

"Look" Magazine to Feature Rockport Scenes

Photographer And Editor Shoot Here Wednesday

Five Locals To Appear In Pictures of Oyster Fry Held Here

Rockport as a recreation spot will receive national acclaim next year when "Look Magazine" runs pictures taken yesterday by members of the Magazine's staff from the east and west coast.

The Rockport Chamber of Commerce arranged an oyster fry and assisted photographers in getting beach pictures in the Rockport-Fulton area.

Andrew H. Hepburn, travel editor of Look from New York and Maurice Terrell, official photographer from Los Angeles, arrived in Rockport yesterday afternoon with Jeff Bell, manager of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, and the boy and girl are portrayed as the principal characters in a picture story for the magazine.

The story is one of a series, "Look at America," to begin running in the magazine in February. Hepburn said the pictures showing Rockport would appear about next September as they wish to play this part of the coast as a fall resort.

Rockport and Fulton residents who posed for Terrell and will appear in the pictures are Wilana and Kathryn Rouquet, Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Sparks and Clara Bailey and Loretta McCann of Taft.

Inez Sterling, daughter of Col. Bill Sterling, frequent Rockport visitor when they sail over on the "Four Friends," and Columbus O'Donnell, ART student at Ward Island, Naval Air Training Base, came to Rockport with the photographers and portrayed activities here.

The theme of the story is a Corpus Christi girl showing a sailor, who in this case is from Providence R. I., the recreational facilities to be found on the Texas Coast. During the day they had been swimming, despite 50 degrees temperature, tarpon fishing, duck hunting and crabbing.

Late in the afternoon, they to the grove of bent live oak on the beach road just before the off to the point on the Kent-C. property.

Pictures were taken of Miss Sterling tonguing oysters from a skiff while Terrell rowed. Unfortunately, the sailor could not row a boat, and it was necessary for DeForest to wade out and bring them back to land.

Pictures of an oyster fry under the trees showed all of the models opening and preparing the oysters for cooking. Bailey then served a fried oyster supper to the guests around the campfire. The photographers agreed they had never tasted oysters to compare with those found here.

Arrangements for the picture taking expedition were made for the Chamber of Commerce by Jack Blackwell, secretary; B. T. Hardeeman and Bailey.

JOHNSON RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

B. L. Johnson, whose wife lived here during his absence, has returned from three years service overseas.

Mrs. Dan Haynes Dies At San Antonio Hospital

Mrs. Katie Irene Haynes, who had been ill for many months, died at a San Antonio Hospital Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at Cate Funeral Home Chapel this morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. E. John Meyers officiating. Burial was in Rockport Cemetery.

Mrs. Haynes was a member of the Baptist Church and had lived in Rockport for a number of years. She is survived by her husband, Dan Haynes; one daughter, Mrs. Ted Roop, and a grandchild, all of Rockport; one sister, Mrs. J. C. Payne; and one brother, Oscar Sexton both of San Antonio.

Ration Board Office Moved To Courthouse

The Aransas County War Price and Rationing Board Office has been moved from the building on the main street to the Courthouse where it will be in the same office with the Selective Service Board.

The Commissioners Court requested permission of the area to allow the change, and it was granted immediately. Judge B. S. Fox said the county was spending \$20 a month for rent plus utilities for the office space and the amount of room required did not warrant this. The county has been paying rent on the building since 1933 when the relief office was installed there.

The board now has no records locally as they were all moved to Corpus Christi. Mrs. Dudley Bracht said some applications are taken there and a majority of the work is issuing ration books to returning servicemen.

The Ration Board remains open all day but the Selective Service office closes at noon.

Five Juveniles To Be Tried For Theft Wednesday

Five juveniles, arrested here last week after gasoline and \$101 were stolen from Mundine Service Station, will be tried before B. S. Fox in the capacity of juvenile judge next Wednesday. The sixth boy, Benito Sirlos, 18, was bound over to the action of the February grand jury.

The Corpus Christi youths had a hearing before Judge Fox Monday afternoon. Each was charged with theft over \$50 and bond set at \$200 each. Sirlos and one juvenile have made bond and the other four are being held in jail.

The county judge may try juveniles as judge of the juvenile court. Judge Fox said parents of the boys would be contacted to see whether they wished a jury trial and whether they wanted to be represented by attorneys.

As Sirlos was 18 recently, Judge Fox said it was possible he may be called by his draft board. He said the boy would be released if he is inducted. Otherwise he will face possible felony indictment.

Dietrich Brothers Re-Open Fish House at Fulton

A fourth fish house was in operation at Fulton this week with the Dietrich Brothers back in business after being closed down for three years.

The company was first opened here in 1934 by Clifford and Lawrence Dietrich. It was operated in the last building on the north end of the row of fish houses at Fulton until 1942. In March of that year, Clifford Dietrich went into service.

He served in the European Theatre of War and recently returned to the United States and was discharged from the Army.

