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## HOUSTON REFINERY

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### ONE MOTTO CONTEST . . . COMING UP!

Every nationally read publication deserves a motto . . . whether it be the New York Times, The Houston Post, or the SHELLETTER. So . . . this week we're out to get us just that -- a motto. And you, our favorite readers, are being asked to supply it. The contest will be simple . . . no box tops to turn in, no wrappings to collect. . . and no official entry blanks to pick up at your "local dealer." We do have a deadline, though. . . Saturday, October 13. So just write your motto on a sheet of paper and drop it in the mail to "SHELLETTER Motto Contest." And the prize to the winner: two tickets to either a Houston Oiler, Rice Owl, or Houston Cougar home football game. You choose the game and we'll provide the tickets . . . that is, if the tickets are available. If the game is already a "sell-out" and the tickets are not available to the game of your choice, then you get a second choice and hope for better luck. The winning motto will span the banner of the SHELLETTER on Wednesday, Oct. 17, along with the announcement of the winner. Someone suggested we give a second prize -- to the slogan we'd like to use if postal regulations would permit such a choice. We haven't figured out an appropriate gift for this winner, yet, but we will. And just like all bona fide big time, honest-across-the-board contests . . . the decision of the judges will be final. So get those mottos in the mail . . . you have until Saturday.

### OPERATIONS

We're starting the eighth week of "you know what" . . . with all peace and quiet on the operating front. The Distillate Hydrotreater is back in full swing in the

Catalytic Cracking Department, the fruits of week-end labors. And we're in the benzene business again over at Aromatics. . . Meanwhile down in the Lube Oils Department, Kitzmiller's Spectacular appears to be in rehearsal for another act as training activity centers around the LVI unit.

### UNITED FUND

As Monday morning broke bright and clear beyond the Cat. Cracker, only eight United Fund pledge cards remained unaccounted for . . . and Homer Chapman's card juggling act totals 717 employees for those of you who questioned our higher mathematics last Friday. Homer hit the trail this a.m. in search of those final eight cards, so by nightfall we should have more progress to report. As of this morning this was the tabulation:

TOTAL PERSONNEL	717
CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE	699
MONEY COLLECTED	\$21,255.54
AVERAGE PER CONTRIBUTION	\$30.40

(over)

SAFETY

We're back to the subject of traffic safety today -- both within the Refinery and goin' and comin' past the pickets. And about all we can say: DRIVE CAREFULLY. You already know this . . . and practice it daily. But it doesn't hurt to mention it again every now and then. It takes only a second to forget . . . but we're in the business to remember. Observe the posted STOP signs. They're there for good reason. STOP signs help YOU, both the ones in the Refinery and the one recently installed at the Refinery Entrance.

CAFETERIA

Help us solve the "Case of the Vanishing Silverware." At the present, there must be many, many knives, forks and spoons resting in strange places -- out of the way places -- in the Refinery. The Hash House needs that silverware in their business-- as some people absolutely refuse to eat with their fingers. So we try to oblige . . . by asking that all stray hardware of the knife and fork variety be returned to the Hash House . . . and remember those important times for calling in changes to carry-out orders. For the noon delivery, 9:30 a.m. is the deadline, while for the dinner meal, 4:30 p.m. is the magic moment.

STAFF EMPLOYEES MEETING

The steaks are on the way . . . in a slow walk, due to arrive at the Hash House about 6 p.m. Thursday evening, Oct. 11 -- just in time to be the center of attention at a dinner for Staff employees. Invitations to this meeting went out this morning, so if you are slated to attend this one, that "invite" should reach you shortly. And for those not attending this dinner because of your work schedules, your evening in the knife and fork league will fall on next Thursday, Oct. 18. The meetings will be a replay of the Supervisors get-together of Oct. 4, with Harry Walker and Jack Kelbaugh at mike-side.

ODDS & ENDS

Back home after a stay in the hospital -- E. R. Elliott, who says he'd like to see some of his Shell friends. Mr. Tench continues his successful convalescence at home. FOUND: Doc Harrison's sweater -- it never left the Hash House. LOST: Mary Faye Sherman's purple sweater (looks like a busy year for sweaters).

Names Making News: Two men well-known to many local employees are involved in a series of post-strike moves recently announced at the Wood River Refinery. Ray O'Brien, who moved to Wood River from Houston 2½ years ago as Assistant Chief Research Engineer, becomes Manager, Aromatics Department. Dan Harbaugh, now in Economics and Scheduling at Wood River, takes over as Assistant Manager of that Refinery's Catalytic Cracking Department.

Got a news scoop -- or a snoop? Call the Editor, extension 540.

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