

Presentation of the Schooner

Atlantic

to the

Texas A. & M. Research Foundation

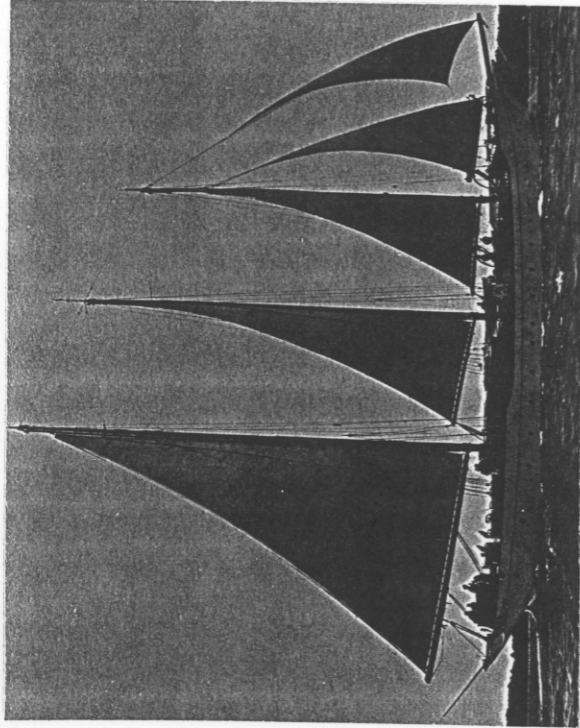
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This 120-foot three-masted schooner, now registered as a yacht, has been given to the Texas A. & M. Research Foundation for conversion to a research and classroom vessel for oceanographic studies in the Gulf of Mexico. Built as a pleasure craft and originally named the MOBY DICK, the schooner saw service in the Gulf of Mexico during World War II as the Coast Guard submarine detection vessel, BLANCO. It has now been officially commissioned by Governor Alan Shivers as the flagship of the Texas Navy.

The Texas A. & M. Research Foundation gratefully acknowledges this generous gift by two of the nation's industrial leaders as a genuine contribution to research, education and the industrial development of the Gulf Coast region. Both Erwin C. Uihlein and Robert A. Uihlein, Sr. have earned distinguished positions in naval affairs as well as in industry and have made many contributions to the national welfare in each field. As a non-profit research and educational foundation with headquarters at College Station, the Texas A. & M. Research Foundation uses the staff and facilities of the statewide Texas A. and M. College System as well as those of other educational and research institutions in the Southwest to develop scientific information necessary to the orderly development of one of the world's richest and most rapidly expanding areas. As a result of this generous gift, the Foundation will be able to render increasingly valuable service in oceanographic studies of the Gulf of Mexico, vitally important to the spectacular mineral and industrial development now under way on the Gulf Coast.