



JAMES MAXWELL, standing, vice president and cashier of First Hutchings-Sealy National Bank, points out to **J. W. Harris**, left, chairman of the board, and **Paul Rounsaville**, president, the last United Fund employe solicitation card to come in, representing 100 per cent participation on the part of bank employes in the UF campaign. Overall pledges were nine per cent over last year's.

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Marine Log

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Only 'Mystery Ship' Mystery Is When Mi Amigo Will Sell

There's not much mystery about Galveston's "mystery ship," the *Mi Amigo*.

Galveston's so-called "lady of intrigue" has been drawing many inquiries since she was publicized as a mystery ship recently by a Houston newspaper.

The 147-foot long converted two-hold cargo vessel arrived in port March 18 from commercial broadcast duty off the North European coast. The Panamanian-flag vessel, chartered by the Tecon Corp., Dallas, beamed advertising and music to Belgium, Holland, Norway and Sweden from international waters and returned to Galveston after her charter expired.

Information from her agent here, Strachan Shipping Co., indicated the ship was no longer needed for broadcast work as commercial radio stations have since been established in her broadcast areas of Europe and Scandinavia.

Bill Weaver, station manager of Houston Radio Station KILT, told The News last March his station had purchased the ship's radio equipment for resale.

The *Mi Amigo*, registered to the Rosebud Shipping Co. of Panama, has been for sale for many months. She rides idle at piers 37-38. The head of the Galveston waterfront awaiting a new owner. The empty ship is watched over by Galveston wharves police as her crew returned to Europe many months ago.

So-called "security guards" of federal agents which watched the ship after her arrival at pier 37 were U. S. Customs inspectors who set duty on ship's electronic gear before it was removed by the new owner KILT.

Ketch Salvaged

The 22-foot ketch *Essex* which went aground east of the Galveston jetty Tuesday arrived at the Galveston Yacht Basin late Tuesday evening after salvage operations were completed by Galveston Yacht Service.

The *Essex*, owned by Scott Hart of Houston, will berth at the yacht basin until the weekend, said manager Steven Walter, said Wednesday. He said the owner would probably come down to sail the pleasure craft back to her home port of Houston.

The ketch had notified the Fort Point Coast Guard Station from Sabine Monday that she expected to arrive at Galveston Monday "prior to dark." When the vessel became overdue the Coast Guard conducted a search and the *Essex* was spotted by a CG aircraft beached east of the Galveston jetty.

The Fort Point station dispatched a cutter with insulin to assist a member of the ketch's three-man crew, believed to be insulin coma. His name has never been released by the Coast Guard.

Walter said Wednesday afternoon the ketch suffered little

damage and would likely sail this weekend.

No Lack Of Berths

With fall classes for the Texas Maritime Academy scheduled to begin Sept. 16 at Fort Crockett, cadet attention is invited to an item in a recent issue of the "King's Pointer," alumni publication of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

A story titled "No Lack Of Berths For Newest Mariners," states in part, "... with a graduating class of only 191 from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy this year it is expected that it will not be possible to satisfy all the requests which have come to the academy placements director."

The story indicates that over 120 deck officers have been asked for by 13 different sources, including the various unions, MSTs and shipping companies.

"With only 78 mates being graduated it is apparent not all these positions will be filled."

Oceangoing Hydrofoil

The *H5 Denison*, the world's first oceangoing high-speed hydrofoil ship, has been accepted by the Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Development of the *Denison* has been a joint project of the federal government and American industry, according to Luther H. Hodges, secretary of Commerce. Highspeed navigational systems for the \$9-million craft will be utilized in other hydrofoil and surface-effect craft, the Maritime Administration reports.

Phillips Cargo

Carbon black for Hamburg, Germany, and synthetic rubber for Rotterdam, Holland, will be loaded aboard the German-flag ship *Santa Isabel* when she calls here later this month.

George Hieronymus, manager of the Galveston office of Bletsch Steamship Co., said the ship was ordered to Galveston by the Phillips Petroleum Co. to load cargo at the pier 40 Phillips location.

The *Santa Isabel* is scheduled to arrive at Galveston Sept. 16 or 17, Hieronymus said.

No Comment

Galveston port officials declined comment Wednesday on a recommendation by a new member of the Port Houston Commission that the Houston Port eventually should be extended to Galveston Bay.

R. H. Pruett, former mayor of Baytown, said Wednesday, "There are 12 to 15 miles of shoreline for wharves on the bay," according to the Associated Press dispatch.

