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WHERE IS HE?

By all accounts, this year's rodeo has been bigger and better than ever--but we know of somebody that probably came away from the event unhappy. Leslie Smith of Gas Accounting in Head Office was at the rodeo on February 23 when he found a "sheriff's badge" given out at DPMC's 50th Anniversary. It bore the name "Brandon." While the badge has little monetary worth, we suspect it has some sentimental value for Brandon--wherever he is. We also think it's interesting that in that throng at the rodeo, the badge was found by someone at Shell--someone who would know where to return it. Brandon's badge is waiting for him at the newsletter office. Anyone who knows how to contact him can call Les Cole at 6301.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund, February 15--\$3.513.

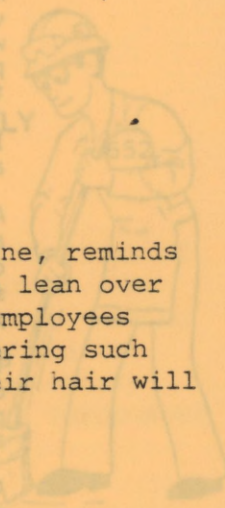
Shell Stock Fund, February 1-15--\$67.538

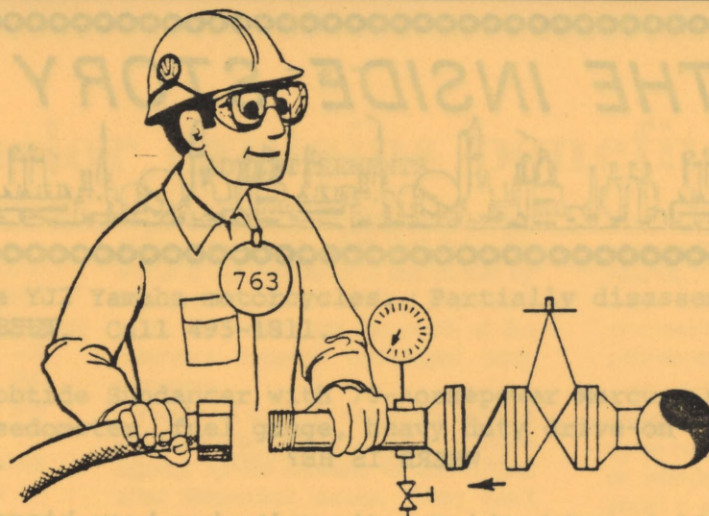
HAIRY HINTS

Dick Frutiger, superintendent, Safety and Industrial Hygiene, reminds us that long hair and moving parts don't mix--especially when people lean over and come into direct contact with a machine. As a safety measure, employees are encouraged to either cut their hair or wear protective hair covering such as hair nets, bandannas, caps or clips under their hard hats--so their hair will not become entangled in machinery.

JACKET WINNER

Frances Clark of Staff Payroll is the latest winner of a Red D. Worker jacket, cashing in with Monday's lucky number of 031. You, too, can take one of these fine jackets home--if your badge number is 763.





TEMPORARY CONNECTIONS AND HOSES

Hoses are frequently connected temporarily to process equipment to decontaminate, purge, wash, drain or perform other necessary tasks. However, the use of hoses with temporary connections to process always poses special risks, which can result in injury or other incidents. Consequently, it is important that all personnel understand the basic safety precautions required. Some of these precautions are listed below.

Before hooking up a temporary hose, consider the effects of variations in the pressure of the utility or the process. Could backflow of process into utility occur? Could the equipment be over-pressured? Always consider the effects of such pressure variations, and plan accordingly.

The proper hose must be used. Never swap services of steam, nitrogen, water, or chemical hoses. This is asking for trouble.

All hose connections must be made through a process side block valve, plus a check valve. The check valve will help prevent process backflow. The block valves will permit isolation of the hose. A bleeder valve should also be installed to permit slow depressuring of the hose. A pressure gauge should be added if monitoring the hose pressure is critical.

Inspect the hose both before and after putting it in service, for damage, leaks, and blisters or bulges. A defective hose should be discarded.

Always clear the hose prior to connection, and again after disconnect. This act should be performed cautiously to avoid spraying hose contents on yourself or others. If the hose is known or suspected to contain chemicals, extreme care should be exercised, and the hose may be washed out with water as deemed appropriate.

The hose should be disconnected as soon as the task is completed. The temporary connections should be removed at the same time. Temporary connections left in place are an invitation to improper use at a later date, or other incidents such as product release.

Avoid using hoses with either end loose. If a firm process connection is not possible, securely tie the hose. Remember that a static electricity discharge can occur at such open hoses. Therefore, bond the hose coupling to the vessel with a wire.

When the hose is disconnected and blown clear, RACK IT!

If the above procedures are followed, the hoses can be used safely as productive tools to help us accomplish our tasks.

Check your Safety Procedures for proper hose hookups.
 Chemical Safety Order S-16, S-25
 Refinery Operations Order O-104