

## Council and Nav. Board Provide \$471 for Triangle



**Along The Waterfront**

AMONG THE FISHERMEN IN Rockport last week, we found Dr. C. C. Nash and friends of Dallas. The party reported that it was the Chamber of Commerce literature which brought them here. Dr. Nash is one of the outstanding brain specialists of the South.

OUTSTANDING CATCH OF the week was made by Mrs. Hagan of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tuesday she displayed 27 trout which she hooked in the basin.

CAPT. GEORGE M. AMTHOR, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Zuecke, and Mrs. Lillie Strange were down from San Antonio this morning searching for some fish in the basin. Raymond R. Goode, an army lieutenant just returned from Alaska, was out on the pier enjoying the breezes but preferring a good catch.

ON DOWN THE LINE WE ran into Harry Whissen, over from Corpus Christi at daybreak. Whissen has a favorite pier and when he fishes he likes to choose his spot. And no wonder he likes that pier; he hooked 60 trout from it about two weeks ago! He was snagging fair sized trout when we left the scene about 9 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. SIPE WERE back at the basin today. Mrs. Sipe demonstrated to eager fishermen that the fish were being caught in shallow water when she snagged one of the first trout to be caught. Tuesday the Sipes made good use of two chubbies when they cut them in two and hooked three two pound trout with the four pieces of bait.

SAM WARREN WAS ANOTHER faithful fisherman out this morning looking over the scene. Wednesday Warren reeled in six trout ranging better than two pounds apiece.

REV. G. T. CUNNINGHAM was trying his luck today but it wasn't proving too good. The Rev. says his artificial bait catches only good sized fish and that he prefers it that way; saving the little ones so they can grow up to fill the frying pan next year.

NIGHT FISHING THIS WEEK yielded good sized trout, quality proving to be ruling out quantity. Red fish were also being caught in the basin.

**Mrs. Skinner Assists In Rockport Schools**

Mrs. Lillian Skinner, who recently came to Rockport with her son, seven years of age, had been teaching in the Rockport schools. She has been substituting there during the recent deluge of illness among the teachers.

Mrs. Skinner plans to live in a home now being constructed at the rear of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roberts.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
Sunday—Max. temp. 50, Min. temp. 42, ppt. .30  
Monday—Max. temp. 65, Min. temp. 48, ppt. .03  
Tuesday—Max. temp. 68, Min. temp. 62, ppt. .97  
Wednesday—Max. temp. 68, Min. temp. 62, ppt. 0.  
Thursday (noon)—Max. temp. 70, Min. temp. 63, ppt. 0.  
Tide Thurs. 5.8.

### City Draws Up Ordinance Requiring Permit for Drilling Operations

**CITY CANDIDATES MUST FILE BEFORE MARCH 27TH, IF NAME IS TO APPEAR ON BALLOT**

An ordinance requiring companies to get a permit from the city before drilling operations can be started within the city limits was passed by the city council when they met at the city hall Tuesday night. The ordinance also states that the company will be required to post a \$100,000 bond.

It was announced that C. M. Grassmuck had agreed to drill a well 170 to 220 feet at \$2.45 per foot. He will furnish the pipe and drilling at this price. The pump and slotting pipe will cost extra. A \$750 limit was set by the council at their last meeting as the amount which should be allocated for drilling the water well. The city now has four other wells at 70 feet.

The council was notified that anyone running for alderman or mayor must make application 10 days before April 6, or by noon March 27, if their name is to appear on the ballot. There is no filing fee. As yet no one has filed intentions to run. There are two council members whose term expires this year and one council member has resigned.

The council wishes to notify the community that there is a fine for persons whose horses or cows are found astray in the city. Anyone wishing to file a complaint can do so either with the city or county. The city ordinance calls for a fine no less than \$1 and no more than \$200.

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### 10 Scouts To Receive Awards

The Cub Scouts are having a pack meeting tonight at the high school auditorium. At this time 10 boys will be presented with badges by their scout master, V. C. Ammons.

Scout Master Ammons urges that the parents turn out for the ceremony and announces that the presentation is open to the public. Boys who will receive badges are Eddie Morrison and Edward Lassiter, the Bob Cat Award; Mitchell Ammons, Jimmy Mills, Jimmy Lawrence, Thomas Garcia and Martin Pena, the Wolf Badge; J. D. Spencer, the Lion Badge; and Burke Cabaniss and Bill Buckley, the Bear Badge.

### Survey Reveals Ducks Rare to Coast; Bluebill's Arrival Presents Problem

Compilation of figures of the fourth aerial survey revealed \$1,533,809 waterfowl to be on the Texas Coast at the present time, over 100 of which were cinnamon teal, a duck rare to this area, according to data Monday by Wm. S. Heit, waterfowl project leader at the marine laboratory. This included 1,206,433 ducks and coot and 327,376 geese. This is a drop of 300,000 below the waterfowl counted on the coast in January, which Heit says is explained by the migration of pintails northward. The coast was divided into nine census areas.

The total in this area from Corpus Christi to the Guadalupe River was 174,101 ducks and geese as compared with 259,439 in January. The biggest decline in this area was in Redheads, as nearly 50,000 less were counted. Redheads remained the dominant duck however, totaling 57,000; pintails were second with 55,000 and there were 10,000 gadwalls. Dr. Wm. B. Davis, head of the game and fish department at A&M College, flew this area.

Some 226,000 bluebills arrived on Galveston Bay that were not there in January. Only a few thousand were reported in courts prior to this time. Gus A. Engleling biologist with the waterfowl project, was in Galveston early this week investigating the blue-bills, espec-

### Oil Recovered at 2,700 Foot Sand

Spencer-Kent-Crane No. 5, which is located halfway between No. 2 and No. 3, is drilling ahead at 5,454 feet after having cored and drill stem tested an oil sand at 5,288 and 5,293 feet Monday. A 15 minute test recovered oil at 2,700 feet with no salt water. This is significant since it is the first test to have been made at this level that tested oil with no water.

Oil was recovered at the same level on Spencer-Kent-Crane No. 3, but there was considerable salt water. The well will be drilled to a depth of 7,100 feet and the same sand cored that is producing in other wells.

Aransas County Airport No. 1, which is located 660 feet from Copano Bay and 467 feet from the north line of Aransas County Airport, is drilling ahead at 3,800 feet after having set 1,000 feet of 10 inch surface casing.

After several starts and stops the Atlantic Refining Co. will make a 10,000 foot test at Salt Lake. These operations are strictly a seismograph prospect. This is the first test to be made in this locality.

The Phillips Petroleum Company of Houston, who have been granted a blanket permit to carry out structures and work incidental to the development of an oil field in Copano Bay in State Tracts approximately three miles northwest from the Highway 35 bridge and six miles northwest from Rockport, have made application to drive a 12 inch test pile in tract 34, one mile due west from Newcom Point.

It has been rumored that the B. F. Phillips Oil Co. is moving in a rig from Bloomington to the L. E. Sanders tract soon.

