

Along The Waterfront



Hunters who have brought in deer to be dressed at the Modern Market during the past week include Glenn Mills with 2 deer which dressed out at 130 pounds; Earl Ward Jr. shot an 8 point buck in the Valley which dressed out at 123 pounds; Jack Sparks brought in one deer dressing out at 61 pounds; J. H. Mills shot a 12 point buck which dressed out at 82 pounds; the buck brought in by Julius Malchar dressed out at 80 pounds; Henry Camehl got a buck which dressed at 64 pounds; W. B. Allen brought in a deer which dressed at 70 pounds; A. R. Curry got a buck which dressed at 52 pounds; Ernest Harritt brought in a deer which dressed at 65 pounds; Floyd Smith brought in a buck which dressed at 71 pounds and A. L. Roberts got a deer which dressed at 56 pounds.

From 10 to 16 fishermen can be found fishing at the basin each night. Fish are not being caught in large numbers but those that are landed are of good size. Fishermen are complaining more about the lack of lighting around the basin at night than about the lack of fish. Nearly everyone carries his own lantern or focuses his car lights on the pier where he fishes, neither method of which proves very satisfactory.

Ralph Robertson of Lubbock doesn't believe that fishing was not up to par here during the past week and has 140 trout which he landed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as the reason why. The fish were caught on the flats this side of the old shipyard.

M. N. Robertson was one of the fishermen that pulled quality rather than quantity out of the basin. Robertson landed a 7 pound trout and 2 others which weighed 2 1/2 pounds each one day this week.

Pete Oshman, Richmond, Arthur Goldstein, Dabney Barber, Jack Emmott Jr. and Lake Alexander, all of Houston, fished with Shorty Townsend Monday and Tuesday. The boys caught over 50 pounds of redfish and flounder.

Gus Engeling and Byron Baker caught 25 redfish while fishing in Aransas Bay last Friday.

For many months H. C. Floyd has been promising a friend of his that he would take him to a fishing spot and show said friend where to catch fish and how to catch them. Wednesday afternoon H. C. made good his promise. They returned H. C. had shown friend how to catch 1 fish. Friend caught three!

Youngster Hit By Car Sunday

Kenneth McGurry, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton McGurry of Aransas Pass, ran out in front of a car driven by R. T. Bullock of Corpus Christi Sunday morning about 9 o'clock, receiving bruises and a broken arm.

The McGurry car was parked at the side of the road on highway 35 near Estes. Kenneth ran out from behind the car into the path of the 1939 Ford which Bullock was driving into Rockport. Bullock slowed down considerably but was unable to stop before he hit the boy. Bullock took him to an Aransas Pass hospital where he received treatment.

WEATHER REPORT

Instruments are read at the marine laboratory each day at 3:30 p. m.
 Sunday—Max. temp. 56, min. 41. Barometric pressure 30.24 inches.
 Monday—max. temp. 60, min. 49. Barometric pressure 30.02 inches.
 Tuesday—max. temp. 68, min. 60. Barometric pressure 29.74 inches.
 Wednesday—max. temp. 58, min. 52. Barometric pressure 30.17 inches. Tide 1.8 feet.

Lions Guests of Rotarians At Rotary Ann Party

Mass psychoanalysis combined with a lie detector test caused an unexpected mirthquake during the Ladies' Night given by the Rockport Rotary Club last evening at the Methodist church annex. Adventures in psychometry taught members that anything can happen when you match your wits against the searching powers of science. Another serious act with a hilarious and unlooked for finish was the A.B.C.'s of Matrimony as expounded by Professor Weldon Cabaniss in cap and gown, direct from Koo Koo College.

These two fun makers in the Rotary Ann program set the tone for the entire evening, which was planned around with humor and laughter. Perhaps the funniest feature, certainly the most exciting, was Hats—by Hollywood. To their surprise, the ladies participated only in the laughter while the men designed women's hats from the man's angle, which was the craziest angle ever imagined. The ladies voted Mr. Monroe "Gus" DeForest, fisherman, prize milliner.

The party began with a Magic Circle, a device which got each arriving guest looking for an elusive someone. Prize for the Friendliest Pair went to Mr. Urban Hemmi and Mrs. J. H. Schleider.

Spoofing the speech makers introduced a new and novel way of disposing of speeches in which the audience enjoys the spectacle as much if not more than the speaker. Clever and witty "toasts," personalized to Club members and their ladies, delighted both the subjects and the assembly.

Following the advice on love and matrimony, the ladies entered into a contest of their own, I.Q. Cuties, a travesty on the current fad, full of suspense and humorous situations. Then came Psychoanalysis and Hats—by Hollywood, skillfully directed by E. J. Albin and Dudley Bracht.

The party closed with everybody singing The Nifty 90's versus The Fantastic 40's. Rockport would have been astonished to see many of its prominent citizens with walrus mustaches and handlebar soup-strainers.

For this best Ladies' Night, it was generally agreed a word of thanks was due to Program Chairman E. J. Albin and his assistants, Jack Horton, Weldon Cabaniss and Hugh Morrison.

Guests of the Rotarians at the affair were members of the Lions Club and their wives.

Pirate Quintet To Play Woodsboro Here Tonight

The Rockport Pirates will meet the Woodsboro quintet for their third basketball game of the season here tonight. There will be two games, the first starting at 7 o'clock.

The Woodsboro team has been listed as district favorite and Coach Chas. Roe, Jr. says that the game should be a good one. Both the A and B teams will play.

Many games are scheduled for January. Coach Roe has had his boys out for practice nearly every day during the holiday season.

Schedule of Games
 Dec. 30: Woodsboro here, A and B teams.
 Jan. 7 and 8: Taft Tournament there.

Jan. 11: Ingleside here, A and B teams.

Jan. 14 and 15: Aransas Pass Tournament there.

Jan. 18: Woodsboro, there, A and B teams.

Jan. 21: Aransas Pass there, A and B teams.

Jan. 28 and 29: Ingleside Tournament there.

Feb. 4: Ingleside there, A and B teams.

Feb. 18 and 19: District Tournament at Woodsboro.

Houston Man Wins Radio Here

Irving Larson, Houston, was the lucky winner of the Westinghouse radio-phonograph with FM which was given away last Thursday at 5 o'clock by the Women's Civic Club. The radio was delivered to Larson's cottage which they maintain at Hunt's Court.

WEEK'S NEWS



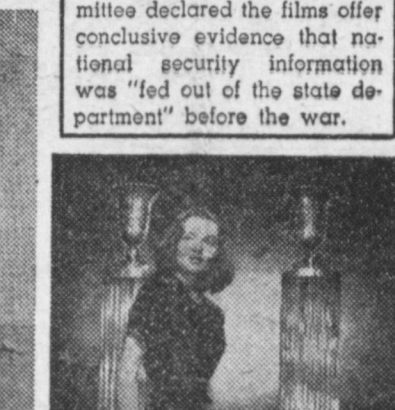
CHECK PRICE CHART—Pres. Truman's economic advisers check a commodity price chart. Chairman, Dr. E. G. Nourse (center), reports that there has been a "flattening out of some prices."



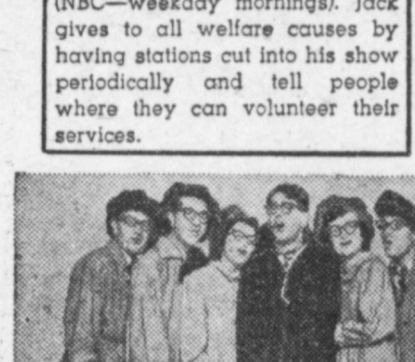
STUDY MICROFILMS—Investigators for the House Un-American Activities committee study microfilms found on a Maryland farm. The committee declared the films offer conclusive evidence that national security information was "fed out of the state department" before the war.



CHRISTMAS GIVING—Year 'round gift giver is Jack Berch (NBC-weekday mornings). Jack gives to all welfare causes by having stations cut into his show periodically and tell people where they can volunteer their services.



