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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Negotiations

.....AND THEN THERE WERE MORE MEETINGS.....

Negotiations at the Federal Building in Houston yesterday involved sub-committees of both the Companies and the Union, meeting in separate sessions with the members of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. No joint meetings were held. Topic of discussion: the procedures and timing of future meetings. After adjourning at mid-afternoon, the negotiators returned this morning to continue sub-committee meetings.

Operations

DISTILLING UNIT 1 TURNAROUND NEARS COMPLETION

The turnaround at DU-1 in the Distilling Department continues on schedule.....and the folks down thataway are looking forward to bringing up the unit shortly. Over in Thermal Cracking, another "Men Working" sign hangs out at the construction job in Dubbs 9 Cracking unit.

Vacationland, U. S. A.

BILL MEERBOTT, JIM FERRY CHECK IN FROM WESTERN PARKS

High on the list of favorite vacationland spots are our Western U. S. National Parks.....places like Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain.....and that's exactly where our latest two vacationers chose to go. Bill Meerbott says he likes to go out hiking - and he picked out a tall one.....Speciman Mountain at 12,500 feet...near the Continental Divide in Rocky Mountain Park. Bill says it was a fairly steep climb, and a good "conditioner". On up Yellowstone way, Jim Ferry sends a card picturing Old Faithful Geyser, and mentions that his trip included not only Yellowstone, but the Grand Tetons and Zion.

Bill and Jim will have their names in the vacation gift box Monday when we hold our second drawing for prizes in our Vacationland, U. S. A. contest. The drawing will be held during the lunch hour in the Hash House, and three new winners will be selected to receive Shell products.

"Buy Shell Products" Cards on the Move

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR SUPPLY OF CARDS YET?

The new supply of "Buy Shell products" cards has only been available the past couple of days, but Porky Lamb, chief card dispenser first class, reports that already over 1,000 of the little gems have been picked up by Refinery employees with an eye toward circulating the word about out "better-than-ever" Shell products.

We heard the other day about some folks dropping by a Shell station, loading up on gasoline, then showing the dealer a personalized card given them by a friend... So we know the cards are getting results! Porky is located in Room 141, Main Office Building.....and he has your cards just awaitin'.

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It's in the Tires.....of Course!

AVERAGE AUTOMOBILE CARRIES TWO "HIDDEN" GALLONS OF OIL

The average automobile contains two gallons of oil which most motorists don't know about. The oil is in the tires. A typical synthetic rubber tire contains about 25 parts of oil per 100 parts of rubber. Carbon black, vulcanizing agents, and other chemicals make up the balance.

Oil is an ingredient in hundreds of other rubber products, ranging from elastic bands to bowling balls.

Safety"SAFETY NOT SPEED IS THE LIMIT....."

Another of our new signs on the Main Entrance road reads: SAFETY NOT SPEED IS THE LIMIT.....The sign stands as a final reminder - even a warning - to the motorist about to enter the LaPorte Highway. Highway accidents have a habit of setting new, ghastly records each new year.....and that tells us that the SAFETY LIMIT is not being observed.

Although everyone behind the wheel of an auto is not thoroughly trained to practice safety.....each should know and obey the traffic laws. Just like leaving safety in the refinery to the safety inspector, we can't leave safety on the highways up to the traffic officer to enforce our laws. It is the job of each driver to obey the rules of the road, and not take needless chances that might save a second - or lose a life.

SALT TABLETS to fight summer's heat are available in the Fire and Safety Department. If you notice an empty salt container near a water fountain...get hold of the Fire and Safety folks and they'll do something about it. Also, Louie says that a supply of salt tablets should accompany all drinking water cans to the field.....

ODDS & ENDS:

MORE TOM SWIFTIES: Les Reeves sends us today's Swifties.....

"Love that reactor temperature", he said coolly.

"The computer made a mistake!", Tom added swiftly.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

July 11 - Walter Felscher

July 13 - Jim Bennett, Glenn Moore, Porter Slack

July 14 - Hurschel Mann, Cleve O'Toole, Buddy Yannazzo

SERVICE SYMBOLS:

10 years - Bob Connally (July 14)

PILLBOX PALAVER: H. M. Hancock is out of the hospital and now at home, recovering from an attack of pneumonia.....Ed Metzler is still hospitalized in Houston.

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

SWIFTIES: "Let's run some 'Tom Swifties' in the SWIFTEER... but lots of our folks can come up with some real good Refinery-born ones." That's what the man in the show said spontaneously. "Go your way on", Tom said. "How about you for a start? If you have any gems to share with the rest of us, turn yours in...swiftly."