E. B. Germany of Dallas, has leased property in Fulton and applied for a drilling permit.

### Business Failures Increase in Jan.

AUSTIN, Tex.—Eight Texas businesses failed during January, starting the year off with more failures than for any single month of 1947.

Dun and Bradstreet data sent to The Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas indicated that this is four times the number of failures for January 1947.

Average liabilities were \$18,000 in January 1948, compared to \$1,255,000 in January 1947.

### Title and Registration Receipts Necessary To Obtain New Tags

Sheriff A. R. Curry urges that everyone applying for a vehicle license have their title and registration certificate with them when they make the application. The orange and black license plates are now on sale at the sheriff's office and will be until April 1. Those who do not have their title and registration receipts should apply at the tax collectors office in the court house for duplicate title and registration receipt to avoid delay of registration.

All persons owning house trailers must apply for application of title before or at time of registration as house trailers are now subject to the title law. If you do not have a serial number on trailers, apply to the Highway Department for one as your application of title will not be accepted without a serial number.

Fifty-three plates had been issued as of last Saturday. Sheriff Curry estimates that between 1,000 and 1,200 licenses will be issued by April 1.

### CORRECTION

The Pilot wishes to correct an error appearing on the society page in connection with the cemetery association. Mayor A. L. Bruhl and County Judge B. S. Fox are serving as honorary vice presidents for the association instead of Mrs. A. L. Bruhl and Mrs. B. S. Fox as stated in the article.

### School Board Considers Cutting Term Two Weeks

Secretary of the school board of the Rockport Independent School District, Hugh Morrison, has announced that the school trustees will inquire from the state if the Rockport schools can be cut two weeks this term and still maintain their accreditation rating. With the deficit in the general fund, it will be impossible to stretch the funds to cover the full length term but the school authorities believe they can get by this year if the two week cut can be approved.

Morrison stated that unless students graduate from an accredited school they have to take college entrance examinations before they can be admitted to college, therefore the school board aims to see that the rating is maintained.

It was also announced that due to the fact the legislature won't meet until 1949, the schools will have more revenue for the next school term. There is still 25 cents under the maximum allowable tax rate and unless some unknown source of revenue turns up, the schools will have to ask for this 25 cents.

The Texas State Teachers Association last week requested Governor Beauford Jester to call a special session of the legislature to prevent several hundred schools from closing their doors before completing their regular terms this spring. The delegation told the governor that many schools would be forced to curtail their activities and shorten their school year unless the deficit was made up by an appropriation.

Schools receiving equalization aid, of which there are more than 3,000, are operating upon budgets set up after they had been assured they would receive definite amounts of assistance from the state, the delegation informed the governor.

Equalization aid is tendered the schools which qualify for it under state law to help pay teachers, provide transportation and general operating expense and for high school tuition.

Joe Humphrey of Abilene, chairman of the Teachers Association's legislative committee said, "There is no way for the state to discharge its contractual obligation to these schools except by an additional appropriation. Only the legislature has the power to make the appropriation. It is a matter which cannot wait until the next regular session of the legislature." Humphrey went on to say that it is certain that tens of thousands of children will not get all the education to which they are entitled unless this deficit is covered.

Teachers can hardly be expected to teach for two weeks to a month without receiving pay. Neither can janitors, bus drivers and other employees of these schools work without receiving pay. Texas is placed in the peculiar position of making a contract with the schools which it will not fulfill.

The deficit was brought about by several things.

Several large districts were made eligible when the legislature permitted districts with 1,500 students to qualify for the equalization aid. A total of 259 districts qualified this year for the first time. Last year the fund was spread among schools employing 16,182 teachers. This year applications came from schools with 20,885 teachers.

The legislature appropriated \$18,000,000 each year of the biennium for the equalization aid fund. The deficit for the school year 1948-49 will be even greater due to the fact that no surplus will accrue in the available school fund for distribution as happened last year when the State Board of Education distributed a surplus of \$6 per student to all schools in the state.

Last week Governor Jester refused to call a special session of the legislature estimating that he thought that the problem could be solved by the practical expedient of the schools borrowing from the banks, adding that the trustees could point to the attitude of the governor and the joint legislative committee as evidence of good faith.

### Playground Equipment and Shade Arbors Highlight Program Planned by C. of C.

Tuesday night the city council, backed by the navigation board, decided to use the \$471.73, which is the amount earned from the concessions at the waterfront last summer, to provide recreational equipment and to beautify the small triangle on the waterfront property. The council earmarked the money to be used on this triangle according to plans drawn up by the Chamber of Commerce.

### Coker Assigned to Handle Pollution in Bay Area

Early in February the Chamber of Commerce placed this project at the head of their list, as the most important item to be carried out this year. DeWilton Jeffries Jack Horton and Edward Barnard were appointed to serve on the committee to work out plans for placement of the equipment and trees. These plans were presented to the city council at the meeting Tuesday. Jeffries says this sum will be adequate to carry out the plans.

The drawing outlined placement for children's slides, swings, sea-saws and a merry-go-round. A shuffle board, horse shoe plot, shade arbor for playing dominoes and other games and a bulletin board will be placed in the triangle.

These plans were presented to the directors of the Chambers of Commerce Wednesday evening and the committee was authorized to go ahead with construction. Jeffries has written to companies handling playground equipment. As soon as a price list is completed, work will begin in the area.

W. E. Hebben has offered to supervise construction of the project. Jack Horton has offered to see that the grass is mowed when the work is completed.

The Chamber of Commerce ruled that one project would be completed before another was started and this is the first on the list. This summer there will be something to do for visitors and local citizens who do not care to fish. The playground which is easily accessible and on a main thoroughfare will be another visible advantage the area around the basin has to offer. Tourists passing through Rockport can see at a glance that there is something to occupy the time of the children and the appearance of the area will be improved.

Wednesday the directors of the Chamber of Commerce elected to sponsor a dinner for the guests coming to Rockport for the dedication. Instead of drawing money from the existing funds, the directors decided to solicit the amount needed from those parties most interested in seeing the Chamber sponsor dinner, leaving the existing funds for civic improvement.

However, the chamber wishes to take part in the dedication since it was this group who was instrumental in obtaining the one dollar a year lease for the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission when they first considered placing the laboratory in Rockport.

The oyster crew of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission ran into bad luck this week. Tuesday the barge turned over at Tin Can Reef and Capt. S. S. Shults spent Wednesday getting the barge upright and loaded to go.

### Campaign for Annual Red Cross Drive to Get Under Way March 1

The annual Red Cross Drive will get underway in Aransas County March 1, under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Silberisen, who was appointed by County Chairman A. C. Glass to head the campaign. The goal has been set at \$800.

Approximately half of the money collected remains in this county to be used here. In the past several years it has been necessary for the National organization to render additional assistance. After the brushfire of November 1947, the American Red Cross assisted Fulton residents by providing \$2,378 for buildings, repairs, household furnishings, food and clothing. The Red Cross sent funds totaling \$6,000 after the 1942 hurricane and \$7,200 after the 1945 hurricane.

