



ESSO FLEET NEWS

PUBLISHED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY



Vol. 8, No. 23

December 8, 1966

Teagle Scholarships Have Helped 1,512 Students

It was in 1944, 2 years after he retired as Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil Company (N. J.), that the late Walter C. Teagle organized The Teagle Foundation. In the succeeding 22 years the Foundation has granted scholarship assistance totaling more than \$31½ million to 1,512 students. Of these totals, almost \$2,600,000 in scholarships were granted to 886 academic students and almost \$1 million to 626 nursing, medical and theological students. Nursing scholarships have only been included in the Foundation's program since 1962 and medical and theological scholarships since 1963.

In addition, the Foundation has made 460 personal assistance grants in its first 20 years, mostly where expensive illness was involved.

Currently, there are 217 scholarship awards for the 1966-67 academic year and of these, 135 (including 77 nursing scholarships) are to children of Humble employees or former employees.

Teagle Foundation scholarships are awarded for undergraduate and graduate study at Cornell,

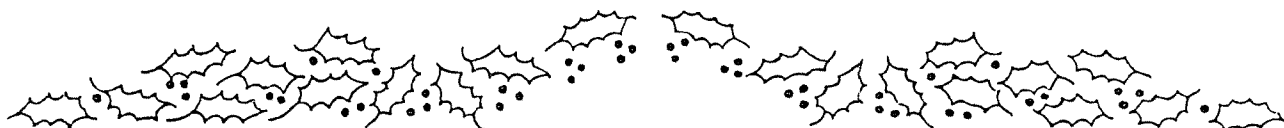
Rice and Tulane universities, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and for graduate work at Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Also, a limited number of medical and divinity scholarships are available to schools acceptable to the Foundation.

Eligible to compete for the scholarships are employees with at least 2 years' service, children of employees with at least 3 years' service and children of retired employees and employees who died in the Company's service.

A candidate for a scholarship must apply for admission to the school of his choice and must be accepted before a scholarship is awarded. However, he need not be accepted before he applies for the scholarship, except in the case of nursing, medical and divinity applications.

A candidate for an undergraduate scholarship must also rank in the top two-fifths of his or her class on graduation from secondary school, have good character, etc.

Scholarships are continued from year to year,



*To all Marine Department employees, annuitants and their families —
Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*May the real meaning of Christmas — the joy of giving and the warmth
of expressing good will toward our fellow men — be yours during this
Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.*

Joseph Audrease



OSCAR GARCIA, Second Cook in the Esso Florence, is the new part-owner of this modern motel in Wilkesboro, N. C. Located on 4

acres bordering US 421, the motel has 40 units with air conditioning and TV sets, a grill and coffee shop, swimming pool and playground.

The other part-owner is Oscar's brother-in-law, Thomas H. Gilreath, who sailed in the Fleet as MM and Second Cook from 1950-58. Mr. Gilreath has done "very well," Oscar says, with a barber shop, apartments and other income-producing properties in and around Wilkesboro. In case you're wondering, Wilkesboro is in northwestern N. C., 50 miles west of Winston-Salem.

not necessarily in the same amount, until a degree is earned, provided the student maintains satisfactory scholastic and conduct standards. The amount of the scholarships varies with the need, as determined by the universities' investigations of applicants' financial requirements.

Nursing scholarships (also available to widows of employees and annuitants) cover tuition, fees, room and board, uniforms, etc. up to \$500, plus \$25 a month personal allowance for the academic year, making a maximum annual award of \$750.

Children of Marine Dept. employees, retired and deceased employees should submit scholarship applications for the 1967-68 academic year not later than Dec. 15 (June 1 for nursing scholarships) to P. J. McEwan, Seagoing Personnel Section, Humble Oil & Refining Co., P. O. Box 1512, Houston, Texas 77001. Application forms and further information may also be obtained from Mr. McEwan.

Fleet Election to Start About Jan. 2

At a meeting in the NLRB office in Newark, N. J., Nov. 23, representatives of the Esso Seamen's Association, Teamster Local 866 and the Company agreed to start voting on Jan. 2 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Voting will begin in the ports of Philadelphia, New York and Boston, except for the *Esso Seattle* and any other ship on or scheduled for a foreign voyage. The *Seattle* may possibly be voted at the Panama Canal and possibly before Jan. 2.

Procedure for voting in this election will be the same as in the previous one — that is, by secret manual ballots cast in voting booths aboard ship.

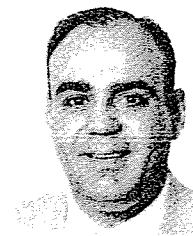
Bayway Refinery Election Results

Salaried employees at the Bayway Refinery and Chemical Plant chose the independent Bayway Employees Salary Union as their bargaining agent instead of Teamster Local 866 in an election held on Nov. 22. The vote was 91 to 69.

