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"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

OPERATIONS

A wet weekend and a soggy note pad with the following remarks penciled in....Over in Utilities, No. 11 Boiler came down this weekend for scheduled maintenance and inspection....Swingin' around to the Gas Department, the alky plant - reported down last Friday with a leak in a weld on a line - got back up on its feet this weekend and is now running full speed....Then over in the Lubricating Oils Department, the LVI shut-down continues on schedule....And, finally, around the horn to Aromatics where the folks out on the southern acres are preparing the TEDC for a shutdown to clean the column later today.

SHELL SONS REACH NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FINALS

If you've noticed some unusually proud papas strutting around the Refinery the last few days - their pride comes with good reason. The three, Jack Kelbaugh, Norm Morse, and Gene Grace, recently received word that their sons had reached the final round in this year's National Merit Scholarship Competition.

In all, twelve sons and seven daughters of Shell employees throughout the country won places as finalists in this year's competition.

Our local honor parade includes Douglas Kelbaugh, a senior at Memorial High School in Spring Branch; Bob Morse, a senior at Kinkaid High School in Houston; and Eugene Grace, who graduates this spring from St. Thomas (Houston) High School. Douglas has Ivy League ambitions where he hopes to follow in his dad's and older brother's footsteps at Princeton. Bob, whose future aspirations are aimed toward the natural sciences, has not selected a college as yet. He's been active in drama during his high school career. Eugene, due to be one of the top graduates at St. Thomas (he's never made less than an "A" in four years of high school) has been active in the band, drama, and debate. Eugene looks forward to a legal career and would like to realize those ambitions after graduation from Harvard.

These Shell sons are among nearly 10,000 chosen from about 600,000 seniors from 15,000 high schools throughout the United States who competed in special examinations. Each finalist received a Certificate of Merit from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the independent, non-profit organization which conducts the annual competition.

About 1,000 of the finalists will be awarded four-year college scholarships. Winners will be announced in April. Finalists are also in a favorable position to receive awards from other scholarship-granting agencies. Since 1958, 25 of the 1,000 Merit Scholarships have been provided each year by the Shell Companies, Foundation, Incorporated. As of this year, Shell will have sponsored a total of 150 Merit Scholars. The first class of Shell Scholars graduated last year, and there will be 100 Shell Scholars in college during the 1963-64 academic year. The Shell awards go to qualified finalists who plan careers as high school teachers of chemistry, physics, general science or mathematics. All Merit Scholars are selected through qualifying tests of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

So to....Out Three Sons....Congratulations....and good luck in further competition.

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SAFETY

Our friend Louie has taken pad and pencil and dashed out a short two-minute quiz.... He figures our folks already know all the answers (or at least they should)... 'cause in an emergency you just wouldn't have time to "cram" for the exam.... And the reward for knowing the answers? Why.... your safety and that of your fellow employee..... So - thinking caps adjusted - here we go"

1. Where is the nearest fire extinguisher?
2. How do you operate the fire extinguisher?
3. Where is the nearest safety shower?
4. Where is the fire blanket?
5. Where is the nearest turret nozzle and quick-acting hose house... and can you operate them once you've located them?
6. Where is your flame-proof clothing, and where are your chemical goggles, hood or clothing?
7. Where are your sprinkler control valves and other emergency valves?
8. When and how did you make your periodical inspection of all fire and safety equipment?

Quiz over - and we hope you batted 100%..... Louie says there are many more questions that could be added to this list.... but these will do for a start. And if any of you couldn't come up with all the correct answers, NOW is the time to find out about it - not when an emergency arises! And here's another tip from our Fire and Safety folks. Even if you did know all the answers.... give yourself a "refresher" every now and then.... review what you think you already know.... for safety's sake.

ODDS & ENDS

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

March 11 - John Davis, Gary Leach

March 12 - James "Pappy" Daily, Don Lanning

SERVICE SYMBOLS:

20 Years - Hortense Hines (March 11)

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