At present, only two boats are operating for the fish house, one of them Dietrich's "Swan." The brothers intend to have a number of independent fishermen working with them when they are back in full operation.

HUFFMAN AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PORT LAVACA

Floyd Huffman, a port engineer, has been awarded the contract for construction of 345 feet of seawall at Port Lavaca.

Huffman was awarded the contract for the same work in 1941 but the construction was stopped by wartime shortages of materials. A new contract was signed last week.

Huffman Applies For Permit To Build Harbor at Copano Village

\$18,000 Basin To Have 1,840 Feet Of Dockage Space For General Use

Floyd G. Huffman has applied to the United States Engineers for a permit to build a harbor, wharves and docks at Copano Village.

Huffman said he intends to begin work on the construction the first of the year and spend an estimated \$18,500.

The harbor will be dredged into Lots 16 and 17 and 18 of the Copano Village Subdivision. These lots were reserved for this purpose. The harbor will be 120 feet wide and 880 feet long with 1,840 feet of dock space.

The part of the harbor within the shoreline will have concrete bulkheads supporting a 10-foot timber wharf. The harbor from the shoreline into the bay will have steel-sheet piling with a wall on either side supporting the same size and type wharf. It will be dredged to four feet mean low tide.

The harbor will be U shaped with the curved head coming within 30 feet of Copano Drive. The spoil will be piled on the shore side all around the harbor.

Huffman said the harbor would handle almost any pleasure boat. It is being built for the protection and use of boats owned by residents of Copano Village.

Twenty-one of the 70 Copano Village lots have been sold and three houses have been constructed there. Work is now beginning on the fourth, a frame house being built by W. L. Cokes of San Antonio.

All the roads in the Village have been ennelled and the high line constructed from the trunk line. These connections have been made on the highline.

County Has Only Two Days To Meet Bond Goal

Only two days remain for Aransas County to raise more than \$10,000 in E bonds to meet the quota in the Victory Loan Drive. The drive ends Saturday.

Wednesday, only \$9,412.50 worth of E bonds had been purchased through the First National Bank. The overall quota is already exceeded with \$63,500 in bonds other than E bonds sold, and the overall quota is \$60,000.

Fred Bracht, chairman of the county drive, said the government is interested only in E bond sales and has asked that every resident of the county make an effort to buy as large an E bond as possible during the next two days.

Past drives have shown that the county can meet and exceed quotas, Bracht said, and a real effort will put the drive over even at this late date.

Haynes Testifies Two Men Resisted Arrest Sunday

Two Aransas Pass men who allegedly resisted arrest and were forcefully taken by City Marshall Slim Haynes Sunday night were fined \$50 and costs amounting to \$63 each after trial before Justice of the Peace Joe Smith. The men were William W. Brock and Chester C. Brock.

In the trial of the two men on the charge of drunkenness, Haynes said a bus driver called him and asked him to assist with men who were attempting to board the bus when the driver considered them too drunk to be on the bus.

Haynes said he attempted to put the men under arrest when they attacked him in front of the uncompleted locker plant. Haynes stated that his back was bruised when they bent him over the banister around the construction work. Slim lost his blackjack in the shuffle, but finally succeeded in drawing his pistol and subduing them without firing a shot, getting handcuffs on them.

The arrest was made at 8 o'clock Sunday night and the trial held Sunday morning. Each man was tried on a charge of drunkenness and found guilty. Chester Brock paid his fine, but William W. Brock was still in Aransas County jail at presstime.

PORT LAVACA PAPER IS PRINTED HERE

The news paper plant of the Rockport Pilot this week published the first edition of the Port Lavaca News, to be printed weekly at Rockport and circulated at Port Lavaca.

Roged Wheeler, brother of Morgan C. Wheeler of Rockport, is a partner with Jack Blackwell in the newspaper an dwill serve as managing editor. Wheeler recently returned from the China-India-Burma Theatre where he was on the staff of General Stillwell's "CBI Round-up."

Gulf Crew Is At Rosenberg

The Gulf Research and Development Company, which has worked in the Aransas County area all this year, is now stationed near Rosenberg, where families formerly living Rockport have been moved.

Work was closed down here about a month ago, and the 10 families connected with the company moved. The company had had a number of Rockport men on the payroll at various times and used local boats for exploration work. Most of their work was done on the island, a great deal by the huge marsh buggies that are used on water and land.

Thaddeus Bunker Burned to Death In Garage Fire at Aransas Pass

Thaddeus Howard Bunker, 34, who was born in Rockport and whose family lives here, was burned to death at Aransas Pass late Wednesday night when flames swept three buildings doing about \$10,000 worth of damage.

Bunker was asleep in a room adjoining the Square Deal Garage when the fire started. He was awakened, but confused by the flames, was unable to escape.

Funeral services were held for Bunker at Cate Funeral Home here at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Rev. T. H. Pollard officiated at the chapel services and Chaplain Kennedy of the Naval Air Training Station, Corpus Christi, directed the military burial at Rockport Cemetery.

