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PUBLIC OPINION SOUGHT ON BIG PROJECTS

PILOTING

There is nothing we like to pass on more than a complement or a kind word. Sincere praise and deserved is spaced over long intervals. Too often there must be a reservation, and "if" or an "almost."

This week, A Rockport group received unreserved praise from many sources, and more than one person has asked that they be given credit in print for unusual jobs well done.

The Volunteer Fire Department has recently done, and we don't point this out as a first in their record, jobs that have been praised by insurance adjusters, the hardest men to please, property owners and bystanders.

TRUE EFFICIENCY

When fire caught in the projection room of the picture show, it was a matter of minutes before the firemen were extinguishing the flames. Nor did a man lose his head or sense of value for another person's property and start wielding axe and hose without necessity.

They handled their hose so that no break was made in the projection room walls and neither water nor debris touched the interior of the theatre. Yet the fire was out as quickly as it could have been controlled by any blind, driving method.

Insurance adjusters said the job was outstanding. F. L. Booth, manager of the theatre, couldn't express enough appreciation.

L. E. Sanders, whose home next to the Moyston residence which burned Tuesday, called in to ask that the firemen be given credit for their work there and that B. T. Hartman, Central Power & Light manager, be given his share of laurels for quickly cutting all lines at the beginning of every fire and reducing danger to firemen and bystanders.

The Moyston fire was far beyond control before the alarm was turned in, and there is no water connection in that area. Withstanding this, firemen kept the flames from spreading to servants quarters and did the possible work completely.

No matter how good nor well trained is a paid city department, we have never seen one get the results with comparable equipment that a volunteer department gets. The men here are fighting for their own homes and business and those of their friends and they go in there not because they are earning their living but because they want to save property.

Their small personal sacrifices are seldom taken into account. Drenched clothes, ruined watches, loss of time and expended energy are a few of the little things they give to a community. On the heavy end of the scale, there are few of them who have not risked their lives.

All Precautions Suggested To Avoid Diseases

A fatal case of diphtheria and a case of scarlet fever reported this week in Aransas County brought warnings from health authorities to take every precaution in maintaining good sanitation and health.

"I do not believe there will be an epidemic of either disease," Dr. Charles F. Cron, county health officer, said. "There will probably be none other in the county, but it is only good sense to take every measure to avoid spread of the disease."

Billy Joe Roberts died of diphtheria in a Corpus Christi hospital yesterday. He was not in school, so his contact with other children had been limited. The Roberts home was fumigated and every precaution taken.

Rosa Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell of Lamar, is ill and her case has been diagnosed as scarlet fever. She had been ill for four days before it came to the notice of county authorities, as an out-of-county doctor was treating her. The family was not under quarantine during those four days but has now been put under 28-day quarantine.

The fifth and seventh grades, attended by Rosa and her brother, Bobby Bell, have been dismissed for two days on order of Doctor Cron. The entire school is being fumigated as is the Lamar school bus.

Doctor Cron advised booster shots for any person who took the diphtheria vaccination more than a year ago and a new vaccination for a person who took it three years ago or more.

