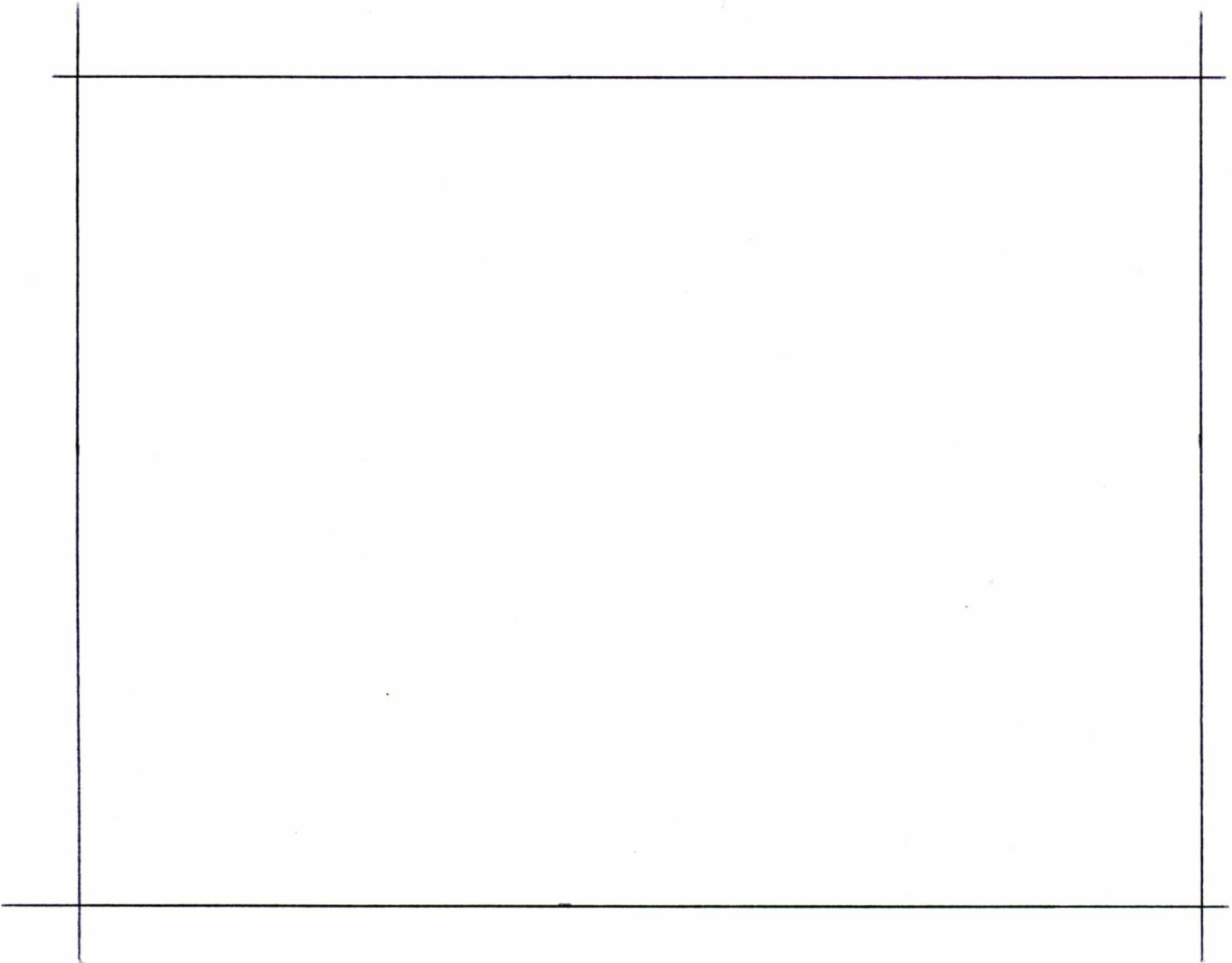


**Standard Oil...**

**The community leader**



Although Standard Oil Company went to Wood River to build a refinery, it became godfather to a city. The plant grew and expanded. More men arrived and more families joined them.

Homes were the first need of the community. Under company sponsorship they were constructed in little clusters at the edge of the refinery. The company encouraged construction of the first school and provided and paid the first teacher.