Bunker was born in Rockport and lived here until he was six years old. His family moved to Big Springs and returned to Rockport in 1940. He has been here frequently since that time. Sept. 1942, he was with the army and was to leave

Three Army, One Marine, Four Navy Men Discharged

Three Army and four Navy veterans and one ex-Marine filed their discharge papers with the Aransas County Clerk this week.

Claud L. McShan, a private first class, served in the Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the EAME Service Ribbon, the Victory Medal, the Expert Rifleman's Badge and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was discharged from Brooks Convalescent Hospital.

Jose Covarrubias, a private first class with the 761st Military Police Battalion, received the Good Conduct Medal.

Joel M. Mixon, a corporal with the headquarters of Sixth Reconnaissance Group, saw service in Bismark, Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific and Japanese Air Offensive. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with six battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, four overseas bars and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Roy Harmon York, a fireman second class; Linwood Eller, shipfitter first class; Everett Edward Simmons, seaman first class class; and DeLette Ulyses Wright, seaman first class, were all discharged from the Navy after overseas service.

James William DeForest, a private first class in the Marines was in the Asiatic-Pacific area, on the Solomon Islands and Hawaii Islands. He participated in action against the Japanese in the Battle of the Solomons, Fulgia and Guadalcanal.

Winter Arrives With Full Gusto

The coldest norther of the season to date blew into Rockport in no uncertain terms Sunday night and kept the town in heavy coats and shivers all week.

A light frost was on the ground Wednesday morning, but there was no killing frost. The stiff north wind let up after the first two days.

A heavy rain, badly needed over the area, came early Monday morning. Skies have been clear since that time.

Shotgun Given To Jim McCord

The shotgun, given away by the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, was presented to Jim McCord of Houston, a duck hunter who had been in Rockport recently.

The contest for the Remington 12 gauge automatic with four boxes of shell brought the fire department about \$225. The winner was decided at a meeting Saturday night and the fire siren was sounded when the winner was announced.

Hamblin Buys Building On Austin Street

B. W. Hamblin, owner of Rockport Electric Company, this week purchased from Emory Spencer the building on the main street of Rockport in which his electric shop and Glory Oh Beauty Shop are located.

Spencer had bought the property a week ago from Otis Henderson.

Consideration in the transaction was \$1,600. The property was listed as Block 21, Doughty and Mathis Division with 25-foot fronting on Austin Street and 100 feet of property to the east.

Hamblin said he intended to remodel the building, but said details of the work to be done are not completed.

New Presbyterian Church May Be Built Within Year

Educational Facilities Planned In Larger Stucco Structure

Plans to begin construction of a new Presbyterian Church in Rockport within a year were approved at a meeting of the Men of the Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith Monday night.

Morgan C. Wheeler, president of the organization, said the new building would be designed to provide educational facilities for the Sunday School and the church for which he termed the present building "wholly inadequate."

Full use will be made of the lumber in the present building, he said, and the new building will be stucco finish. The men did not decide whether it would be possible to build the church on the present location or whether a new site would be necessary.

Each of the men present purchased three to five song books for the church, and one for himself.

Supper was served by a committee of women from Circle I, including Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Ted Little, Mrs. Fred Brundrett and Mrs. T. H. Pollard.

Men attending were Wheeler, Ted Little, Norvell Jackson, Harry Mills, Hugh Morrison, W. H. Morrison, Fred Clorberdants, Clyde C. Hayden, James Herring, the Rev. T. H. Pollard, Floyd Smith, Fred Brundrett and George Lee Brundrett.

Toys Wanted For Firemen's Boxes Of Christmas Gifts

The Fire Department's drive to collect toys and other Christmas gifts for children and families who might not otherwise share in the season's cheer, is beginning this week.

Toys that are in good condition or those that need repairs may be taken to the fire station or will be called for. Anyone who wishes toys to be collected at her home may call Miss Iris Sorenson, Chief Robert Key or any member of the fire department.

Bottles will be put out over town for cash donations. The money collected will be spent for the fruit and other food to be distributed with the toys.

New Street Light Approved by City Council Members

A new street light was approved for Rockport by the City Council at a meeting Tuesday night in the council chambers.

The light will be put up at the corner of Austin and Noble Street. The light was requested in a letter from Mrs. Arthur Curry, Mrs. Somer Smith and Mrs. W. R. Lassiter.

The council reevaluated the property of William Silberisen to \$40 in a compromise on the ruling of the board of adjusters.

Ross Teiry, of Corpus Christi, who has the contract for collection of delinquent taxes in Rockport, met with the council and agreed to concentrate on collection of taxes delinquent since 1939 or later.

Two Fined For Game Violations

Two men, after trial before Judge Joe Smith, paid fines this week for shooting show birds.

M. B. Mullinax, warden from the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, charged E. L. Keill, working on a dredge in Matagorda Bay, and Stephen A. Schoff of Houston with shooting show birds. Each pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs amounting to \$21.

