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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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Monday, February 11, 1963

TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Our Texas-size welcome mat was out Friday and Saturday, 'cause visiting with us were Messrs. D. B. Kemball-Cook, Executive Vice President, Shell Oil Company, and M.P.L. Love, Vice President, Manufacturing, Shell Oil Company. Most of their time was spent visiting in the units with Shellfolks on the job.

NEGOTIATIONS

As you know, the Companies presented the Union with a strike settlement proposal at a joint meeting last Thursday. Contents of this proposal were included in the letter to all Supervisors, distributed in the Refinery that same day. Friday, in another letter to all Supervisors, Thursday's meeting was outlined in more detail....Suggest you read both letters.....Tomorrow morning in Houston, a trial examiner of the National Labor Relations Board will open the hearing of the Union's complaints of alleged unfair labor practices on the part of Shell...

OPERATIONS

The repairs were completed....all stepped back to watch....and up she came..... Platformer 1 was back in operation this weekend....and the shutdown - an item for the history books. Also over the weekend, Boiler 15 at Boiler House No. 1 was repaired.

CAFETERIA

The hours of operation for the Hash House fell in step with the return to the eight-hour shifts today. Starting today, the revised hours are as follows:

- 6 a.m. - 8 a.m. - Breakfast
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Lunch
- 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Dinner
- 10:30 p.m. - 12 Midnight-Snack

...And here's something you haven't heard for awhile....The Hash House needs boxes! This used to be a familiar cry....then for awhile everything was rosy. But now - we're facing a box shortage for carry-out lunches....so out goes our appeal to SAVE THE BOXES AND GIVE THEM TO THE DELIVERY BOY THE NEXT TIME HE BRINGS THE LUNCHES.

SAFETY

Have you heard....."...the ingredients of a 'Do it Yourself' Safety Kit are (1) Common sense, (2) A cautious attitude, and (3) Alertness for the unexpected..." --- submitted by L. J. Hallmark (author unknown).

The new safety slogan is up....posted in prominent places in the Refinery. So this means that before long that Mystery Man will be janglin' silver dollars - and asking questions. One question that has already come up about this month's slogan needs answerin'....Our slogan is a two line slogan....You must repeat both lines to claim your buck....Once again, all in unison...our slogan

THE SLOGAN FOR THE SILVER BUCK
IS BE SAFE, DON'T TRUST TO LUCK.

(..Just remember, it takes both lines to rhyme)

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EMPLOYEES MEETING

Although there wasn't much advance notice....the "word" got around pretty fast....because almost 300 employees turned out for our Staff Employees Evening Meeting in the Hash House Wednesday, February 6. Leonard Wilson was on the firing line most of the time, bringing the large crowd up to date on negotiations-both here and elsewhere - and then fielding with straight-to-the-point answers a lot of questions thrown out from the group. Harry Walker reviewed operations here in the Refinery, and thanked the employees for a splendid showing these past few months. Then, at 6:00 p.m. sharp...out came the steaks, and a fitting close to an informative and enjoyable meeting.and NOW, for those of you who could not attend that first meeting, here's your date..... Monday evening, February 25, 1963. A suitable date could not be arranged earlier because of the changes in schedules. The starting time's the same: 5:00 p.m. with steaks coming out at 6:00 p.m. This party will include rotating shift people unable to attend the first meeting, and employees in the Engineering Office, Purchasing-Stores, Treasury, Research Laboratory, and Technological Departments.....See you in the Hash House.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

- February 8 - John Bowley, John Moyers, Everett Doiron, Bob Montgomery
- February 9 - John Merritt
- February 10 - Everett Heidrich, George West
- February 11 - M. O. Baker, Clark Callihan
- February 12 - Fred Wischhusen

SERVICE SYMBOLS:

- 20 Years - Jim Crocoll (February 9)
- Ann Varner (February 11)

FOUND: Two keys on a key ring....found in the Dispatching Department sedan - and they don't fit the Dispatching Department sedan.... Call the Editor, Ext. 540.

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