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## THE SHELL CHORAL CLUB GOES TO CHICAGO

The Shell Choral Club is going to Chicago to sing before an audience of more than a hundred-thousand people at Soldier's Field. The singers are going to become a part of the Madison County Chorus which will in turn become a part of the State Chorus. The State Chorus will be composed of about five hundred men and women from all over the state. This group is going to sing an hour program at the State Fair in Springfield on Friday evening, August 16th and entrain that same night for Chicago where it will appear at the Chicagoland Music Festival Saturday evening the 17th.

The Chicagoland Music Festival is a national music event that attracts singers and instrumentalists from all over the country. These soloists and groups compete at earlier dates for the privilege of appearing at Soldier's Field in final contests that have launched many upon successful careers in music. While the State Chorus has appeared at this Music Festival before, this is the first time since 1941 that it has been able to do so. The members of the Shell Choral are fortunate in being able to go to America's second largest city and take part in this truly important event.

The Choral club members will hear and see such music greats as John Charles Thomas, baritone, and Helen Traubel, dramatic soprano. They will witness the meeting of the winners of the Chicago preliminaries and the finalists of a similar Festival from Philadelphia. The winners of these finals have always gone on in (Continued on page 2)

## Jimmie Doolittle Visits Our Refinery



Lt. General James Doolittle and A. J. Galloway at the airport in Houston just before the record flight was made from Houston to Chicago.

Famed Flyer makes inspection tour through refinery and examines "Cat" Crackers dedicated by him over the radio on April 30, 1944.

Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, Vice-President and Director of Shell Union Oil Corporation, visited the refinery on July 17 and made a tour through the entire plant. In his trip through the plant he inspected the twin Cat Crackers which he helped to dedicate (by radio) on April 30, 1944, and examined the dedication marker north of the Cat Crackers where the time capsule was buried.

On his return to civilian life, the famed Tokyo raider took over the coordination of the aviation interests of Shell as Vice-President and Director of Shell Union Oil Corporation.

On June 18, 1946, he inaugurated a first flight for the Chicago and Southern Air Lines by breaking the speed record between Houston and Chicago. He winged his way in a new giant DC-4, the commercial air lines' version of the Army's C-54, from the Gulf Coast in Texas to Windy City in exactly three hours, thirty-seven minutes and fifty seconds, shattering all previous commercial air lines records. The above photograph of Jimmie Doolittle and A. J. Galloway, Vice-President of Shell Oil Co., was taken at the Houston, Texas, airport just before the record flight from Houston to Chicago.

It was unfortunate that General Doolittle's schedule was so full he could not speak or spend more time during his visit to the plant. He hopes, however, to be able to return in the near future for a more leisurely visit.

## HOUSING SITUATION BECOMES ACUTE

With a number of new employees, returning service men, and older employees needing adequate living quarters, the housing situation for Shell workers has become more serious than ever.

To combat this increasing need, the Industrial Relations Department is intensifying their efforts to locate suitable housing for Shell families. For this purpose Mr. Walter E. Heinz has been assigned to assist in every possible way in securing places for Shell men and women.

It is hoped to uncover housing opportunities by some of the following methods:

1. Prompt reporting of leads or rumors of vacancies which employees may hear of in their own neighborhoods.
2. Contacting landlords by mail whether or not they have vacancies at the present time.

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## PHYSICAL CHECK-UP PROGRAM STARTED

During the month of July a physical check-up program for Shell employees was begun at our Emergency Hospital by Dr. T. J. Kelly. With the thought in mind that periodic examinations are definite safeguards to health, a plan was instituted whereby each employee can obtain a free check-up every three years.

Over 300 employees have already taken advantage of this service and it is hoped that everyone wishing to be examined may be taken care of soon. Supervisors in each department co-operating with the Industrial Relations department are working out schedules to assign a definite time to each person to report for his examination. A report will be made to the employee of any abnormal findings, and if corrective treatment is advised, the employee may then seek the advice of his personal physician.

## NO PLANT PICNIC THIS YEAR

The Shell Service Club officers recently announced that it was their intention to resume the Annual Shell Picnic this year, after having suspended it during the last three years due to the war. However, after receiving a report from the Picnic Committee, it was deemed advisable not to hold a Plant Picnic this year. The shortage of food items and other difficulties that would be encountered, would prevent the holding of a really good picnic.

The Service Club hopes that conditions next year will be such as to permit the resumption of these annual picnics on a large scale.

Employees may be assured that it is not intended to cause any one to lose employment with Shell because of defects found during these physical check-ups.



**SHELL DANCE**  
THE SHELL ATHLETIC CLUB  
**Friday, August 16th**  
8:30 to 12:00  
BETHALTO OPEN AIR  
PAVILLION  
MUSIC BY  
JOE LADD AND HIS  
ORCHESTRA

Tickets—50 cents per person (in advance). Admission at Dance—60 cents per person.

Tickets available at Industrial Relations Office or from Shell Athletic Club Officers.

All Employees and Their Friends Invited.



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## The Shell Choral Club Goes to Chicago

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winning for themselves a place in American music, thus music history is in the making.

The contingent from Madison County is the largest from any one county in the state, and of the forty-eight registered members from there, twenty-two are from the Shell Choral Club. George L. Hayes, who directs the Shell group, has acted ably as assistant director of the County Chorus and has added to its interpretation of the songs being used.

The refinery management is co-operating with the Choral Club by excusing from work Friday afternoon those members who are making the trip to Springfield and Chicago. This was done so that the singers could get to Springfield in time to practice under the state director. Those making the trip include: M. E. Schramm, E. C. Larson, L. G. Neese, G. H. Von Fuchs, Ray A. Randels, E. B. Wiley, M. H. Juneau, Mary Behm, Lelia Thornburgh, Mildred Meyer, Eileen Gallatin, Lois Schoenbaum, Adel Nifong, G. L. Hayes, Delbert Smith, A. P. Texada, Alma Johnson, Betty Lou Cox, Emma Diefendorf, June McKean and Veneta Miller.

## Housing Situation Becomes Acute

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3. Running an ad in the Alton Telegraph asking to be notified of vacancies.

We are interested primarily in houses and apartments, furnished or unfurnished, for rent to families, especially families with children. Housing of this type, is of course, the hardest to find. We are also, however, listing houses for sale and sleeping rooms for rent. All information received will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Main Gate.

If you know of any housing opportunity, please report it to the Industrial Relations Department or call Mr. Heinz on 342. If you wish to have your name on the list of people needing housing or if we can help you in any way, come in and talk over your problem.