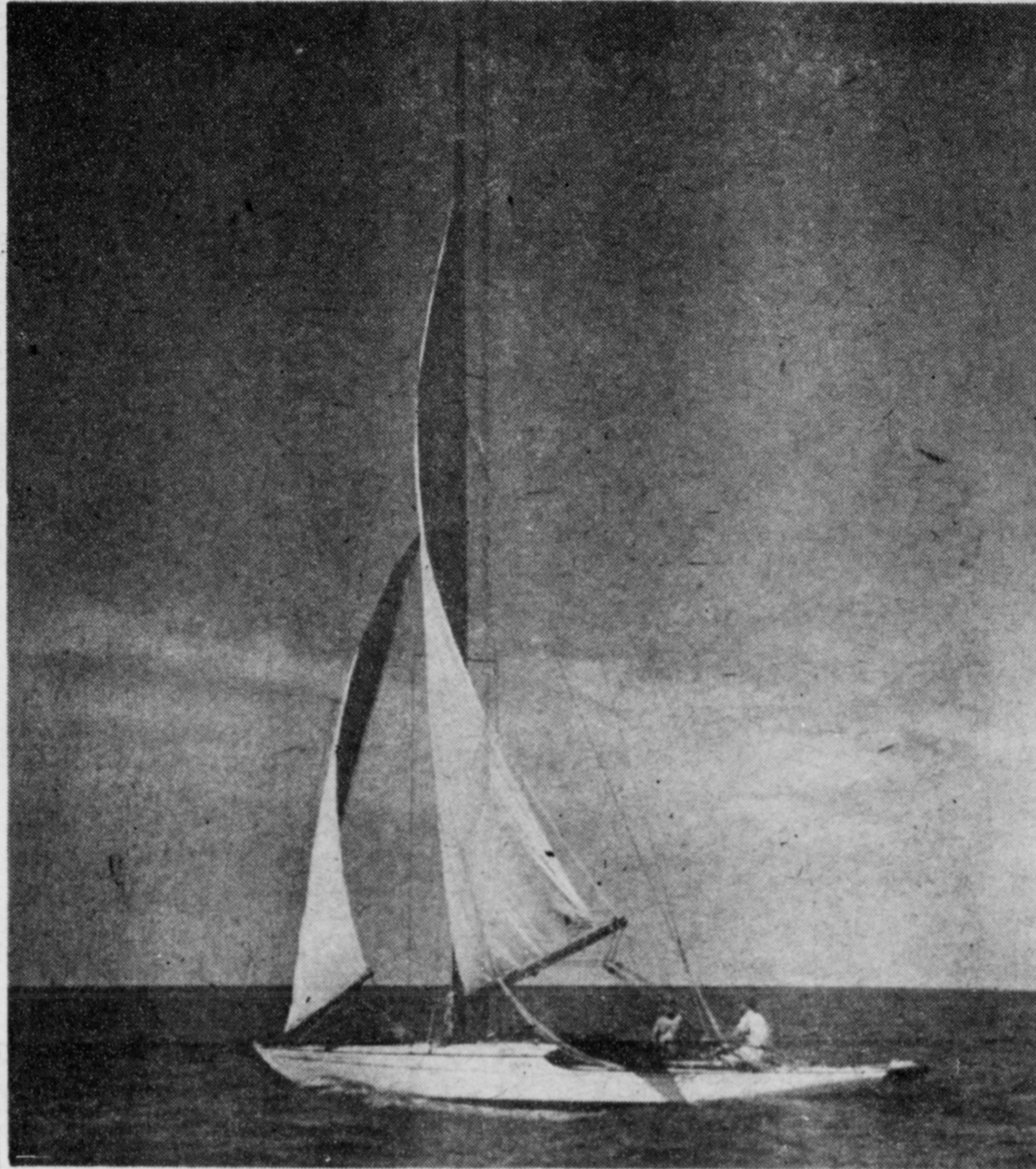
Morgan C. Wheeler, superintendent of schools, reiterated his warning to all parents to see that school children are vaccinated. He asked before the opening of school that the step be taken, and last May many children were vaccinated at the Parent-Teacher Association clinic.

In avoiding scarlet fever, Doctor Cron said extra precautions should be taken to keep clothes, the house and premises sanitary. Everyone should gargle frequently and consult a doctor at first sign of sore throat. Milk should be checked and drinking water at public fountains avoided.

Dr. George W. Cox, director of the State Department of Public Health, was consulted and said no further steps than those being advised locally could be suggested.

Budget Approved

The year's budget for the County of Aransas was approved at the regular August meeting of the Commissioners Court when bills for the month were also approved and paid.



FLAGSHIP — The "Anita," pictured above when she sailed into Aransas Bay several weeks ago on a trip from Corpus Christi, was flagship in the races in Corpus Christi Sunday. Comdr. E. N. Johnson, owner has never raced her, although she is primarily a racing boat. The boat was in harbor here for several days.

Flint and Steel Musket Inherited By Caraway as Family Tradition

A very old-fashioned rumble of a gun shot heard from an unhabited area might identify J. S. Caraway trying out a family relic he recently inherited.

The antique is a revolutionary fire arm, an old flint and steel musket, used from 1775 to 1783 by John Baughman, original owner.

The slender gun with its 37½ inch barrel, its intricate hammer and look of wear, is a tradition in Caraway's family, always handed down to the oldest child.