Keill was arrested and tried Monday and Schoff was tried Tuesday.

Along The Waterfront

The oyster run in the Gulf was spoiled by the norther which blew in Sunday night and kept boats tied up the first of the week. Some good loads of shrimp and oysters came in the end of the week.

Certainly Fish Company reported good luck in both Gulf shrimp and oysters. Boats coming in from the Gulf last week averaged 1,800 to 2,200 pounds. Calvin Leddington brought in the big load on the "Florence Mae", 2,400 pounds.

James Dawson got three good oyster markets on the "Big M." The "Dora," with Clifton McElwee as skipper, had the high load with about 60 gallons. The "Dora" was one of the two boats out from the shrimp house when the norther struck. The other was the "No Name" with E. Broom as skipper. Both boats came in without any trouble.

Johnson Seafoods had some gulf shrimp the end of last week but most of the boats moved into the bay when winds heightened. Rufus Castlerline was high skipper with 1,950 pounds on the "Thelma." John Chupe came in with 1,255 on the "J". Fishing was good and the number of fishermen increased during the week. The oyster room was completed, but boats will not begin to oyster until the shrimp run is over.

The "Lady Cora," up on Preston Paul's ways for an extended over haul, is getting to look a little more like her old self. T. Noah Smith's boat now has the grey Coast Guard paint removed and a coat of white paint on the part of the sides that will not be varnished.

Total seafood shipments from Rockport and Fulton by rail last week amounted to \$147,000.

Paul's boat had a fair run of oysters last part of the week. The "Flores on" started oyster yesterday after a day on the shrimp run. Jackson's boats went on ways for overhauls, the "Bertha," "Mary V" and "Betsy."

The U. S. Army Engineers boat on Galveston has been in the bay this week.

Boats fishing has continued to good. Increasing numbers of fishermen are arriving with their gear motors to rent skiffs and their luck.

Avy boat from Corpus comes into the Rockport works for overhaul.

The Humble boats on the contract with Rockport works have been completed and being launched this week. "Dorothy," owned by Pat James and from Laguna Madre on the ways for calking, painting and overhaul.

Touquette and Wendell were in oyster business seriously last week. The "Captain Lead," "Little Pete" and "Copano" each averaged 30 gallons of oysters. Trimming was done, and fish scarce.

Approves Dredge

Board of Control with Howard Dodgen, secretary of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Tuesday bid of \$10,000 on Paul Tow Boat many of Rockport dredge of 8-inch formerly used by the game on in this area.

It had not been notified the sale was complete and announcement plan for the dredge only after were completed.

was sold because the funds for the commission.



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**BILLY ASKEW HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

Four young hostesses honored Billy Askew with a farewell party at the home of Mrs. Hays Atwood Wednesday night. Askew is leaving with his parents for Tennessee. The hostesses, Vaunda Smith, Ruth Ann Davis, Marjory Hunt and Alice Bell, served open faced sandwiches, cookies and punch. After games were played, the honoree opened the presents he received.

Guests were Lynelle Smith, Berta Gene Shults, Loyce Mae Shults, Helen Landrum, Betty Lou Garrett, Kathryn Atwood, Adele Doan, Winola Stewart, Peggy Joyce Owens, Vaunda Smith, Bobby Doan, Robert Ehler, Jimmy Hayden, Alex Stewart, Jr., Bobby Franklin, Bobby Landrum, Tim Haynes, Jr., Sam James, Cyrus Davis, Travis Lee Smith, and the honoree.

**Work of J. E. DeWitt on Irrigated Farm Told in Grady Stiles' Article**

**Farmer Has Sold Pepper Crop To Same New Mexico Firm For Years**

J. E. DeWitt, the only Aransas County farmer with irrigated land, was written up in the Corpus Christi Caller last week by Grady Stiles, widely read farm and ranch editor of the paper. Stiles said of DeWitt: "Persistence, along with a lot of hard work, has during the last quarter of a century paid off for J. E. DeWitt, vegetable farmer in the Sparks Colony three and a half miles northwest of Rockport, and has left him the only farmer in the community, and probably in Aransas County, whose land is irrigated."

"DeWitt bought the farm where now lives in 1920, and since then has devoted all his efforts to the production of vegetables, with pepper being the chief crop. And during his 25 years of pepper producing he has sold all the crops to one buyer, a New Mexico firm. The farm is irrigated from a series of shallow wells which supply an abundance of water. Although some effort was made to irrigate the land as far back as 1900, it was not until he came into possession that a real irrigation system was installed.

"The water supply comes from eight wells all around 30 feet deep. For some time DeWitt experienced difficulty in devising a satisfactory pumping system, until a mechanic who had worked in the lumber mills of Arkansas came along and installed equipment that is still in use. An old Buick motor,

taken from a used car which cost \$25, was mounted on concrete blocks near the pumps. Pulley arrangements equalized the speed of the motor with the desired speed of the pump strokes. The power supplied by the old engine has been adequate to take control of all the needs of irrigation, DeWitt said. "Water is lifted from the eight wells by pistol pumps and it is pumped from the reservoir by a centrifugal pump and distributed through a network of pipes along the turnrows where it is then turned into the furrows.

"Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt and two employees were busy planting pepper seed in hot beds. There are 11 seed beds on the farm, each capable of holding thousands of pepper plants. Already plants have come up in several of the beds, and the seeds being planted yesterday were some that had been delayed in shipment from seed dealers.

Although the seeds are usually planted in the hotbeds and then transplanted into the field after the danger of freezes is over, occasionally DeWitt plants the seeds in the field; and there have been times, he said, when he made a good crop by this method.

"Ordinarily, some 10,000 plants are set out to the acre, DeWitt said; and a normal yield is around 200 bushels of peppers per acre. The pods are gathered while they are still green and shipped to the New Mexico dealer with whom DeWitt has traded for the last 25 years.

"Although peppers is the principal crop produced on the DeWitt farm, it is by no means the only crop. There are other vegetables he terms "catch crops," which he produces between pepper seasons. DeWitt now has squash, beans, and turnips growing; and he usually raises lots of tomatoes.

"There have been some tough years during his quarter century of truck farming, DeWitt said, and there is always lots of work. The



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**YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PROGRAM**

The Young People of the Presbyterian Church met for a Thanksgiving program and social hour after the union services last Wednesday night. Mrs. T. H. Pollard was their hostess at her home.

mortality rate of irrigated truck farms in the Sparks Colony has been so great that DeWitt is now the only farmer left in the community who maintains an irrigation system.

"During the depression years, DeWitt experienced some hard times; and he said yesterday that the only reason that he was able to continue was the fact that he was able to secure loans from the Farm Security Administration. He was one of the first loans Charles Pugley, now supervisor of the Nueces-San Patricio-Aransas County area, made. The price of vegetables was low, there had been late freezes and a number of other factors that had reduced DeWitt's financial position to a level where he could not obtain a bank loan. In 1936 he secured his first loan from the FSA, and on through 1939 he got assistance from that organization. He attributes his being able to continue truck farming wholly to the assistance he got from the Farm Security Administration.

"De Witt is constantly rebuilding the soil on his farm. He saves all the barnyard manure to be spread on the land; and in addition he frequently gathers decaying leaves and grass along the bay and swales and puts that on the land. He regularly treats his land with commercial fertilizer.

"Mrs. DeWitt usually has a flock of some 300 chickens of mixed strains. She has taken a cue from her husband about marketing and sells all the eggs from her flock to one dealer on contract. In this way she always has an assured market for eggs.

"The DeWitt farm, nestled among spreading live oak trees and sequestered from highway traffic, is a well-kept place. The house and yard and outbuildings are in good condition, and the fields are clean and intensively cultivated. Fences of the DeWitt farm serve an old purpose in an unusual way. They don't fence chickens in the poultry yard, but rather fence them out of the vegetable fields.

**THANKSGIVING DANCE SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL**

A Thanksgiving dance, sponsored by the Rockport High School Student Council, was held at Concessions Hall Saturday night.

The hall was decorated in the Thanksgiving theme by Margaret Stewart, Lynell Smith and John Robert Barber. Bert Haney, chairman of the social committee of the council, was responsible for the music. Cold drinks were sold by the Junior Class.

About 75 members of classes from the eighth through twelfth grades attended. Chaperones were Judge and Mrs. B. S. Fox, Bill McGrath and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler.

**MRS. MARS IS HOSTESS TO BIBLE STUDY**

The Fulton Bible Study met at the home of Mrs. Fannie Mars Tuesday afternoon. The monthly grab bag was held. Mrs. Mars served refreshments of cookies and coffee to her guests.

The devotional was read by Mrs. Vallie Cole and the lesson by the Rev. Robert Cunningham.

Attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. John Weber, Mrs. E. B. McHaley, Mrs. Leetha Phillips, Mrs. Vallie Cole and the hostess.

**WHIMPY WRIGHT RETURNS HOME**

D. U. (Whimpy) Wright, whose wife and three children have lived in Rockport during his absence, has been discharged from the Navy and returned home.

He served 10 months in an amphibious division of the Navy in the Pacific. Wright was discharged as a seaman first class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Rockport.

**Fulton School Honor Roll**

The honor roll of the students attending the Fulton School was announced this week as follows:

- First Grade: Ronald McHugh, Joe Askew, Roy DeForest
- Second Grade: Cecil Casterline, Opal Owens
- Third Grade: Bobbie Bracht, Tanya Dunlap
- Fourth Grade: Catherine June Greenawalt
- Fifth Grade: Ida Marie Crossman

**FIRE DAMAGES HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MRS. BERRY**

One of Mrs. Walter Bell's rent houses, occupied by Mrs. Norvell Berry, was damaged about 10 o'clock this morning when draperies in the living room caught fire.

Members of the volunteer fire department extinguished the flames before they had spread extensively. Some damage was done to the furniture and walls.

