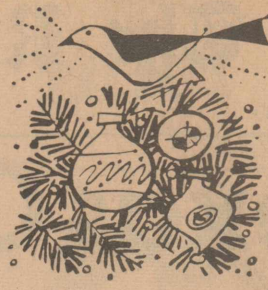




MERRY CHRISTMAS



Weather Report

Date	Hi.	Lo.	Prec.	Bar.
Dec. 12	49	35	.04	30.00
Dec. 13	48	36	.00	30.26
Dec. 14	49	41	.04	30.06
Dec. 15	47	34	.00	30.36
Dec. 16	47	28	.00	30.74
Dec. 17	57	25	.00	30.70
Dec. 18	66	47	.02	30.34

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Three Burglaries Solved, Loot Recovered With Arrest of Trio

Three persons were arrested by a team of Sheriff's officers led by Sheriff Bob Hewes Sunday afternoon at a trailer park north of Rockport. Assisting Hewes were Chief Deputy Sheriff E. A. Stautzenberger, James Russell and Joe Williams.

Three local burglaries were

cleared by the arrest of the trio. Hewes stated that the burglaries of Lillian's Danceland, the Redwood Lounge and the Ranche Bar were cleared and nearly all of the items taken in the three burglaries were recovered.

Some \$350 in cash was recovered. This was taken from juke boxes, cigarette machines and pool tables at the three places. Also recovered were a camera, several 8 track tapes, assorted cigarettes, burglary tools and other items.

Hewes stated that Kenneth Ethridge Jr., of Alachua, Fla., age 19, was also arrested on a Federal Bureau of Investigation warrant for auto theft in New York, unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle and for armed robbery in Florida. He is also wanted as an escapee from a correctional institution in Florida.

His 16-year-old brother was arrested on the three burglary charges, a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid confinement and for two armed robbery charges in Florida.

With the pair was a 15-year-old girl who has been reported as a runaway from Florida. Both Ethridge and his brother were reported to be armed and dangerous by the FBI.

Cong. Young Is Honored

Congressman John Young was honored at a reception Monday by a delegation of area officials, civic and business leaders and newspaper and television people.

Invited guests from Rockport were Aransas County Judge John Wendell, Emory M. Spencer, Mayor Walter S. Falk, Jr., and John R. Kinsey, Editor of the Rockport Pilot.

The delegation met Congressman Young at Portland State Bank at 4:15 p.m., then proceeded to the DuPont Plant at Ingleside for an inspection trip, then on to Aransas Pass to inspect Conn Brown Harbor and the Aransas Shrimp Cooperative Plant, and concluded the reception with refreshments and food at Payne's at City By the Sea.

Invited to the reception were the following:

Press: James Rowe and Photographer, Corpus Christi Caller; James F. Tracy, Publisher, San Patricio County News, Taft Tribune, Portland paper, Sinton, Texas; J. G. Richards, Publisher, Aransas Pass Progress, Aransas Pass, Texas; Larry Ray, Reporter, Channel III, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Members of the Commissioners Court, San Patricio County: Judge Percy Hartman, Sinton; Joe Zapata, Comm. Prec. No. 1, Sinton; Charlie Splekerman, Comm. Prec. No. 2, Odem; Glen Doris, Comm. Prec. No. 3, Mathis; R. G. "Pat" Kinley, Comm. Prec. No. 4, Aransas Pass.

County Officials: Davis Vickers, Assessor-Collector of Taxes, Sinton; Wayne Hitt, Sheriff; Richard D. Hatch, County Attorney.

District Court Officials: John H. Miller, District Judge, Sinton; John H. Flinn, District Attorney, Sinton.

Civic Leaders: Frederic Johnson, Sinton; Maurice Selby, Sinton; P. G. Rodriguez, Odem; Alonzo Rodriguez, Taft; Walter Roots, Taft; Dempsey Dupree, Taft.