Baughman left the weapon to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Riley,

his oldest heir. About 1898, Mrs. Riley left it in her will to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Caraway.

Treasured and cared for, it remained in the best of condition during the years. About 1909, the gun was handed down by Mrs. Caraway to her son, W. H. Caraway. Aug. 5, it was inherited from his father by J. S. Caraway.

The gun has not been fired since 1924 when the present owner used a small charge of powder in it. As there is no flint in it, Caraway intends to get an old flint rock and give the relic a trial soon.

Three Re-Enter Rockport High Senior Class

Twenty-One Students Come to Local School From Other Towns

Three girls who were formerly students of Rockport High school but did not attend classes here last year have returned to enter the senior class as candidates for degrees here this year.

They are Betty Haynes who last year attended school in Richland, Wash.; Dorothy Lee Shaver last year at Los Angeles, Calif.; and Melba Phagan, out of school last year.

Twenty-one other new students came from other schools to Rockport for this term.

Now enrolled are: ninth grade, Anna Marie Martin of Corpus Christi.

Eighth grade, Billy France Kane of Little Rock, Ark.; Adelle Doan of Victoria; Louise Mauldin of College Station; Bobby Doan of Victoria; and Louise Jackson of Lawton, Okla.

Seventh grade, Beulah Mae Pounders of Voca, Nellie King of Three Rivers, a former student here, and Katherine Jean May of Yoakum.

Sixth grade, Irma Jane Kane of Little Rock, Ark.; Eddie McAnnally of Houston; Dorothy Baker of Houston, a former student here; and Mary Lee Coward of Granger.

Fifth grade, Sue McCoy of San Antonio and Madeline Martin of Corpus Christi.

Fourth grade, Jerry Jackson, of Lincoln, Okla.; and Ola King of Three Rivers, a former student here.

Third grade, John Winkelseth of New York City and Barbara McAnnally of Houston.

Second grade, James King of Three Rivers and Jimmy Miller of Houston.

There are no new students in the senior, junior or sophomore classes or in the first grade.

Billy Joe Roberts Dies In Corpus Christi Hospital

Three-and-a-half year old Billy Joe Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts of Rockport, died at a Corpus Christi hospital early yesterday morning. His death was attributed to diphtheria.

The child showed signs of illness Sunday and became very ill Tuesday afternoon. He was taken immediately to a Corpus Christi hospital where treatment given him in an oxygen tent failed.

The boy was born in Corpus Christi Jan. 17, 1942. He had lived most of his life in Rockport where his father is employed by Heldenbels Bros.

Private funeral services were scheduled to be held at Rockport Cemetery at 4 o'clock this afternoon with the Rev. T. H. Pollard officiating.

He is survived by his grandparents; one brother, George Roberts; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owens of Corpus Christi; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. L. B. Roberts of Corpus Christi; and a number of aunts and uncles.

Clean-Up To Be Conducted After Repairs Completed

The clean-up campaign to be conducted by the Chamber of Commerce has been postponed until repair work necessitated by the hurricane has been completed, the Rev. H. Kelly, president, announced yesterday.

Because so many residents are occupied with necessary work on their homes and grounds, they could not participate as wholeheartedly in an immediate clean-up, the committee decided. When this work is under control, the committee will announce plans for the community-wide clean-up.

At that time there will also be appointed an emergency committee, a standing committee of the chamber, to function in time of hurricane or other disaster.

The work of public protection was voluntarily handled by the fire department has been depleted, the need has arisen for a group to assume this responsibility, Father Kelly said. They will work out a program with a view to all necessity and welfare.

Final Typhoid Inoculations To Be Given Friday

Four hundred and twenty adults and children received typhoid inoculations at the city hall Friday. Some of these were the second shots in a course of three, others the third.

State Health Department nurses will return Friday morning at 10 o'clock for the fourth week to give final shots. Those who missed the third shot last week, may take it this Friday, Dr. Charles F. Cron, in charge of the inoculation work, said.

The shots are being given as a part of a city program to reduce the danger of disease that might follow a storm if all precautions were not taken. No case of typhoid nor other insect-carried disease has been reported locally.

