

# Harry Truman Becomes New President As Nation Mourns Death of Roosevelt

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# HELDENFELS' DREDGING PERMIT PROTESTED

## Commissioners to Order Stock Law Election for Aransas Co.

### Extinction Of Valuable Oyster Reefs Is Feared

#### Protests Made to Blanket Permit Given By State To Heldenfels

Fearing the eventual loss of valuable oyster producing reefs in Aransas Bay, representatives of the oyster industry here filed a petition last Saturday with the Coastal Division of the State Game Fish and Oyster Commission, protesting a state permit given Heldenfels Bros. to dredge mudshell.

The permit was issued by the Sand, Shell and Gravel Division of the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, of which C. R. Rudasill is director.

J. B. Arnold, coastal director for the commission, told the Pilot in an interview Wednesday night that the state permit gave Heldenfels Bros. the right to dredge mudshell from any reef in Aransas Bay.

In addition to the state permit the dredging firm must obtain a permit from the United States Engineers.

An application has been filed by Heldenfels Bros. with the U. S. Engineers office in Galveston, requesting permission to dredge an area approximately 600 feet wide and 6,000 feet long on Long Reef east of the Intracoastal Canal, between the canal and St. Joseph's Island, approximately five and a half miles northeast of Rockport. The excavation will be made to a depth of nine feet west of the Intracoastal Canal.

The U. S. Engineers are not concerned with the effects of dredging on oyster production and conservation. The only concern of the engineers in regard to any dredging application is the effect of the operation in regard to navigation.

#### LONG REEF PRODUCTIVE

"Since 1907 Long Reef has been one of the most, if not the most productive of any oyster reef in Aransas Bay," Arnold said. He said that he was taking the protest before the Commission next week and would ask cancellation of the permit issued by Rudasill.

"I'm going to ask the commission to set up a policy under which we should work," Arnold explained. "I think the granting of permits should be under the supervision of those who are responsible for carrying out the work." (Meaning a conservation and rehabilitation program.)

Arnold said he personally made an inspection of Long Reef last Sunday and found oysters in quantities on both sides of the reef, but more on the north side where the proposed dredging is to be done.

"We have spent \$20,000 this year in oyster rehabilitation work," Arnold said, "and this dredging could tear up ten times as much as we have accomplished."

#### REFUGIO FILES PROTEST

The Refugio Chamber of Commerce in a meeting Tuesday night passed a resolution, joining Rockport interests in protesting dredging of live oyster reefs.

Copies of the resolution were sent to Arnold and the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

The petition signed by oystermen and dealers from the Rockport area and filed with the Coastal Division pointed out the following objections to the proposed dredging:

"1. All of the area requested for the excavating of mudshell now produces oysters, with the exception of the very narrow high and more or less dry ridge. If excavating is allowed along the non-productive area of Long Reef. (Continued on Last Page)

### Senator Muritz Will Set Hearing In Senate

#### Government Asks Bay Be Kept Open As War Food Measure

Under the classification of a "game law" House Bill 678, introduced by Rep. H. L. Atkinson, passed the house without opposition last week and was sent on to the Senate for final action.

The bill, which will close all of Copano bay to netting, was introduced by Atkinson and had already passed through the house committee before citizens here had any knowledge that such a bill was pending. Senator Fred Mauritz stated that he would hold a committee hearing on the bill and that people here would be notified of the date set for the hearing.

Since passage of the bill in the house the Area Coordinator of Fisheries has filed a protest with Senator Mauritz, asking that the bay be kept open for the duration of the war as a source of food supply.

"It has been brought to my attention that there is a bill pending to close Aransas portion of Copano Bay to commercial fishing which the last legislature opened for the duration of the war," William W. Anderson, Area Coordinator of Fisheries, wrote Senator Mauritz. "At this time food is all important and our fisheries are being called upon to contribute their maximum capacity in support of the War Food Program," Anderson continued.

"The motive behind opening a portion of Copano Bay by the last legislature was the production of a greater volume of fish. According to statistics of the Texas Game Fish and Oyster Commission, this bay produced approximately 125,000 pounds of fish last year, a sizable contribution for such a small area.

"I wish to emphasize that the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries and the Fish and Wild Life Service are vitally concerned with doing all in their power to maintain fishery production at as high a level as possible, but only through methods that are consistent with good management and sound conservation practices.

"From information at hand we have no reason to believe that the opening of a portion of Copano Bay has worked to the detriment of the fisheries involved and, therefore see no reason why it should be closed at this time when we so urgently need the fish."