Pruett said 20 miles of Cedar Bayou and Goose Creek shoreline also are available for Houston port expansion.

be made part of the district," he said and added, "Then our port will be second to none, including New York City."

Arrivals

Four Lakes (U.S.) Texas City 4.
Aproamatux (U.S.) Amoco 2.
Seiki Maru (Jap) Pier 24.

Cleared To Sail

There were no vessels cleared to sail from the Port of Galveston as of 1:30 p.m. Wednesday according to the U.S. Customs House.

Vessels In Port

Mi Amigo (Strachan) Piers 37-38
Sevonech (Amer Exp) Dry Dock
Hory Culbreath (Llykes) Dry Dock
Panohialis (HAT) Dry Dock
Rainbow (Amerind) Dry Dock
Vestling (Croom) Bolivar Roads
Arzo Dinahie (Strachan) Pier 34
Julodurix (Bluh) Pier 34
Alcoa Voyager (Cenl Gull) Pier 39 N
Four Lakes (T.C. Ref) Texas City 4
Aproamatux (Thib) Amoco 2
Seiki Maru (Binings) Pier 24

Yacht Basin Log

RECENT GUESTS

Sea Fever, owned by James Branham, home port Pasadena, berth WL.
Kina Harem, owned by Dr. G. Reyes, home port Houston, berth 12M.
Patsy Jay, owned by C. L. Valentine, home port Fort Worth, berth SHOP.
Patsy Gale, owned by A. K. Costello, home port Houston, berth EOS.
Estero, owned by Frank Ehrhard, home port Houston, berth 14A.
Sea Gull, owned by James M. Peil, home port Houston, berth WL.
na name, owned by Robert P. Wimmer, home port Houston, berth REC.
Green Tie, owned by Terrill Adkisson, home port Beaumont, berth EOS.
Viking, owned by M. J. Borden, home port Fort Arthur, berth 11A.
Miss Doree II, owned by Frank Cole, home port Houston, berth WL.
Tobago Jr., owned by Howard Cole, home port Houston, berth SHOP.
Miss Doree I, owned by R. Cunningham Jr., home port Houston, berth WL.
Reckless, owned by P. W. Davis, home port Houston, berth 11W.
Miss Doree, owned by Danny Bros., home port Houston, berth REC.
Pine Dream, owned by Dunwoody Bros. & Suddly, home port Houston, berth 12M.
Gle Net, owned by Sam A. Ferguson, home port Houston, berth WL.
Aeolus, owned by Tom Johnson, home port Houston, berth SHOP.
Cedar Belle, owned by Pat Leo, home port Fort Arthur, berth 11A.
Mimor, owned by G. M. McCaskill, home port Houston, berth SHOP.
Puncher, owned by P. L. Michael, home port Houston, berth EOS.
Vogaband, owned by Ken Myers, home port Fort Arthur, berth 1E.
Finale, owned by Dr. Cliff Palnton, home port Fort Arthur, berth WL.
Lady Doree, owned by Ted Pasternok, home port Pasadena, berth 11M.
Nuova Blanc, owned by A. J. Romero, home port Fort Arthur, berth WL.
Indiana, owned by J. L. Seear, home port Houston, berth 2N.
Rogue, owned by S. E. Smartt, home port Seabrook, berth WL & REC.
Foxe Floot, owned by R. E. Smith, home port Seabrook, berth 14A.
Amiao del Mar, owned by Texaco Industries, home port Houston, berth EOS.
Barbara Ann, owned by Earl Trith, home port Houston, berth WL.
Vanquard, owned by Walter van Norman, home port Houston, berth REC.
Mary Ruth II, owned by Viliac Batlerly, home port Dallas, berth EOS.
Sooner II, owned by J. M. Williams, home port Houston, berth WL.
Linda III, owned by Kenneth B. Yess, home port Houston, berth 11M.
Essex, owned by Scott Hart, home port Houston, berth 7W.
Henry Jones III, owned by C. J. White Co., home port Houston, berth 11M.
No No, owned by Frank Shera, home port Houston, berth EOS.
Kappa Son, owned by Dr. C. Mountain, home port Houston, berth EOS.
Constellation, owned by Joseph Tiltmehost, home port Houston, berth 7W.
Prudence, owned by Ed Palmer, home port Fort Arthur, berth 1E.
Cole Street, owned by Roy Brown, home port Houston, berth 2W.

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