To Be Discharged

Mrs. A. D. Stokes has received word from her husband, Aubrey D. Stokes, United States Coast Guard, that he has arrived at Boston, Mass., and expects to be discharged from service in several weeks.

Returns to Base

Arthur Lee Roberts, ASK first class, has returned to his base at Moffet Field, Calif., after spending a two-week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roberts.

Bonds, Harbor Improvements To Be Discussed

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Ask for Expression

A director's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, to which the public has been invited to attend, has been called for Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Court-house to discuss possible bond issues and bayfront and harbor improvements.

The Rev. J. H. Kelly, president of the Chamber, said he wished public opinion to be made known and wanted everyone interested to attend and participate in the discussions.

A brief on proposed waterfront improvements at Fulton, prepared by the navigation committee and submitted to the U. S. Engineers and Congressional representatives at Washington, will be explained.

Prelude to the county-wide meeting was a discussion by the Navigation Committee Tuesday night of needed improvements that would require bond issues. Foremost is the Fulton project for a breakwater harbor and channel to the Intra-Coastal Canal. Also contemplated are improvement of the Rockport beach and harbor and possible extensions to present facilities, and road work.

"The Chamber of Commerce to act in line with the opinion of the majority," Father Kelly said. "We can know what the opinion is only if the county is well represented at the meeting."

The brief, addressed to the district engineer at Galveston, describes the hearing held here Aug. 1 when those attending agreed that no improvements were desired in Little Bay, but an alternate proposal was approved, a harbor for Fulton.

Fulton is described as a town of 800 persons with the principal occupation fishing and shrimping.

"At present the town is served for navigation by only crude channels kicked out by the local fishing interests and are protected by improvised bulkheads of earth snails, oyster shells and scrap timber" the brief continues. "For lack of shore protection, the channels are continuously filling and the shore suffers erosion. A depth of nine feet at mean low water within only a few hundred feet of shore and maintains this depth to the intra-Coastal Canal, with the exception of steaking out the channel to avoid oyster reefs."

"Four wholesale fish houses serve Fulton and many times, due to strong winds, it is necessary that they send their fleets to Rockport to unload their fish and shrimp on trucks to be transported to Fulton for processing and packing. This causes an annual loss of time and labor of thousands of dollars."

The improvements, the brief said, are proposed by the Navigation Committee supported by approval of the Aransas County Navigation Commission, Aransas County Commissioners Court and various business men.

The proposal included \$55,000 in bonds to be voted by the Aransas County Navigation District for construction of a breakwater and the dredging of the harbor and channel be done by the federal government.

In the statements from commercial fishermen, Cecil Casterline lists 26 boats fishing for his company with a total value of \$92,050. He said his company last year handled 9,100,000 pounds of oysters, 900,000 pounds of shrimp and 90,000 pounds of fish, and estimated that loss of time and labor alone because of handling of cargoes through Rockport harbor in rough weather cost his company \$5,000.

Rouquette and Wendell listed five boats fishing for the company and 15 skiffs valued at \$19,000. They estimated their loss on rough weather hauls through Rockport last year at \$1,500. The company

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HISTORY OF OLD TOWN OF ARANSAS BRINGS OUT INTERESTING STORY OF FORGOTTEN VILLAGE

The town of Aransas founded about 1838, on Liveoak Peninsular north of where Rockport now stands was long ago depopulated and many people no longer know that it existed, but Harry Traylor, historian, recently discovered some pages of history probably not published for 100 years.

The establishment of Lamar and the fall of Aransas were told in a letter and a report of meetings found in the volumes of "Lamar Papers" in the San Antonio Public Library.

The letter follows: "His Excellency, Genl. M. B. Lamar, Prest. Republic of Texas Sir:

"Since my arrival at this point (25th of March) I have examined the several points on the Bay of Aransas, and as your Excellency informed me that the present location of the Custom House was temporary, I would most respectfully recommend its removal, forthwith to the City of Lamar. From its geographical position I am fully satisfied that the upper country as well as the Rio Grande trade must center at that point. The proprietors, Messrs Byrne, Hull and

Armstrong are liberal, enterprising, gentlemanly and men of sterling worth—in the U.S. as well as this (their adopted) country. They are warm friends of Prest. Lamar, and have offered a lot 100 ft. front by 144 deep (which has been selected by myself) and will immediately erect a good and substantial frame house, 16 by 26 ft., one story high, the title guaranteed, and made to the President of the Republic of Texas, and his successors in office or such form as Excellency may desire, conditioned that the Custom House shall remain at the City of Lamar.

