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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### Negotiations

#### MEETINGS RESUME TODAY

After recessing since last Wednesday, negotiators returned to the Federal Building in Houston today. During the morning, Shell representatives met separately on two occasions for brief meetings with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and presumably similar meetings were held between the FMCS and Union representatives. Another separate session with the FMCS was on tap for 4 p.m. this afternoon for Companies' representatives.

### Operations

#### LIGHTNING STRIKES TANK, CAUSING BRIEF FIRE

The sudden electrical storm last Thursday afternoon bounced a lightning bolt off one of the tanks in the tank farm, causing a brief rim fire. However, fire crews quickly answered the call and extinguished the fire with hand extinguishers before extensive damage could occur..... Elsewhere, reactor 2 in the alky plant was down for a while this past week but is back in service.....Dubbs 6 is now back in operation and running smoothly.....And "ditto" can be said for boiler 14 in Utilities. Add to the boiler 14 story: as soon as the boiler came up, then boiler 10 was brought down for a "quickie" and returned to service - and then down came boiler 23 for annual inspection and maintenance.

### Safety

#### DON'T RELY ON HIND-SIGHT; GET THE SAFETY HABIT

Some folks listen - but don't hear; others think but don't act.....and just about anybody can tell you how you should have done a job after something went "snafu". Keeping the "Safety Habit" will reverse the above order... and eliminate the "snafu" that causes accidents and injuries. LISTEN when someone gives you his instructions on safe job procedures; THINK ahead and get advice if you don't understand, and tell yourself - and others - that simply following and applying safety rules on the job is the best way to prevent something from happening that might cause an injury. Safety is just the application of good common sense.....and an efficient way to do the job.

### Tool Room

#### TRY TO CONDUCT YOUR "TOOL ROOM" BUSINESS DURING THE DAY SHIFT

A letter has gone out to all department managers, asking the cooperation of all employees in the withdrawal of overalls and other items from the Tool Room. It has been requested that all coverall - in fact, as much tool room business as possible - be conducted during the day shift. During the weekend, coveralls may be obtained during the first and last half-hour of the daylight shift, at which time the Engineering Shift Supervisor will open the tool room. Use of the tool room on the night shifts should be considered only for emergency jobs.....And as you've guessed it, following this procedure will permit better utilization of Engineering shift manpower.

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Vacationland, U.S.A. Contest

## MOST POPULAR VACATION SPOT: SIX FLAGS

If there is any doubt as to the most popular vacation spot for our Shell folks, then Monday morning's mail went a long way toward eliminating the confusion....Three of the cards received bore the postmark of Six Flags Over Texas, and if you'll take a look at our vacation card display in the Hash House you'll see "Six Flags" cards sprinkled all over the place.

With all that "Six Flags" has going for it as a tourist attraction.... cool weather is not one...Dick Smith writes from Dallas, "...107° this afternoon... May need the Safety Department later!" Bill Jordan writes of the "Flags", "A delightful place, hot, but with lots of real cool places." Cleve O'Toole brushed aside any reference to the heat, though, with a "Having a fine time at Six Flags."

Staying in Texas, and moving toward the hill country, Ched Beecher writes from Wimberly, "...We are enjoying an easy goin' time of short tours, swimming in the creeks and pools, and picnicking...." From Uvalde, Claude Minton observes, "Hot, dry, but beautiful scenery....enjoying every minute of it." And just to prove that "hot" weather is a matter of definition, Jeep Sartor writes from Ruidoso, New Mexico, "The current heat wave has Ruidoso natives talking about moving to Alaska so they can cool off. The temperature yesterday afternoon got way up to 82° before a light shower knocked it back to the mid 70°'s. I'm afraid I didn't feel very sorry for the natives and their hot weather."

NEXT DRAWING FOR VACATION card winners will be Wednesday, July 31, at noon in the Hash House. The three winners will receive Shell products for the home and auto as prizes, with two tickets to a Houston Colt .45 baseball game tossed in for the first place winner. Also included in the list of prizes for the first place winner will be five quarts of Shell X-100 Premium Motor Oil - the oil specifically designed for modern automotive engines. This is Shell's top grade motor oil, and as the sales pitch on the oil can says, "Helps protect against troubles that can shorten engine life."

## ODDS &amp; ENDS

Author Unknown sends this Swiftie: "I go for ewe", said Tom the Ram, sheepishly.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT: Copies of the Shell Oil Company Second Quarter Report 1963 are now available in the lobby of the Main Office Building and the editor's office, Room 132, Main Office Building.

SHELL SERVICE: Returning to the refinery the other day after a trip to town in one of the Company cars, Nels Christensen came upon an automobile that had just caught on fire. Quick as a fire crew answers a fire alarm, Nels hopped from the car, grabbed the hand fire extinguisher that is standard equipment on all our Shell cars, and made short work of putting out the blaze. When heaps of "thanks" were piled on him by the relieved car owner, Nels modestly replied, "Don't thank me, all of our cars are equipped with these extinguishers for just such emergencies."

## BIRTHDAY BELLES &amp; BEAUS -

July 30 - Bill Colwell

July 31 - J. W. "Hoss" Matthews, Margie Riley

PILLBOX PALAVER: Welcome back today...to Ed Metzler and Henry Hudson. Out of the hospital and home is Sylvia Fuglaar....Still on the mend: Ples Culbreth.

FOUND: When I. L. Smith slipped his hand into the pocket of a newly acquired pair of coveralls the other morning, he pulled out a set of keys. They are Yale keys, on a large pin for a clip. So if you're an Ivy Leaguer with four lost keys, call the editor, Ext. 540, and we'll get the five of you back together again.