Recalling this assistance given in the past, the committees working toward the goal of \$800 do not expect to find it difficult to exceed this amount, says Mrs. Silberisen. Campaign headquarters are located in the First National Bank in Rockport. Committees for the drive have been appointed by Mrs. Silberisen to serve in each district. Those appointed are:

Rockport business district, Mrs. Jack Davis, Mrs. Marvin Davis, Mrs. Bruce Winkle; North end of Rockport, Mrs. Hays Atwood, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Charles F. Cron, Mrs. Somer Smith, Mrs. Willie Close, Miss Genevieve Bracht, Miss Vivian Picton; South end of Rockport, Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mrs. Jack Hagar; Copano Village, Mrs. Floyd Huffman; Lamar, Mrs. Alma Johnson; Sparks Colony, Mrs. Ruby McLester; Fulton, Mrs. E. G. Cooke, Mrs. Tom DeForest; Estes, Mrs. Virgil Mullen, Mrs. Gladys Barber; school faculty, Supt. J. F. Harbin; Latin-Americans, Lilly Solis.

Last year the Red Cross drive was over-subscribed by more than 17 per cent in less than two weeks. The goal was set at \$652 and \$778 was actually turned in.

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## Let's Make the City Beautiful

Since the Chamber of Commerce has initiated a program to beautify the beach area and to provide recreational facilities on the waterfront property, donations to aid these projects have begun to pour in.

Chester Johnson has given two large palm trees and Mrs. H. E. Bahr donated another. As Mr. Johnson puts it, since he did not have need for the trees and the area around the new laboratory needed them, there was no place he would rather see them located.

W. E. Hebisen presented a shuffle board set to the chamber and has offered to supervise construction and placement of the equipment as soon as the committee gives the word.

The Navigation Board has provided the posts for the two arbors which will be placed in the triangle.

Tuesday night the city and navigation board chose to use the \$471.73 held in escrow since the carnival concessions were here last summer, for providing recreational equipment and landscaping of the small triangle.

All of these items have been provided since the chamber gave notice that they planned to do something toward providing the badly needed waterfront facilities.

Recently the Chamber of Commerce appropriated funds for cleaning up the beach area.

This takes care of all of the projects outlined for the waterfront area except the pond with enclosure for the waterfowl in front of the marine laboratory. Several more palm trees are needed and the committee desires to place oleanders in the enclosure. It is the consensus that there are others in the community who would be glad to donate these trees and shrubs for the beautification of the beach once they are aware of the need for them.

The desire of the public to see the beach area made into something Rockport can be proud of is being realized. Every one has an opportunity to contribute a cog in the wheel of progress. Everyone contacted thus far has offered to donate a day of labor toward completion of the waterfowl project. Those who cannot contribute in this manner, may help by offering the needed oleanders or palm trees. This is a community project which can be completed at a small cost if everyone contributes a little. We are issuing the call now so that when the time comes for planting the committees will know where they can be obtained.

Anyone who has oleanders or palm trees which they can part with at the time of spring yard cleaning should contact J. L. Baughman at the marine laboratory or Mrs. Baker at the Chamber of Commerce office. They will see that arrangements are made for their removal.

Through a spirit of cooperation the waterfront area will be something the people of Rockport can be proud of.

## Interscholastic Events Draw Many Rockport Entries

Rockport grade and high school students are preparing for the contests sponsored by the University Interscholastic League for schools this year. Contests in which the grade school students will participate are declamation, ready writers, spelling, a number sense, volleyball, junior track and field and playground baseball.

In the declamation contest there are two divisions, junior boys and junior girls. All selections must be taken from the prescribed list of poems issued by the state office. Miss Katie Lee Clarke will hold tryouts Friday to determine the students that will enter this group. Those who are trying out are Lola Jean Ballou, Jo Ann Smith, Madeline Martin, Phyllis Perkins, George Anna Wells, Sandra Court, Carole Simpson, Virginia Gwynn, Carol Townsend, Elsie Blackwell, Rosa Faye Hamblin, Jane Kane, Dorothy Baker and Jessie Gilson. Boys trying out are Tommie Cron and Billy Joe Rowe.

In the high school Mildred Wilkinson and Mary Ruth Dervage will enter the typing contest. Bonnie Cron will enter the extemporaneous division. Glenn Owen and Patti Ballou will compose the debate team to go from Rockport to debate the question: Resolved, that the federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries.

Rockport will enter a one-act play "Sugar and Spice". Mildred Wilkinson, Joan Collins, Lois Mae Townsend, Sam James and Dudley Prophet make up the cast.

Glenda McShan will enter the ready writers division.

Coach John Ramseur will head the shot put and discus events to be staged at Odem, April 10. Girls' and boys' volley ball will be played at Flour Bluff, March 19. The tournament for all divisions of tennis will be held at Ingleside, April 2 and 3. Contests in the playground ball division will be held at Odem, April 28 and 29. Contestants in the literary events will meet at Odem April 9, and track and field events will be run off there April 10. April 5, the one act plays will be presented at Odem where the winner will be chosen.

Pennants will be awarded to the school winning the literary division and athletic divisions of the meet, and the school winning the all-around championship.

Pennants will be presented to all club contest winners and ribbons will be awarded to those receiving first, second, third and fourth place in all other literary and athletic events.

The Texas Safety Association reminds motorists that DEATH rides with the drinking driver!

## Tennis Teams Enter Tourney

Rockport high school will enter three tennis teams and one single at the tennis tournament to be held at Falfurrias this week-end. The teams will be accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Morris.

Bob Albin and Jimmy Little are on one of the boys' doubles and Durwood Hunt and Jim Morrison will play the other. Bob Morrison will enter the boys' singles. Patti Ballou and Mary Ruth Dervage will play in the girls' doubles.

## State Assoc. Meet Draws Teachers

Fifteen Rockport teachers plan to attend the meeting of the State Teachers Association to be held at Harlingen, March 11 and 12. The group will travel in the new school bus.

Those planning to attend are Mrs. Charlyne Hunt, Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, Mrs. Ruth Rundlett, Mrs. Claude Prophet, Mrs. Simon Sorenson, Mrs. Eva Trotter, Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Wm. McGrath, John Ramseur, Owen James, Mrs. C. E. Brown, W. W. Cecil, Mrs. John Haynes, Miss Katie Lee Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbin.

## Decline Emphasizes Unstable Equilibrium Of Business Activity

The recent sharp decline in commodity and security prices emphasizes the unstable equilibrium of the present high level of business activity, said Dr. John R. Stockton, Statistician of The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

A similar break in prices in 1946 failed to produce a downturn in business, but the rapid rise in prices since that time, coupled with a continued high level of production, has brought the business situation into a state of much greater unbalance than in 1946. This means that the chances for the drop in prices to reverse itself have become much smaller.