The Wood River refinery band rapidly became the most popular organization in the vicinity of Alton. People flock from miles around to hear its concerts. They

played without uniforms until July 4, 1920, but on that day appeared all dolled up as shown in this picture. From left to right, top row, C. VanDusen, Jr., H. Ferguson, M. Pekarik; second row: C. Bargert, R. Gerdes, J. Auer, C. VanDusen, Sr., E. Burger, K. Grebell, R. Stocker, C. Herder; third row: H. Madden, W. Traband, B. Halloran, F. J. Gainer, B. Cole, W. Groves, C. Fox, M. Christy, R. Stocker (director); fourth row: R. Volz, O. Lemond, E. Wilhelm, D. Waggoner, C. Volz, A. Don Stocker; lower row: L. Beiser, J. Lewis, G. Wilkins, J. McClintock, E. Hannold (drum major), T. Point, W. Cole, L. Noble, C. Rice.

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The Wood River Fire Department was coming into its own by 1925. Two men were placed in charge of the new firetruck; each man to receive \$125 for the first six months and \$140 thereafter. This was the first time Wood River had paid firemen. Most of the Wood River firefighters were employees of Standard Oil.

July 4, 1926, was the grand opening of the Standard Oil \$100,000 ultra-huge oval swimming pool, the largest in the United States. The pool, roundhouse, and wooden bandshell were gifts to the City from Standard Oil, whose employees made up over 90% of Wood River's population at that time. Despite the size of the pool, 300 x 200 ft., it was necessary during the first three days to limit the time bathers could spend in the water so that people waiting to use the pool could do so. It was decided that a Standard official (whom we haven't been able to identify) should be the first to enter the pool. The "official" was not a strong swimmer, and was fitted with an ill-adjusted life preserver. He jumped in the pool and the preserver held him face down in the water. The first swimmer also had the distinction of being the first to be rescued. The pool was used for 54 years, closing forever the summer of 1983.

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*1925 photo of Wood River Fire Department.  
Firetruck is 1918 Ford.*

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*Part of the crowd at the grand opening of  
the pool*

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The pool remained in the same physical appearance until about 1958 when some remodeling was done, paid for by a bond issue. The old-fashioned lamp posts were taken out of the pool, a new diving tower was installed, with a cluster of lights on it and a cluster on a sun platform installed in the center of the pool. A chain link fence was constructed around the perimeter of the pool and the poolside apron was extended. The filtering system was updated and the bathhouse modernized.

*The original pool as it was built in 1926*

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*1948 photo of the pool*

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*These are the seven finalists in the*

*bathing beauty contest*

1921 photo. Caption found in the Standolind Record: "Wood River Works: At first glance one would naturally think that this picture was taken after the battle. Jule Kocher and Joe Evans look as if they had put on the gloves and done some good work around the cranium. Gus Wuestenfeld, Jr., is strapped down with a broken back, and various other cripples are under Flanagan's care. This is a picture of one of the classes taking the emergency first aid work under the direction of instructors of the United States Government Mine Bureau. This will give you an idea of the thorough manner in which the first aid work is taken up. When the men complete the course, they are thoroughly conversant with first aid emergency treatment."

1948 photo of Otto Smith's filling stations. Notice the red crown.

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In 1951 the Annuitant's Club of Wood River was founded. One of the first things the Club did was begin beautification of the park area at the Roundhouse. Husbands and wives worked hard clearing brush and planting flowering bulbs.

Front row: Alphro Peters, Harry Smith, Albert DeSherlia, Sam Williams (club founder), and Pete Corrigan.

Second row: Mrs. Joseph Bund, Mrs. Raymond Corbett, Mrs. Henry Stormer, Mrs. Roy Stocker, Mrs. ~~Sam Sanders~~, Mrs. Sam Williams, Mrs. Pete Corrigan, Mrs. Alphro Peters, and Mrs. Ferdinand Schueler.

Third row: Henry Stormer, Joseph Bund, Timothy Van Camp, Raymond Corbett, Starr Oulson, Roy Stocker, John Wagemann, Henry Frenz, Robert Ford, William Hagerman, and Charlie Smith.