**FLOYD SMITH IS ORDAINED AS ELDER IN LOCAL CHURCH**

Floyd Smith was ordained and installed as an elder in the Presbyterian church after the service Sunday morning. James Jackson was installed as a deacon.

The Rev. T. H. Pollard served as installing officer. The officers were elected at a meeting of the congregation a week ago.

**THREE INITIATED INTO REBEKAH LODGE TUESDAY**

Mrs. Jewel Mikeal, Miss Antonio Adamson and Mrs. Sally Beetley were initiated into the Rebekah Lodge at a meeting at the Lodge Hall Tuesday night.

Mrs. Jennie Wright, captain of the degree team, led the floor work and drill in the initiation ceremony.

A party was held after the initiation ceremony. A committee composed of Mrs. Emma McLester, Mrs. Ora May, Mrs. Raulerson, and Mrs. R. H. Clark served refreshments of potato salad, sandwiches and punch.

**THREE ATTEND PARTY AT CORPUS CHRISTI**

Mrs. J. M. Sellers, Mrs. Helen Jane Sloan and Mrs. Jack Hagar attended a party given at Corpus Christi in honor of Mrs. Seller's daughter, Mrs. Allen Wood, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Wood recently returned to Corpus Christi after her husband was discharged from service.

The party was given at the "House of Gifts" by Mrs. Dee Wood. The house was lavishly decorated with grasses and grain painted and silvered.

**FRED JAMES MOVES TO SAN MARCOS**

Fred James, who lived in Rockport for three years and worked at Humble Refinery in Ingleside, has moved to San Marcos where he has gone into the funeral home business. James is a funeral director.

His wife, a member of the faculty of Rockport schools, and son Sam will join him at San Marcos after school is out.

**Wheeler Elected Committeeman For Boy Scouts**

Morgan C. Wheeler, superintendent of schools, was elected district committeeman at a meeting of the Carancahua District of the Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a meeting Tuesday night.

The committeemen year's Boy Scout work, including Sinton, Taft, Greg, Ingleside, Aransas Pass and Rockport. The election was held at a banquet at Ingleside.

Wheeler said the district will have more difficulties this year than in the past carrying out program as the Humble Refinery now closed, has done so much financial and given so much financial to the Boy Scouts.

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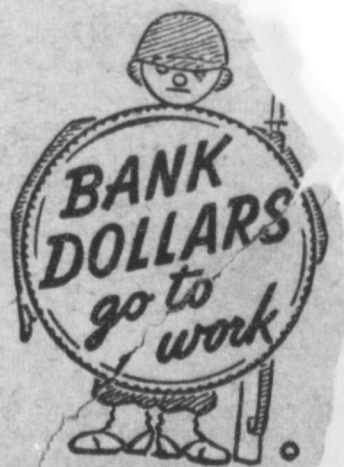


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**Personals**

Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mrs. Ted Little shopped in Corpus Christi Tuesday.

Mrs. Nannie Deane and Mrs. M. F. Saint returned Friday from a trip to Glenrose and Dalas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bracht and Dudley Bracht Sunday attended the funeral of Charles Gray at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray and daughter Alice Anita of Beaumont spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bracht.

Mr. and Mrs. Vallie Cole of Fulton spent Wednesday at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. DeForest of Fulton and Bobby DeForest spent Friday at Corpus Christi.

Miss Berle Collins, a teacher at Tivoli, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Collins at Fulton.

Mrs. Alma Williams left yesterday for California where she will meet her husband, who is returning from overseas service.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hernandez of Corpus Christi spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Horton and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brown of Pasadena spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamblin.

Mrs. Chester Burton and children of Port Lavaca were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McElwee at Fulton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Schaffer have returned to the coast country to spend the remainder of the winter. They reside in Minnesota and have spent several winters here. Schaffer will open an office here after the first of the year to offer income tax services.

Mrs. J. F. Jolly, who has been with her husband here for a month will return to their farm at Center Point Sunday. Mrs. Marjorie Cain will come back from Center Point to spend December in Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Allemang had as guests Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor and daughters, Janet and Kathryn of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Joe New and daughter Judy of Ingleside and Pfc Gerald Y. Roger, and son Jerry of Corpus Christi and California. Another recent guest was their son, Aviation Cadet Howard Kinsey of Montgomery, Alabama.

**LODGES TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Rebekah Lodge and Odd Fellows Lodge will hold a Christmas party at the Lodge Hall Tuesday, December 18.

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**MULLINAX FAMILY MEETS FOR DINNER ON THANKSGIVING**

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mullinax were hosts at a family Thanksgiving supper at their home on Sparks Colony Road, Thursday night.

The table, decorated with roses and bouganvillea from Mrs. Mullinax's yard, was spread out of doors. Lights were strung overhead for the party.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullinax and daughters, Mary, Linda and Judy; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mullinax and daughter, Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Elva Mullinax and daughter, Jean; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mullinax and children Billie, M. B., Jr., and Betty Sue; Mrs. George Keller and sons, M. F., and Kenneth; G. L. Troutman; J. B. Womack; Mr. and Mrs. Noble Evans and children; Marlene, Norman, Joy and Rodney, and the host and hostess.