Sign in laundry: "We do not tear your laundry with machinery—we do it carefully by hand."

## Shell Club to Sponsor Boat Excursion September 19

The Shell Club has announced that they are sponsoring a moonlight boat excursion September 19 on that palatial excursion boat, the Steamer Admiral.

The last Shell excursion on this boat sponsored by the Shell Athletic Club on July 3 proved to be their outstanding social event of the year. So mark this date-September 19-on your calendar and watch the plant bulletin boards for further announcements.

## Experimental Laboratory

By JOHN SHERAKA

After so many years of existence, it doesn't seem that an introduction would be necessary, but it appears that the only division acquainted with us is the labor department. Thanks to their softball team. They have a pretty good outfit, too.

It would be quite an ordeal to acquaint you with the biography of each individual, but eventually you may hear the bitter truth.

All of our men who drew their checks from Uncle Sam are back on the job. These include Slocumb, Laatsch, Thompson, Powell, and Barnett. Kelehan also returned, but resigned to take advantage of the G.I. education plan. Everyone is glad to see them back, and wish them the best of luck.

I thought Powell would be hardened by that rugged army life, but he still refuses to try another scoop of Copenhagen.

Our golfing luminary, Brown, since having an addition to his family, has taken up the wet art of laundering. It is queer though, that wash day should always fall on the days we play ball. It may be that the better half is also an expert at wielding those clubs.

"Curly" Tuetkin and "Glossy Top" Oman are running a neck and neck race to see who clings to that last hair. Since Baird talked G. T. into using a witch's brew concocted by some Edwardsville pharomacist, Tuetkin really has been giving G. T.'s agate some tall glances.

Calling M-O-O-N - M-O-O-N. Barnett calling M-O-O-N. If anyone has a message to the old man, see our radar specialist.

McAllister says those bigwigs in Washington are crazy. They kill the OPA and bury it. Then dig up the skeleton to haunt us.

## Shell Pension Information Quiz

**Question:** Why were the average earnings of the last five years of service used as a basis to determine the amount of pension an employee is to receive upon retirement?

**Answer:** Use of a shorter period, 1 year for instance, would increase the risk that possible temporary reductions in the employees earnings because of lay-offs, economic changes and the like, would unduly reduce the amount of the pension. On the other hand use of a longer period, for example 10 years, would tend to reduce the amount of pension, as longer periods frequently include service prior to the employee's final promotion or before wage increases for other reasons.

The last five years seem to insure the highest possible pension for the majority of cases because at that stage most employees are at the peak of their earning power.

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**Question:** The Shell Pension Plan is no doubt a very liberal plan to help employees when they reach retirement age. Why, however, is an employee who starts to work for Shell at the age of 21 and works until he is

60, considered on the same basis as the employee who starts at the age of 40 and works until 60?

**Answer:** Shell's Pension Plan is non-contributory as far as the employee is concerned, and is intended to provide some measure of income for as many employees reaching retirement age as possible. When the plan was established, it was felt that all employees who had spent a major portion of their years of employment with the Company (at least 15) should be granted a pension when they reach retirement age (60). To design a plan which would provide this, it was necessary to set an upper limit of 20 years service for pension purposes. To have considered years of service beyond 20 years and at the same time provide pensions for as few as 15 years of service at a retirement age would have made the pension plan entirely too expensive. Shell's plan allows retirement 5 years before almost every other plan in industry, as well as that of the Federal government. And let us not overlook the Provident Fund into which the Company pays money each month to match the employee's contribution. Thus, when this fact is considered, length of service is reflected in the total amount of the Company's contribution.

## Central Shops Offices

By N. F. BAST

Free advice was justly ignored by one of our boys—yes, we have had the rumor substantiated—Tony Sitko of Staunton has taken unto himself a young lady from Chicago, Miss Amelia Szarzec, for his wife. The grand finale of this beautiful courtship was solemnized on July 20 at St. Hycinth's Church in Chicago. The young love birds have settled down to roost in Staunton. May we take this space to wish them a very happy wedded life. (A picture of the bridegroom at work appears below—we all know he enjoyed clearing off his desk.) Thanks for the cigars, Tony.



Flash—flash—put this down in your notebook on page one. "His Honor," our Sr. Construction Engineer, has come to the final step of his bachelor domain. We take great pleasure in being able to bring you, the readers of our little refinery paper, this atomic flash. Mark Leon Lambert has promised to love, honor and cherish our Manager's Secretary, Miss Edith Kratschmer, sometime in Sept. May we one and all wish you a happy and blessed married life. (It seems some of the boys will pay off now that Mark has finally convinced them that he wasn't married—start collecting, Mark.)

The Engineering Field Department (one and all) wish to express their

sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Meehan on their late bereavement.

Our picture on personnel has changed color since our last issue. Kline B. Grigsby, Asst. Chief Engineer, has moved his desk and chair from the Central Shops Office to the Main Office to assume similar duties. Gayden Derickson, formerly seated in our Master Mechanic's chair, has stepped across the aisle to assume the duties previously held by Mr. Grigsby, that of Asst. Chief Engineer, and Robert K. MacIntyre from Industrial Engineer's job to that of Master Mechanic. Supplemented to our staff of Industrial Engineers is the addition of W. (Bill) Coyne and W. G. (Dusty) Rhodes. We take great pleasure in congratulating all of you on your new jobs, and wish you the best of success in your undertakings.

No stories coming in from the boys on vacation, we wonder if the fish are biting or not—let's hear from some of the fishermen—and squirrel hunters too—are they barking yet?

We wish to express our sympathy to C. J. Wenger on the death of his mother.

## Retired on Disability Pension

Lawrence E. Betts, Main Office Clerk, was granted a Disability Pension on June 1, after completing over 20 years of service.

Betts is 40 years of age and spent the greater portion of his 20 years in the Topping Department. On January 2, 1945, following a long period of absence due to illness, he was transferred to the Main Office on a job requiring less physical exertion. In January, 1946, he went on sick leave again, and due to his physical condition he applied for a Disability Pension which was granted by the Shell Pension Trust on June 1st.





# Engineering Department Holds First Picnic Since 1942



On June 22, the Engineering Department held their first picnic since 1942. This was an annual event before the war. In the pictures, taken at the picnic, top left shows Bill Hope entertaining the children with his feats of magic. Center photo at top was taken during the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, in which Dave Patton and Carl Davidson were the winners. The picture at top right was snapped during the Rolling-Pin Throwing contest. Lower left; children enjoying a Pony ride. Lower photo in center was taken during tense moment in a card game. The lower photo at right is the children's sack race.