SHEER WOOL POPULAR—Screen star Wanda Hendrix, soon to be seen in "Now and Forever," models this black sheer wool dress with gold tear-drops all over.



"TALKING PEOPLE"—Meredyth Willson (in black cape) and his "Talking People" are an entertaining commercial feature on three Jell-O radio shows — "Meredyth Willson Show" (Wednesdays, ABC), "Aldrich Family" (Thursdays, NBC) and "Mr. Ace and Jane" (Fridays, CBS).



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Rio Theater to Be Closed Next Month For Extensive Modernization

Upon Completion the Show House Will Be Known as the "Surf Theater"

The Rio Theatre will be closed for approximately a month beginning Tuesday for remodeling, Ed Barnard, owner, said this week. The last feature will be shown Monday night. Remodeling is scheduled to start Monday.

The theatre will undergo complete modernization inside and out. Concrete floors will be poured in the lobby and auditorium. There will be more of an incline in the auditorium floor and new wider seats with padded backs and cushions will be spaced farther apart for added comfort and better vision angle. Deep pile carpet in beautiful colors to blend in with the marine motif and color theme of the interior will be laid in the lobby and the aisle.

There will be a 15 foot addition at the front of the theater which will house rest rooms and a storage room. An addition at the rear of the building will house a 15 ton refrigerated air conditioning unit. The new structure will be completely air conditioned in the summer and centrally heated during the winter. The entire building will be insulated with rock wool to complete the efficiency of this conditioning.

The interior of the theatre will be redecorated with an acoustical ceiling, hard plaster wainscot and indirect lighting. The front will feature new display panels, sign work and neon lighting.

The projection room will be enlarged and fire proofed. New equipment will include high intensity projection lamp with rectifiers which will give a brighter, clearer picture. C. C. Fowler is the contractor on the building.

When the theatre is completed it will be known as the "Surf Theatre."

Three Injured In Auto Collision

A Corpus Christi woman and a man from Gonzales suffered "critical" injuries when their cars collided at the intersection of Market Street and State highway 35 Monday afternoon about 3:25 o'clock.

Mrs. Eleanor Staggs, 30, is in Spohn hospital in Corpus Christi where she was taken by ambulance following the accident. She suffered an injury to her brain. Her husband, L. L. Staggs, 25, suffered internal injuries and possibly fractured ribs, according to hospital attendants.

The Staggs' were returning to Corpus Christi from Louisiana where they had spent the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Carl Mahler, 62, of Gonzales, is in an Aransas hospital and was reported to be in a critical condition.

According to Deputy Sheriff D. S. Mundine, Mahler was driving a Chevrolet pickup on Market Street coming into Rockport and, judging from skid marks, hit the sedan in which the couple were riding broadside. Both cars were badly damaged.

Mundine told investigating highway patrol officers that a man who identified himself as H. L. Boland of San Antonio was riding in the pickup driven by Mahler. He left the scene of the accident with a doctor.

Highway Patrolman F. H. Inckhausen investigated the accident with Fuller.

X-ray Survey Committees Meet At School Tues.

Committee chairmen for the Chest X-ray survey to be held in Rockport January 13, 14 and 15, for the benefit of the people in Aransas County, will meet at the home economics building at the school Tuesday night at 7:30, January 4.

Committee chairmen have been asked to have their committees organized and present at the meeting where arrangements will be completed for the drive planned to see that every person in the county takes advantage of the free X-ray.

This X-ray service is being rendered by the State Health Department in order to discover cases of tuberculosis so that they can be brought under observation and receive treatment, so that they may get well and the people of the community can be protected from continued contact with open cases of this highly communicable disease.

Committee chairmen are: General chairman, Mayor Travis Bailey; chairman of Latin-American groups, Gene Rodriguez; co-chairman, Mrs. Wm. Patrick; chairman at Fulton, Ernest Jones; chairman of clerical assistants, Miss Iris Sorenson; hostess, Mrs. R. L. Hart; chairman at Lamar, Otis Yeats; chairman at Copano Village, Mrs. I. E. Allemand; chairman at Estes, Jim Barber; chairman in Oak Grove and Rincon districts, Mrs. W. O. Young; publicity chairman, E. J. Albin; transportation chairman, D. R. Simmons; house to house chairman, Mrs. Fred Bracht; chairman of telephone committee, Mrs. Joe Johnson.

Strictly Rumored

By IMA GOSSUP

It is rumored that the following New Year's resolutions will probably be made this year by the following:

HERB MILLS: "I resolve not to eat any more duck dressing made out of dog food and horse meat, a la Ankele-Rozzell style."

COL. C. M. DAVIS: "I resolve not to work too hard during 1949 as 1948 has been a rugged one."

ED BARNARD: "I resolve to wear dark glasses when looking out of hotel rooms in Monterey."

JOE JOHNSON: "I resolve to keep a good supply of Corega Denture Adhesive or similar brand on hand and promise to use some myself."

DICK FOX: "I resolve not to accept any game birds from Chas. Ankele without first looking to see if he has birds or rattlesnakes in his game bag."

STEIRLY ROZZELL: "I resolve that I will not eat anything that Herb Mills offers me until I make certain that it is not rattlesnake meat."

ARLIE SHIVERS: "I resolve that I will not get caught in any 'SQUEZZE' games this year."

DEWILTON JEFFRIES: "I resolve that I will equip my car with a heavy duty bumper that will completely encircle my car."

GENE ALBIN: "I resolve that I will not take Roy Rogero duck hunting with me again. He is too lucky when it comes to matching for the game."

BILL MCGRATH: "I resolve that I will not spend my vacation in 'Cool Colorado' this next year."

CHARLIE ANKELE: "I resolve that I will not work the firemen too hard during 1949 and promise to be through with the weekly drills by 8:30 to accommodate the honorary fire members."

BOB HAMLIN: "I resolve that when I demonstrate washing machines I will make certain that no one brings the family wash."

HENRY BALLOU: "I resolve that I will not take Ed Barnard duck hunting until he is sure that the feature for that day is safely at the theatre."

JIMMY SORENSON: "I resolve to adjust my diet so that I can consume the extra light bulbs that I ordered for the C of C street lighting project."

DON VANCE: "I resolve that I will not sing over the mike without giving due warning."

ANNA MAY BELL: "I resolve that I will not request any special musical selections."

MRS. BYRON BAKER: "I resolve that I will secure a new 'worrying rock' for 1949."

MRS. JOE JOHNSON: "I resolve that I will not allow Joe to run for political office this year." (Continued on last page)

C. of C. Offers Cash Prize To Slogan Contest Winner

Contest Starts Jan. 1 With Two Weeks Duration; All Eligible Except Directors

The slogan contest, planned by the Chamber of Commerce to obtain a slogan for the area which will be suitable for use in advertising and which can become a byword with everyone visiting Rockport, will start January 1, and end January 15.

Committeemen Roy Rogero, Hugh Morrison and Jack Horton compiled the following rules to be followed by those entering the contest.

1. The contest will start January 1 and all entries must be in by January 15.
 2. The winner will be offered a prize of \$25.
 3. The slogan is to be 6 words or less.

4. Everyone except directors and their families are eligible to enter the contest.
 5. The Chamber reserves the right to extend the time limit on the contest if no suitable slogan is turned in.

6. The directors of the Chamber will make the final decision after the committeemen have selected the 5 best slogans from the lot.

Entries are to be placed in the box designated in Johnson's Drug Store or the Ballard Drug Store. They can also be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce office. All entries must be post marked not later than Jan. 15.

Everyone is eligible except the directors and their families, as mentioned above. Everyone means visitors to Rockport, local residents, those reading of the contest in the Pilot residing outside Rockport, "just everyone."

New Years Dance At Mills Wharf

Mills Wharf will be the scene of a gala New Years Eve dance Friday night. Dancing will start at 9 o'clock.

Music will be provided by Ernest and His Orchestra from Corpus Christi.

Decorations and favors will be provided by members of the Women's Civic Club, sponsors of the dance. Confetti and noise makers will be passed out to help the crowd welcomed in the New Year.