### DEATH CAME TO HARRY ELGENE NIX IN AIR ATTACK

Mrs. Chora L. Williams, mother of Harry Elgene Nix, F 1-c, U.S. Navy, received a letter from her son's commanding officer giving brief details of the circumstances surrounding his death. He said that Nix was killed in action as a result of an air attack by the enemy on 19 March, 1945.

"The circumstances surrounding

### Texas Fishermen's Association To Hold Meet Here Next Tuesday

A meeting of all interested in commercial fishing has been called for Tuesday night April 17, at the district court room by representatives of the Texas Fishermen's Association from Aransas Pass and Galveston.

Purpose of the meeting will be

### Petition Filed This Week With County JUDGE

#### Law Would End Menace Of Livestock to Traveling Public on Highways

A petition bearing 114 signatures and asking that a stock law election be held in Aransas county was presented this week to County Judge B. S. Fox.

Judge Fox said that it was likely the Commissioners Court would act on the petition at a meeting Friday, and that the election would be held on as early a date as possible.

"The undersigned 100 freeholders of Aransas County, Texas, desiring to have an election called," the petition read, "to enable the freeholders to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in Aransas county, show this honorable court that no election has been held within the said Aransas county for such purpose within the twelve months prior to this date, that no election has ever been carried therein, and that they desire and pray such classes of animals shall not run at large in Aransas county, and that this court order an election to be held in Aransas county as a whole on some stated day for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of Aransas county to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the said Aransas County in its entirety."

Passage of the stock law would mean that it will be unlawful for cattle to run at large over the highways and county roads, or anywhere outside of an enclosure unless staked.

With an increasing number of highway accidents involving cattle, there has been a growing sentiment toward the passage of a stock law.

"People want a stock law so that wandering cattle will not be a hazard to those driving on highways and county roads," one advocate of the law said. "They also want a stock law if they pride themselves on a nice yard or garden, because they naturally don't want it torn and trampled by their neighbors' cow running at large."

Harry's death lead me to believe that he was mercifully spared from suffering," the officer wrote. "It occurred so quickly that he could not possibly have been aware of impending disaster.

"His record shows that Harry had served the Navy and his Country faithfully and loyally since joining our ranks. As a member of this ship's company, he had many times participated in action against the enemy, always with courage, skill and devotion to duty. You may be sure that he will be sorely missed and long remembered by his shipmates."

Mrs. Williams was notified of her son's death on March 30.



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: God in His Infinite Wisdom has seen fit to call from labor to rest our beloved President and Commander-in-Chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and,

WHEREAS: Our Nation is on the eve of victory, yet is still in the midst of the maelstrom of war, turns its heart to God in humble prayer and thanks for the guidance and leadership so unselfishly given us by Franklin Delano Roosevelt from the eventful day of March 4, 1932, when he assumed the leadership of our Nation in the midst of panic and depression, and has since guided our destinies toward the role we are now playing in winning a lasting peace for the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I do proclaim Saturday, April 14, a day of solemn tribute to a great leader, with prayer for the future guidance of our Nation; and, request that all places of business suspended for a three-hour period on Saturday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock.

DONE THIS 13th Day of April, 1945.

(SEAL)

JACK BLACKWELL, Mayor  
The City of Rockport.

W. B. FRIEND, Secretary

## Memorial Service

A memorial service has been arranged for 2:15 Saturday afternoon, at which time citizens are urged to gather to pay tribute to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The service will be held in the school auditorium and the entire public is invited to attend. Following will be the order of the program:

Invocation—Rev. T. H. Pollard.

Hymn, "Rock of Ages"—Rev. E. John Meyers, with accompaniment by Mrs. Meyers.

Scripture Reading—Dean Walton.

Address—Rev. R. R. Ghormley.

"America"—Led by Rev. Meyers.

Benediction—Rev. J. H. Kelly.

### Roosevelt's Death Comes Suddenly; New President Pledges Efforts To Carry Out War and Peace Program

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States since 1932, died today (Thursday) at 3:35 o'clock, CWT.

News of his death struck the Nation with the same dramatic suddenness that has marked so many of his swift moves as chief executive, which have carried the people of this Nation from the despair of economic depression to prosperity, and from the staggering blow of war and unpreparedness to within sight of victory and world peace.

People here received the news of their president's death quietly, unbelievably. Many sought in vain to believe that it was untrue.

Word that the President had passed away at the little White House in Warm Springs, Ga., came in contrast to the news that many here were anxiously awaiting expecting—that United States troops were marching into Berlin.

