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## COUNTY GOES OVER TOP ON BOND SALES

### Piloting

Every Aransas County citizen can take pride in the fact that this county has gone over the top in buying war bonds. The county had a stiff quota—based on bank deposits at a time when payrolls here were much higher than at present—but through patriotic response of buyers and good work on the part of volunteer workers the quota has been exceeded.

Charles Bracht, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bracht, is a "coverboy" down in the Brownsville sector, being pictured at this time in advertising pieces with a full-grown beard and mustachio and dressed in colorful Mexican garb. The advertising is for the Valley gateway to Mexico.

October 3 to 9 is Fire Prevention Week and in addition to turning thoughts to methods of curbing fires it is also a good time for all of us to check up on the many assets, we as citizens of Rockport have in the Volunteer Fire Department. Many of the older members of the department are now away on foreign battlefields fighting the fire of Axis aggression, but those at home are doing their best to carry on. It is a real source of peace of mind to know that no matter the hour, day or night, no the weather, cold or hot, or rain or shine, that modern equipment and trained men await your call if the fire breaks out.

Last year 8,000 persons in the United States lost their lives due to burns, and fire officials are urging a thorough examination of every building for possible fire hazards to cut down this unnecessary loss of life.

Oil men, even the independents, are now admitting a shortage of oil but in many instances brand the scarcity as artificial, and a slogan of "What can be cured need not be endured" has come out of petroleum battle of words. Samuel B. Pettengill, former member of Congress and author of 'Smoke Screen' assailed the gasoline shortage in the country before a large audience in Tulsa, Okla., recently.

"Why," asked Pettengill, "must the people living in the greatest petroleum producing country in the world go cold this winter for want of fuel? Why must farm and factory workers have only one gallon of gasoline, where they formerly used six, in a country that produces sixty per cent of the world's oil but has only six per cent of the world's people?"

Mr. Pettengill agreed that there have been legitimate reasons for some of these shortages, such as increased war demands and the submarine off the Atlantic Coast earlier in the war. "But," he said, "the chief reasons today are bureaucrats. The shortage is not so much in oil as in brains and courage in Washington." In this charge Pettengill made exceptions of Secretary Ikes and Congress.

"Thank God we still have a Congress," said Pettengill. "The blame for this shortage rests on the door" of said Aransas County, in the City of Rockport between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendants, in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Aransas and State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot 1 and all of the waterfront and riparian rights east of said lot 1 in Block 30 of the Manning Subdivision of the City of Rockport,

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of the plaintiff for any other or further taxes on or against said property that may not be included herein, and the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other

## Rice Bros. & Co. Begin Work On Army Cargo Boats

### Shipyard Here Gets Contract For Army Boats

### Launching of 21st 'Chaser' Built for Navy Set For This Afternoon

Rice Brothers and Company Shipyard is now producing boats for both Army and Navy.

Launching ceremonies were scheduled for this afternoon on the 21st sub-chaser built in the yard for the U. S. Navy, and at the same time R. R. Rice, managing partner of the firm, announced that work is already underway on building three cargo vessels for the U. S. Army.

Rice announced last week that the firm had been awarded a contract to build three 65-foot Army cargo vessels.

"We feel that these three boats are just the forerunner of more to come, and we anticipate additional contracts," Rice said.

"As soon as necessary material is received we will begin putting on more men," he added.

Rice pointed out that the yard can construct twice as many of the smaller boats at the same time, as the number the yard can handle of the submarine chasers.

"We are already doing millwork on the new boats," Rice said, "and this additional work will keep the payroll for Rockport going for some time."

In connection with the announcement of the Army boat contract, Rice said that Francis Richardson, formerly of New Orleans, has become associated with the company.

"Mr. Richardson has many years experience in the construction and repair of both wood and steel craft and is expected to be a valuable addition to the supervision and management of the new work," Rice said.

### George H. Lilly Heads Price Panel Of Ration Board

Patroitic Aransas county citizens are donating their time and effort as price panel members and price assistants in the battle against inflation, San Antonio District OPA officials pointed out today.

### Jim B. Jackson Promoted To Rank of Captain

MEDICAL REPLACEMENT CENTER, Camp Berkeley, Texas—Headquarters of the Medical Replacement Center announced this week the promotion of 1st Lt. James B. Jackson to Captain. His residence is at Rockport and he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

Captain Jackson, now only 23 years old, is a graduate of Rockport high school and Schreiner Institute and of the University of Texas with BA and MA degrees.