The more unstable the equilibrium the more vulnerable the situation becomes, until finally there is a collapse. Sometimes the collapse stems from some external force, but at other times the balance is so precarious that the events causing the upset are not of sufficient importance to be noticed. Probably the most important element of the present business situation is the degree of unbalance present, since the level of business during 1947 was an all-time high (except for the wartime peak in certain kinds of industry).

## Mo. Doctor Takes Home Alligator Souvenirs

Dr. McCormick and W. O. Sladner, Missourians staying at the Oak Shore Apts. brought in eight alligators from the Guadalupe River last week. The largest was 29 inches long. Dr. McCormick is making arrangements to have them mounted. Dr. McCormick turned his hos-

pital in Moberly, Mo., over to his son a year ago and has been having a good time ever since. The doctor and Mrs. McCormick were in Alaska last August. Then he went deer hunting where he bagged a 1,700 pound moose. The couple have just returned from a trip into Mexico. At present they are enjoying the pleasures offered by the Texas Coast. They plan to return to Missouri through Mississippi.



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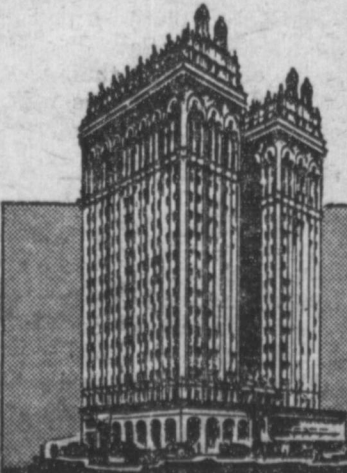
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DECEMBER 31, 1947

| ASSETS  |               | LIABILITIES  |               |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| Cash . . . . .  | \$ 4,879,606  | Policy Reserves . . . . .  | \$149,626,539 |
| United States Government Bonds . . . . .  | 36,068,470    | A fund which with future premiums and interest earnings provides for the payment of policy obligations as they fall due. |               |
| All Other Bonds . . . . .   | 26,012,199    | Reserve for Policy Claims . . . . .  | 931,083       |
| Stocks . . . . .  | 17,152,763    | Claims on which completed proofs have not been received.   |               |
| Listed securities are carried at market cost, or call price, whichever is lowest. |               | Reserve for Taxes . . . . .  | 552,321       |
| First Mortgage Loans . . . . .  | 86,621,832    | Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance . . . . .  | 4,694,579     |
| Real Estate . . . . .   | 9,544,105     | Policy Proceeds Left with Company . . . . .  | 16,426,357    |
| Loans to Our Policyholders . . . . .  | 12,804,544    | Dividends for Policyholders . . . . .  | 2,117,257     |
| Secured by the cash values of policies.   |               | Reserve for All Other Liabilities . . . . .  | 2,009,150     |
| Investment Income in Course of Collection . . . . .                               | 1,293,967     | Liabilities . . . . .  | \$176,357,286 |
| Premiums in Course of Collection . . . . .  | 3,842,967     | Contingency Reserve \$ 1,500,000   |               |
| All Other Assets . . . . .  | 1,636,831     | Capital \$ 10,000,000  |               |
| Total Assets . . . . .  | \$199,857,286 | Surplus Unassigned 12,000,000  |               |
|   |               | Total Surplus Funds for Additional Protection of Policyholders . . . . .   | 23,500,000    |
|   |               | Total . . . . .  | \$199,857,286 |

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## ODAKAS STAGE LEAP YEAR PARTY

The Odaka group of Camp Fire girls gave a leap year party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Roy Hinton, last Friday night. Mrs. Hinton was assisted by Mrs. Chas. Roe, Sr. and Mrs. Hapner.

The girls showed their resourcefulness by decorating the rooms with green and gold crepe paper. They prepared and served all of the refreshments. They also made the napkins which suggested the George Washington cherry-tree theme.

Each girl invited her guest and endeavored to make him the 'belle' of the party. Record music was used for dancing and cutting-in was carried out in true leap year fashion.

A large cake made, iced and decorated by four of the girls was presented to Mrs. Hinton with the compliments of the Odaka group.

Those present were Bill Harmon, Shirley Harrell, Johnny Joe Atwood, Chas. H. Smith, Billy Joe Rowe, Kenneth Rundlette, Gerald Huffman, Cloyce Hayden, Gloria Dye, Nancy Hayden, Delia Knippa, Joy Roe, Charlie Garrett, Sandra Court, Tommy Shults, Bobby Sauters, Leo Prophet, Shirley Rivers, Lola Ballou, Clydene Sparks, Virginia Gwynn, Jane Robinson, Joan Smith, Leon Barber, Carolyn Cecil, Iva Lee Haynes, Carol Sparks and Oscar Selzig.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Magrill of Dallas, Tex., with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blythe Sr. of San Antonio, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bonner Smith who are living in the Jack Sanders home, Sunday.

Mr. Magrill is an independent oil operator of Dallas and was here looking over the new Fulton Beach oil field.

## CEMETERY ASSOC. CHOOSES OFFICERS

The regular meeting and business session of the Rockport Cemetery Association was held at the home of Mrs. Pat Hooper Monday afternoon. Officers for the year were chosen and all were re-elected. Those who were re-elected were Mrs. John C. Sorenson, president, Miss Vivian Picton, first vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Bruhl, second vice president, Mrs. B. S. Fox, third vice-president, Miss Velma Picton, secretary and Mrs. Travis Johnson, treasurer.

Committee chairmen named were Mrs. S. F. Jackson, publicity and reporter, Mrs. Pat Hooper, grounds, Mrs. Jim Hooper, way and means, Mrs. J. W. Brundrett, local membership, Miss Grace Smith, out of town membership, and Miss Jewel Fulton chaplain.

Mrs. Jim Hooper reported that the cook books have gone to press and that the association hopes to have them soon. The reporter was asked to request that the driveway connecting the old and new sections of the cemetery not be used as thoroughfare for vehicles.

The membership chairman announced that dues are now five dollars and that they are due.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. John Sorenson, Mrs. Jim Hooper, Mrs. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. Manch Brundrett, Mrs. Lola Reba, Miss Vivian Picton, Miss Velma Picton and Miss Grace Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bracht attended a reception and dinner at the K. of C. Club in Corpus Christi Tuesday night. The celebrant of the occasion was the Rev. Fr. C. R. Mullen, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, who celebrated the silver anniversary of his ordination Tuesday.

## TANDA GROUP HAS BUSINESS MEETING

The Tanda group of the Camp Fire Girls met at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Joe Johnson, last Thursday night for their regular business session. A council fire was scheduled for this Thursday to be held at Palm Village but has been called off due to illness of some of the girls. It was announced that the Camp Fire Girls will have the opportunity to win a free trip to summer camp as the V.F.W. is offering this reward to the girl that sells the most tickets to their St. Patrick dance to be held March 17. Plans for raising funds to send the girls to camp this summer were discussed.

