Research

10 Years

D. A. Ferch
Pipe

P. J. Hennekes
Engineering

James Phillips
Tinner

A. E. Pritchard
Utilities

Shell Golfers Shoot Three Holes-In-One!

Purdy, Miller And Cuddy Card Aces

Three Shell golfers enjoyed that once-in-a-lifetime thrill this month when they dropped in holes-in-one within an eight-day period on Alton golf courses. Lou Purdy and Herb Miller, both Alkylation operators, sunk their aces on Number Seven hole at Rock Springs Club, and Instrument man Jerry Cuddy got his on Number Four at Clover Leaf.

In a sport where holes-in-one are considered as rare as a "300" game in bowling, the three in a week accomplishments marked the biggest golfing news here since Charley Barnett sunk two aces in the summer of 1953.

Nagy Gets Assist

Instrument foreman Joe Nagy, himself an avid golfer, has to be given an assist on two of the aces. Nagy was in a foursome with both Purdy and Cuddy when they made their great shots. Purdy's came in an industrial league match on the 110-yard seventh hole at Rock Springs on June 27. Eight night's later, on July 5, Cuddy sank his thriller on Number Four at Clover Leaf in a plant league contest. Nagy was once again the partner as Cuddy aced the 133-yard, par 3 hole in a foursome that included Dick Bosse and golf secretary Bill Loomis.

Miller's shot, like Purdy's, came on the seventh hole at Rock Springs. Herb used a number eight iron to drop the ball in the cup. He was playing a practice round with Ron Housel, Bud Keil, and Carl Dooley.

First For All

Each of the men said it was their first hole-in-one, and in Cuddy's case, it helped him to his best round of the year, a 39. With Jerry carrying a 14 handicap at the time, it helped the Instrument boys to shelack the Tech team.

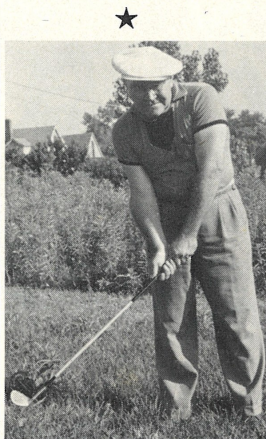
And of course, all of the boys agreed that this was their biggest golfing thrill!

Horseshoe Pitchers Win Ten-Man Team Match From Alton Owl's Club

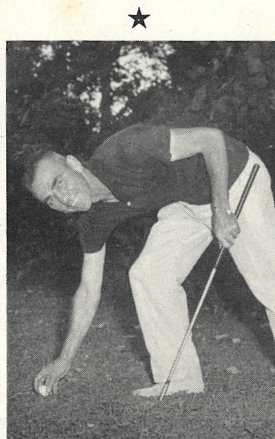
A 10-man team of Shell horseshoe pitchers defeated the Alton Owl's Club throwers July 15 on the Owl's pits. Paced by Virgil Bunze and Ray Schindewolf, the Shell boys took first in their initial match of the season.

High-point of the match was a 30-0 shelacking handed one of the Owl's two-man teams by Bunze and Shindy. Johnnie McConnell and Jim Thompson of Engineering Inspection also played well as each of the 5 two-man teams competed in three 30-point matches.

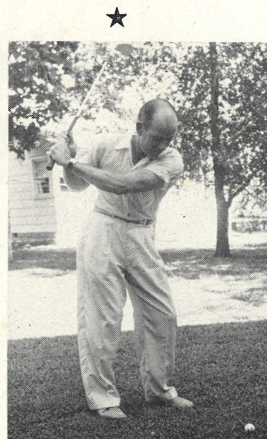
Other men competing in the match were Jess Grover, Everett Liley, Ray Robinson, Joe Schilling, Dale Schneider, and Ralph Bryon. Walt Stark and Maurice Greasbaum served as alternates.



Jerry Cuddy



Herb Miller



Lou Purdy

SPORTS

Search for Culprit Continues Call in Sherlock! Plant League Scorebook Missing

If a trek to Kendall Hill these days reveals Plant Softball League umpires wearing Sherlock Holmes' caps and sporting their best briers, it isn't the result of British TV movies. It's merely because the umps are trying to solve the baffling case of the missing scorebook. That's right, the record roster has up and flown the coop!

What does all this mean?

It has far-reaching complications. For instance, maybe the Control Lab didn't down the damaging Dispatchers, 4-2, on July 2 for the losers first defeat of the summer. And maybe Dispatching didn't nip the Gas Plant, 10-8, in a close one this month. And it could mean . . . why, it could be that nary a game has been played at Kendall Hill this summer. . .