The public is invited to attend.

Colorado Man Likes Variety In Fishing

T. A. Powell, dry fly fisherman from Salida, Colorado, has returned to Texas for a winter of salt water fishing. Mr. Powell has spent one previous winter in South Texas and says he was impressed with the consistency with which fish are caught here.

Recently Powell turned into the Colorado Fish and Game Commission a list of streams in that state where fish were caught. Powell's findings, compiled for the benefit of the commission, were given nation-wide publicity.

Two New Homes Under Construction

H. C. Poorman of Katy, Texas, was issued a building permit at the city hall this week to construct a 22 by 32 foot frame dwelling which will have 4 rooms and a bath. The building will be located on lot 14, block 1 in the Stewart subdivision.

Ed Barnard obtained a permit to build a 15 by 16 foot addition on the south side of the theatre, a 12 by 14 foot addition of the present building and general repairs inside. The additions and repairs were estimated to cost about \$4,000.

Shelley Roaten was issued a permit for his home under construction which is a frame dwelling, 1300 square feet, including 5 rooms and a bath. The new home, located in the Live Oak Heights addition, is estimated to cost about \$7,000.

Driver Fined Tuesday

Alejos Lerma was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Slim Haynes for driving while intoxicated on highway 35 Christmas Eve. Lerma entered a plea of guilty in county court Tuesday morning and paid a fine of \$50.

New Years Eve Dance For Teen-agers at Gym

Aransas County young people are invited to attend the New Years Eve dance which will be held at the school gym Friday night, free of charge. The Rotary Club is sponsoring the dance for the teen agers. There will be music by juke box, favors, refreshments and entertainment for all.

Dancing will start at 9 p.m. and all young people in the county are invited to come and see the New Year in.

The Rotary Club plans to sponsor socials for the teen agers each Saturday night.

Sunday Singing at Fulton

The regular Sunday singing will be held at the Fulton Community church next Sunday, Jan. 2, starting at 2:30 p.m. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

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HOLIDAY CHEER

Every holiday season, fire brings tragedy to a long list of American homes. The special hazards that come into being at this time are responsible for a ghastly toll of death, injury and property damage. Yet every one of those hazards can be easily controlled.

One of the gravest dangers is to use lighted candles on trees, or in places about the home where they may ignite decorations or be tipped over by children. Only electric lights, of an approved type, should be employed.

Another danger is to keep trees in the house after they have dried to the danger point. They should be disposed of immediately after New Year's.

Flammable decorations should never be placed where they might burst into flame at the touch of a cigarette. And children should never be left alone in rooms where holiday hazards exist.

The normal home hazards are present during the holidays as at every time, and in some cases they are intensified. Take special care with cast-off wrapping paper, heating plants, smoking materials, and electric cords and appliances. Remember that it is comparatively easy to prevent fire—but difficult and sometimes impossible to stop it once it starts.

There will be no cheer in the homes that fire strikes this holiday season. Make sure that yours is not among them.

TOWARD BETTER MEDICAL CARE

If anyone has an idea that the physicians of this country are fighting any and all plans that would give the American people better medical attention at a cost which is within their means, he is sadly misinformed.

It is true that the great majority of doctors are strongly opposed to compulsory government health insurance, and kindred schemes which would open the gates wide to completely socialized medicine. The basic reason for this opposition is found in a statement issued by the American Medical Association, which said: "The experience of all countries where government has seized control of medical care has been progressive deterioration of the standards of that care to the serious detriment of the sick and needy."

The wholehearted cooperation and support of doctors, on the other hand, has been one of the biggest factors in the remarkable growth of the low-cost voluntary prepayment plans, which now provide a vital protection to tens of millions of citizens. These plans represent the most positive and most successful idea yet devised to lessen the economic pressure that follows unexpected illness or accident.

There is, of course, a small proportion of the population which cannot afford any kind of protection. The medical profession is aware of this, and is working to do something about it. According to Medical Economics, the private physicians are developing a national health program of their own, and adequate care for the indigent will be one of its important provisions.

The typical doctor, in other words, is interested in the best possible medical attention for the most possible people. He knows that political medicine is not the way to attain that goal.

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USED AS A FOOD WRAP, RETAINS THE FLAVOR OF FOODS BECAUSE IT PREVENTS THE AROMA FROM ESCAPING.

G'BYE JIM, I GOTTA NUT TAKE CARE 'A THE CAT!

Nine Texas Businesses Fail In November

Austin, Tex.—Nine Texas businesses failed in November, reports from Dun and Bradstreet to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research showed.

There were 7 failures in October and 3 in November 1947.

Business fatalities from January through November 1948 totaled 75, compared with 49 in the like period of 1947.

Average liabilities per failure were \$33,000 in November, \$53,000 in October, and \$14,000 in November 1947.

Announcement

The Trade Wind stamp club will meet at the marine laboratory Tuesday night at 7:30, January 4, for the monthly meeting. Roll call will be answered with a report on a stamp item.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this way to express, in a measure, our heartfelt appreciation, and thanks to our many friends for your cards of sympathy and the beautiful flowers. God bless each and every one.

—Mrs. J. M. Murphy and Jewel. p37



The old Pecos River bridge, subject of poems, songs and Roy Bean yarns, is doomed. The work of demolition is underway or may even be completed.

A new bridge has been built and the old one has been unused for several years.

J. C. Carter, executive assistant for public relations for the Southern Pacific Railway, has made a study of the old structure, which was built in 1892 and was in service 'till 1944.

A large salvage firm bought the old bridge.

Cowboys, to avoid the long ride down into and up out of the canyon, used to ride their horses across the high bridge. A young and pretty woman, "Pecos Kate," rode across and when a suitor was too faint-hearted to follow, she rejected him—or so the song says.

Trains used to stop so that passengers could take in the view. Far below was a tiny trickle of silver—the Pecos river. On its bank were even smaller objects, hardly discernible—they were cows.

While the bridge was under construction, a scaffolding broke and seven men plunged to the boulders below. Judge Roy Bean rode over from Langtry to hold the inquest. The bodies were lying in a row. He instructed the jury to return a verdict that "these here seven men met their death by falling from the bridge." One juror spoke up, "But, Judge, one of them ain't dead."

"Well," said Old Roy, "he will die and I ain't gonna ride 14 miles on a soreback mule to hold another inquest. Officially and legally, he is dead."

The jury so found—and two days later, the seventh victim did pass away.

The old bridge is part of the story of the Southwest. Many old-timers will hate to hear that it is gone.

Antonio Stradivari was the most famous violin maker of all time.

Onward Christian Soldiers was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Humble Will Broadcast Cotton Bowl Game Sat.

The traditional New Year's Day broadcast of the Cotton Bowl Game in Dallas by Humble Oil and Refining Company will go on the air at 1 p. m. Saturday. This 13th Cotton Bowl game, featuring the Championship S.M.U. team and the visiting Oregonians, will be brought to listeners over a state-wide network. Kern Tips will give the play-by-play report and will be assisted by colorman Alec Chesser. The Humble broadcast may be heard over stations WRR, Dallas; WFAA-820, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KVAL, Brownsville; KURV, Edinburg; KGNC, Amarillo; KOSA, Odessa; KIUN, Pecos, and KROD, El Paso.

New Regulations to Consumer Installment Credit in Effect Jan. 1

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System adopted an amendment to Regulation W—Consumer Credit—which will regulate from the scope of the regulation articles priced just under \$50 in localities having sales taxes which make the price to the purchaser exceed \$50. Hitherto certain articles which sold for \$50 or more only because of the inclusion of the applicable sales tax were subject to the regulation.

The amendment, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 1949, was adopted to reduce operating difficulties in the trade, particularly for those merchants serving areas which include some localities with and others without sales taxes.

HERE'S A TIP!



Why not start the New Year off right! Open a "Time Saver" account — pay by check — not only to save time in payment of bills by mail, but to have a permanent record of expenditures.