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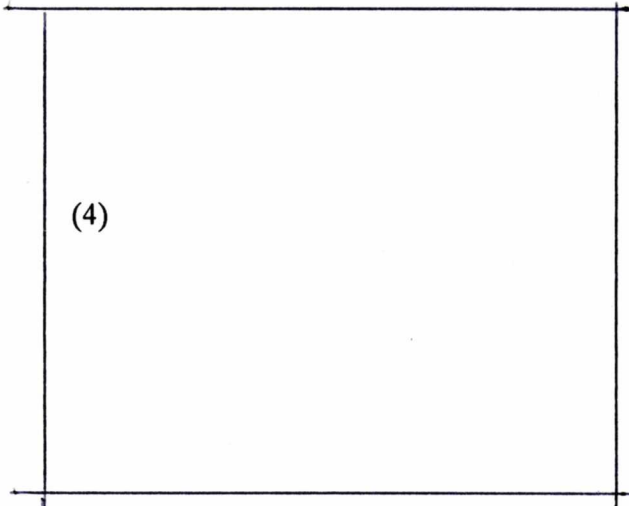
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Louise Frenz

*Left to right: Alphro Peters, Albert DeSherlia, Henry Monken, George Buck, Henry Loye, Sam Williams, and Roy Stocker. The wives were probably fixing lunch when this photo was taken. They were working side-by-side the entire time.*

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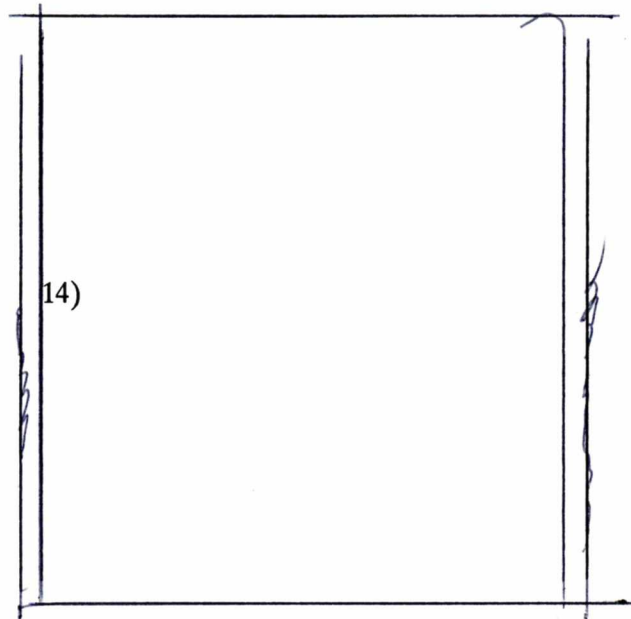
This is how the Main Office building looked in 1948. This part of the building was completed in 1908.



Pride, Inc., under the direction of Gordon F. Moore, M.D., started its beautification of Alton and vicinity. As usual, Amoco Wood River refinery jumped on the wagon, and won the first annual Beautification Award on October 11, 1967.

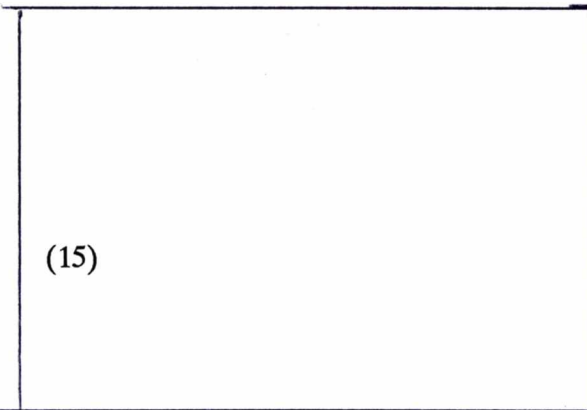
New fencing was erected at the main gate, sixteen flowering locust trees were planted along the Madison Avenue fence.

Manager Jens Norgaard said that many of the projects referred to in the "Journal" were scheduled long before the program began as part of the plant's continuing tank removal, repainting, and general cleanup program. The planting of the trees was the only extracurricular project.

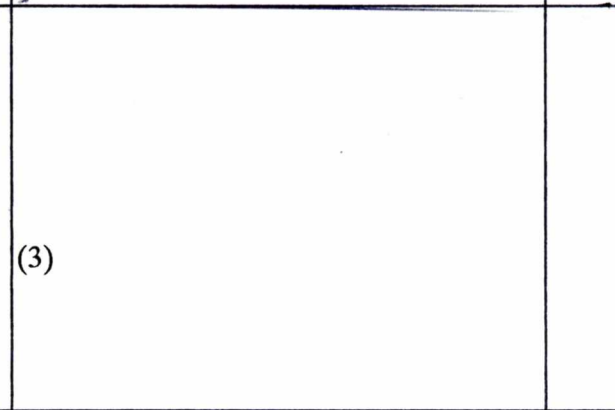


*Planting locust trees along Madison Avenue*

The second section of the Main Office building was completed in 1954. When the refinery closed in 1981, Amoco Oil donated the building to the Madison County Association for Retarded Citizens. The St. Louis Globe Democrat article read, "Wood River: Oil Refinery leaves town but doesn't abandon it. The oil company that built Wood River continues to be a vital community component that gives even as it shrinks, saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars." The 35,000 square-foot office building, situated on 3.5 acres, was valued at \$600,000.



