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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### OPERATIONS

EARLY SIGNS OF THE SEASON...or Spring Refinery Cleanin' - Deer Park style... Strolling around on a warm afternoon, you suddenly take note of those sure signs that another season nears. Besides talkin' baseball, the paint dabbers are busy drowning those drab shades on faded walls and control boards with rich, new anti-spring fever colors. Take, for instance, the control board in the control room at the Gas Department's compressor plant. The folks over there just finished their painting chores.....And taking this "beautification" project still further... Freshly cleared land now greets the passers-by where once stood the old CP stabilizer control building. The old building got all caught up in "progress", and the dials, gauges and other "gizmos" that used to be housed in those quarters were moved up the street to the compressor house's control room...There are other places where paint has done wonders.....the LOFU control house - from stem to stern - got the full new coat treatment...and it shows it! Over in Thermal Cracking, the control board in the flasher control room came under the careful, artful brush of the master.....and next door at the Dubbs Pumphouse, the interior walls are getting a long-awaited sprucing up. So - all in all - it looks like springtime is making a colorful entry at the Houston Refinery.....Then - back to the day-to-day business of keeping customers happy. In the Lube Oils Department, the LVI unit - new trays and all - trickled and then gushed back into service Monday night and Tuesday morning.....Boiler No. 11 is still down as maintenance continues...Work continues at the TEDC in Aromatics. So far, the column has been Actex-cleaned, and a couple of heat exchangers removed and cleaned.....Now, the operators are ready to start operatin' again.....and that time shouldn't be far off.

### MERIT AWARD FOR 1963 UNITED FUND DRIVE

Jobs done "above average" just don't go unnoticed.....This week we received word that our Refinery has been named recipient of the United Fund's Merit Award. The award was given by the Houston and Harris County United Fund in recognition of the fine performance of employees in the 1963 campaign, conducted here this past fall. John Harkness headed up the local drive, while Jack Kelbaugh coordinated the UF efforts of all Shell groups in Harris County.

### SAFETY

Louie is using his SAFETY section to hang out a "Help Wanted" ad: He's looking for more SAFETY SALESMEN. The requirement for holding the job: Just keep talkin' SAFETY - every day. "Advertising pays off in a big way. You get bombarded with information about some product on TV, radio, in newspapers, and magazines. You hear the 'message' so often you end up buying the product!", so says our Louie. "Well, we've got a product to sell, too. And we'll use every means at hand to get our message across - by the written word, posters, and safety meetings. STILL - with all this - we need those on-the-job safety salesmen... 'pluggin' for our product at every opportunity. Each time you supervise or assist in doing some work, mention SAFETY and then demonstrate SAFETY by showing your fellow workers that YOU observe the safety rules. This is our full-scale safety advertising program....and it'll work - providing EVERYONE gets in the act...and makes SAFETY a habit."

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The ides of March approach...and now's a good time to give serious thought to your safety slogan in next month's Safety Slogan contest. You've got a couple of weeks before deadline - so we should have a fistful of "finalists" in the April competition. Be counted....Send your entry (via Refinery mail) to Safety Slogan Contest.....or drop your entry in the entry box in the Hash House.

We have it on good authority that the Mystery Man is out and about these nice warm days...He called in from some "unlisted" phone to say his "itchy" feet needed to pound the pavement...and for all you "would-be" winners to stand prepared, 'cause he'll be coming around.....

RETIREE MOSE HENDRICKS DIES

It is with regret we report the death of Moses W. (Mose) Hendricks on Monday, March 11. Mr. Hendricks was one of the pioneers in Deer Park, and continued living in the community following his retirement from Shell in 1955. At the time of his retirement he worked as a Pumper No. 1 in the Dubbs Pump-house, Thermal Cracking Department. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Neva E. Hendricks, and three sons, Brice E., M. W., Jr., and O. L. Hendricks. To this family goes an expression of sympathy from Mr. Hendricks' many Shell friends.

ODDS & ENDS

CAR WASHER WORKS! Red Washmon, lookin' like a guy on the successful end of a project, reports to "all interested parties" that the car washing rack in the employees parking lot is going full spray ahead.....

FROM THE FACTS FILE: About 90% of the nation's 207,000 service stations are either independently owned or operated by local businessmen.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

March 13 - John Turner, Dave Emerson

March 14 - Bill Bailey, Ed Fielder

NEWS SCOOPS are never out of season.....try your latest "flash" on the Editor, extension 540.....Also, recently added for the convenience of our readers - the Rumor Research Institute - with a full staff of rumor-sniffer-outers.....dedicated to straightening out "balled up" rumors. The "Institute" can also be reached by dialing-----540.

