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C. E. Reistle, Jr.

Company President Reports Good Year

"I am glad to report that 1961 has been a good year for our Company," C. E. Reistle, Jr., President of Humble, told Houston Humble Club members and guests attending the annual club banquet at the Shamrock Hotel, Dec. 8. "This achievement is particularly noteworthy because the petroleum industry as a whole has shown only modest gains in its principal operations," he said.

Following are some highlights of Mr. Reistle's remarks:

Reorganization: "We have made real progress in establishing a unified organization. The Company now has 'shaken down' to a good hard organization which is functioning with more efficiency, precision and enthusiasm."

Exploration: "... this has been one of our better years for the discovery of oil and gas. We have put more capital into our search for new reserves and the results have been gratifying, indeed."

Production: "... our most notable progress this year has been in production. Our net production of crude oil and natural gas liquids this year is expected to show a gain of 9½%, compared with only about 2¼% for the industry as a whole."

Manufacturing: "... our refinery runs have been kept well in check. We think it good business to do so, even though our runs will average slightly less this year than last. Nevertheless, our refineries will have had their best year, financially, in a long time because of increased efficiency, the manufacture of more valuable products and some improvement in the price structure."

Marketing: "Today's Humble has marketing operations in 45 states and it is continuing to evaluate the markets it has not yet entered. Our marketing has been expanded this year into Ohio, California and a number of Southern states."

Oil Movements: "Our Marine Division's tanker fleet has the largest capacity operating under the

American flag . . . As a result of the recent merger of Interstate Oil Pipe Line Co. with Humble Pipe Line Co., the latter now delivers through trunk pipelines in excess of one million bbls. daily."

Chemical Sales: "Humble now ranks eighth in the nation in annual sales of chemicals — and that is eighth among all chemical companies, not among oil companies alone."

Research and Development: "Humble's extensive research and development work — essential in maintaining its position of leadership in the industry — is undertaken in several parts of the country. We consider research to be the surest foundation for our progress in the future."

Employee Benefits: "The past year also has seen some important changes affecting the employees of Humble . . . We increased sickness and accident benefits and improved permanent disability benefits. Substantial added protection was provided for survivors . . . A single Thrift Fund was set up so that employees could obtain maximum tax advantage . . . and broader withdrawal rights."

The Future: "... We can all be proud of the real progress we have made and we can look forward to further progress in the year ahead . . . Success, as well as reputations, however, are not won once and for all. They must be earned again and again — day by day, year by year. That is the job before us."

Joseph Andreae to Join Marine Division, J. E. Stoveken Moves to Trans Coord.

The Company announced Dec. 11 that Joseph Andreae, a Vice President of Esso Tankers, Inc., will become Assistant General Manager of the Marine Division on Jan. 1, 1962, succeeding James E. Stoveken.

Mr. Stoveken has been appointed Assistant Coordinator in Jersey Standard's Transportation Coordination Department in New York. He has been Assistant General Manager of Humble's Marine



Joseph Andreae



J. E. Stoveken

Division (and the former Marine Department of Esso Standard) since Aug., 1958.

Mr. Andreae, a graduate of Yale University, has had wide experience in Standard Oil marine affiliates since he joined the Company 26 years ago. He started as a Tonnage Clerk in the Marine Department in Nov., 1935 and held various positions in Traffic and Operations during the next 10 years. In World War II he served as secretary of the Petroleum Industry Tanker Committee and with the WSA on the East and West Coasts.

From 1945 to 1954 Mr. Andreae was in Aruba, where he advanced to Marine Manager of Lago Oil & Transport Co., Ltd. and then served four years in London with the Jersey Company's British affiliate and the Transportation Coordination Department. He was appointed Assistant to Management of Esso Shipping Co. in Jan., 1958 and Vice President of Esso Tankers, Inc. when that company was formed eight months later.

Highlights of 1961

JANUARY — New, single Thrift Fund goes into effect, providing tax advantages, cash withdrawals every six months on an automatic basis, purchase of stock on a regular plan, new withdrawal formula, etc. . . . *Esso Gettysburg* and *Esso Jamestown* men wash entire cargo spaces for clean service in one ballast voyage each . . . *Esso New Orleans* tied-up at Jacksonville, Jan. 4 . . . New York and New England have two weeks of continuous sub-freezing and below zero temperatures.