*Freshly-painted fences were an important part of Wood River's beautification program.*



At the same time, Amoco Oil announced it would donate its 6-year-old sewage treatment plant to the City of Wood

River. Throughout the years the City of Wood River and Amoco have continued to work together.

*Amoco Wastewater Treatment Plant  
donated to City of Wood River*



Amoco has long been a supporter of Junior Achievement.

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*Phyllis Lucker and Dori Newman; Joe Thuet, Dick Sumner, Bob Schneider, and Cliff Olson (Olin Corporation), volunteer advisors for 1982.*

*George Preston, Ward Case, and Dave House present Junior Achievement with a check from the Amoco Foundation.*

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*Wes Beigel, Gary Lichtenberg, Brian Dinsmoor, Ken Wiltse, Dennis Gibbs, Fred Losch, Cliff Olson (Olin), Beth Donley, Beth Wegener, Debbie Losch, and John Whitehouse*

*Un Im and George Preston present Pat Klossner, Executive Vice President for Mississippi Valley Junior Achievement a check for \$4,700.*

Amoco has also been a staunch supporter of the Boy Scouts. From having its executives serve on the Board of Directors, to financial support, to employees as scout leaders...

In case you didn't catch the first picture of Chris in his tutu.....

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*Chris, George Preston, and John Stuart present a check to Boy Scouts of America.*

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*(Actually, he is supposed to be a bumble bee)*

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*Do you really think this is appropriate behavior for a Boy Scout leader?*

In an effort to enhance community relations, Amoco has been cooperating with municipal emergency response agencies in various training efforts. At rope rescue training conducted at Shell Oil in the fall of 1991, APAC Rescue Team jointly trained with a Wood River Fire Department firefighter, Jeff Norton.

At a recent plant training session, Plant Manager Buck Isbell presented the City of Wood River and firefighter Jeff Norton with a ROCO Team Member kit. This equipment will assist the Wood River Fire Department in rescue efforts and allow Jeff a degree of continuity with the APAC Rescue Team.

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*Buck Isbell presenting Jeff Norton with his ROCO kit*

Amoco employees participated in an Amoco Petroleum Additives sponsored booth in the Growth Association Business Expo '93 at the Alton Square Mall. The theme of the booth was Chemical Manufacturers' Association (CMA) Responsible Care Program.

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*Pictured are Un Im and John Stuart presenting the plaque to Wood River Mayor Lou Smith.*

The American Cancer Society sponsors an annual Hear Walk. In 1994, Amoco sponsored a "team."

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*Lucy Strebel and Ron Averill at the Responsible Care booth with an interested citizen*

During the flood of 1993, officials of the City of Wood River and employees of the POTW (publicly-owned treatment works) worked with APAC employees to develop a plan for maintaining plant operations. In appreciation of this effort and cooperation, they were presented with a commemorative plaque at a ceremony held at the POTW office.

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*Pictured are the 1994 Amoco participants: Jill Guetersloh, Mary Parker and her two daughters, Mary Ann Harris, Mark Sanders (Phyllis Lucker's son-in-law), Dorothy Rue, Phyllis Lucker, Jean Sanders and Abby (the wonder dog), Barb Gaffney with Derik Gaffney, Dennis Gaffney, Deanna Hall. Seated in front are Benjamin and Michelle Bass. Un Im, Mrs. Im, and granddaughter Jamie also participated, but hadn't arrived when the picture was taken.*

Through the years, Amoco has supported the community through the efforts of the United Way. Besides holding a United Way drive each year, the company has also nominated employees as loaned executives each year.

Amoco held open house for employees and the community to educate the public about our operations. Neighbor met neighbor, and perhaps new friends were made.

Among the loaned executives were Don Hueber, Greg Kuehnel, Denny Webb, and Dorothy Rue. In years when manpower was not available, Amoco paid an employee of another company as Amoco's loaned executive.

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*Dennis Webb, Buck Isbell, Tom Skundrich, and Chuch Bild in front of a World War II fighter plane at a United Way kickoff.*

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*Dorothy Rue, the last loaned executive for Wood River, with the 1994-95 loaned executives.*