"No offer has been made by the proprietors of the City of Aransas to retain the Custom House, nor does the number of houses exceed 12 and the inhabitants 30, while at the City of Lamar 20 houses are under way, and will be completed in less than one month, and the inhabitants more than double that of Aransas.

"For further information I would refer your Excellency to Capt. J. W. Byrne, the bearer of this letter.

To be respectfully,
Yo Obt. Svt.
Sam Hewes."

That move caused a political

stir which participants thought would never be forgotten, much less that their whole town would be forgotten. This was brought out in minutes of the meeting sent to the president of the Republic.

"Citizens meeting, Aransas, Texas, June 15, 1839.

"At a meeting of the citizens of Aransas, convened at the Council House on Saturday evening June 15, 1839, pursuant to public notice to take in consideration the removal of the Custom House from this place, Col. Henry L. Kinney was called to the chair, and S. Parsons Griswold appointed Secretary. After a brief statement of the object of the meeting by the chair, on motion of George W. Fulton, a committee of five was appointed to draft and report a series of resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting, whereupon, Col. Jas. Power, Geo. W. Fulton, Edward Fitz Gerald, Joel T. Case, and R. C. Jackson were appointed said committee, and on motion of Col Power, Col. H. L. Kinney was added then ably addressed by several gentlemen, after which on motion of Joel T. Case Esq., the meeting adjourned to meet on Monday evening

the 17th June inst. at 8 o'clock. "At eight o'clock on Monday evening the meeting met pursuant to adjournment when Joel T. Case Esq. from the committee reported the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted: "Whereas, the Custom House for the entry of goods in the bay of Aransas has been recently removed as it is understood by the authority of the present executive of the City of Aransas, on Live Oak Point, to a place opposite, called Lamar, a place unapproachable by vessels drawing seven feet of water within 3-4 of a mile from the shore, and moreover affording an insecure anchorage to vessels during a stress of weather from any point of compass, except the north to a place located on land previously titled to another person and entirely aside from the natural channel of trade now about to be opened with the Mexicans and settlers in the County, whereas for the last 12 months the City of Aransas on Live Oak Point has been known and acknowledged as the Port of Entry on this Bay, and as such many of us, the oldest citizens and the ear-

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MARRIAGE LICENSES
Edwin Kornarik and June Ellis.
Clyde Taylor and Anetta June Palmer.
George Thomas Johnson and Violet Oris Plumley.

Mrs. Hayden Named President of Faculty Club

Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden was elected president of the Faculty Club at the organization meeting of the year Friday afternoon.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Bertha Harber, vice-president; and Mrs. Simon Lee Sorenson, secretary-treasurer-reporter.

A committee composed of Mrs. Harper, Miss Katie Lee Clarke and Mrs. Gustava Cavitt grouped the teachers in entertainment committees for meetings every six weeks.

The next meeting of the club will be held before Oct. 12 with Mrs. Ruby Hart, Mrs. Sorenson and Miss Ruth Lipscomb as hostesses.

Medal Awarded Arthur Roberts

Arthur Lee Roberts, store keeper first class, an Eagle Scout and son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roberts of Rockport, Sunday morning was presented with the Ad Altare Dei medal for the giving of more than 250 hours as an altar boy in the Catholic Church.

Roberts was at home on furlough at the time of the presentation. He gave his hours here before going into service three years ago and has added to them at his West Coast Naval Station.

The medal is given by the Catholic Church only to Scouts of first class or higher. The only other boy who has been given the medal in Rockport is Frederick Close who received it last summer.

The Rev. J. H. Kelly presented the medal at 9 o'clock mass, after making a talk on the medal and on Scouting. Roberts' mother pinned the cross on her son.

Family Visit In Lamar Home

First Lt. and Mrs. Charles Steffler and their two children have been guests of Lieutenant Steffler's grandfather, Charles P. Steffler at "Buena Vista," his Lamar home.

