



"Your Information HOT LINE"

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES

HOURLY PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS CONTINUE

The movement of hourly personnel in the various departments of the Refinery to new assignments got underway last week. The P. & I.R. Department has been contacting the employees involved continuously - both day and night - to determine where these employees wish to be assigned from the available choices at the time.

Considering the complex nature of the bumping privileges and other movement electives open to each employee, the cooperation has been excellent - and speedy - and has enabled the entire process to continue at a rapid pace. In fact, it is hoped that very soon all employees involved in the massive reassignment program will at least know what their new permanent job will be....and many will either be on their new job or know when their transfer will take place.

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NEWS FROM NORCO - EXPANSION PROBABLE

A recent letter to all employees of the Norco Refinery by their Refinery Manager, Al Wood, brought information of a proposed expansion/modernization project at Norco, which is hoped will get underway in the near future.

Included in the list of things considered:

- (1) Expansion of the existing alkylation plant,
- (2) A new crude oil distillation unit, which will include an integrated vacuum flasher and a "cat feed" hydrotreater,
- (3) Additional tankage and reallocation of existing tankage,
- (4) Modern in-line blending facilities for gasoline, and
- (5) Major additions, realignments and revisions to in-plant utility systems, dispatching line-ups and shipping facilities. The new process units would cause many of the existing units to be deactivated: Distilling Units Nos. 1, 2, and 4, the Vacuum Flasher, the C<sub>3</sub> Polymerization Plant, and some or all of the thermal cracking complex.

On an overall basis, it is anticipated that the Norco project would necessitate neither a significant increase nor decrease in the permanent operating and maintenance force at the refinery.

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SAFETY ON THE WALK-WAYS

It's a common rule of the road that the "pedestrian has the right-of-way"....But the safety-conscious person wouldn't BET HIS LIFE ON IT! However, that's just what we are doing when we cross a street without looking....our heads bowed in deep thought - about something OTHER than good safety practices.

Add to the unwary pedestrian, a driver just as thoughtless - and you have at best a near-miss accident.

The answer, of course, is more attention to safe rules of the road by BOTH pedestrian and driver. From a practical point of view, though, the pedestrian is usually the one who suffers the short end of the mishap - the pain and agony of injury....so it just makes good sense to exercise our senses - by stopping, looking, and listening before crossing a thoroughfare.

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"SHIFTERS" BEGIN FALL BOWLING LEAGUE

Plans near completion for the resumption of the Shifters Bowling League this year at the Meadow Creek Lanes on Richey Street in Houston. Long a popular league for Channel industry shift workers, the league is composed of many Shell Refinery and Chemical Plant teams.

The league will bowl each Tuesday morning. Team members who miss the regular session can make up their games on Tuesday afternoons. The league hopes to open play the first week in September - that would make Tuesday, September 3 "Opening Day".

Anyone interested in bowling should contact Johnny Williams, Refinery, Ext. 322, D. E. Spruiell, Chemical Plant, Ext. 345, or call the Meadow Creek Lanes, HU6-9090.

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JOSEPH W. SPENCER DIES

Joseph W. Spencer, 62, a Rigger in the Refinery's Engineering Field Department for most of his 27 years with Shell, died last Friday after a prolonged illness. Burial was yesterday afternoon at Forest Park Cemetery in Houston.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lettie E. Spencer, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Wortham. An expression of sympathy is extended this Shell family by their many friends at the Refinery.

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HEART ATTACK FATAL TO RETIREE O. R. "BUDDY" FELTEN

A heart attack suffered last week has claimed O. R. "Buddy" Felten, Refinery retiree. Mr. Felten, 70, died Saturday, August 17, in a Hot Springs, Arkansas hospital.

Since his retirement from Shell in 1952, Mr. Felten had lived at a home he built on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs. Widely known at the Refinery, he had maintained contacts with numerous Shell friends, many of whom visited him at his retirement home.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Felten, to whom an expression of sympathy is extended.

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C L A S S I F I E D

FOR SALE: 1953 Ford V-8, standard transmission, radio and heater. Call T. W. Whitfield, Electric Shop. Home phone: GR-2-5451.

FOR SALE: Used flute, case and music stand. \$35. Contact Barney Ferguson, Ext. 474.

FOR SALE: One-wheel luggage trailer. Consider trade. Contact I. L. Smith, Dispatching Department.

FOR SALE: 1962 Corvair Monza, stick shift. Will take trade or \$1795. Call W. O. Miller, Ext. 273, home phone - GR-3-1687.

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