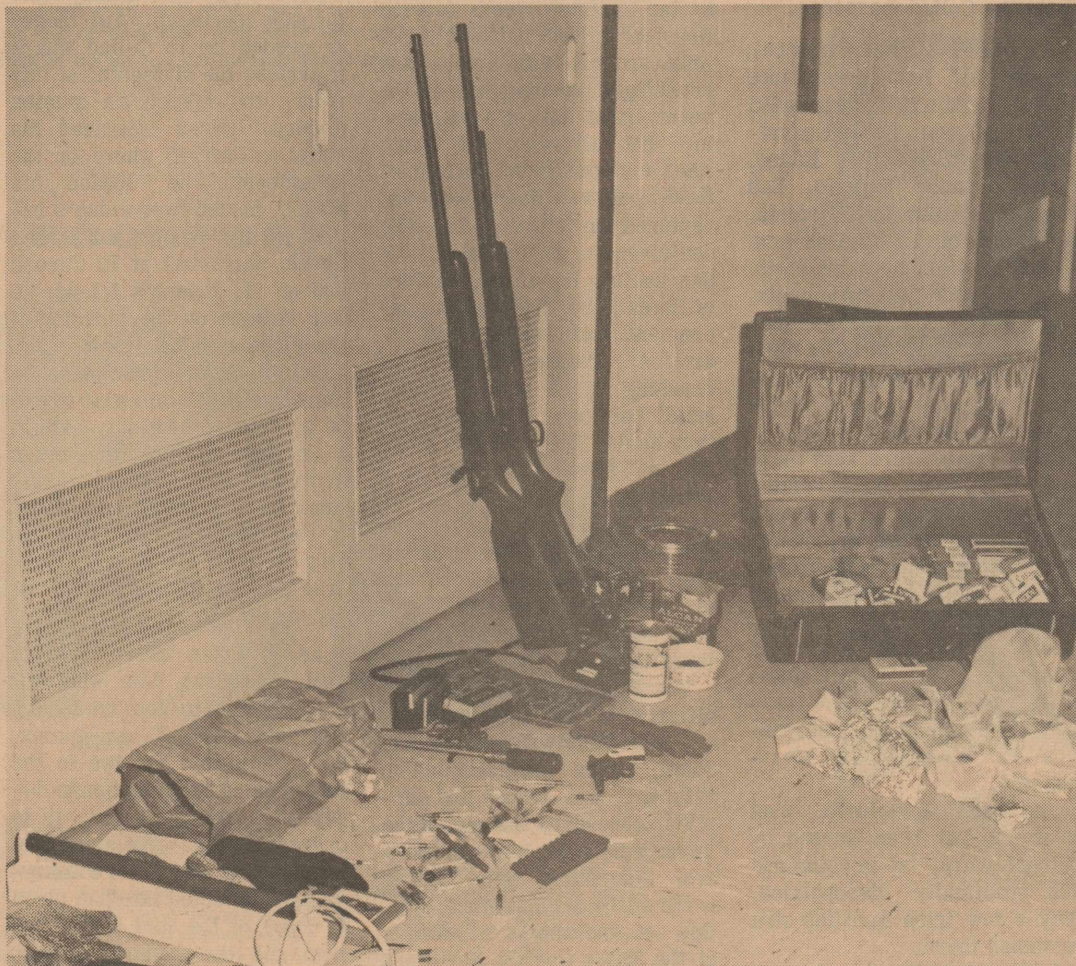
Portland: Mayor W. B. Crow, City Manager Charles Norwood, W. C. Andrews, Superintendent of Schools; Jeff Bell, Portland State Bank.

Ingleside: Wilbur Edwards, Gilbert Mircovich, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Callicott, First National Bank; Jim Bounds, Mayor. Travis Petty, Vice President, El Paso Natural Gas, El Paso; Jack Thompson, Planning Management, El Paso Natural Gas, El Paso.

Aransas Pass: Mayor A. N. Garrett, James Thwaing, City Councilman; Wm. L. Ellis, Jim Powell, First State Bank; L. E. Ray.

Rockport: County Judge Wendell, Spencer, Falk and Kinsey. Legislature: Senator Mike McKinnon; Representative Leroy Wieting.

Others: Barney Davis, President, Central Power and Light Company; Ernie Horline, Senior Vice President, Central Power and Light Company.



BURGLARY LOOT RECOVERED — This photograph shows part of the loot from three burglaries that was recovered by officers from the Sheriff's Department following the arrest of three suspects. The photo shows small sacks containing \$350 in cash, also rifles, a camera, cigarettes shown in the suitcase, and burglary tools and gloves.

— Photo by Chief of Police E. D. Taylor.

Pirate Runners Rank 9th In the Region

Rockport-Fulton's team entry in the Regional Cross Country Meet in San Marcos placed 9th out of 30 teams which had advanced to regional competition.

Rockport's Danny Flores was the highest finisher at 31st out of 225 boys who were running. Flores was followed by Ruben Guerrero (37), Charlie Torres (43), Bill Mercer (81), Nasario Benavidez (83), and Juan Benavidez (85th).

The Pirates made their first effort at cross country this year, and in the District, the team placed 2nd behind Calallen. In that competition Flores won the Junior Varsity Division, and the other team members finished in the following order: Guerrero (5), Torres (7), Mercer (8), N. Benavidez (10), and J. Benavidez (11).

Also running in the district meet in the JV Division were Johnny Cantera (7) and Philip Guerra (9).

Coach Norman Spears said that things are bright for next year because most of the boys are back and they now know what to expect when they go to one of these meets.

Weather Service Announces Change In Storm Warnings

The National Weather Service today announced a change in terminology for the traditional announcement to small-craft operators of marginally hazardous weather conditions. Instead of "Small Craft Warnings," these weather messages are to be called "Small Craft Advisories," to reflect more accurately the true nature of their contents. The change will take effect for saltwater sailors on January 1. It was introduced to Great Lakes boaters in 1971.

The Weather Service—a component of the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—has an ascending series of alerting messages for mariners. These are keyed to increasingly hazardous weather. The lowest rung in the ladder has been the small-craft warning—for winds of about 18 to 33 knots and/or dangerous sea conditions. Next in urgency is the gale warning (for winds of 34 to 47 knots), then the storm warning (48 to 63 knots or more), and lastly the hurricane warning (winds of 64 knots or more produced by a tropical cyclone).

All but the small-craft warn-

ing are based on well-defined meteorological conditions, and will remain the same. The small-craft warning is less precise, and varies in meaning from one locality to another. In response to objections from mariners about vagueness and variability, the Weather Service is switching to the word advisory, and informing mariners to decide for themselves whether the observed or forecast conditions constitute a real danger to them.

So: If you are a small-craft sailor and see the familiar red triangle fluttering in the breeze, the advice is: Tune in the latest marine weather forecast. Then you decide if you are experienced enough in boat handling and if your boat is seaworthy enough to cope with the expected weather—or whether you had better stay in port.

