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Close Check On Bay Dredging Is Promised

Oyster shell dredging authorized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission recently will be closely supervised and controlled, Executive Secretary J. Weldon Watson said recently.

Watson said his department will keep every dredging operation under constant observation seven days a wek.

"If siltation is causing any serious damage near there, we can make our adjustments," he said in a telephone interview. He said the department has enough boats for personnel to get "all over the bays, regardless of the depth

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Navigation Board Thanks C of C For Cooperation

Members of the Navigation Board took advantage of the Christmas season to thank the Rockport Chamber of Commerce for its cooperation. In their letter, the Navigation District Commissioners said.

"In appreciation of your effort toward the betterment of the community, and for the assistance and support you have always rendered to the Navigation District in its various projects through the years, we take pleasure in presenting you with this composite photograph of our waterfront."

The photograph to which the letter referred is a tremendous aerial taken from 30,000 feet up, which shows the waterfront from Ingleside to Lamar in minute detail.

Post Office To Be Closed December 25-26

The financial office of the Rockport post office will be closed for business Christmas day and also Saturday, Dec. 26. There will be no city delivery service on those two days, however there will be delivery on the Star Route Saturday, Dec. 26.

The regular holiday service will be given to all incoming and outgoing mail. Boxes will be serviced and all Special Delivery mail as well as perishable packages will be delivered. Special attention will also be given to the delivery of all gift packages on both days in order to make the patrons' holidays more complete.

Local Men On Board of CCACATB

Eleven nominees for places on the board of directors of the Corpus Christi Area Convention and Tourist Bureau were announced yesterday by CATB President Firman Jackson. Seven of the 11 will be elected for three-year terms.

Among those nominated is Jerre Ledbetter, of Sea Gun Sports Inn.

In addition to the seven directors elected, the new CATB president will appoint five other directors for three-year terms. Of that five, three must be from outside the corporate limits of Corpus Christi. The new board elects the officers at a meeting the last week in December.

Carl Krueger, Jr., and Emory M. Spencer are two of the directors remaining on the board.

CORRECTION PLEASE . . .

Last week the Pilot reported on the annual dinner of the local chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association and in so doing left out one of the most important guests of all . . . Miss Katie Lee Clarke . . . who retired at the end of last school year after more than 50 years of teaching, much of it in Aransas County Schools.

No such dinner would be complete without Miss Katie Lee, and all we can do is offer our apologies—we knew she was there—and wish her a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . .

Woman's Club Has Party For Christmas

The Woman's Club of Aransas County entertained with their annual Christmas progrom Tuesday evening, Dec. 15.

The club room was beautifully decorated with a large lighted Christmas tree and other Christmas arrangements by Mrs. Paul Rogers, Mrs. E. B. Shelton, Mrs. Jack Colley and Mrs. C. E. Frenzel.

Mrs. Jones Christian, Mrs. J. H. Mills and Mrs. Arthur Bracht greeted guests while Mrs. Jack Colley and Mrs. C. E. Frenzel registered the 200 who attended.

Mrs. Jones Christian, president of the club, welcomed the guests and then introduced the program chairman, Mrs. Arthur Bracht, who was assisted by Mrs. Fred Bracht.

The invocation was given by Rev. Cecil Lang, of the First Presbyterian Church, and he sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. James Frye. The Sacred Heart Children's Choir, directed by Sister Nancy, sang two songs. The children's square dance group, with caller Richard Hardy of Corpus Christi, did two dances.

The Methodist Youth Choir directed by Mrs. W. J. Sprigg and accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Cooke, sang two songs. Mrs. Carol Gann read "The Littlest Angel." The audience all joined in to sing Christmas carols directed by Mrs. Sprigg and accompanied by Mrs. James Frye. The benediction was given by Msgr. J. Wm. Hennel, of Sacred Heart Church.

A social followed with refreshments of coffee, fruit punch, and cookies.

Seaman's Lions Club Has Annual Banquet

The Rockport Seaman's Lions Club held their annual banquet Monday night at the Woman's Club building, with Alfred Pena, a member of the Aransas County Literacy Council, as the featured speaker.

The club's officers are Marcelino Ramirez, president; Henry Munoz, first vice president; Simon Garcia, second vice president; Joe Zambrano, third vice president; Joe Covarrubias, secretary; Hillis Dominguez, treasurer; Juan Romero, Lion Tamer; and Rudolph Nava, tail twister.

Joe Valdez and Joe Dominguez are two-year directors; Domingo Perez, Jr., and Richard Rinche are one-year directors.

Other members of the club are Ernest Stautzenberger, Gilbert Garcia, Alfred Pena, Juan Romero and Leopoldo Villa.

Father Paschal Bergin of Sacred Church gave the invocation.

Rockport Fire Dept. Elects New Officers

The Rockport Volnteer Fire Department held their regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 17.

At the meeting, the following men were elected to hold office for 1965:

Coy Truelove, fire chief; John Ray, first assistant chief; Gary Smith, second assistant chief; Gilbert Hill, Jr., first captain; Edward Truelove, second captain; Travis Johnston, sergeant-at-arms; Cecil Cole, chaplain; Elva Mullinax, Raymond Wolf, Ceylon Ammons, Sheriff-elect Joe E. Hunt, fire police;

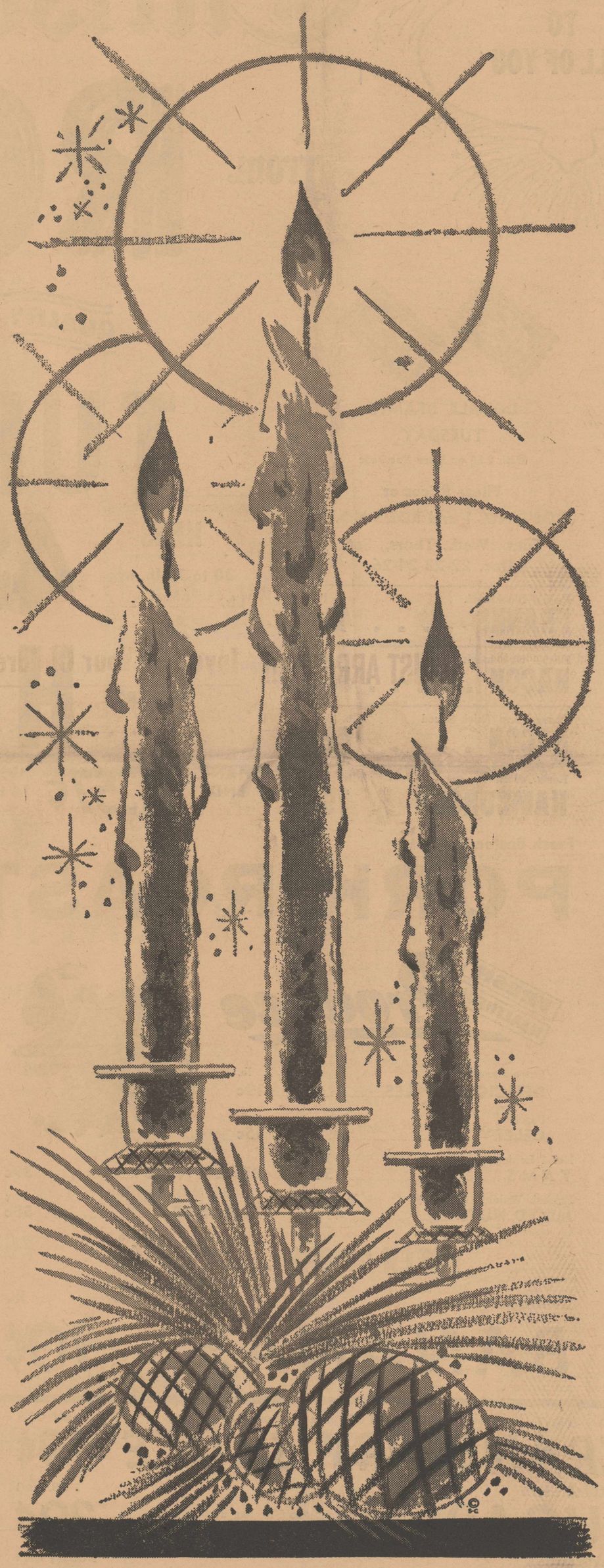
Charles Gaskin, Charles Smith, maintenance committee; Elva Mullinax, reporter; Gene Carter, president; Bill Matcheski, vice president; Jerry Iles, secretary-treasurer;

Three visitors were welcomed.

The Christmas tree will be held tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m.

CPL TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS EVE

The Central Power and Light offices here will close Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will not reopen until Monday, Dec. 28.



Merry Christmas

Toast of the Coast Tournament Set For Dec. 28-29

The Eighth Annual Toast of the Coast basketball tournament will be held in the Pirate gymnasium at Rockport beginning at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, and finishing with the finals at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Team entries this year make this the strongest line-up in the eight-year history of the tournament and include Aransas Pass, Refugio, Woodsboro, West Oso, Ingleside, Bloomington, Calallen, and the host, Rockport.

All of these are fine teams and any attempt to predict a winner would be very difficult.

Pairings show Refugio meeting Woodsboro at 2 p.m. Monday; Aransas Pass plays West Oso at 3:30 p.m., and this will wind up the afternoon session.

At 6:30 p.m. Monday, Ingleside plays Bloomington, and at 8 p.m. Rockport players meet those of Calallen, This completes the first round of action.

Play resumes at 9 a.m. Tuesday with consolation semi-final contest. Championship semi-finals start with the first game at 1 p.m., followed at 2:30 p.m. by the other.

Consolation finals will be played at 5 p.m. Third place finals will follow at 6:30 p.m., with the championship game scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Trophies will be awarded after the championship game to consolation, third place, second place and first place winners. The winning coach will also be awarded a trophy, as will be the six players selected for the all-tournament team.

Admission prices will be $2 for an adult tournament ticket, and $1 for student tournament tickets. Admission per session will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Birdlovers On Mary Lou See 35 of 42 Whoopers

Members of the Houston ornithological group which has been making periodic cruises on Hu Johnson's Mary Lou to observe the whooping cranes, had a field day last Sunday when they saw 35 of the 42 on Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

"It was rather cold and windy," Johnson said, "and the birds were very tame. We were close enough to a number of them to get excellent pictures, even with cameras that had no telephoto lens."

Johnson, whose boat has been making ornithological cruises of this sort for many years, says that this was the most that the 21 members had ever seen, and certainly the most that he 21 members of the Houston society had ever had a chance to observe.

Corpus Christi Youths Arrested

Early Sunday morning five Corpus Christi youths were arrested near Sea Gun Sports Inn after two of them had stolen a spare tire and several other items from a car belonging to I. D. Russell, night manager of the Inn.

Three of the youths were released ofter investigation disclosed that they did not get out of the car in which the five were riding.

Israel Chapa Rodriguez is in jail under a $300 bond, charged with theft. A juvenile was released to his parents and his case is being referred to juvenile authorities in Corpus Christi.

PILOT TO PUBLISH ON TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

Due to the fact that next Friday is New Year's Day The Pilot will be published on Tuesday to allow subscribers to take advantage of the many merchandise specials that are advertised.

Persons having items for next week's Pilot are requested to get them in by Monday noon, please.

STORY HOUR HELD BY MRS. CARROLL GANN

The regular weekly story hour at Aransas County Public Library was conducted by Mrs. Carroll Gann. The books read included "Babar and Father Christmas," "Baby's First Christmas," "The Littlest Angel," "Howdy Doody and Santa Claus," and "The Night Before Christmas in Texas."

Also those at the story hour sang "Rudolph, The Red-nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells," "Oh! You Better Not Cry;", and "Up on the House Top."

There will be no story hour at Christmastime nor in New Year's week.

The library will be closed, along with other county offices on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, for the Christmas holidays.

FIRST NATIONAL TO BE CLOSED SATURDAY AFTER X'MAS

The First National Bank will not be open the Saturday after Christmas, according to an announcement made today. First banking day will be Monday, Dec. 28.

Jack Sanders Is New Director Of South Texas C of C

A Rockport man has been named to the board of directors of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce. He is Jack Sanders, Laguna Construction Company.

The regional chamber is starting work on a comprehensive program of activities that was adopted at its annual meeting in Bay City. The program includes projects in the fields of public affairs, industry, tourism, highways, agriculture, wildlife conservation and water resources.

The South Texas Chamber also assists local chambers in developing their own programs along the same general lines and publishes a regional business magazine, The South Texan.

Student Council Heads Toy Drive

The Aransas County High School Student Council headed a toy drive for needy children this year, with the various home rooms turning in toys given by the students.

Over 200 toys were collected by the council and were given to the VFW for distribution in the time for Christmas.

CITY HALL WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 23 REOPEN DECEMBER 28

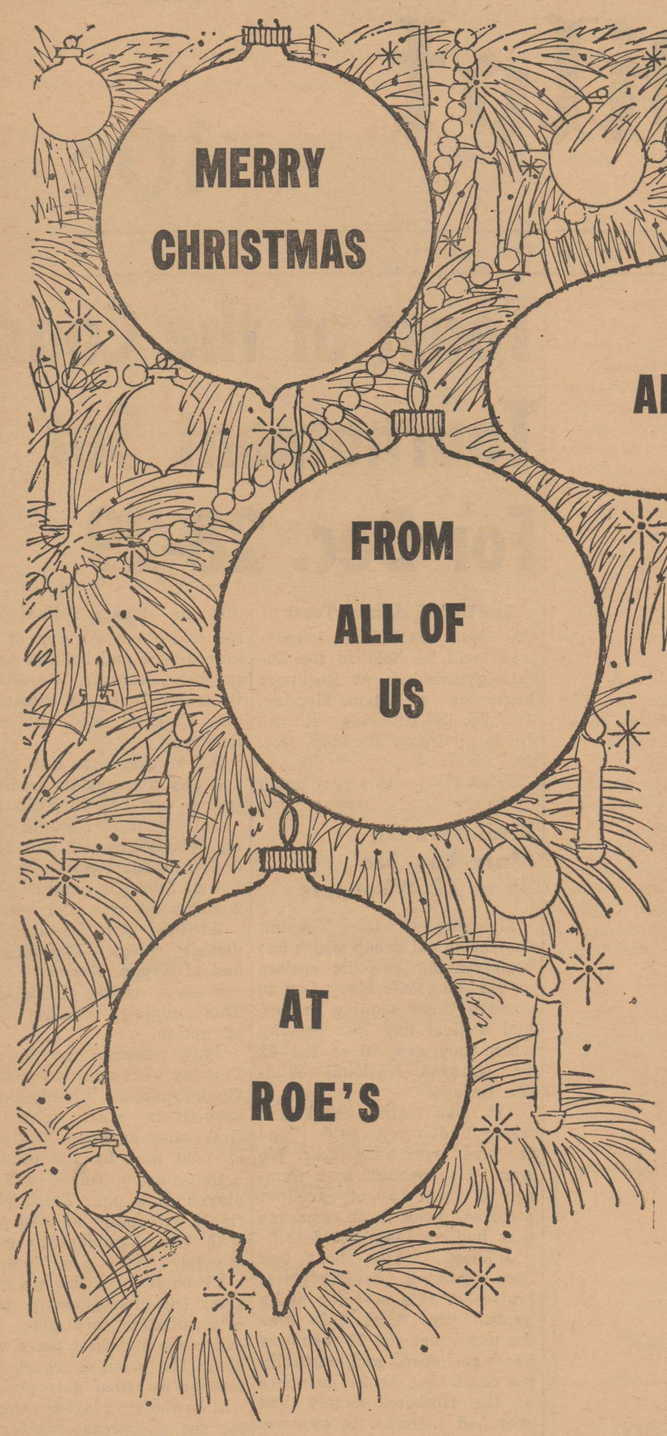
The City Hall will close Dec. 24 and will remain closed for Dec. 26, Dec. 27, and Dec. 28, for the Christmas holidays. There will be no garbage pickup Christmas Day.

