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Company Additional Contribution to Employees Thrift Plan

The Esso Standard Board of Directors announced October 29 that the Company's additional contribution to the Thrift Fund and Alternate Thrift Fund will be on the following basis:

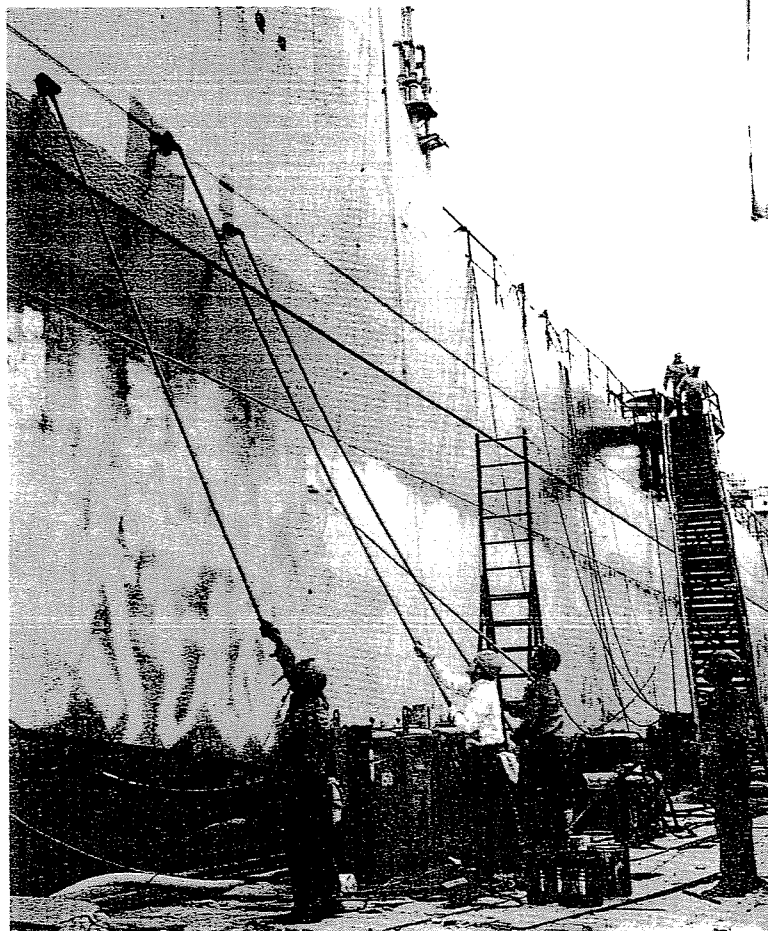
1. \$25 to each employee participating in the Thrift Plan for the entire year (October 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959) or a proportionate amount for less than a full year of participation, plus
2. 50 cents for each dollar of employee and employer contribution made under the Plan during the same period.

If a seagoing employee contributed to the Thrift Plan at the 10% maximum rate, the Company's regular contribution of 3% and the additional contribution works out as follows for representative ratings:

Rating	Yrs. of Service	Base Rate and Cont. Pay	Company Contributions for the year 1959		
			Regular	Additional	Total
Bos'n	10	\$583	\$209.88	\$479.74	\$689.62
Able Seaman	5	466	167.76	388.48	556.24
Pumpman	10	642	231.12	525.76	756.88
Oiler	10	479	172.44	398.62	571.06
Wiper	5	383	137.88	323.74	461.62
2nd Cook	10	506	182.16	419.68	601.84
Messman	3	361	129.96	306.58	436.54

It should be remembered that these are sample figures for men employed at a single pay rate for the year ended September 30, 1959. Also, due to paid leaves and the nature of seagoing payoffs, it often happens that more or less than an exact year's time is used as the basis for calculating the additional contributions. For instance, if a man went on 30 days paid leave on September 15, the total amount of his earned leave would be included in figuring this year's additional contribution.

It is expected that the additional contributions will be available for Thrift Plan transactions after November 15. Statements showing the amount credited to each employee's account will be sent out shortly after that date.



Esso Bridgeport Out of Mothballs

Workmen at the Gibbs Corp. shipyard, Jacksonville, Fla., roll hull paint on the Esso Bridgeport in preparation for her return to service on or about November 6.

The following are among the men who have been assigned to the ship: Captain Vincent F. Lucas, Master; Harold Martin, First Mate; Lewis G. Davis, Second Mate; William A. Dundon, Chief Engineer; William Motta, First Asst.; David A. Dolan, Second Asst.; Robert T. Spetz, Third Asst.; Herve E. Gautier, Bos'n; Pieter G. DeVaal, Steward; Leopold Oliveira, Jr., Chief Cook; Maurice Wishnoff, Second Cook; George W. Henry, Pumpman, and Joe E. Peterson, MM/2nd Pumpman.