## Air Port Soon to Be Ready for Navy Use

### COMING HERE



LIEUT. ARMENTOR Will Seek Recruits

Lieut. Martine M. Armentor, WAC, AUS, (above) and Sgt. Dollit Tucker, WAC, AUS, will be in Rockport on Saturday, Oct. 2, and will be at the post office to discuss enlistments in the Women's Army Corps with interested women who are between the ages of 20 and 49, inclusive, who have excellent character and who do not have children under 14 years of age.

### Revival Meeting Starts Sunday At Church of Christ

Bert Storey announces that a series of revival services will begin Sunday morning October 3, at the Church of Christ.

Brother C. B. Thomas will bring the sermons and Brother H. A. Mathews will conduct the song services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Will Go To Friday Night

against Odem, 7-6, in the mud. The boys will leave here at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, arriving about 7 o'clock at Mathis, and play at 8 p. m.

Anyone with a car, and interested in taking the boys to the game will contact Supt. Wheeler at the school.

The Rockport Pirates and Odem high school played in heavy mud last Friday, at Odem. They battled for the first half with score.

## One Run-Way Of Landing Field Nears Completion

### Entire Field May Be Completed In Nov.

Navy planes will soon be able to use a portion of Aransas County's new air field.

One of the run-ways is scheduled to be completed within the next fifteen days and will be made available for Navy use, according to C. L. Willis, Civil Aeronautics Administration engineer, who visited the site Wednesday. He was accompanied by another C.A.A. engineer, H. J. Skipwith.

Willis said he believed the entire field would be completed by Thanksgiving.

During the past few months Heldenfels Bros., contractors, have changed nearly a thousand acres of sand dunes and lakes into level land for the airfield. Most of the leveling and drainage work is nearing completion and one of the runways will be completed soon.

The location of the airfield, three miles north of Rockport, was one of the roughest sections of terrain in this section, but indications are now that it will be one of the most beautiful airports in the country when completed. The field is also located so that the quiet waters of a back bay may be used as a seaplane base if needed in the Navy training program.

Costing more than a million dollars to build under a CAA appropriation, the landing field belongs to Aransas County and is to be operated as a civilian air field after the war.

### Victorious Crews, Planes Back Home

One of the three B-26 bombers that were flown back to the factories in which they were built is shown just after it was landed at Baltimore, Md., by Lieut. Richard Meldon. These planes and their victorious crews took part in 150 missions against the Axis, shot down 16 enemy fighters, and sank eight Axis ships and three submarines.

### LIEUT. R. C. SCHMELING JR., BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

#### Lt. Schmeling First Of War Dead to Be Buried In Rockport

Lieut. R. C. Schmeling Jr. of the United States Army Air Corps was buried here Saturday from the Sacred Heart Church with the aged rites of the Catholic and with full military honors.

Lieut. Schmeling, who was killed in an airplane accident on Matagorda Island on Sept. 23, was stationed at Stewart Field, West Point N. Y., but had been assigned to Foster Field at Victoria for two weeks special training.

Father Kelly, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiated at the requiem mass and preached the funeral sermon. Assisting at the mass was the choir composed of priests, Father Buckholt, organist, Father Victor Ralph of the Cathedral of Corpus Christi, Chaplain Captain Glennon of Foster Field and Father Joseph Lannon of Chicago.

Lieut. Schmeling was the first of this war's dead to be buried here. Scores of townspeople and friends and relatives from far and near stood in silent tribute as the flag-covered casket was placed for final religious and military rites at the cemetery.

## Bond Sales May Reach \$140,000 By Saturday

### County Exceeds \$118,000 Quota As Bond Buying Increases In Last Days

Aransas County has gone over the top in war bond buying, Fred Bracht, 3rd war loan chairman, announced late Wednesday.

This county was assigned a quota of \$118,000. Many believed that the quota, large for this county, could not be met, but Chairman Bracht and Mrs. Fred Booth, chairman of the woman's volunteer worker group, and all workers put in a month of planning and long hours of work to bring every citizen the opportunity to buy bonds.

The quota was reached because of heavy purchases of bonds the last two days.