Naturally, the games have been played, and the players are pretty sure which games have been won and lost . . . But can they prove it?

Nope . . . not without a scorebook.

Luther Felton, one of the umpires—sorry detectives—investigating the case, told this sordid story of the missing black book: It all started on the night of July 9 when Felton and Patrolman Cal Herzog sneaked in to umpire a game. The first man up blasted a line shot to right . . . but did he? No scorebook was available in which to record the sizzling liner.

Phone calls to Inspector Joe Hmurovich and Captain Virdon LaMarsh didn't shed any light on the darkened subject, but led only to more confusion. And, we hear tell, the scorebook still hasn't been located.

The four investigators, who have this past season often been referred to as "blind mice", are still completely confused. One of the unholy four is aid to have received

an anonymous phone call, which said only, "Oh, somewhere the boys are happy, and laughing at no cost—But there is no joy at Kendall Hill, for the scorebook has been lost."

AMEN

A young man who had just received his degree from college rushed out and said, "Here I am, World; I have my A. B."

And the World replied: "Sit down, son, and I'll teach you the rest of the alphabet."

Second Round Of SRA Fish Contest Nears Conclusion

With only a few days remaining in the second of three rounds in the SRA Fishing Contest, competition still looms hot and heavy, with the exception of the Crappie division, where entries have been light.

The July weather is usually bad for Crappie, but Blue Gill and Bass have maintained their heavy play.

Sandbach Leads Bass

Orville Sandbach of the Dispatching Department leads the Bass Bass parade with an entry of 3 pounds, 2¼ ounces. In second place is W. J. Brodley, Control Laboratory, with a catch weighing 2 pounds, 5¼ ounces. C. D. Bunting is in third with a catch of 1 pound, 14 ounces.

The only entry in the Crappie division to date is a 1 pound, 1 ounce catch by C. D. Bunting, Fire and Safety department.

Blue Gill Close

The Blue Gill division is really competitive with a tie for third place. E. M. Hughes leads the division with an entry of 11½ ounces. He is followed by L. Gridler, with an entry of 11 ounces. M. A. Sullivan is in a third place tie with Mack Elliott, each of whom have catches weighing 10 ounces.

Five Teams Still in Race In Plant Golf

It's anybody's guess in the Plant Golf League as action rolls into its final two weeks. With only two matches remaining for each team, it looks as if four or even five teams still have a chance of taking first place, with the best at the moment being Engineering, Distilling, Research One, the Instrument Shop, and Alkylation.

Engineering retained their lead this month by a thin margin, having scored an average of 26.4 points-per-match to 26.3 for Distilling. As if that weren't close enough, behind the leaders are Research One with an average of 25.7, and the Instrument Shop with 25.6. Alkylation isn't far out with 25.3 per match.

In the final two weeks of the season, Alkylation seems to have the break in the schedule. They meet the 11th and 13th place teams in the Lube Department and Dispatching, while the other teams will be busy knocking off each other. Engineering faces Distilling and the Tech Department, while Research One has Engineering Inspection and Light Oil. Distilling meets the Instrument Shop in addition to the Engineering Department.

The Standings		
Team	Points	Points per Match
1. Engineering	508	26.4
2. Distilling	579	26.3
3. Research One	565	25.7
4. Instrument	562	25.6
5. Alkylation	557	25.3
6. Eng. Inspection	506	23
7. P. & I. R.	474	22.6
8. Research Two	469	22.3
9. Main Office	482	21.9
10. Tech Dept.	479	21.8
11. Lube	451	20.5
12. Plant Tech	446	20.3
13. Dispatching	434	19.7
14. Light Oil	408	18.5

Other entries not heavy enough for first, second, or third places were made by the following: E. M. Hughes, Bill Frizzell, Freeland Peterson, Walter Blind, Charles Schoenewis, George Ranek, and John Stassi.

Active 'Old Timers'



SHELL'S INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE "Has Beens", "Not-So-Good," or "Oldtimers", whichever you please, have been moving along steadily this summer en route to another successful season. As of July 21, the boys had won 8 games while losing 2. Left to right are, front row: Stringer, Vineyard, Cherry, Briskey, Yanter, Portwood, and Pile. Back Row: Lengacher, Green, Burmeister, Schipkowski, Walters, Kitson, Granger, and Weaver.