The President was sitting for an artist to have his portrait made when he was stricken with a severe headache. The attack occurred shortly after 1 p. m. and he lapsed into unconsciousness within a few minutes.

His last words were: "I have a terrific headache."

#### TRUMAN SWORN AS PRESIDENT

Harry S. Truman, who 11 years ago was a Missouri judge, became the 32nd President of the United States at 6:09 p. m. (CWT) Thursday and solemnly pledged himself to the policies of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Sworn in 2 hours and 34 minutes after Mr. Roosevelt's death in Warm Springs, Ga., as a shocked capital sought to weigh the import of the sudden change, Truman announced in quick succession:

1. He will try to carry on as he believes President Roosevelt would have done.
2. The San Francisco United Nations Conference will go on as scheduled April 25.
2. He has asked the Roosevelt cabinet to stay on with him.
4. The war will be pressed to a "successful conclusion."

The new chief executive issued this statement:

"The world may be sure that we will prosecute the war on both fronts, East and West, with all the vigor we possess, to a successful conclusion."

Thus Mr. Truman acted immediately to steady a stunned nation and drive forward toward victory and a lasting peace.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES SATURDAY

Funeral Services for President Roosevelt will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the East room of the White House. Burial will be in the family plot at Hyde Park Sunday.

#### BUSINESS ASKED TO CLOSE SATURDAY

Business places in Rockport are being asked to close from 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. Saturday. A memorial service will be held at the school auditorium, beginning at 2:15 p. m.

Rockport Schools closed Friday at noon, following a general assembly and memorial services.

### Pfc. Walter Lassiter Believed On Kkinawa

Pfc. Walter W. Lassiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lassiter, is believed taking part in the fighting on Okinawa with an amphibious corps. He has been on foreign duty since Oct. 27, 1942, and was in the first invasion wave on Guam.

Pfc. Lassiter attended Rockport high school and was employed in the Rice Bros. shipyard before enlisting.

### Thomas DeForest Now Chief In Navy

Thomas Monroe (Gus) DeForest, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. DeForest has recently been made a Chief Motor Machinists Mate in the Navy.

Chief DeForest was in the invasion of Luzon, over many parts of the Philippines and the Solomon Islands. He reports the roughest waters he was ever in was the China Sea.

Reporting the great damage at Manila, he said the people there have great courage and are working faithfully to rebuild the city.

### A. C. Glass Goes to Marlin for Rest

A. C. Glass, cashier of the First National Bank, left this week for Marlin where he will spend some time resting and taking health baths.

### Lt. Allen Wood Visits Family In Rockport

Lt. Allen Wood, former Corpus Christi district judge, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers here this week. His wife is the former Miss Eva Beth Sellers. Mrs. Wood is in Mobile, Ala., where Lt. Wood is stationed.

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**Barbecue Supper Given Sunday At Joe Johnson Home**

In honor of Claude Roberts and Robert Steel of Corpus Christi, a group of High School boys entertained with a barbecue supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Claude Roberts left Sunday night for Houston where he volunteered into the Navy and Robert Steel is to join the Merchant Marines. Featured on the entertainment program were croquet and games of darts.

The barbecue supper was served on the lawn. Joe Johnson, Jr., Bert Haney and Roy Lassiter had charge of the barbecue. The supper consisted of barbecued rabbits, potato salad, pickles, olives, lettuce, tomatoes, cold drinks, ice cream and cake.

Those attending the affair were Lucille Haynes, Wilburn Hamblin, Colleen Smith, Patti Ballou, Charlotte and Bonnie Cron, Jean Roberts Bonnie Blaylock of Bay City, Harris Pollard, Norman McLead, Billy Nichols, Bert Haney, Roy Lassiter, Bobby Hewitt, Joe Johnson, Jr., Tommie Blackwell, Ronnie Williams Albert Hunt, James New of Ingleside, and the two honorees.

**Small Coffee Given By Mrs. Anderson**

Mrs. Marshall Anderson had a few friends and neighbors over for a small coffee and get-together one afternoon last week.

Coffee and cake were served to Mrs. T. H. Pollard, Mrs. Jack Hagar, Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mrs. Charlie Ankele, Mrs. Albert Collier Mrs. Jack Blackwell and Glenn, and Mrs. George Hooper and Miss Carolyn Ada Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan left last week for California for an extended visit.