On the same day, Bayway hourly wage employees voted 536 to 170 for the Teamsters over the Bayway Refinery & Chemical Workers Union.

Mr. Falvo Recalls

Second Mate in the Esso Scranton on her current voyage to India and back to the U. S., William J. Falvo's return to Bombay released a flood of memories of a previous visit. Here's the story in his inimitable, effervescent style. (Ed.)



Calcutta, November 3, 1966

Twenty-four years ago Captain Arnulf Hartman, God rest his soul, paid me off from the *W. H. Libby* to be hospitalized in Bombay. The doctor that the Company Agent there recommended told Captain Hartman: "Here is a sick man. He must be removed from the vessel and sent to the hospital."

And when Captain Hartman paid me off in front of the American Consulate, he said: "Sonny, I am sorry this has happened and you have to leave my ship. You served me well."

ESSO FLEET NEWS is published for the seagoing employees of the Marine Department, Humble Oil & Refining Co.: Joseph Andreae, General Manager; Sydney Wire, Assistant General Manager.

W. E. Gardner, Editor.

Contributions and suggestions are invited and should be addressed to The Editor, ESSO FLEET NEWS, Humble Oil & Refining Co., P. O. Box 1512, Houston, Texas 77001.

Thinking back, I recall one of those "services" in particular aboard the *Libby*. It was up the ratlines to the crosstrees and on to the wire ladder leading to the truck to reave a wire through the stationary block for the barrage balloon. With a heaving line made fast to my belt and a 3½" Manila line around my waist and looped one turn around the mast, I made my way slowly up to the truck on the shaky wire ladder. Once more on deck when the job was completed, Captain Hartman said, "Sonny, I couldn't do better myself." Mr. Walter Brehm, our Mate, shook my hand and said thanks. In subsequent years I had the pleasure of sailing under Captain Hartman as Third and Second Mate.

Oh, back to the hospital. After a week there, the doctor came to see me and asked if I had bought the medicine yet. He left a prescription on his desk but I guess he failed to notify someone to have it filled and give it to me. Oh well, it could happen to the best of us.

And that first shot! "Hey Doc, ever do this before?" You see I never feel anything in the epidermis and all that fatty stuff but oh, that funny thing called bone — ouch. Five days of ice packs and moaning and groaning and never had I slept so much on my stomach since I was a baby.

Then it happened. In walked this proud man, a doctor, with his group of 6 students. Introducing himself as Dr. S. L. Bahl, and his students, he said, "With your permission, I would like my students to examine you."

"Oh by all means; it's my pleasure," I found myself saying.

So, with 3 on each side, it was left arm, right arm, needles gently shoved in to extract the warm, rich, red American blood. Then a pinch here, a reflex thump, tongue out, eyes, ears, nose, throat.

Then alone again, wondering if there were enough ice bags for all the places. Whew, I'm bushed. Sleep. Sleep? What sleep, when to the right and left of me Indian Sikhs, Brahmans, Hindus and others with this similar illness were just waiting for their last breath. Ah, but not for me; sleep.

A gentle tug. "Mr. Falvo." Another tug. Who — what — what round did he floor me? "Listen," the voice said. "Are you awake? Listen to me. There is nothing wrong with you. Nothing whatsoever wrong with you."

Up came my head. "What? Nothing wrong with me?"

"That's right," Dr. Bahl said. "My students found nothing wrong and this day I will take you to the hospital where I teach medicine and will personally give you a thorough examination." After all the tests were completed and in order, we went to the American Consul where Dr. Bahl gave his diagnosis — "Nothing was wrong with your American seaman."

How do you thank a doctor who has just saved your life and years of misery that could be in the making?

It's 24 years now and I still can't thank Dr. Bahl enough. He is now the doctor for Isthmian Line and Burma Shell when their vessels call at Bombay. He also maintains about 20 clinics in villages from Bombay to New Delhi. He has done more for India than Dr. Albert Schweitzer has done for Africa.

Additional Regular Employees

Since the last issue went to press, the following temporary employees have passed their physical examinations and joined the ranks of the regulars:

ARTHUR E. DELEON RICHARD B. JONES
JOSEPH F. PADELSKY

CAPTAIN CLARENCE S. LEE, Master of the *Esso Florence*, makes ready to gather in a Jones F. Devlin Award presented by Sydney Wire, Assistant General Manager of the Marine Dept., on Nov. 17. The award, sponsored by the American Merchant Marine Institute, gives recognition to the *Florence's* operation throughout 1964 and '65 without a lost-time accident to a crewmember.