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Aransas Pass, Texas

NO 'BALL OF FIRE'



A little boy who wears this cotton baseball suit may be a "ball of fire" with a speedball, but there's no danger of flames in this uniform. This is a safety suit which has been flameproofed and tested by Macy's bureau of standards for protection against flames. The National Cotton Council reports this and other flameproof cotton playsuits are favorite Christmas gifts for children.

L. G. Roberts Dies In Corpus Christi

Leonard George Roberts, Sr., 51, former resident of Rockport, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. B. Roberts, in Corpus Christi at 11:30 Monday morning. He had been in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Cage-Mills Funeral Home in Corpus Christi. Dr. George West Diehl, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiated. Burial was in the Rockport cemetery.

Mr. Roberts was born in Lamar and lived in Rockport until about one year ago when he moved to Corpus Christi. He was a retired engineer who had been with Heldefels Bros. for 25 years. He was a member of the Rockport Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Roberts is survived by one son, Leonard Jr. of Corpus Christi; his mother, Mrs. L. B. Roberts of Corpus Christi; one brother, Hope Roberts of Refugio; and six sisters, Miss Edna Roberts and Mrs. Tom Campbell of Corpus Christi, Mrs. John Mercer of Port Aransas, Mrs. Eugene Reater of Victoria, Mrs. Amy Daniel of Hope, Ark., and Mrs. R. S. Johnson of Rockport.

Pallbearers were Fred Brundrett, Oliver Brundrett, George Lee Brundrett, Alsie Brundrett of Refugio, Carl Brundrett of Ingleside, and Seburn Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Eller of Elizabethton, Tenn., visited relatives over the Christmas week-end.

Star-Lites MOVIES, MIKES and MISCELLANEOUS by LYN WILSON

"RADIO'S GIRL FRIEND," a title held by Barbara Eiler Nelson, is well understood. In addition to portraying Dennis Day's girl friend, Mildred, on NBC's Saturday show "A Day in The Life of Dennis Day," she has been radio gal friend of Mel Torme, Kenny Baker, Danny Thomas and incidentally has had a number of offers from listeners. To the latter she explains she already has a Barbara Nelson beau — recently acquired, hubby Don Nelson. Barbara is a case of home town girl makes good in own home town girl she was born in Los Angeles. Her career started when a friend invited her to audition for a radio show. She walked in, tried out, and walked out with the part. Most recent honor — Movie Star Parade "Mag." just chose her December "Girl of the Month."



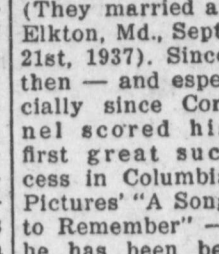
WHEN "CAMERA FRIGHT" took hold of Betsy Drake who is making her debut in RKO Radio's "Every Girl Should Be Married," Cary Grant helpfully suggested "a glass of water and put some starch in it."

WITH ALMOST A HALF MILLION miles of travel to his credit, Ray Milland, top-ranking Hollywood actor, stops off this month to appear on "Unfinished Business" an original drama on the CBS Sunday "Family Hour of Stars." The name of the play is a coincidence although Ray's galavanting business never seems to be finished. His conveyances have ranged from shining four-motored army bombers to humble burros. It took a "last splurge" dinner date with Estelle Brody (an English actress who got him a job as an extra), four round trips from England, a number of meals on the cuff and a chance bus-stop meeting with Joe Egel of Paramount to get Ray started as an actor. His climb was gradual but he reached the top in 1946 with an "Oscar" for his part in "The Lost Weekend." Milland's appearance on "The Family Hour of Stars" chalks up another success for this program which presents a top-talent personality every week.



ANY RADIO LISTENER who has not yet heard "The Greatest Story Ever Told," over the ABC network Sundays at 6:30 p.m., EST, is missing something. A forceful, modern dramatic presentation of the teachings of Christ, it has reached a popularity which many big-time programs envy. Above all, do not miss the special Holiday programs. They promise to be the cream of radio's offerings.

"SHOCKPROOF?" Way back in the terrific thirties, when Cornel Wilde was a struggling young stage actor, he and his wife, Patricia Knight, appeared in a stage revival of "Mulberry Street" on Broadway. (They married at Elkton, Md., Sept. 21st, 1937). Since then — and especially since Cornel scored his first great success in Columbia Pictures' "A Song to Remember" — he has been beseeching producers to cast Pat as his leading lady. Now, at Columbia, Pat will at last appear opposite her famous husband in "Shockproof," a romantic melodrama. The moot point of whether the teaming of husband and wife is successful is now, again, about to be proven. Perhaps the film is well titled.



"A MAN can be a wonderful thing," especially if he happens to be Bert Parks, MC of ABC's "Break the Bank" program, who gives away thousands every time the bank breaks. Bert eats lunch in a drug store, and hops buses just like anybody else and still can't get used to all the lucre passing thru his fingers. Strangely enough the public thinks it's too good to be true when Bert calls a listener and offers a free trip to New York and a chance for the big money on radio's top-cash payoff show. Winners report that friends, neighbors and even strangers phone and ask if it's really on the level. Uncle Sam's interested, too. A Toledo winner tells us that after Bert's phone call of Friday the Bureau of Internal Revenue called Monday to make sure of getting its share.



Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Harrist and sons of Lubbock spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harrist and relatives. Mr. W. G. Harrist accompanied them back to Lubbock where he will visit his mother, Mrs. R. W. Harrist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harris and children, Mrs. J. W. Sneed and Cassandra and Mrs. M. W. Black, all of Refugio, and Charles New-some of Corpus Christi were Sunday visitors at the Jas. Herring home.

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"Every year some of the best players in the state come from independent colleges," Jake Trussell, Record sports editor, said. "Because their schools are not in conferences, they do not receive 'all conference' honors. We decided to give them deserved recognition." Javelinas selected were End Jackie McElhannon of San Benito, Tackle Ivan Snowden of McAllen, and Backs Harold Menke of Cuero and Laddie Liska of Runge. Hogs making the second string were End Cyril Schneider of Devine, Tackle Bob McCurry of McKinney, Guard Harry Carson of Kingsville, Center Dan Purcell of Freer and Backs Carl Spoonmore of Raymondville and Marvin Schwarz of Mercedes.

Others on the first team were these Tarpons, End Clarence Branch, Tackle Pete Bluntzer, Guard Murry Stanwood, Center Jimmy Adams, Guard James Wil-lingham of Daniel Baker and Back Donald Burnham of Daniel Baker, and Back Bill Bockmon of East Texas Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brigham of Parsons, Kans., spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Critcher. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis, Mrs. Critcher's and Mrs. Brigham's parents, will return to Kansas with the Brighams. They have spent the fall in Rockport.

W. H. Schuster, Jr., attending Texas Tech. at Lubbock, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schuster.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin spent Christmas in Victoria at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Smock.

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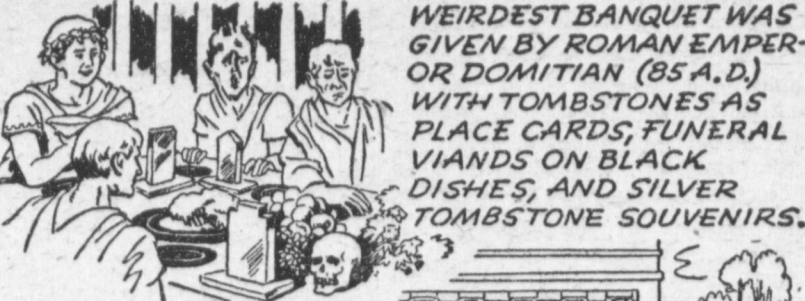
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2,531 Texans Die From Pneumonia in '47

Austin, Tex.—A statement from Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health officer, discloses the fact that 2,531 Texans died from pneumonia during the year 1947, and emphasizes his often repeated warning that this disease is a killer.

Pneumonia is caused by the pneumococcus germ which is present in the bodies of almost everyone, and ready to start trouble if the

resistance becomes lowered for any reason. We can build up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go outside in cold weather, sufficient clothing should be worn to keep the body warm. Keeping the temperature of our homes and offices as low as is consistent with comfort will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in adjusting ourselves to the cold when we leave the house.

