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"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Negotiations

MEETINGS RECESS OVER WEEKEND; DUE TO RESUME TOMORROW

After a weekend recess necessitated by prior commitments of William Simkin of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, negotiators return to the bargaining table tomorrow in meetings scheduled to resume at 9:30 a.m. in the Federal Building in Houston.

Operations

LHT COMES DOWN IN LUBE OILS DEPARTMENT

Over in the Lube Oils Department, weekend activity saw the bringing down of the LHT unit for catalyst regeneration.....In Utilities, work continues on boiler No. 10.....and it rained.....

Vacationland, U. S. A.

WEEKEND MAIL BRINGS AVALANCHE OF CARDS; KEEP 'EM COMING!

Our Vacation Card Contest is picking up steam.....Over the weekend, 12 cards came in - postmarked from near and far. In fact, just checking the locations of the latest arrivals sounds like a tour guide to the USA - and Canada. For the fun of it, let's climb aboard our Vacation Special and sort out some names and places:

Taking the Texas tour we find.....John Mohundro and family on an outing at Huntsville State Park, and John's comment, "This place is air conditioned, with no moving parts." Then, moving up to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Rosey Smith sends best wishes from Six Flags Over Texas. Out in the wilds of West Texas, from deep in the heart of the Big Bend National Park, Hubie Miller is heard from, saying, "These mountains are 20 years and 25 pounds higher than the last time I was out here!".....And from faraway Kemah, Texas, came a report from Jim Pountain, "Having a great time after recovering from the long drive. Big sunshine, big wind, big waves.....and little fish."

Swingin' up through the Ozarks of Arkansas and a stop at Hot Springs where R. T. Garbs reports "a welcome change" from Bath House Row. Also making the most of the Ozark playground is Red Walker whose card bears the postmark of Eureka Springs.

Turning west we find Ernie Harris at Sandia Crest, New Mexico, reporting almost in rhyme: "The weather is fine. Having a wonderful time."

Colorado is our next stop, and from Grand Lake - high in the Rocky Mountain National Park - comes a king-size card from Cecil Farrington and the note, "Here is the prize winning post card! Had to trail up by burro all the way to the top to an Alpine store to get it. Boy is it cold up here.....and beautiful! We've been snowed on the last two days.....Much fun." Staying around Colorado we take a run to Vallecito Reservoir with Edna Earl Heyen sending a "Hello" and "Nice" to her friends back at the Refinery.

On to the West Coast, to Disneyland and a card from Ervin Hengst whose comments point to an action-packed, travel-packed vacation: "Have already seen Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. Will go to Marineland and Wayfarer's Church today, Hollywood and Los Angeles tomorrow, then north to San Francisco and Yosemite".

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And from there, swing wide and high and end up in Winnipeg, Canada, and from Jack Devereaux, "Hi: This is a fisherman's paradise. Enjoyed a pickerel dinner tonight."

Then turning toward home, and a stop at Calhoun City, Mississippi, a card from Dewey Stewart, "Plenty of rain....Having a good time."

These cards will go up on our Vacationland Bulletin Board in the Hash House, and the vacationers will have their names placed in the hopper, making them eligible for prizes in our drawings.

When you take your vacation, remember your friends back at the Refinery - and our address: SHELL LETTER EDITOR, SHELL OIL COMPANY, P. O. BOX 100, DEER PARK, TEXAS.

Safety

MYSTERY MAN GIVES HINTS ON BEING A SAFE WORKER; NAMES TWO MORE

You don't have to be spectacular to be a "Safe Worker"...but you must be consistent! Follow the normal routine to get a job done in a safe manner, observing all the safety rules "cause that's what the Mystery Man is looking for. For instance:

-The person who is observed cleaning up his job site without being told, and keeping it orderly while doing his job is a likely candidate.

-Another sign of a Safe Worker - taking that extra precaution of wearing a dust mask or respiratory protection for possible gas releases while working on equipment.

-The condition of the tools a man is using tells you something about his safety habits.

-Safe driving practices are observed by the Mystery Man.

-The Safe Worker takes the precaution to protect his body from chemical exposures....and wearing proper flame proof garments when working around operating furnaces.

These are but a few of the things the Mystery Man looks for...and as you can see, they are simple, routine practices. But they're important - and shouldn't be overlooked in our haste to get our job done.

Now, for a couple of more winners:

N. B. DORMAN, observed breaking a flange. He was using good tools correctly, had a pan to catch drippings, a box for his bolts, and was keeping his area neat.

ROGER STEPHENS, observed riding his bicycle on the left side of the road, and approaching intersections with proper caution.

ODDS & ENDS

Birthday Belles & Beaus -

June 24 - Paul Coleman, Jimmy Gates, Jim Griffey, Bill Lodge, Bob Lutz, Roy Schroeder, Cliff White

June 25 - Burt Arnold, Jim Capers, Leo Dickey, Pat Hayes, Tommy Rodgers, Ann Rose

June 26 - Russ Henry, Harry Kennedy

Service Symbols -

15 Years - Joe Kennerty (June 25)

PILLBOXX PALAVER: "Welcome back" goes out to Murphy Jordan, who is back at his desk today.....