

Pensioner heading United Way campaign

River Bend. That's the new name for this area's United Way.

Formerly called the Alton-Wood River Area United Way, the appropriate new name helps form a mental picture of how the Mississippi River makes a sweeping curve as it passes the communities and countryside embraced by the River Bend United Way.

There are 61 communities in all ... ranging from Jerseyville and Grafton up north to Hartford and South Roxana to the south.

Campaign chairman

Wood River pensioner, Gil Barrett, has played and continues to play a big part in the River Bend United Way. Active in local United Way activities for eight years, Gil is actually the one who came up with the new name.

And it is Gil (he retired as assistant manager of mid-west public relations in 1974) who is this year's general campaign chairman. Says Gil, "The River Bend United Way does a terrific job, and I'm proud to have been a part of it over these years.

"There are nineteen separate agencies that serve the public in a wide variety of ways. Most of Shell's Wood River employees live within the area served by them ...

and, of course, all of them work within it."

Kickoff

Gil indicated the official kickoff for this year's River Bend campaign will be September 20 adding, "The goal hasn't been set yet, but it will have to be higher than last year's. As with most things, the cost of providing these worthwhile services continues to rise."

He said the goal will no doubt pass the \$700,000 mark ... up from \$666,666 last year. Barrett pointed out that nearly 89 cents out of every dollar collected goes directly to the agencies.

The remaining eleven cents must cover administration and supply costs for the entire year plus all costs of the campaign. This is made possible through the efforts of a number of volunteer workers ... both within agencies themselves and those helping with the campaign.

Volunteers

Gil Barrett is a volunteer, as are Walt Schroeder, refinery controller, and Harry Kulp, boilermaker -- co-chairmen for the refinery employees' drive ... not to mention the many departmental and craft solicitors.

And so is Herb Foederer,

Shell's loaned executive to the campaign. Herb, who is going into his third year in this capacity, works full time for the United Way during the campaign. At the refinery, he is an accountant in Financial.

Jack Blair, executive director of the River Bend United Way, said, "The loaned executives are among our most important assets during campaign-time. They are really the ones who pound the pavement, and who ride herd on individual accounts.

"We're glad to have all our group of volunteers on board and ready to work hard for the cause."

Dedicated

In addition to Gil Barrett, other Shell employees active on the River Bend's board of directors are: Erv Keister, operator in Dispatching; George Myers, retired cracking operator; Harold Rice,



Wood River pensioner Gil Barrett poses with children at the Alton Day Care Center, a United Way agency. Gil is this year's campaign chairman for the River Bend United Way.

special tester - Refinery Lab; and Art Williams, refinery manager.

As the Review went to

press, the dates for Wood River Refinery's fund drive and the goal had not yet been determined.



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Employees participate in discussion sessions

During late July/early August, Wood River employees had the opportunity to attend one of 40 Employee Communication Sessions.

Each session, lasting about an hour, was conducted by a member of refinery management; those attending heard about and discussed subjects affecting them, the refinery, and Shell Oil in general.

Sessions opened with a short introductory film with comments by Shell president, John Bookout. Areas of formal discussion which followed the film were: divestiture legisla-

tion, Shell's 1975 operating and financial results, and local Wood River developments and future plans. Questions and comments were encouraged during and after the formal presentations.

Sharing the duties as discussion leaders were: Andy Dick, superintendent operations—Lubricants; Bob McAndrews, manager—Economics and Scheduling; Jim McBride, superintendent operations—Light Oil Processing; Emmitt Nelson, superintendent—Maintenance; Warren Saunders, refinery superintendent; Spud Spurlock, manager—Engineering Services; Roy St

Pierre, technical superintendent; Jerry Terry, administrative superintendent; and Bob Zeitmann, manager—Technological.

Attendance was voluntary. At this writing, make-up sessions were being planned for those missing the regular

meetings due to vacation, illness, or other reasons.

Each attendee was asked to anonymously complete a questionnaire about the sessions and mail it to Employee Relations. The intent of this survey is to improve future programs, and, as such,

suggestions and evaluations were welcomed.

The Wood River questionnaires will be forwarded to Houston where they will be combined with those from other locations. Results will be published in a future issue of the *Shell News* magazine.

Shell announces quarterly earnings

Shell Oil Company's net income during the second quarter '76 was \$164.9 million or about seven cents per revenue dollar. This compares with \$118 million for the corresponding quarter in 1975.

Capital spending grew at a faster pace, however, totaling \$430.4 million compared to \$251.6 million during the same time frame last year. About two-thirds of the capital expenditures were in search for and development of energy sources, primarily oil and natural gas.

According to Shell president

John Bookout, net income increases were attributed to sales volume gains in Shell's chemical operation plus improvements in oil products and natural gas sales. Chemical revenues were up 40 percent; natural gas revenues up 35 percent; and oil products revenues up 14 percent.