Another method of prevention in pneumonia is to never neglect a cold, for the common cold often opens the door for pneumonia if it is neglected. A person with a severe cold should stay at home and call his physician for advice, if temperature persists and the cold lingers on. He should follow his physician's advice until the cold has entirely disappeared.

Another advantage of consulting a physician when suffering from a cold is the fact that what the patient mistakes for a severe cold may be beginning pneumonia. If this is the case, the doctor will have an opportunity to begin treatment early, which adds materially to the patient's chances for recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton spent Christmas with Mr. Hinton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hinton, in Austin.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 will receive sealed bids from the date hereof, the same being the 22nd day of December, 1948, until the 4th day of January, 1949, at 7:00 P. M., at the Office of the Harbormaster at Rockport Boat Basin in Rockport, Aransas County Texas, at which time and place bids will be opened on a lease for a term of forty-two years and three months to begin on the 9th day of October, 1966 and to end forty-two years and three months thereafter, covering the following described surplus lands owned by the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 and not necessary to be used by the said Navigation District in connection with the development of navigation, to-wit:

Situate in the County of Aransas, City of Rockport, Texas, described as follows:

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Each bidder shall state in each bid the purpose or purposes to which such leased premises are to

PARTIES HONOR VISITING DOCTOR

Dr. Zulzika Yarrell, senior psychiatrist to Bellevue hospital in New York City, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yarrell, was honored with a series of parties last week.

Dr. Yarrell was guest of honor at an open house held last Tuesday night which was given by Mrs. G. M. Shelton of Midland, Texas, and spending the winter at Palm Village.

Mrs. E. J. Albin gave a coffee in her honor Wednesday morning.

Col. and Mrs. C. C. Melton of Cody Wyo., who are wintering at Palm Village, gave a cocktail party for her Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Yarrell held open house at their cottage Wednesday night.

be used; However, provided, that such premises cannot be used for the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors.

In addition to the annual rental submitted by prospective bidders, they shall also submit a brief description of the proposed improvements as to size, cost, materials to be used and other pertinent information.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft, cashier's check or bidders bond, with a reputable surety or sureties, in an amount equal to one year's rental bid for such lease. However, provided, that the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

THE ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT NO. 1
TED R. LITTLE, Chairman c37

Donald McBride Attends S.M.U. at Dallas

DALLAS—One Aransas County student, Donald C. McBride, Jr., of Rockport, is attending Southern Methodist University this fall, according to an enrollment report issued by the SMU registrar.

Aransas County is one of the 194 Texas counties represented on the SMU campus. Total number of Texas students is 5,730.

Out-of-state students are from the District of Columbia and all states except Idaho, Maine and Nevada. Thirty-nine are from 15 foreign countries.

Religious faiths on the SMU campus number 33, represented by 6,163 students. Methodists pre-

dominate with 2,613. Baptists follow with 1,255.

Presbyterians total 652, Catholics, 417; Episcopalians, 331; Christians, 277; and members of the Church of Christ, 155. Listing no religious membership or preference were 526 students.

Miss Margaret Woods of Corpus Christi is a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Herring.

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Doings of People You Know In Aransas County

FAMILY GATHERS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The L. M. Bracht home was the scene of a family gathering Christmas night when Mrs. Bracht, Miss Mabel Bracht and Miss Genevieve Bracht entertained with an egg-nog party.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sparks and daughters of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woellert and sons, Winston of Poth, and W. L. Woellert of Houston, Miss Sallye Trants Chold of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson and Shirley, Miss Verona Kleaser, John Kleaser, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bracht and family all of Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Brundrett and daughter of Lamarque visited at the home of Mrs. Manch Brundrett last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Steel of Corpus Christi spent Sunday at the B. W. Hamblin home.

MANY FAMILIES GATHER TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER

All over Rockport many families were together once again to enjoy Christmas dinner together and to celebrate the holiday season.

Many out-of-town relatives gathered at the Lloyd Smith home Christmas Day. Those enjoying dinner there were Mr. and Mrs. George Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. James Sledge and children, all of Palacios, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mires and Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Mires and baby from Taft, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kight of La Feria, Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Turner and three children from Woodsboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Roden of Franklin, La., Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Raymond and daughter and Mrs. Manch Brundrett also attended the dinner.

Members of the Mills family met at the J. H. Mills home for dinner Christmas Eve. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mills and sons from Goliad, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mills and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills and sons, Mrs. Ethel Cox of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Currey. Following the dinner Santa Claus distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Roe entertained a large group at Christmas dinner. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mitchell and children of Amarillo, Mr. Melvin Edes and daughter of Amarillo, Mr. Parks Van Horn of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Young, Mrs. W. S. Roe and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Roe, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Benson and son, H. L. Benson, Mrs. Grace Plyler and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kinsey, all of Corpus Christi, enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson.

Guests at the B. W. Hamblin home Christmas evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton, Mr. A. F. Sorter of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Creiglow of Houston. Traditional family dinners were held at the Jas. C. Sorenson home, the Jas. C. Herring home and the L. M. Bracht home.

Mrs. Leon Lassmann and children from Mission Valley visited at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills, this week.

J. E. Harrison of Tucson, Ariz., spent the holidays with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl. Christmas Day they visited at the home of Mrs. Gladys Gibson in Corpus Christi.



MRS. JOHN MICKIE SWEENEY ... double-ring ceremony

SHIRLEY RATISSEAU BECOMES BRIDE OF JOHN SWEENEY AT CHURCH CEREMONY

Miss Shirley Ratisseau, daughter of Mrs. Thelma E. Ratisseau, and John Mickie Sweeney, son of Mrs. P. H. Roberts of Harlingen and R. W. Sweeney of Wortham, exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony Monday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church here in Rockport.

The Rev. Charles Loverin of the First Methodist Church in Harlingen officiated. The altar was decorated with baskets of gladioli, greenery and candles.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Malcell Johnson. She wore a white velvet gown designed with a round yoke of marquisette accented with an off-the-shoulder, shirred berth. The bouffant skirt extended into a court train. The long sleeves extended into points over the hands. Her finger-tip length veil of illusion, edged with lace fell from a juliet cap caught with lillies of the valley. She carried a cascade bouquet of pink carnations centered with a white orchid.

Mr. Jack Sharpe, organist, played "Clair De Lune," and "At Dawning". Miss Lucille Haynes and Miss Fannie Theodore sang "I Love You Truly."

Miss Mary Lou McLester was maid of honor. Mrs. James Herring and Miss Wanda White of San Antonio were bridesmaids. The maid of honor wore a gown

of deep lavender taffeta and carried a colonial bouquet. The bridesmaids wore dresses of yellow and aqua taffeta and carried colonial bouquets.

Bobby McFarland of Lubbock was best man. Harris Pollard and Fred Woods of San Angelo were ushers.

A reception for the family and wedding party was held at the home of the bride's mother following the ceremony. Mrs. A. L. Bachman served the three tiered wedding cake topped with the miniature bride and groom. Punch was served by Mrs. Roy Hinton.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Lubbock where they are attending Texas Tech.

DINNER PARTY HONOR STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

College students home for the holidays were honored with a progressive dinner party last Friday night. Twenty-two young people attended the affair.

The first course which was a salad course, was served at the Roy Hinton home with Mrs. Hugh Morrison and Mrs. Hinton as hostesses. The casserole course was served at the home of Mrs. Chas. F. Cron with Mrs. Joe Collins as co-hostess. The dessert course was served at the home of Mrs. E. J. Albin with Mrs. Henry Ballou as co-hostess. Birthday cake was enjoyed here as it was Bob Albin's birthday.

LINEN SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT

Mrs. Roy Hinton and Mrs. James Herring entertained with a linen shower at the Hinton home last Thursday night in honor of Miss Shirley Ratisseau, who became the bride of John M. Sweeney at a wedding ceremony here Monday.