New Year's Day will be a holiday, and the City Hall will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4. There will be no garbage pick up on New Year's Day.

COURTHOUSE TO BE CLOSED DEC. 24-27

Employees at the Aransas County Courthouse have scheduled their Christmas tree for Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The offices in the courthouse will be closed from Dec. 24 through Dec. 27, and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 28.



All the good things for Christmas...

from

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U. S. Good (center cuts, lb. 49c)

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U. S. Good SHOULDER

ROUND ROAST ..... 55c lb.

Baker's Angel Flake or Southern Style 4½-oz. can

COCONUT ..... 2 for 49c

McCormick's NUTMEG	1½ oz. 41c	Knolle "Whipping" CREAM	½ pt. 37c
Towie Stuffed OLIVES	7-oz. jar 49c		9½-oz. can
Fritos BEAN DIP	3½ oz. 2 for 23c	LUCKY WHIP	49c
3-Minute POP CORN	3-lb. bag 2 for 33c	Lipton's TEA	¼ lb. 39c
Delta Summer DILL PICKLES	qt. 39c	All Flavors MISSION DRINKS	12-oz can 6/49c
Musselman APPLE SAUCE	303 can 2 for 33c	Instant MAXWELL HOUSE	6 oz. 89c
Libby's FRUIT COCKTAIL	303 can 23c	ADMIRATION	lb. 75c
		MAXWELL HOUSE	lb. 79c

Quaker — white or yellow 1½-lb. box

CORN MEAL 23c

Light Crust FLOUR	5-lb. box 49c	Ranch Style BEANS	24-oz. can 2 for 39c
CRISCO OIL	48 oz. 79c	Skinner's NOODLES	10-oz. pkg. 25c
First Choice OLEO	lb. 19c	STA-FLO	½ gal. 49c
Instant PET MILK	8 qt. 59c	PUREX	½ gal. 39c
SUGARINE	4 oz. 53c	Cleanser AJAX	reg. size 2 for 25c
Gerber's Strained BABY FOOD	3/37c	Liquid IVORY	22 oz. 65c
Aunt Jemima EZ Pour PANCAKE MIX	2-lb. box 39c	Detergent AJAX	gt. size 69c
Vt. Maid SYRUP	24 oz. 59c	SCOTTIES	400's 2 for 49c

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Cedar Farm Thick Sliced **BACON ..... 99c** 2-lb. pkg.

Roe's All Beef **HAMBURGER .. 79c** 2-lb. pkg.

FROZEN FOODS

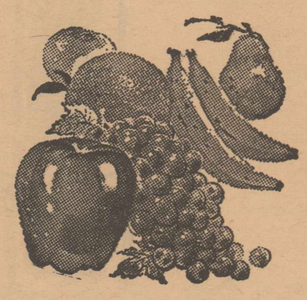
Pet-Ritz PIE CRUSTS	pkg. 35c
Treesweet ORANGE JUICE	6 oz. 3 for 89c
Frosty Acres Sliced STRAWBERRIES	10 oz. 25c
First Choice ROLLS	pkg. 25c
Valley Gold MELLORINE	½ gal. 49c

Food Club **MILK ..... 2 for 27c** tall can

Libby's PEAS	303 can 2/45c	TIDE	giant box 75c
Del Monte Whole BEANS	303 can 29c	Scott Big Roll TOWEL	33c
Kounty Kist W/K CORN	12-oz 15c	Scott PLACE MATS	pkg. 29c
Heinz Tomato SOUP	No. 1 can 10c	Scotkin Dinner NAPKINS	pkg. 25c

Valley Gold **EGG NOG MIX quart . 59c**

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Extra Fancy **DELICIOUS APPLES** lb. 19c

Pascal **CELERY** stalk 15c

No. 1 Louisiana **YAMS** lb. 15c

English Walnuts or Fancy **MIXED NUTS** lb. bag 49c

BRAZIL NUTS lb. 39c

ALMONDS lb. bag 55c

GREEN ONIONS . . . 2 for 15c bunch

Central American

BANANAS 10¢ lb.

OCEAN SPRAY (Please limit 2 cans at this price with order, or 23c can)

CRANBERRY SAUCE 300 CAN 19¢

IMPERIAL CANE

SUGAR (Please limit one 5-lb. bag at this price, with 2.50 or more order . . . otherwise, 5 lbs. 49c) 5-LB. BAG 39¢

LIBBY'S CHUNK

PINEAPPLE . . . . . 27¢ NO. 1½ CAN

Bake-Rite

SHORTENING

Please limit 1 can at this price with 2.50 or more order. Otherwise, 3 lbs. 59c

3-lb. can **49c**

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TEL CLASS MEETS

The TEL Class of the First Baptist Church met Friday afteroon for their business meeting and Christmas party, in the home of Mrs. Leo Prophet, Sr.

Mrs. E. J. Johnson, vice president called the meeting to order. Mrs. E. B. Crawford led in prayer. There was a general discussion as to giving $10 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It was decided to do so.

Mrs. Johnnie Dunbar read the Christmas story from the 2nd chapter of Luke, after which Mrs. Johnson read a lovely poem, "The Story of the Christmas Guest." Mrs. Ethel Robbins led in prayer.

Mrs. Prophet, served lovely refreshments, carrying out the Christmas theme to the following class members, besides the ones mentioned, Mrs. Will Backham, Mrs. Mae Terry, Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Laura Stephens, Mrs. Mellie Edmison, Mrs. Lillie Calvert, Mrs. Summerville Ballou.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Weaver are proud parents of a seven pound, seven ounce girl, born Dec. 15 in Spohn Hospital. She has been named Cheryl Ann.

ATTENDANTS ANNOUNCED

Miss Sharlot D'Aun Shelton and Francis Marion Rouquette, Jr., who will marry at the Retama Park Baptist Church in Kingsville Dec. 27, have announced their wedding attendants.

Miss Becky Rouquette, sister of the groom, will be maid of honor. Bridesmaids will be Miss Pennye Wheeler, of Cuero, Miss Pam Ehlers, of Corpus Christi, and Miss Bobbye Yantis, of Portland.

Ted Unbehagan, of Galveston will be best man.

Groomsmen will be Tommy Fisher, Jr., of Austin, Charles Curtis, Jr., of Pharr, and Wayne Shults, of Rockport. Frank Bain, Jr., of Devine, Tom McCabe, William Johnson III and Jim Jackson, of Rockport will be ushers and candle lighters.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCoy, of Kingsville and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marion Rouquette, Sr., of Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fundren, Frazier Cantrell's mother and father, are here while Mrs. Cantrell is ill.

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WRIGHT-ARMINTROUT WEDDING VOWS SAID



Miss Elizabeth Ann Armintrout and Robert Harold Wright were married Saturday evening, Dec. 19, in a ceremony in the home of the bride's parents, 719 Murray.

Parents of the bride are Capt. (U.S.A. Ret.) and Mrs. F. C. Armintrout. The groom is the son of Mrs. Luther Proffer of Rockport and Mr. Harold Wright of Norton, Va.

Rev. Ben Bohmfalk, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

White chrysanthemums and lemon leaf decorated the home.

The bride given in marriage by her father, chose a triple tiered sheath of chantilly lace outlined in scallops with a sabrina neckline and elbow sleeves formed by the natural edging of the lace. Her elbow length veil of English silk was held in place by a queen's crown of teardrop and seed pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses and stephanotis on a white Bible.

Miss Susan Armintrout, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. She wore a street-length dress of red satin with a satin brocate jacket. A red velvet bow held her veil. She carried a colonial bouquet of pepperment carnations and white ribbons.

Best man was Gary Don Langston, of Rockport.

A reception was held in the home. The bride's table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a bouquet of red roses and tapers. Bride's cake and punch were served.

When the couple left for a short wedding trip, the bride was wearing a tweed two-some of wool and nylon in a heathery mix of moss green, black and white, a soft crepe blouse, a white hat of satin bows, and harmonizing accessories.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Aransas County High School. The bride attended Del Mar College. The groom is presently with the United States Navy and stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., where the couple will make their home.

HARBOR LIGHT GUESTS SEE WHOOPING CRANES

Guests from Harbor Light Cottages and other friends took a cruise on the boat "Whooping Crane" to Aransas County Wildlife Refuge, to see the whoopers and other birds recently.

Those taking the cruise were Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Hollman of Torrington, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roske, Dawson, S.D.; Mrs. Belle Ulrickson, Canton, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings, Belmond, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beardmore, Glasco, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson, Coon Rapids, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davison, Ontario, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemon, Pierpoint, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnt Hansen, Webster, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery.

Robbins-Cassel Vows Are Taken

Miss Caroline Ann Cassel and Earl Brooks Robbins were united in matrimony here Saturday, Dec. 19, in a simple ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John W. Elder.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cassel, the groom is the son of Mrs. Alice Robbins and the late Mr. Robbins. All are of Rockport.

The Rev. Charles Fake of the First Baptist Church officiated at the ceremony.

The bride wore a two-piece white suit with matching accessories, and her corsage was of miniature pink sweetheart roses.

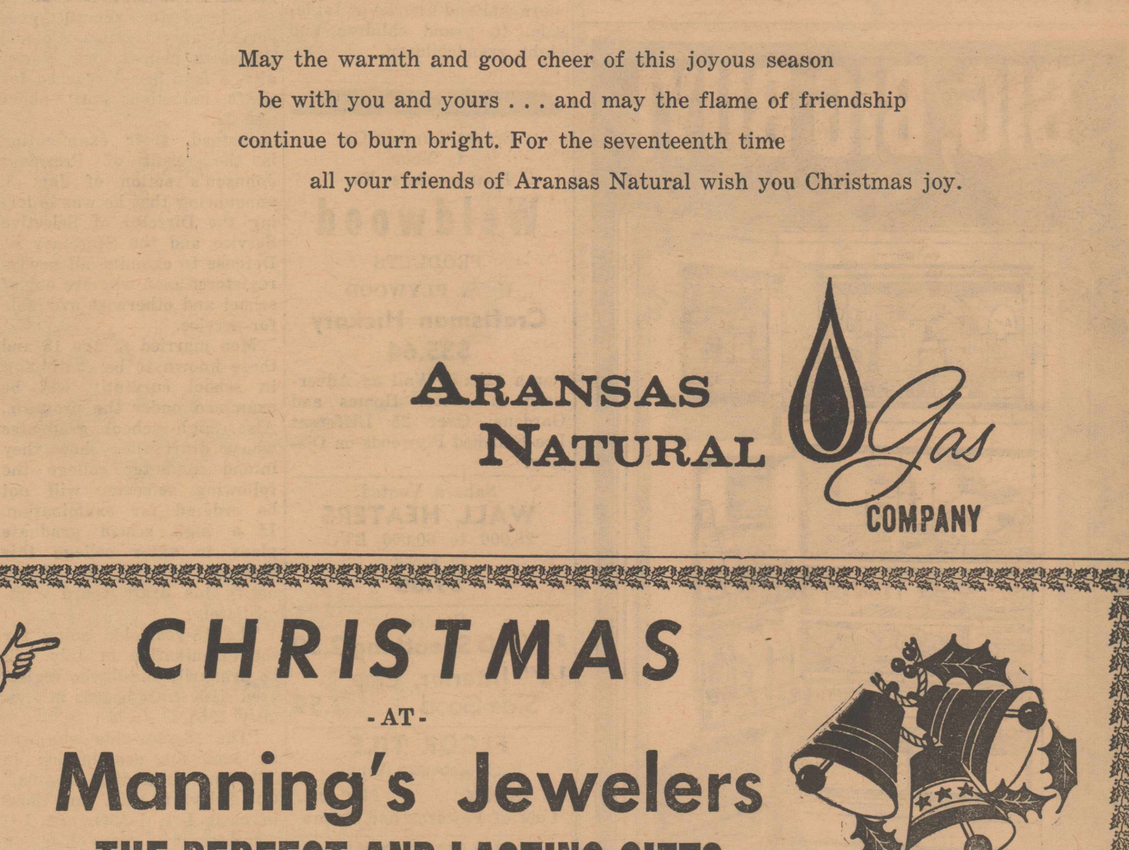
She was given in marriage by her father.

The couple's only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Edler.

After a short wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home here.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Edna J. Robbins, grandmother of the groom; Mrs. Jeanne Ward, and sons John and Richard; Jack Robbins, uncle of the groom, all of San Antonio.

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DISH WASHER WANTED: Man preferred. Apply Corky's Restaurant. ctf

STRAYED from Cedar Courts, 2 Kerry Blue terriers, 1 black, old, thin, under care of vet, wearing small chain collar; the other, grey, with short curly hair, both bobtailed. Reward for information leading to their recovery. Call SO 4-8580. c39

FREE: 7 week old puppy, one-half dachshund. Rowan, SO-46988. c39

NEED MONEY: Buy, sell, trade anything of value. The Trading Post, 1102 S. Commercial, Aransas Pass. p40

The sun travels through space at a speed of 170 miles a second.

