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TO ALL EMPLOYEES



Dr. W. A. Bailey (left) and P. D. Hunsucker inspect goggles worn by Paul at time of accident.

WISE OWL CLUB GETS ITS FIRST MEMBER

Not long ago the Houston Refinery received a charter for a chapter in the Wise Owl Club - a nationwide safety organization that gets its members only after they have been involved in "near miss" industrial accidents that endangered their eyesight.

This week our new chapter got its first member, P. D. Hunsucker of the Research Laboratory.

Paul's "near miss" came earlier this year in an accident at a Research pilot plant that could have had tragic consequences. Working as a pilot plant operator, Paul was sprayed with a high temperature liquid. The thing that gives our story a "happy ending" is the fact that Paul was wearing protective goggles at the time, and although the molten material quickly solidified on the goggle lenses, he escaped with only minor burns about the face and neck that have since

healed without leaving scars or after-effects.

But had he not been wearing the goggles....Paul shudders at the thought of what might have happened to his eyes. The goggles, scarred and deeply pitted, serve as his reminder of the value of taking safety precautions.

And since he had exercised the proper safeguards, Paul qualified for membership in the Wise Owl Club. He was officially recognized as our first member earlier this week by Dr. W. A. Bailey, Research Director, who presented him a membership certificate which reads in part, "...and is acclaimed for his judgment and foresight in the conscientious use of eye protection which saved his vision in a work accident..."

Paul, a native of Sherman, Texas, attended Austin College and the University of Houston, and has been with Shell for six years. Married, he is the father of two young boys.

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HOME IS WHERE THE PIGEON IS

A homing pigeon will get home -- one way or another. One owned by James J. Allen, an Operator at Shell Oil Company's Wilmington-Dominguez Refinery, recently made it the hard way.

Allen entered the bird in a race from Marysville, Calif., to his home in Redondo Beach -- a distance of about 400 miles. But the bird got lost and landed on a tanker about 80 miles out to sea -- a tanker carrying Shell products, of course.

The crew member who rescued the bird decided to take it home to his next door neighbor who raises pigeons. About six weeks after the bird left Marysville, it was delivered to the seaman's neighbor -- Allen, of course.

\$350 MILLION FOR RESEARCH

New York--The petroleum industry will spend an estimated \$350 million on research during 1963, Oil Facts reports.

Current projections indicate the total will reach about \$600 million a year by 1970, the American Petroleum Institute publication notes.

Basic non-competitive research in such areas as the composition of petroleum is sponsored by various trade associations. In addition, individual oil companies conduct their own highly competitive applied research.

During the past three years, major oil companies have spent about \$1 billion on research. Such research has helped develop the estimated 2,500 products currently made from petroleum, Oil Facts says.

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SHOE SALE OVER....WAS SMASHING SUCCESS!

Word comes from the Main Warehouse that their summer clearance sale on out-of-style safety shoes is over. All the shoes have been sold!

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SERA BINGO PARTY SET FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

A Bingo Party will be held at Shellwood Lodge on Friday evening, August 30, starting at 8 p.m. There'll be \$\$\$ in prizes....free coffee....and candy for the kiddies. The party is for members only.

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OIL FACTS

A typical jet airliner flying the 145-minute New York to Miami trip burns about 5,000 gallons of fuel. A like quantity of gasoline would last an average passenger car about seven years.

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