Of Mr. and Mrs. Mullinax' four children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, the only one unable to be present for the occasion was one grandson, Cpl. Roy Mullinax of the U. S. Marine Corps, now stationed with the occupational troops in Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.

**EPISCOPAL GUILD HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY**

The Episcopal Guild met with Mrs. Will Stevenson Tuesday afternoon for a Christmas party.

The hall was decorated in the corated in a Christmas theme with poinsettias used as the basic flower for arrangements. Refreshments were served at the dining table with Christmas cards marking each place. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pie and coffee.

A short business meeting was held before the social hour.

Members attending were Mrs. Kate Ezell, Mrs. Compton Sowerbutts, Mrs. Paul Reese, Mrs. J. C. Warring, Miss Violet Percival, Mrs. Blanch Kuhns, Mrs. Sam Prophet, Dean George Walton, Mrs. John Sorenson and Miss Katie Lee Carke.

Guests present were Mrs. B. J. Stocker, Mrs. Jim Hooper and Mrs. R. C. Furman.

**BIRTHS—**

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bonnell of Fort Worth are the parents of a 7 pound son born Monday. The boy is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Booth of Rockport.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES—**

Johnny Edward Chapman and Thena Hawery.  
S. J. Norcott and Gladys M. Beal.

**Operetta "Christmas Bazaar" To High Light School Holiday Program**

The music and spirit of Christmas will be combined in a community program either December 20 or 21, when the Rockport Schools will put on a program in the auditorium and stadium as a holiday festival.

High light of the program will be a one-act operetta, "Christmas Bazaar," with 14 characters and a chorus. Leads will be carried by Bonnie Cron and Wilbern Hamblin, high school students; and Shirley Fay Harrell, grammar school student.

The musical play is a gay presentation of a youthful Christmas time. It is directed by Bill McGrath the high school music teacher. He will be assisted by Owen James and Mrs. Fred James. Mrs. Roy Lee Hart will have charge of the costuming.

Exact time of the program and complete cast of the operetta will be announced later by McGrath. It will be the final school activity before the opening of the Christmas holidays and the first musical presentation of the schools this year.

**MITCHELL MARIE HONORED ON SEVENTH BIRTHDAY**

Mitchell Marie was honored by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marie, at a seventh birthday anniversary party Thursday afternoon.

The children played games on the lawn, then were served punch, candy and slices of the rectangular white birthday cake decorated with green leaves and pink lettering.

Guests were Nancy Court, Monte Rouquette, Billy and Bobby Sloan, Dorothy and Kathryn Bennett, Joyce Ann and Leon Barber, Eddie Ratliff, Ro Jean Mikeal, Joe Earl Hunt, J. D. Spencer, Barbara, Buddy and Jean Warden, Tommy Dowdy, Jimmy Gillum, Sut, Clydine and Betty Mae Armstrong, James Richard Fox, Glenn Blackwell, Eddie and Marilyn Morrison, Etta Kay Stevens and Jean Baugh. Assisting Mrs. Marie were Mrs. B. S. Fox, Mrs. Jack Blackwell, Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. Richard Fox, Mrs. Delores Norsworthy, Mrs. Roy Court, Mrs. John Baugh and Mrs. Oscar Smith.

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- MILK, Dairicraft, tall can . 9c**
- CORN, Red and White, No. 2 can 17c**
- SARDINES, Calif., Tall can 12½c**
- HERSHEY'S COCOA, 1-2 lb. pkg 9c**
- SUN SPUN Salad Dressing, 8 oz. 15c**
- MUSTARD, Chef's Pride, qt. jar 10c**
- OVALTINE — Regular or Chocolate 50c Size Can 31c; \$1 Size Can 59c**
- FLAKY BAKE All Purpose FLOUR 10 Lbs 49c; 25 Lbs 1.16; 50 Lbs 2.20**
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- MALTED MILK, plain . . . 36c**
- FLOUR, Gladiola, 5 pounds . 26**
- MORTON'S SALT, 2 pkgs. . 15c**
- COFFEE, Maxwell House, 1 lb. 32c**
- GRITS, 2 pkgs . . . 17c**
- CAKE Flour, Soft as Silk, pkg. 25c**
- PEACH JAM, 2 pound jar . . 49c**
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WANTED—to rent or buy, 3 or 4 room house. W. E. Sanders, Box 264, Rockport, Texas 12-6 2tp

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: Cattle grazing is strictly prohibited on the Peterson and Winslow property. Any cattle found grazing on said property will be held for pasturage fees. V. G. Guinn 12-6 tf

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**WARNING TO HUNTERS**

All of my lands in Aransas County, known as Copano Village, the Peterson or Middle Pasture is posted according to law and all trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A reward of \$25.00 is offered for the arrest and conviction of unauthorized persons entering the premises.—F. G. Huffman, owner. 10-25tf

The following property is posted according to law and no hunting is allowed: The property known as the Devere Property, and all of the Sparks Property. All hunters are warned to stay off this property. — J. E. Moore.