A sample Small Craft Advisory is shown below, as it will be issued over the Weather Service's teletypewriter circuits:

Delaware Bay

Small Craft advisory in effect

Winds Northeast 20 to 30 knots this afternoon...shifting to northwest 20 to 30 knots tonight and 15 to 25 knots Wednesday.

Weather...rain possibly heavy at times this afternoon ending tonight...cloudy Wednesday. Visibility...1 to 3 miles in rain and fog...improving to 5 miles or more tonight.

Along with this change in terminology, marine weather forecasters have begun to issue by radio a new warning that carries the label "Special Marine Warning Bulletin." No visual displays accompany the bulletin. It is issued whenever a severe local storm or strong wind of brief duration is imminent, and is not covered by existing warnings or advisories. Boaters will receive these special warnings if they keep tuned to a Weather Service VHF/FM or Coast Guard radio station, or to a commercial station that carries marine weather.

Christmas Spirit Prevails As Important Day Nears

With Christmas just four days away, normal business just didn't exist this week in the Rockport area.

Everywhere a person went, he saw smiling faces and heard

people say, "Merry Christmas," or "Are you all set for Christmas?"

And the most activity visible was created by those persons who actually were not quite

ready for the big day and were rushing to mail a Christmas card or buy a last-minute present for Aunt Matilda.

Local merchants were enjoying good business, with shoppers completing their purchases of presents and housewives busy stocking up on food supplies for Christmas dinners.

Churches, church organizations, clubs, civic organizations and other groups were making final preparations for Christmas parties.

As we said at the beginning, four more days and the important day will arrive. People here and throughout the world will give thought to the true importance of Christmas—the birth of the Christ Child—and pray for peace and good will.

City and County Receive Revenue Sharing Grants

The City of Rockport and Aransas County have received their first checks from federal revenue sharing funds in the

program set up by the federal government.

The payments cover the six-month period ending June 30. A like payment is scheduled for early January.

The City of Rockport received a check for \$15,097, which was approximately \$3,000 less than an earlier estimate. Aransas County received a check for \$49,649.

No announcements have been made by either the city or the county as to specific projects for which the funds will be used. Both governmental bodies are awaiting more detailed instructions from the government as to regulations regarding use of the federal revenue sharing funds.

Library Board Members Named

Aransas County Commissioners on Dec. 15 re-appointed Mrs. Joe Slocum and Mrs. Raleigh Moore as members of the Advisory Board of Aransas County Public Library. The commissioners also accepted the resignation of J. H. Harrison from the library board.

In other actions, the County Commissioners received a request from Dick Fox and Dave Magglin, Navigation District commissioners, for consideration for a portion of the federal revenue sharing funds received by the county.

The Library Board also had sent a letter to Commissioners Court asking for consideration for a portion of the revenue sharing funds received by the county.

As stated in another article in this issue, the county has received one check for \$49,649 in revenue sharing funds. County Judge John D. Wendell said the first indication was that the county would receive a check for \$121,000.

Decorations Contest Winners Named

The judges have made their selections and the winners in the annual Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce were announced Wednesday night as follows:

Residential Category - Display. The Tom Rogers home at 1141 Broadway was named winner. The front porch of the Rogers home features a homey living room scene around the family Christmas tree with Santa relaxing in a rocking chair.

Residential Category - Originality. The Walter Stryker home at the Y on Highway 35 south of Rockport. This striking display includes a large candle arrangement and other decorations on the front of the home, with Santa and his reindeer on the side lawn, all beautifully spotlighted. The most original note in the display is set by the large Christmas tree made of aluminum pie plates, each centered with a colored bulb, so the pie plates reflect the colors from the bulbs.

Business Category-Display. Sportsman Manor Motel on the Fulton Beach Road. This new

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County Collects 80% of Taxes

During the months of October and November, the tax assessor-collector's office of Aransas County collected almost 80 per cent (79.83 per cent, to be exact) of the total tax roll charge.

The amount collected was \$513,817.53, whereas the total tax roll charge is \$643,604.43.

Fulton Lions Bring Xmas to 2 Families

Two families in the Rockport-Fulton area, who otherwise would have had a bleak holiday season, will be able to say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" with gusto this year because of actions taken by the Fulton Lions Club and the Fulton Lions Club Auxiliary.

After checking with churches and charitable organizations throughout the area, the club selected two families who would otherwise not be provided with food and other items to make the season joyous.

Then, when the Fulton Lions gathered for their semi-monthly dinner-meeting Monday night, December 18, each member brought a generous supply of non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, packaged soups, gelatin dessert, etc. At that same meeting the Lions expressed appreciation for a donation to the cause of \$15 from the Eastern Star and, in turn, voted to add \$50 from the club treasury to "sweeten the pot." The meeting was presided over by Dan Shelton, president.

The following morning the club auxiliary, under the leadership of Bea Shelton, met at the Lions Club building in Fulton to sort the food articles into two "baskets" and to add to this \$65 worth of food, clothing and toys purchased at a local super-market which had offered all items to the auxiliary at "cost."

On Wednesday huge "baskets" of food, clothing and toys were delivered to the two selected homes by a member of the club dressed as Santa Claus.

Family Film Fest

This Sunday the Family Film Fest in progress at the First Presbyterian Church will present "Discipleship," fourth in a series of films on the life of Jesus being shown during December.

In this episode, the fame of Jesus spreads and multitudes follow him. Events shown include the choosing of the twelve Apostles, Sermon on the Mount, and teaching of the Lord's Prayer.

The program will begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

Speaker Explains Satellite System

Rotarians heard a tape recording of the first music ever broadcast from earth to a satellite and then transmitted back to earth at a luncheon meeting of the club December 13 at Corky's Restaurant.