The officer returned from Europe after participating in the North African and Italian campaigns with the Third Air Force. He has more recently been stationed in Florida and is now on terminal leave. He and his family will make their home at Houston.

Telephone Co. Sends Letter

All Rockport and Fulton customers of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company whose phones were out of order, during the hurricane received a recent letter from the company.

The letter explained, "We are sorry you were inconvenienced when out of service as a result of the hurricane which struck this section late in August. Your bill will reflect a credit for the time your telephone was not working."

"The storm was one of the most destructive experienced here in recent years. Thousands of telephones went out in the coastal area when high winds and flying debris sent wires down and damaged cable. Several communities were isolated for a brief period. Skilled telephone men came in from other sections to help repair the damage immediately after the storm. They worked long hours to get telephones talking again and to restore long distance service."

Mrs. Baugh, Westbrook Win Prizes At Rebekah Lodge Party

A party was held after the meeting of the Rebekah Lodge Tuesday night. On the entertainment committee were Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden, Mrs. Willard Young, Mrs. Annie Young Evans, and Mrs. Clara Seaton.

Guests played "Cootie." The ladies prize was won by Mrs. J. Baugh and the men's prize by H. C. Westbrook of Aransas Pass.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato salad and punch were served. Attending were Mrs. Lucille Roberts, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Nannie Deane, Mrs. Fannie Saint, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clark, Mrs. Mellie Edmison, Mrs. Jennie Wright, Mrs. Pearl Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baugh, Mrs. Emma McLester, Mrs. Corinne Zawadzki, Westbrook, Mrs. Emma Cloberdants, Mrs. C. Jacobsen, Mrs. Ora May, Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden, Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Miss Mary Augusta Deane, and Miss Marilyn Brown.

Along The Waterfront

Catches in the gulf and bay improved this week to bring total rail shipments for the seven days to \$30,700 worth of seafoods from Rockport and Fulton.

Bay shrimp were slightly larger and a number of boats were dropping their nets there but the majority of skippers were still having better luck in the gulf. The bay bottom was better with less debris that has been tearing nets since the storm.

Skipper Willie Close had the best bay haul at Johnson Fish Company. On "Little Willie" he came in with 2,785 pounds. In the Gulf, Curley Gonzales was leading on the Colleen with 1,147 pounds.

All the Johnson boats were back in commission and a full fleet working.

Catches improved on the Jackson Seafood Company's boats that came in. Best catch was weighed up by Joe Garcia on the "Niva," and totalled 1,550 pounds of Gulf shrimp.

W. S. Sanders' shrimp went up on the Alvin Brundrett ways for an overhaul. Both Jack Davis and Marvin Davis had their shrimpers up on the same ways for work.

Catches were good at Casterline Fish Company. Bay shrimp brought in were a little larger than last week. Top boat of the Casterline fleet was the Florence Mae with 2,200 pounds. Calvin Luddington skippers the boats.

The 30-foot cabin sail boat belonging to Aubrey Daly of Corpus Christi was repaired, painted and varnished at Rockport Boatworks this week. Mr. and Mrs. Daily sailed their boat over and will take her back through the pass.

The 104-foot Navy boat, ARB No. 1 from Port Aransas was launched this week at Rockport Boat Works. She was overhauled and her keel repaired.

Julius Melcher's speed boat went on the ways at the boat works for repair and motor overhaul.

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W. C. Frandolig and family.
F. M. Frandolig and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tankley.
J. G. Frandolig and family.

Club Is Promising

The Girl's Choral Club is showing promises of a good musical season. Owen James, director, said yesterday. They are working up numbers to be sung at churches, civic organizations and where ever their songs are requested.

Meeting Postponed

The scheduled meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association yesterday afternoon was postponed because of the death of Billy Roberts, son of Mrs. Leonard Roberts, Association president.

Card of Thanks

To all members of the Catholic, Presbyterian and Baptist churches; to my friends old and young; to my teachers and schoolmates, especially the boys and girls of the present Freshman class, I wish to extend my thanks for the candy, cards, flowers, books and all of your kind attentions. I appreciate them. I have a long way to go before I am well. If it hadn't been for my friends, I wouldn't be this far along the road to recovery. My accident has taught me I must be kinder and considerate to other people and what an important thing it is in life to administer to the sick and injured and show friendship to them.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Benaack are the parents of a seven-pound 15½ ounce daughter, Barbara Ann, born July 27 at Seabrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Hemmi are parents of an eight pound daughter, Agnes Wiona, born Saturday at Rockport.