FEBRUARY — *Esso Lexington* (Capt. A. H. Lankford and Ch. Engr. F. R. Zeller) arrives in New York Feb. 2 from California. First ship of her

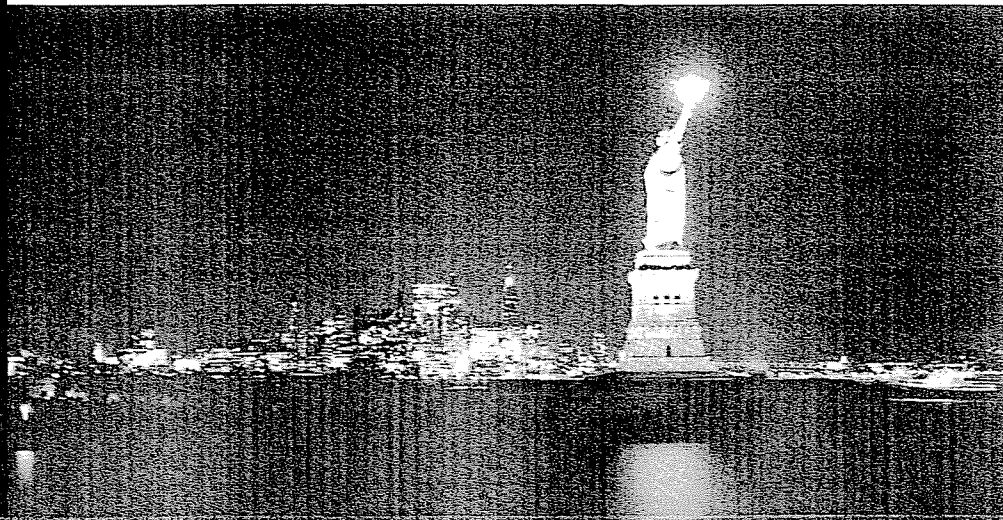
class to make west-to-east passage through East River and Hell Gate. First of class to discharge at New Haven (Feb. 5) . . . *Esso Huntington* carries first cargo of Hexyl alcohol (5,600 bbls.) . . . *Esso Baltimore* turned around south of Bayway docks due to buoys carried away by ice in south channels; first such maneuver for a 48,800-tonner.

MARCH — Captain M. Breece succeeds L. J. Hodgkins as Manager, Operating Dept. . . . Captain A. Larson made Manager, Port of New York Office, Captain F. L. Hooper, Port Captain . . . First gold watch for 30 years of seagoing service presented to Chief Steward Manuel J. Lopes, Mar. 3 . . . First cargo of Heptane carried by *Esso Raleigh* . . . 27 Marine shore employees receive 30-year watches.

APRIL — *Esso Raleigh* (Capt. Leslie H. Winder and Ch. Engr. Svafar Steffensen) rescues 26 from foundering *Marine Merchant* off Maine coast Apr. 14 . . . *Esso Paterson* sold to Union Carbide Corp., renamed *Carbide Texas City* . . . Fifth special citation for excellence in U. S. Public Health Service inspections awarded Marine Division . . . Marine shore personnel from Rockefeller Center start work at Houston Apr. 10 and 17 . . . *Esso Bangor* makes 12 hr. 55 min. record loading at Baytown — up to 15 grades handled at one time; *Esso Washington* sets new discharge mark at Paulsboro; *Esso Huntington* makes her fastest turnaround at Baton Rouge for a loading-discharge operation.

MAY — *Esso Scranton* completes 68-day, 2,000-mile round trip to Guam, arriving at Corpus Christi, May 2 . . . *Esso* lifeboat crew places second in international races. May 23 . . . First commercial shipment of a new, very critical, hydraulic oil discharged at Bayonne, May 1, by *Esso Bangor*.

JUNE — Officers and crewman of *Esso Bethlehem* receive Ship Safety Achievement Awards and Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medals for *Dutch Treat* rescue of May 2, 1960 . . . With completion, June 11, of repairs on *Esso New York*, all the fleet's 27, 37 and 48,000 dwt. vessels have air conditioned living spaces . . . *Esso Scranton* assists 10 Cuban refugees, men donate \$64.15 . . . *Esso Bangor* loads 26 grades at Baytown, June 24-25.