## Vacuum Plant News

By BOB FULTON

Harold Proffer, a former vacuum plant operator, writes us that he is selling shoes for a manufacturer out California way and doesn't miss shift work even a little bit. He sends a greeting to all his friends here in the plant.

The residents of Wanda are still talking about a couple of cross country marathon runners who passed through their little hamlet several days ago at a very high rate of speed. An investigation of the matter disclosed the runners were none other than Harold Smithson and Mac McGow. Seems that they didn't like the atmosphere around the Asphalt plant and desired to put as much space as possible between them and their discomfort.

Dammon wears pink silk scanties under his overalls! How come?

Franslau has Groppe very enthused about a new shotgun sight that does every thing but retrieve the dead birds. Don't let the boys kid you Groppe.

Laumbattus is announcing his engagement to a lovely Red Head from "Down Home" Congrat's Lum.

Dan Ayres, our softball team manager, suffered a dislocated finger at the game the other night. The boys didn't help matters much by trying to set the wrong finger. My what strong language!

Does anyone know why Becker is called "Baby shoes Becker"? We are all very curious.

Bob Arbuckle is vacationing "back home in Indiana". John Hubbard couldn't resist Mellors salesman-ship on the great state of California so he is seeing for himself. Eichen is spending his furlough in Yellow stone.

Dammon shaves every day now since the waitress at the cafeteria got tired of looking at his red whiskers and handed him two razor blades.

We are afraid the housing shortage

## Inspection Lab Gab

By M. C. JORDAN

Well, vacations are in full sway now, and from what I hear from the returning vacationists, the first post-war furloughs have been very enjoyable. Most of the older fellows (seniority that is) now receive three weeks, in which to visit remote parts of our land of beautiful scenery. Three weeks seems like a long time, but I guess most of the boys still remember their badge numbers, upon their return to duty.

Who says hello to everyone, three or four times each day, upon his arrival in the lab.

Who keeps the St. Louis Browns in the American League pennant race (27 games out) by his superb pool-room managing.

Who liked his sojourn in Uncle Sam's Army better than anyone who ever wore the popular colors of our victorious forces. (No hints to this one, but his name is synonymous with twelve dozen.)

Another of our inspection Lab. employees has joined the ranks of the "Two can live as cheaply as one," Club. Congratulations, Lamkin.

Wenkle had everyone looking up in the air the other day but we found out later he was just talking to Earl Wise.

I guess we'll have to be prepared, during the next three weeks, for a greater shortage of beer. Bennes will be on his vacation during this period.

will be over before Groppe gets his trailer finished. Some of the fellows report that it resembles a hay frame right now.

John De Cota can still talk his son into cutting the grass and doing the odd jobs while he sneaks off and goes fishing.

Every time Vozak and Schneider get together I have the awful feeling that I'm back in Italy again. Those boys can really murder the Italian language.

## SAM MOREHEAD RETIRES



Gathered around Sam Morehead (in white shirt, standing in center holding hat), are fellow Car Department employees on the occasion of Sam's retirement on July 1, after some 22 years service at the Wood River Refinery.

He was presented with a pocketbook stuffed with folding money which Sam claims always comes in handy. Then too, he will have his regular Shell Pension check to fall back on.

Sam is 66 years old and is remarkably active for a person of that age. He is looking around for a small piece of ground and a couple of mules, intending to do a little farming. Incidentally, Sam drove a team when he first hired in on March 1, 1924 and while he believes that the automobile is here to stay, he nevertheless has a hankering to spend some of his time "mueling" around.

## The Anti-Knocker

By ROBERT ECKMAN

Our regular news reporter, D. W. McLean, is on vacation in Yellowstone, so if this column is not up to par you can blame me.

Now that the Lab. picnic is over it's not hard to tell who did and who didn't attend judging from the looks on their faces. Didn't anybody win in the Anti-Knock?

At least two fellows didn't submit to those galloping dominoes—they went out and played golf in the rain. Have you ever seen a chicken after it has been out in a heavy downpour? That's the way they looked.

Quite a few of our fellows are patiently waiting for that next year's vacation-Reudin, Welch, Gregor, McNeilly, Eckman, Snajdr, Ring-

ering. Before the season is over our bunch will have very nearly covered all of the U. S. and any road or travel information will be gladly given.

Here is one for you to shoot at. Pete St. Cin, the galloping Machinist, sends us a card from Canada saying his new Nash is getting better than 24 miles per gallon. Same old Pete. This ought to revive some lengthy discussion over the lunch pail.

Remember, fellows, while on that vacation, they still are driving those wrecks like wild men from Tennessee, so drive safely even if Junior is a first aid expert, don't give him a chance to use it.

This humble reporter having promoted sufficient arguments to last until McLean gets back will now recede into his shell.



## 25 YEARS SERVICE



Adrian Y. Kistner, chief inspector in the Control Laboratory, completes twenty-five years of service with Shell this month.

## Research Brainstorms

By T. G. TIMBERLAKE

For the second time this season the Research golfers tangled and the Test Tube Section evened the series at one match each by walloping the Engine Section 21-9 on Alton's Muny Golf course three weeks ago. "Lardie" Kimmel of the Chemist combine shot an 89 for the eighteen hole course to annex the low medal prize. Lou Holtman of the Engine Section, playing his first game of golf, won the high medal honors with a 148 score.

In the Blind Bogey department "Lardie" Kimmel and George Hayes walked away with top honors. Other prize winners included "Hank" Hendricks and Elmer Larson scoring victories in the Most 4's and 5's departments respectively. Another match is planned in the near future to snap the deadlock.

During the past month three new researchers have been added to the fold. Dr. Norman Kendall of the Thornton Laboratories in England has started a two year stay to study the research and experimental methods of the Wood River Laboratory. Robert Tuell, recently discharged from the commissioned ranks of the Navy, has joined the fuel research group. John Ronan of the Martinez Laboratory has joined the staff in the lube oil department.

Miss June Swift, a recent addition to the Steno Section, and Kenneth Bowers took the sacred vow on July 19th at the Grace M. E. Church in Alton. Another recent marriage took place in Alhambra in the Salem Church when Miss Betty Barnes, Laboratory Assistant, and Alfred Volz, also of Alhambra, exchanged the ancient "I Do" vow on June 16th. A reception and dance followed the wedding at Grantfork.