MISCELLANEOUS

DO YOU have a drinking problem? Write Alcoholics Anonymous, Box 326 or call SO 4-6488. ctf

GUIDES needed for duck and goose hunting parties. Apply to Harry Mills, Sea Gun Sports Inn. ctf

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RADIATOR REPAIRS. Mike's Service Station. Phone SO 4-2237. ctf

SOUTHERN PACIFIC Transport Co., Bill Kelsay. Phone SO 4-8592. Office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. c39

MRS. MARY FOLEY DIES IN BEEVILLE

Beeville. — Mrs. Mary B. Foley, 75, died Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at her residence here after a sudden illness. She was born in Oakville. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Galloway Funeral Chapel.

Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery with the Rev. Doyle Marton officiating.

Survivors are her husband, Ben O. Foley of Beeville; two daughters, Mrs. Murray Kennard of Refugio, and Mrs. Leon Holland of George West; one son, Thurmond O. Foley of Lander, Wyo.; three sisters, Mrs. Ross Haynes of Rockport, Mrs. Myrtle Crawford of San Antonio and Mrs. W. R. Coquat of Three Rivers; two brothers, John of Skidmore and and Charlie of Ingleside, 10 grand children and eight grandchildren.

FOR SALE

LEGAL BLANKS: Standard Sale Contract, Bill of Sale, Lease, Chattel Mortgage forms. Rockport Pilot, SO 4-2357. ctf

ALWAYS a nice stock of plants and trees, also complete line of peat moss, fertilizer and soil conditioner. Greer's Green Thumb Nursery, S. Church St. ctf

FOR SALE: Used TVs, $49.00, guaranteed good condition. Sully Bros., 105 N. Austin, SO 4-2323. ctf

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SELECTIVE SERVICE WILL EXAMINE 1,816 YOUND MEN IN JULY

Austin.—The first official call directing the physical and mental examinations of 18-year-old males by state draft boards is scheduled to be placed in th mail Wednesday, Col. Morris Schwartz, state Selective director said.

The quota, effective in July, directs the examination of 1,816 Texas 18-year-olds in that Month. These youths will not be considered for armed forces service at this time, Colonel Schwartz pointed out. Normally, a man is not reached for draft induction until about age 22.

Instead, their examination is the result of President Johnson's action of Jan. 5, announcing that he was ordering the Director of Selective Service and the Secretary of Defense to examine all newly-registered men who are out of school and otherwise available for service.

Men married at age 18 and those known to be continuing in school currently will be examined under the program. Also, high school graduates whose draft files show they intend to enter college the following semester will not be ordered for examination. If a high school graduate plans to enter college this summer or fall, he should notify his draft board immediately.

The 18-year-olds going for the examination in July will be primarily those who registered with draft boards in January 1964.

"The 18-year-olds who will be sent for examination in July and succeeding months," Col. Schwartz said, "are those in class I-A, I-A-O, and I-O who became 18 years of age on or after Jan. 1, 1964, the oldest first."

The examination of these 18-year-olds is part of the President's actions on man power conservation, generally referred to as the "war on poverty." The 18-year-olds who fail the mental examination in July and subsequent months will be referred by draft board letters to local offices of the Texas Employment Commission, where they will receive advice and counsel on jobs and preparation for jobs.

The youths who get these letters will be under no compulsion to visit the TEC offices, but may go if they feel the government's offer to help will benefit them.

In addition to the 1,816 18-year-olds scheduled for examination in July, an additional 1,519 older males—most of them 21 to 22 years of age—will be examined to keep up a supply of manpower for future draft calls. This figure has been running between 5,000 and 6,000 men a month the past few months, Col. Schwartz pointed out, but is now being reduced for July because of a larger pool of examined acceptable men and lower draft calls.

Texas local boards have a quota of 262 men to deliver for armed forces service in July. This compares to 812 in January, 517 in February, 610 in March, 449 in April, 258 in May, and 234 in June.

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ABSTRACTS

While driving around a lake, John and Mary saw a "For Sale" sign on a piece of lake property which they thought they could afford to buy.

They made inquiry of the owner and agreed on a price. They inquired about a title and the owner assured them that he would give them an "Abstract." They took the abstract which was a fat book of papers, and the deed, filed the deed at the courthouse and thought no more about it, assuming, as many people do, that an "abstract" is an assurance of good title.

Some years later they went to sell to a buyer who was better informed. He insisted that either the abstract be examined and an opinion given by an attorney that the title was good or that the seller must provide title insurance. When they sought an opinion as to whether the abstract showed good title they were dismayed to find that the title was not in good order, and that there would have to be a quit-title lawsuit to dispose of some flaws in the title before the buyer would accept it. Neither would a title insurance company to write a policy of insurance for them without legal action to clear up the title.

John and Mary were astounded to learn that they were wrong in assuming that an "abstract" was an assurance of good title. An abstract is merely a record of every document which has ever been filed of record at the courthouse affecting the title to a particular piece of property. It may show good title of bad title, or no title at all. It is only a bundle of papers, as John and Mary discovered, which summarizes the state of the title. Its posession does not in any way assure good title.

Thus while one may be able to get possession and peacefully occupy a property with an unsalable title, difficulties will arise when the property is to be sold or mortgaged. To do so is only to postpone and perhaps increase the trouble and expense of clearing the title. It makes good sense to correct any title defects when you buy property.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Rockport Pilot:

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Charles F. Cruser, 11
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Theresa Gail Roe, 9

P.S. Dec. 18, 1964.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to COUNTY JUDGE, ARANSAS COUNTY, Rockport, Texas, will be received at the office of the COUNTY JUDGE, until 9:30 o'clock A.M. January 11, 1965, for One 1965 Patrol Car for Sheriff's Department.

Bids will also be received for One (1) 12 vole Police Radio. Specifications are available at the County Judge's office. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

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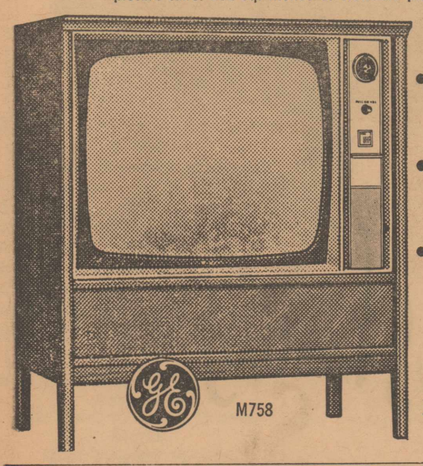
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If you ordinarily run your boat onto a beach when you come in from boating, lay an old auto tire flat on the sand with half of it in the water. Dig a depression in the beach and sink the tire to half its thickness. Then fill it with sand. This gives you a firmly-anchored rubber 'landing field' and prevents scratching the bottom on your boat.

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Astronomer From Operation Stratoscope Here to See Bird Life

Gusty winds, that tore the Princeton observation balloon to pieces at Palestine on Dec. 9, and the birds of Rockport combined to Bring Dr. Martin Schwarzschild, Professor of Astronomy, and his wife to Rockport.

Dr. Schwarzschild is a member of the team of Princeton scientists concerned with Project Stratoscope of Palestine, where a giant telescope is to be lofted above the earth's atmosphere to obtain undistorted pictures of the stars.

Palestine was chosen because wind and weather conditions are ideal during most of the year for balloon flight. A research center has been set up there at which, during the year, scientists from a number of the great universities conduct research propects of all types, sponsored by NASA, the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research. In summer, Dr. Schwarzschild said, there may be one flight a day of various scientists, although generally the average is less.

Project Stratoscope is one in which a 36-inch astronomical telescope, weighing some seven thousand pounds, is lifted above the earth's atmospheric envelope and controlled from the ground to make unobtructed observations of the planets and stars.

"This is the heaviest load ever carried aloft by a balloon," the Princeton astronomer said.

"We flew it twice last year. In the first, we had many technical difficulties to solve, and obtained only a few scientific results. On the second flight, in November, 1963, instruments and balloon behaved extremely well. We could operate the telescope by remote control through radio as easily as we could have done it manually, and that flight lasted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

"During that flight we made measurements in the infrared of the planet Jupiter, the moon, and a number of the red giant stars, whose color indicates they are cooling suns.

"The main result of that flight was the determinination that there was a very large amount of water vapor in the atmosphere of those cooling giants.

"This year we went back to Palestine in June, and started preparations for a balloooon flight to take direct photographic pictures of planets, spiral nebula and other astronomical objects with a sharpness that cannot be obtained from terrestrial observatories. The atmosphere causes images to shimmer in the same way that heat waves do on a hot summer day.

"The sad part of this story," Dr. Schwarzsch, "is that when the instruments were finally completely assembled and the telescope had passed all its delicate optical and electronic tests, the whole thing was rendered useless. On Dec. 5 the first phase of the launching operations went through very promisingly, but suddenly wind gusts of great velocity caught the main balloon, which is about 300 feet high when launching is commenced, and these gusts ripped the protective sleeve around the balloon and then the balloon itself, releasing the helium used as a lifting force, and destroying the balloon itself.

"We had had high hopes this year, because the 36-inch mirror was one of the best ever made for astronomical work. It was of fused quartz, rather than glass, which produces only minor distortions because of temperature changes, and the mirror surface was ground to an accuracy in which departure from the curve needed is less than one two-millionths of an inch. It was made by the same people who made the great 200-inch mirror at Palomar Observatory in California—Corning Glass Works, of Corning, New York.

"Of course destruction of the balloon completely disrupted our plans for the year, and as I had a little time on my hands before returning to Princeton, Mrs. Schwarzschild and I came to Rockport to see the bird life, as bird watching has long been my hobby.

"It is our first trip here," Dr. Schwarzschild continued, "and it's certainly a wonderful place for such observations, and to me the very remarkable thing is that the town has done much more than most places.

Texas Safety Assn. Asks For Caution During Holidays

Austin.—The Texas Safety Association today called on university and college students to "set-the-pace" for traffic safety during the Christmas holiday period.

"Thousands of young drivers in the state will be starting 'back home' prior to the weekend traffic rush at Christmas." J. O. Musick, TSA General Manager said. "These drivers can set an example for other holiday travelers by reaching their destinations safely."

In appealing to college-drivers to set-the-pace for traffic safety, Musick pointed out that the college-driver is well-equipped physically for driving. He can react faster in an emergency situation than an older driver. His vision is better and usually he has a better knowledge of his motor vehicle and its performance.

However, he warned that the "well-equipped" driver can get into trouble in traffic because of his lack of driving experience.

"The ability to handle an automobile safely where bad road or weather conditions exist is important and frequently it demands a great deal of driving experience," he explained.

Musick suggested the safest way to deal with inexperience on the road is to cut down speed. Speed that is too fast for existing conditions is one of the major factors contributing to fatal accidents.

He also advised students to get plenty of sleep before starting their trips and to take several stops along the way.

"If possible, alternate with other drivers. It's much less tiring and a great deal safer," he concluded.

ELIZABETH SCHINDLER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Little Miss Elizabeth Ann Schindler who was four years old Monday was entertained with a birthday party by her mother, Mrs. Chas Schindler.

Helping her celebrate the occasion was Jackie Lynn and Cindy Arthur, Becky and Michael Arthur, John, Linda and Willie Wallace, Gina Palmer, Patricia McLain and Terry Wendland of Taft, Jack Arthur, Mrs. Willie D. Arthur, Mrs. Jerome Wallace, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schindler of Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Elva Mullinax and great grandfather Rufus Casterline.

Paper hats were given to the children as favors.

The Christmas motif was carried out. Sandwiches, birthday cake and cold drinks were served.

MR. AND MRS. OLIVER TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Oliver will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve, with a gathering of friend and relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, formerly of Dallas, have lived here for the past several years.

J. K. BOONES TO BE HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boone of Cuero will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Benningfield, in Rockport.

The couple were married Dec. 17, 1904, in Cuero. They have three sons, Elmon Boone and Ray Boone of Rockport and Willie Boone of Cuero, and three daughters, Mrs. Benningfield, Mrs. Otis May and Mrs. Jesse Taylor, both of Cuero. They have 20 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

"Bisque a la Outboard"

Here's an easy-to-fix, delectable dish for cruise-campers.

It's appropriately dubbed "Bisque a la Outboard": Mix one can each of condensed tomato soup, cream of celery soup and condensed milk, as well as one can of either crab meat, shrimp or lobster. Combine all ingredients in the top of a double boiler. Then heat, stirring occasionally. Season to your taste.

It will serve three.

One of the largest salt plants in the nation is located at Grand Saline in Van Zandt County.

Washington palms taller than 100 feet have been grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Texas Shrimp Landings Drop

Landings of headless shrimp in Texas ports amounted to 3,710,000 pounds during November, or about 144,000 pounds above the same period in 1963, according to Orman H. Farley, U.S. Fish and Statistician. Farley, is in is in charge of gathering Texas statistics.

Current cumulative total landings for the 11-month period (Jan. 1 through Nov. 30, inclusive) amounted to 39,388,500 pounds, or approximately 2,100,000 pounds less than for the same period in 1963, when 41,539,500 pounds were landed.

The landings for the various areas included 194,300 pounds of tails in November this year, for a cumulative total of 1,513,200 pounds this year, compared to 2,698,400 pounds in 1963.

Galveston-Seabrook: 636,800 pounds; 5,671,600 pounds; 4,559,600 pounds.

Freeport: 454,100 pounds; 7,162,300 pounds; 9,219,600 pounds.

Matagorda - Palacios: 76,700 pounds; 1,253,400 pounds; 842,700 pounds.

Port O'Connor-Port Lavaca-Seadrift: 222,900 pounds; 2,000,100 pounds; 1,261,400 pounds; 1,261,400 pounds.

Aransas Pass - Rockport: 743,000 pounds; 9,068,300 pounds; 9,748,900 pounds.

Brownsville-Port Isabel: 1,382,500 pounds; 12,719,600 pounds; 13,208,900 pounds.

Trawlers working brown shrimp in waters adjacent to the Texas coast made only fair catches in all areas, with trips averaging about 250 pounds of tails per 12 hours effort.