The program was presented by Thel Sharpe, club member and retired executive of Collins Radio in Dallas. Sharpe was active with his firm in developing early satellite communications systems and participated in the history-making transmission of music from earth to earth via satellite in 1960.

Sharpe explained that the present satellite system is designed only for global communications, but there is a great need for a domestic system of satellite communications. The present system includes three satellites, one over the Atlantic Ocean, another above the Pacific near the equator and a third over the Indian Ocean.

This system covers approximately half of the globe, according to Sharpe. Capacity of the present system is quite limited, permitting transmission of only one television picture at a time, in addition to telephone messages. However, he added, that weather information provided by the present satellite system is invaluable.

A more sophisticated global satellite system will provide for up to 5,000 simultaneous telephone conversations as well as a number of television transmissions, Sharpe explained. Probably of even greater importance is development of a domestic satellite communications system to relieve present methods of communication which are overloaded and subject to interruptions due to weather and other conditions.

Sharpe predicted it would be five years before this became a reality. By 1980 radio and television programs probably will be transmitted via domestic satellites, and by 2000 an individual will be able to tune in on satellites direct, he said.

Christmas Closings Are Announced

Most local business establishments and public offices will be closed Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas.

Among the places to be closed on Christmas Day are First National Bank, United Savings Association (which also will close early Friday afternoon, December 22), Post Office, City Hall and Aransas County Courthouse which also will be closed Tuesday, December 26.

The City Hall will be open Tuesday, December 26.



CONGRESSMAN YOUNG HONORED — Congressman John Young enjoys oyster cocktail at Payne's Monday during a reception in his honor. Shown with him are (left to right) Emory M. Spencer, John R. Kinsey, County Judge John D. Wendell and Mayor Walter S. Falk, Jr.

Texas Coastal Bend: People And Places

This is the third installment of our serialization of an outstanding regional history, TEXAS COASTAL BEND: PEOPLE AND PLACES by Alpha Kennedy Wood, now being reprinted in the Rockport Pilot with permission of The Naylor Company, publishers of this book and many other Southwestern titles. Hardcover, \$7.95.

CHAPTER VII COASTAL AREA DURING TEXAS REVOLUTION

The military problems of the Texas Revolution were essentially problems of supply and the port of Aransas Pass, with its interior landing at Copano, played an important part in both Texas and Mexican plans. In the years immediately prior to the revolution, Copano had become the principal port for Goliad and Bexar. A Mexican army advancing from the Rio Grande must draw its supplies

by mule train from the Mexican interior unless Copano and Aransas Pass, its gulf entrance, were Mexican controlled. The Mexican campaign in the Texas colonies involved opening Copano as a Mexican port and military base. On the Texas side there were no means of transport available sufficient to supply, from elsewhere than Copano, a sizeable Texan garrison at Bexar. Of the importance of controlling Copano, both Mexicans and Texans had had recent proof. Cos' army landed there and Cos had later been starved into capitulation when the Texans, under Capt. George W. Collingsworth, captured Goliad and thus cut his communication with the coast. El Copano remained the principal port for the introduction of material and supplies for the Texas army until pressures of the Mexican army required that the Texans abandon it during the latter part of February, 1835. The controversial and ill-fated Johnson and Grant invasion of Mexico by Texans through Matamoros was sup-

plied and provisioned through the port of El Copano.

When the convention of March 1, 1836 convened at Old Washington, Refugio was represented by four delegates, Gen. Sam Houston, Col. James Power, Edward Conrad and David Thomas, all of whom became signers of the Declaration of Independence.

After the declaration had been signed, the convention began drafting a constitution for the newly-formed Republic of Texas. Colonel Power was appointed to the Military Affairs Committee.

After the adjournment of the Washington convention on March 17, 1836, Power remained with the government as he had received news from Refugio of the advance of General Urrea's army and also that his father-in-law, Captain Portilla, had taken Mrs. Power and his children to Matamoros for safety.

On March 25, 1836, Colonel Power offered in writing to Sam P. Carson, secretary of state, that Power, who was well and favorably known in New Orleans, would travel to that city for the purpose of raising money and supplies for the army. Colonel Power also offered to pledge his own credit in order to obtain the aid. On March 29, the offer was warmly accepted by the Provisional Government. Carson, in his letter of acceptance, stated: "Any man who will introduce provisions into the country on his own credit as you propose would not only be entitled to the gratitude but would have claims on the generosity of the country."

Many of the Power and Hewetson colonists were among those who gave their lives as members of Ward's and King's Battalion in Fannin's army at the Refugio and Goliad massacres. While Fannin was be-

ing enmeshed in the web of fate at Goliad, the schooner William and Francis put into the port of El Copano with Col. William P. Miller and his Nashville Volunteer Tennessee Battalion of seventy-five men aboard. The schooner arrived at El Copano unaware that the place had passed into Mexican hands. Believing the port to be deserted, on March 17, 1836 the soldiers began leaping overboard as the vessel neared the shore and were enjoying themselves swimming and waiting to land when the Mexican cavalry dashed from the bluff into the water and took the unarmed men by surprise. Those who remained aboard surrendered also although the vessel escaped to Matagorda. It proved to be fortunate, indeed, for these men that they had landed in Texas without arms in their hands. This technicality was resorted to by Santa Anna to exempt them from the Goliad massacre.