Highlights of another sort are featured in this excellent time exposure of the Statue of Liberty and New York City. Ralph M. Bragdon, Jr., Able Seaman in the *Esso Suez*, took the picture on Nov. 1 while his ship was docked at Tankport.

JULY — Port of New York Office moves to Bayonne, July 1; Port Captain, Port Engineer, Seagoing Personnel, Ships' Payroll and Annuities & Benefits and Claims sections "open for business" at Houston, July 17 . . . *Esso Jamestown* sets "best ever" marks of 38,700 bph., loading 247,533 bbls. of Mixed Sweet Crude, and 8 hrs., 55 min. turnaround — all fast to all clear, July 7 . . . *Esso Bangor* repeats 26-grade Baytown loading on July 14 . . . Direct marketing in Ala., Ga. and Fla. announced by Humble, July 18 . . . *Esso Lexington* cleans 30 tanks for heating oil (from crude) on 4½ day New York-Baytown passage with no extra men and no chemicals.

AUGUST — *Esso Huntington* carries high melting point (155°F) petrolatum in No. 8 center tank, equipped with four vertical heating coils . . . *Esso New Orleans* sold to T. J. Stevenson & Co., renamed *New Orleans* . . . *Esso Gloucester* (Capt. S. W. Logan and Ch. Engr. E. J. Palmer) first of fleet to call at Bridgeport, Conn.

SEPTEMBER — Hurricane Carla lashes Texas coast Sept. 10-11; high tides inundate large areas; no damage to fleet . . . Captain A. Larson honored for 40 years' service, Sept. 8 . . . Wage raises, overtime pay and increased premium pay among benefits for unlicensed men negotiated by ESA.

OCTOBER — *Esso Suez* (Capt. V. T. Springer and Ch. Engr. C. J. Bennett) rescue six from sinking *Hess Mariner*, Oct. 1-2. Lifeboat crew praised for transfer of doctor . . . Stewards gain \$31 per month pay increase in new bargaining agreement with Company . . . *Esso Miami*, ex *Esso Havana*, welcomed at Miami, Fla., Oct. 23 . . . Tied-up *Esso Worcester* sold, to be renamed *Hess Refiner*.

NOVEMBER — JSTOA and Company sign amendment providing pay increases for Masters and Chief Engineers, overtime for Mates and Asst. Engrs. . . New grade of gasoline, Esso Plus (Enco Plus in Texas), announced . . . Norwegian tanker *Berean* and Chinese freighter *Union Reliance* collide in Houston Ship Channel Nov. 7; traffic blocked 65 hrs. . . Captain F. I. Shaw, Boston Agent, retires.

DECEMBER — New law to prevent oil pollution and requiring keeping of oil record book becomes effective Dec. 8 . . . Radio Officers' agreement negotiated; includes \$38 per month increase and overtime pay.

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On Stage

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer, of Miami, Fla., have two top notch entertainers in their sons Jeffrey, 9, left and J. Lawrence, 12. They are shown here introducing the play "You Can't Take It With You".



Lawrence has been performing for over three years, doing pantomime, impersonations and master of ceremonies work. He has appeared at schools, social clubs, hotels and charity affairs. Jeffrey has now joined his brother in show business, singing, dancing and doing special introductions.

Mrs. Sawyer coaches and directs the boys, having been in the variety show and theater business for years.

Tom, now Oiler in the *Esso Bridgeport*, handles the sound effects, lighting and props. "He's an A-1 back stage man," Mrs. Sawyer said. "His ability to manipulate sound and lighting effects and check costume changes for two energetic boys with accuracy and patience is really a labor of love."

The Sawyers also tape their shows and Tom's electronic knowledge and experience add another professional touch.

"Needless to say," Mrs. Sawyer added, "the boys are very proud of their Dad and he of them."

Scholarships in Nursing Offered

A number of special scholarships for nursing training are being offered by the Teagle Foundation.

