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TO ALL EMPLOYEES

CHARTING AN EARTHQUAKE.....

The earthquake that rocked Alaska on Good Friday did not go unnoticed at the Houston Refinery. The chart that records the level of fresh water in the Refinery's reservoir showed an abrupt change at approximately 10 PM that evening. Normally the level of water in the reservoir stands at 10 feet, but during the earthquake's aftermath readings on the chart indicated wave action on the pool varying between a low of just above nine feet- and a high not measurable on the chart. It took approximately three hours for the level reading to settle back to normal. In the picture at the right, Tyla Hawkins of the Treasury Dept. points to the chart recording the disturbance. Another chart, used to record the water level in the basin beneath Cooling Water Tower 3, recorded a three-foot fluctuation, while a similar chart at Cooling Water Tower 4 showed approximately a two-foot fluctuation.



SHELL OIL NET INCOME UP FIVE PER CENT IN FIRST QUARTER

Net income of Shell Oil Company and all wholly-owned subsidiaries for the first quarter of 1964 amounted to \$48,966,000, or \$.81 a share, which is five per cent more than the \$46,595,000, or \$.77 a share, earned for the first quarter of 1963, Monroe E. Spaght, President, announced yesterday at the annual meeting of shareholders.

Refined product sales volume for the first quarter of 1964 was up six per cent over the comparable 1963 period and well above the industry increase, Mr. Spaght said. The gain in sales volume of Shell's automotive gasoline was markedly above the industry's, and the increase sales volume of refined products and chemicals more than offset lower prices of gasoline and distillates. Shell's production of crude oil and natural gas increased to new highs.

The company's income for 1964 should be above that for 1963, barring an unexpected break in refined product prices, Mr. Spaght said. "We expect production and sales to rise at rates above industry averages, and we expect further improvement in chemical sales," he said.

Shell's investment program calls for a continued high level of exploration and and production expenditures and increased

J. B. FLOYD, L. B. RIGGS, D. O. CHRISMER ELECTED TO SERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

L. B. Riggs for the Hourly group, and J. B. Floyd and D. O. Chrismer for the Staff employees, have been elected to fill vacancies this year on the SERA Board of Directors.

The results of the recent SERA elections were announced today by SERA President J. F. Lee. Lee also disclosed that J. L. Ballard (Hourly) and W. L. Fortune (Staff) won positions on the Board in the Chemical Plant elections.

The term of office is for two years, and begins in May. The SERA is busy at present considering the proposed budget for next year, as well as completing plans for the huge SERA Picnic, scheduled for Shellwood on Saturday, June 13.

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LOST TIME ACCIDENT AGAIN STOPS SAFETY SIGN

A laborer, using a pneumatic soil tamper, experienced a lost time injury Wednesday, April 22, when the tamper bounced up and struck his foot. The incident caused several bones in his foot to be fractured. Hospitalization was not required, and the employee is now recuperating at home. It is expected that he will be away from work from four to six weeks.

As a result of this injury, our rotating safety sign stopped and the lights went out at "19 Safe Work Days". After waiting seven days, we start counting again. To keep it turning will take the attention of all of us - all the time.

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HIGH WINDS!....WE HAD 'EM

The rain and hail storm that ripped through the Refinery and Chemical Plant last Friday afternoon was driven by winds measured up to 92 miles per hour. The 92 mph reading was recorded at the Chemical Plant. Here at the Refinery, the wind velocity instrument atop the Central Shops Building reached 72 mph before the gauge was blown down. As most of you know, we experienced a fire at a crude oil tank which was struck by lightning. It was extinguished by our Refinery fire crew with limited damage and loss of product. The high winds demolished a 14' x 24' wooden building near the Central Shops, caused a brief power failure that upset Refinery operations for awhile, and blew down several electrical lines around the Refinery. Quite a blow while it lasted!

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PLANT TO HOLD TRYOUTS FOR "GUYS AND DOLLS"

The Pasadena Little Theatre will present as their benefit production this year, "Guys and Dolls", a musical based on stories and characters of Damon Runyon. The musical will be presented on June 18, 20, 26, and 27 in the Pasadena High School Auditorium.

Try-outs for parts in the production will begin this Sunday, April 26, from 2-5 PM in the afternoon and from 7-10 PM in the evening. Additional try-outs will be held Tuesday, April 28 from 3:30 to 10 PM, and on Wednesday, April 29, from 8:30 to 10 PM. Try-outs will be held at the Rachal Dance Studio, 904 Garner for dancers, singers, and actors.

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SHELL OIL NET INCOME (Continued)

expenditures in other operations, particularly manufacturing and chemicals. The company's capital expenditures in 1964 will be about \$400 million.

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C L A S S I F I E D S

FOR SALE: 1960 Pontiac Bonneville two-door hardtop; power equipment and air conditioned; 38,000 miles; MI-5-0448.

FOR SALE: 8 mm Kodak Reliant movie camera; f 1.9 lens; slow motion, 16, 24, 32, 48 fps; lens recently factory cleaned; \$25. HU-6-6399.

FOR SALE: Dog house for medium-size dog (or midget-size husband); all cedar and redwood, removable roof for easy cleaning. Call GR-3-0635.

JUNKING 1956 Ford; air conditioned; power equipment. All parts reasonably priced. HU-6-6399.

FOR SALE: Polaroid Land Cmer camera; Model 150; complete with light meter, filter, wink light; flash attachment, bulbs; and leather carrying case; cheap. Call GR-3-0635.

FOR SALE: 1959 Mercury Convertible; white; power equipment; radio and heater; Call MI-9-5870 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: 14' Plywood boat with 25 h.p. Wizard motor; big wheel trailer; all in good condition; \$400, Call D. W. Tibbs, MI-5-5693.

FOR SALE: Two-wheel camping trailer; aluminum bottom; canvas top unfolds into tent; \$225. Call J. L. Swinney, MI-9-7261.

FOR SALE: 42" attic fan; 1/3 h.p. motor; shutter and timer; W. A. Carlton. GR-2-2933.

FOR SALE: 1959 Olds Dynamic 88; two-door hardtop; full power; radio, heater. No air conditioning. Excellent condition; good tires and brakes. Clean. Call W. C. Griffin, MO-5-1107. \$850.

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