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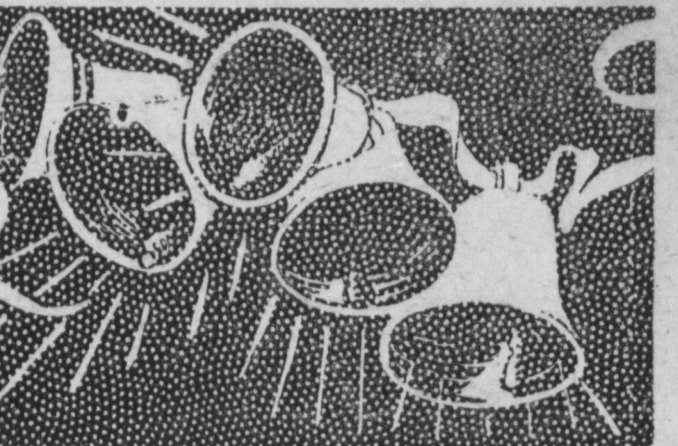
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Happy NEW YEAR



REALTY SALES ZOOM PAST HALF MILLION

Year Of 1944 Brings Progress To City and Aransas County

Piloting

New Year's Day is always a time for taking stock. We like to look back and take inventory on what we have done, (and the brave ones among us will take stock on what we have NOT done.) and then look ahead and try to guess what we hope to do in the coming year. As always it is the hope of what may happen in the future that makes the past bearable, but this hope will not keep us from taking steps from past mistakes.

Rockport has contributed the bulk of its manpower to the war effort, and those who have remained at home have shown that this is appreciated. They are back these men up 100 percent by going over the quota on War Loan Drive that has been announced. This spirit of fighting the fight will be continued and the last gun has been fired. We know that every drive will be met with greater and greater success.

The most un-manned organization in our city is the Volunteer Fire Dept. Several times appeals have been sent out for men to attend the meetings and learn the fundamentals of firefighting so that they can be of real assistance when the siren howls. Especially needed are men who are in town during the day. We have suffered some serious losses from fire lately and our record is in jeopardy until we can increase the strength of our fighting force. Our boys have worked hard with what they have and have kept damage to a minimum, and are to be highly complimented for what they have done in spite of handicaps.

As a resort center Rockport will become an important boating center, and herein lies a great need for the Fire Department to possess adequate floating fire fighting equipment. The need for this has already been demonstrated very effectively a number of times. A fire boat working in cooperation with shore equipment could do much to keep a waterfront fire from becoming disastrous. We suggest that the Firemen put this on their agenda for 1945.

It is to be regretted that some people get Hallowe'en and Christmas confused and go about maliciously damaging such property as State Highway Markers. In fact we know of a place where even Hallowe'en was observed by leaving baskets of the fruits of the Fall harvest on the neighbor's doorstep, and never a thought was given to deeds of devilment. But maybe that is old fashioned!

In regard to the difficulties of our armies in Europe much will be written, and said, on who is to blame, and why didn't they do this or why didn't they do that. To be the greatest part of the word—will originate on this side of the pond, too. But, that is only natural, because over here, we are not in action, and those over there are definitely in action and have no time to talk or write about anything. They do not care what we think or say right now—they are in a jam and have to get out, all they want us to do is to give them the stuff with which to fight their way out. If they thought we were half as silent and grim as they

City Forges Ahead Despite Restrictions

Patriotic Activities Mark Past Year's Calendar

Nineteen forty-four was a year of progress for Rockport.

The past year was definitely a hard year to get anything done, but in spite of critical shortages in vital materials, and in spite of a really serious labor shortage, new businesses were established and old ones improved. In patriotism and charity, too, Rockport and Aransas County accomplished much because all War Loan Drives and appeals for aid in charitable work received excellent response and were over subscribed.

JANUARY

The Fourth War Loan was started.

A flu epidemic got underway and caused serious inconveniences before it finally cleared up.

The Central Power and Light Company announced that it would establish a downtown office and supply store.

Workers at the Rice Bros. ship yard organized a union.

The Hendry Corporation set up temporary headquarters while dredging this section of the intra-coastal canal.

The Rockport Cemetery Association elected its officers for the year.

FEBRUARY

The suggestion for a Town Hall was made and gained sufficient support to receive considerable publicity.

Bishop Jones from San Antonio held confirmation services at St. Peter's.

The Boy Scouts of Rockport observed National Boy Scout Week.

The District Court opened its annual session.

Jimmie Heard provided equipment and support for boys baseball team.

Robert Key was appointed Chief of the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department.

The City received the maximum 25 percent fire credit for having a good fire record.

MARCH

The new county airfield was dedicated.

Morgan C. Wheeler was reelected superintendent of the Rockport School System.

The Post Office announced an increase in postage rates.

