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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Negotiations

MEETINGS RECESSED OVER WEEKEND.....RESUMED TODAY

Negotiators took the weekend off, following an all-day meeting Friday... but are back at it today....in a meeting that got underway this morning at the Federal Building in Houston.

Operations

TURNAROUND IN DISTILLING CONTINUES

In the Distilling Department, the turnaround at DU-1 continues... on schedule.

I Like The Way You Do Business

NEW SUPPLY OF "BUY SHELL PRODUCTS" CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Just received.....a fresh supply of "Buy Shell Products" business cards for Refinery employees to send to their friends and acquaintances. A few weeks ago we mentioned the availability of these personalized cards, and the response was so good that we hurriedly re-ordered a fresh batch...The cards read thusly: "I like the way you do business...that's why I'm one of your customers. When you need quality petroleum products for your business, home, or car, please think of Shell. That's my company." At the bottom of the card is a signature line for you to lend the "personal touch" to your card.

As you can see, there are any number of opportunities each of us have to hand out or mail these cards.....along with the check when mailing household bills.....when talking with a friend or acquaintance at a meeting...

The cards are now available in the P & IR Department. Just drop by Room 141 in the Main Office Building - that's where Porky Lamb and Margaret Mitchell are located - and pick up your cards.

Vacationland, U.S.A.

CARDS KEEP COMIN'; NEXT DRAWING ON MONDAY, JULY 15

"Looking at all those pretty picture post cards gives me 'vacation fever!'. We overheard this remark the other day...and it's probably been repeated many times by others. There's something about seeing pictures of faraway places that makes you want to travel...to see for yourself. Here's our latest group of vacationers who are sharing the sights of their vacation travels with their Refinery friends:

From high up in the mountains at Red River, New Mexico, Joe John sends us a beautiful giant-size view of his vacationland - Red River Valley. Joe says, "This is a mighty fine place - fishing, camping, horseback riding...nights 40° and days 75°. Still in New Mexico, Jack Banowsky checks in from Eagle Nest, "Seeing the sights in Taos and northern New Mexico.

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Next stop is Mountain Home, Arkansas, and Ed Dunn.....and he says the fishin' could be better! But, Ed adds, the swimming's cool.....

On eastward, from Cookeville, Tennessee, J. B. DuBois writes, "We're having a fine time on vacation in the hills of Tennessee..." And further on east, Ed Patterson sends, "Greetings from the 'Ole Tarheel State, Land of the Long Leaf Pine'..." And if you haven't guessed it, Ed is in North Carolina - at Morrow Mountain State Park.

Our next drawing for prizes will be at noon on Monday, July 15, in the Hash House. Once again, three lucky winners will have their names pulled from the silver vacation box, and to them will go a variety of prizes including Shell products for the home and car.

Safety

MYSTERY MAN FINDS MORE "SAFE WORKERS"

The parade of Safe Workers marching past the Mystery Man has added some new faces...folks like R. D. Miller, Jeep Sartor, George Stanfield, Bron Geye, Red Julian, Bill Cowgill, and Al Loughridge.....The Safety Mystery Man spotted these "Safe Workers" doing such things as: observing the traffic signs while driving.....wearing hard hats while taking samples at a unit near a construction job.....wearing goggles while drawing samples at unit.....good planning for a job which included providing safety equipment in the area.....parking scooters at proper locations outside a unit area.....and attaching red flags to extended loads on the rear of a truck.....So you can never tell when the MM will be watching.....or what you'll be doing at the time. The best bet, though, is to be doing your job SAFELY. Then you'll always be ready to qualify for a silver buck as a "Safe Worker".....And what's more important - you and your fellow employees will be able to finish the job you started...safely.

YOU'VE probably noticed the new signs along the Refinery Main Entrance Road. The sign you see coming into the Refinery says, "Safety Is Your Job, Too." Short..to the point...but important enough to take with you right onto the job site. SAFETY is the job of each and every one of us. You can't leave SAFETY entirely up to the safety inspector. Also, SAFETY is a contagious sort of a thing... and the more we practice it, the more we see it "catching on" with fellow employees. Yes, safety is everybody's business.

ODDS & ENDS

FOUND: Ron Johnson has found a silver bracelet. Since it's a "PIKE" bracelet - and that brand is usually worn by girls - he figgers that the bracelet probably belongs to a girl.....The Editor now has the bracelet, so the owner may claim same by dropping by Room 132, Main Office Building.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

July 9 - Bob Hennan, Theda Ray Kelley, Red Washmon
July 10 - Bill Brandes, Glenn McCullough, Johnny Muyres

THANK YOU: The following note was received from Elsa Graham, Refinery retiree:
"Thank you for being so sweet to me during my recent stay at Methodist Hospital. Your prayers, gifts, flowers, cards, and letters have meant so much to me. This is the only way I can say 'thank you' to all of you."

TRAFFIC TIP: Joe Tow says, "Jaywalking can give a pedestrian that run-down feeling!"

PILLBOX PALAVER: H. M. Hancock is in Southmore Hospital in Pasadena... recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

TOM SWIFTIES: "Let's run some 'Tom Swifties' in the SHELLETTER...bet lots of our folks can come up with some real good Refinery-born ones." That's what the man said in the chow line the other day. And before quittin' time, Ray Schneider had dropped by with some Tom Swift Safeties. Things like: "Don't throw those oily rags in the corner", Tom said spontaneously. "Put your goggles on", Tom said caustically. How's that for a start? If you have any gems to share with the rest of us, turn yours in.....swiftly.