Capt. Sleet McHugh brought "Little Monte" in with a good catch from the Gulf. He had 2,500 pounds for Rouquette and Wendell's. "Irene G" with skipper Pete Peres caught 2,000 pounds. Lupe Palido on the "Copano" had 1,400 pounds of bay shrimp.

Only boat of the fleet still out for storm repairs is the "Captain Head." She is on the Perry Bass ways for a part of a new bottom, a new cabin, new deck, and new motor.

Luck was bad at Fulton Fish Company where breakdowns kept boats from sharing in the best of the shrimping. A few fair loads were brought in from the gulf but most of the boats were not in shape to put in much time with the nets. Both the Elizabeth and Barbara were on the ways.

Hubble's big shrimper is off dry ground and in fact back in making some good catches. She was taken out of the pasture at Back Bay on a house-moving truck, brought overland to Preston Paul's and sent down the ways there. Undamaged, she moved off into harbor.

Mrs. Ruby Morris, her daughter, and Mrs. Alice Marion have returned to Rockport from Sulphur Springs where they visited Morris' father who is very ill. Morris' daughter remains.

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YES, IT'S A WHALE—Joel Hedgpeth, marine biologist for the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, examines the whale landed on Saint Joseph Island by Clyde Townsend.

It Was Only a Baby Whale But It Caused a Full Grown Expedition Across Saint Joseph Island In a Jeep

A whaling expedition in a jeep isn't a Moby Dick conception but it offers its hazards to life, limb and the routine of living.

Clyde Townsend just happened to mention in a casual way that on the beach at Saint Joseph Island he had a whale. That was Thursday morning, and he had found it in shallow water a week before, dragging it ashore with a truck.

The only warning the manager of the Sid Richardson Ranch on Saint Joseph Island gave when we began making arrangements to leave without stocking up on too many supplies, was to stay on the windward side. It had been there a week, he reminded us.

Townsend wasn't returning to the island until later but he offered us transportation facilities there. "Find the jeep," he said, "because that is the only way you can make it down the beach to the whale."

R. R. Rice agreed to set sail with the expedition to Saint Joseph. Into his neat little boat piled two marine biologists, Joel Hedgpeth doing state of Texas work and Dr. Gordon Gunter, a University of Texas research associate; and Capt. Pope Lawrence of the State Health Department, and his wife.

The five miles across the bay were slow going as the automatic pump stopped working, and the boat ran only with the greatest of puffing. Whaling requires patience. It's no moment's job.

Secured in the Richardson boat-house, we searched the landscape,

finding the only motor vehicle in sight was a Ford. With that, the search for the jeep began.

A cowboy, blue jeans and Stetson was caring for the duties of the range in the new fangled vehicle. Working cattle, he can go in the jeep anywhere a horse could find his way, and can get there before the horse would have worked up a good lather.

A trade was completed, the Ford for the jeep and a course set with information on the whale's last sighting.

"Just go across that cattleguard," the cowboy said. "When you get to the waterhole, sort of feel your way through it. Take out over those sand hills and when you hit the Gulf of Mexico, turn left and you can't miss him."

Rice, who can handle anything that floats, had never taken the wheel on a jeep. Captain Lawrence had been in them many times before but explained the Army always furnished an experienced driver.

With Hedgpeth on the radiator, Gunter and Rice in the seats and the remainder of the hunters balanced on a cushion across the back of the jeep, the signal was given to start.

Rice pressed the starter. The jeep, well trained by its cowboy driver, gave one pitch then stood as still as a horse who sets his four legs to let you wonder what is coming.

After five or six of the turches,

the jeep settled down into a gear evidently suited to the terrain. Over the cattleguard, the going was fine. Then came the water hole. The jeep plunged in, the wheels rolling on the slick, muddy bottom. Right to the center of the water the buggy went. That was all for the moment. Rice tried all the gears, but couldn't discover which was suitable for the occasion.