About 30 guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Roy Hinton, Mrs. James Herring, Miss Shirley Ratisseau, and Mrs. Thelma Ratisseau.

Miss Sissy Rowe was in charge of the bride's book.

House decorations were carried out in the Christmas theme.

Cake square iced in green and topped with white wedding bells with red bows were served by Miss Lucille Haynes. Punch was poured by Miss Mary Lou McLester. The dining room was dimly lighted with candles. The table was laid with a lace cloth over green. A Christmas arrangement which was centered with a giant red candle, surrounded by silver leaves and ornamental balls and tied with a silver bow was placed at one end of the table. Ornamental silver sprays ran the length of the table.

Mrs. Jim Ferguson is spending the week with her husband in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery and daughter of Rankin, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lowery of Galveston and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery of Corpus Christi spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. C. O. Lowery, and sister, Mrs. Charlyne Hunt.

PARTIES HONOR HOLIDAY VISITORS

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey entertained in honor of their sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. H. Travis Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bailey, all of Stockton, California at an open house. Mrs. Jack Sander of San Antonio and Mrs. Ken Wavel of Corpus Christi presided at the silver coffee services.

Fred Bracht, Jr. and Jas. H. Sorenson, Jr. entertained in their honor at an open house held at the Fred Bracht home Monday night. Miss Sally Meyers of Austin and Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries alternated at the silver coffee service. Miss Mary Jo Bracht served the cake.

Music was provided by Mrs. W. H. Woellert at the piano and Mrs. Fred Bracht at the solovox. Singing was enjoyed during the evening.

SURPRISE DINNER HONORS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jack Horton entertained Sunday night with a surprise birthday dinner for Mr. Horton. Guests were B. W. Hamblin, Howard Kinsey, Alec Scott, Matt Scott, and A. F. Sorter of Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trull of Corpus Christi spent Christmas at the Arlie Shivers home.

MANY ENTERTAIN AT OPEN HOUSE DURING HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Roe Sr. entertained at their home Tuesday night with an open house. Mrs. Roe, Mrs. C. F. Rozzell and Mrs. Steirly Rozzell were co-hostesses.

Those serving were Mrs. J. J. Sloan of Houston, Mrs. Chas. Roe Jr., Mrs. Chas. Ankele, Mrs. Herbert Mills, Mrs. C. C. Fowler and Mrs. J. B. Jackson.

House guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sloan of Houston.

Out-of-town visitors who attended the open house were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Mr. Carlos Smith and Miss Brewster, all of Port Lavaca, Mrs. Ethel M. Cox, Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sloan, Midland, Texas, and Mrs. Gerald Picton of Port Arthur.

Mrs. Tom Sloan of Midland, Texas, entertained at their cottage at Palm Village where the couple is spending the winter, with an egg nog party Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Camehl held open house Christmas Eve at their home. About 50 attended.

Mrs. Howard Kinsey entertained relatives at an open house held at the Kinsey home Christmas Eve.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Albin entertained with an open house Sunday night for families who are spending the winter at Palm Village. Mrs. U. M. Albin poured.

Special guests that also attended the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hudson and Barbara of Houston; Mr. E. O. Hunsaker and Marjorie of Edina, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunsaker and son, Sam Wylie, of Durant, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crump of Mission, Texas.

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RIO THEATRE

COUPLE CELEBRATES FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SUN.

Open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren Sunday evening in celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Samberg, who are visiting here from Park Rapids, Minn.

The Warren home was colorfully decorated with mistletoe, holly and red carnations.

Mrs. Samberg was presented with a corsage by the group. She also received many gifts and cards.

A late lunch was enjoyed. Out-of-state guests attending the party were Carl Karel, George Sheets, West Point, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bingham and Kay, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bender, Nevis, Minn.; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hohenstein, Park Rapids, Minn.

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CHICAGO—Big city photographers were stumped when Belva Lou Ross, 4-H style winner from Greenville, Iowa, posed with State Street fashion models. You're wondering which is Belva Lou, the farmer's daughter? She's the one in the center wearing her home sewn suit in beige.

C. R. DeForest Life-Time Fulton Resident Dies

Funeral services for Charles Robert DeForest, 66, retired dredge boat captain who died at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at his home in Fulton were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Community Church in Fulton. The Rev. Bob Cunningham, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. A. Walton of Clarkwood. Burial was in Rockport cemetery. Cage Funeral Home was in charge.

Mr. DeForest was born in Fulton and had lived there all of his life. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruby DeForest of Fulton; three sons, C. R. Jr., of New Orleans, J. E. of Houston and J. J. of Fulton; three daughters, Mrs. A. D. Wilkinson of Baytown, Mrs. J. J. McAlister of Casper, Wyo., and Mrs. S. V. Bromley of Corpus Christi; his mother, Mrs. E. E. DeForest of Fulton, four brothers, T. E. of Fulton, and Lane, Albert and Burnie DeForest of Seadrift; two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Sanders of Seadrift and Mrs. Lee Madden of Fulton; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogero and son, Roy Alan, spent Christmas with Mrs. Rogero's relatives in Natalia.

Rockport Girls Dance At Corpus Christi YMCA

A group of Rockport girls presented several dance numbers at the dance held by the college set at the YMCA in Corpus Christi last Thursday night.

Joy Roe did a toe dance, "The Swan". The Armstrong sisters, Susie, Jerry, Lydene and Betty, presented a tap dance and acrobatic numbers. A soft shoe ballet was danced by Dolly Lee Hart, Joy Roe, Dorothy Baker, Martha Horn, Betty Dye and Margaret Patrick.

Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, Mrs. Chas. Roe, Sr., and Mrs. Clyde Armstrong took the girls to Corpus Christi.

Mrs. J. A. Miller and J. E. Miller of Sinton spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leslie Johnson.

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Mrs. Thelma Ratisseau entertained at her home Sunday morning with a Bridesmaids' Breakfast in honor of her daughter, Shirley, who was married here Monday, and her attendants.

The tables were centered with figures of Christmas carolers and flanked with candles. Wedding bells were suspended from the ceiling with white satin ribbons. Potted poinsettias were colorful in the home.

Imported cookies served at the breakfast were sent by Denise Dupuy, residing in New York but formerly of Rockport, who was unable to attend the wedding festivities.

Those who attended the breakfast were Miss Mary Lou McLester, Mrs. Jimmy Herring, Miss Lucille Haynes, Miss Fannie Theodore and Shirley Ratisseau.

MANY ATTEND WEDDING HERE MON.

Out-of-town guests that attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sweeney at the Presbyterian church Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Johnson and Patsy Elizabeth of Port Natchez; Mrs. Kearn Doiron and Kaydee, Beaumont, Mrs. Lillie Irvin, Houston; Miss Wanda Whitt, Freddie Woods, both of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Sequoia Perry, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts and Bennie of Harlingen; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Grogdon, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Jaun Avila, Aransas Pass; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp, Corpus Christi.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woellert and sons, Winston of Poth and W. L. Woellert of Houston, spent the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

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and Mrs. J. W. Morgan of Christi spent Christmas with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Roaten.

Miss Nelda Joyce Bivins of Gonzales is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogero this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss and children are spending the holidays visiting at the home of Mrs. Cabaniss' mother, Mrs. M. O. Flowers, in Lockhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dunn and Don, Bill Trower and Terry Joe Cypert, all of Coweta, Okla., are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 will receive sealed bids from the date hereof, the same being the 22nd day of December, 1948, until the 4th day of January, 1949, at 7:00 P. M., at the Office of the Harbormaster at Rockport Boat Basin in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, at which time and place bids will be opened on a lease for a term of sixty years from January 9, 1949, covering the following described surplus lands owned by the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 and not necessary to be used by the said Navigation District in connection with the development of navigation, to-wit:

Situate in the County of Aransas, City of Rockport, Texas, being a strip of land thirty feet (30') wide lying to the North of and adjoining that certain tract of land heretofore to the 9th day of October, 1946, leased by The Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 to E. J. Albin by instrument duly recorded, to which reference is here made for descriptive purposes; said strip extending from the original shore line of Aransas Bay to the present bulkhead and waters edge of Aransas Bay, and described as follows:

BEGINNING on the original shore line of Aransas Bay at a point northeasterly of and 100 feet from the intersection of the original shore line of Aransas Bay and the North line of Market Street in the City of Rockport, for Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE, Easterly on a line parallel to and one hundred feet (100') from an easterly projection of the said north line of Market Street, to the present bulkhead and waters edge of Aransas Bay for Southeast corner; THENCE, Northerly along said bulkhead and waters edge line approximately thirty feet (30') to a point for Northeast corner; THENCE, Westerly, parallel to and thirty feet (30') from the southerly shore line of Aransas Bay for Northwest corner; THENCE, Southerly along said original shore line of Aransas Bay approximately thirty feet (30') to the place of beginning; being a parcel of the 100-acre tract received by Patent from the State of Texas in the year 1936.