The familiar faces of Benno Von Mayrhauser and Frank Paley are missing from the engine section. Benno has resigned to take on a private business and Frank has chosen a new field in the chemical industry.

## 20 YEAR SERVICE BIRTHDAYS



Left to right: P. J. Bennes, Control Laboratory; P. Mikulin, Engineering Field; J. E. Johns, Engineering Field; J. E. Snyder, Engineering Field; A. C. Krueger, Engineering Field; A. Y. McCoy, Control Laboratory; R. J. Gilworth, Cracking; W. H. Walker, Engineering Field; H. O. Smithson, Lube Vacuum.

## Changes in Refinery Personnel

During the month of July several changes in refinery personnel have taken place as shown below:

The Gas Department now has two Assistant Managers: F. J. Rathjen, supervising the Toluene section and E. A. Ballman, the Absorption and Stabilization Area. In the Alkylation Department, E. R. Harris is the Operating Assistant.

In the Engineering Department, Kline B. Grigsby has been reclassified as Assistant Chief Engineer (Office and Design) and has assumed responsibility for all office engineering. Gayden Derickson, former Master Mechanic, is in charge of field and is classified as Assistant Chief Engineer, (Maintenance.) R. K. MacIntyre, former Industrial Engineer, succeeded Mr. Derickson as Master Mechanic.

In the Engineering Office Supervision, W. J. Katt, formerly Assistant Master Mechanic, has been transferred to the Main Office and has assumed the position of Project Engineer. J. C. Poelzl, formerly Engineer (Mechanical), has been promoted to the position of Project Engineer.

The Cracking and Gas Department (including Alkylation) has been combined under S. J. Meisenburg who will have the title of Assistant Superintendent—Gas and Cracking. Mr. J. B. Wyman, being relieved of all operating responsibility for work on special problems in connection with modernization of the refinery, has assumed the title of Assistant Superintendent—General.

## Stores Department

By HERB RINK

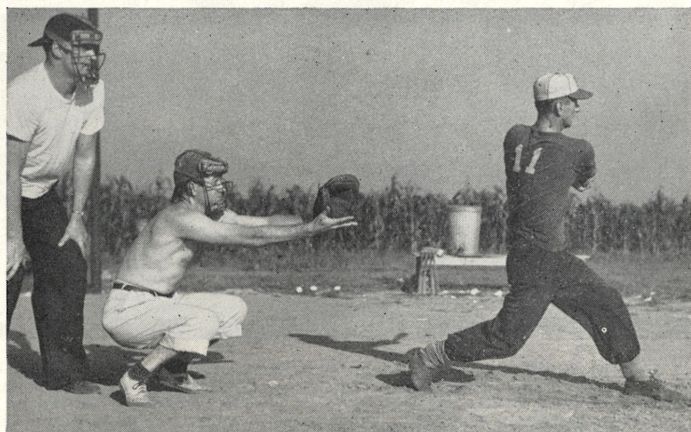
Art Lemon, Carl Reynolds, "Rastus" Engle, and Roscoe Hoover have been or still are on the "sick list". Rastus has just returned from a short siege. Carl has been ill for some time but is now "up and around" and hopes to be back on the job in the near future. Roscoe is expected back before this issue "goes to press." Art is quite sick and we have no definite reports as to when he will be back.

Eleanora "Fena" Polka and Herman Niemann are enjoying their vacations (unless Herman's wife puts him to work).

"Skeeter" Nisinger was proudly passing around cigars a couple of weeks ago. The occasion was the addition of a seven pound boy to his family. Congratulations!

You have probably heard of the steeple-jack who spent years at his trade without an accident and then broke his neck falling off the front porch while rocking himself. We can tie that one! We have a lad who hails from a part of the country where buzz saws are a household appliance (almost) and who has likewise escaped the terror of those whirling teeth (a la Pearl White).

## PLANT SOFT BALL TEAMS IN ACTION



Laborers and Engineering Inspection game. Ben Butkovich of the Laborers team, batting; catcher Harry Lewis, Engineering Inspection, umpire, Dave Grieve.



Main Office and Cracking game. Louie Eisen, Main Office scoring; Harold Schenk, Cracking, catcher; Virden LaMarsh, umpire. Guy Wombles, Main Office, in background.

The other day, however, he inadvertently (?) got a couple of fingers caught in one of them there modern gadgets. (Electric fan to you) You're turning out to be pretty good copy, Lee.

The regular weekly meetings of warehousemen and supervisors are being supplemented by sound motion pictures of industrial plants and materials, particularly piping, valves, and fittings. These pictures have been well received and should be of value in further familiarizing everyone with some of the materials handled. We are indebted to some of our suppliers for their cooperation in lending us films.

The results obtained from the use of our new Portable Store Room, described in a recent issue, have been so favorable that a second one has been approved. It is hoped to have it in service in the next two or three months.

In order to increase the efficiency of our Quick Delivery, our Quick

Delivery Telephone System has been remodeled and enlarged to include four telephone numbers and 2 telephone instruments. Orders may be called in on any of the four numbers and handled on either of the two telephones. In this way all orders for material, both from the Warehouse and Material Yard, are handled over the Quick Delivery Desk.

## OPPORTUNITIES

For Sale—Lots 19 & 20 on W. 2nd St., Roxana. O. Wilkerson, 500 Maple, Roxana. Phone 4-8417.

For Sale—Prewar Innerspring Mattress, only used 4 or 5 months, \$25.00. James C. Pointer, Lube Lab.

For Rent—1 Sleeping Room. Mrs. Swan, 423 Ferguson Ave., Wood River. Phone 4-4648.

Wanted—Rider or Ride from Upper Alton. 8 to 4:45 P. M. Shift. Duchemin, Plant phone 390.

For Sale—Two used tires—6:00 x 16—fair condition. Phone 4-5549.



## THE SPORTING FIELD

### SOFTBALL

The Shell Softball Team of the Not-So-Good League in Alton has won the first half by defeating Western in a play-off 4 to 3. This team, sponsored by the Shell Athletic Club and managed by Bill Nicolet, are out to repeat in the second half being in second place with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss.

In the Industrial League, the Shell entry is not faring so well. The team finished the first round winning 3 and losing 4; but there is nothing wrong that a few breaks and base hits could not cure during the second half.