General Urrea, having cleared all Texan resistance in his bloody path, proceeded on to Brazoria. He left garrisons on St. Joseph's Island, at El Copano, Refugio, San Patricio, Goliad and Victoria. The port of El Copano was opened for Mexican vessels with supplies and reinforcements. Juan Davis Bradburn was made collector of the port. The mission at Refugio was converted into a military depot and hospital. The wounded who were able to travel were kept there until they could be evacuated by boat through El Copano. Most of the Texan prisoners, whose lives had been spared, were eventually sent through Refugio and El Copano to Matamoros to be kept there as prisoners of war. Colonel Miller and his Nashville company were among those shipped from El Copano to that Mexican port.

The town of Refugio, most of which had been burned by Colonel Ward, lay in ruins and was practically depopulated. Only a few Irish families still remained there.

Santa Anna also moved eastward with his main army, leaving a bloody path of his own. The only remaining Texan army, that under General Houston, well realizing that any mistake he might make would ruin Texas, paralleled Santa Anna's route with a day's march between the two armies. He gam-

bled that fate would give him an opportunity to strike one decisive blow against the enemy, which outnumbered his army five or six to one. Santa Anna, having consistently triumphed and seeing the Texans in retreat and their government in flight, was so confident that the war was over except for mopping up that he ordered a Mexican war vessel to come to El Copano to take him back to Mexico. In Mexico, preparations were being made for a triumphal entry for the hero.

Discounting the small Texan army still in the field and becoming impatient to get the war over with, Santa Anna became incautious and, taking a small body of fast-moving troops, marched ahead of his main body with the objective of capturing and destroying the fugitive rebel government. The quest of this quarry led him to San Jacinto, where General Houston moved between Santa Anna and his main armies and crushing defeated him on the twenty-first day of April. Seeing that all was lost, Santa Anna escaped from the battlefield, but was discovered and captured the following day. The decisiveness of the Battle of San Jacinto lay in the capture of Santa Anna, the head of government and the idol of his armies, rather than in the crushing of a comparatively small portion of Mexican military might. There were a number of Power and Hewetson colonists in the Battle of San Jacinto. Among those who settled in this coastal area: Maj. John Howland Wood and his brother-in-law, John Clark, both members of the New York Battalion.

Throughout the revolution the citizens of the United States, and particularly those of the Old South, were indefatigable in raising troops, money and supplies to send to the aid of the Texan colonists. However, several companies were raised north of the Mason-Dixon Line. One of the most outstanding of the latter was the New York City by Colonels Edwin H. Stanley and Edwin Morehouse. Colonel Stanley had been an officer in the British and Portuguese armies as well as an instructor in the United States army. Morehouse was a native of New York, but had resided in Texas prior to the revolution. The battalion, which was financed by citizens of New York, embarked November 21, 1835 on the brig Matamoras. The vessel was seized by British authorities and the voyagers held as pirates at Nassau in the Bahamas. They were finally released after fifty days of internment and arrived at Velasco about March 8, 1836. The services of the battalion were immediately tendered to the Texas convention and were, of course, accepted. The battalion was assigned to the duty of assisting colonist families to places of safety. After San Jacinto it was incorporated into General Rusk's army. As will

be hereafter seen, Colonel Morehouse settled at Goliad and became the first senator from the Refugio district. Many of Colonel Morehouse's men settled in the coastal area. Notably, among these were Maj. John Howland Wood, James C. Allen and John Clark. After the battalion became the First Regiment, Texas Volunteers, in the summer of 1836, a number of residents of this area served in it. Among these were Alvin E. White (who escaped the massacre of Goliad), 1st Lt. Edward O'Boyle; 1st Lt. James C. Allen; 1st Lt. John H. Wood; John Clark and William Bartlett Annibal.

The retreating Mexican armies were closely followed by a substantial Texan army, commanded by Gen. Thomas J. Rusk. After a march fraught with much hardship and suffering, the Mexican army reached Victoria May tenth through fourteenth, and thence proceeded on to Goliad where it arrived the sixteenth. At this point, the Mexican armies divided. Urrea retraced his steps to Refugio where on the seventeenth he loaded his stores, issued twelve day's rations to his troops, and picked up his garrisons at El Copano and on St. Joseph's Island. He left Refugio on the morning of the eighteenth heading for San Patricio, from which place he marched to Matamoros where he arrived on the twenty-eighth.

On June 3, 1836, the Texan army at Goliad, under General Rusk, was burying the victims of the massacre with full military honors. On June 1, General Rusk had issued the following orders:

As a token of respect as well as to the men who fell a sacrifice to the treachery and bad faith of our enemy, as a duty that we owe to the relatives of the unfortunate deceased and ourselves, it is ordered that skeletons and bones of our murdered countrymen be collected into one place in front of the fort and buried with all the honors of war.

A general parade of the army will take place tomorrow at half past eight o'clock. The funeral will take place at nine A.M. Colonel Sidney Sherman will take command and conduct the procession in the following order:

- First, artillery.
- Second, music.
- Third, Major Morehouse's command.
- Fourth, six commissioned officers; the corpses; six commissioned officers.
- Fifth, five mourners. Those of Colonel Fannin's command who are with the army and who so miraculously escaped will attend as mourners.
- Sixth, commanding general and staff.
- Seventh, medical staff.
- Eighth, Second Regiment.
- Ninth, First Regiment.
- Tenth, Regulars.

Major Poe will cause a minute-gun to be fired from the fort, commencing at the time the procession moves and con-

tinuing until it arrives at the grave.