With steel tape measures, books on whales and camera equipment, the party unloaded in the middle of the puddle, in half a city block of muddy water can be called that. The load lightened, the jeep swung onto dry land.

We took the sand dunes by leaps and we bounded. About the only thing to hold onto in a jeep is some solid sheets of metal and every inch was fingerprinted by grasping hands. The smooth damp sand of the beach was like a race track when the Jeep set wheel on it.

At a distance the whale showed up, black on a beach completely cleaned by the storm. It was a young whale, probably two years old, Doctor Gunter said, for it was only 12 feet 10 inches long.

Doctor Gunter called it a globicephala ventricosa meaning globe head. Less anti-social names are Black Fish or Pilot Whale. It is the only whale with that very black color and globe head. Its flippers are long and narrow. Adults of the species are from 14 to 28 feet.

A bulge in his side indicated he was about ready to blow and steps,

MEETING CHANGED

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has announced a new meeting time, the second and fourth Monday of each month.

even in the windward were cautious.

A few references showed that he usually migrates in large schools from Greenland and the Coast of Norway to the Cape of Good Hope and from Japan south to New Zealand and east to Peru. They seldom appear on the Atlantic coast of the United States. No description mentioned the possibility of finding one in the gulf of Mexico.

Each of this species of whales follows the leaders, usually the largest male, and when he goes aground in shallow water, the others follow even though it means death to most of them. But no other whales came before or after the lonely character who probably got lost in the hurricane and ended up on Saint Joseph.

Eight years ago a dead whale washed up on the beach near Rockport, but Townsend's catch was the first record of a live whale beached around here with a block and tackle. The approximately 1,000 pound whale is more than a sport to catch. He's the business.

The scientific expedition made its way back to the mainland, as prone to eat from the mantle as after a canter over the green and thinking it would be a much softer ride to follow the lead of Jonah and ride inside of one than in search of one.

Mrs. Floyd Smith Is Hostess To Presbyterian Circle

Circle 1 of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Smith Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ted Little, chairman, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Hugh Morrison conducted the Bible Study with the subject, "What Shall I Say," Mrs. Fred Brundrett gave the Presbyterian Survey Article on the same subject.

Members discussed preparing the fall wardrobe of the 10-year-old Dorothy at the Presbyterian orphanage at Itaska. The circle is responsible for the girl's clothing.

Refreshments of gingerbread and coffee were served to members and guests, Mrs. Ted Little, Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. T. H. Pollard, Mrs. Harry Mills, Mrs. W. K. Christianson and Mrs. T. S. Kingsley.

New Phone Book Issued For Fulton And Rockport

A new phone book has been issued in Rockport and Fulton with a page more of names and numbers than were in the book issued September, 1944.

The book lists additional emergency and service calls. Among these are the new fire number, 214 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation number.

The directory brings up to date a large number of phones which had been changed since the last was issued and gives many numbers previously unlisted. Because of the changes, the phone company has asked that old books be destroyed to avoid referring to an old book and receiving the wrong number.

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Make All Pay Taxes

For ten years before the war, agencies and officials of government seeking to establish ownership of electric power in the United States, kept before the people the thought that a power shortage was just around the corner. They claimed that private companies would be unable to supply demand. How wrong they were has been proved beyond any argument.

The greatest demand for electric power in world history has passed; and there was never a power shortage or rationing for one minute in any of the industries or homes of our nation. The electric industry made monkeys of its critics. During the war years, installed capacity of power houses increased 25 per cent, total power produced gained 77 per cent, the number of electric power customers went up by one and one-half million, revenue from sales climbed 43 per cent, and the average price per kilowatt dropped by 25 per cent. And there was no increase in net earnings over 1939. In the five-year period, 1939 to 1944, the tax share which government took from private electric companies earnings rose from \$352,000,000 to \$703,000,000, while dividends to stockholders dropped 5 and one-half per cent.

The ability of the electric industry to meet all the requirements of customers and government is a tribute to its foresight and management under the American system of private enterprise. It is in striking contrast with tax-exempt, publicly-owned power plants which seek to displace private companies, while they refuse to bear the same tax obligations as other citizens and industries, thereby escaping their share of the tremendous burden of maintaining the cost of the government which finances them.



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