Those attending the meeting were Carol Townsend, Joyce Nell Townsend, Mary Ann Close, Dolly Lee Hart, Rose Jaye Hamblin, Ruth Mullinax, Alice Bell, Vanda Smith, Alma Jean Ratliff, Judy Albin, Bonnie McGregor, Faye Nell Cole and Dorothy Baker.

The meeting closed with the wishing ring.

## REBEKAHS GIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Forty-five members of the Rockport Rebekah Lodge held a covered dish supper at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Decorations carried out the George Washington birthday theme. Cards and gifts were placed under a miniature cherry tree centerpiece.

The last meeting of each month is set aside for birthdays of members which had occurred during the month. Tuesday night Mrs. Jennie Wright was honored with a cake bearing the label "Happy Birthday, dear Jennie." Mrs. Wright is one of the oldest members of the lodge.

A surprise shower was given for Mrs. J. J. Buckley who has recently moved into her new home.

A meeting for drill team practice was set for Sunday afternoon at 3: o'clock. The regular business meeting preceded the social.

## 6 COUPLES ATTEND MILITARY BALL

An estimated 300 attended the Army-Navy Military Ball at the N.A.S. Officers club in Corpus Christi last Friday night. The affair was sponsored jointly by the Reserve officers of Naval Services and the Reserve Officers Association. There was a buffet dinner at 8 o'clock followed by dancing with Ted Nichols Orchestra.

Those attending the dance from Rockport were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Picton, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Picton, Mary Beth Picton and Jimmy Sorenson.

Mrs. Stanley Bissett returned from Bay City this week after visiting her son, Norman Bissett and family. Her grandson, John Lee, returned to Rockport with her.

Jack McDavid of San Antonio visited at the Travis Johnson home Sunday. Shirley Johnson returned to San Antonio with him where she will be employed by the Mortgage Investment Corporation.

## SENIORS GIVE TEA FOR ROOM MOTHERS

Members of the senior class entertained their room mothers at a senior tea in the home economics buildings Tuesday afternoon. Senior day has been set for May 14, and the class plans to go to Bandera Dude Ranch for two days. The room mothers will accompany the group.

Refreshments of cocoa and cookies were served to those present. Room mothers are Mrs. Chas. F. Cron, Mrs. Roy Hinton, Mrs. E. J. Albin, Mrs. Ted Little and Mrs. Joe Collins.

## MR. AND MRS. TRAVIS BAILEY RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey returned to Rockport Tuesday night after a three weeks trip to California. While there they visited their sons Clark Bailey and Travis Bailey, Jr. and family. The boys took them to their lodge above Stockton where they enjoyed 30 inches of snow and all kinds of winter sports. However, Mrs. Bailey reports they were glad to get back to Texas and that the country from San Antonio to Rockport appeared greener and more spring like than any place they had been.

Byron Baker, Jr., biologist at the marine laboratory, is at A&M College this week learning tests to determine the glycogen content of oysters. This will enable the laboratory personnel to accurately measure the quality of the oyster and to determine the fatness.

D. P. Sabo, a plumbing contractor of Dallas, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Camehl and family moved into their new home in the north end of town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Brundrett and daughter of LaMarque, Tex., visited with Mr. Brundrett's mother, Mrs. Blanch Brundrett over the week-end.

## LADIES ATTEND TEMPLETON CONCERT

A party from Rockport attended the Alec Templeton symphony concert in Corpus Christi Monday night. Preceding the concert the group had dinner at Morocco dining room at the Robert Driscoll Hotel.

Included in the party were Mrs. Fred Bracht, Mary Jo Bracht, Mrs. Roy Hinton, Jean Hinton and Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht.

Mrs. Roy Hinton and Mrs. Norvell Jackson have returned from San Antonio where they attended the opera "Tannhauser". They also drove to Austin where Mrs. Hinton visited Mr. Hinton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hinton.

Mrs. Jesse Garner of Aransas Pass spent the week-end with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blackwell.

Mrs. R. J. Haywood and Mrs. Byron Baker attended the Alec Templeton concert in Corpus Christi Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mires and daughter of Taft were week-end visitors of Pierson Raymond and Lloyd Smith.

Mrs. Albert Hunt returned from Corpus Christi this week after visiting with her mother-in-law, Mrs. L. W. Hunt.

Mrs. Manch Brundrett spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sorenson of Palacios.

Dudley B. Tarleton of Corpus Christi was a guest of Roy Hinton at his home last Thursday.

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## 42ND ANNIVERSARY OCCASION FOR SURPRISE PARTY

Ladies of the Fulton community gathered at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Cunningham last Wednesday afternoon for a surprise party, the occasion being the 42nd wedding anniversary of the pastor and Mrs. Cunningham. Many lovely gifts were presented this faithful couple. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to everyone.

Among those present were Mrs. Marrs, Mrs. Kiefer, Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Mrs. Glenn Wendell, Mrs. Ray Wendell, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. John Weber, Mrs. Edith Weber, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Frank Casterline, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Bob DeForest, Mrs. Dervage, Mrs. McKally, Mrs. Raymond Owens and Mrs. McElkaney. Many others who could not be present for the party sent gifts.

## CIRCLE MEETS WITH MRS. T. H. RATLIFF

Circle Two of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. T. H. Ratliff last Thursday afternoon with 16 members present. Two new members, Mrs. W. S. Heit, and Mrs. J. L. Sites met with the group.

Mrs. Lloyd Smith had charge of the program, "Do I Have What It Takes?" She was assisted by Mrs. Ted Little, Mrs. Manch Brundrett and Mrs. T. H. Pollard. Mrs. W. H. Morrison gave a paper.

Refreshments of pineapple upside down cake with whipped cream, cheese crackers and coffee were served to the group. Alma Jean Ratliff assisted with the serving.

## FORMER REPORTER VISITS ROCKPORT

Mr. and Mrs. Buckley Wright are visiting their mother, Mrs. T. T. Wright in Fulton last week. Mr. Wright is on vacation from Columbia, South America, where he is employed as pipe line foreman with Shell Oil Co. He is scheduled to report to work the last of March.

Mrs. Wright is remembered in Rockport as Judy Knight. She worked on the Pilot force for about a year with Jack Blackwell. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are spending part of their time visiting her mother in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Emory M. Spencer and children spent the weekend with her mother in Palacios.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Playfair have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cecil. Dr. Playfair was recently discharged from the Army Medical Corps. Mrs. Playfair and baby will remain with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Cecil, temporarily. The doctor is taking up specialty work at Memorial Hospital, Houston.

## W.S.C.S. HONORS WASH. BIRTHDAY

The W.S.C.S. met at the home of Mrs. Clarke Rooke Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. T. C. Kelly as co-hostess. Mrs. J. W. Townsend was program leader and she was assisted by Mrs. E. G. Cooke, Mrs. Curtis Harritt, and Mrs. Ernest Harritt.

Mrs. C. M. Brundrett, president, presided over the business meeting.