ETMU-SIU Files New Charge

The Esso Tanker Men's Union, Seafarers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, in a complaint signed by Edward Derry, Port Representative, has filed another unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, Second Region.

This time the ETMU-SIU claims that the Company violated Section 8 (a) (1) and (3) of the Taft Hartley Act. Specifically, it is asserted that employment was denied to George Sullivan, a Utilityman, because of membership in the ETMU-SIU.

The Company has made a categorical denial of the accusation. The new complaint will be investigated by the NLRB. Until completion of its probe of unfair labor practice charges made by ETMU-SIU, the Government labor agency cannot proceed to act on petitions calling for election of a collective bargaining agency to represent Esso seamen.

Esso Lima Men Give Blood

Another of the many instances where Esso seamen have unselfishly come to the aid of a stricken shipmate was reported by Captain William Mello, Agent at Jacksonville. When Leif C. Eriksen, Radio Officer ex *Esso Lima*, was hospitalized in Jacksonville and required blood transfusions on October 21, the following men from the *Lima* were donors:

W. L. Straley,	F. L. Harris,
Second Mate	MM/2nd Pump.
E. J. Schlarb,	J. E. Campbell, Jr.,
Radio Officer	Able Seaman
D. J. Hedgepeth,	Wiper

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Eriksen on October 30 at his home in Union, N. J., he said that he still feels weak but is "coming along" and is very grateful for the assist by the blood donors.

More on State Income Taxes

The FLEET NEWS for October 9 mentioned that the states of Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Delaware and Maryland have personal income taxes. This is true but many other states also have enacted tax laws which require certain residents to file returns. The laws of the states named have withholding provisions which, as the item noted, do not apply to merchant seamen. However, seamen residents of those states are required to file returns and pay the taxes due just as they are in other states with income tax laws.

Scared of Lightning?

The California Shipping Company's SAFETY BULLETIN for October has an interesting item about the *Rock Landing* being struck by lightning on a passage down the Mississippi River. There was a severe

thunderstorm and, when the bolt hit the ship, the third mate and others on deck were somewhat "shook up". However, the only damage was the shattered wooden staff for the house flag located at the main truck.

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"This is as might be expected," the BULLETIN continued. "The steel topmasts act as lightning rods and harmlessly ground out any discharge. A non-conductor or a poor conductor sticking above the mast may be damaged. The point in bringing this up is to lay at rest any fears you may have about your ship being struck by lightning. Irrespective of the cargo or whether the vessel is empty or loaded, the lightning will ground out and will not ignite the cargo or cause an explosion."

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Safety Contest Standing

The following is the January-August standing of the fleets participating in the safety contest for ocean and coastwise tankers conducted by the Marine Section, National Safety Council. The accident frequency rate figures represent the number of reportable accidents per million man hours worked.

	Accident Freq. Rate
1. Tidewater Oil Co.	.66
2. The Atlantic Refining Co.	1.02
3. Texaco Inc. (ocean fleet)	1.23
4. Sun Oil Co.	1.88
5. Esso Standard Oil Co., Marine Dept.	2.10
6. Socony-Mobil Oil Co., Inc. (ocean & coastwise)	3.77
7. Pure Oil Co.	3.99
8. General Petroleum Corp.	4.20
9. Sinclair Refining Co., Marine Dept.	4.66
10. Creole Petroleum Corp.	4.84
11. American Oil Co. & Sub. Co's.	5.22

Scientific Storm Spotters

At the recent meeting of the International Oceanographic Congress held in New York, Professor Walter H. Munk, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla, California, described a

long range storm detection system. The first indication of a distant storm, said the professor, is the arrival of very small waves, only 1/20 of an inch high and a mile long. These waves increase and decrease in length over a period of days, like the full blast of a siren whistle which gets higher in pitch and louder as more power is applied.

By calibrating small waves with underwater pressure devices, it is possible to detect these changes now. A combination of two shore stations with special measuring equipment makes it possible to determine both direction and distance of a storm.

The system has already been used to detect storms south of Australia by scientists stationed in California.