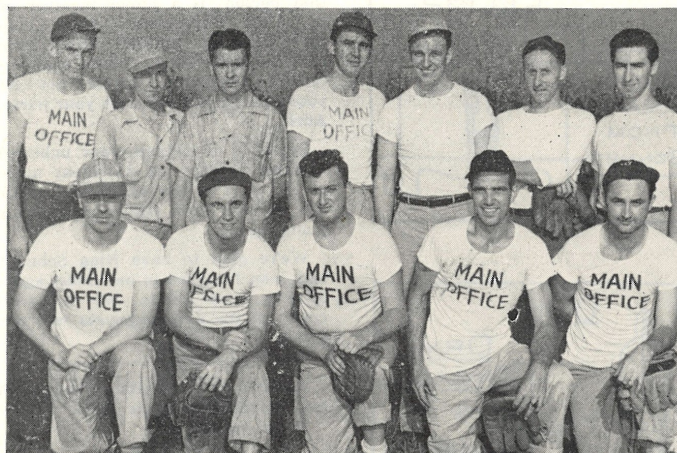
The Plant Leagues are now well into the second half with the Labor Team winner of the first half in the Wednesday-Friday League still being unbeaten. In fact, they have had only two close games, beating the Exp. Lab. team twice by 1-0 scores. In the Tuesday-Thursday League, the Main Office Team, winner of the first half is again tied with the Pipefitters for first place, both having 4 games won and one lost.

#### STANDINGS AUGUST 9, 1946

| Team                  | W | L | Pct. | Team                  | W | L | Pct.  |
|-----------------------|---|---|------|-----------------------|---|---|-------|
| 1. Main Office ————   | 4 | 1 | .800 | 1. Laborers ————      | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2. Pipefitters ————   | 4 | 1 | .800 | 2. Gas Dept. ————     | 5 | 1 | .835  |
| 3. Boilermakers ————  | 4 | 2 | .667 | 3. Control Lab. ————  | 3 | 2 | .600  |
| 4. Cracking ————      | 3 | 2 | .600 | 4. Research Lab. ———— | 3 | 2 | .600  |
| 5. Central Shops ———— | 3 | 3 | .500 | 5. Eng. Insp. ————    | 2 | 4 | .333  |
| 6. Alylation ————     | 2 | 3 | .400 | 6. Comp. House ————   | 2 | 4 | .333  |
| 7. Topping ————       | 2 | 4 | .333 | 7. Exp. Lab. ————     | 1 | 4 | .200  |
| 8. Lube Dept. ————    | 0 | 6 | .000 | 8. Machinists ————    | 0 | 5 | .000  |



**SHELL NOT-SO-GOOD LEAGUE TEAM:**—First half winners in Alton Not-So-Good League, left to right; first row, Charles Meyer, Ralph Byron, C. A. (Bill) Nicolet, manager, Joe Schillinger and Ted Bertier. Second row, Joe Lanzerotte, Bill Hamilton, Ralph Henkhaus and Dave Patton. Third row, Harold Rice, John Edwards and Carl Benefiel. Other members of the team not present when picture was taken are Ernie Paulda, Glen Van Doren, Curtis Robertson and Dave Grieve.



**MAIN OFFICE SOFTBALL TEAM:**—First half winners in the Tuesday-Thursday Plant League—Left to right; back row, Russell Edwards, Woody Cannon, Guy Wombles, Elbert Niebruegge, Leo Bethards, Jerry Branham and Wayne Sullivan. Front row, Kenny Schubert, Mgr., Paul Morrissey, Louie Eisen, Mac McConathy and Tony Czarneski. Other members not present when picture was taken are Bill Precobb and Ham Wingert.



**LABORERS SOFTBALL TEAM:**—Winners of first half in Wednesday and Friday Plant Soft Ball League. Left to right:—Front row, L. F. Scheibal, John Flamm, Nick Butkovich and John Brussatti. Back row, George Bruce, Dave Patton, Geo. Schneider, Ed Burmester, Carl Davidson, Mgr. Other members of team not present when picture was taken are Mike Sepo and Ernie Paulda.

## GOLF

The Annual class golf tournament sponsored by the Shell Athletic club, is now well under way, with several rounds in each class having been completed. It is a little early to pick any sure winners or dark horses in any class but all the boys are in there trying to beat that Old-Man par.

The blind bogey tournament was held on June 29 and the winners are listed below:

Blind Bogey (72)—J. L. Webb, J. G. Regan, C. F. Zimpel, E. C. Larson.

Low Medal (75)—Ralph Brown.

Low Putts (29)—E. Malson, T. Groppe.

High Score on No. 1 hole on Second round (14)—S. Churchill.

Most putts on any nine holes (29)—L. Holtman.

Incidentally, the prizes to be awarded (golf balls) are still a scarce item. So until good ones can be purchased, we beg these winners to sit tight and grant us your patience.

Shell's entry in the Industrial Golf League is now tied for second place in the second half of play after finishing out of the money during the first half.

## HORSESHOES

Very few horseshoe pitchers have signified their intentions of competing in a proposed horseshoe tournament. The Horseshoe courts seem to be kept pretty busy during lunch period and after work, so "Come On" you players of "barnyard Golf"; make your entries at the Industrial Relation Dept. for the tournament.

Two bats were watching another bat flutter thru some of the oddest maneuvers. Finally one shook his head. "Gosh, he must have people in his belfry!"

Ann: "I'd like to have something I could put my teeth into."

Pan: "Here's a glass of water."

## Loading Rack News

By MIKE YEDNAKOVICH

**VACATION NOTES:**—Sam Leffler traveling to California and back, taking in all the sights.

Pile to Minnesota and back—lots of good fishing.

Bill Haun to Houston—back Home—then to Detroit.

**ON VACATION AND BACK** — S. Bermes, Mulnik, Schuette, Bangert, Metzger, Libbra and John Raymond, who can describe a swell vacation trip even though he never left his back yard.

Next on the ticket are Yednakovich, Groppe and Frank Schmid, who says they'll have to shut her down when he leaves.

**HAM & YOLKS**—Overheated Romantic who thought his Jennie the fairest in the land says he, "Be mine, or I shall die," but she refused him and he did die—fifty years later.

Two Shell 'Editors' discussing last Review: "Jeez Kid, dat last article you wrote for de paper wuz a hot number." "Dat's what dey tell me. Y'know kid, sometimes I wisht I cud read."

We welcome back Herb Hack, Kenneth Dean and John Morrow into the fold after their lay-off.

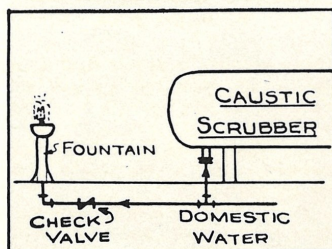
A backwoods mountaineer found a mirror, "Weel if it ain't my old dad," he said as he looked in the mirror, "I ain't never knowed he had his pitcher took." He took it home. That night his wife found the mirror while he slept. "Hm-mm," she said, "so that's the old hag he's been chasin'."