Bookout cited an improved economy as one reason for the Shell income picture, but said, "One trend in this recovery concerns us. The American public seems to be unconcerned of the need for energy conservation over the long

term.

"National gasoline demand, projected to increase two percent in the first six months of 1976, rose 5½ percent. Increased driving, faster speeds, and continued manufacture and sale of larger than anticipated cars are contributing to this accelerated demand."

Reports on the first half year results show net income was \$367.2 million or eight cents on the total revenue dollar. Capital spending was \$645.9 million in the first half of 1976.

Will you be voting in November?

An important election is coming up on November 2nd. Will you be eligible to vote?

The Review in cooperation with the League of Women Voters herein offers information about how you can become eligible for this election. Information pertains to Madison County and St. Louis city and county. If you live elsewhere, check with your County Clerk.

If you are not already registered, the deadline to register is October 5, 1976. This applies to both states.

Madison County

To qualify you must have lived continuously for 30 days in your Illinois precinct prior to registration. You must also be 18 years of age on or before election day.

Although there are other places to register, the primary location to do so is at the County Clerk's office, County Courthouse, Edwardsville.

St. Louis

Qualifications in both St. Louis city and county are: residency of 28 days prior to

registration and 18 years of age by election day.

Primary registration location for the city of St. Louis is at the Board of Election Commissioners office at 208 South 12th Street. The County Board of Election Commissioners is at 41 South Central in Clayton.

More info

For more information call the League of Women Voters. Madison County: 462-1170 or 259-5621. St. Louis city: 361-0545. St. Louis county: 361-3131.



THE BARBECUE is the place for many "long time no see's" such as this one between Joe Minnie (boilermaker ret-'63) and Earl Lane (pipefitter helper ret-'53). For more pictures see page four.

Offspring spring off to college on scholarships...

WILLIAM A. FRITZSCHE, son of Alfred G. Fritzsche, tinner. Bill earned a four year full tuition scholarship to DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago by placing first in the state of Illinois in competition held by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. A graduate of Collinsville High School, he will study electrical engineering.

MICHAEL W. LENGACHER, son of W.I. Lengacher, operator-1 in Gas. Mike is the recipient of an Illinois State Scholarship and a Millikin University Grant. He is a graduate of Roxana High School and will study accounting at Millikin which is located in Decatur.

MICHAEL J. MOSSMAN, son of Roy J. Mossman, operator-1 in Utilities. Mike will use his Illinois State Scholarship to study microbiology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He is a graduate of Marquette High School.

PHILIP B. NELSON, son of Emmitt J. Nelson, superintendent maintenance. Phil is a graduate of Edwardsville High School. He received two separate scholarships from Murray State, Murray, Kentucky, which he will use to major in theater/speech.

CLAIR LYNN ROSE, daughter of Charles H. Rose, senior office assistant in Maintenance. Clair earned an Illinois State Scholarship and a Wood River Women's Club Scholarship which she will use to study accounting at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. She is a graduate of East Alton-Wood

River Community High School.

SARAH L. SLACK, daughter of Porter E. Slack, manager industrial relations. Sarah is a graduate of Alton High School. She will use her Illinois State Special Education Scholarship to major in that field at Illinois State University in Normal.

ROBERT E. VAZZI, son of

Frank L. Vazzi, gateman in Safety. Bob graduated with his Worden High School class this spring, but having completed his requirements early, actually spent his senior year completing his college freshman year on the Dean's List at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. He will use his Illinois State Scholarship to pursue pre-medicine

at SIU-E.

TERRY L. WINTERROWD, son of Lewis A. Winterrowd, supervisor at the Refinery Lab. Terry, a graduate of Lebanon High School, will be pursuing a medical technician's degree at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois. He is the recipient of a McKendree College Grant.



Bill Fritzsche



Mike Lengacher



Mike Mossman



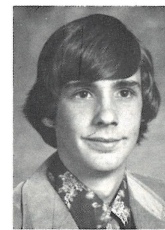
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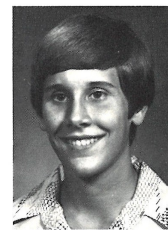
Clair Rose



Sarah Slack



Bob Vazzi



Terry Winterrowd

... while others cap studies with degrees

MARY MARGARET BALOTTI, daughter of Pete C. Balotti, material handler at the PLW. Mary Margaret earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Indiana State University, Terre Haute.

SHERRY LYNN EARLY,

daughter of James W. Early, operator-1 in Lubricants. Sherry received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois. She majored in Spanish.

CONNIE JO ANN FAIR, daughter of James M. Fair, retired foreman in Compounding. Connie earned a Master of

Science degree in counselor education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

RICHARD B. HELM, son of Paul S. Helm, retired operator-1 in Gas. Rich received his PhD in civil engineering from West Virginia University, Morgantown.

