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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### OPERATIONS

What goes on in a refinery that's perkin' along in the 150,000 barrel-a-day range? Well, a lot of operating - that's for sure.....and maintenance work like what's been going on at Boiler No. 6 in Utilities...the boiler is back in service today... Then shutdowns are scheduled and tackled...and right now that would include the LVI unit in the Lube Oils Department where a retraying job similar to the one just completed at the butylenes fractionation column in Distilling is coming along on schedule. And while on the subject of the retraying at the butylenes fractionation...first reports in say that the new trays are performing at least as good as designed....with more tests being made to confirm these findings.....And another maintenance chore that can be marked off the books as "completed" - repairs to Cooling Water Tower No. 7. The finishing touches went on last week.....closing out a job that had been in progress for a couple of months.

### PROVIDENT FUND

From the financial whirl.....the following info was received today.....

#### SHELL STOCK FUND

The average cost per share of the Shell stock purchased during January 1963 was: \$36.521.

#### EQUITIES FUND

Based on the fiduciary valuation of the portfolio of the Equities Fund as of the close of February 5 and February 20, the Unit values were:

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| February 5 | \$1.186 | February 20 | \$1.197 |
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### SHELL OIL COMPANY QUARTERLY DIVIDEND RAISED

The Directors of Shell Oil Company have voted to raise the regular quarterly dividend to 32 1/2 cents per share from 27 1/2 cents per share, payable March 22 to shareholders of record March 11.

Monroe E. Spaght, President, said that the increase reflects improved earnings in 1962 and further improvement in earnings anticipated for the future.

### NIGHT DRIVING

Some time ago we ran a piece in the SHELLETTER about getting all fixed up for night driving on scooters with a "do-it-yourself" kit from Purchasing-Stores. The response - we are happy to report - was good. Since the handy-dandy little life savers were placed on the market, Refinery folks have picked up 30 of them. Then comes the next question: Are the kits being used? Apparently so - at least that's what our vast reporting network says. However, someone did mention that yesterday they noticed one of the "rigged up" scooters with lights up front but no reflector tape on the rear. So don't be half safe - check both ends of that scooter.....Louie says the response to the drive for accident-proofing the scooters has been good.....just don't "let up" now.

### NEWS FROM OTHER LOCATIONS

Just returned from a couple of days at Norco: Bob Haldane and L. J. Snyder...reporting first-hand that the return to work of hourly employees has gone extremely well....with a great deal of cooperation being manifested by all employees.

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SAFETY

Ira Gigout has been in the business of thinking up safety slogans for many months. The only trouble was.....he never turned any of them in! So last month he gathered up all his "originals" - 31 to be exact - and submitted them in the March Safety Slogan contest. Sheer quantity was enough to overwhelm the Slogan Committee... and the quality of his slogans enough to make him our SAFETY MAN OF THE MONTH.... From his entries, the committee chose:

ACCIDENTS END WHERE SAFETY BEGINS

This slogan is shorter than last month's.....should be easier to remember... but it carries a powerful message. As one of the members of the Safety Committee put it: "This slogan ties in well with what Mr. Wilson said at the Employees Meeting the other night....about how safety has to be a 'way of life', and when we place this importance on safety.....then accidents end".

Something about our winnah.....Ira is a home-grown product of Highlands, having lived there most of his life. He went to Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, graduating in 1951. For two years he served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. Then, upon his release from duty, he entered college. In 1959 he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree (major in accounting) from Sam Houston State College. In November of that same year he joined Shell at the Houston Refinery as an Analyst, assigned to the Engineering Field Department. Married, Ira and wife, Bette, have a 16-month old son, Rex. And where does our SAFETY FAMILY OF THE MONTH live? Why..... Highlands! Where else?

ODDS & ENDS

March 4 - Cy Hanna, Jim Crocoll, John Jobe

March 5 - Keith Messenger, E. M. Hengst, Don Stewart, Larry Snow

FOUND: One black umbrella with a gold chain...was left in...Don Jennings' office.

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