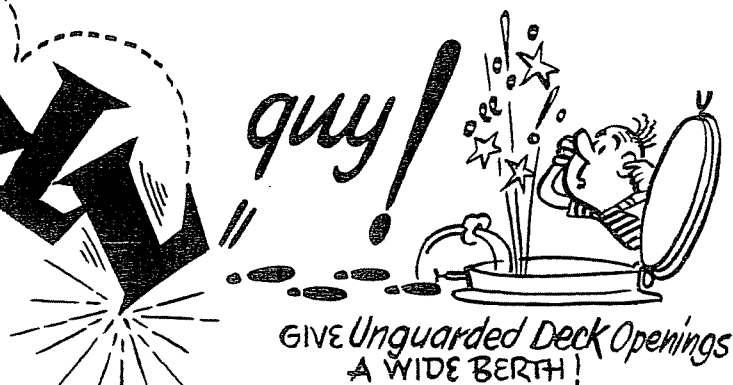
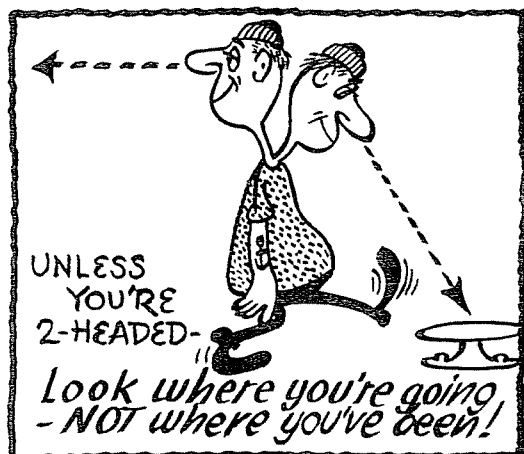
To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be accepted at an approved nursing school offering a diploma as a registered or practical nurse and be either:

- A. an employee with at least two years' service,
- B. the son or daughter of an employee with at least three years' service, or,
- C. the son or daughter of a retired employee or of an employee who died during Company service.

The scholarship pays tuition and fees plus \$25 per month for personal expenses. Financial need is not a requirement.

After acceptance by the nursing school, a scholarship application form must be submitted. These are available from the Seagoing Personnel Section of the Marine Division in Houston.

Don't be a **FALL** guy!



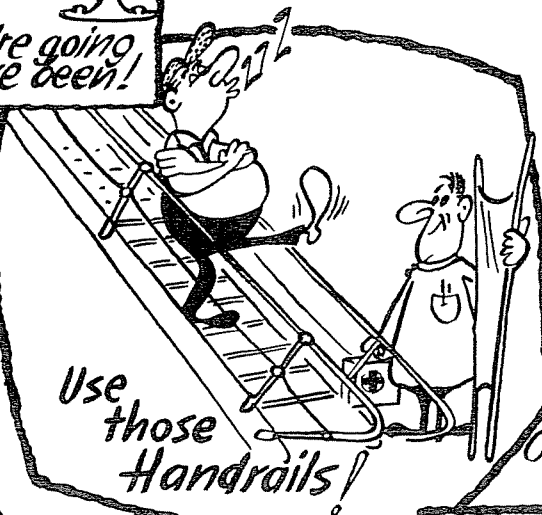
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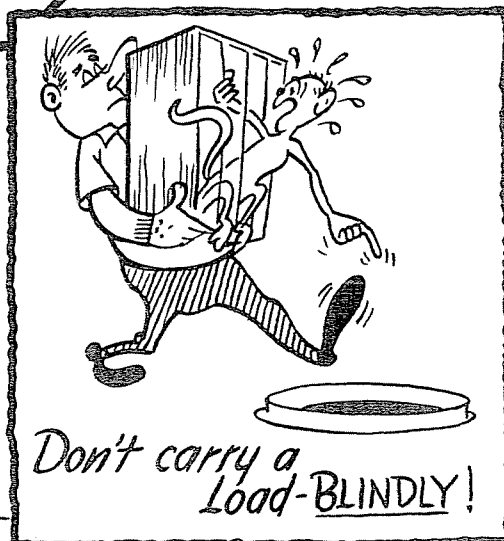
KEEP DECKS *Free* of Litter!

Wear Proper Footgear

-ESPECIALLY ON SLIPPERY DECKS!



BE SURE LADDERS ARE *Sound AND Safely* PLACED!



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WATCH MY STEP

-DON'T BE A "fall" GUY!

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