The order was executed with great solemnity and intense feeling. General Rusk, a brilliant and polished orator, delivered the funeral oration at the grave, to which the army had marched with arms reversed, while the minute gun delivered its muffled roar.

As the order indicates, Morehouse's New York Battalion was given a prominent position in the cortege. This honor was given because it had taken to itself the principal part in assembling the bones of the martyred Texans. John H. Wood was one of those who directed and performed this solemn duty.

The Houston Post, in reporting a conversation with Major Wood on April 23, 1895, at a reunion of the veterans of the Texas Revolution, quoted the San Jacinto veteran as follows with reference to burial of the remains of the victims of the Goliad massacre:

What a sight met our eyes! The ghastly fate of those gallant Georgians and sons of Alabama! In different and scattered piles lay about on the bare ground the charred and partly consumed bones of the heroes who gave up their lives for Texas. The impressive speech of Rusk, the remembrance of the fearful vengeance which befell the tyrant Santa Anna at San Jacinto, was solemn and grand.

Here the Post reporter gleaned from Major Wood a fact not before stated in Texas history. It will be remembered that Fannin sent Captain King to Refugio to care for the American families who were flying before the Mexican army two days before his departure from the town. Fannin's army was taken by a division of General Urrea's army and shot just outside the Mission Refugio. Those of the Americans who remained removed the bodies to the town cemetery and buried them several days after the tragedy.

On June 2, Major Burton received news of a suspicious vessel in the bay of Copano. By daybreak the next morning, the rangers were in ambush on the beach and at eight o'clock a signal was made for the vessel to send its boat ashore, which was promptly answered and five of the enemy landed from the boat. These were made prisoners and the boat was manned by sixteen of the rangers who rowed out to the vessel, the Watchman, and succeeded in capturing her. She was found to be loaded with provisions for the Mexican army. Preparations were made to take the Watchman to Velasco, but departure was delayed because of contrary winds.

While waiting for favorable winds, on the seventeenth two more vessels, the Comanche and the Fanny Butler, anchored off the bar. The captain of the Watchman was made to decoy the commanders of the vessels aboard his own. Thus, by a clever stratagem three large vessels loaded with provisions and military supplies were captured by an intrepid band of horsemen. The three vessels and their cargoes were taken to Velasco where they were condemned. The value of the captured cargo was estimated at \$25,000.

It will be remembered that Colonel Power was sent by the Texan government to New Orleans to purchase supplies for the Texas army. He was at Crescent City engaged on this business at the time the Battle of San Jacinto was fought. New Orleans was undoubtedly the capital and main rendezvous and military depot of the Texas Revolution. There the Texans maintained the agency under Col. William Christy and numerous officers on recruiting service. Many Texans were always to be found there. After

San Jacinto, many other Texans went to the creole capital for rest or on business. Gen. Sam Houston, who had been painfully wounded at San Jacinto, arrived in New Orleans on the schooner Flora (the same which brought Fannin to El Copano) in May, 1836, to have his wounds treated. While in that city, he was the houseguest of Colonel Christy. General Houston was the lion of the hour.

(Historical photos on Page 15. Historical account to be continued next week.)

Decorations Contest— (Continued from Page One)

motel - apartment features a beautiful display of colored lights outlining the rooftop of the motel with the central attraction a large and lovely nativity scene on the sloping lawn facing the bay.

Business Category—Originality. Hunt's Courts, 1104 S. Water Street, featuring Santa operating a large commercial-type lawn mower.

Rockport Art Association furnished judges for this year's contest, including Mr. and Mrs. Steve Russell, Mrs. Hazel Eller and Mrs. Jerry Barkley.

A greater concentration of outside lighting of homes was noted in Peninsula Oaks and Oak Terrace Subdivisions where nearly every home has some type outside decoration.

Board of Realtors Elects Officers

The Aransas - San Patricio County Board of Realtors held their annual Christmas Party and installation of officers Thursday, December 14th, at Little Bob's in Aransas Pass. Bob Fowler, Texas Association of Realtors Vice-President, of Brownsville was the speaker for the evening. Fowler also installed the new officers.

New officers elected for the coming year were: President, R. P. "Sonny" Park, Jr., Vice-President, Louise Itschner; Secretary, Doris Derleth; Treasurer, Dee Irwin; Director, Ana Wishert. Executive Secretary for the Board is Margaret Hahn.

Representatives from area cities in Aransas and San Patricio Counties attended the party.

Victoria Jaycees Schedule Show

Victoria Jaycees have scheduled a Home and Recreation Show for January 26, 27 and 28 at Victoria Community Center, and exhibitor booth reservations are now being accepted, according to Paul Whitney, show coordinator.

The show will replace the annual Outdoors and Boat Show, but will include many of the same types of exhibits in addition to new and expanded exhibit categories.

Whitney said the show has been designed with two purposes in mind--to provide business with exposure to the consumer and to provide the public an opportunity to see and test new and established products and services.

He said home exhibits, for instance, can include interior decorating, floor and wall coverings, kitchen and dining room arrangements, lighting fixtures, do-it-yourself and work shop ideas, and others.

Garden exhibits include lawn and garden care products and services, yard implements, seeds and fertilizers, landscaping and nursery ideas, and many others.

Recreation exhibits would be similar to those at past outdoor shows, such as hunting and fishing displays, cycles, travel trailers, swimming pools and boats.