**WAR BONDS in Action**



Official U. S. Navy Photo  
"Diesel Stove." War Bonds furnished Seabees with equipment needed to construct this stove from salvage on which pretty Philippine girl cooks meal for hungry folks on Tinian. U. S. Treasury Department

**TWO BROTHERS MEET OVERSEAS**

Bert and Buddy McElveen, sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McElveen, met in the Pacific recently according to news received by their parents.

Bert is on a destroyer and Buddy is on a L.S.T. boat. An older brother, Marion, is in the Philippine Islands.

**Miss Schultz Will Marry L. Gormey**

Miss Mary Alice Schultz of Freeport and Store Keeper 2-c Lloyd Gormey, who is home on leave from Camp Kearney in San Diego, Calif., will be married at the Assembly of God Church in Freeport Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Gant will act as best man and matron of honor. Other Rockport people to be present for the wedding are the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gormey.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schultz. She graduated from the Freeport High School last year and for the past year has been employed by the Dow Chemical Plant.

Gormey came in Monday night from San Diego for a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gormey and family. He attended the Rockport High School before going into the Navy. Gormey returned to the States the later part of last August after spending 19 months aboard a carrier in the South Pacific. He expects to be stationed in San Diego for the duration.

Miss Schultz has resigned her position and will accompany him back to California after their wedding. Gormey is to report back at his station on April 28th.

**BUNCO PARTY IS WELL ATTENDED SATURDAY NIGHT**

A bunco party was given in the Recreational Hall Saturday night under the direction of Charlotte Cron. About forty-eight young people attended.

Winola Stewart received the first prize and Patricia Wallace received a low score prize.

Charlotte stated that they had had a good attendance for the bunco party and continued, "We would like to see more of the young people come out for these weekly social meetings."

The Recreational Hall was reopened this week after having been closed three weeks due to pre-Easter services.

**Churches Have Busy Week Sending Delegates to Meets**

This week is a busy one for the various churches of Rockport as they are sending delegates to district meetings in Alice, Refugio, Corpus Christi and Sinton.

As the Church Year begins in April, election time is here and the churches are summing up their year's work and making plans for a new and better year.

A group of Baptists went to Sinton Tuesday for a training program and election of officers. Methodist Young People attended a district meeting in Corpus Christi Monday night, the Presbyterian ladies had an all-day meeting in Corpus Christi Wednesday, the Presbytery of Western Texas met in Refugio three days this week and the Presbyterian Young People had their district meeting in Alice Saturday.

**Methodist Young People Attend Meet**

Young People of the Methodist Church went to Corpus Christi Monday night to attend a district meeting at the Oak Park Methodist church.

About 110 young people attended the meeting. After a song service, a business meeting was held during which time officers were elected for the coming year. Lucille Haynes was elected World Friendship Chairman for the district and Bert Haney was elected district Recreational Leader.

Games were then played on the church grounds and refreshments of assorted homemade cookies and cold drinks were served by the ladies of the church.

During the worship service which followed, the newly elected officers for the year were installed.

Those attending from here were Lucille Haynes, Bert Haney, Wilburn Hamblin, Rowena Posey and Rev. R. R. Gormley.

**Rockport Represented At Presbytery Meet**

Rev. T. H. Pollard went over to Refugio Tuesday morning to attend a three-day semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery of Western Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brundrett and Mrs. E. G. Watkins were over in Refugio for the meeting Wednesday morning and Mrs. T. H. Pollard and Harris Pollard went over this morning for the Thursday session.

**Baptist WMU Meets At Church Monday**

Members of the Women's Missionary Union met at the Baptist church Monday afternoon for a missionary program. Mrs. Tom Shults was leader for the day and the title was "Cooperative Program."

**Personals**

Miss Bonnie Jean Smith and Miss Myrtle Lee Bell came in from A. and I. in Kingsville to spend the week-end with their parents.

La. Nell Smith spent the week-end in Lamar the guest of La Verna Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian C. Thompson returned home the latter part of last week from their wedding trip to San Antonio and other points.

Mrs. R. L. Pilkinton of Corpus Christi and Miss Yvonne Rice of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Phagan and family.

Mrs. A. A. Cooper of Refugio spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett.

Mrs. Jim Sparks, Mrs. Jack Sparks and Mrs. Roy Court, Jr., and daughter, Nancy, spent the week-end in Beeville with Mrs. Jim Spark's brother and sisters.

**CAGE FUNERAL HOME Ambulance Service Gentry Reynolds G. O. Hitchcock**

Carpenter's Mate 1-c Gerald Adolphus came in early Sunday morning from Davis Field, Rhode Island to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Adolphus. He will be here for a week.

