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HOUSTON REFINERY

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

Negotiations

REDUCED COMMITTEES MEET AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON

Reduced committees of the Companies and Union gather for another "off-the-record" meeting with the Federal Conciliator this afternoon following a weekend recess. Last Friday's meetings with the Conciliator - in both joint and separate sessions, lasted about four hours.

Operations

PHENOL UNIT COMING DOWN FOR REPAIRS

Notes from the boss' memo pad: "...bringing phenol unit down today to repair leaking plug in furnace." "...boiler No. 15 maintenance continues." "...work continues on thermal gas revisions. About to wind up work on C-070." "...started acid washing line from Gas Department to Catalytic Cracking Department today." ...unquote.

Safety

MARSHA MOHUNDRO, REGGIE KNOWLES TAKE PRIZES IN SAFETY SLOGAN CONTEST

An 11-year old girl and a seven-year old boy are our safety slogan winners for May. After all the entries had been judged - and there were lots of them - Marsha Mohundro stood atop the hill. Marsha is the daughter of Frances and John Mohundro. John is a member of the Research Laboratory. The winning entry will be the one the mystery man looks for this month in his search for new safety club members. Marsha's winning entry: SAFETY IS A CHILD'S BEST FRIEND. It's an appropriate slogan, too, since this was the contest open only to our junior members of Shell families. We know that safety is a family affair, and should be a "way of life" for each and every family member - from the youngest at play around the home to dad on the job.

For winning top honors in the contest, Marsha will get "her night" at Colt Stadium when she has exclusive use of the eight-seat Shell box for one of the Colt .45 baseball games. She hasn't picked which game she'll see, but she's already got the list of guests firmly in mind. It'll include both family...and friends. So they should have quite an evening together.

Marsha is the oldest of three daughters, and shares the same birthday - May 23 - with sister Karyn, born three years later in 1954. The baby of the family is Paula, 18 months. Marsha is active in the Girl Scouts and in her church. She's a member of the same Sunday School Department in which both her mother and father teach. The Mohundros are a busy family, and the children learn early that "SAFETY IS A CHILD'S BEST FRIEND."

Winner of second place in the contest is Reggie Knowles, bright-eyed seven-year old son of Wilbur Knowles, Refinery Engineering Office. Taking honors in safety slogan contests seems to run in the Knowles family, because Wilbur just finished a tour as our Safety Man of the Month for April, having submitted the winning entry in the last contest.

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Reggie wins two tickets to a Houston Colt .45 baseball game - and right now he's a busy young man, trying to decide which game he wants to see. It'll be his first big league baseball game, but Reggie is already a confirmed Colt fan. He wears a Colt .45 baseball cap - just like the ones his dad and grandfather wear. Who will he take with him to the game? Well, his grandfather will be sitting beside him in the Shell box - and both will be wearing their Colt .45 caps.....and yelling for the home team.

News From Other Locations

EXPANSION AT ANACORTES

Plans for substantial expansion and modification of Shell's Anacortes Refinery include a major revision of the crude distillation facilities and the construction of additional storage for 350,000 barrels of oil.

The expansion is necessary to meet increased demands for Shell products in the Northwest, and to increase the refinery's flexibility in handling crude of varying qualities. Completion of the first phase of the project is slated for the fall of this year, and completion of the total project is scheduled for the spring of 1964.

Also included in the project is the modification of the alkylation plant to increase its capacity to about 2,500,000 barrels of alkylate a year. A new catalytic process unit for butane isomerization, which uses a special process developed by Shell, will be installed to augment the alkylation plant feed stocks.

To complement these facilities, the water cooling system will be extended, and a new gasoline solutizer treater will be installed. Completed in 1958, the alkylation unit produces a high-octane aviation gasoline component which is blended into premium grade Shell gasoline.

ODDS & ENDS

ON THE MEND: Penn Zuber, out of action the last few weeks, dropped by the other day to say "Hello" and that he was feeling fine. It'll be awhile, though, before he is back on the job.....
Wade Callender, at home, recuperatin' from surgery, and hopes to be back soon.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS -

May 6 - Put Hinds

May 7 - Paul Hunsucker

May 2 - Paul Gudgell

May 3 - Mike Casan, Edna Earl Heyen

May 4 - Curtis Andrews, Egon Doering, Luke Hamilton

May 5 - Steve Ford