LENORA E. KINGSTON, daughter of James O. Kingston, truck driver. Lenora earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

MARTHA ANNE LAYCOCK, daughter of Harold F. Laycock, retired

operator-1 in Dispatching. Martha received her Bachelor of Science degree in foreign service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

LINDA A. LOLIE, daughter of Leo R. Lolie, pipefitter. Linda received a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology from the Parks College of St. Louis University.

JAMES E. O'DELL, son of William E. O'Dell, valve repairer. Jim earned a PhD in physics from Columbia University in New York, New York.

JAMES J. SPECIALE, son of William Speciale, craneman. Jim received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

SCOTT L. SPILLER, son of Leo G. Spiller, office assistant in Maintenance. Scott earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale.

SUSAN DIANE SPILLER, daughter of Leo G. Spiller, office assistant in Maintenance. Susan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Principia College at Elsah, Illinois. She majored in English and elementary education.

BRUCE A. WINTERROWD, son of Lewis A. Winterrowd, supervisor in the Refinery Lab. Bruce received a Bachelor of Arts degree from McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois. His major was mathematics.

SHERRY L. WINTERROWD, daughter of Lewis A. Winterrowd, supervisor in the Refinery Lab. Sherry received a degree in nursing at St. Lukes School of Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri.



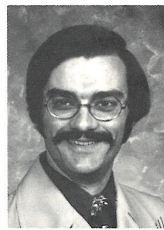
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Sherry Early



Connie Fair



Rich Helm



Lenora Kingston



Martha Laycock



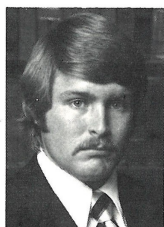
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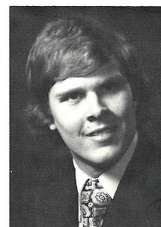
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Sherry Winterrowd

Shell pensioner roll exceeds 12,000 ...

The Shell Pension Trust passed a milestone recently: 12,000 active pensioners on the rolls.

It took 38 years from the Pension Trust's inception to reach that mark. There were 5,000 Shell pensioners in 1961. The number climbed to 10,000 in 1970.

Pensioners are located in 48 of the 50 states (missing only the Dakotas) plus 16 foreign

countries.

Of course certain states have more pensioners than others. In first place, and well ahead, is California with 30 percent. Next come Texas (18 percent) and Illinois (12 percent).

Rounding out the top ten: Louisiana (6 percent), Florida (4 percent), Oklahoma (4 percent), Missouri (3 percent), New York (3 percent), New

Jersey (2 percent), and Washington state (2 percent).

The leading foreign haven for Shell pensioners is Canada with 10. England has seven, Mexico and Switzerland four each, Holland three, and Colombia two.

The following boast one Shell pensioner apiece: Austria, Azores, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, Israel, Italy, South Africa, and Spain. Also, let's not overlook the

Shell pensioner enjoying the tropical breezes on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, a U.S. possession.

Caution: any numbers relating to location of Shell pensioners are constantly subject to change. Approximately 1,000 pensioners move every year.

Since its beginning, over 18,000 pensions have been granted. The Shell pensioner

retired the longest is Ethel Pearl Hutton Stewart who worked in the Los Angeles office until her retirement in 1939.

The oldest Shell pensioner is Nels Anderson who celebrated his 95th birthday last December. Mr. Anderson worked on the first Shell well at Signal Hill. An article featuring these two special pensioners is in the latest *Shell News* issue.

... and Wood River pensioners play a big part

The article above about Shell pensioners has some impressive numbers and interesting facts. But Wood River's own pensioner facts and figures are pretty impressive and, as you'll see, play an important part in the overall Shell statistics.

Thanks to the folks in the data processing group of the Financial Department, we offer the following general information about Wood River pensioners. Specific addresses of pensioners are confidential, and as such not for print.

Of the 12,000 active pensioners company-wide, Wood River accounts for just about 1400 of these, or about 12 percent ... not bad for a single location. Figures include both refinery and research pensioners.

Illinois ranks third among the states chosen as residence for Shell-wide pensioners. Over 1150, or roughly 80 per-

cent of this total, are from Wood River. Another 85 or so live in neighboring Missouri, which means nearly nine out of every ten of Wood River's current pensioners are still living pretty close to "home".

Perhaps that explains the consistently good pensioner turnouts at the Ten-Over Barbecue and the Retiree Christmas Dinner.

Although Illinois is far and away the most popular nesting spot for Wood River pensioners, followed by Missouri and Florida in that order, these are certainly not the only places Wood Riverites have chosen to retire.

Wood River pensioners live in 27 different states. They are spread from Big Pine and Islamorada in the Florida Keys to Portland, Oregon, in the Pacific Northwest.