Each bidder shall state in each bid the purpose or purposes to which such leased premises are to be used; however, provided, that such premises cannot be used for the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.

In addition to the annual rental submitted by prospective bidders, they shall also submit a brief description of the proposed improvements as to size, cost, materials to be used and other pertinent information.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft, cashier's check or bidder's bond, with a reputable surety or sureties, in an amount equal to one year's rental bid for such lease. However, provided, that The Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

THE ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT NO. 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Greason and family of Hawkins, Texas, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson and other relatives here last week.

Mother Of Two Solves Housing Shortage



Substituting ingenuity, resourcefulness and high courage for technical knowledge, Isabella Wooley, Columbus, O., mother of two children, decided to do something about the housing shortage. Owner of a lot on which stood a 10 x 24-foot poultry house, and in desperate need of a home, this young mother surveyed the situation and went to work.

Laying a foundation and using the uprights of the hen house, Mrs. Wooley, not only completed her home but went on to raise the roof—literally—and add 12 feet to the rear of the house. Through rain and winter storms, when canvas was the only roof, the work went right on.

All this while she worked a full shift at the Columbus plant of The Timken Roller Bearing Company and cared for her two children, Geraldine, 8, and Thomas, 5.

This remarkable story of a courageous young mother also proves the current quip, "never underestimate the power of a woman!"

Texas Postal Receipts Drop 3% Oct. to Nov.

Austin, Tex.—Texas postal receipts slipped 3 per cent from October to November, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

November receipts of 55 Texas cities totaled \$3,288,292, a gain of 19 per cent from a year earlier.

The Bureau's seasonally-adjusted index of postal receipts stepped up 6 per cent during the month to stand at 262 per cent of the pre-war base period (1935-39).

Postal receipts in Marshall increased 17 per cent from October to November for the greatest gain over the month; followed by El Paso and Tyler, each 12 per cent; and Bryan, 10 per cent.

The greatest declines during the month were reported by Sweetwater, 37 per cent; Vernon, 28 per cent; and Longview, 24 per cent.

In comparison with November 1947, gains in receipts were shown by El Paso, 53 per cent; Marshall, 51 per cent; Snyder, 49 per cent; Greenville, 43 per cent; and Midland, 41 per cent.

In only 3 of the 55 reporting cities, postal receipts declined from a year earlier. These were Del Rio, Lockhart, and Nacogdoches.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sparks and four daughters, Mr. Buddy Hoffman and Mr. Tony Fine, all of Corpus Christi, were dinner guests at the Fred Bracht home Christmas day.

Citizens Urged to Send Donations For Crippled Children to Gonzales

Ross Boothe, President of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, reported this week that Texans have been responding generously to appeals for funds for the Foundation. The fund drive however, is still short of the \$350,000 goal.

Boothe urges subscribers of this newspaper to mail their contributions as soon as possible. Donations should be mailed to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, P. O. Box 58, Gonzales, Texas.

"The Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation is an institution supported by Texans to restore Texas polio victims to normal healthy lives and we of the foundation are extremely grateful for the way people of the state are answering our call for financial assistance," Boothe said. "The work of helping crippled children is a year around project and all Christmas contributions will put some polio victim on the road to health and happiness during 1949."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods spent Christmas in Seguin with relatives.

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Bakery Will Open Here Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ahr will open their bakery Friday in the building formerly known as Corky's Place. The bakery will be known as R's Bakery. They will bake pies, cakes, cookies, fresh bread, rolls, Danish pastry and doughnuts.

The Ahrs came to Rockport from Corpus Christi. They operated a bakery here for awhile during the war.

Texas Building Permits Gain 6% Oct. to Nov.

Austin, Tex.—Texas building permits gained 6 per cent from October to November, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Building permits in 53 Texas cities totaled \$30,829,734 in November 1948, or 14 per cent under a year earlier.

After adjustment for seasonal variation, the Bureau's index of building permits climbed 33 per cent from the previous month to 627 per cent of the prewar (1935-39) base period.

Permits issued in Cleburne, Lockhart, and Greenville increased three-fold in November, and more than doubled the October level in Lubbock, Harlingen, Midland, Borger, San Angelo and Childress.

On the other hand, sharp monthly declines were turned in by Lamesa, Texas City, Pampa, El Paso, Victoria, Nacogdoches, Galveston and Amarillo.

For the biggest increase over November 1947, Greenville stepped up building permits five-fold. Other notable gains over a year earlier were reported by Pampa, Lockhart, Beaumont, Lubbock, Cleburne, and New Braunfels.

Offsetting these large gains over November 1947, substantial decreases were registered by Texas City, Longview, Corpus Christi, Kerrville, Kenedy, Paris, El Paso, Seguin, Gainsville, and Nacogdoches.

Houston's permits totaled \$7,663,925 in November for the greatest amount of permits issued in the state, followed by Dallas, Fort Worth, and San Antonio.

Menke, Snowden Are Honored

Kingsville—Chosen the outstanding back and linesman among the Texas A & I Javelinas, Fullback Harold (Wham) Menke of Cuero and Tackle Ivan (Ox) Snowden of McAllen continue to receive honors.

Menke was 26th in the nation among small-college ball carriers, the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau announced today. Snowden, Associated Press honorable mention Little All American, was named last week to the University's all-opponent eleven.

Snowden and Carl Spoonmore, halfback from Raymondville, were elected co-captains for the past season by the 29 lettermen for 1948.

Howard Goforth and family from Shreveport, La., visited at the Henry Ballou home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller and daughters are spending the holidays at the O. D. Little home.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of Rockport, Texas will be held in the bank's office at Rockport, Texas at 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 1949 for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

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TIDE, large pkg.	28c
SUN SPUN LIMA BEANS, No. 2 can	27c
CREAMY Crustene, lb. ctn. 26c; 3-lb. ctn. 77c	
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World Court Hears Corfu Channel Case



Arguments in the first case between nations to come before the International Court of Justice are now being heard at The Hague, The Netherlands. The case involves the United Kingdom's claims for payment from Albania as the result of mine damage to British destroyers and the death of 44 seamen in the Corfu Channel off the Albanian coast. Here Sir Hartley Shawcross (left), U.K. counsel, looks at a map of the channel with Pierre Cot, Albanian counsel.

How Public Education Can Be Financed Under a New Plan

(By State Senator James E. Taylor, Chairman Gilmer-Aikin Committee on Education.)

Texas has taken one long step forward in financing an adequate system of public schools. That step was the decision to supply a large portion of the money needed out of state funds. The time has now come when another long step should be taken.

It is well-demonstrated that the present system of distributing state funds for school purposes does not equalize educational opportunity. The systems with the most local ability are getting the most state money.

It is also clear from the studies made by the Gilmer-Aikin Committee's advisors that the present financial plan has little relation to the quality of the schooling being provided. Many schools have been able to provide adequate programs, while many other schools can not offer the barest essentials.

The major weakness in the present financial plan arises from the procedure of distributing the great bulk of state funds on the basis of the number of children living within a school district area regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in school. Another significant weakness lies in the failure to equalize local tax support. Some districts "ride free" on state funds while others make exhausting efforts to raise taxes for their schools and still find their resources inadequate to maintain the kind of schools they want.