A cake and pie sale was planned for March 6, which will be held in front of the postoffice and other places to be designated by the president later.

Mrs. W. B. Wheeler was elected as a delegate for the annual W.S. C. S. conference to be held in Kerrville, March 9-11.

Mrs. Kelly entertained with a program centered around Washington's birthday, after which refreshments of cherry pie and coffee were served to:

Mrs. Curtis Harritt, Mrs. Ernest Harritt, Mrs. E. G. Cooke, Mrs. Raulerson, Mrs. Ed Moore, Mrs. Sontag, Mrs. C. M. Brundrett, Mrs. W. B. Wheeler, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. T. C. Kelly, Mrs. Bill Patrick and Mrs. J. W. Townsend.

Mrs. E. J. Albin was in San Antonio last week for a few days.

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The Pilot is anxious for news about the parties, weddings, goings and comings of Rockport people. The editor appreciates your calls with these items.

You can help make the handling of these items much easier and much more satisfactory if you will telephone them as early as possible.

Wednesday is a rush day and space in the paper is beginning to run out. Will you help still further, please, by telephoning on Monday and Tuesday with events that have happened before those days? Thanks.

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Refugio Wins District Tourney; To Enter Regional

The Refugio Bobcats captured the District 79-B championship when they defeated the Woodboro Eagles 29 to 23 and won the double elimination tournament, without a defeat. The tournament, which was played here in Rockport, started Tuesday and ended Friday night.

The Eagles lost a first round game to Refugio Thursday, swept over Gregory 62 to 36, won from Ingleside, 44 to 30 and were back in the running for the championship when they met the Bobcats Friday night.

The All-District 79-B team was announced to be composed of Gene Borden and M. Gilcrease of Woodboro, Charley Williams and Dudley Skeen of Refugio and Melvra Gallion of Ingleside.

The Refugio Bobcats have been district champions in basketball as well as football for two years. They will play in the regional meet at Kingsville this Friday and Saturday, when the Region 7 Class B high school basketball championship will be determined in a tournament to be conducted at Texas A&I College.

Seven teams, champions of Districts 75 through 81, will participate in the tourney directed by Coach Dewey Mayhew. Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, chairman of the A&I health and physical education department, is the regional inter-scholastic league director.

Pettus won the title last year, defeating Refugio in a hard fought final game, 32 to 28. Pettus will also be back in the tournament this week-end.

Experimental Oyster Planting for Mesquite Bay Area Outlined

Oysters in Mesquite Bay and Palacios planting continue to show steady growth with comparatively small mortality especially in Mesquite Bay area where only about six percent of the planting died. These results are very encouraging but are not any thing to base a snap judgment on as it is only over a period of time that enough exact data can be accumulated so that we can be reasonably sure of our results, says J. L. Baughman, chief marine biologist.

Planting in the main experimental area in Mesquite Bay is continuing as rapidly as the weather will permit and eventually there will be a series of plots as follows: One acre with 250 barrels of reef seed on it, one acre with 350 barrels of reef seed and one acre with 500 barrels.

On each corner of each plot and in the center are covered wire baskets with numbered compartments containing oysters taken from the seed and from these accurate records of the comparative growth of the plantings on the various plots are taken by always weighing, measuring and inspecting these same oysters. These weights and measures can then be used as an index of the growth of that particular acre and the percentage of death in the baskets will be approximately the same as the percentage of death among the oysters on the plot thus allowing us to arrive at very accurate conclusions.

It is intended also to plant two acres with shell from the shucking houses with young oysters adhering to it, if sufficient material of this type can be obtained.

One acre will have 500 barrels of this shell with the seed adhering and the other acre will have 750 barrels, and the same test baskets will be utilized on these plots.

At the beginning of spawning time an acre will be planted with 500 barrels of mud shell and one acre will be planted with bundles of dried sweet bay brush to see if sufficient spat will strike on such plantings to allow this method of starting a reef to be used.

In addition racks will be built on which will be placed trays containing oysters to determine the increase in size and volume during each month of the year, the extent of the oysters resting period, if any, and the most suitable time for transplanting seed, which would be normally during that period just before they start their period of greater growth. Another rack will be built on which will be suspended glass or tile slabs to determine a period of the year when spat fall is most intense and, hence, the time when cultch in the form of shell or brush should be planted in order to insure a maximum strike. These glass or tile panels will consist of three series, one to be picked up daily, one weekly and one monthly. The deposition of the spat in these slides is to be correlated with temperature, tidal data, material on current speed and salinities in order to determine the conditions which are most advantageous for the deposition of spat.

Another rack will hold the slides at different depths in the water in order to determine where the spat strikes most freely, hence, the depth at which cultch should be planted in order to obtain a maximum strike. Another rack will be built on which asphalted wire baskets will be placed containing carefully culled oysters to determine the feasibility and costs of growing oysters by this method on ground otherwise too soft to support them.

The Texas Safety Association asks motorists to remember the stop sign at railway crossings. It doesn't take as long to stop as to pick up the pieces!

Lawyer Purchases Scrivner Home

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss bought the D. R. Scrivner home and moved into it this month. Mr. Cabaniss, a lawyer, is the partner of Emory M. Spencer, County Attorney. Their two sons are attending the Rockport grade school. Burke is in the fifth grade and John Trigg is in the first grade.

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Positions Available In Recruit Schools of Texas Highway Patrol

The first recruit training school of the Texas Highway Patrol, as authorized by the last legislature, has now been successfully completed, and effective March 1, 75 recruit patrolmen have been assigned, according to Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety.

Examinations have already been given for the second recruit training school and men are now being called for this school which begins April 1, at Camp Mabry with approximately 50 recruit patrolmen in attendance.

Two more recruit schools will be held for 50 or more men in each, beginning August 1, 1948, and December 1, 1948, and examinations for these positions will be given at an early date at the following district offices of the Texas Highway Patrol: Austin, Dallas, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Lubbock, Pecos, San Angelo, Uvalde, Corpus Christi, Ft. Worth, Houston, Tyler, and Harlingen.

The patrolmen for these two final schools will be chosen at the above places and later brought to Austin for training.

Chief W. J. Elliott, Texas Highway Patrol, states that the qualifications for these recruit patrolmen positions are: Must be between 21 and 35 years of age; must be at least 5 feet 8 inches tall, without shoes, and must not weigh less than two pounds per inch of height nor more than three and one-half; must be of excellent moral character; must be physically able to pass the rigid examination; must have a high school education or the equivalent; and must have been a resident of the State of Texas for one year or more. He also states that he has a large number of applicants now on file and that he will be glad to hear from those having the above qualifications who are interested in this type of work.

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So it's only natural they put more into what means most to them and to their children: their homes. They

may not have too much to spend—but it goes for those permanent, abiding comforts that make home a nicer place to be.

And from where I sit, that budget calls for some of the niceties of home life too—like cider and popcorn for the kids from time to time, and a friendly glass of beer for Mom and Dad... things that belong with what we mean when we say "Home."

