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Keeping Busy Makes Happy Paid Leaves

Paid leave—do you look forward to it? Do you use it constructively, or is it just a dull, boring, non-productive period that "finally ends" and you return to the ship feeling like you've had no vacation at all?

A random check of some 30 or 40 seamen indicates that most seagoing personnel in the Humble Fleet eagerly look forward to paid leaves, especially when they have plans to keep busy. Take Michael Mitchell, AB, and Francis X. Boyle, OS, for example. Both have families.

The Mitchells live in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and the Boyles live in nearby Minersville. Both men like carpentry and each has a project going that keeps him happily occupied during his vacation from the ship.

Mr. Mitchell enclosed a carport (except the front where he installed garage doors), paneled it, and painted the floor during his last paid leave. "It makes an excellent recreation room, Mitch said, and explained: "We do a lot of barbecuing when I'm home in the summer and if the mosquitos are bad, we can hang a net over the garage-door opening and eat in comfort. In the winter we can run the car inside and close the door." Mitch also plans to panel the basement of his home, put in partitions to make a workshop, and enlarge the present recreation area. "I learned a long time ago that I'm happiest when I have work to do during paid leaves and I always have a project to look forward to."

Fran Boyle was also busy with the hammer and saw during his recent leave. He spent most of it remodeling the huge kitchen in a three-story house that he purchased in 1971—along with 141 acres of wooded and mountainous land. The kitchen improvements are part of a modernization program that includes building a sun porch, paneling several rooms, replacing old windows with new and larger units, tiling floors, and adding a fireplace. "There's more to be done, but I figure that this will keep me busy every paid leave for the next two years," Fran said. "There's also some 80,000 pine and spruce trees that must be tended."

Both men pay high tribute to their wives for helping in these projects, and the wives like to help. "I must be one of the straightest panel holders and tool fetchers in the country," said Mrs.

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'. . . My Best Years Yet,' Says Sullivan

"The 2½ years that I worked in the Humble Fleet have been the best years yet," said Thomas A. Sullivan in a letter to Paul J. McEwan recently. "The job allowed me to pay debts accrued in five years of higher education, and to save enough money to return to graduate school. I also got quite an education in my travels with Humble. I made some good friends and never regret my experiences with the company."

Mr. Sullivan, OS, wrote the letter as his official notice of resignation from the company. "I regret having to resign, but due to commitments I had made previously. I find it necessary to do so," he said, and added: "I would like to thank you for all the consideration you have shown in the past. Although I have never actually met you, I have spoken to you over the phone and feel as though I know you. Also, Mr. Burkart (J. S. Burkart, Employee Relations representative in the New York Branch) has been very considerate in his dealings with me. Finally, I want to say that I will miss the sea, my friends, and those Humble paychecks."



The Michael Mitchells put the finishing touches on the carport they enclosed during Mitch's recent paid leave.

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"THIS IS MY year to go out and see the country," said Captain Hans Bonte, 70, who has logged some 9,000 miles of driving since January. "This should make me one of the company's best gasoline customers," he said. The captain, who had more than 32 years of service when he retired in 1962, has returned to his home in Eden, Maryland, after touring the Ozarks, a number of southern states, Mexico, Grand Canyon, Durango, Colorado (where he rode a small gauge old-time train into the mountains), and other areas. "I planned to pick up a slot machine in Las Vegas, but was outvoted by my sister and others who accompanied me on my trip," he said. Now that Captain Bonte has returned home, what next? "I plan to get married," he said.

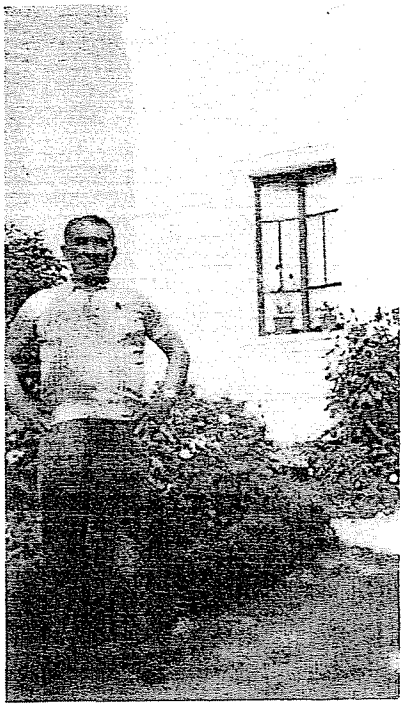
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A HAPPY REUNION came about when Raymond Rokicki, OS in the *Esso Washington,* took a few hours shore leave when his ship was in Panama recently. Mr. Rokicki, right, was able to contact his brother, John, who is stationed there in the Army and whom he hadn't seen for quite a while. They retired to the N.C.O. Club at Fort Clayton, just outside Panama, for a little relaxation and a lot of talk about homefolks in the states, life in the Army, and life in a Humble tanker.

WE HOPE that you read the article on paid leave that starts on page 1. If you spend your leaves in a constructive way that may be of interest to your shipmates, drop *Fleet News* a line briefly describing your activities so that the editor can contact you later for more details and arrange for pictures.

