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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

....Brushing aside the icicles of a wintry morn....and just how cold it got last night depends on who is answering the question - and just how much insulation they were wearing ...But one thing's for sure - we're promised more of the same for tonight, so protect "tender vegetation".

OPERATIONS

"Planning and preparation pays off!"...That's what the boss said - and last night's freeze proved his point. A check in every nook and cranny of the Refinery this morning indicated that we weathered the season's first freeze with a minimum of difficulty...the precautionary measures taken in advance of the mercury drop proved very effective. The hustle-bustle of maintenance activity continues at Dubbs 9 Cracking this morning with steam-air decoking of the heavy oil furnace.....

SAFETY

The words came from behind quivering lips...the trembling knees supported a frigid torso... but the message from our man in the white hat still centered around his favorite subject - SAFETY - with his thoughts channeled to the season....."Be sure that steam traps in steam tracers and steam lines are operating....see that water lines are cracked open to allow a small trickle of water...and use caution in checking bleeder lines to prevent exposure to a sudden release of hot liquids or materials of a chemical nature which may have plugged the line..."

NEGOTIATIONS

Here and there....labor relatin':

Norco: We understand a meeting is planned for tomorrow between representatives of the Norco Refinery and the Union.

Wood River: Representatives of the Company and Unions met Monday, recessed yesterday, and are back in session today...No report yet as to the results of these meetings.

AGAIN....THE PARTY

A reminder to all staff employees....Remember "San Jacinto Day" - December 17...The cold weather hasn't frosted our plans for a hot time at the SJ Inn next Monday. The party begins for the early birds at high noon and lasts til 6:30, so regardless of the shift you may be working on that day, you should have a chance to come by for a couple of hours...enjoy the best in seafoods and chicken...wave "adios" to John Tench and extend a warm welcome to Leonard Wilson....Y'all come.....

ODDS & ENDS

...And now the reports of our sharpshooters come drifting in....From the Deerslayers Corner is word of a nine-pointer bagged by Kent Gillum....Then there is the story about one of our Refinery deadeyes who reported to his friends the death of a six-point deer - only to have his unappreciative audience ask if the six "points" consisted of two ears and four legs.

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A NOTE FROM TECH.: All Tech. people and friends interested in the Tech. Christmas Party are urged to get their names and money (\$5 per couple) to the Tech. office before Friday evening of this week. The "blast" starts with a 7:30 p.m. dinner at the Ellington Officers Club, Tuesday night, December 18.

LOST AND NOT YET FOUND: Brown suede coat, left in the Hash House last Saturday morning by a fugitive from the 12-8. If found, Bill Davis at the Docks (ext. 263) cares.....

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

December 11 - Dewey Galloway, Leo Taylor, John Lawrence

December 12 - Ken Ritter

WALK through the swinging doors of the Hash House these days and you find yourself right in the big middle of a "white Christmas" - with the spirit of the season spelled out for all to see.....The tree, trimmed in gold, crowds ten feet in height.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS: Our big beautiful Christmas tree in the lobby of the Main Office Building towers 16½ feet skyward, and has.....a lot of ornaments.

Remember the Safety Slogan: BE SAFE BECAUSE YOU MAY BE SOMEONE'S SANTA CLAUS

Drop your latest news scoop or snoop on the editor - extension 540.....

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