He urges those interested in exhibiting at the show to contact the Victoria Jaycees for booth reservations.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Paul Bohot, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 8:45 a.m.
Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday of month.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. John Robert Bradshaw
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 12 noon; Women of the Church Board and general meeting, 2:30 and 3 p.m. first Thursday; Women of the Church Circles, second Thursday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Charles Fake, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Training Union, 6 p.m. Worship services, 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. C. J. Molmen, Pastor
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Weekday masses: 5:30 p.m. except Saturday. Saturdays: 8:15 a.m.
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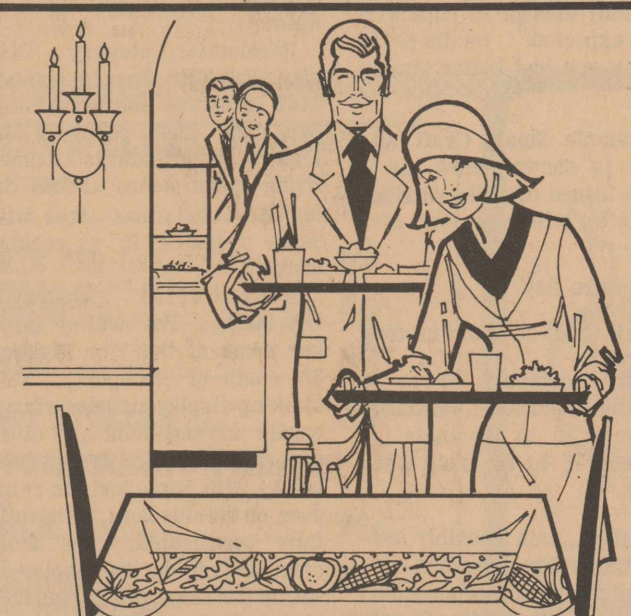
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COLLEGE STATION--Holly cheer gets a special boost from the bright red cranberry as it creates everything from juice to a cake or the Hot Buttered Punch featured below.

Judy Grubbs, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, reported that this year's cranberry crop will provide plentiful supplies of the fresh fruit, cranberry sauce and fruit cocktail for the holidays, according to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service predictions.

HOT BUTTERED PUNCH

3/4 c. brown sugar
4 cups water
2 1-lb. cans jellied cranberry sauce
1 quart pineapple juice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. allspice

Bring to a boil brown sugar, 1 cup water, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice. Beat jellied cranberry sauce with beater until "saucy." Add 3 cups water and beat until smooth. Add cranberry liquid and pineapple juice to hot spiced syrup. Simmer about 5 minutes. Keep steaming hot over hot water.

To serve, ladle punch into mugs. Add dots of butter or margarine. Serve with cinnamon stick stirrers. Yield: 2 - 1/2 quarts.

Container Plants Need Winter Care

COLLEGE STATION -- With the proper care, container plants can be enjoyed for many seasons. Care is especially critical during the winter season.

"Since the root systems of container plants are exposed to air movement about the containers, cold damage may occur if the plant is not protected," points out Dr. William Welch, landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Small container plants may be overwintered by sinking the containers in the ground in a fairly protected area and mulching around the containers with straw, leaves or some other organic matter.

Plants that will not tolerate freezing temperatures can sometimes be kept alive by moving them into the garage or a similar protected area. Welch suggests that these plants be kept generally dry until they can be placed outdoors and resume their growth.

However, he emphasizes that watering is critical for evergreen plants and that they should be kept moist during the winter months. "Evergreens lose water rapidly through their leaves during cold, windy weather, and this can result in burning of the leaves or even death of the plant if the condition is prolonged."

The task of getting tropical plants such as the plumbago, hibiscus and copper plant through the winter is often difficult, Welch contends that it is usually more practical to replace such plants in the spring. "Many container plants, however, can survive winter conditions with a helping hand," adds the horticulturist.

WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

COLLEGE STATION -- Pork will offer some enticing values for the next week or two, according to Mrs. Gwendolyn Ciyatt.

The consumer marketing specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, predicted values in boneless Boston butt roasts, whole loin and 1/4 loin cut into chops.

Other market features are regular bone-in hams--whole, butt and shank. Also semi-boneless hams--whole and half. "An eight-pound canned ham is an excellent choice--there's no bone or waste," she added.

Other choices include pork steaks, regular and two-pound

thick bacon and the two-pound roll sausage.

Mrs. Ciyatt noted that "the most economical buys often include the larger packages."

"Several stores are featuring beef steaks for broiling--porterhouse, sirloin, T-bone and rib. In addition, special prices are available on chuck cuts, ground beef and boneless roll roasts."

Turkeys are expected to remain about the same to a bit higher than on the Thanksgiving market.

"Fryer chickens -- which offer a lot of economy and nutrition--are in good supply and prices are still low."

"Retail egg prices are about the same as a year ago with Grade A Large eggs still offering the best combination of quality and economy."

Fresh fruits and vegetables in good supply at the most economical prices include apples, oranges, grapefruit, bananas and cranberries. Also potatoes, cabbage, dry yellow onions and carrots.

"Although yellow and zucchini squash are a little higher this week, the hard shell ones are about the same--and make a colorful, economical and nutritious addition to any meal, she concluded."

Redfish grow faster than Drum or Trout.

C of C Happenings

Cliff's Shamrock Station furnished refreshments for the hospitality program at the Chamber of Commerce office this week, supplying cookies, fruit juice and coffee for visitors who stop in for information or to visit.

Mrs. Jack Horton is a patient in Room 803 at Memorial Medical Center. She has been a patient for three weeks and, although showing improvement, will remain in the hospital a while longer.