Cpl. Jerry Wendell, who has been attending radar school in Boca Raton, Fla., arrived Saturday before Easter Sunday to spend a 14 day furlough with his father, W. Wendell, and other relatives. His sister, Lt. Yvonne Wendell stationed in San Antonio, came in Sunday to visit his and her family.

**CAGE FUNERAL HOME Ambulance Service Gentry Reynolds G. O. Hitchcock**

Mrs. W. G. Terry of San Antonio came in Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. J. P. Hanway, for a few days.

Paul J. Sweeney and son, Pat, of South Bend, Ind., returned home Friday after visiting his sister, Mrs. A. R. Stewart and family, for several days.

Miss Doris Fisher of Shelby, Ohio is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Gant and Mrs. J. A. Gormey.

Mrs. Noble Evans, who has been in San Francisco, Calif. the last three months visiting her husband Fireman 2-c Evans, returned home Friday and is spending the duration with her parents, Mr. and R. W. Mullinax. Mrs. Mullinax took care of Mrs. Evans' three children while she was in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt and Henry Jr., of Taft, Willen Schmidt of the University of Texas, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McMullen and Dorothy of Victoria were here Sunday visiting with Mrs. Jim Hooper.

Mrs. C. H. Grett, Jr. and son spent the week-end in Corpus Christi with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Grett.

**Young People Attend District Rally Saturday**

A group of young people from the Presbyterian church attended the all-day district Rally for Presbyterian Young People in Alice Saturday.

Harris Pollard, the retiring president, presided over the business session and Mary Ellen Hardwiche of the First Presbyterian Church of Corpus Christi was elected to succeed him as president. Other officers were also elected.

During the noon hour, "Uncle John" Polhamus, who has charge of the recreational and social features for Alice Young People, acted as host and served lunch to all the delegates to the meeting.

Those attending from here were Charlotte and Bonnie Cron, Patti Ballou, Lucille Haynes, Bobby Morrison, Harris Pollard and Mrs. T. H. Pollard, advisor.

**Presbyterian Women Attend District Meet**

District No. 2 of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbytery of Western Texas held an all-day meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi Wednesday.

The noon meal was served at the church by the women of the First Church.

Those from here attending the meeting were Mrs. T. H. Pollard Mrs. Marshall Anderson, Mrs. George Lee Brundrett, Mrs. Fred Cloberdants, Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. J. W. Brundrett, Mrs. Harry Mills and Mrs. Leonard Casterline.

**Twenty-Six Baptists Go To Meeting**

A school bus and an additional car was needed to take twenty-six delegates from the Baptist church to the Blanco Association Training Union Meeting held in Sinton at the Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Dr. T. C. Gardner, state training union director, was the chief speaker. Then departmental conferences were held for the beginner, primary, junior, intermediates, young people and adult divisions. Training union officers of the association were elected for the new year.

A supper was served in the church dining room to about a hundred guests.

Several hundred representatives of out-of-town churches were present for the night's program. The Rockport Youth Choir gave a special musical number and also took part in the program.

Those going over from here were:

Etta Bales, Verdell Cosby, Donnie Faye Cosby, Helen Landrum, Elmer and Mary Lou McLester, Barbara, Elizabeth and John Freeman, Alice Bell, Betty Joe Dye, Patti Ballou, Colleen Smith, Ileta and Loretta Townsend, Joanne Smith, Mary Ruth Dervage, Patricia Wallace, Mrs. Tom Shults, Loyce Mae and Tommy Shults, Mrs. Vivian Young, Mrs. W. F. Sanders and Rev. and Mrs. E. John Meyers.



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R. L. HART HOME IS SCENE FOR SLUMBER PARTY

The Hart home was the scene for a slumber party Friday night when Mrs. R. L. Hart entertained for her daughter, Dolly Lee.

Before the slumber party, the guests enjoyed a picnic supper served near the waterworks and then they took in a picture show.

Games were played after they returned to the Hart home and at the stroke of 12 o'clock, a refreshment course of sandwiches, cookies and lemonade was served.

The guests stayed for breakfast the next morning and then went to their homes.

Those enjoying the night of fun were Carol Townsend, Norma Lou Roe, Rosa Faye Hamblin, Silva May Roe, Mary Lee Taylor, Mrs. Hart and Dolly Lee.

FACULTY HAS BUNCO PARTY MONDAY

Members of the faculty met at the home of Miss Mona Ruth Butcher for their monthly social Monday night with Mrs. Susan Butler as co-hostess.