"Now we want to see how much we can extend the quota," Bracht said. "We would like to sell a few thousand dollars more in series E bonds and we want everybody to have a part in this great home front victory in Aransas county."

He pointed out that buying bonds is not only a patriotic duty, but also a financial privilege. Purchase of a war bond is a loan to the government—and one that brings in good interest on the money invested.

### Victory Concert

The Rockport schools climaxed a bond drive Wednesday night with a victory concert to help swell Aransas County's 3rd War Loan total by nearly three thousand dollars. Supt. Morgan Wheeler announced at the gathering Wednesday night that the total sale of bonds and stamps to school children then totaled \$2,722.10 and the sale would continue through Friday.

Bandmaster and Principal H. B. Butler is in charge of the school bond selling campaign and planned the Victory Concert program, in which the high school band, junior chorus, rockettes and high school chorus took part. Community singing was also a part of the program.

The band and Rockettes paraded through the downtown section Wednesday afternoon to advertise the concert that night.

### CONGRATULATIONS FROM STATE CHAIRMAN

Fred Bracht, County War Bond Chairman, received the following telegram this morning from Nathaniel Adams, State Chairman of the 3rd War Loan Drive in Dallas:

"Delighted to know of your fine job. Please keep up good work. Thanks."

### R's Bakery Closes Here, Will Move to Cuero

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ahr will close their bakery here Friday and move it to Cuero next week. They expect to be open for business in their new location in about ten days.

"I think business will be better there, Cuero is a bigger town and I can get more points there, Ahr said in giving his reasons for leaving Rockport. He had been connected with the bakery here for the past seven years.

Ahr says that he will add new equipment to his plant in the Cuero location.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahr have many customers and friends here and their service and products will be missed by many.

### Mrs. Jack Sparks Jr. Home From Hospital

Mrs. Jack Sparks Jr. was brought to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouse on Wednesday after having gone an operation at Spohn hospital in Corpus Christi last

## Boy Scout Court of Honor Set Tonight

### The local Boy Scouts will hold a Court of Honor and Board of Review tonight (Thursday) September 30 at 7:30, at the high school auditorium. Edwin Burnam of Kingsville, will be in charge, and the affair will be open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the Committeemen of their duties as the Board of Review.

Also, there are two boys who are ready for their awards to the second-class rank. They are Earl Stiles and David Herring. These awards will be made at this time.

Mrs. J. W. Brundrett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Sorenson in Palacios.

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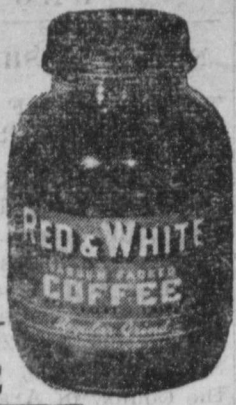


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TOMATOES LB. 15¢
CARROTS Each 8¢

- RINSO LARGE BOX 21¢
CRUSTENE 3 LB. CTN. 53¢
CHILI POWDER Small Size 10¢ Large Size 25¢
FRUIT JARS Case of 12 Pints Complete With Caps and Lids. 62¢
SWAN SOAP GIANT BAR 9 1/2¢
RICE 17-OUNCE CELLO PKG. 15¢ 29-OUNCE CELLO PKG. 25¢
PINTO BEANS 15¢ 23¢
TOBACCO SAUCE 2-Oz. Bottle 35¢

- SALAD DRESSING 29¢
ASPIRIN 2 10¢ Size 15¢
LYSOL 3-Oz. Bottle 23¢
MOPS Each 19¢
BAKING POWDER 7 1/2¢ 17¢
FLAKY BAKE FLOUR 49¢ \$2.21

- VAFFLE MIX 22¢
KRA DINNER 16-Oz. Jar 14¢
cocktail Saltines 17¢
OATMEAL 10¢ 22¢
CORN FLAKES 25¢
PEANUT BUTTER 29¢ 53¢
Crystal White Syrup 15¢
SHREDDED RALSTON 13¢
SHREDDED WHEAT 12¢
Cream of Wheat 14¢ 25¢

- PRUNE JUICE 28¢
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 27¢
CUT GREEN BEANS 11¢
TOMATO SOUP 10¢
SPAGHETTI SAUCE 11¢
TOMATO PUREE 8¢
PEANUT OIL 27¢
MATCHES 14¢
POLISH 19¢ 39¢
STARCH 9¢
WINDEX 13¢
C. H. B. SAUCE 15¢
ICE CREAM 13¢



Humble Has Full Schedule Of Game Broadcasts

Football fans will have a wide variety of broadcasts to select from this week-end as the Humble Oil and Refining Company broadcasts a full schedule of five games. Three of these games will be heard on Saturday afternoon and two will be aired on Saturday night.

