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"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Report on Earnings

SHELL'S SIX-MONTH NET INCOME INCREASES 21 PER CENT OVER 1962

Shell Oil Company announced today that consolidated net income in the first six months of 1963 was \$90,921,000, or \$150 a share. This was 21 per cent greater than the \$74,937,000, or \$1.24 a share, earned in the first half of 1962.

Consolidated net income for the second quarter of 1963 was \$44,326,000, or \$0.73 a share. This was also a 21 per cent increase over the corresponding 1962 period, when the net income was \$36,670,000, or \$0.61 a share.

During the first half of 1963, Shell's volume of refined product sales increased seven per cent over the corresponding 1962 period. Increases were recorded in all major products, including chemicals and natural gas.

Greater throughput at refineries and plants and benefits from improved operating efficiency throughout the Company contributed to the improvement in earnings. Gasoline prices in the first six months of 1963 were slightly better than those in the 1962 period, but other product prices were lower, with the result that there was almost no change in the average realization per barrel from all refined product sales.

Negotiations

MEETINGS RECESSED UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 29

Negotiations continued in short joint and separate sessions with representatives of F.M.C.S. during the afternoon and evening of July 24, 1963. Joint sessions were held from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. after which the following statement, agreed upon by all parties, was released to the press: "Conferences in Shell-OCAW strike were recessed late Wednesday until 9:30 a.m. Monday to give both sides the opportunity to consult and consider approaches developed in this last series of meetings which started last Friday. In the meantime, the F.M.C.S. panel members will maintain contact with representatives for the parties."

Barbecued Send-Off

JIM THOMAS, JOHN MASSEY HONORED AT GOIN'-AWAY PARTY

The spotlight turned to Jim Thomas and John Massey last week, as over 70 of their Refinery friends turned out at the Staff House Barbecue area to lend a loud and hearty "so long" to the Head Office-bound pair.

Amid timely and punctual comments from the audience, MC Steve Braun - Deer Park's answer to Ed Sullivan - handled the presentation of gifts. Included in the presents was an ash tray for Thomas, made from various pieces of material that have come under the careful eye of an Engineering Services Inspector - and found wanting. In fact, Steve pointed out that Jim had provided the "parts" for his own ash tray.

For "gay-blade" bachelor John Massey, his friends had purchased a roll of tickets to Roseland (a dance hall in New York).

To wrap up the "gift-giving" in fine style, each received a transistorized, AM-FM short-wave radio, and scrolls signed by 140 well wishers.

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Cafeteria Continental"ITALIAN DAY" GIVES PROMISE OF THINGS TO COME

The big menu board at the entrance of Cafeteria Continental listed all sorts of hard-to-pronounce names....The customer paused, reflected upon what was up ahead at the start of the serving line....then began his journey 'round the world on a lunch hour....This scene was replayed over 500 times at noon today as our folks in the Hash House put their best lasagna forward with a special "Italian Day" dinner.

From the response of the diners - the smiles and the reach for "seconds" on the goodie table - we'd have to judge the dinner a success....And point out that there'll be more of this "continental" stuff in our world-wide search for out-of-this-world menus.

Safety

EVER HEAR OF THE "WISE OWL CLUB"...WELL, WE'VE GOT ONE!

Just received....a charter for our membership in the "Wise Owl Club"... What is it?....An organization sponsored by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc. Their purpose is to prevent blindness not only from diseases of the eyes but also from any exposures that could cause damage to sight.

In the industrial chapters of this club - that's us - the aim is to encourage everyone to use eye protective equipment on any job where chemicals, harmful light rays, dust, or flying particles might be present. The club has over 25,000 members, and more than 3300 industrial chapters. The only way a person can become a member is to experience an incident where eye exposure could have resulted in serious damage or loss of sight....but the individual was safeguarded from these consequences by having worn the necessary protective eye equipment. Now, obviously, we ain't after a record number of memberships in the club. However, when someone does avoid an injury by having taken the necessary advance precautions - then the individual should be recognized for his foresight.... That's what we hope to do with the Wise Owl Club, so there'll be more about the club in future issues of the SHELLLETTER....

ODDS & ENDS

'NOTHER SWIFTIE: Mel Renquist is responsible for this one...."Say, this cannibal stuff is all right," Tom said manfully.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

July 25 - Jim DeLand

July 26 - Charlene Conway, John Flynt

July 27 - Harold Neal

July 28 - Jeanine Davis, Bill Davis, E. J. Newton, Billy Parnell

SERVICE SYMBOLS:

20 Years - Cecil Williams (July 26)

BUMPING BIRD BACK: This doesn't come as news to many Refineryites....but the bumping bird is back in business outside the Main Office Building. From his list of victims, the ambitious mocking bird is completely impartial as to the type of head he chosers to dive bomb. Whether it be male or female, bushy hair or thinning pate, the "Bumper" tries them all....and usually with success. One thing's for sure; he's made us a group of bird watchers.

SERPENT SECURITY: Add one more item for the boys in uniform to watch for....SNAKES. The other morning two members of our "Security Arm" walked into the Dock Gate House...to find they had company. Coiled atop the counter was a life-size "don't argue with me" type of king snake. First reports as to the size of the snake were probably exaggerated somewhat (the gate house wasn't large enough to accommodate one that size!) but the slimy fellow was big enough to attract attention. After much coaxing, the snake was encouraged to leave... and the business routine was back to normal.