



# shelletter

## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### Negotiations

#### NEGOTIATORS BACK TO IT TOMORROW

Negotiations resume tomorrow at the Federal Building in Houston, as representatives of the Companies and Union get together with the Federal Mediation Service after a week's recess.

### Operations

#### PLATFORMER 2 IN AROMATICS HAS "QUICKIE" SHUTDOWN

In the Aromatics Department, platformer 2 had a "quickie" shutdown earlier this week to clean the recycle compressor.....Over in Lube Oils, the DA plant was down for awhile to fix up a bundle, and the MEK came down this morning and is already back up.

### Names Making News

#### R. W. MC OMIE, J. B. ST. CLAIR IN NEW ASSIGNMENTS

M. P. L. Love, Vice President, Manufacturing, has announced that R. W. McOmie, General Manager - Refineries, has accepted a six months' assignment with the manufacturing function in the Central Offices of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group beginning about September 1.

In the same announcement, Mr. Love stated that J. B. St. Clair, Head of the North American Division, Shell International Petroleum Company, will return to Shell Oil Company late this fall to assume the position of General Manager - Manufacturing Technical Departments, in the Head Office Manufacturing Organization. Jack St. Clair was at Houston early in his career, then returned in 1961 as Refinery Superintendent before leaving for his present assignment in December of that year.

### Vacationland, U. S. A.

#### VACATION POST CARD DISPLAY GROWS...AND GROWS...

If you think your vacation card isn't an "eye-catcher"...then you should see the show of interest by your fellow refineryites when the new cards hit the big red poster display in the Hash House. We're about ready to build another extension on the board - and that's good news - 'cause that means our folks are sending in those cards regularly.

The latest group of vacationers includes: Dick Collins at Six Flags - and that place must be getting crowded with Shellfolk! Dick says its hot, crowded - but entertaining.....From South of the Border Down Monterrey Way, Dick Daeschner sends a "See you soon" note.....Then - Midwest-Bound - to Litchfield, Illinois, and a card from Red Price, saying he's having a wonderful time up "north".....Moving on, to Iowa Falls, Iowa, we get a card from Ervin Moss. Says he just arrived after the 1200-mile trip, and enjoyed passing out some of those "buy Shell products" cards along the way - letting the folks know that "Shell is my company".

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Hash House Happenin's

## MENUS GET "FACE-LIFTING"

You probably noticed the "beefed-up" menu at noon today - our head gourmand tells us it was tenderloin of beef.....That's about the third time we've had this particular entree, and each time it's been well received. Tomorrow the menu will include stuffed shrimp, fried oysters, and baked potatoes and all that ought to go with it. And what does this mean? Just that the folks in the Hash House are making an all-out push to capture your epicurean fancy.....And just to prove it.....look for a "special" long about next Thursday - with more than a hint of what it is...in the next SHELLETTER.

Eclipse Warning

## PERMANENT VISION DAMAGE CAN RESULT FROM PEERING AT ECLIPSE

The fascinating sight of a solar eclipse can mean permanent vision damage for the unsuspecting adult or child who peers at the darkened sun through sunglasses, smoked glasses, or exposed photographic film on Saturday, July 20. (The eclipse will occur in Houston Saturday afternoon, beginning around 3 p.m.)

This warning on the hazards of eclipse watching was issued recently by the Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness. The Society stresses that there is no safe way to look directly into the eclipse without risking incurable burns of the eye from invisible infra-red rays of the sun. "Sunglasses, colored glass smudged with smoke, photographic film, or welders' goggles do not offer adequate protection for observing the eclipse", the warning said. "Only by indirect methods, such as on television or with homemade projection devices, can this phenomenon be watched without endangering the eyes."

The threat of vision damage is magnified during an eclipse because it can occur without the victim knowing it, explained William M. Hattenk, President of the Texas Society. Although the dazzling brilliance of the sun is reduced during the eclipse, the invisible infra-red rays are still emitted. A simple projector for observing the eclipse can be made with two pieces of white cardboard. Punch a pinhole in one cardboard and hold it several feet from the second. The pinhole serves as a tiny lens to focus the image of the eclipse onto the surface of the second cardboard. This image may be watched without danger to the eyes. The Society cautioned against looking at the sun through the pinhole, or using a mirror to reflect the image; a mirror also reflects the harmful rays of the sun.

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## BIRTHDAY BELLES &amp; BEAUS:

- July 18 - Henry Faust, Roy Heaton, Al Krc, Jim Zrubek
- July 19 - Ted Keeney, Hugh Payne, Jan Samson, Ray Willingham
- July 21 - Larry Durrett, Jim Ferry, Don Fortenberry, Grady Hensley

## SERVICE SYMBOLS:

- 20 years - J. R. Lamb (July 20)
- 10 years - Myron Mueller (July 20)

AND A BELATED WELCOME.....To Bill Bell, who has joined the staff of the Research Laboratory as Chief Research Engineer, replacing Hank Anderson who went New York-ward. A graduate of Oklahoma State (it was Oklahoma A&M then), Bill joined Shell in 1949 right here at Houston. After holding several technical assignments in both engineering and operating departments, he moved to Head Office in 1958 as a Senior Engineer. Bill's family includes wife, Betty, and three children, Ronald, 17, Belinda, 9, and Bonnie, 8.

PILLBOX PALAVER: Due out of the hospital today and back with us in the next few days: Ralph Starkweather. Another who hopes to be back in the next few weeks is Ed Metzler.