L. to r. are: Third Mate Paul P. Balcius; Chief Mate Arnold A. McBride; OS George W. Jensen; AB Michael Sharik, III; W. A. Scott, Baytown Branch Office; AB Clarence Day, Jr.; Captain Lee; First Asst. Richard E. Lewis; Herman M. Teller

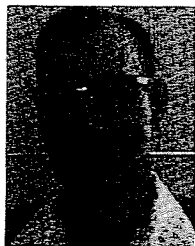
Baytown Branch Office; Mr. Wire; Pumpman Trainee Hercilio F. DaSilva; Tom C. Hall, Acting Asst. Port

Engr.; Chief Engr. John Danko; A. B. Randall, Port Staff Asst., and MM/2nd Pumpman Wm. J. Starnes.



RECENT RETIREMENTS

FIREMAN-WATERTENDER JIMMIE F. CREWS tells us: "I have been so busy building my work shop, feeding and watering the coyotes, rabbits, chipmunks, quail and other wild life that I haven't had time to go rock-hounding or prospecting but I intend to do this soon. If anyone finds two economy-size boxes of leisure time, I wish they would send them to my wife (Marjorie) and me."



Mr. and Mrs. Crews live in Landers, Calif., which is a real small town (not on the map) close to Yucca Valley, about 23 miles north of Palm Springs in southern California.

Jimmie retired Dec. 1, to get in a little extra annuitant's time after his 24 years, 7 months of credited service, during which he sailed in 40 different Company ships. Starting in the *Esso Charleston* in Feb. 1942, he was Wiper and Storekeeper for a year and continued in those ratings throughout the War in the *Esso Richmond*, *Buffalo* and *Hartford*. With one exception he has been FWT from March 1946 until he left the *Esso Florence* on Sept. 27.

Born in Annetta, Texas (15 miles W of Fort Worth), Mr. Crews joined the Navy in July 1926 and spent most of his 4-year hitch aboard the *USS Texas*. Between his seagoing services he worked nearly 10 years for the U. S. Public Health Service at Fort Stanton, N. M.

TAFFRAIL TALK

CHARLES M. DAY (MM/2P, ret. Aug. 1966) writes: "Tell all those seagoing hotrodders that when they are motoring in and around Jacksonville to stop at the Expressway Esso Station beside the Thunderbird Motel and let me put a tiger in their tanks. I am working there at night. You might know after 19 years I could not get away from the Esso oval. The best to everyone, for the Holidays."

* * *

Third Asst. JOSEPH J. CABRAL, p/1 ex *Esso New York*, sent us this picture to confound those of his confreres who were inclined to take his trapping prowess talk with too many grains of salt.

The photo shows Joe with 2 raccoons and a muskrat. He says he has caught 6 'coons, a gray fox and 10 muskrats to date, all in the city limits of Central Falls, R. I.



FOREIGN VOYAGE NOTES. It seems that almost every time our ships call at a strange (for us) port they get compliments. The latest we've heard is from Captain Edmund F. Mahoney, who took the *Esso Miami* out of Portland, Ore., Oct. 10 for Bombay. "The Shipping Commissioner (at Portland) complimented the crew leaving and signing on time and time again," Captain Mahoney wrote. "The agent and each new man from the agency I met were quite impressed with the men and the ship."

The *Miami* is now at Bombay discharging grain and is expected to sail for Baytown about Dec. 9.

The *Newark* is also at Bombay, discharging lube oils, and is scheduled to sail about Dec. 7 for Baton Rouge.

The *Scranton* is to stop at Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, Dec. 8, to load gasoline for Tampa and Baton Rouge (due Dec. 15) on her way back from Calcutta.

Original Licenses and Raises in Grade

C. L. SWONGER, JR. — Temp. 3rd Asst., 11/10*

ANDREW BOZICEVIC — to 2nd Mate, 12/2

BOLES LAW I. ROMAN — to 1st Asst, 11/28

*Dates Company was notified.

OBITUARY

THIRD ASST. ENGR. JOHN J. WALSH, 40, died in Richfield Springs, N. Y., Nov. 29, while apparently convalescing after relatively minor surgery. He is survived by 2 sisters; Margaret, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Mary W. Purcell, of Richfield Springs.

Mr. Walsh joined the Company as Oiler in the *Fred W. Weller* in July 1946, after U. S. Navy service. He sailed in unlicensed Engine Dept. ratings until Sept. 1949, when he had his first Third Asst's berth. He had several assignments as Electrician in 1950 and from then on was Third Asst. His last ship was the *Esso Miami*.

HALSEY THOMAS, 66, former Able Seaman who retired on disability, Sept. 1, 1962, died in Veterans' Hospital, Wilkes Barre, Pa. on Nov. 14. He is survived by his brother James.

Mr. Thomas first sailed in the Fleet in Steward's Dept. ratings, making wartime voyages in the *Esso Paterson* and *Esso Providence* in 1943 and '44. He became OS in the *Esso Little Rock* in May 1944 and was AB from Feb. 1945 until his retirement. He was a native and life-long resident of Scranton, Pa.