First Butane Discharged at Bayway

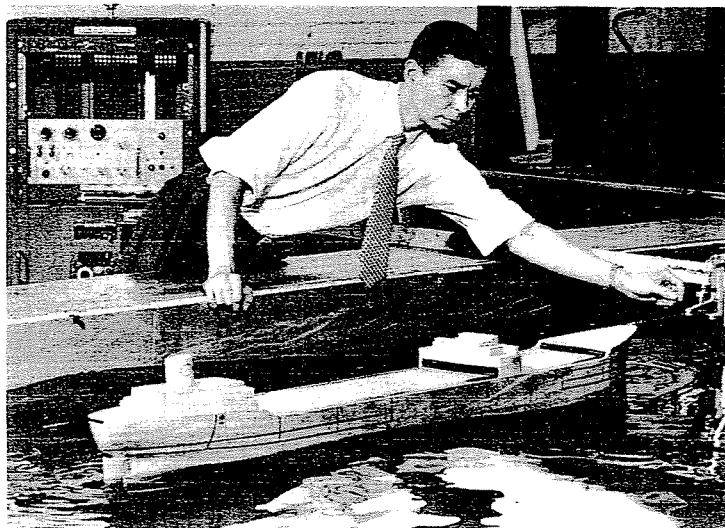
Esso Puerto Rico, the 32,300 dwt. combination LPG and bulk oil supertanker, discharged the first cargo of butane at Bayway on October 19. The vessel loaded the butane and fuel oil at La Salina and Amuay, Venezuela. Her next port of call was Baton Rouge, where she took on butadiene for discharge at Fawley, England, and ultimate delivery to a synthetic rubber manufacturer. Enroute she called at Amuay for a balance cargo of fuel oil.

Jersey Dividend

The Board of Directors of Standard Oil Company (N. J.) declared a cash dividend of 60 cents per share on the capital stock, payable December 10 to stockholders of record at the close of business on November 9. This will bring dividend payments for 1959 to a total of \$2.25 per share, the same as for last year.

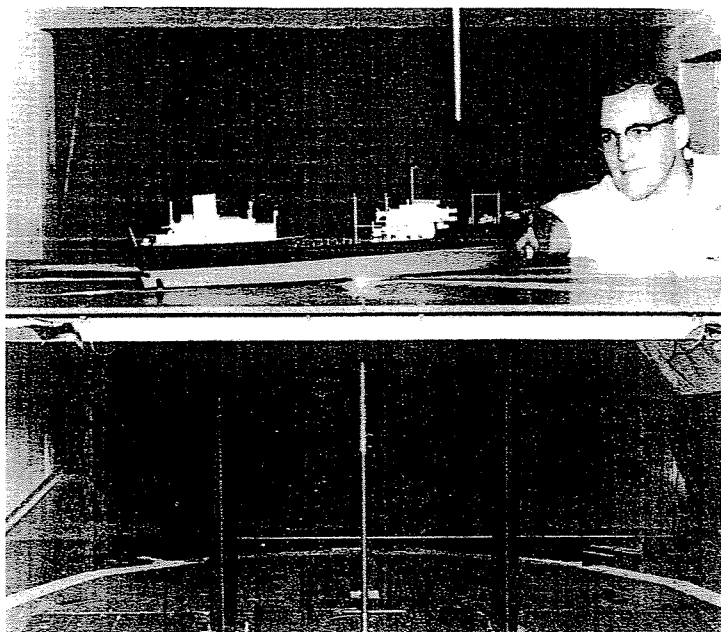
Taffrail Talk

Fred Lewis, who was Chief Engineer in the *Esso Manhattan* for many years prior to his retirement January 1, 1958, is again in charge of that vessel's engine room. But now she is the *Martha Mac*, a self-unloading bulk dry cargo carrier owned by the Gulf Transit Co. The ship was extensively remodeled to carry coal from New Orleans to Tampa and phosphates on the return trip. . . . ON OCTOBER 22 the *Esso Bangor* became the Company's first 27,300 dwt. tanker to discharge at Consolidated Edison's Hudson Ave. Station, East River, N. Y. . . . BILL MCKINLEY, formerly a Radio Officer in the fleet and now Sr. Port Dispatcher in the Port Operations Section at 156 William St., was a \$56,000 winner in the Irish Sweepstakes. After sharing generously with Uncle Sam, Bill figures the bonanza will see his three children through college, pay off the mortgage on his 42-acre farm in Jamesburg, N. J., and buy an emergency electric generator.