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Barbeito has home.



Perez has apartment.

"SPAIN IS WONDERFUL," write Jenaro Barbeito and Domingo Perez, both retired seamen who live there. They write glowingly of the country's beauty and wonderful climate. Both commented that houses and food are about half as costly as in the U.S. Mr. Barbeito, who retired as oiler in 1970, lives in the city of La Coruna on the northern coast of Spain. "I retired on the doctor's advice and I came here for my health," he writes. "I'm very happy here because my health has greatly improved. Also, I like to fish and this is an excellent fishing port. And the weather always cooperates." Mr. Barbeito has a pastime that is a little more unusual than fishing, as he explains: "Two of my cousins are barbers here and after I read the *Esso Fleet News* and other company publications, I take them to the barber shop for customers to look at. I can spend an entire afternoon explaining the oil and shipping business to them." Domingo Perez, who retired as Bos'n in 1961, lives in Las Palmas De Gran Canarias, Spain. "I was having trouble with my health when I lived in New York, especially during the winter. I moved here to this milder climate where I can spend a lot of time on the beach. On weekends, I often go to the mountains only a short distance away. There is one disadvantage to living here, however. It's extremely costly to send children to school. I have two sons, one 16, the other 18, and the cost of their education is terrific." Of the 30 retired seagoing employees who live outside the continental United States, six live in Spain—more than live in any other overseas country.

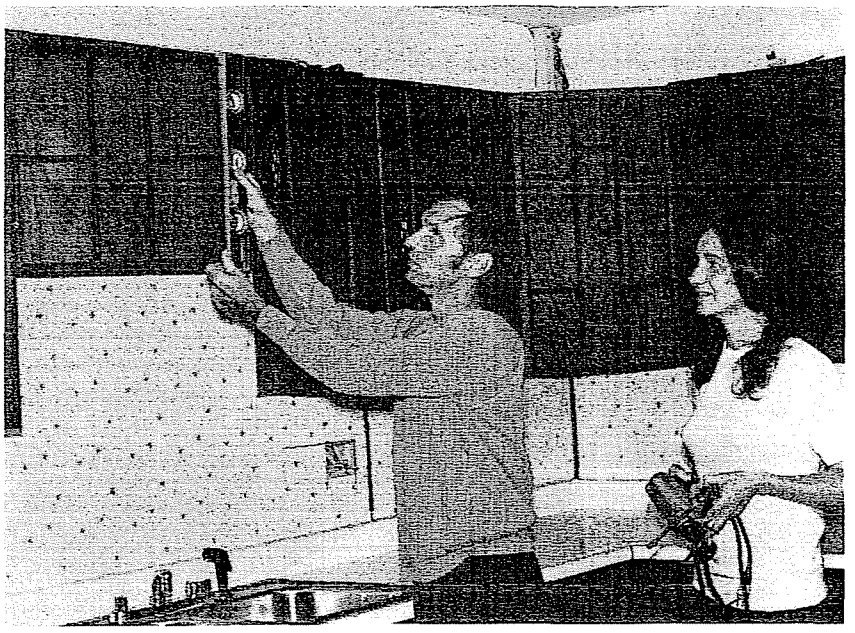
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PAID LEAVE
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Mitchell. Mrs. Boyle, lamenting over a sore back resulting from holding sections of kitchen cabinets in place while Fran secured them, said: "The improvements that we make to our house when Fran is home are well worth the aches and pains that I've suffered on these various projects."

Do the husbands and wives ever quarrel during these building and remodeling periods? Sometimes they have a word or two, but if things become too hectic, they rest or stop work until the next morning. Things always look better then, the wives agreed. They also agreed on another point: Paid leaves, when planned constructively, can be made just what they are intended to be: A change in the routine job of sailing for the husband-seaman, and a time when the family can be together to do something worthwhile—whether it's making improvements around the home, traveling, or some other involvement.



Mr. & Mrs. Fran Boyle installed the sink, countertop, backboard, and prefabricated kitchen cabinets during Fran's 40 days ashore.

Changes In Seniority List Since May 1

To help officers update their seniority lists, changes will be published monthly in *Esso Fleet News.* The following names should be removed from the seniority list dated May 1:

Name	Present Seniority	Disposition
Deck		
Dunham, Robert H.	3rd Mate (shoreside)	Resigned
Gardner, Eugene W.	3rd Mate	Retired
Nelson, Bernard E.	Chief Mate	Retired
Ruby, William H.	3rd Mate	Resigned
Engine		
Buch, Victor	3rd Asst. Eng.	Resigned
Glidden, Dale C.	3rd Asst. Eng.	Resigned
Hommel, Charles C.	3rd Asst. Eng.	Resigned
Sims, Clayton C.	3rd Asst. Eng.	Deceased
Smalley, Walter, S.	3rd Asst. Eng.	Resigned

Foundation Gives $223,500 In Grants

The Esso Education Foundation has announced four grants totaling $223,500 for projects aimed at improving higher education. Recipients are the College Entrance Examination Board ($28,900), Louisiana State University ($89,750), Saint Leo's College ($74,850), and Williams College ($30,000). The grant to the College Entrance Examination Board will be used to explore the problem of Mexican-American access to higher education. The grant to Louisiana State University is for the development of a four-course sequence in environmental studies for undergraduate students. Saint Leo's College will use its grant to underwrite the development of a Bachelor of Science program for students who plan careers in industrial chemistry, and the grant to Williams College will be used by their Roper Public Opinion Research Center to establish a program of summer institutes for college upperclassmen.