A large portion of the study of Gilmer-Aikin Committee has been given over to devising an equitable plan for financing public education in Texas. That plan is contained in the following proposals:

First, and fundamental, is to describe the minimum quality of education to be provided in every school district in the state. This is called the minimum foundation program of education. Every district will be required, and guaranteed the funds, to provide at least this program. It calls for such things as a nine-month school term, classes not over 25 pupils, well-qualified teachers, guidance program, a health program, and specialized supervision. It is not elaborate. Many school systems in the state are already doing better.

Second is to require every school district to make some local effort to support this minimum foundation program. This effort is to be equalized in terms of the taxpaying ability of each district. But how shall the ability to pay taxes be measured? Obviously, the assessed valuations of real property cannot be used because there is too much variation in assessment ratios between districts. Fortunately, there is at hand another means for measuring relative ability to pay taxes. This tool is an economic index, calculated to counties. Such an index is already widely used by business concerns and other state governments. The committee is proposing an economic index to be used in dividing up the local tax effort between districts, and is saying that the total local effort should be 45 million dollars.

Third in the plan is provision for most school districts to have ample local tax resources left after paying their shares toward the minimum foundation program. The total amount raised by local taxes for schools in 1947-48 was above \$150 million. The \$45 million required to be applied toward a minimum program leaves ample resources for providing enrichment locally. Every school tax

dollar raised locally remains in the district.

Fourth, is the provision that for the time being the Available School Fund shall continue to be distributed on a school census basis. The Committee expresses the opinion that only children who enroll in school should be counted in distributing these funds, but suggests that no change be made for immediately in order to provide time for local school systems to make adjustment to the new basis for state support.

The actual working of the plan would be as follows: The cost of providing the minimum foundation program will be calculated for each school district in the state. From this cost will be subtracted the amount which the district receives from the state per capita scholastic apportionment. The balance needed will be provided from a state Foundation Program Fund.

Some districts will be paid very little from the Foundation Program Fund because they have relatively high local tax resources. Others will be paid sizable sums. For the first time, if these proposals are accepted, (1) every child in the state can have access to at least acceptable education, (2) school districts can budget with certainty, and (3) local areas will be carrying fair shares of the educational load.

No one can doubt that the people of Texas want a system of education equal to that available anywhere. They have said so in unmistakable terms. And, they have indicated they are willing to pay for it. The chief tasks of the Gilmer-Aikin Committee has been formulated a minimum foundation program, within the power of Texas to finance, and to devise a plan for financing it which is sound from a business standpoint. The Committee believes it has accomplished both of these tasks.

However, the committee emphasizes the point that a new financial plan without local district reorganization and without reorganization at the state level will not pay very rich dividends. The three things go hand in hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rouquette are the parents of a boy born December 13, at Spohn hospital in Corpus Christi. He has been named Jody Lane.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kelly spent Christmas Day with their daughter and family, Mrs. W. P. Willis, in Corpus Christi. Carl Kelly remained there for a weeks visit.

MODERN MARKET SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND MONDAY

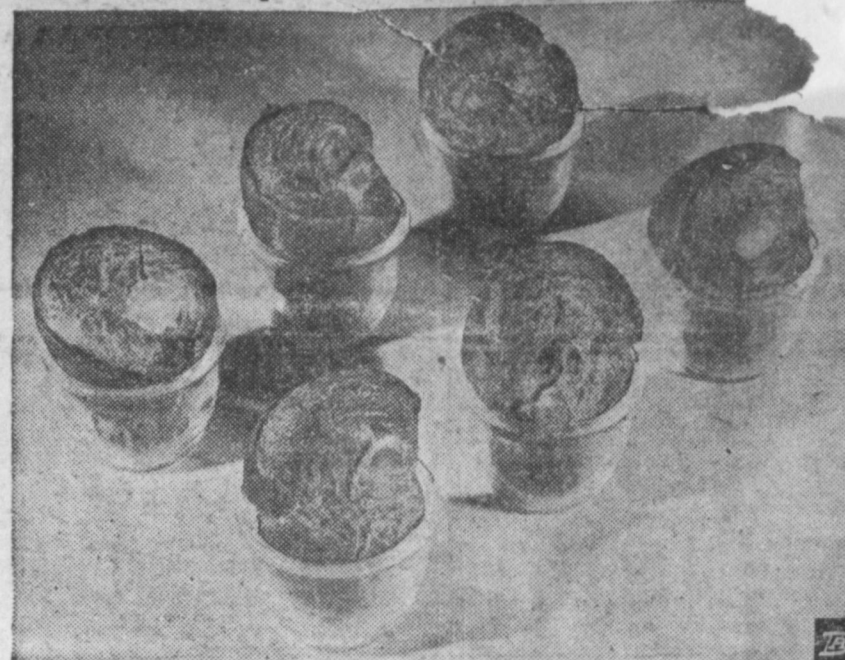
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Because popovers are a quick bread, you can get them into the oven in about fifteen minutes. Taking a few precautions will help make sure they "pop."

Precaution No. 1: beat the batter with a rotary egg beater until shiny smooth and no lumps show.

Precaution No. 2: heat either greased iron pans or glass custard or pottery cups sizzling hot. Take them from the oven and pour in the cold batter. This contrast in temperature helps popovers go high. Set individual cups on a tray so they will be easy to take out of the oven. There are also wire racks that come with some kinds of custard cups. If your oven has sliding shelves, pour the cold batter into the hot cups as they sit on the oven shelf. This saves fingers and spills.

Precaution No. 3: bake popovers first at a high temperature to pop them, then at a low temperature to dry them out and finish to a golden brown.

As soon as you take popovers from the oven, make a small slit in the side of each to let steam escape. Serve at once with butter, jam, and coffee, and your family will take over from there.

POPOVERS

1 cup sifted enriched flour 2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 to 1 cup milk
1 tablespoon melted shortening

Sift together flour and salt. Beat eggs and add milk. Add to flour mixture and beat to a smooth batter. Add shortening. Beat three minutes. Fill hot greased iron muffin cups or greased glass custard cups two-thirds full and bake in hot oven (450 degrees F.) about 25 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (350 degrees F.) and bake 15 minutes longer. Serve at once. Makes eight large popovers.

STRICTLY RUMORED!

(Continued from Page 1)

His drug store agitating takes up all of his time."

LEONARD LeBLANC: "I resolve to dispose of some of my various business enterprises that I have acquired without my consent."

T. J. JOHNSON: I resolve to give Dick Fox the benefit of an argument as always."

NORVELL JACKSON: "I resolve that I will not assume the responsibility of the watermelon concession for the Women's Civic Club again."

FLOYD HUFFMAN: "I resolve to give my humming-bird barbecue during 1949."

DUDLEY BRACHT: "I resolve not to take part in any radio quiz programs concerning 'The Lone Ranger.'"

SHELLY ROATEN: "I resolve that I will build only one house in 1949."

MRS. CHAS. ANKELE: "I re-

solve to learn why hardware items have such peculiar names."

JACK McDAVID: "I resolve not to agitate Dick Fox too much."

JIM BART JACKSON: "I resolve not to let my children do any special auto 'paint' jobs in 1949."

ROY WOODS: "I ROY GERO: "We resolve that we will try and take a day off from work once in awhile during 1949 and not spend every day at the shop."

Guests at the George Lee Brundrett and Fred Brundrett homes during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry E. Drake and daughter, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hill, Edna, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Drake, Yorktown; Mr. and Mrs. John Haseman and daughter, Texas City; Mr. George Lee Brundrett Jr., University of Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mills and children of Lamar.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelly and daughter of Brownfield, Texas, spent the holiday week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kelly.

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FLOTILL Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can	25c
CRUSTENE Shortening, 1 lb. carton	31c
CRUSTENE Shortening, 3 lb. can	88c
Folger's Coffee, 1 lb.	53c
Oxydol or Duz	31c
OLD TOM PURE RIBBON CANE Syrup, 12-oz. can—2 for	21c



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