They live in the Northeast: Hanover, New Hampshire ... and along the southern

California coast: at Cardiff-by-Sea. Wood River pensioners live from border to border too. Like in Grand Marais, Minnesota along Lake Superior a few miles from Canada, and Brownsville on the Mexican border at the extreme southern tip of Texas.

Records indicate that Milo B. Gibbons is the Wood River pensioner who has been retired the longest. Mr. Gibbons 'hung 'em up' on May 1, 1943 ... before many of the current employees were born.

James E. Johns beats Mr. Gibbons by a few months as the oldest Wood River pensioner. Mr. Johns celebrated his 93rd birthday March 1st. Both Messrs. Gibbons and Johns live in nearby Illinois communities.

Wood River's pensioners: God bless them all! You're a pretty interesting group, and we're glad to have you around. Keep in touch!



James Johns (inset) is the most senior Wood River pensioner while Milo Gibbons (right) has been retired the longest.

Retirements



Roger R. Ruedin
Refinery Lab
45 years



Herb Neemann
Gas
42 years



Roland L. Waters
Treating
41 years



Harold Molloy
Cat Cracking
39 years



Charles E. Oetken
Refinery Lab
39 years



Elmer Borchers
Alkylation
37 years



Harold Little
Pipefitter
37 years



Harold Eller
Pipefitter
36 years



John Gray
Eng Services
36 years



Richard Nesler
Garage Mechanic
36 years



Ralph Stringer
Pipefitter
36 years



Milt Brecht
Refinery Lab
35 years



Virgil Hellingner
Cat Cracking
35 years



Carl Needham
Compounding
34 years



Charles Spindler
Lube F&E
34 years



Ed Gillespey
Distilling
33 years



Wilfred Hess
Electrician
28 years



Elmer E. Pine
Machinist
25 years



Alvin I. Hutcherson
Craneman
23 years

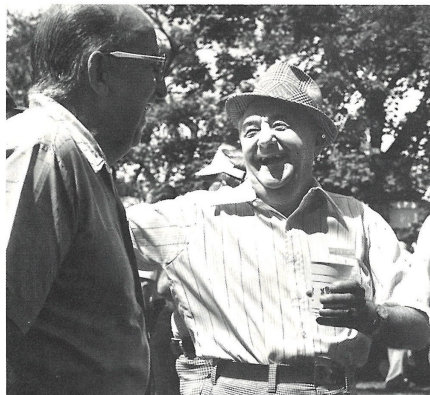


Red O'Brien
Maintenance
21 years



William E. Doss
Machinist
20 years

One of the better Barbecues!



THAT'S A GOOD ONE! Edgar Groppel (cat cracking operator ret-'70) and Robby Robertson (pipefitter ret-'66).

The weatherman ordered up an absolutely perfect day, and the Edwardsville Legionnaires rustled up their usual fine fare to make the annual Ten-and-Over Barbecue on July 17 one of the best ever.

It was impossible to perform a head count of the happy, milling throng, but veterans of the event guess it as one of the best attended with perhaps a couple thousand employees / pensioners making appearances. As an indication, some 520 pensioners made their way to sign the guest book, and others, no doubt, forgot in the excitement of seeing old friends.

In addition to eating, drinking, and renewing old acquaintanceships, a variety of games and sports found enthusiastic participants. In the only "organized" contest of the day, Charlie Beason (retired Alky foreman) captured the nearest-the-pin golf prize with a 1 foot 4 inch effort. Second place went to Harry Kulp (retired brickmason) and the third to Dick Burton (auditor).

Pictured here are some of those enjoying the day's activities. The Legion Park has already been reserved for next year's Barbecue: Saturday, July 16 - mark your calendar.



ELDER STATESMAN of this year's barbecue was Henry Reding (Refinery Lab tester ret-'50). At 88 he was the oldest pensioner to register. With Henry is Owen Middlecoff (Motor Lab special tester).



WHISKERS. George Wulf (compound house man ret-'65) and Bill Watson (boilermaker ret-'58).



YOU DON'T SAY! From left: Lou Lohman (administrative superintendent ret-'59), Chris Kessinger (pipefitter ret-'67), and Joe Kennedy (janitor ret-'51).



WHO'S CLOSER? Bocci ball brought out newcomers and veterans. From left: Bill Kovarik (pipefitter), Bert Bertagnolli (compounding foreman), and John Uzunoff (pipefitter).



RINGER! Fred Blumberg (programmer in Financial) shows his form as Larry Shoemaker (senior analyst in Financial) looks on.



BAREFOOT BOY Joe Kingery (senior engineering assistant in Eng. Office) blasts the golf ball as lines form left and right for chow.



SMILE! John Burns (boiler maker ret-'59) and Claude Price (boiler-maker foreman ret-'62).



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