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HOUSTON REFINERY

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CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Company and Union representatives began meeting at the Union's request at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon to discuss further contract proposals.

REFINERY PENSIONER WAYNE O. EDGERTON DIES

Retired Refinery Distilling Department Shift Foreman Wayne O. Edgerton died on Friday, January 24, 1969, of a heart attack. At the time of his death, he was 64 years old and lived at 3012 Albermarle, Pasadena.

He retired from Houston Refinery in 1963 after more than 35 years of Shell service. Wayne was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and attended school in Cushing, Oklahoma, where he was graduated from the Cushing High School in 1923. He attended Oklahoma A & M College, where he received a B.S. degree in 1927. He worked for Shell Pipe Line intermittently from 1922 until 1929 when he joined Houston Refinery in the Engineering Field Department. He worked in the former Topping Department as a Stillman and became a Shift Foreman in 1942.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Colonial Chapel, and burial was at the Grandview Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and a daughter.

BOB WEGE NAMED SENIOR ENGINEER

R. L. Wege has been named to the position of Senior Engineer in the Technological Department effective January 16, 1969, announced Refinery Superintendent John G. Pratt last Friday.

Bob joined Shell at the Houston Refinery following his graduation from Clarkson College of Technology with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering in June, 1952. In August, 1952, he went on a two-year military leave of absence with the U.S. Army. Upon his return in 1954, he held a variety of technical assignments in the Gas and Thermal Cracking, Lubricating Oils, Distilling, and Technological Departments. In December, 1964, he was transferred to Head Office Manufacturing Technological Department where he remained until he returned to the Houston Refinery in September, 1968.

E. S. ROBB, FORMER HOUSTON REFINERY CHIEF ENGINEER, TO RETIRE

E. S. Robb, Industrial Security Officer of Shell Oil Company, will retire March 1, after 40 years of Shell service.

Egerton Robb worked during summer vacations for Shell, starting in 1926 while attending Rice Institute. After receiving a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering in 1930, he became a Trainee at the former East Chicago (Indiana) Refinery. He was named a Master Mechanic there in 1936, and later served in the same capacity at the Wood River and Houston Refineries. He became Assistant Chief Engineer at the Houston Refinery in 1942 and Chief Engineer the following year. In 1946 he was transferred to Shell Chemical Company in San Francisco as Assistant Manager of the Engineering Department and moved to New York in the same capacity in 1948. He was named Manager of the Engineering Department in 1954 and became Manager Manufacturing, Industrial Chemicals Division, in 1959. He assumed his latest position in 1962.

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GET PERMISSION
FOR YOUR SAFETY

Starting on page 12 of our Safety Manual there is a detailed list of instructions for Refinery Permit and Warning Tag practices. These instructions are to be observed by all employees on the job.

In brief, the following is an outline of the section:

1. Before starting any work in a department, contact the Operations Foreman in charge for permission to do the work. He will approve your doing the work, either verbally or in writing, according to the Safety Manual outline, after he has checked the job site and discussed the work with you.
2. It is the operating department's responsibility to make the job safe by cleaning, depressuring, and draining the equipment before the job is started. It is also necessary that the operating department outline any potential hazards which could result from chemicals, gases, or hot materials which might be present. The precautions to be taken in these cases must be on the written permit.
3. Follow all instructions on the permit or any verbal directions. Be especially sure that you notify the Operations Foreman of the job status before leaving the area and at completion of the work.

If in doubt of proper procedure, check your Safety Manual, consult your foreman or call the Safety Department. Remember - Safety work permits are protection for you and your fellow workers.

SHELL HONORED BY HOUSTON'S MUNICIPAL ART COMMISSION

Houston Mayor Louie Welch recently presented Shell Oil Company with a plaque from the Municipal Art Commission for the Company's "outstanding contributions to the environment of the City of Houston by its beautification of its service stations."

Shell was one of four oil companies so honored by the Municipal Art Commission. Also, a construction company and a utility company received similar awards for their contributions to the city's physical environment.

CREDIT UNION DIVIDENDS DECLARED

The Credit Union's Education Committee, headed by Houston Refinery's Steve Braun, reminds Credit Union members that a 5½% dividend on shares and a 25% interest refund has been declared by the Credit Union on accounts for 1968.

These items should appear in the annual member's statement mailed to all Credit Union members this week. If you do not receive your statement, or if there is a discrepancy in the statement, you are asked to call the Credit Union at GR-9-2886.

SHELL COMPANIES FOUNDATION MAKES LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated will contribute \$7,500 to Rice University and \$5,000 to the University of Houston as part of a record 1969 budget announced by the Foundation.

Also named as recipients of Shell funds in Texas are: Abilene Christian College, Austin College, Baylor University, Dallas Baptist College, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan College, and The University of Texas.

The \$7,500 Shell Grant which Rice received is one of 27 such gifts accounting for \$525,000 in the 1969 budget. They go to privately controlled institutions for graduate teaching and research. The \$5,000 Shell Aid received by the University of Houston is given to support graduate students and for broader exploratory uses in graduate education at 39 public institutions across the country.

Since its establishment in 1953, the Foundation has contributed or budgeted over \$24.7 million, with \$15.6 million given in support of education and \$6.9 million for local Community Chests, Red Cross Chapters, and United Funds.