Emory Spencer announced his plans to set up an abstract plant of modern design.

A committee of women undertook the responsibility of beautifying the bathing beach.

The production of "Smokies", a new venture in food processing was reaching encouraging proportions.

The Fulton Community Church broke ground for its new church building.

The new Capt. Davis Drive-In was opened.

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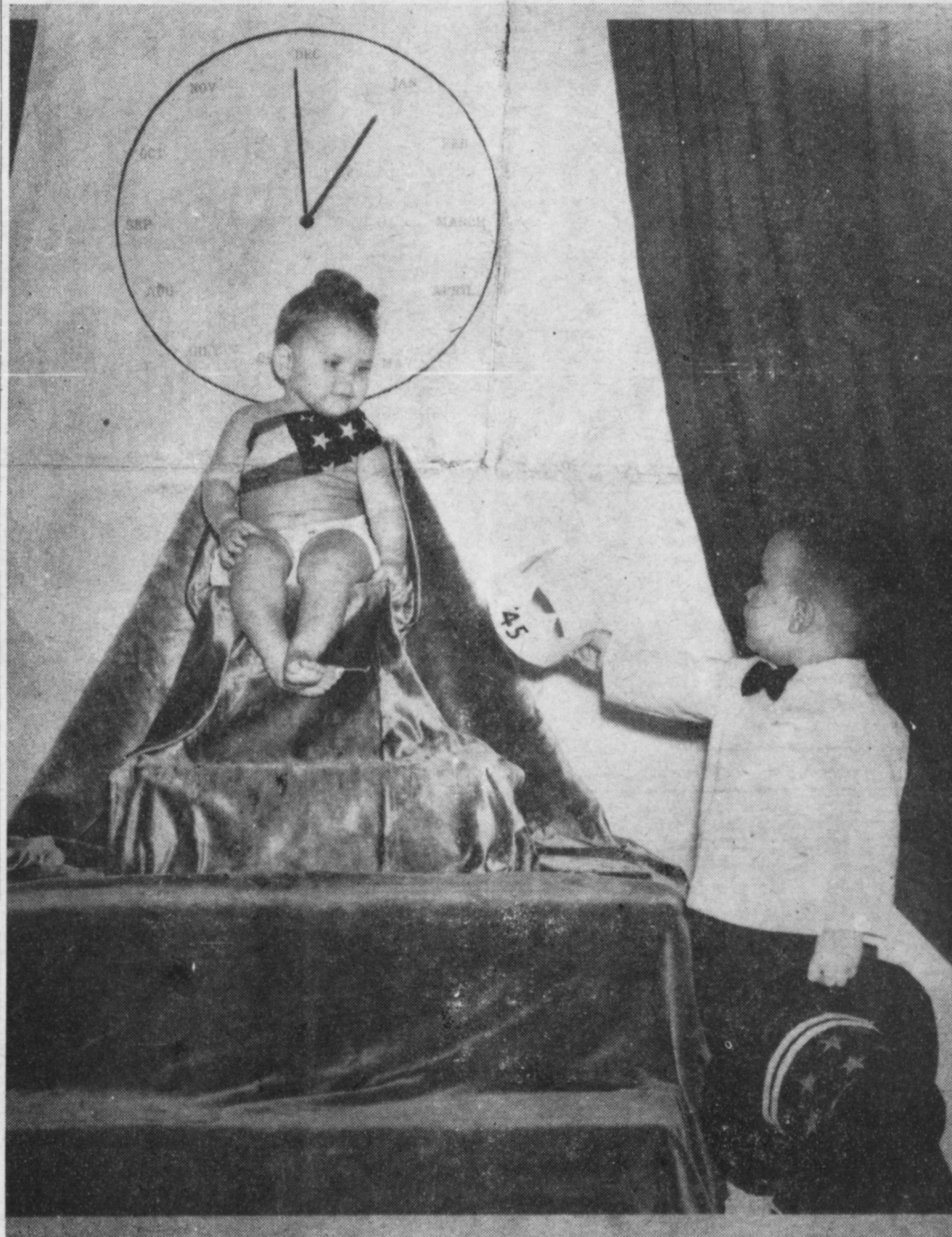
A very important step forward was made when the new sanitary

are, they could probably fight a lot better. The least we can do is to wait until the air clears a bit before we start our fault finding.

1944

Spirit of Youth Takes Over

1945



The Spirit of Youth, that is symbolical of the New Year, takes over and casts a ray of hope across the page of time that twelve months hence will be the year of 1945. It will be a momentous year; and, if all goes well, through the combined efforts of all of us on the homefront and battlefronts, this next span of time holds the promise of victories that will bring peace to a battle-torn world. Symbolical of the situation at this time is the above portrayal. Little Miss New Year, confident, unsmiling—yet not displeased—seriously contemplates the responsibilities of the crown of '45 that will soon rest upon her head. As the hands on the clock of time near the zero hour, young Mr. America hopefully extends to Miss New Year the crown she will wear for the next twelve months. Take over, Little Queen! May your reign be remembered for the return of peace and happiness to the millions of the world!

sewer system was put into full operation.