"Dad, what's a stoic?" "Stoic? Dat's the boid dat brings the babies."

Someone told us that anyone can put up with their Mother-in-law 'til she comes to put up with them.



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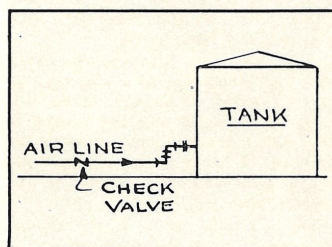
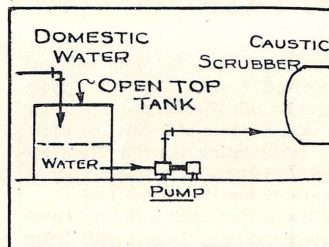


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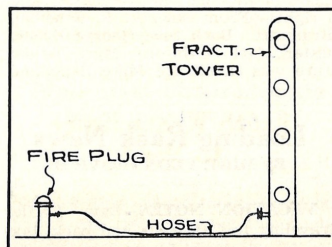
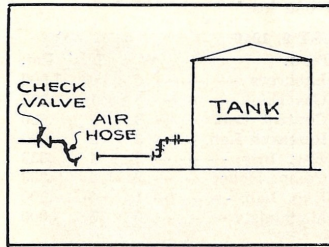
By TANNER SMITH

Domestic water should never be tied into any operative equipment. The picture at left illustrates the reason. A foreign liquid such as caustic might back up through a faulty check valve into a drinking fountain. The correct way is pictured at right—Domestic water may be poured into a pressureless vessel from above and then picked up by a pump and forced into the vessel.

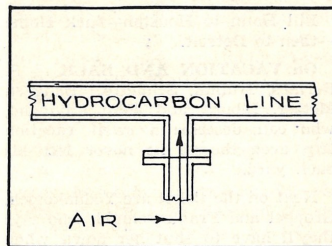
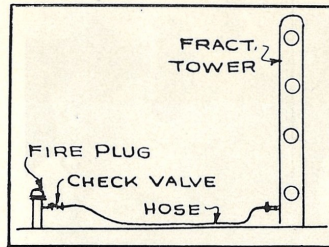
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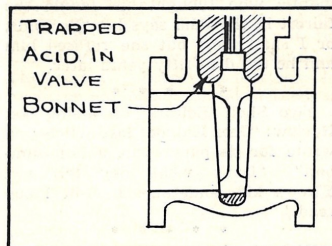
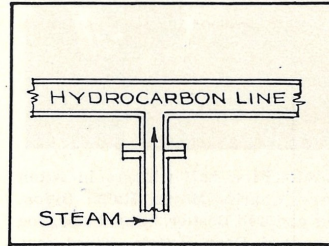
Air lines must not be tied in permanently to operating equipment. Picture at left show permanent connection with possibility of pressure, either hydrocarbon or chemical, becoming greater in the vessel than the air line pressure and backing out into the line through a faulty check valve. At the right the correct procedure is illustrated by a hose connection with an inspected check valve installed so that it may be disconnected after each usage.



Fire water should never be hooked up directly into operative equipment without a check valve. Pictured at left to fill up a fractionating tower with water for purging. The illustration at the right indicates the correct procedure of installing a check valve on the hose between the fire plug and the vessel. Be sure that the check valve is inspected before being used and removed immediately after use. This will prevent gasoline, etc., from backing up into fire line.

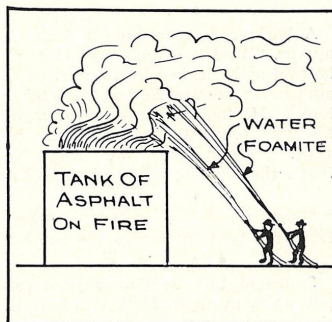
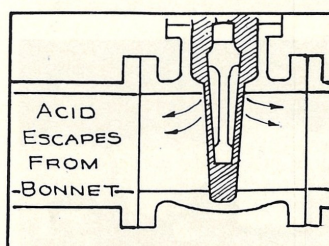


A pipe containing hydrocarbons should never be purged with air. This might cause rust or other foreign matter in the pipe to be blown along and create a spark, or might set up static electricity. With the air injection, the mixture in the pipe would be diluted and might become explosive. Such a procedure was followed by a pipe line company several years ago and resulted in 32 miles of line being blown up. The picture at right illustrates the correct procedure of purging with steam.

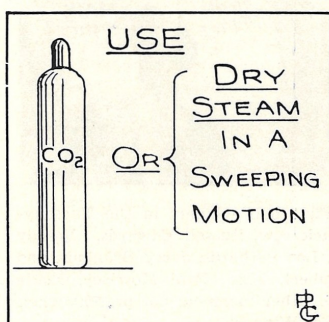


Never remove a valve from a pipe with the gate in a closed position. The picture at the left is a cross section of a valve in a closed position illustrating how a chemical or other liquid may become trapped in the bonnet of the valve (shaded area) by the closed gate. (A 2 inch valve bonnet holds approximately 1/2 pint of liquid).

Then if someone should open the valve after it is out of the line, the trapped chemical will be released by the gate's movement (illustrated at right) and spray out on the individual. Valves should be opened half way before being removed from a pipe and then if any liquid is trapped it will blow out into the pipe and not on the individual.



Don't put water, foamite, or wet steam on an asphalt fire. Water contacting hot asphalt causes a violent boil over. Never handle asphalt tank fires as illustrated at left. Use only carbon dioxide vapors or dry steam in a sweeping motion to smother the fire out. When using steam always purge all condensate out of the line first.



## Compound House Notes

Information coming from a reliable source states that Eddie Henderson, a lifelong resident of Missouri and Illinois, was seen going across Missouri leading some "checker giants" presumably for the purpose of crossing them with Arkansas Swamp rabbits. Reports are that the brush fires are serious there this year so maybe he will endear himself in the hearts of the fair citizens of Arkansas by doing a "Suitcase" Simpson Act.

Bregger seems unhappy about it all because Eddie didn't consult him more freely about the old home state. Dregger would be able to tell Eddie just where to go to help to harvest the potatoes. However, Harvey still believes he would do more good with the aforementioned brush fires.

