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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

NEGOTIATIONS

No meetings planned at the present time.

OPERATIONS

Weekending in a Refinery....and renewing valves on the vent gas compressor at the HDU in Aromatics....Lookin' up to see the LVI unit in Lube Oils come down - for scheduled maintenance.

SHELL SCRAMBLE CALF WINNER

There's a smiling, happy 15-year old schoolboy on his way home to Garland, Texas, today. He's Gary Pickett - and he has a big reason to be all smiles. Last night at the Sam Houston Coliseum, young Gary grappled and grabbed the Shell Refinery-sponsored calf in the Rodeo's Calf Scramble event. For having haltered and hung onto the Shell calf, Gary receives a purchase certificate worth \$150 to buy a calf of his own. During the coming months Gary will fret and fuss over the problems of raising a T-Bone on hoof. Then next year at the 1964 Houston Livestock Show, our scramble winner will return to enter his calf in competition with other scramble calves. A sophomore in high school, Gary lives on a farm just outside Garland, and is already in the livestock business with a beef steer and sheep. Described by his vocational agriculture teacher as a "full-time FFA (Future Farmers of America) boy", Gary is a worthy winner of our Shell calf.....So from all of us at Deer Park....Congratulations... and good luck!

SAFETY

Out on the Shell trail, rounding up lost hombres for the Silver Dollar Safety Club, our Mystery Man got into a "quick draw" contest with five fast-dealing slogan winners.. This two line slogan slowed down some of the responses....a few of the winners had l-o-n-g pauses between lines....but the following five put together all the correct words, as our little real life drama went something like this: Our MM stood tall with authority, framing the doorway in a life-size portrait....A wry smile tugged at the corners of his mouth, an unlit cigarette - regulations, you know - dangled from his lips. Strong, forceful eyes of a man with a mission focused on the man he faced. The chilled silence was broken by one, lone question: "Do you know the safety slogan?"

P. E. SLACK: ".....(a very long pause).....
THE SLOGAN FOR THE SILVER BUCK IS BE SAFE DON'T TRUST
TO LUCK.....I bet you thought I didn't know it." (He
was right, the MM didn't.)

RED WELLS: "IF YOU ARE THE MAN...I KNOW IT"...(He did...The MM
left wondering if Red would have known the slogan
even if he hadn't been the MM.)

B. J. FAULKNER: ".....(silence).....
(And then out came the slogan - it was worth the wait.)

H. M. HANCOCK: "If you got the money, I got the slogan." (Sounds like
you could set that answer to music.)

L. A. DREWERY: (No hesitation....He sized up the situation in one
glance and went for his slogan.)

(Over)

SAFETY (Cont'd.)

And remember - to put your slogans on the lips of our silver dollar safety conscious employees and in the middle of our real life dramas for March - turn your entry in no later than Thursday, February 28. The committee will meet Friday in super secrecy to select the winner.....Our monthly safety slogan champs get a pen and pencil set and a family portrait.....So send in your slogan today; either drop it in the Refinery Mail (address: Silver Dollar Safety Slogan Contest) or put your entry in the slogan entry box in the Hash House.

MRS. IRENE LOGAN DIES

It is with regret we report the death yesterday morning of Mrs. Irene Logan, wife of Eddie Logan, Refinery Treasury Department. Mrs. Logan had been in ill health for some time. An expression of sympathy is extended the Logan family by their many Shell friends. Funeral arrangements: Rosary 8 PM, tonight, from Pat H. Foley's Chapel of the Angels, 2802 Milam Street, Houston, with Blessings at 9:45 AM Tuesday, from the chapel and 10 AM from Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3600 Milam. Burial in the Garden of Gethsemani.

ODDS & ENDS

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

February 25 - Dick Bannerot, Ray Diamond, Frank Lyons

CHECK TAB: Something new is being added to our favorite item delivered by the mailman.....Pay checks will be printed on a new type "tab" card....Not that this change will mean much to the recipient (it'll spend just like the old style); but to our Treasury people this tab card check will mean plenty - and particularly to the gals who've been key-punching returned checks in the past to balance the books. This new tab card check will go right into that electrical monster...making an immediate mechanical reconciliation. Which leads to this request: Those holes in your check are pre-punched for a purpose....Don't add any new ones with such things as a stapler, cleated shoes, baby's teeth, or other sharp instruments.....'cause mutilated checks will give this "system" fits. And the check stub is a little different, too..... There are more blocks on it for deducts.....And we understand it's a good idea to save those stubs each time because they might come in handy around Internal Revenue time.

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