The high school band staged its final Victory Concert for the year. The highway through the city was topped from curb to curb.

Braniff Airways initiated their program of employee vacations by sending nearly a hundred employees to Rockport for an outing.

A permit to operate a taxi line was granted to C. A. Davis.

Jack Blackwell was elected mayor and Morgan C. Wheeler and B. W. Hamblin were elected to the council.

MAY

Graduating exercises were held for ten students who completed their work in the Rockport High

School.

The U. S. Coast Guard Identification Unit was detached.

The "Merrily J", a 36-foot shrimp-er owned by William Johnson burned in the harbor.

Lawrence Jasmin of San Antonio bought the Shady Grove Trailer Camp.

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Christmas Baby Is Present To Charlie Hulls

Santa Claus and the stork vied for honors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hull at Fulton, and both won. A fine 9 1-4 pound baby boy was born to the proud parents at 4:10 a. m. on Christmas day, according to Dr. Chas. F. Cron, attending physician.

Income Tax Installment Due Jan. 15

Washington, Dec. 27.—The treasury, by way of a pre-Christmas present, reminded an estimated 15,000,000 tax payers today that the deadline for final quarterly payments on their estimated federal income tax bills for 1944 from income has been postponed from Dec. 15 to Jan. 15.

The 15,000,000—most of them persons whose incomes for the year will exceed \$2,700 if single or \$3,500 if married—were those required to file estimated returns or make final quarterly payments on previously-filed estimates, by Dec. 15 originally. But that date was postponed by this year's withholding simplification law, which moved the deadline up to Jan. 15.

Regardless of whether they filed estimated returns, however, the roughly 50,000,000 Americans whose income for 1944 will total more than \$500 all will have to file final returns covering this year's income by March 15. Taxpayers who filed estimated returns may, if they choose, file their final, penny-by-penny return by Jan. 15, instead of March 15, and not do anything further about their estimated returns.

IN THE PICTURE

The cute little Miss New Year, who presides in the Pilot's picture editorial on the New Year, is Terrie Lee Ankele, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ankele. She will be one year old on January 6, and is now a resident of Rockport. Mr. America is portrayed by Charles Allen Johnson, better known as "Mike", who is the popular young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson. Both youngsters did their part in bringing you a New Year Message.

Trading Here Reaches High For Many Years

Near Three Hundred Real Estate Transactions Recorded by Clerk

Real estate sales zoomed up to a high of many years here during the past twelve months, with three hundred transactions totaling over \$500,000. Value of the sales is three to four times that of 1943, and is probably the largest volume of property sales since boom days of several decades ago.

Figures were compiled from deed records in the office of County Clerk J. M. Sparks, where near six hundred instruments of all kinds were filed for record during the past year. Sparks says that 1944 was one of the most active years in real estate that he recalls.

The sales ranged from single unimproved lots to improved property that sold in excess of \$40,000. The sales also include large acreage exchanges involving thousands of dollars.

Several large deals are known to have made but have not been recorded, and there are several more that will be completed by the end of the year.

One of the larger sales at the year end and not yet on record is the sale of the Aransas Gas and Hardware Company by Ben Brown to Charles Ankele. There are a few others that will be announced soon.

Real estate dealers believe that the interest and activity in Rockport and Aransas county real estate will continue, perhaps, at an even more accelerated rate during the next few months.

June Grenawalt Is Pneumonia Victim

June Grenawalt, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Grenawalt, is ill at her home at Palm Courts with pneumonia. Her condition is reported as improving.

Hunter Addition Cottage Sold This Week

A small cottage on lot 22 of the Hunter Addition was sold this week to Nellie Parr by Emory Spencer.

Aransas Gas and Hardware Company Goes Under New Management Jan. 1

Chas. Ankele Buys Store From Ben Brown

The Aransas Gas and Hardware Company will go under new management on January 1, following sale of the store by Ben Brown to Charles Ankele. The store will be closed Friday and Saturday for inventory, but will be open Monday.

The store was opened here on April 30, 1943, by Ben Brown of Aransas Pass and was operated in connection with his butane gas business. The gas business was recently sold to W. L. Mikeal. The store has a large stock of merchandise including hardware, home

furnishings, builders materials, paints, tools, auto accessories and other items.

Mr. and Mrs. Ankele and their two children, Terrie Lee, 11 months and James Edwin, 3, have moved to Rockport from San Antonio. Mrs. Ankele is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanway.