**Miscellaneous**

FOR SALE: Hens and Fryers, Fred's Fowl Market. 11-15-4tp

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Rockport, Texas will be held at the bank's office at Rockport, Texas between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m., and 4 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 8th, 1946 for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1946 and any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

11-29 6t A. C. GLASS, Cashier

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Dec. 13 and 14

**Don Juan Quilligan**

Wm. Bixby, Joan Crawford

SATURDAY

Dec. 15

**Beyone the Pecos**

Red Cameron

Chapter No. 6

BLACK ARROW

**TALLY DIES AFTER RECORD OF "FIRSTS"**

Thomas Lincoln Tally, 84, who lived for many years in Rockport and whose funeral services were held Nov. 24 at Beverly Hills, Cal., is credited with coining the term "moving pictures" to describe a new amusement, and was one of the founders of First National Pictures. He established the first motion picture theatre in Los Angeles and was the first producer to sign both Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford.

In 1912, Tally showed the first color film, and he installed the first pipe organ to play for silent films. The elevator orchestra pit in a theatre was also his innovation.

Born in Texas, Tally was a cowboy, typesetter and hardware salesman before he obtained rights for Edison phonograph sales in Texas. In 1895 he opened a phonograph and kinetoscope parlor at Los Angeles. The Edison Kinetoscope was an exciting new entertainment in which pictures were animated by the turning of a crank.

With his son, Seymour Tally, he operated Tally's Glen Ranch at Lytle Creek Canyon. Tally is also survived by his wife, Mary.

**DeWilton Jeffries Discharged After 4-Year Service**

DeWilton Jeffries has been discharged from service and is at home in Rockport with his wife and child. He will report back to work for Humble Oil Company in the Gulf Coast area after a several weeks rest.

Jeffries had been with the fleet as a Navy lieutenant for four years at home once on leave during that time. He served on an LST, a gunboat and a subchaser in the Pacific area.

The officer saw action in the invasions of Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Okinawa, and was in Japan before returning to the United States.

**CERTAIN POLL TAX COSTS ONE DOLLAR**

Tax Collector Arthur Curry received an opinion from the Attorney General this week showing that any person who is blind, deaf or dumb, who has lost a hand or foot or is in any way totally disabled, and all veterans of foreign wars who are disabled to an extent of more than 40 per cent, are required to pay only \$1 for a poll tax.

Curry explained that the clause applies only to veterans who have been discharged prior to the last 18 months. Men discharged since that time, whether or not they have disabilities, receive free poll tax. A \$1 poll tax receipt is written on the same form but is marked to show only \$1 was charged for it.

**Jack Sparks Arrives Home**

Tech. Sgt. Jack Sparks, husband of Mrs. Wanda Sparks and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sparks, Sr., of Rockport, arrived home this week after two and a half years overseas.

Sparks has not received his discharge. He will go to San Antonio to have dental work done next week and later will be released from service. His wife will accompany him to San Antonio.

The Sergeant served in the North African and Italian Theatres with the Quartermasters Corps.

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**Students to Have Longest Holiday In Many Years**

Rockport students went back to classes this week with only two weeks of studying ahead of them before their longest Christmas holiday in many years. Because Christmas and New Year falls in the middle of the week, they will have a full two week vacation. School will not be resumed until the Monday after New Year, and will be dismissed December 21.

With no question in anyone's mind as to when to celebrate Christmas, Rockport and Fulton residents are already busy with preparations for Tuesday, December 25.

Christmas trees have appeared this week in stores and Christmas decorations and stocks are displayed. Shopping is brisk in local stores.

Prices are high, but stocks are fuller this year than they have been during the war. Some favorite Christmas gift items cannot be purchased yet, but many are back on the shelves.

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U. S. Treasury Department

**CERTAIN FIREARMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH FEDERAL AGENTS**

Alvin A. Stewart, of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, United States Treasury Department was in Rockport this week to announce that it is mandatory under the National Firearms Act, some of which have been brought back from war areas as souvenirs, be registered with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. D.

A firearm must be registered if it is of the automatic type, such as a machine gun, sub-machine gun, or any type of gun from which a number of shots or bullets may be discharged with one continuous pull of the trigger.

It is illegal to transfer firearms of the types described except by the payment of \$200 tax. Stewart said. If rendered unserviceable, they may be transferred tax free as war trophies upon submission of the proper form. Stewart recommended welding the breech or barrel to the frame.

Stewart said a fine of \$2,000 or imprisonment of five years is the penalty for breaking the law. He asked anyone in Aransas County who has an unregistered gun of this type to contact him at 1020 Alamo National Building, San Antonio 5, Texas. He will assist in the filling out of forms.



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