SERVICE AWARDS

30 YEARS



Jozef C. Makowski
Barge Captain
March 30, 1972

20 YEARS



James F. Barrett, Jr.
AB
May 2, 1972



Charles H. Tyler
Third Mate
June 18, 1972

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DEATHS

The Marine Department's oldest annuitant, Knut Grandall, died on July 1 at Bayshore Hospital in Pasadena, Texas. He would have been 91 on July 20. Mr. Grandall, who lived in nearby LaPorte, retired in 1945 as chief engineer. He had 29 years of company service that began on September 23, 1915, when he joined the *Herbert G. Wylie* as first assistant engineer. He was promoted to chief engineer and placed in charge of the *Wylie's* engine room on May 25, 1916. Other vessels to which he was assigned included the *Frederic R. Kellogg* and the *William Green.* He was regular chief engineer in the *Esso Aruba,* ex-*Pan Bolivar,* for 11 years. Mr. Grandall transferred to the night relieving staff in the New York office on June 3, 1942, where he served until he retired. He is survived by a son.

FRANK LANG, 60, who retired in February, 1969, died in a New Orleans hospital on May 5. He lived in Covington, Louisiana. Mr. Lang joined the *Esso Wilmington* in September, 1950, as AB and served in that rating in various vessels throughout his 17½ years of company service. He is survived by his widow.

DONALD D. DUTSCH, OS was accidentally shot to death on May 18. He lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was on paid leave from the *Esso Houston* at the time of his death. Mr. Dutsch, 27, joined the company as a temporary hire in March, 1969, and became a regular employee the following August. He was messman/utilityman on the *S.S. Manhattan* on her maiden Northwest Passage voyage. He is survived by his widow and four children ranging in age from two to six.

ANTOON COHEN, 86, died in Fordham Hospital in New York City on June 4. Mr. Cohen first sailed with the company in 1916 and had intermittent service until 1927. From that time until he retired in August, 1950, he sailed regularly as messman. He had nearly 24 years of service. Mr. Cohen lived in the Bronx.

ADRIAN F. BOULAY, 61, died of a heart attack on June 8. He retired in September, 1967, with nearly 20 years of company service. He joined the *Esso Shreveport* as 3rd mate in December, 1947, and sailed as 3rd, 2nd, and chief mate in various ships. His last voyage was a 98-day trip around the world as 2nd mate in the *Esso Newark.* He died in Leominster, Massachusetts, where he lived. He is survived by a daughter.

HERBERT A. TRENOWETH, a well known chief mate in the fleet, died of a heart attack on July 3 at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in New Orleans. He was 62. Mr. Trenoweth joined the company in September, 1937, as AB in the *F. W. Abrams.* He resigned from the fleet in 1939 and returned in 1948. He sailed continuously since then in various deck department ratings until his illness. His last ship was the *Esso Lexington.* He is survived by his widow and one son who live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

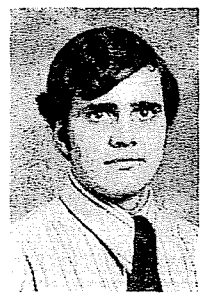
In Memory

Upon learning of the death of Steve M. English, officers and crew in the *Esso Baton Rouge* sent a check and the following message to the Texas Heart Institute in Houston:

"Please find enclosed a check to the Texas Heart Fund for $200. This represents the donation of the officers and crew presently aboard and permanently assigned to the American Tanker *Esso Baton Rouge* in memory of our departed beloved shipmate, Mr. Steve English, who passed away on Saturday 3 June 1972."

Gomes On Temporary Shore Assignment

A licensed officer in the seagoing fleet recently accepted a temporary shore assignment at



Norfolk, Virginia. He is Third Mate Bruce R. Gomes who joined the company in June, 1970, shortly after graduating from the State University of New York Maritime College. After an initial training voyage in the *Esso Baltimore,* Mr. Gomes later transferred to the *Esso Scranton* and sailed in her on her final voyage to Osaka, Japan, where she was sold. He then sailed in various company ships and was in the *Esso Philadelphia* when he came ashore to begin a three-month assignment as transportation allocator, starting on June 19.

Equity Portfolio $13.30

The Thrift Fund Trustee has advised that the value of each unit in the Equity Portfolio as of the last business day in June 1972 is $13.30.

Last Business Day of	Unit Value
May, 1971	$10.00
May, 1972	13.59
June, 1972	13.30

Helps Meet Emergency

The *Esso Jamestown* loaded motor gasoline at Baytown on June 29 and 30 for discharge at Humble's refinery at Benicia, California. The gasoline was needed to help meet an emergency.

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