Three tables were set for bunco Mrs. Charlyne Hunt, won high score for the ladies and Pat Mixon for the men. Low score prizes went to Mrs. C. R. Roberts and Joel Hedgpeh.

A refreshment course of potato salad, sandwiches, angel food cake and punch was served.

Guests were Mrs. R. L. Hart, Mrs. M. C. Wheeler, Mrs. Simon Lee Sorenson, Mrs. W. F. Harmon, Mrs. Bill Cavitt, Mrs. Charlyne Hunt, Mrs. C. R. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Pat Mixon, Joel Hedgpeh, Mrs. Butler and Miss Butcher.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS PLAN SOCIAL

Plans for this month's social were made when members of the Campfire Girls met at the school Monday afternoon. It was decided that they will have a weiner roast.

Roll call was given by the secretary, Mildred Wilkinson and Ruby Mae Wilkinson, president, suggested that each girl bring something to work on during the next meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chief Boatswain's Mate and Mrs. Robert R. Owens are the proud parents of a 7 1/2-pound baby boy, born early Sunday morning. The baby has been named Raymond Frederick. Raymond is his father's middle name and Frederick is the name of both of the baby's grandfathers.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Owens is stationed in Miami, Florida, but he stated over the telephone Sunday that he has hopes of coming home soon to see his wife and new son.

Mrs. Owens and baby are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casterline in Fulton. Mrs. Ransom Owens of Aransas Pass is visiting the Casterlines and is helping to take care of her new grandson.

Mrs. J. B. Clewis of San Antonio arrived Tuesday to spend a few days in the H. P. Phagan home. Mrs. Pay Hill, also of San Antonio, visited Tuesday afternoon with the Phagans.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills and sons visited a friend, Mrs. Jessie Copley, while in Alice Sunday, attending the Fireman's convention.

Mrs. Allen Johnson has returned to her home in Whittier, Calif., after a visit here with her brother-in-law, Ben Rozelle, and her niece, Mrs. Fred Clobberdants.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Turner and children of Refugio were here Sunday afternoon to bring Mrs. J. W. Brundrett home. Mrs. Brundrett had been visiting them since Wednesday.

Advertisement for A. C. Glass Insurance, featuring a house illustration and the text 'GUARD Against Fire! Take every precaution to guard your property against fire, but to be doubly secure, see us and insure your home and business property. For Information See A. C. GLASS INSURANCE'

Sergeant Says Treatment Fine And Mail Service Excellent

Marine in Pacific Challenges Recent Statements of Another Local Serviceman Printed Under Heading "Kelly Gets His Irish Up"

(Editor's Note: Recently upon request the Pilot published a letter from a local serviceman who exercised his American privilege to "beef" about the mail service, the food, and general treatment of men in the armed forces. Now comes a letter from Sgt. J. R. Williams, U. S. Marine Corps, in the Pacific Area, in which Kelly's statements are challenged. Sgt. Williams' letter was dated April 6, postmarked April 7 and was received here April 11. The Pilot is happy to present Sgt. Williams' views.)

April 6, 1945 Pacific Area

Rockport Pilot, Rockport, Texas.

To the Editor:

"In a Nation that enjoys the freedoms of speech and press, both sides of things that concern the masses should be presented to the masses.

"I thought I had better drop you a line to let you know the reason I have been writing to everyone I have reason to write to—as often as I find time to write. Our mail service is excellent. I have reason to know that all mail I write is being received in six or seven days, all mail I receive from the state of Texas arrives in five or six days. It seems they are using all planes out to carry mail for the enlisted men and there are none for carrying watermelons for "higher-ups" or something of the sort. I imagine this will be cut out, and if so be sure and write and tell me so.

No one 'coming over aboard ship' writes and tells his wife to buy bonds because the officers are out of bacon" and the enlisted men are "running low on dehydrated potatoes." A man aboard ship does not write—period.

I'm certainly hoping that every reader of the Rockport Pilot will rest assured that their sons, husbands, brothers and fathers are certainly treated like human beings. They (whoever they may be) will certainly let you complain—every unit in the armed forces has a chaplain available.

Things aren't too bad. I guess I'll live through. (Seriously and honestly written with no amount of insolence.)

I just wanted to let you know that the enlisted man in the armed forces is receiving a fair and square deal and that the largest amount of them up to 99 per cent are satisfied due to the fact that they are aware that our Nation is at war with a pair of nations that have threatened all that democracy represents—which Americans like very much.