Esso Research Studies Mooring Strains

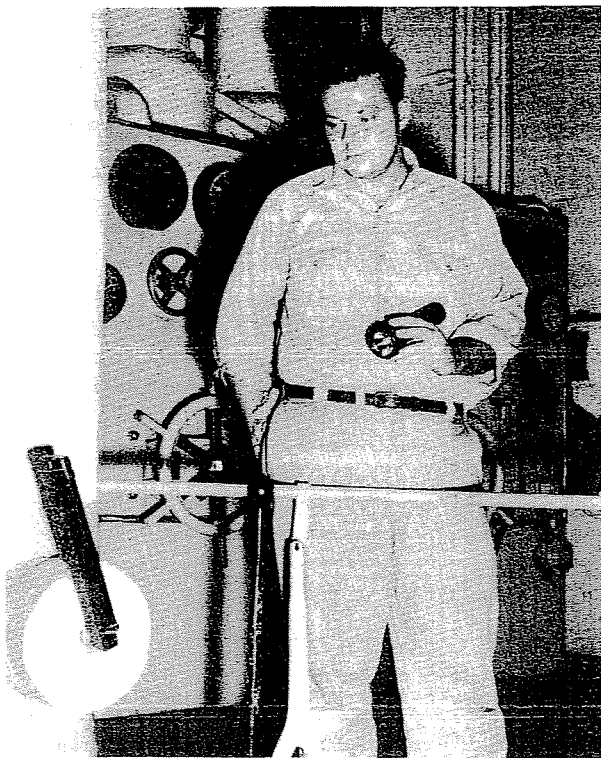
A 60-in. wooden model of a 73,000 dwt. tanker is shown above under test at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., for Esso Research and Engineering Co. The model was moored by a single line to an electronic device which relayed stresses to recording instruments. Waves up to 27 ft. high and 615 ft. long were simulated in the Stevens' testing tank. In wind tunnel tests at Princeton University (below), also made for Esso Research, a 39-in. model of a 37,800 dwt. tanker was subjected to head on to broadside winds as high as 110 mph. The object of the tests is to obtain more accurate data on the effects of wind and wave forces on tankers moored at piers and in open water. The information is expected to be useful to designers of future docks and off-shore moorings.



Spare Time Skipper

Oiler Richard P. Cooper is liable to be poring over navigation charts in his off-watch hours aboard the *Esso Florence* these days, but it doesn't mean he's getting ready to desert the Engine Department. Chances are that Dick's looking ahead to his next paid leave, when he can again take command of the *Maintex*, a custom-built outboard cruiser for which he has some pretty ambitious plans.

Dick recently completed a 500-mi. solo shakedown cruise aboard the *Maintex* from Boothbay Harbor, Me., where the boat was built, to New York and back to Point Judith, R. I., where it is berthed awaiting his next leave. During the next two years, Dick will sail the inland waterways to Florida, cruise the Gulf of Mexico and tour the Mississippi River, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. His original intention to take the *Maintex* as far south as Florida's St.



Oiler Richard P. Cooper checks the h.p. turbine steam temperature gage aboard the *Esso Florence*. During future paid leaves, Dick hopes to tour many of the Nation's major waterways aboard his custom-built cruiser *Maintex*.

Johns River on her first cruise was thwarted when a companion was unable to make the trip.

The *Maintex* is the realization of a dream Dick has had for several years. Raised in Rhode Island, he has always "kicked about" in small boats and first sailed professionally aboard fishing boats during summer vacations from high school. He joined Esso on November 3, 1952 as Wiper in the *Esso Asheville*.

About the middle of 1958 he began looking for someone who would build a boat "the way one should be built". He found his man six months later in Boothbay Harbor and the *Maintex* was christened last July. (Her name, incidentally, stands for "Maine and Texas", the points between which she will generally—but not exclusively—operate.)

Powered by two 18 hp. outboards that give her a cruising speed of 16 knots, the *Maintex* is 19 ft. long, 6½ ft. at the beam and draws 6 in. She has sleeping accommodations for two, a head and a fully equipped galley. The boat's ribs are white oak and the keel is fashioned from a single piece of wood, which Dick combed New England to find. The transom is also a single piece of wood, 2 in. thick and 28 in. high.

The maiden voyage of the *Maintex* was a leisurely cruise, taking 13 days from Maine to New York. Much of that time was spent visiting friends and relatives along the way and exploring points of interest ashore. Dick kept within 3½ mi. of the coast during his voyage and put into port for the nights.

His course took him through the Gloucester Cut and across Boston Harbor to Plymouth, Mass.; the Cape Cod Canal; into New Bedford, Mass.; and Providence, R. I.; to Fishers Island in Long Island Sound; across the Sound to Port Jefferson and Port Washington, N. Y., and finally into Flushing, N. Y., for four days at the New York City docks before heading back to Point Judith.

Only two minor mishaps marred the trip. At Biddeford, Me., the first night, Dick was unceremoniously dumped overboard while picking up a mooring buoy. The next day, when he headed into Plymouth for gasoline, the boat grounded just inside the breakwater, but soon floated free.

Dick is enthusiastic about the *Maintex*' performance during her initial voyage and is already making plans for his next paid leave, when he'll try again for the St. Johns River.