The hardware business is not new to Ankele, since he operated a hardware business in Alvin and Angleton for three years. Since 1940 he has been with the Sherwin-Williams Paint Co., traveling all of South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ankele have purchased the Pearsall house on Austin street in the southern part of the city, where they will make their home.

Now is Time to Plant Out Shrub Cuttings

College Station, Dec. 27.—A cutting bed is a successful and inexpensive way to provide shrubs for the home landscape, Mrs. A. N. Arnn, yard demonstrator in the Stegall community of Bailey county, has demonstrated. She has 58 growing cuttings of 11 varieties.

The bed was begun at a demonstration given last March by Miss Grace Patterson, county home demonstration agent of the A. and M. College Extension Service in Bailey County. Among the cuttings Mrs. Arnn has growing are grapes, althea, salt cedar, bush honeysuckle, lilac, spirea, and pussy-willow.

Miss Sadie Hatfield, Extension specialist in landscape gardening says that cutting beds can be started successfully now if protected from winds and if a mulch is provided. The one year wood or new wood usually two at the top should be cut off. Three-fourths to seven-eighths of each cutting should be planted beneath the soil.

One or two buds must be left above the ground.

Most shrubs and trees will root from cuttings. The rest can be grown from seed.

NOTICE OF ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ARANSAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an election will be held on the 13 day of Jan., 1945, at the School House in Sparks Colony Common School District No. 2 of this County to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of that district desire to consolidate the said district with the Rockport Independent School District of Aransas County, Texas, by forming the Rockport Consolidated Independent School District of Aransas County, Texas.

Mrs. Fred Cloberdants has been appointed presiding officer for said election and she shall select two judges and two clerks to assist her in holding the same, and she shall within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof, to the Commissioners Court of this County as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident qualified voters in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor the consolidation of the afore mentioned school districts shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR CONSOLIDATION." And those opposed to such consolidation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "AGAINST CONSOLIDATION." Dated the 21st day of Dec., 1944. B. S. FOX, County Judge, of Aransas County, Texas.

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Sailor Who Slipped In While On Missing List, Ready to Slip Out

Tony Peres Says He's Going After the Ones That Sunk His Ship

Toney Peres, Radio Technician, First Class in the U. S. Navy, reports that he will return to active sea duty about the middle of next month. Where he is going or what enemy he will meet, of course isn't known, but whatever it is Tony is ready with blood in his eye.

Some months back he was sailing the Mediterranean when his ship was torpedoed and sunk, and Tony, along with his shipmates was put adrift. Tony was sustained above water for 49 hours by his life belt alone, and then a raft drifted into his path and he climbed aboard with the help of other seamen. After 11 days on the raft the men were rescued by the old faithful PBV, the Navy's flying work horse.

It was during this time that Tony's relatives here were notified that he was missing. Still on the missing list, Tony slipped in home to the joyful surprise of his folks. "We got awful hungry and weak Tony said, " and we nearly died for lack of water. We prayed and prayed for rain, but there just didn't seem to be a drop of water in the sky for nobody."

There was a heavy squall which blew for eighteen hours, but even that did not provide a drop of rain, only high seas and the struggle against them.

"That PBV was the best looking thing we ever saw," said Peres, "but we thought they missed us at first, because she made about a ten mile circle before landing to pick

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MYRTLE M. THOMPSON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Myrtle M. Thompson, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 27th day of November, 1944, by the county court of Aransas County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Rockport, in the County of Aransas, Texas.

JULIAN C. THOMPSON
Executor of the Estate of Myrtle M. Thompson, Deceased.
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He is an excellent editor who finds the superfluous in his own writings.



us up. The weather was good, though, and they didn't have any trouble."

Tony is a misquito boat man now, and wants revenge. When he gets back into action he ought to be good.

Aerial 'Santa' At Yoakum Has Narrow Escape

YOAKUM.—A plan to have "Santa Claus" arrive here by plane Friday almost backfired as several persons, including Supt. of Schools Geo. P. Barron, were injured during the landing of the plane.

The aerial St. Nick was scheduled to land on Grand Avenue, one of the principal downtown streets, lined with thousands of onlookers. Everything went smooth until the plane, upon landing, started skidding and headed for several trucks loaded with children. Barron, former congressional candidate from this district, with others, managed to get the children out of the way, but several suffered bruises in tumbling from the truck. Barron suffered a cut about the forehead during the melee.

After the excitement died down the 20th Century Santa Claus proceeded to distribute gifts to children. The plane was only slightly damaged.

Announcing the Sale

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— TO —

CHARLES ANKELE

I have sold the Aransas Gas and Hardware Company to Charles Ankele. Mr. Ankele will take charge of the business on January 1, and I want to bespeak for him your continued patronage and friendship. It has been a real pleasure to have served the people of Rockport and vicinity and it is with regret that I must leave.

At this time I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all my friends and customers for their patronage and to extend the season's greetings for a Happy New Year.

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