Bonds that are purchased so that the "officers may have bacon and

eggs" and to store the enlisted man's larder with more "dehydrated potatoes" should never be purchased. There isn't a bond issue for that purpose and if you buy one for that reason you have wasted so much money—there isn't a legal bond issue for that purpose.

To better understanding of the enlisted man's problems while in the Armed Forces— Sincerely yours, Sgt. J. R. Williams, U. S. M. C. R. P. S. — This is a challenge to March 16th's issue—Kelly Gets His Irish Up.—I'm 50 per cent Irish myself.

MRS. WILL MADDEN ENTERTAINS BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY

Mrs. Will Madden was hostess Tuesday afternoon when members of the Fulton Bible Study met at her home for their weekly meeting.

The devotional was given by Mrs. John Weber and Mrs. Frank Walker conducted the lesson on "Exodus."

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served to Mrs. Conrad Day, Mrs. Mattie Cole, Mrs. Charles Keefe, Mrs. Fred Webber, Mrs. E. V. McHaley, Mrs. Allen Johnson, Mrs. Fannie Mars, Mrs. Golden Rowe, Mrs. R. M. Mostella, Mrs. Harry Baldwin, Miss Hettie Weber Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Madden.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simmons of Houston announce the birth of a baby daughter, born in Shreveport on Palm Sunday, March 25th. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Mrs. Simmons will be remembered as the former Miss Sylvia Smith. The Simmons have another child, Barlow, age 4.

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Auxiliary Members Meet At Manse

A variety of Spring flowers were used in the decorations Thursday afternoon when Mrs. George Lee Brundrett and Mrs. J. D. Haseman were co-hostesses at the Manse to members of the Presbyterian Auxiliary.

Hibiscus decorated the mantel and bowls of geranium, nasturtiums and roses were used in the reception rooms. The dining room table was centered with an arrangement of blue plumbago, blue flax, Queen Annie's Lace, bridal wreath and Confederate Jasmynes.

"Consider the Children How they Grow" was the topic of the lesson lead by Mrs. Marshall Anderson. Mrs. Harry Mills read the scripture and Mrs. Hugh Morrison gave a Prayer of Praise.

Mrs. Jim Hooper talked on "The Purple Thread" and sang a solo, "Living With Jesus", accompanied on the piano by Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

Mrs. J. F. Brundrett assisted the hostesses in serving meat sandwiches, white layer cake and coffee.

Those present were Mrs. T. H. Pollard, Mrs. Marshall Anderson, Mrs. Henry Camehl, Mrs. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mrs. M. C. Wheeler, Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mrs. Byron Bushart, Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mike, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Hugh Morrison and Marilyn, Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Mrs. Shinn, Mrs. Harry Mills, Mrs. Leonard Casterline, Mrs. Jim Hooper, Mrs. Clobberdants, Mrs. Allen Johnson, of Whittier California, Mrs. Brundrett, Mrs. Haseman and Verna Anne.

Mrs. Annie Edwards of the State Health Department in Austin was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Phagan and family over the Easter holidays.

Here over the week-end to visit her mother, Mrs. John W. Townsend, was Mrs. Eunice Piper of Corpus Christi.

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FLAKY BAKE 10 LB. BAG 25 LB. BAG 50 LB. BAG  
FLOUR 49c; 1.15; 2.23

TEXAS Spinach, No. 2 can 13c  
ARM & HAMMER BAKING Soda, 5c pk. 4c; 10c pk. 7c

SKINNER'S Rasin Bran, oz. pkg. 10c  
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**Pirates Win Fourth Place In Track**

**Roy Lassiter Brings In Two First Places, One Second Place**

Rockport Pirates won fourth place in the district field and track meet held in Odem Saturday. Twenty-two schools participated in the events.

Gregory won first place, Orange Grove won second place and Ingleside, third.

Had Rockport entered as many events as were on the card, it probably would have placed along side the top winners. The winners received a total of 37 points and Rockport a total of 16 points.

Roy Lassiter won two first places and one second place. In the 220 yard dash and in the broad jump he won out first. He received second place in the 100 yard run.

Joe Johnson, Jr. received third place in the 880 yard run. The Pirates received 4th place in the mile relay.

**Fireman Delegates Attend Meet**

Harry Mills, David Herring and Dick Simpson were delegates representing the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department at the South Central District Volunteer Fireman's Association's second quarterly meeting held in Alice Sunday.

After registration, a business session was held and an entertainment program given at the Court House. A barbecue was enjoyed at the Fire Station during the noon hour. Beginning at 2 o'clock races were held downtown on the main street.

