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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

OPERATIONS

Any fears our men of maintenance may have had about running out of things to do this week were removed this week end as Dubbs 6 Cracking in the Thermal Cracking Department and Boiler #11 in the Utilities Department came down for fixin' up ... Then it looked like the Flashers might have to come down at one point yesterday when a water leak developed in the area. They started down but it turned out the leak had nothing to do with the Flashers, so they came right back up again ... and with Distilling Unit - 3 coming back on stream Saturday, the Refinery has returned to a daily intake of about 140,000 barrels.

"Water, water everywhere ... and ain't a drop fit to drink..." ... and with appropriate apologies to Mr. Samuel Taylor Coleridge, these lines might describe the gushing mud hole at the Flashers yesterday and today. With several of our more hearty souls standing knee-high to a tall Refinery worker in the mud and muck, the source of the bubbling fountain of water was located ... and finally fixed. The only reported loss to date - the shoe of an Assistant Manager ... and it was later recovered, slightly the worse for wear.

SAFETY

It was the first week for the new safety slogan, and the Mystery Man thought he might catch somebody napping... So out he went, with a fistful of silvers ... First to be asked was E. R. (Rusty) Evans: "OhOhOh Chance Takers are Accident Makers!" ... and Rusty was a winner. Next he dropped in on Monroe Odom. Monroe's response ... a big grin that lasted about 45 seconds ... and then the answer that was about a dollar's worth.... The next potential Club Member to be asked was Johnnie Calvin: "Oh, goodness - if only you hadn't asked me ... (a long moment for deep thought) CHANCE TAKERS ARE ACCIDENT MAKERS!" ... and another winner! Then came two customers both armed with rapid-fire answers. J. C. Tucker: "I know that slogan, ..." T. C. Dunagan: "I sure do ..." So there were no sleepers this day, and five more members were added to the Silver Dollar Safety Club. The Mystery Man moves on ... Who knows, maybe you are next... Here's the slogan again: CHANCE TAKERS ARE ACCIDENT MAKERS.

ODDS & ENDS

"SPLAT ... DRIP ... (#%*&*-\$#)" Those may well be the sounds of a Shellman emptying a waste paper basket that has been "added to" with coffee, water, and other liquids that "ain't supposed to be there." So don't be a "liquid bug", pour only paper in those waste paper baskets ...

WELCOME BACK: Today marks the first day back after first, surgery and then, a bout with the flu bug for Fire and Safety's I.C. White.

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BIRTHDAY BEAUS AND BELLES

... And presenting a new feature of your SHELLETTER ... a birthday column, with only the month and day published. No ages ... we can't afford the slander suits.

November 10 - Murphy Jordan, Henry Hudson

November 11 - Vic Torres, Otto Bopp

November 12 - W. L. McCarley, Ples Culbreth, Jack Bell, Marita Massey,
Bubba Riggs, Jean Armstrong

It has been said that people will believe anything - just as long as it's whispered ... So whisper the latest news scoop to the Editor (ext. 540), and we'll shout it out in print ...

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WHEEL

... and it was later recovered, although the noise for most of the time was lost. The only reported loss of date - the case - is a tall, thin, dark man in the shop and back, the source of the rapping noise at the Houston Laboratory and today. With several of our more recent tools standing around to be repaired, these times might describe the rapping and noise, water everywhere ... and a lot of things to do.

... the Houston has returned to a daily intake of about 140,000 barrels. To the crew that pack up again ... and with Distilling Unit - 3 coming back on stream in the area. They started down but it turned out the leak had nothing to do with the Houston. The Houston unit will have to come down some point yesterday when a water leak developed and before it in the Distilling Department came down for repair, as ... Then it looked like the leak was removed this week and as Dupps & Cracking in the Houston Cracking Department will have one man of maintenance may have had about turning out of things to do this

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