Vessels working the high seas off Mexico and in the Campeche area made average catches of 300-350 pounds per 12 hours effort.

White shrimp catches were only fair, Farley said, with trip averages of around 300 pounds per 12 hours work in adjacent Gulf waters and somewhat less in bay systems. The white shrimp fishery was almost over in all bays at the close of November. and Many of the boats were replacing shrimp gear with oyster dredges.

The oyster fishery was in full operation by the last of November, with an apparent record number of boats making a record harvest of excellent quality oyster meats from the Galveston Bay system, Approximately 300,000 pounds were produced there in November, with a much larger harvest anticipated for December, Farley said.

Blue crab landings amounted to about 100,000 pounds, which was slightly below the previous month.

MAKE SURE YOUNGSTERS KNOW THEIR GUNS

Austin.—The Texas Safety Association urges parents to make certain young hunters have a thorough working knowledge of guns before allowing them to take to the field. See that proper clothing is worn for visibility and see that youngsters have formed safe attitudes and habits in carrying and handling firearms.

Handy Handle

Tie a bell-shaped sinker, a small one, on the zipper of your hunting jacket and you won't have to remove gloves to open or close.

City Has First Tree Of Light

This city has its first Tree of Light, a 45-foot, wide-spreading mass of color reflected in the still waters of Little Bay, and carrying a message of Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men.

It has been the work of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, including Burl P. Wagley, who gave the first $100 towards its erection; Jim Sprouse, of Weather Sentry, whose men, along with those of John Ross, of Central Power and Light, and others from the Aransas Natural Gas Co., made the strings of light and erected them.

Ed Harper, of Key Allegro, was chairman of the committee.

Over 800 bulbs of all colors were used in construction of the tree, which is crowned with a star.

It has been planned so that it can be added to each year as money and labor become available.

Carlights In Camp

Trying to erect a tent after dark is an irritating business which the veteran camper avoids like poison ivy. But it happens to the best woodsman once in awhile.

If you find yourself in the predicament of setting up camp after nightfall, don't fumble around doing the job by lantern light. Use your car's headlights to illuminate the area.

Quiets Safety Chain

Stop the safety chain on your boat trailer from rattling by slipping a section of garden hose over it.



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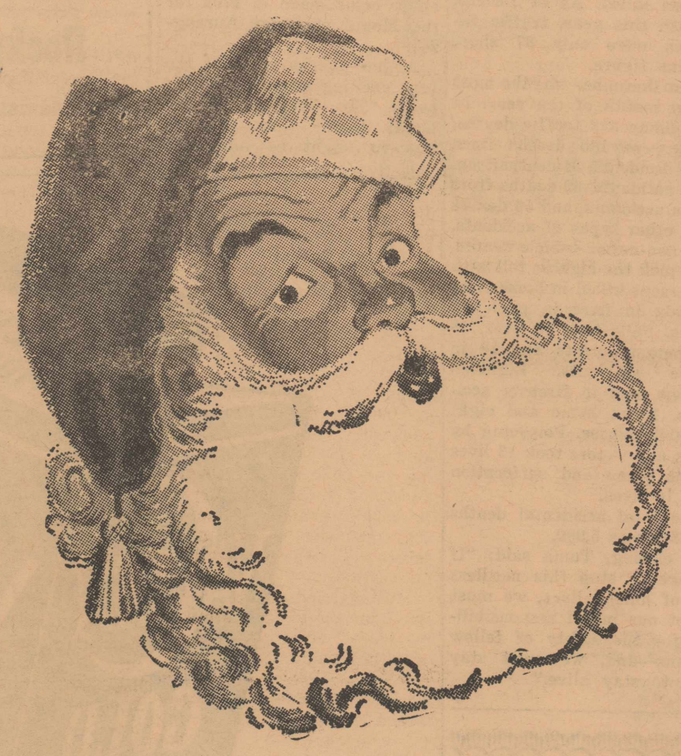
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery have as their guest for the Christmas holidays his mother, Mrs. Eda Avery, of Vicksburg, Miss.

BEHANY CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Shelley Roaten was hostess at the annual Christmas party of the Bethany Class of the First Baptist Church. The class met in the Roaten home Thursday night, each member bringing food to prepare a delicious buffet supper.

The table, laid in white, was centered with an arrangement of red and white carnations, and flanked by glowing tapers.

After enjoying the festive supper, the guests were invited into the living room, where the spirit of Christmas also prevailed and a lighted tree shone over glittering gifts.

A short business meeting was held which was opened by a devotional by Mrs. Lonnie Wright.

After the meeting, the class exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols.

Those attending the party were: Mrs. Simon Lee Sorenson, Mrs. John McLester, Mrs. Lonnie Wright, Mrs. Truett Moss, Mrs. Olga McLester, Mrs. Lonnie Goodman, Mrs. Albert Ballou and daughter, Janie, Mrs. J. O. Funderburk, Mrs. L. R. Davenport, Mrs. Virgil Dasher, Mrs. Oscar Bauer, Mrs. Tom Shults; Mrs. W. M. Wills, Mrs. Bertha Gilley, Mrs. Guy Barber, Mrs. Truett Roach, Mrs. Milton Mundine, Mrs. Jimmy Frandolig, Mrs. Gene Shults, and the hostess, Mrs. Shelley Roaten.

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Sunday: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 10:45 a.m., Morning worship; 5:50 p.m., Training Union; 6:00 p.m., Evening worship 7:00; Wednesday: 6:30, Teachers and officers meeting; 7:30, Prayer service.

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Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service 10:45 a.m.; Training Union 6:00 p.m.; evening service, 7:00 p.m.; mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. M. R. Crawford, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 7:00 p.m.; mid-week service, Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m.; Women's Missionary Council, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Cecil H. Lang, Jr. Minister

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Senior High Young People, 6 p.m.; Deacon's meeting, first Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Session Meeting, first Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Women of the Church Board and General Meeting, 2:30 and 3 p.m., first Thursday; Women of the Church Circles, second Thursday; Men of the Church Suppers, third Thursday, 7 p.m.; Women of the Church Visitation on 4th Thursdays.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben Bohmfalk, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:30; morning worship, 10:50; evening worship, 7:00; Methodist Men's Breakfast first Monday, 7 a.m.; WSCS, general meeting 1st Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Wesleyan Service Guild First Methodist will meet regularly each second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. MYF, Sunday, at 6 p.m.

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Vernon Helgren, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; training union, 5:00 p.m.; evening worship, 6:00 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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"Accidental Death Alert" Starts Thursday, Dec. 24

Austin.—The Texas Safety Association today issued its annual "Accidental Death Alert for the 1964 Christmas-New Year holiday period.

The 11-day alert begins at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. It coincides with the annual death watch of the Department of Public Safety.

In appealing to all citizens to be on the alert for hazards, TSA president, Quincy V. Tuma of Houston, said it is estimated that 105 persons will be killed in traffic and 45 persons in other accidents.

"However, this tragic toll can be reduced if everyone will put safety first — at home, at work or behind-the-wheel," he added.

He challenged citizens to accept their moral responsibility to conduct themselves in a safe manner and to practice the Golden Rule.

"Be thy brother's keeper."

Last year, during a nine-day holiday period, 132 persons lost their lives in accidents in Texas. There were 84 persons killed in traffic and 48 killed in other types of accidents.

Christmas Eve took the heaviest toll in traffic deaths, 14 persons. Christmas Day and New Year's Day had 13 traffic fatalities each.

The Association president pointed out that traffic fatalities for the first 11 months of this year increased about 12 percent of the the same period in 1963.

"This trend, plus the fact that December is one of the most dangerous months of the year for traffic and that both Christmas Day and New Year's Day this year occur on a Friday, increasing the possibilities of highway travel, could bring the total figure for 1964 traffic deaths to the 3,000 mark.

In 1963, traffic deaths reached a record high with 2,729 persons killed. As of December 4th this year, traffic fatalities were only 87 short of that figure.

Last December was the most deadly month of the year. In addition to 312 traffic deaths, there were 180 deaths from home accidents, 34 deaths from work accidents, 69 deaths from public accidents, and 50 deaths from other types of accidents.

In non-motor vehicle deaths, fires took the highest toll with 75 persons killed in home fires and six in fires in public places. Falls took 66 lives, 48 in home accidents and 18 in public accidents. Eighteen persons died in firearm accidents, 10 at home and eight in public places. Poisoning by gases and vapors took 13 lives in the home and suffocation took 10 lives.

The total accidental deaths for 1963 was 5,999.

In closing, Tuma said: "If we are to stop this needless loss of human lives, we must accept our moral responsibilities for the safety of fellow citizens—and, we must stay alert to stay alive."

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NEW BOOKS AT COUNTY LIBRARY

Mrs. Delmar Hiller, continuing her reviews, has noticed some of the many new books that have recently been added to the shelves at the Aransas County Library.

Joseph Conrad's "Tales of the East and West" is an anthology containing novels and stories set in Poland, England and the Orient. The author's vast imaginative range lends excitement to the people, places and events observed and recorded during his roving existence.

Newly acquired at the Aransas County Library is the "Life Nature Library," which includes volumes on South America, The Reptiles, Africa, Australia, The Plants, The Fishes, Escology, Eurasia, The Universe, The Insects, Poles, The Mammals, Evolution, and others. Also, the "Life History of the United States" includes nine volumes at present, dating from 1774 to 1917. These books were written by Marston Bates and the Editors of "Life" Magazine.

Sunken treasure had always held a certain fascination for Arthur Clarke and Mile Wilson, and in 1961 while making undersea photographs of sharks, groupers, and tuna, Wilson sighted below him on the seabed evidence (a beautiful brass cannon) of a sunken ship. The wreck was in the surging water one-quarter of a mile from the Great Basses Reef off the coast of Ceylon. Because of the approaching monsoon season in the region it was (and is) possible to dive only two months out of the year. Preliminary investigation of the wreck, using the 90-year-old granite lighthouse on the reef as headquarters, showed Wilson and two American divers enough to make them eager for a real exploration. In 1963 Wilson, Clarke, and others went again to the reef and besides several brass cannon, pistols, and other objects they found a quantity of silver coins made in 1702 for the Mogul emperior Aurangzeb.

Arthur Clarke recounts the very exciting adventure in his book, "The Treasure of the Great Reef." You treasure hunters might be interested in knowing that Mr. Clarke's party barely scratched the coral covered surface of the wreck on the 1963 expedition. Don't rush to dust off your snorkel or regulate your aqualung though, because the site is well protected by the Royal Ceylon Air Force, and even better by the southwest monsoon. This non-fiction episode is certain to generate reader interest, and you may find yourself thinking about sunken treasure in the Gulf of Mexico, where pirate and trade ships have coursed, sometimes meeting their end on the sand bars of Padre Island or in the hurricanes that have always plagued seamen.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our neighbors, friends and others who helped during my recent accident at home. For the cards, transportation from the hospital, visits and all the hospital equipment that has been loaned to us. Your kindnesses have meant much to us.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barber
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Soviet secondary schools are graduating 1,500,000 students per year as against 1,300,000 in the U. S.

MRS. LAURA KENNERLY PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

Mrs. Lura Kennerly, 82, grandmother of Travis J. Barber, of Corpus Christi and Mrs. C. R. Sparks, of this city, and a sister to the late J. M. Sparks, Sr., died at 9:30 a.m. Friday after a brief illness.

She was born in Bosque County and had lived here since 1947, moving from San Benito.

She was a retired restaurant owner and was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Peter's Church with Rev. Harold Edmonson officiating. Burial was in Rockport cemetery.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Nellie Tippens, of Kerrick, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Shelley Roaten, Lynwood Eller, Curtis Harrist, Weldon Cabaniss, W. L. Mikeal and Paul C. Sorenson.

Zachary Taylor, twelfth President of the United States, was a second cousin of the fourth President, James Madison.

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KINSEL-FIELDS WEDDING CELEBRATED FRIDAY NIGHT

Miss Betsy Fields and Alton Kinsel, Jr., were married Friday night, at 7:00 o'clock in the First Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fields; the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Kinsel, Sr., all of Rockport.

Rev. Ben Bohmfalk officiated before an altar setting of white gladioli.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Donald Lee Fields of Alice, wore a white satin street-length dress, with a beaded headdress of pearl illusion. She carried a bouquet of white carnations on a white Bible.

Mrs. Rick Mayes of Kingsville was matron of honor, and Miss Jean Miller was bridesmaid. She wore a pale green eyelet street length dress.

Leo Morish of Port Lavaca, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Ushers were Larry Iles and Mike Webb of Rockport.

The bride and groom are graduates of Aransas County High School.

After a short wedding trip to San Antonio, they will make their home in Port Lavaca.

Many states prohibit the use of poison sprays on blooming fruit trees to protect the bees.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON PUTS MORE FIRE HAZARDS IN THE HOME

College Station—The Christmas season is indeed a happy one, but few people realize the added fire hazards their home contains during this time of the year.

The Christmas tree, center of all pretty decorations and the main attraction, can be one of the principal hazards if certain precautions are not taken, warns W. S. Allen, Extension agricultural engineer, Texas A&M University.

A freshly cut tree should be selected just a few days befor Christmas. Cut the base of the tree diagonally and keep it submerged in water or wet sand. Locate it away from fireplaces, powerful electric lights, radiators or other source of heat.

Use only Underwriters Laboratories approved lights for the tree. Inspect lights which have been used before for frayed cords and damaged sockets, advises the engineer. Avoid overloading electrical circuits with additional lights, toys and appliances.

Using nonflamable decorations greatly reduces the fire hazard. Turn off the tree lights when retiring or leaving the house. Discard the tree when is foliage begins to dry and shed. And don't allow package wrappings to accumulate under the tree.

This is also a time for smokers to take special precautions, Allen points out. Extra care should be taken with cigarettes, cigars and pipes around all flammable materials.

Observance of these few rules can result in a safer and happier holiday season for the whole family.

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Keep him busy and he'll enjoy himself more. And so will you

TEACHERS IN SYSTEM HAVE VARIOUS X'MAS HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

Christmas in the Aransas County School System have various holiday destinations. Harry Krenek is going to Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones will spend the holidays at Comanche.