Mrs. Harry Mills, Harry Lee and Jimmy were guests to the meet.

Owing to Fire Chief Robert Keys and his party's automobile accident Rockport was unable to enter any contest except the "Paris Rule." In this contest, they won third place.

The next quarterly convention will be held at Rockport July 8th.

**Miss Katie Lee Clarke Attends Funeral**

Miss Katie Lee Clarke attend the funeral of J. B. Wrenn in West Columbia last Saturday. He was the father of Mrs. W. W. Clarke, who is Miss Clarke's sister-in-law.

**Dr. W. H. McKenzie To Speak Here Next Wednesday**

Dr. Walter H. McKenzie of Dallas will spend next week at the Forest Park Cottages in Fulton and will speak at the high school auditorium here next Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock.

Dr. McKenzie is the executive secretary of the United Texas Drys and a speaker of national reputation. For a number of years he was pastor of the University Baptist Church of Austin, and is widely known in educational circles.

Alva Freeman received his call Saturday to report in Dallas Monday for induction into the Merchant Marines. Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Freeman took him and John Robert Barber to Gregory to catch the bus. John Robert went up with Alva to take his physical.

Mrs. Howard Kemp and three children of San Antonio are here visiting her mother, Mrs. John W. Townsend.

L. L. Jones, S 1-c, who is stationed at the Navy hospital in Corpus Christi for a rest after 18 months overseas, paid a visit the past week-end to his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers. His brother, Glenn Jones of Vanderbilt came down to visit with him.

**REBEKAHS INITIATE FOUR CANDIDATES**

Four new candidates were initiated into the Rebekah Lodge Tuesday night when the Lodge held its regular meeting.

Those initiated were Mrs. Annie Mae Evans and daughter, Mrs. Corine Zawadzki, and Mrs. Ida Smith and daughter, Mrs. Romaine S. Marie.

Bowls of nasturtiums, roses and larkspurs decorated the hall for the occasion.

Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Mrs. Jennie Wright and Lawrence McLester were on the entertainment committee. They served delicious refreshments of chicken salad, cheese crisps, lemon pie and iced tea.

About thirty members attended.

**Methodist Women To Stage Supper April 17**

The ladies of the Methodist church will sponsor a supper Tuesday night, April 17 from 6 to 8 o'clock at the recreational hall. A fine meal is promised for fifty cents, with dessert a dime extra.

**DREDGING—**

(Continued from Front Page) the silt and spoils from such excavating will cover the oyster producing areas. Furthermore, if excavating for mudshell is allowed anywhere in this vicinity, it will take extreme vigilance to keep away from the oyster producing areas.

"2. We estimate that two-thirds of the oysters produced from Aransas Bay are produced from that area of Long Reef covered by this application.

**OTHER AREAS OPEN**

"3. That there are areas where mudshell can be excavated almost as conveniently and which do not produce oysters in commercial quantities, such as Teel Reef, Prickly Pear Island, and Dunham Island."

The Engineers Office has served notice that its decision will turn primarily on the effect the proposed dredging will have on navigation.

The State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission Sand, Shell and Gravel Division has indicated it will grant Heldenfels a permit to dredge in the desired area. C. R. Rudasill, director of the Shell division, was at the dredging site last month and reported that he found no oysters of commercial value at the point where the dredge is to move.

Arnold had this to say about the controversy:

"The Coastal Division is carrying on an oyster rehabilitation program, endeavoring to bring up oyster production areas. We are spending a great deal of money in the Rockport-Aransas County area on oyster rehabilitation. It is my opinion that before any permit is granted to mudshell dredge operators that an inspection should be made by the division biologist of the area sought by the applicant to ascertain whether or not it is oyster producing and whether it is suitable for transplanting oysters."

Arnold said he was going to turn all information and data over to the State Commission for final decision.

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"Yes, Fred, when the record is finally written we'll realize what a gigantic operation this war really was and how important to final victory many factors really were."  
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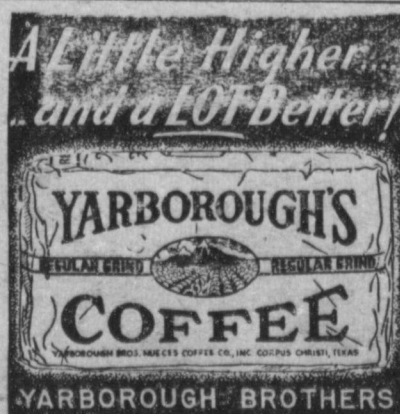
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