Several of the Compound House boys want to know if Eddie left the U. S. of his own free will or was he forced to go. One of the fellows wants to know if Eddie wore some of his own engraved dog tags.

## Special

A colored man boarded a plane in New York on a cross country trip to California. They stopped at several large airports and each time there was a Shell tank truck to refuel the plane. Upon arriving in California, the co-pilot remarked to the colored man that they had made good time. The colored man replied: "Yas-suh, and dat little ole yellow truck didn't do so bad either!"

## Main Office Pyrotechnics

By E. F. NIEBRUEGGE

The lack of news in this column can be attributed to one thing—Everybody is too good!

We do have a choice bit of news, however. Wedding bells will be ringing long and loud in a very short time, since Edith Kratschmer, our most congenial Secretary to the Refinery Manager, announced her engagement to Mark Lambert. Congratulations galore to the both of you. Just think, Edith, from the boss' secretary to the boss in one easy move!!!

There seems to be a spy in our midst. Local reports have it that that person is a junior member of the Cost Department. What does that Cracking Softball Team have that the Main Office doesn't except a certain ballplayer. Better not let your heart run away with your purse, Adel.

Speaking of softball, your unbiased reporter repeats his statement made at the start of the season—Keep your eye on that Main Office team. Nice going, gang.

We're glad to have Nina Schmidt and Jean Lampert in our midst again after a brief illness. We also welcome all the new employees into our group.

"There's only one thing wrong with me, Blondie, I'm color blind."  
"Boss, yo' sho' is."

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A wedding shower symbolizes the beginning of a reign.

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Salesgirl: "Yes, Mrs. Gildedpurse, our girdles comes in five sizes: small, medium, large, wow!, and Ye Gads!"



## Credit Union News

What about financing that new automobile through the Employees Credit Union? Your next car will cost you more! Use this plan to cut that cost.

There are several good reasons why it is to your advantage to finance your next new car or used automobile through your Credit Union. Here are the reasons:

1. Low-cost interest rate saves you money—Low operating costs and economy of management provides you with the lowest interest rate. Also, if you should sell your car before it is completely paid for, you will not be charged the full amount of interest on the total amount of the loan.

2. Convenient—Your car provides the security for your loan. Should you desire another loan before you have completed payments on your automobile, it may again be pledged as security.

3. Considerate—To help you in an emergency—Should unforeseen circumstances necessitate a consultation concerning your loan, you will receive the sympathetic consideration that is extended by the officers and fellow-members of your Credit Union.

4. Benefits all—When you finance your automobile through the Credit Union, it not only benefits yourself because of low financing costs and convenience, but also you benefit your fellow members by keeping the funds of the Credit Union invested. That, of course, means opportunity for more privileges, greater benefits and more services for you and your fellow members.

How to do it—Select whatever car you desire to purchase from your dealer and apply at the Credit Union office for the money required to complete the sale.

## Fred Noblitt, Pensioned Employee, Dies



It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Fred A. Noblitt, former Car Department employee, on July 6. Fred Noblitt retired on pension October 1, 1944, after being in the service of Shell for over 24 years. He also was a member of the Alton Watertower Dads Club and served as its president for two years.

The picture above was taken a few weeks prior to his death and shows Fred and his wife, Mrs. Laura Noblitt, standing in front of their home at 810 Logan Street in Alton. This photo was made at the time he received his June Pension check from Shell. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Noblitt.

## CRACKING CONDENSATE

By JOHN McCONNELL

On July 13, 1946, the Cracking Department held a picnic at the Alton Gun Club, entertaining the returned servicemen of the department. Three delicious meals were served, one at 12 noon, one at 6:00 P. M., and the other at 12 Midnight.

Trapshooting, cards and the one armed bandits, were the chief items of entertainment.

Everyone present will agree that social events such as this should be held more often.



Pictured above are some of the returned veterans of the Cracking Dept., who attended the Cracking Dept. picnic. Reading from left to right; Monahan, Harrington, Schaller, Wade, Schenk, Cook, Castanzo, and Springer.

The Cracking Department softball team must be finally coming out of its losing streak; it has now won the last four games in a row. If the players would only show up for the games, I believe we could have a championship team.

The (Wimpy) of the Cracking Department, Roy Bierbaum, invites everyone up to his cabin on Piasa Creek, but they must bring the food (a big pot of chili.)

With most of the boys having five weeks' vacation this summer we ought to hear enough fish stories to last us all winter long. How about some photographs to prove these stories.

## Engineering Inspection Calibrations

By TOMMY TURPIN

No doubt some of our readers will wonder where this column came from and just who it represents. So, surmising these questions, we will attempt a brief discourse.

The Engineering Inspectors comprise one of the smallest departments in the plant, since there are only eighteen members at present. The purpose of the department is to apply the Engineering Standards as laid down by Shell's Engineers in order to effect safe working conditions for all vessels, exchangers, tanks, lines, pumps, etc. In short, we try to find any and all defective pressure equipment; we aim to keep any and all pressures where they belong. Recommendations for renewals or repairs to existing equipment quite often are the direct result of our inspection.

The department had their annual picnic and get together on Sunday, July 28th. A pre-picnic vote on ways and means of entertainment showed a wide variety of choices: swimming, softball, badminton, tennis, horseshoes, croquet, chess, checkers, pinochle, poker, sleeping, and just plain "eating." One vote was cast for "drop the hanky," and some wag insisted on "postoffice" when it was rumored that Miss Ralls, our steno, would probably be there! At the get-together at Wilson Park in Granite City a challenge "fat man's race" was arranged with Linder, Brewer, LaMarsh, and C. K.

Johnson as principals. Sorry we can't announce the winner for at last report no one had crossed the finish line.

The mystery of the unusual thunder with no attendant lightning in the neighborhood of 9th and Hawthorne Streets in Wood River has been solved. Even though the twin boys are now over three months old "Pop" Graham is still walking on the clouds—and he's sorta heavy footed.

Our doughty warriors of the softball diamond have at least one distinction in common with the famous "man on the flying trapeze"—they can rise to great heights or sink to the lowest depths with the greatest of ease. To evidence this "capability" we need but look at the 7-0 shellacking handed to the Gas Plants which was followed only several nights later by a 14-1 pasting taken at the hands of the Laborers.

Anyone interested in knowing what constitutes a checker game can secure the appropriate answer from "Tubessmeller" Summers.

Wonder why "Peanuts" Lewis is so determined to get his quota of Clark bars when they make their appearances in the Refinery?