Mrs. Lloyd Branch and her daughter, Myrna McDonough, a student at Baylor University, will spend the Christmas holidays in Nashville, Tenn., with Mrs. Branch's son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeAngelis are going to Fort Worth; while Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Brooks will spend the holidays in the Rosenberg-Houston area.

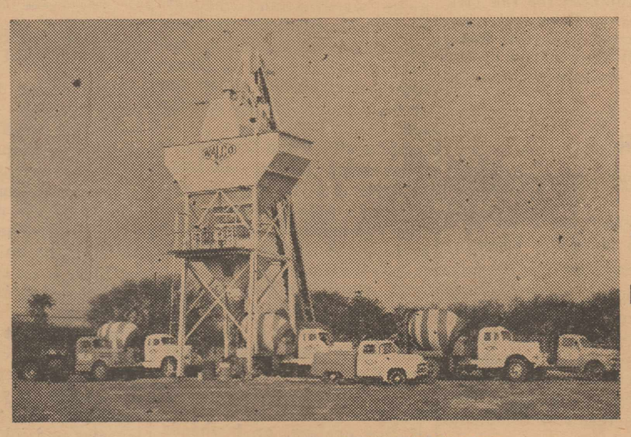
AVERY'S TO HAVE GUESTS X'MAS EVE

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Avery will have as luncheon guests at their home Christmas Eve: Mrs. Edna Avery, Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Theda Anderson and daughter Vicki, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Beady, Waco; Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Hollman, Torrington, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roske, Dawson, S.D.;

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Use Caution On Highways and Streets During Holidays

Austin.—The Texas Safety Association today issued a "last minute" appeal to motorists and pedestrians to use extreme caution on streets and highways during the holidays.

"Plans for a merry and bright Christmas can be rudely shattered for your family and friends if you become a holiday casualty," Quincy V. Tuma of Houston, TSA president, said.

He reminded pedestrians that one out of four traffic accidents at Christmastime involve pedestrians. And, almost 40 percent of the fatalities occur between 6 p.m. and midnight Christmas Eve.

Last year in Texas, 41 pedestrians were killed and 351 injured during the month of December. On Christmas Eve, 14 persons were killed in motor vehicle accidents. There were 13 motor vehicle fatalities on Christmas Day and 13 on New Year's Day.

Tuma noted that for hundreds of traffic law enforcement men, few precious hours of Christmas celebration with their loved ones will be squeezed into off-duty time or be postponed.

"These officers know death takes no holiday," he said. "And, from their experience, they are well aware that Christmas Eve often proves the most disastrous time of the entire year. Many of the tragedies can be traced to excessive speed and the use of intoxicants."

In closing Tuma said: "Put your best foot forward and use extreme caution when driving. Stay alert and alive in '65'!"

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY HAS PARTY

The Sacred Heart Altar Society held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Elva Mullinax, Sunday night, and also held a Christmas party.

Guests were greeted by the playing of Christmas carols. On the lawn was a large Santa Claus. The door was decorated with three gold bells, decorated with glitter and tied with a pink ribbon and colored Christmas lights.

The rosary was said by candlelight and lights from the large decorated tree. The coffee table held two beeswax candles with gold sequins and glitter. The mantel above the fireplace held favors of candles which were wrapped in green and red foil. A white potted chrysanthemum was on the Apothecary chest.

In the dining room the serving table was laid with white taffeta cloth with overskirt of white net appliqued with four large pink bells with NOEL embroidered in sequins. The centerpiece was a Christmas scene displayed on round reflector and two pink candles. On top of the china cabinet was an arrangement of silver pine cones, pink roses and evergreens, and in the den was a small lighted tree.

Prizes were won by Miss Mabel Bracht and Mrs. Doris Cloyd.

Refreshments of assorted sandwiches, cookies, fruit cake, coffee and eggnog was served to members Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht, Miss Veronica Klaeser, Mrs. Doris Cloyd, Mrs. Dudley Bracht, Mrs. Willie Close, Mrs. Sadie Curry, Mrs. Bertha Lassiter, Mrs. Chas T. Picton, Mrs. Virginia Shivers, Mrs. Travis Johnson Mrs. V. A. Dullye and two special guests Mrs. Chas, Schindler, and Mrs. Katie Lee Russell of Kerrville.

Mrs. Dullye and Mrs. Schindler served the guests. ler served the guests.

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There are two ways to make the change. In most states, you can take your choice of either method.

First, you can do it yourself. All that is necessary is to get yourself generally known by the new name. The trouble is, the process is too gradual. There may be uncertainty, at any given moment, as to whether the change has really "taken." And doubts about your name can cause complications in everything from collecting a debt to taking out insurance, from getting a credit card to selling your home.

The second method of name-changing, by court order, is far better. A formal request is submitted to the appropriate tribunal. If it is approved, that settles the matter—instantly.

Of course, the court does not have to approve your request. Your reason for a change might be found unacceptable. Thus, you cannot change your name for such skulduggery as dodging creditors or cashing in unfairly on someone else's good will. Doubtless you would have trouble changing your name to "Woolworth" for the purpose of opening a variety store, or to "Charley Chaplin" for a fling at comedy.

Too, judges sometimes frown on changes that are notably offbeat. One judge balked at changing a man's name to "Jesus Christ II" ("I don't believe it would be within my discretion"), and another judge said no to a girl's request for "Baby Doll" ("How would it look on a driver's license?")

But as a rule the judge will say yes, leaving it primarily up to the individual to decide what name he shall carry. In one case, a man wanted to Americanize his Italian name. His relatives, proud of their family background, showed up in court to object. But the court granted the change anyhow, with the comment:

"The law does not require a main to retain and perpetuate the surname of his ancestors."

(A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Written by Will Bernard.)

Rust-Proofing Arrows

To keep the points on hunting arrows sharp, dip the heads in paraffin before you store them for the long wait until next season. This way they will stay sharp without rusting.

NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John C. Beasley, John W. Flournoy and Gussie Flournoy; all of whose residences are unknown to Plaintiffs and to their attorney;

The heirs, wives, husbands, devisees and legal representatives, all of whom are unknown to Plaintiffs and to their attorney, of each of the Defendants above named, whose residences or whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiffs or to their attorney;

Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You, and each of you, are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 156th District Court of Aransas County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of Monday, the 11th day of January, 1965, and answer the petition in cause No. 3895, filed in the 156th District Court of Aransas County, Texas, on the 20th day of November, 1964, wherein Earle Harle and wife, Mary Harle, are Plaintiffs and John R. Beasley and the City of Rockport, a municipal corporation; and all of the persons above named or identified and to whom this citation is addressed, are Defendants; the nature of which said suit being in Trespass to Try Title brought by Plaintiffs, who specially plead therein their limitation title, against each and all said Defendants, to recover title and possession of the following described realty in Aransas County, Texas, to-wit:

Lots No. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Nine (9) in Block No. Three (3) of the Stewart Subdivision in the Doughty and Mathis Division of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the official map or plat of said Stewart Subdivision of record in the office of the County Clerk of Aransas County, Texas.

for cost of suit and for general relief, by which Plaintiffs seek to cut off all right, title, claim and interest of all said Defendants in and to said realty.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance it shall be returned unserved.

Witness W. E. Beasley, Clerk of the 156th Judicial District Court of Aransas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Rockport, this 24th day of November, 1964.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk of the 156th Judicial District Court of Aransas County, Texas.

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Some Good Christmas Advice

Can't beat a salty old skipper for good advice. "And you can't beat U.S. Savings Bonds as a Christmas Gift," says that skipper of security, Paul Ford. Ford, star of "Never Too Late" on Broadway and soon-to-be-star of CBS-TV's "The Baileys of Balboa," adds: "The Savings Bonds you've given as Christmas gifts in past years are still growing in value, still giving pleasure to those who received them. Why not follow your own good example again this year—give Savings Bonds!"

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DUCKS ONE OF ROCKPORT'S TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Ducks are no fools, and almost as soon as the hunting season started thousands of them moved in on Little Bay, between Key Allegro and the Rockport mainland, where they wouldn't be bothered by hunters and other nuisances to ducks.

These ducks form one of the attractions for bird watchers in this area, and there's hardly a time that some car or cars isn't pulled off to one side of the highway with its occupants watching the birds as they feed, preen or sleep in the sun.

It's remarkable how little attention they pay to people and cars that travel the perimeter of the bay, many times coming within a few yards of the birds. Of course, if the car stops and people get out, that's a different matter.

Then the ducks will drift offshore until they consider they have a safe distance between them and the humans, but only rarely do they fly.

There are all sorts of the birds. Most of them at present are pintails, but, at one time or another during the winter months, practically every species of duck that uses the Mississippi flyway drops in at Little Bay, to pass the time of day and exchange duck gossip.

Ed Harper, who lives on Key Allegro, says he's thinking about feeding some of them, and seeing if he can't attract more than normally use the place.

Jack Miner, in Ganado, did that for geese, Ed says, and the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary is now one of the great sights, with thousands of tourists stopping to see the Canadian geese that return year after year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barber and son Mike, of Hobbs, N.M., will arrive Thursday to spend the Chritmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barber.

Oregon Continues Search For New Royal Red Grounds

The U.S. Fisheries Research vessel Oregon has recently returned to its home port after completing on an eleven-day experimental cruise seeking new royal red shrimp grounds off the east coast of Florida.

The primary objective of the cruise was to obtain photographic observations of the fishing efficiency of 40-foot trawls working at depths of 200 fathoms (1200 feet), and to obtain additional information on gear performance.

Forty-three hauls were made with a 40-foot trawl rigged with 6-foot chain doors in depths from 177 to 225 fathoms. Twenty-three of these hauls were without camera to locate shrimp and check out bottom conditions and 20 drags were completed with the motion picture camera in place on the head rope. In all, 2400 feet of black and white and 800 feet of color film were exposed.

Attempts to continue bottom reconnaissance in cooperation with Dr. Paul Zahl, of the National Geographic Society, met with failure when Zahl's camera was rendered inoperable by the cracking of a lens port.

Seven 30-minute drags made with scallop trawl, yielding small catches.

The Shenandoah River flows into the Potomac at Harper's Ferry.



WE'RE READY, SANTIE—Dan and DeAnne Boatright of Austin can hardly wait to get their Christmas tree decorated. This year's festivities will make up in happiness for the lack last year when their mother, Mrs. Charles Boatright, was hospitalized for tuberculosis. Mrs. Boatright returned home in March, but she continues to take anti-tuberculosis drugs. The children and Mr. Boatright are on medication, too, as prevention of their developing T.B.

REGULATIONS ADOPTED FOR OBTAINING SUBSIDY ON FISHING VESSEL

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today that certain regulations have been adopted under the United States Fishing Fleet Improvement Act.

A commercial fisherman can, under certain conditions, be reimbursed by the United States Government for the difference between the cost of building a vessel in United States shipyards rather than in less-expensive foreign shipyards. The amount of the subsidy cannot exceed one-half the United States cost.

Eligibility is restricted to vessels of advanced design, capable of fishing in expanded areas (fishing grounds not usually fished by the majority of vessels working in a particular fishery), equipped with newly developed gear, and scheduled for operation in a fishery where such use will not cause economic hardship to other operators now in that fishery.

The regulations provide for hearings on each contract under the new law. Such hearings will give persons who feel they will suffer economically an opportunity to present evidence of potential economic losses.

The United States Fishing Fleet Improvement Act authorized the appropriation of $10 million annually for the construction subsidy program. For the current fiscal year, Congress has appropriated $2½ million to start the program.

A proposal by the Department to adopt regulations under the new law was carried in the Federal Register in October and interested persons were given 30 days to comment. Several changes were made as a result of comments received.

Further information regarding the program and application forms may be obtained from a Regional Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, at any of the following addresses: 1319 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101; Don Ce-Sar Federal Center, Post Office Box 6245, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida 33736; Post Office Building, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930; 5 Research Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103; First Floor, Mendenhall Apartment Building, P. O. Box 2481, Juneau, Alaska 99801; 101 Seaside Avenue, Terminal Island, California 90731.

Improvised Lure

For catching bluegills and other small fish, improvise a lure by wrapping a pipe cleaner around a long-shank hook. Nifty on a fly rod, or even a spinning rod when a split-shot sinker is added to the line.

CHECK ON DREDGING—

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or conditions."

In a proclamation made public last Monday, the commission put all Texas bays under a controlled program allowing dredging within 300 feet of live oyster reefs. Dredgers previously were kept at least 1,500 feet away.

The order was criticized strongly by many conservation groups, including fisheries biologists, sportsmen's clubs and birdwatchers.

Using the Galveston-Trinity Bay area as an illustration, Watson said the 300-foot limitation is enough. "On the basis of our information, silt settles out pretty quickly depending on the current and wind and things of that sort. When the currents or the wind are such that the silt might cause damage, we make our adjustments. The dredges either move or stop dredging until conditions change."

He said that within a few hours after silt settles, it may sift off, but it will not go very far.

"We haven't found any situations where it went far or where it did any damage," he added.

Five biologists plus the area game wardens and chemists keep close watch on dredging operations in Galveston and Trinity Bays, he said. Those bays were placed under the 300-foot ruling several months ago.

Biologists, when they feel it is necessary, put out silt traps to determine the amount that is being spread. Watson said they can order dredges to stop or to move whenever damage is being done.

In Galveston-Trinity Bay, four companies have dredging permits. Three of them operate only one dredge each; the other company has two.

The recent order allows dredgers to take small nodes of live oysters, or towheads, and move them—at the dredger's expense — to another location.

Watson said Louisiana has has excellent luck transplanting oysters and that it has been done in the upper coastal bays of Texas. In fact, 17, 18 or 19 shell pads have been put down in the two bays mentioned and live oysters transplanted to them, he said. Some have done well.

There are no plans to study possible improvement of the bay bottom where dredgers leave an area of mud and sil after the oyster shell has bee removed, Watson said.

"That would take a lot planning," he said. "We w have to have funds and t. proper research to do it."

At least one other conservation organization in the state backs up the Commission on its controversial decision. Henry LeBlanc, president of Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas, said "We're accepting the plan for the time being — that is, controlled dredging — because we feel like the dredging they're doing right now is less harmful than any we've had before."

LeBlanc pointed out that during the SCOT convention "the chairman (Will Odom of Austin) promised us that as long as he is commission chairman no live oyster reefs will be destroyed.

"Under proper supervision I'm convinced it will work," he added.