Joe Marsh

Political

Announcements

The Pilot is authorized to announce the following candidates for the respective offices named subject to the Democratic primaries:

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FOR: District and County Clerk: JAS. O. HERRING (re-election)

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Having made this announcement privately to friends that have previously asked, I now make the same public, that is to say, that I do not intend to run for public office in 1948. My private affairs have become such that I cannot devote to public office such time and attention that such public office requires and deserves without neglecting my private affairs. However, it is my intention to fill the unexpired term of County Attorney of Aransas County for the term 1947-1948, notwithstanding my private affairs, for I believe that when one has accepted public office, that one should fill such office for the full term except in very extreme cases, none of which are present in this instance. EMORY M. SPENCER

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Rockport Rotary Granted Charter

The newly organized Rotary Club of Rockport has been granted a charter by the Board of Directors of Rotary International, it was announced Wednesday at Rotary's headquarters in Chicago. The Rockport Club is now a member of the vast Rotary organization which has 6,398 Clubs with a membership of 310,000 business and professional executives in 79 counties and geographical regions.

Rotary membership today stands at an all-time high. In the last eight months, 183 new Rotary Clubs have been organized in nine countries of North and South America and in Australia, Belgium, Burma, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Iceland, India, Italy, The Netherlands, Netherlands Indies, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, The Philippines, Sarawak, Scotland, Union of South Africa and Wales.

International service was the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Rotary Club at the home economics building Wednesday noon. Jack Horton, who was in charge of the program, stressed four points which the club could employ to further international good-will. Horton pointed out that it is possible to obtain speakers from other nations; that the club can carry on correspondence with Rotary groups of other nations; that there are several foreign born in this community through whom the club can create an understanding of other countries; that we can understand other nations and show tolerance through our actions, and speech, cause tolerance to be shown toward us.

Guests of the club were Fred Zinn, Battle Creek Mich., C. R. Hewitt, Park Rapids, Mich., Dr. Ralph P. Daniels, Toledo, Ohio, Jack Rogers, Refugio, and Carter Snooks, Refugio.

Three Scouts Receive Tenderfoot Badges

Tenderfoot badges were presented to three Boy Scouts when Troop 49 met at the high school gymnasium February 16 for the purpose of receiving the charter. Culley Roberts, Billy Patrick, and Billy Joe Rowe received the badges.

R. M. Nutt of Taft, district council member, presented the charter which was received by Cecil Gray for the sponsoring organization, the V.F.W. Hugh Morrison, as scout committeeman, accepted the charter for the troop.

Mr. Nutt presented Mrs. R. A. Roberts with a card for her son,

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"Know and Obey Traffic Laws" Theme for Feb.

You have to keep left to be right, according to George Clarke, managing director of the Texas Safety Association.

"But let me tell you what I mean, before you think I sound mixed up," he said. "A left turn in heavy traffic is one of the most difficult maneuvers in an automobile and it causes traffic tie-ups and accidents when bungled."

Clarke said that the Texas Safety Association is cooperating in a nationwide "Know and Obey Traffic Laws" program during the month of February, and he cited National Safety Council statistics to show the need for such a program.

At least 3 1/2 per cent of all fatal pedestrian and non-pedestrian accidents involve a turning vehicle, and improper turning was reported in from 4 to 5 per cent of all accidents.

Pointing out that about twice as many turning accidents involve left turns as right turns, Clarke listed five rules to remember in making a left turn.

- 1. Keep next to the centerline or center of the roadway, so that no car will approach from behind on your left as you turn.
2. Turn around two points, one where the center of the street or road you are on meets the cross walk or property line, and the other where the center of the street or road you are turning into leaves the crosswalk or property line.
3. Start to get in the proper lane for turning far enough back, at least a block before the turn.
4. Use hand signals before making the turn and be sure to make a full turn. Don't cut corners!
5. Always respect the right of way of other drivers who are at the intersection or approaching so close as to be a hazard.

Arthur Lee Roberts, who is the only Eagle Scout in the troop that is still active. He is now serving in the navy at Lakehurst, New Jersey, Naval Air Station. Scoutmaster C. E. Perkins and Cecil Gray wish to thank the parents that were present for the ceremony. Those present were Mrs. Bill Patrick and Mrs. R. A. Roberts.

The scouts held their regular weekly meeting at the C. E. Perkins home Monday night. Sixteen scouts turned out for the meeting.

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Civic Clubs Draft Pollution Appeal

The State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission took the lead last week in the anti-pollution fight when Executive Secretary Dodgen appointed a man in this area in charge of pollution on a full time basis.

This week the Chamber of Commerce followed up by having a committee headed by Weldon Cabanis to compose a letter appealing to the Texas Railroad Commission and the legislature to protect the tourist and fishing interests here from pollution.

Ronald Campbell was put in charge of drafting a letter, which was read to the Rotary Club Wednesday noon and to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening. The letter will be "dressed up" and referred to the Chambers of Commerce of surrounding towns in this area, suggesting that they follow the same course, in the belief that if enough interest is shown in the matter in this area, the authorities will know the people mean business.

The civic organizations have in mind to prevent the Morgan's Point story being repeated in this section. Twenty years ago that was a favorite Sunday picnic and excursion ground for the residents of Houston and the surrounding areas. Tabb's Bay, once a favorite nursery ground for fish and shrimp, is today a biological desert, in which practically no form of marine life exists.

This letter is an attempt to keep these things from happening in this area and the organizations mentioned believe that the oil industry can exist and operate, side by side, with these other things without causing them material damage.

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Biologist Joins Marine Lab Staff

F. M. Daughtery, Jr., a biologist, has been added to the staff at the marine laboratory, J. L. Baughman announced Tuesday. Daughtery visited the lab last week-end and will be back to go to work later this week.

Daughtery graduated from Rice Institute with a bachelor of science degree and took his masters degree at the University of Houston. He was raised in Texas, having lived in Taft as a small boy. Daughtery is married and has a baby nine months old.

