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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Negotiations

JUDGE CONNALLY RENDERS DECISION

Most of you probably read about it in the newspapers this weekend - Judge Ben C. Connally's decision in the NLRB case...A letter is being distributed to all supervisors today on this subject. Suggest you get ahold of a copy of this letter and read more about it.

Operations

WEEKEND ROUNDUP.....

It happened on a refinery weekend: In Aromatics, platformer 1 is down... Then next door at the cat. cracker, a "quickie" shutdown was pulled off Saturday night with the big cat. back up and purrin' Sunday.

Vacation Time

VACATION TRICKLE SOON TO BECOME A GUSHER

Now that summer is just about upon us, we get down to vacation planning for real.....A few of our number are on vacation right now. By next week our vacation program should be in full swing as more and more employees wend their way westward, eastward, and back yard-ward for a week or two of well earned rest and relaxation. For those of you who are planning to take a trip on your vacation, here's a thought. This year Shell has streamlined its travel kit. The 1963 version concentrates on the motorists' route, accommodations, and expenses. Here's what you'll find in a typical Shell route kit: (1) Clearly marked route map; (2) a personal and automotive expense tally sheet; (3) information about accommodations along the way; and (4) a durable plastic wallet to keep the kit in. And how do you get all this? Just drop by your favorite Shell service station and pick up a request card, fill it out and mail it in. It's another service Shell offers the people who buy Shell products.

Safety

NEW SAFETY PROGRAM POINTS TO SAFETY RECORDS

As part of our new safety program which Leonard Wilson introduced recently, departmental safety record signs are being distributed for installation at the various units and departments about the refinery. The year 1960 was chosen as the starting date for these records. In a number of cases the record on the sign is impressive by virtue of the fact that so many locations have had no disabling injuries during this period. Of course, we all know that these signs won't stop injuries. But they can remind us of some of our responsibilities - to practice safety to protect ourselves and our fellow employees. So, as the signs go up, check that date of the last disabling injury in your department and help keep that record clean.....'cause even our young'uns know that "SAFETY IS A CHILD'S BEST FRIEND."

Provident Fund

The following info has been received. (Over)

SHILL STOCK FUND - The average cost per share of the Shell stock purchased during April 1963 was \$41.327.

EQUITIES FUND - Based on the fiduciary valuation of the portfolio of the Equities Fund as of the close of May 3 and May 17, the unit values were:

May 3 - \$1.249

May 17 - 1.263

(Over)

Shell Acquires Leases Off California Coast

Shell bid successfully Tuesday, May 14, at Los Angeles in a sale of Federal Government oil and gas leases off the California coast, paying \$11,440,000 for 49 tracts totaling 266,000 acres, an average of \$43 an acre.

The sale offered a total of 129 tracts and Shell bid on 53 of them. In all, 58 tracts totaling 312,976 acres were leased to bidders at an average of \$41 an acre.

The leases offered were in waters ranging from about 250 to 600 feet deep. They are dotted along about 800 miles of the California coast, from the Oregon border southward to Point Conception. Shell's acquisitions are in four general areas extending from the Eel River region, near Crescent City in the north, to Morro Bay, near San Luis Obispo in the south.

Odds & Ends

REMEMBER THE GOOD (?) OLD DAYS: The year was 1927...women's dresses had hemlines which touched the knee in front, dipped to the ground in back...and the average tax on a gallon of gasoline was three cents. This is but one fact from the past, recorded in pages of a new booklet "Remember the Good Old Days" now available for the takin' at SHELLETTER news stands in the Main Office Building and the Hash House.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS -

- May 27 - Wade Callendar, Figgy Ellis, Herman McLeod
- May 28 - Clarence Hargrove
- May 29 - Glenn Boatright, Nelson Carraway, Norm Duncan
- May 30 - Floyd Pierott

PILL BOX PALAVER: Add to the news items of last week, Walter Felscher returned to work. John Foulds still on the mend, and hopes to be back with us in the next few weeks.

THE PIED PIPER OF TV: The bylaws of the organization say you have to make your own instrument. So you find a bamboo pole, cut it to the proper length, whittle holes in it, stick a cork in one end, and start tootin'. Get a few fellows together who have done all the above and you have an organization known as "Pipers". This group of musicians took their talents before the television audience via a local TV show the other evening. Why do we report it here?... 'Cause one of the Pipers is our own Martin Wimmer.....that's why.

HOLIDAY MEMORIAL DAY: As you are bound to know by now, May 30 - Memorial Day - is a holiday...and that also means that the SHELLETTER won't be on the news stands Thursday. But true to our two-a-week schedule, we'll be out to beat the deadline on Friday with the latest from here and there on this and that.

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