LeBlanc warned that it will be up to the sports fishermen and oyster people to mark off and record of all reefs to protect them from dredgers.

— Caller-Times

DOCTOR SAYS NO FOOTBALL

Boys under 15 should not play football because their bodies are not able to take the strain, orthopedic surgeon Nick J. Accardo told the American College of Surgeons in a New York meeting. "They have not reached maturity of growth," he said.

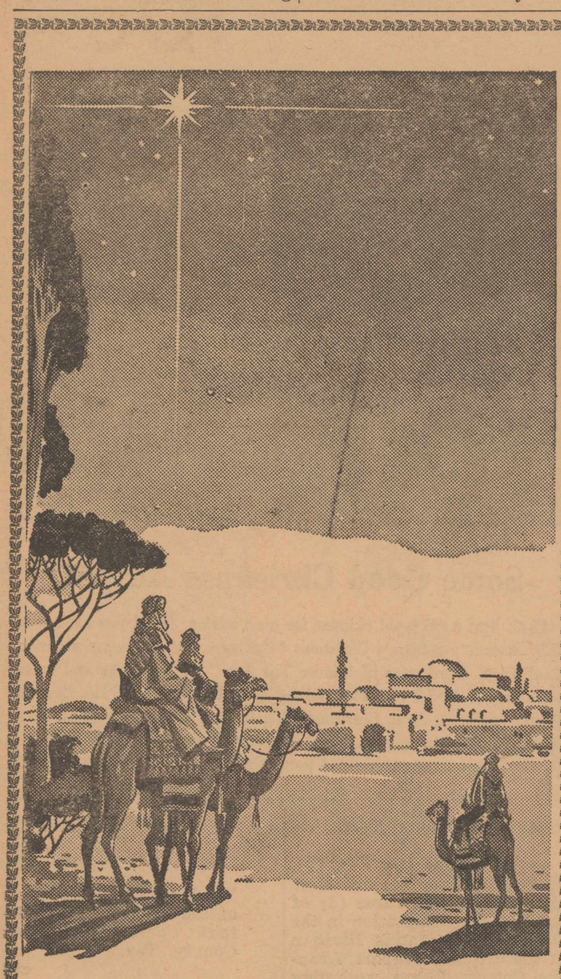
"Their muscles have advanced ahead of their bone development. . . The ends of their bones have not fully closed." Dr. Accardo also advised against isometric exercises for young boys, because of the strain they place on bones, muscles and joints.

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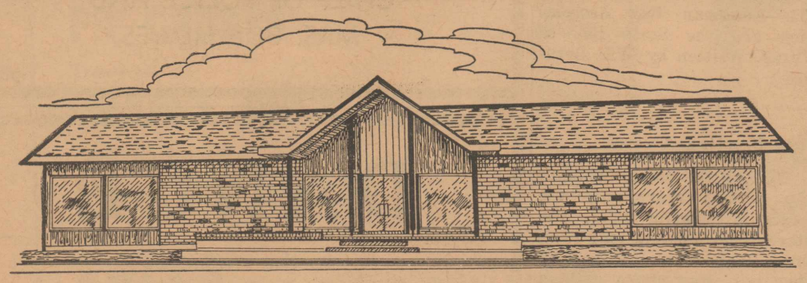
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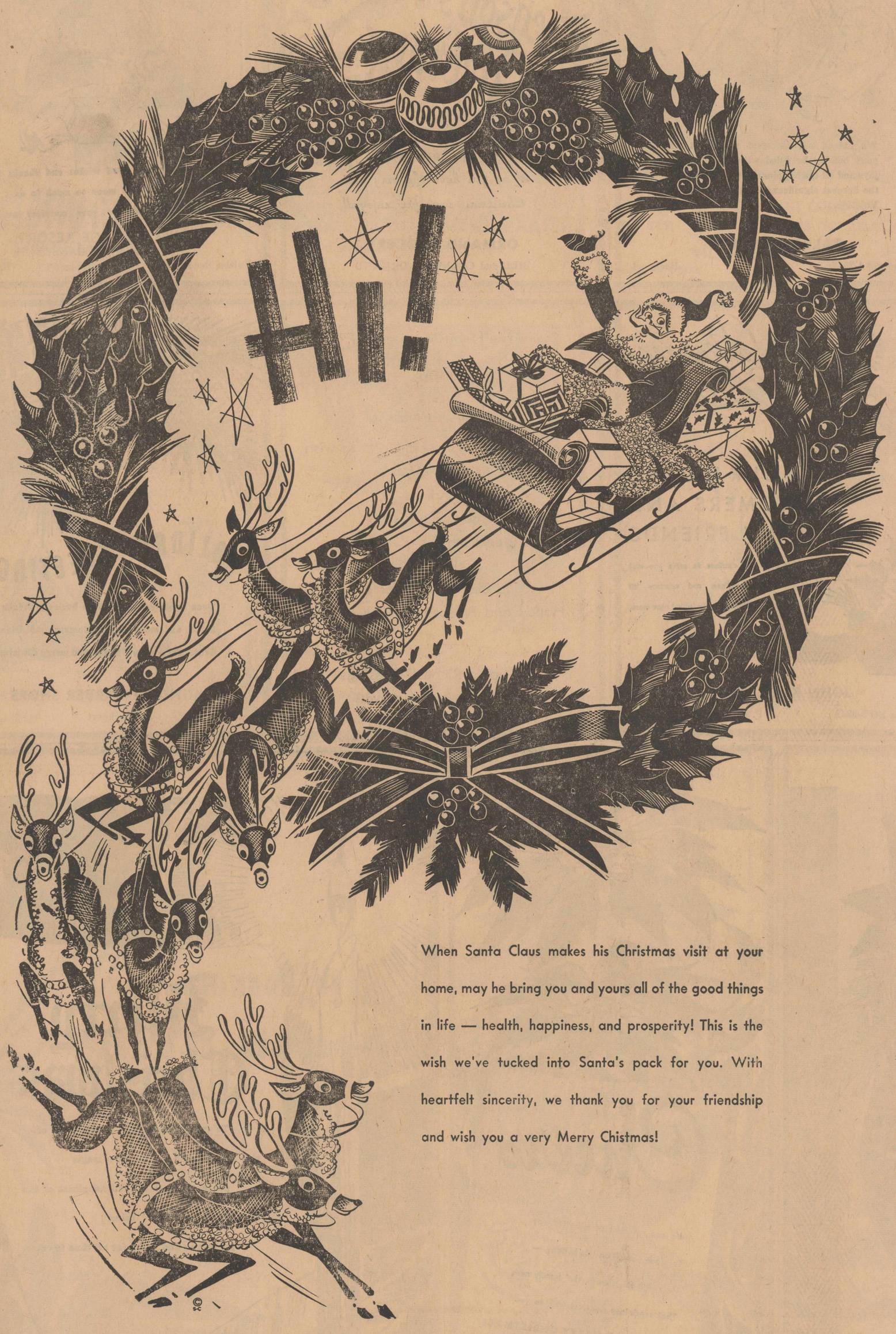
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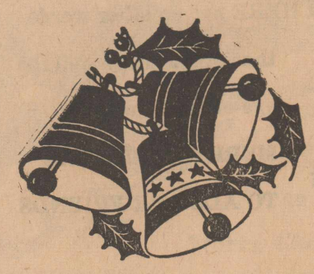
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The early European settlers of this country observed Indians in their religious gatherings drinking an intoxicating potion that was also an emetic, purgative, and that gave rise to hallucinations.

The liquid, referred to as the "black drink" by these settlers, was made from the leaves of yupon, which is a species of holly, and our forefathers adopted this brew for emetic and purgative purposes.

Today the close-grained, creamy white heartwood of holly is used for furniture decorations and inlays in the West Indies and as a specialty wood in the U.S.

However, the most important economic use of this group is in ornamental horticulture. Over 20 species (principally Asiatic) are grown for foundation and garden plantings.

Lastly, in parts of South America, especially Paraguay, Uraguay, Brazil and Argentina, one of the hollies known as "Paraguay tea" or "Yerba mate" is the preferred caffeine drink.

PERMITS REQUESTED FORM U.S. ENGINEERS

The British-American Oil Producing Co. has asked the U. S. Engineers' office at Galveston for permission to operate on State Tracts 96, 97, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, approximately eight miles west of Rockport.

The company proposes to install one 3½ inch and one 4½ pipelines at the above lolation. The pipelines would be adjacent and parallel. The proposed pipelines would extend from a separator platform located 100 feet east from the west line and 3,000 feet north from the south lines of State Tract No. 97 to the southwest shore of the bay.

The pipelines would be installed from the platform southerly for about 2,830 feet, then southwesterly for about 2,840 feet and then westerly for about 11,100 feet to shore. The pipelines would be buried a minimum of 1½ feet below the botton of the bay except through shell, where they would be buried one foot.

The pipelines would be jetted, plowed, disced or placed by other similar method whereby there would be a minimum displacement of the bed and no spoil deposit would remain.

The Aluminum Co. of America has also asked for permission for Copano Bay operations in State Tract 117, immediately northwest of he present Cities Service dock and approximately nine miles west of Rockport.

The applicant proposes to dredge an area, construct a bulkhead and dock and drive three mooring piles at the above location. An area, including spoil deposited by Cities Service Oil Co. under W-N-243-41-Permit-5957, approximately 15 by 50 feet would be dredged bayward from the shore to a bottom elevation of six feet below mean low water.

A 12-foot long pile and timber bulkhead and dock would be constructed adjacent to and northwesterly from the existing Cities Service dock. The proposed and existing docks would be aligned.

Three mooring piles spaced on 12-foot centers would be be driven on a line normal to and about three feet northwesterly from the northwesterly end of the proposed dock.

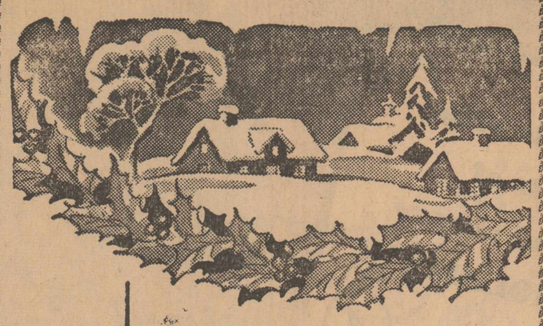
Spoil removed from the area would be placed beyond the northwesterly crest of the existing spoil bank.