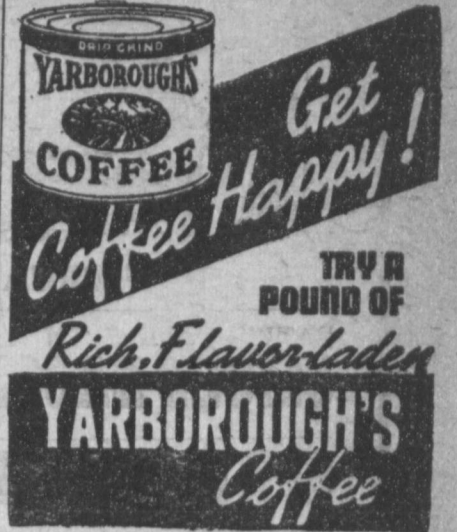
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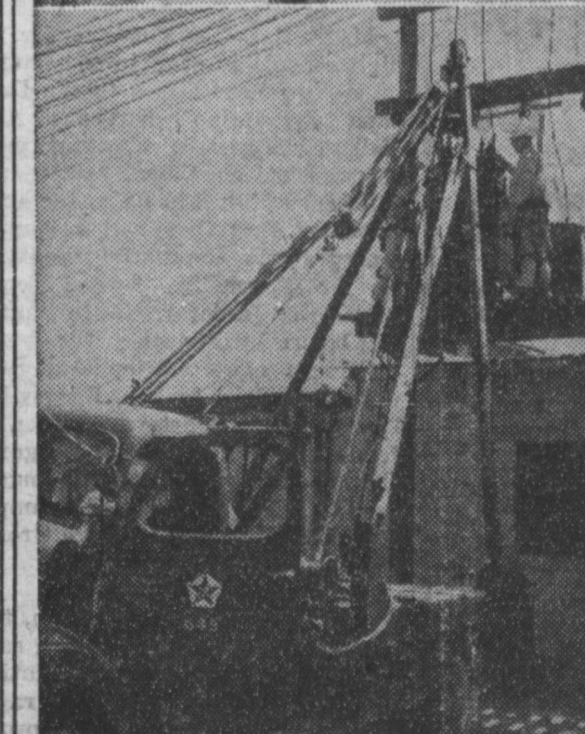
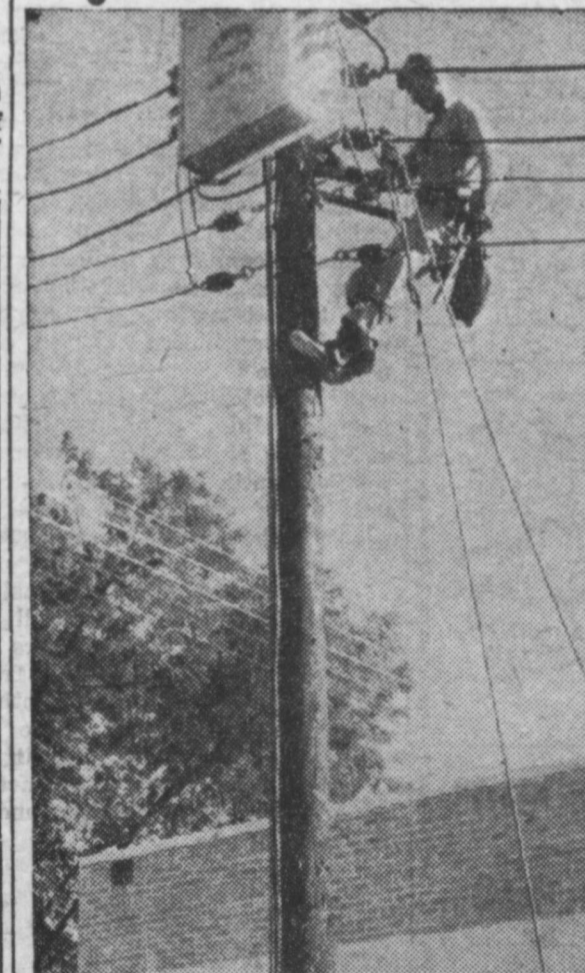


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## Survey Reveals

(Continued from page 1)

ports to have seen a few in this area.

The aerial census taken last weekend consisted of counting the waterfowl on the Texas coast and counts were made beginning at Brownsville down through Venetia, S. A.

The object of the count is to enable the biologists to know what the wintering waterfowl population is, and provides accurate information so that restrictions for the 1948 hunting season can be properly regulated.

The flights in this area have been set up by regional director of the Division of Wildlife Restoration, W. C. Glazner. The first was made in October, another in December, and early last month state, federal and private game officials all over North America staged a national waterfowl inventory.

The 13th North American Wildlife Conference will be held in St. Louis, Mo., March 8-10. Wm. S. Heit will present a paper on "Texas Waterfowl Concentration Areas and their 1947-48 Population." The facts presented at this conference will be turned over to the federal government who will use them for a basis of the regulations for the 1948 hunting season.

Heit says that after the conference the Federal Aid Project with headquarters here in the marine laboratory, will take up a study of the life history and the habits of the mottled duck, commonly known as summer duck or black duck, as it is the only duck that breeds here on the Texas coast.

### Protection Against Measles Recommended For Frail Children

With the incidence of measles more than three times higher than the seven year median, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has issued a statement concerning the use of gamma globulin for protecting very young or frail children from a nattack of this perennial childhood disease and its often serious complications.

"If you have a child less than five years old who has been exposed to measles, your family doctor may recommend giving him gamma globulin, Dr. Cox advised. "Through city, county or state health departments, doctors can obtain gamma globulin, free, when parents are unable to pay. Infants and children, whose health makes it inadvisable for them to suffer an attack of measles, may postpone the disease if gamma globulin is administered within eight days from the time of exposure.

The State Health Officer emphasized the fact that gamma globulin is administered within eight days from the time of exposure.

The State Health Officer emphasized the fact that gamma globulin cannot give a child permanent protection against measles and added that the protection against measles is ordinarily of about three weeks duration. However, there is no limit to the number of times it can be used, and a baby who is protected by it now can be protected by it again in June or July. Gamma globulin can go on shielding him against measles until he is old enough and strong enough to stand an attack without serious consequences.

During an outbreak of measles, Dr. Cox said that it is well to keep children under five years of age, and more especially frail children, away from all other youngsters who might serve as sources of infection. Statistics show that nine-tenths of all measles deaths occur in children under five years of age.

### Coronation Deadline At A. I. March 1

March 1 is the deadline for all high schools to send in the names of the representatives to the Lantana Coronation at Texas A&I College, Margaret Hawkins, correspondence chairman, said today.

Twenty high schools so far have indicated that they will be represented at the Coronation, scheduled for March 20. Louise Scott, A&I cheer leader from Harlingen, will be crowned queen at the event.

Schools expected included Beeville, Ben Bolt, Bishop, Kingsville, Pleasanton, Robstown, Thomas Jefferson, Victoria, Gregory, Cuero, Edcouch-Elsa, Harlingen, Odem, Port Lavaca, El Campo, Wharton, Charlotte, Orange Grove, La Feria and Bay City.

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## Your Family Should Know

Most workers in business and industry know something about their retirement insurance after they become 65 years of age. In too many cases, though, families do not know about the protection they have under the Social Security Act when a worker dies, H. M. Cleveland, Manager of the Social Security Administration in Corpus Christi pointed out today.

Many widows who fail to apply for payments promptly have stated that they were never told about the survivors insurance. When an insured worker dies, his dependent children who are under age 18 and widows who have such children in their care may apply for monthly payments, without regard to the age of the worker when he died.

According to Cleveland, the payments must always be applied for and they cannot be paid retroactively for more than 3 months.

Complete information about Federal old-age and survivors insurance can be secured from the Social Security Administration, 425 Wilson Building, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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