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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

OPERATIONS

So few "newsy items" came out of operations this weekend, it looks like we'll have to talk about the weather again. And a nice, cool autumn-ish breeze blew in just in time to be reported for all you weather fans. Although we haven't quite reached the Shell anti-freeze climate yet, the change was a welcome relief from the mid 90s of an unusual October.....Then in Operations, maintenance activity continues at Flasher 2 in the Thermal Cracking Department. Elsewhere, peace and quiet reign supreme.

NEWS FROM OTHER LOCATIONS

Shell Oil Company recently announced its first successful well in the off-shore waters of the Pacific Ocean. Shell-Standard Molino State No. 1, a wildcat near Santa Barbara, California, was completed October 10 in approximately 250 feet of water. Drilled to a total depth of 8,479 feet, the well is shut in awaiting pipe line facilities to shore.

The wildcat was drilled on a 4,250-acre state lease parcel purchased earlier this year by Shell and Standard Oil Company of California in partnership for a bid of more than \$14 Million.

SAFETY

The Mystery Man collared five new "clients" this past week, and the alert employees responded with the correct password for membership in the Silver Dollar Safety Club...Oh, yes, they each got a silver dollar, too. Here are the five, along with a candid view of just what happened when the big question was asked. Ed Suhr: One scratch of brow..and out came the answer. Van Mayberry: That Van grin and chuckle, and with hand extended...the answer. John Balfourt: "I don't know...What do YOU want to know for?" (At this point the Mystery Man shuffled a couple of silvers in his palm) "Heady Advice...Think Twice...Now give me my dollar." E. R. Johnson: Not a moment's hesitation..he was ready. J. A. Thomas: (Looked at MM with sheepish grin and a \$ question mark all over his face.....then said "Heady Advice...Think Twice.".....As you've probably guessed by now, the correct slogan for this month: "Heady Advice...Think Twice".

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Now is as good a time as any to beat the drums for our monthly Safety Slogan contest. The deadline for the November contest is October 31, and the Friday, November 2 edition of your SHELLETTER will announce the winner and his slogan. A pen and pencil set and a family portrait of your family awaits the winner, so get those entries in the pot. You will find a Safety Slogan entry box near the entrance door to the Hash House; or you can drop your entries in the Refinery mail. Just write "Safety Slogan Contest" on the envelope.

CAFETERIA

Here's a new scoop for you "eat where you work" patrons of the Hash House. In the not too far distant future (which means we ain't sure of the date), something brand new will be added to our carry out meal service. We'd like to tell you more about it right now, but the "highly competitive nature of our business prevents us from giving away trade secrets prematurely."

ODDS & ENDS

Bill Bailey points out heartening news for our members of the Shell Stock Fund. He has a copy of the October 15 issue of Standard and Poors' Outlook which analyzes and projects business and market trends. Listed for all to see as their selection of the Stock of the Month - SHELL OIL COMPANY. What S & P says about Shell: "...offers excellent value as a quality investment for income and growth."

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP-dated: Now with cooler weather here, fogged up, rolled up windows will soon be the usual way of travel for most of us . . . So this note from our Gentlemen in Uniforms: Roll down your window so the guard can recognize you upon passing his check point entering the Refinery. If it's at night, turn on the inside car light and make with the broad grin. By then he may be lonesome and a friendly face is comforting.

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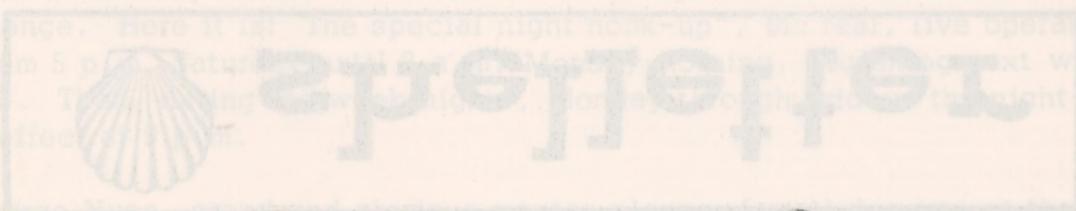
NOTICES

TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Still missing: silverware from the Hash House . . . and they need it in their kitchen. Seen any spare knives, forks, or spoons? About turning in the loose hardware to the Hash House folks.

"If silverware is left here"

ODDS & ENDS



George has posted his master schedule for the next Alley play on the Employee News Center bulletin board in the Hash House. George asks that you check your assignments, and follow the crystal-clear directions he has written on the schedule . . . He's even supplied a pencil for his patrons.

Out of the hospital and back home (and happy to be there) is J. D. Cornell. We are happy to report he continues to show steady improvement, and hopes to be back with us before too long.

This morning's staff meeting was a bit unusual -- a member of the family was not in his accustomed seat when it started. Earle Reiley's story -- "I thought it was Thursday" -- (he wondered where everyone was around 10 a.m.) -- Kelbaugh's reply: "You might as well have thought it was Sunday -- then you could have stayed home."

Remember the Safety Slogan HEAD ADVICE . . . THINK TWICE.

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