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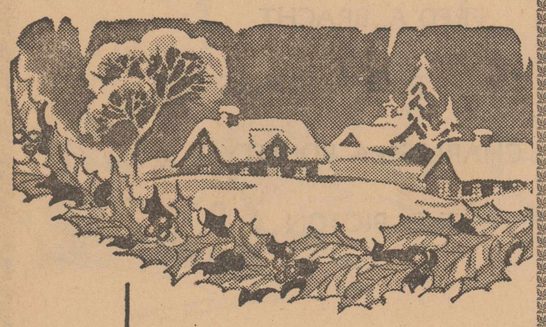
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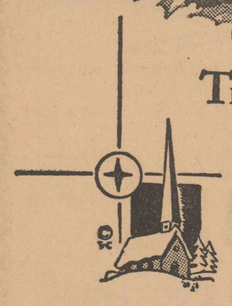
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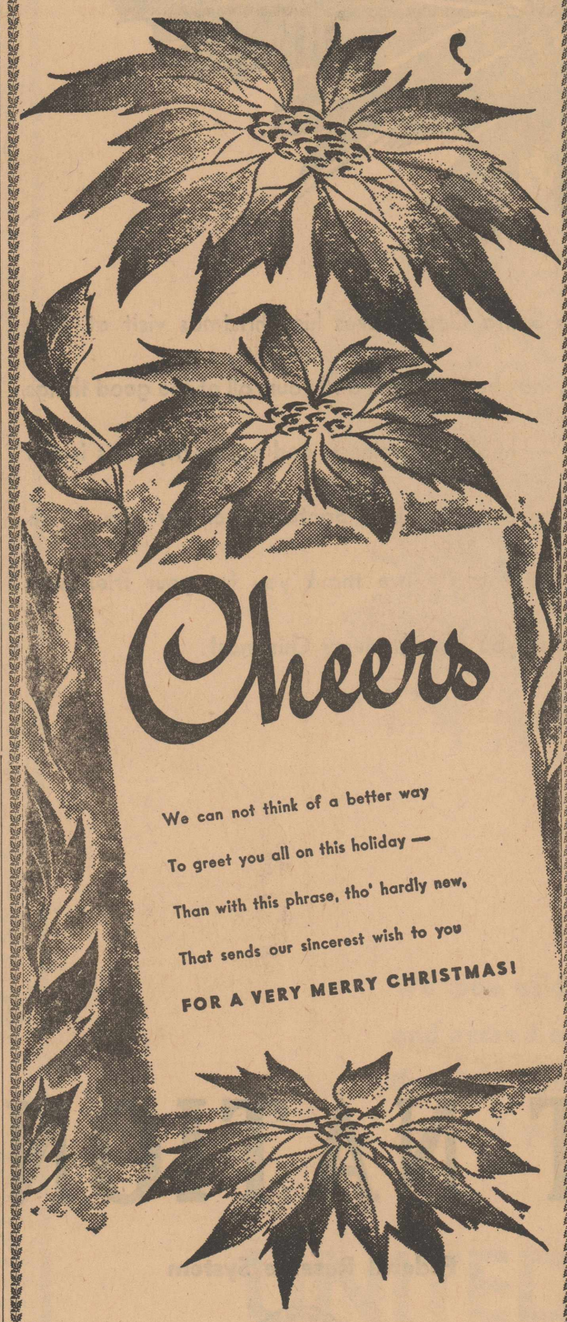
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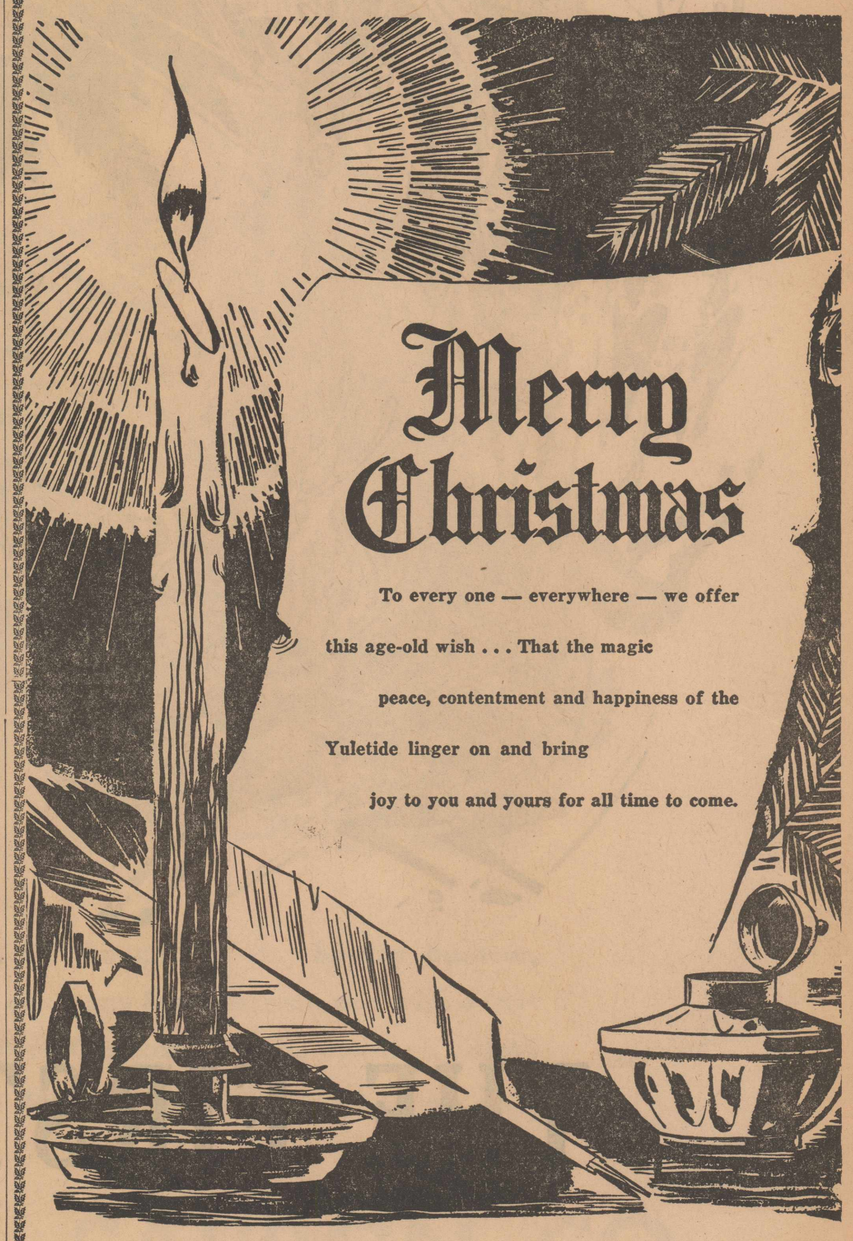
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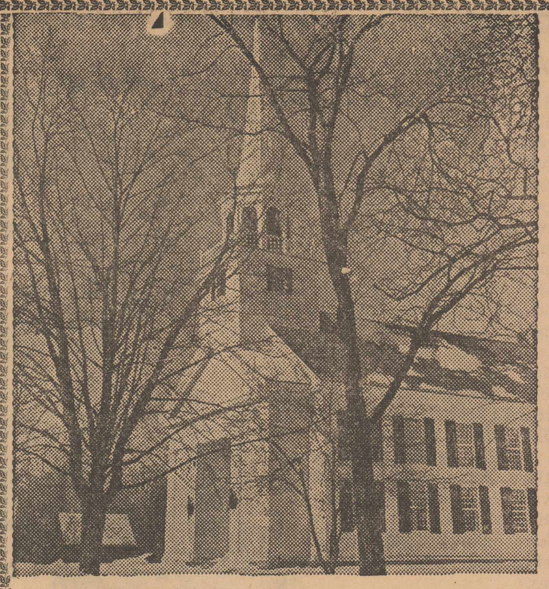
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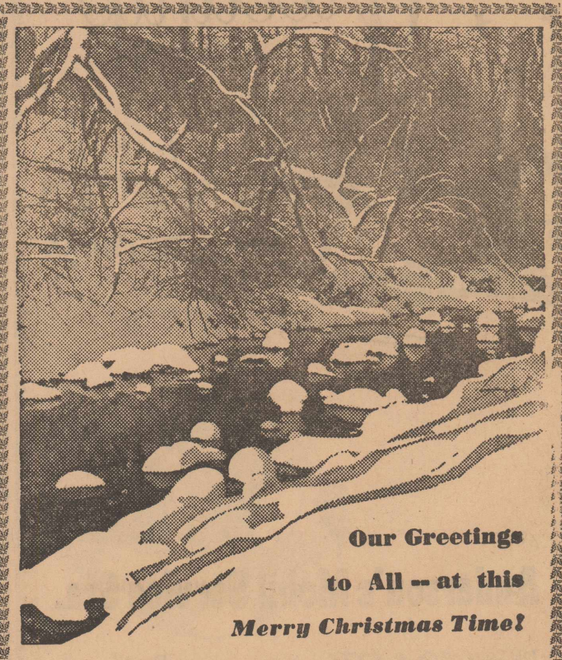
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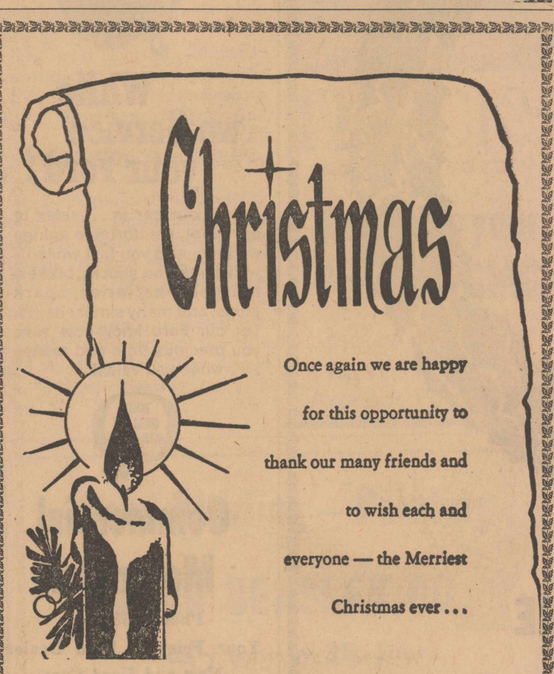
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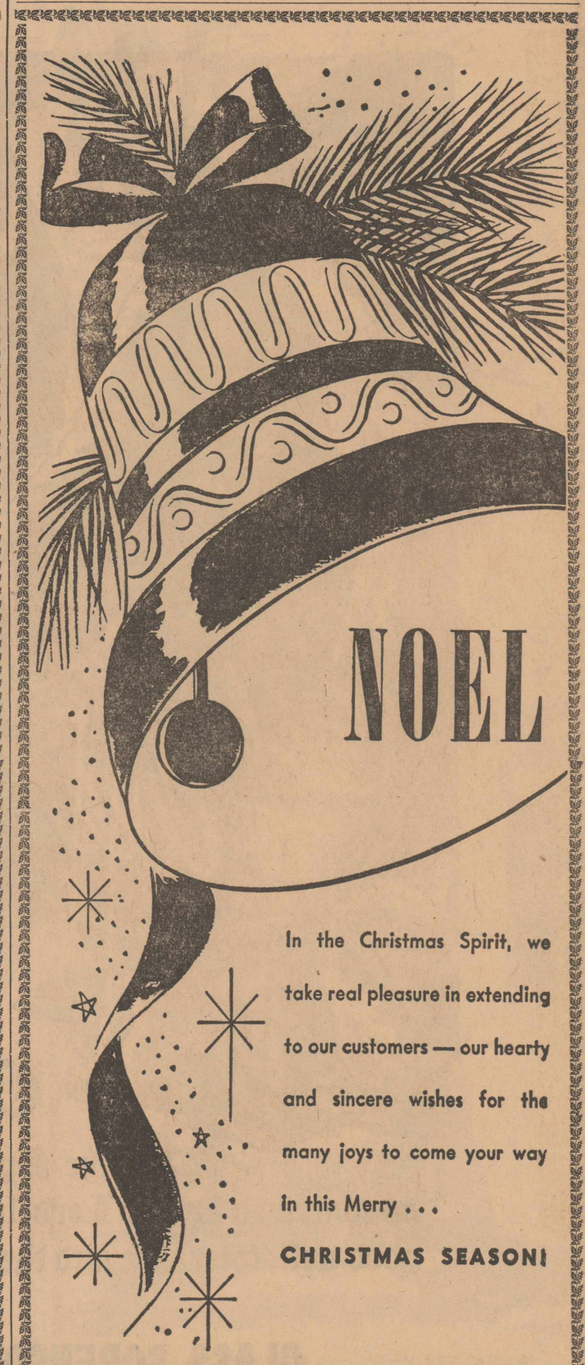
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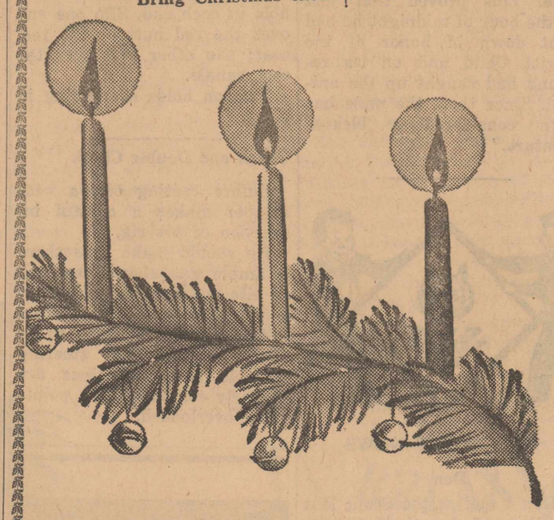
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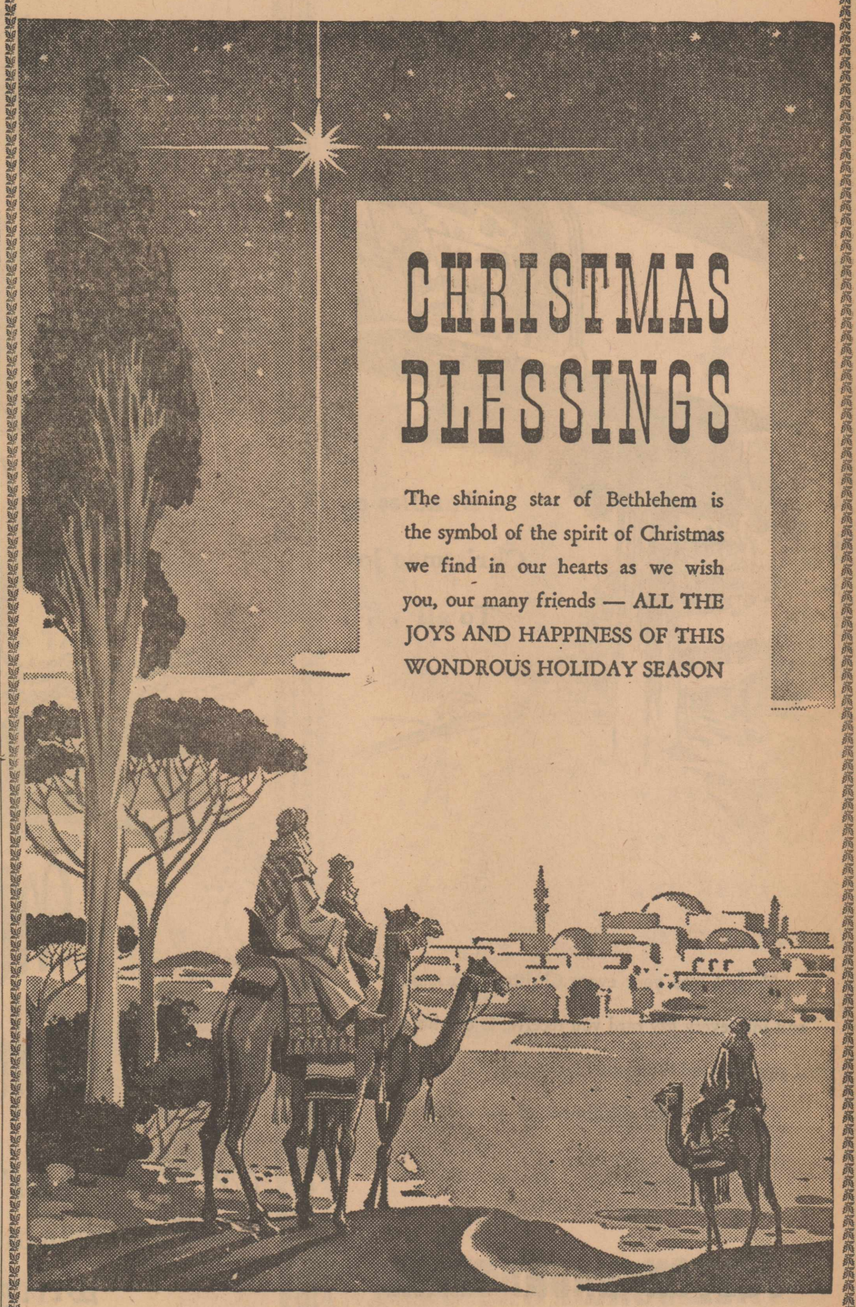
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Texas Christmas; The Story Of Las Posadas

Christmas seems always to have been observed with more enthusiasm and solemn piety in our older South Texas cities. Texans of Mexican descent in such places as San Antonio, Goliad, and Refugio, cling to the ancient ways in these matters.

Cold, cloudy, dreary weather did dapen the spirits of the people of San Antonio during the Christmas season of 1850. Though water stood in pools in the unimproved and unbeautiful plazas, the young people went on with their merrymaking and the religious ceremonies of the season were carried out to the letter.

As night fell, tar barrels, lit on the main plaza, cast a fitful light over the city. The ringing of bells and firing of guns announced the opening of the year's biggest celebration. Feasting, drinking and conviviality marked Christmas Eve as an occasion of joy.

But, in 1850, this was primarily a religious festival in San Antonio. This is what it had been more than a century earlier, is now, more than a century later, and will probably be a century or more hence.