The boys have been augmented by two newcomers, Ed Mohme of St. Louis and John McCleish, another boy from Benton, both until recently in the "employ" of Uncle Sam.

In conclusion, may we repeat a little gem recently found: Intelligence is like a river—the deeper it is, the less noise it makes.

## Heavy Oil Agitators

By Walter Weeks

Summer time is moving right along and so are vacations. Fletcher and Vann are off now and both have gone westward.

Our lone unmarried department member is still having trouble with his girl friends.

Why is it that a certain party goes down town to get a haircut on Wednesdays and finds the shops are closed???

With milk selling at 18c a quart, the cows have lost that mournful look. Saw one the other day that was actually laughing.

And the meat situation—the other day I was listening to a broadcast of the Arlington Handicap. When the bugle sounded to call the horses to the post, I heard a commotion in the kitchen. I went in and found my lunch meat prancing around in the refrigerator.

We welcome Mr. "Little Chum" Skeldon back to the Agitators.

It's unlucky to postpone a wedding, but not if you keep on doing it.

A wonderful bird is the pelican  
His beak holds more than his bellie can

But I don't see how in the hellican.

## Edith Kratschmer to Wed



Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Edith Kratschmer to Mark L. Lambert. The wedding is planned for about the middle of September. Miss Kratschmer came to work for Shell in October, 1929 as secretary to Mr. A. C. Daldy, and after a few months worked for Mr. E. H. Schippers. She has since served as private secretary to Dr. R. H. Waser, Messrs. E. D. Cumming, R. C. Roberts, and H. D. Dale. She will resign her position effective September 6. Mr. Lambert also came with Shell in October, 1929, and now holds the position of Senior Construction Engineer. They will reside at 925 E. Seventh Street, Alton, Illinois.

We're all going to miss "Ede" more than she knows, for her good sense of humor and her ever-readiness to help someone made her a most popular attraction. We sincerely wish them both all the luck and happiness in the world.



## SHELL CLUB MEETING

The Shell Club held their regular monthly meeting on July 16 at the Alton Gun Club. A large crowd attended on this warm summer evening. The following pictures were taken during the evening:



The above is a general view of the business meeting which was conducted on the club grounds following the chicken dinner. Cliff Davidson, Tailltwister, is shown doing his stuff and all eyes are upon him.



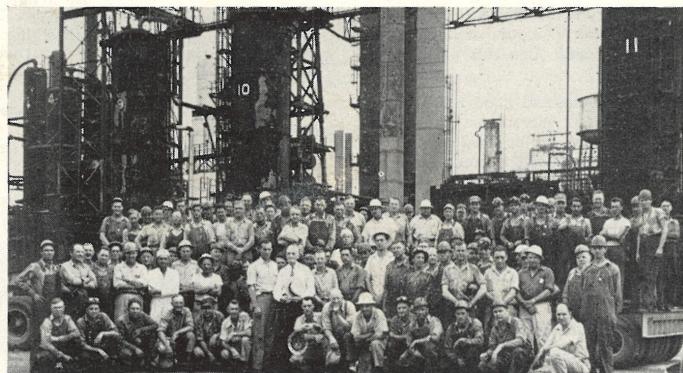
The above picture shows the large turnout of Shell Club members, busily engaged in the art of eating fried chicken.



Pictured above at left is Charles Hull, speaker of the evening, and Cliff Davidson. Mr. Hull, who is with the Shell Refinery and Marketing in England, gave a very interesting account of the destruction of the Lutong Refinery of the Sarawak oil fields at the outbreak of the war with Japan in December, 1941.

He related that as manager of the Lutong Refinery, it was his duty to see that the previously prepared denial plan was carried out in the event of a Jap attack. Acting on orders of the British Commander-in-Chief of the Far East in Singapore, Mr. Hull told how they destroyed furnaces, boilers, pumps and other pieces of refinery equipment before they fell into the hands of the Japs.

## JOHN J. DUNN RETIRES



On July 1st, John J. (Jack) Dunn, Engineering Field Pipefitter bid farewell to his fellow workers in the Pipe Gang and retired on pension. He is shown above (in center holding straw hat) surrounded by a large group of his former fellow workers who presented him with a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond as a going-away gift. He also received a farewell gift from the Control Laboratory employees.

Jack started to work for Shell as a Pipefitter on April 27, 1928 and except for several short periods of absence due to illness, he worked steadily until the date of his retirement.

## VICTOR NORD TAKES HIS PENSION



Carl Victor Nord, Engineering Field Brickmason, retired on July 1st, after over 20 years of service. "Vic" is the first Brickmason to retire on pension. He started laying brick for Shell on April 23, 1925. On May 24, 1927, he was temporarily laid off due to lack of work and on March 9, 1928 he was reemployed. Since then he worked continuously until he retired on July 1st.

"Vic" is shown above (in center) surrounded by members of the Brickmason gang who presented him with a handsome pen and pencil set as a going-away gift. Charles Davison, Brickmason Foreman, is making the presentation.

As to his plans for the future, "Vic" said he is just going to take life easy, do a little fishing, traveling and maybe do a few odd jobs around his home in Wood River.

## Topping Rabble Chatter

By BRIG YOUNG

Lee Pisinger is still on sick leave though improving. Here's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. "Dutch" Hockmuth are happy to announce some four weeks ago, the birth of a daughter.

Vacations though slow getting here, pass all too soon. Many of the boys are taking long trips. How about dropping some cards to us from far away places.

The Topping Softball Team is showing about the same vigorous scrap this second half they showed the first half.

Smitty would sure like to know who called Topping 4 and asked what Ph. means! He would like to know what it means too!

What's this about ole Shep and the hundred yard dash.

Dedicated to Smitty's reception of McCarthy's speech, presenting "What Shell Means To You."

(Borrowed in part) -

There was a young fellow of excellent pith

Ah heck, his name would just have to be Smith

As some heads were nodding, as though in consent,

Others inclined, or more seriously bent,

Smitty just sat there as bright as a penny

Though Mac doesn't know if he listened any.

For when Mac subsided for lack of air,

Smith just continued to grin and stare!

Doug Hake sure had a load to take home from the ball game the other night! (He bought a bushel of tomatoes from Charley McGuire)

Jim Sauerwine comes to work two days early. Everybody speculates??? Everybody's wrong-Even Sauerwine!

If "Red" Hughsen can't catch other things any better than he can softballs, that rabbit hasn't anything to worry about!

Who spotted whom five strokes and lost by 7 out at the Muny Golf Course the other day??? Well, some of you fellows speak up, Rayburn!!