PLAN Energy Building MEALS with THESE VALUES! SALAD OIL, Jewel, pint 30c, quart 55c, Gal Jug 1.75. ONION SETS, C. Wax Bermuda, 3 lbs. 1.00. LEMONS, Texas Tree Ripe Meyer, doz. 20c. WASH BASINS, Blue Enamel, large 45c. PERCOLATORS, Blue Enamel, 2 cups 65c. SAUCE PANS, Blue Enamel 35c. SHRIMP, Aransas Bay, headed, lb. 25c. PURE LARD (3 points) lb. 18c. KOTEX, regular (54) 90c. MALT SYRUP, Blue Ribbon, 3 lb. jar 65c. MEXICAN CHILI SAUSAGE, 1 lb. 20c. BRICK CHILI, Swifts, lb. 30c.

L. D. Darrah of Dallas Becomes Ill While Out Fishing Here

L. D. Darrah, retired restaurant owner of Dallas, became seriously ill last Thursday while fishing near the causeway. A cage ambulance rushed him to Baylor hospital in Dallas for treatment.

Desert Inventor Helps Keep 8th Army Rolling

CAIRO.—Capt. F. J. W. Bartlett of Pontopol, South Wales, helped to keep the 8th Army rolling across the desert by inventing and manufacturing a plastic to replace bakelite for rotor arms, distributor caps, etc.

Glendon Mundine Honored With Farewell Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mundine entertained with a farewell dinner Sunday evening, honoring their son, Pfc. Glendon Mundine of Camp Granite, California, who was leaving after a furlough spent here in Rockport.

CARD OF THANKS We desire to thank most sincerely all of our friends and relatives for their kindness in our recent sorrow.

RIO THEATRE PROGRAM SUNDAY & MONDAY OCTOBER 3-4 Slightly Dangerous Lana Turner, Robt. Young TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5-6 Young Mr. Pitt With— Robt. Donat THURSDAY & FRIDAY OCTOBER 7-8 Something to Shout About Don Ameche, Jack Oakie, Janet Blair SATURDAY OCTOBER 9 Lone Star Trail and— Chapter No. 14 Black Dragon

Your Search for FOOD VALUES Ends Here! SPECIALS FOR FRI. and SAT. OCT 1 and 2 COFFEE, Admiration, 2 lbs. 60c SHORTENING Snow Krm 3 lbs 67c CAKE FLOUR, Swansdown pkg 27c WAFFLE SYRUP, Staley's 5-lb 44c FLOUR, Gladiola, 25 lbs. 1.28 Macaroni, Spaghetti, 3 pkgs. 21c TOILET TISSUE, Dawn, 3 rolls 17c SOUP, Campbell Tomato 3 cans 27c LEMONS, per dozen 19c YAMS, 3 pounds 25c KELLY'S CASH GROCERY Rockport Dial 3221

A Substitute for Hell Somewhere in New Guinea these wounded soldiers await evacuation. Flat on their backs, in the steaming heat of the jungle, where mosquitoes plague the air and ants and mosquitoes torment weary bodies, they dream of home... of clean white sheets and the touch of cool, comforting hands. You can help provide modern hospitals and the medicines they need for their recuperation by putting every dollar you can into War Bonds during the Third War Loan.

FOR VICTORY BACK THE ATTACK Buy An Extra \$100 War Bond During 3RD WAR LOAN

Classified WANTED TO BUY—A small building that can be moved. 14x20, more or less. Ben Pierson, Rockport, Texas. 4t 9-16 DUCKS FOR SALE—Nice eating size. Phone 3541, Mrs. J. E. Moore. Rabbits for sale—Fryers, eat like chicken. Several choice mating does. Bucks, R. L. Wolleson block north and block west of ice house in Rockport. 2t 9-30 pd. FOR RENT—Large 5-room house with bath and wash room, large screened porch, \$20.00 month. W. T. Crawford, Phone 425.

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