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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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REFINERY'S CRUDE INTAKE EXCEEDS 2,000,000 BARRELS

At least two milestones have been achieved at Houston Refinery since the strike started--the processing of the 1,000,000th and 2,000,000th barrels of crude. These two production marks were achieved after the Refinery was shut down for the strike and resumption of operations began.

Refinery operations are continuing to proceed at a capacity to provide the requirements of our customers.

FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING CONTINUES

The stand by fire crews are continuing their fire fighting training sessions, and according to Fire and Safety Manager Louie Grossheim, "They are progressing rapidly and are doing a fine job." One of the sessions includes "how to extinguish a pit fire," hose connections, and proper hose and nozzle control.

As a result of the sessions, practical fire fighting has now been experienced by nearly all members.

As promised in the SHELLETTER last week, here are some more stand by fire crew members. Crew II is composed of J. M. Braus, E. L. Doering, R. A. Loucks, D. B. McCants, W. C. Griffin, L. C. Tuggle, T. H. Owen, G. L. Boatright, J. E. Gwyn, G. T. Herren, and H. L. Benson. Crew III members are S. S. Braun, W. K. Meerbott, R. B. Mosely, W. P. Bryan, J. P. Balfoort, M. B. Milburn, T. Q. Queener, J. D. Davis, R. L. Hodgson, I. B. DeWalt, J. F. Crocoll.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Further contract negotiations resumed today after the week end recess began on Friday, January 17, 1969, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting today is being held at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

Company and Union representatives met from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. last Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. last Thursday. Two local issues were discussed, and the Union advised that its demands remain the same as they were on December 31, 1968.

HOUSEKEEPING

Around the Refinery these days, good housekeeping practices are evident at every turn. A clean, sparkling place to work gives evidence that we are doing a proper job, not only in running the Refinery, but in making it "shine" as well. Good housekeeping must be the responsibility of every employee, and everyone contributes by doing the "little things" around his immediate work area. We should all continue to make every effort to maintain this high level of cleanliness and sanitation.

A team of employees has been assigned to visit throughout the plant periodically to aid in detecting any deficiencies which might otherwise go unnoticed. Attention will be called to any areas where improvement seems warranted. In this way, we can all be sure that things stay in good order.

CARE - CAUTION - COURTESY

YOU ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO OBSERVE THOSE THREE C'S WHEN CROSSING THE PICKET LINE.

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REFINERY PENSIONER P. L. BENSON DIES

Retired Houston Refinery Shift Foreman P. L. Benson died on January 18, 1969. He lived at Broadus, Texas, and was 65 years old at the time of his death. Prentiss retired from Houston Refinery in 1960 after more than 30 years of Company service.

He was born in Fulton, Mississippi, and attended school in that state. A former La Porte resident, Prentiss joined Shell at Houston Refinery in 1929 as a Pipefitter Helper in the Engineering Field Department and later joined the former Gas System and Stabilizer Department where he worked as an Operator. He became a Shift Foreman in 1945 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1960.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. yesterday, January 20, at the Art Simpson Funeral Chapel, and burial was at the Granville Memorial Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Emily Benson.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

Engineering Foreman E. C. Kuhlmann was honored Friday, January 17th, for attaining 25 years of Shell service. He was presented with his diamond service emblem and an Atmos perpetual clock by Refinery Manager Leonard T. Wilson.

Gene is a native Houstonian and attended San Jacinto High School. He joined Shell at the Houston Refinery in 1943 as a member of the Engineering Field Department and later became a Boilermaker. He was named an Engineering Foreman in 1955.

Gene is married and has four children; Nancy, Glen, Jean, and Chris. He is a member of the Temple Methodist Church and of the Seaway Boat Club in Galveston. He also enjoys fishing in addition to his interest in boating.

FIRE FIGHTING REMINDERS

Make it a point to know the locations of all fire extinguishers in your work area. Visually check them weekly and report any evidence of improper conditions.

CO₂ and Powder Extinguishers may be used on any type of oil, chemical or electrical fire.

STEAM is a good agent for control of oil or chemical fires - Use on electrical equipment after the power is "killed."

WATER in spray form is the best extinguishing agent, but do not use the water spray on chemicals that may result in a reaction with the water. Do not use on hot oils which can froth or boil over (heavy oils and crude oils). Water in spray form may be used up to 10' from an electrical fire. Straight water streams should not be manned closer than 25' from electrical fires. Never use foam streams on electrical fires. Unless you have special knowledge of a thermal shock susceptibility of metals, water for cooling hot metals in a fire can be used.

ABOUT THOSE ACCIDENTS

The neglect of minor injuries may have serious consequences. For this reason, it is a standing rule that each employee who suffers an injury, however trivial, in the course of his employment, is to report promptly to the Refinery Hospital for examination of the injury and necessary treatment. There are registered nurses on duty twenty-four hours a day.

In the event an employee becomes ill while at work and wishes to leave the Refinery, he should report his intended departure to his immediate supervisor and go through the Refinery Hospital prior to leaving the plant.

CLASSIFIEDS

The classified business is picking up. In this issue we have several items. FOR SALE: 1956 Chevy, 265 cubic inch, V-8 engine, \$165.00, telephone - MO-5-7126; 1962 Chevrolet, 6 cylinder, radio and heater, excellent condition, 43,000 miles, \$500.00, telephone - GR-3-5169; WANTED: New home for female half-cocker, one year old dog, ideal for older children, spayed and has all shots, 30 pounds, taffy colored and friendly, a dog house included, telephone - 479-3153.