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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Negotiations

MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17

Companies and Union representatives are scheduled to meet with the Federal Conciliator in Houston on Friday morning, May 17....In the mail to all supervisors this morning, a copy of a letter sent yesterday to all striking employees.

Operations

RANDOM NOTES:

.....Maintenance at the C&R debutanizer column continues with acid cleaning of column planned for this weekend.....Record of a "quickie" - the shutdown of the acid pump on No. 5 reactor in Alky for repairs, then right back up.....'nother down for repairs, CO66 compressor at the Gas compressor plant.....

Employees Meeting

SERIES OF MEETINGS PLANNED - FIRST ONE MONDAY EVENING, MAY 20

Another series of evening dinner meetings for staff employees was announced today by Harry Walker. The first meeting will be held Monday night, May 20. Subsequent meeting dates are set for May 23 and June 11. The meetings have been scheduled so as to allow as many employees as possible the opportunity of attending.

The meetings will follow the general format of past gatherings - with Jack Kelbaugh, Harry Walker, and Leonard Wilson at mike-side, bringing you news and views of the day.

Monday night's meeting will begin at 5 p.m., with a steak dinner served buffet style at 6 p.m. Day schedule employees will be allowed to leave their jobs thirty minutes early to attend. The meetings will end soon enough to allow folks on schedule to get to their jobs for the 8 p.m.-8 a.m. tour Monday night-Tuesday morning. Employees from the following departments have been scheduled to attend the first meeting: Treasury, Technological, P & IR, day schedule employees in operating departments, administration and department managers, and shift employees on schedules 1 and 4.....So y'all come!

Safety

MYSTERY MAN AT IT AGAIN!

Our Silver Dollar Mystery Man - armed with dollars and a new slogan - has brought his first week's work to a grinding halt with five new members for the Silver Dollar Safety Club. Our winners this week included John Markham, Billy Parnell, Ina Foster, Bill Davis, and Ois Seay.

.....And remember the slogan: SAFETY IS A CHILD'S BEST FRIEND.....'cause the Mystery Man's next walk may cross your path.

Deer Park Awards Banquet

FIVE SHELL DAUGHTERS, SON HONORED

Deer Park High School pointed with pride to its honor students last Monday night, and four Shell daughters and a Shell son were included in those receiving recognition.

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Deer Park Awards Banquet (Cont'd.)

The occasion was the annual Outstanding Students Awards Banquet, held again this year at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel and sponsored by neighboring Channel industries in the Deer Park School District.

Named for their outstanding scholastic accomplishments this school year were Lynn Eubanks, Daughter of Shell Chemical's M. D. Eubanks; Linda Reitz, daughter of Shell Chemical's Floyd Reitz; Brian Taylor, son of the Chemical Plant's J. F. Taylor; Diane Rhame, daughter of the Refinery's J. G. Rhame; and Connie Warren, daughter of the Refinery's H. W. Warren. Connie is the only senior in the group, and she adds further acclaim later this month when she graduates as valedictorian of her class.

Representing Shell at the banquet as part of the sponsoring group were Leonard Wilson, Manager of the Refinery, and Harry Dufresne, Chemical Plant Personnel

Manager.

Deaths

JOSEPH E. DOWDA KILLED IN TRUCK ACCIDENT: K. W. (BILL) KERN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

It is with regret we report the death yesterday of two Shellmen, Joseph E. Dowda, an Instrumentman No. 1 in the Refinery Engineering Field Department, was killed in a two-truck collision near Huntsville, while Karl W. (Bill) Kern died in a Houston hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Dowda, 53, was a veteran of over 15 years service at the Refinery, having joined Shell at the Houston Refinery in June 1947 as a Carpenter No. 1 in the Engineering Field Department. Except for a brief period when he was assigned to the Dispatching Department, Mr. Dowda worked continuously in the Engineering Field. In 1950 he moved to the Instrument Shop as an Instrumentman Helper, advancing to Instrumentman No. 1 in 1955. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Dowda, three daughters and one son. Funeral will be held at the Glendale Funeral Home, 2:00 p.m., Friday afternoon, May 17.

Prior to his transfer to the Chemical Plant in 1961, Bill Kern, 33, was assigned to the Refinery. During nine years at the Refinery he held various technical assignments in the Thermal Cracking, Distilling, and Technological Departments, and the Engineering Office. From 1953 to 1955 he was away on military leave. Burial will be in Michigan City, Indiana, with no services to be held in Houston.

To the surviving families an expression of sympathy is extended by their many Shell friends.

Odds & Ends

PILL BOX PALAVER: Back this week after a few days off following surgery - Ety Mathews, and she says she's feelin' fine...

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS -

May 16 - Jack Limbach

May 17 - Barney Ferguson, D. R. "Red" Julian, Joe Nelson, Joe Tesoro

May 19 - Homer Blaylock

(A discourse about wrong birthdays.....by the editor)

"HOW COULD YOU MAKE SUCH A MISTAKE!" That choice of words seemed to open most conversations on the subject of a "goof" in Monday's SHELLETTER that listed "May" birthdays as "April". We'd like to have answered, "The mistake was intentional...just trying to find out if anyone reads the birthday column".....Yes, we'd like to have answered that...but we can't! But if there are any doubts left as to whether our folks read the column or not...let them be dispelled.....They do! So the experience brought forth these conclusions, to wit: (1) People read birthday columns; (2) People don't like to see their birthdays recorded publicly in error (particularly if it makes them one month older); and (3) Into each life some rain must fall.

SERVICE SYMBOLS

20 Years - Marshall Drew (May 18)