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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### Negotiations

#### MARATHON MEETING HELD YESTERDAY; CONTINUE TODAY

Companies and Union representatives met with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service throughout the day yesterday, with the discussions continuing into the early hours of this morning....And they're right back at it today. Many have asked why the lack of detailed news reports on the meetings....Well, that's simply and solely because of a mutual agreement between the parties participating in the discussions which designates only the Mediation Service as a news source.

### Operations

#### LHT BACK ON STREAM TODAY

Down in the Lube Oils Department, the LHT unit is back in operation today following a short shutdown for catalyst regeneration....Work goes on at boiler No. 10 in Utilities, and it was joined briefly yesterday by boiler No. 7 for a "fixin' up" job.

### Vacationland, U. S. A.

#### MORE CARDS COME IN: THERE'LL BE A DRAWING TOMORROW IN THE HASH HOUSE!

The daily mail brought in another dozen cards from our vacationers... and our Vacationland, U. S. A. board will soon need an extension! Business has been so good, in fact, that tomorrow, Friday, we'll have our first drawing for prizes. The drawing will be held in the Hash House at 11:30 a.m. at the big Vacationland, U. S. A. display. Three lucky winners' names will be drawn from our Vacationers Gift Box and each will receive a Shell Shopper's Bag full of "goodies". The First Prize winner will receive five quarts of Shell X-100 Premium Motor Oil (enough for an oil change), an insecticide bomb, auto polish, handy oil, lighter fluid,....and two tickets to a Colt .45 baseball game. The Second Prize Shopper's Bag will contain the same items as the First Prize, but substituting a gallon of Shell Antifreeze for the motor oil and no baseball tickets. Third Prize includes three quarts of Golden Shell motor oil for the Premium auto motor oil and antifreeze, and also does not include baseball tickets. Those whose names are not drawn this time will be eligible for the next drawing on July 15, as their names will remain in the Vacation Gift Box throughout the summer - or until they become a winner. Then....as a grand finale at summer's end...all the names - including past winners - go into the box for one last drawing....And the prize for that one? Well....more about that later....

Now, let's join some of our vacationers aboard our Shell Vacationland Express...First stop is Wimberley, Texas - deep in dude ranch territory - and two Shell families sending their wishes from there....Paul Titus and Buddy Yannazzo. Skipping on over to Ruidoso, New Mexico, home of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, and a note from C. L. Hanna talking about his luck with slow horses in a fast race....

From Ruidoso, we're Colorado-bound, to Glenwood Springs, and Homer Smith, marveling at the scenery and weather. Pappy Heidrich is our next vacationer on the move, with a post card all the way from Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, "We made a quick jump from 90° weather to the 40°-50° range. Seems we are rushing the season..."

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Heading back southward, a stop in Arkansas and Charlie Smith commenting, "Stopped in DeQueen, Arkansas, for breakfast. Having much fun...heading north..."

Then bouncing back into Texas, and from the Lake O'the Pines in the Daingerfield State Park, J. W. Markham says he's catching up on his fishing and having a fine time. Jumping over to Arlington (we've been here before) and to Bill Miller who reports never a dull moment during the eight hours he and his family spent in Six Flags. Bill also says they were impressed with the new modern Shell service station in Grand Prairie.

Tom Owen checks in from Marble Falls at Central Texas' Highland Lakes, "The bass may strike just any time."

And back to the Golden Gulf Coast...with two cards from Porky Lamb, enjoying a week of fun and travel from such ports o'call as Bacliff, the Clear Creek area, and downtown Houston. His next card caught him passing through Dickinson, LaMarque, and on into Galveston and some comments about the rain.....

Before coming home, there's a big jump yet to make...all the way across the "big pond" to Amsterdam where Bill Bailey combined a business trip with a vacation and reports that visiting in Holland is grand...as always.

Meanwhile, back at the Refinery, we'll be waiting for your postcard come vacation time...and watch for Monday's SHELLETTER when we announce our first three winners from tomorrow's drawing.

Safety

WHAT'S THE USE OF SAFETY MEETINGS? READ ON...

What's the use of having safety meetings? You've probably heard that one before. Here's Louie's answer: "We get from a safety meeting just exactly what we put into it in interest and participation. These short meetings should be our most important communications link in spreading the word about safety to all employees. It is here that we review the injuries we've experienced, and discuss how similar injuries can be avoided in the future. We'll find, too, that the causes of the accidents are the 'same old things' that have always caused accidents - things that are contrary to our safety regulations but 'just happen'. Remember...every minor injury is a NEAR MISS on a major mishap. Let's work together toward avoiding and eliminating BOTH. The Mystery Man might just find some Safe Worker attending - and participating - in one of these safety meetings, too."

ODDS & ENDS

PILLBOX PALAVER: Pres Culbreth is still in Pasadena-Bayshore Hospital... At home and on the mend is Johnny Mustin.....Jack Grounds has been in Hermann Hospital this week for treatment and is expected back on the job in the near future.

Birthday Belles & Beaus:

- June 27 - Bill Fowler, Bobby Long, Ann Varner
- June 29 - Bron Geye

Service Sumbols:

15 years - Hank Lewis (June 28)

COMMAND PERFORMANCE: The Pasadena Little Theatre will present another performance of "Finian's Rainbow" this Saturday night. Curtain time is at 8:15 PM, at the South Houston High School Auditorium. The show played to large audiences last weekend...and lots of Shellites were there - both in front and behind the footlights - including Bob Haldane.....he's Finian.