For nine days before Christmas, San Antonians had observed the ceremony of Las Posadas, the journey of Joseph and Mary in search of a resting place in which to await the birth of Christ. From door to door the pious little bands had trudged, bearing on makeshift litters the miniature figurines of the holy couple. At each door they had sung their songs of entreaty, received the traditional refusals, pled again, again had been refused, and finally, upon identifying themselves, had been admitted, to leave the symbolic figures in one home after another for nine consecutive evenings, returning at the last to the home from which they started. All over the city the little specially blessed lanterns had hung outside household doors, as a guide to the pilgrims and a sign of their welcome.

On Christmas Eve, the ceremony changed to "Los Pastores," an ancient miracle play of the shepherds seeking and finding the Christ child. "Los Pastores" was, and is, an almost unbelievable combination of the medieval morality play, the rural home-talent comedy, and the barbaric ceremonies of of the primitive Indian ancestors of these people.

Some authorities trace it back to the earliest liturgical dramas of the Roman church, originating in Switzerland around the ninth century. It was improved and expanded in the monasteries of France, they say, brought over the mountains to Spain in the eleventh century, and came to the Americas in 1524 with the brown-robed Franciscans who accompanied Cortez. Others attribute the origin to a classic poem, "Los Pastores de Belen," written by the great Spanish poet, Lope de Vega, in 1612. All agree the Franciscans brought it to what is now Mexico, and that it came to Texas around 1700 in the hands of another Franciscan, Father Antonio Margil de Jesus, the founder of San Jose Mission. Father Margil taught the 5000-word script to the Indians who were his charges at San Jose.

In both cases, the Indians took the miracle play for their own, adapting it to their primitive concepts of the ancient Christian story and adding embellishments straight from their own barbaric ceremonies. In time, the performance became too rambunctious, and in spots, too earthy, for performance in the chapels. But it lived on, in the villages, and in the shabby homes of the crowded "Little Mexico" sections of Texas cities.

The lines were memorized and handed down from father to son. Occasionally, in later years, one of the old ones would recite the lines as he remembered them, and a younger, more literate Mexican would copy them down. A few copies of the text, each bearing the individual mark of its ancestry but all carrying the same general theme, now seem to exist in most South Texas towns.

Around these, volunteer groups of players grow up, meeting regularly to practice, acquiring over the years elaborate costumes, and developing their own versions of the old classic. Today you will find "Los Pastores" performed on the 12 nights after Christmas in a variety of places. Some are in the backyards of Mexican homes, some crowded into the tiny jacals themselves, and others are now back in the churches.

The play depicts the age-old struggle between the forces of Good and Evil, personified by the Archangel Michael and the satanic Lucifer, with the shepherds as poor befuddled mankind, the battle is one-sided. Lucifer is abetted by nine fearsome minor devils, representing the Nine Deadly Sins. They are more dashing, more colorful, more exciting than the forces for good. Michael, usually a youngster in a white robe, seems completely outmatched, but in the end he triumphs.

Comic relief is supplied by the Hermit, a natural clown in a brown robe, wearing an oversized rosary of spools from which dangles a large cross. He is as apt to use the cross to whack his companions over the head as for more customary purposes. Another comic is the lazy shepherd, Bartolo, whose extreme reluctance to abandon his comfort to continue the search for the Christ child puts the audience in stitches.

For good measure, the cast may at times include a cowboy, in full regalia, or a buck-skin-dressed Indian, with bow and arrow, doing a war dance. The performance is like a good stew; anything that may add to the delight of he consumer is apt to be tossed in.

Yet the finale, with the entire audience trooping up, one by one, to adore the doll-figure of the Holy Infant, kissing His foot, His hand, or on rare occasions, His painted lips, is as solemn and as fraught with religious feeling as the highest mass at the finest cathedral. When all have adored and partaken of the sweet tidbits from the plate beside the manger, they kneel, then rise to sing, and bidding innumerable farewells, they drift away.

No older and no finer Christmas tradition exists in Texas.

Pup-Training Sock

When training your bird dog pup, make the job easier by filling an old sock with quail feathers. Give the pup a sniff of the sock so he'll know what he's looking for, then drag the sock along the ground to simulate actual bird movements. He'll soon learn to follow bird scent and point when he comes to the hidden sock.

MRS. THOS. ROGERS HAS THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Thomas M. Rogers was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club at her home last week. A Christmas theme was used in decorations and a dessert course was served. All members attended and exchanged Christmas gifts.

High score winner was Mrs. Gary Smith; Mrs. James C. Bracht, was second.

Attending were Mrs. Dell P. McLain, Mrs. James C. Bracht, Mrs. Jerry Wendell, Mrs. Lynn Wendell, Mrs. Harold Picton, Mrs. Gary Smith and Mrs. Russell W. Itschner.

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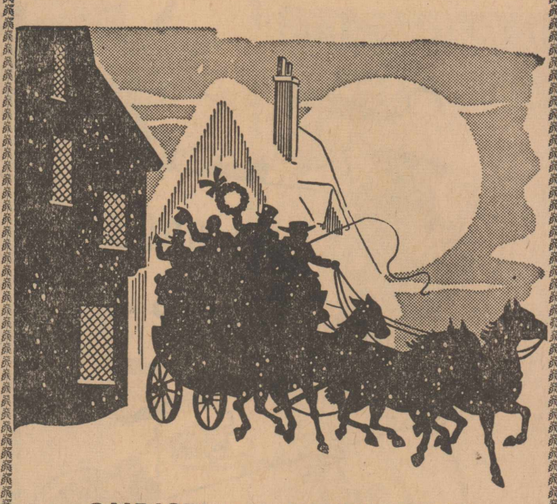


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Animals Are Part Of Christmas Story

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This ancient European poem is found in the literature of many peoples and as anyone still in touch with the legends knows, there is still a widely-held belief among the poorer people of the various lands that Christmas Eve animals are magically able to talk.

Animal legends of this sort and actual customs involving animals abound in the history of Christmas, especially in northern Europe where Christianity was mixed with strong influences from the old pagan religions.

November and December was a time of great killing among the Teutonic peoples. Since they were not able to keep their cattle during the winter months, they were often forced to slaughter great droves once the snow fell, and this was a time for worship, sacrifice, ritual and feasting.

As time went by, the killings were later and later, generally not starting until the end of December.

And the Christian Christmas represents a merger of these heathen feast-festivals and religious ceremonies celebrating the birth of Christ.

Even though the Church did everything possible to stamp out the traces of paganism, they have persisted and today are part of the Christmas customs of many lands.

On St. Martin's Day (November 11), rural Englishmen still kills its cattle, just as many Germans kill and eat a goose on the same day. In Denmark, where a goose is also killed for St. Martin's day, the severity of the coming winter is predicted from the color of its wishbone.

On St. Peter's Day, in Athlone, Ireland, until recently every household would kill an animal and sprinkle some of its blood on the threshold. The ritualistic killing and serving of a boar's head at Christmas goes back to the old Druid practice of sacrificing a boar to the goddess Freya at the time of the winter solstice. The boar was then worshipped as symbolic of the land's fertility, and was hunted down with great fanfare and pageantry. The eating of suckling pig at Christmas time by some people is a survival of this custom.

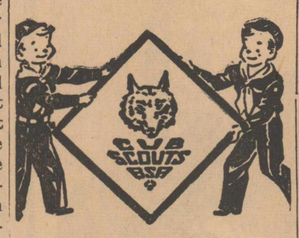
Even the children's game of blindman's buff retains some traces of past Paganism. Originally a Christmas sport known nearly all over Europe by names derived from various animals like "blind cow" or "blind mouse," the players wore animal masks and the one who was "it" was both the sacrificer and the name of his animal victim in keeping with the very best primitive practices in this field.

All sorts of eerie animal legends are connected with Christmas Eve. In the north of England it is still believed that bees assemble on that day to hum Christmas carols and sprigs of holly are therefore placed in their hives to wish them well. Then, in addition to the widespread belief among the peasant and rural folk of talking animals there in another popular European belief, more Christian in origin, which says at midnight all cattle slowly kneel in honor of the Christ Child.

This belief is held in rural England, in many parts of Europe, and even reached the North American Indians, only there the legend concerns all the deer of the forest which are supposed to kneel. It would be interesting to know what homesick missionary first fostered the belief among the Canadian Indians, using the deer with which they were familiar rather than cattle with which they were not, to perpetuate the Christmas beliefs of his home land.

A similar legend in Syria concerns the bowing of tree branches on Epiphany Eve, and one from Lebanon tells the origin of the Magic Mule, which Syria corresponds to our Santa Claus.

"It seems," says this legend, "that on blessed Epihany Eve, a certain man was traveling through the country wih his mule. Stopping about midnight, he fastened his animal under a tree and went away on an important errand. When he returned later, he looked about for his beast, until finally, glancing upward, he saw it lifted high above his head, in the topmost branches of a tree. This proved that just at the hour of midnight he had bent down in honor of the Christ Child and on its rebound had caught up the animal. Since then, the mule has been considered a blessed creature."



CUB SCOUT NEWS

Den 4

Den 4 met at the Scout Hut on Dec. 17 for their Christmas party.

We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Denner Billy Beasley, called roll and collected dues. The boys then wrapped their Christmas presents to take home.

The rest of the afternoon was spent exchanging gifts and having refreshments. Rusty Morrison, Rickey Roe, and J. D. Aleman served refreshments to the following boys:

J. D. Aleman, Billy Beasley, John Kelly, David Long, Russell Morrison, Maurice McElveen, Rickey Roe, John C. Vick and Den Chief Mark Lang.

The meeting was closed with a light shining on the flag and singing "God Bless America." Next meeting will be Jan. 7.

Rubber Snubber

Here's how to keep bait-casting reels free from snarls and tangles when transporting or storing them:

Cut a strip of rubber out of an old inner tube. Then cut a hole in each end. Slip one end over the rod butt or the reel seat; the other end over the reel handle.

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Check and Double Check

Before casting off, a wise skipper makes a careful inspection of his rig.

He should make sure there is ample gas aboard, as well as life preservers and emergency gear.

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ROCKPORT NEXT WEEK

Friday, Dec. 25: Christmas. Monte Rouquette, Jr., Marcella Wendell, Mark Lang, Weldon Burke Cabaniss III, and Mrs. J. R. DeForest have birthdays.

Saturday, Dec. 26: Linda Rinche has a birthday.

Sunday, Dec. 27: Theresa Rowe, Tito Rodriguez and Betty Johnson have birthdays.

Monday, Dec. 28: City Council meets; Masonic Lodge. Woodrow Wilson was born on this day; Mickey Floyd and Bill Dube have birthdays.

Tuesday, Dec. 29: Rockport IOOF; Miss Katie Lee Clarke has a birthday.

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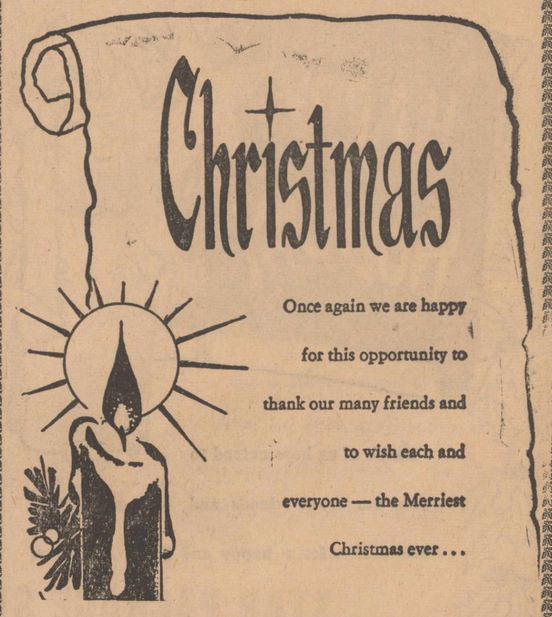
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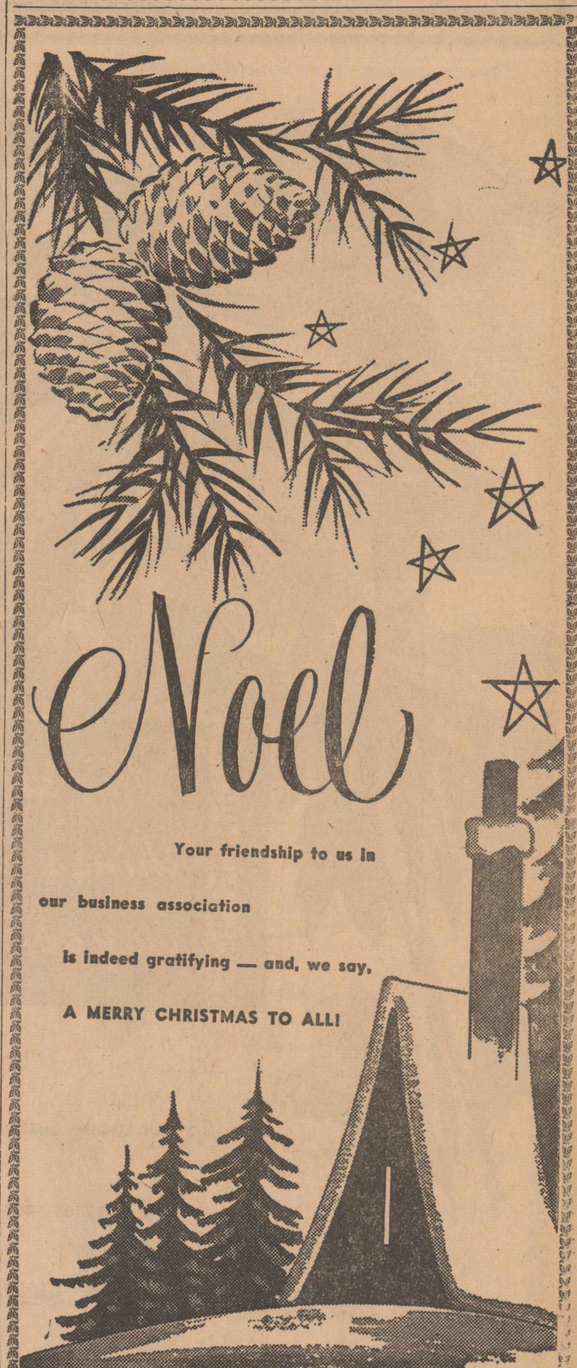

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