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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

OPERATIONS

Around and about a busy Refinery named Houston.....Maintenance activities continue at Dubbs 9 Cracking in the Thermal Cracking Department.....The second sour water stripper at the DHT unit is now in operation.....(This stripper used to be located in the Thermal Gas area).....Looks like warmer weather is on tap, which brings to mind the fact that the mid-week deepfreeze caused a minimum of difficulty to the Refinery's operation...Congratulations.

CD ALERT? -NO, JUST PRACTICIN'

It's safe to come up out of the holes and from under desks - the Civil Defense "toot" at noon today wasn't for real....just practicing. Today marked the first time since the "crisis" that the system has been sounded; but look for the practice alert each Friday from now on ... until you hear otherwise.

NEGOTIATIONS

By now you have probably read the letter to all Supervisors, distributed yesterday, concerning the Union's amended allegations of unfair labor practices by Shell. A hearing of this Complaint is set for Monday, January 14, 1963.... And elsewhere: We understand Norco and Wood River met with the Unions yesterday and are back in session today.

CAFETERIA

Time for another verse from that old favorite, "Where, Where Did the Silverware Go?" If you know and can help us out, send the loose knives, forks, and spoons to the Hash House.

SAFETY

....Tools in good condition are our most important equipment on the job. We've had no accidents caused by the use of defective tools for many months.....and to keep such a record going, frequent re-inspection of tools was and is essential... Here are some things to always be on the lookout for: Mushroom heads on chisels and wedges, broken or cracked wooden handles, worn pipe wrenches, defective welding hose, cables and welding cylinder pressure gauges, damaged slings and cables, faulty hoist equipment, damaged ladders, cuts or burns on air hose and worn air hose couplings, distorted cable hooks.....Always report and turn in tools needing repair. Remember, we are never in such a rush that we cannot take time out to keep all tools and equipment in good safe working order.....And if you have tools that are not needed regularly, return them to the tool room so others can use them.

And one more "cold weather" note from Louie: "This past freezing weather should remind us to watch for icicles and ice both on the ground and on stairways. Remove the icicles from overhead so they won't fall on someone.....and use sand on walkways and stairs covered with ice."

DECEMBER 17 - SJ DAY NOT FAR AWAY

.....That time draws near - Monday, December 17.....And all roads lead to the San Jacinto Inn (in the shadow of the Battleship Texas)....for the staff employees' Christmas Party. The goings-on start at high noon, and it lasts until "lights out" at 6:30....The shrimp boats are a'comin', and the folks at the Inn promise us the very best in seafood.....and chicken. Someone asked when they could eat...here's that schedule again: One serving line will open at 1:00 p.m. for the early birds, and will remain open until this group has been fed....Then another serving will

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begin at 4:00 p.m., with the line remaining open until all the guests have had a chance to partake of the SJ's finest. The folks at the Inn say they "garontee" to provide you with enough food to eat.....but, of course, none "to go". And as for the mode of attire - come as you are.....informal.....have fun..... y'all come.

CREDIT UNION NEWS

The Board of Directors of the Shell Refinery Employees Federal Credit Union met the other evening and decided upon the rate of interest refund and dividends to be paid this year. Here's the way it worked out....An interest refund in the amount of 30% (last year it was 25%) will be returned to members who had loans outstanding during 1962.....A dividend payment of 4.68 per cent (same as last year) will be paid to members with share balances....As in the past, the money will be credited to the members' share accounts after the first of the year. For income tax purposes, the date of the interest refund will be December 31, 1962, while the date of the dividend will be January 2, 1963.

ODDS & ENDS

FOUND: A Timex wrist watch with a black leather band, found in vicinity of Hash House. To claim it, owner should contact E. L. Curtis, Code 230-253, and establish proper ownership by (1) purchase slip (2) serial number of watch (3) pawn ticket. Upon proper identification, Emmitt will be happy to return the watch.

LOOKING FOR A HOME: Two little kitty-cats...just in time for Christmas.....a perfect gift idea....look no further....best bargain in town....These five-week old, pedigreed, All-American kitties now make the Main Oil Pump House their home...but not for long. A call to extension 275 will put you in touch with the man in charge of the cats. ...Oh, yes, one kitty is yellow and white, and the other, black and white.....

THEN there's the story of the fella who overheard an announcement over the public address in the Hash House, calling to the owner of an Oldsmobile to go turn off the motor..inadvertently left running in the parking lot with the keys locked inside. "What kind of a person would do a fool stunt like that!", our hero was heard to mutter. You guessed what happens next....a telephone call from the Main Gate, asking if our hero would please go turn off his engine.....The story ended happily though, our man had a spare set of keys, and quickly quieted the horses under the hood.

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

- December 13 - Lawrence St Pe, U. M. Tomlinson, Sam Kent, Tom White, Victor McDaniel
- December 14 - J. R. Jones, Richard Collins, Ed Buchanan, Bob Wege.

NOTICE TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS: There'll be no SHELLETTER on Monday, December 17, in recognition of San Jacinto (Inn) Day.....But the entire staff of your newsletter will be on hand at the big Christmas Party to piece together odds and ends and honest news for the next issue.

And that safety slogan again, just in case someone asks:

BE CAREFUL BECAUSE YOU MAY BE SOMEONE'S SANTA CLAUS