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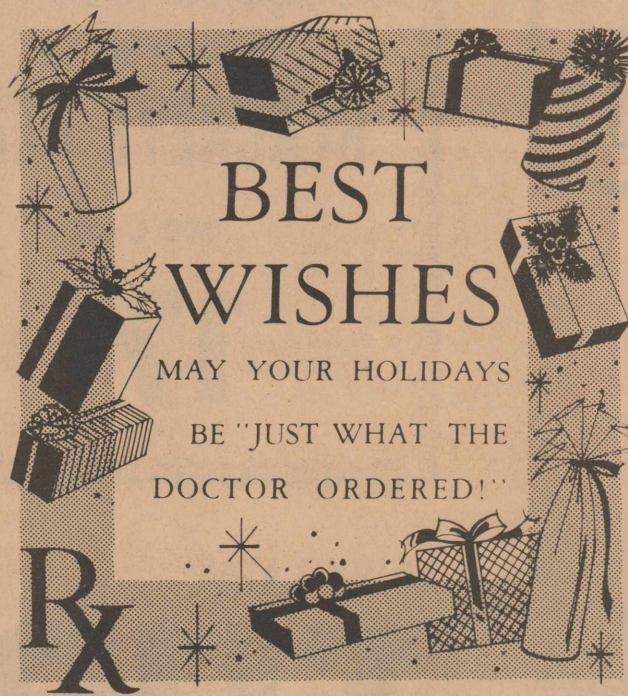
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Eggs and The Consumer

COLLEGE STATION -- Egg shoppers should understand several points about the pro-

duct, especially size and grade. Judy Ann Grubbs, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University, discussed eggs with those factors in mind. "Texas' Egg Law requires that all eggs sold in Texas be

labeled as to size and grade to assure consumers the highest quality eggs for the money. "Grade refers to the egg's interior quality and condition and appearance of the shell. "Egg size is based on weight per dozen. "Size and grade standards set by the Texas Egg Law and the U. S. Department of Agriculture are the same," the specialist noted.

"According to these standards, extra large eggs must weigh at least 27 ounces per dozen; large, 24 ounces; medium, 21 ounces; and small, 18 ounces. "If the shopper keeps these figures in mind, she can make a better egg buy.

"Also, high quality eggs, such as Grade AA and Grade A cover a small area when broken out of the shell.

"Their yolks stand up high

and are surrounded by a large proportion of thick white with very little thin white.

"These standards are enforced when Texas Department of Agriculture inspectors make regular checks at retail markets throughout the state to assure that egg sizes and grades are really what the label says," Miss Grubbs explained.

A TAP shield on the egg carton means the eggs were produced in Texas, and a USDA shield on the carton means eggs were packed under USDA supervision.

"Turning to nutrition, the specialist cited eggs as "an economical protein source that combines well with other foods, which indicates versatility."

In the following recipe suggested by Miss Grubbs, eggs, potatoes and cheese team to

make a delicious main dish casserole.
EGG AND POTATO SCALLOP

1 cup milk
1 tablespoon flour
1 Tb. butter or margarine
1 Tb. minced parsley
4 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
2-3 med. sized cooked potatoes, sliced
1 cup cubed cheese
salt and pepper to taste
soft bread crumbs
Melt butter or margarine and blend in flour until smooth. Add milk slowly and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Place alternate layers of potatoes, cheese and eggs in a greased baking dish, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and cook with the sauce. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake at 375 degrees (moderate oven) 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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Duplicate Bridge

Rockport Duplicate Bridge winners in a Howell movement for December 6 were Billy Blackshare, Lamar and Addis Houston, Rockport, first; Buddy Long and Mozelle Salley, Liberal, Kansas, second; Neva Jackson and Frank Lenoir, third.

December 13th winners in a Mitchell movement were North and South, Beverly Sanders and Lola Hackley, Key Allegro, first; Marguerite Philpott, Pampa, and Bebe Pfeiffer, Key Allegro, second; East and West, Olga Miles, Wisconsin, and Eileen Bird, Rockport, first; Wanda Soren and Helen Thompson, second.

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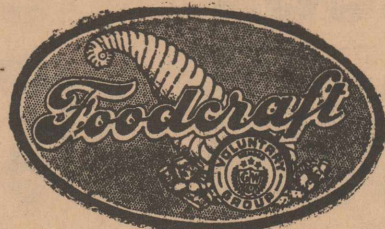
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Dec. 23: Birthdays: Patricia Gurley, Arlene Shults, David Edwards, Loyce Ogle.

Dec. 24: Birthday: Molly Johnson. Wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clark.

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas. Birthdays: Mark Lang, Norman Von Heuvel.

Dec. 26: Birthdays: Danny O'Neal, Stevie Russ.

Dec. 27: Patrick Flenniken.

Dec. 28: Meeting: Rebekah Lodge No. 88. Birthday: Kenneth Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS

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Children's Winter Wear

COLLEGE STATION -- A child's outdoor winter clothing should keep him warm and dry --but not too warm.

Marilyn Brown, consumer education -- clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, offered some points on selecting and using winter wear.

"Since he is very active, a child can overheat if dressed too warmly. If then chilled suddenly, his resistance to colds, chapped skin and sore throat may be lowered."

For this reason, care should be taken in selecting and buying winter wear.

"Points to consider involve the fabric and garment design, suitability or purpose, and cost," she continued.

"To determine if a garment is really warm, examine how the fabric is put together. Fabric layers give warmth by creating space that traps air around the body."

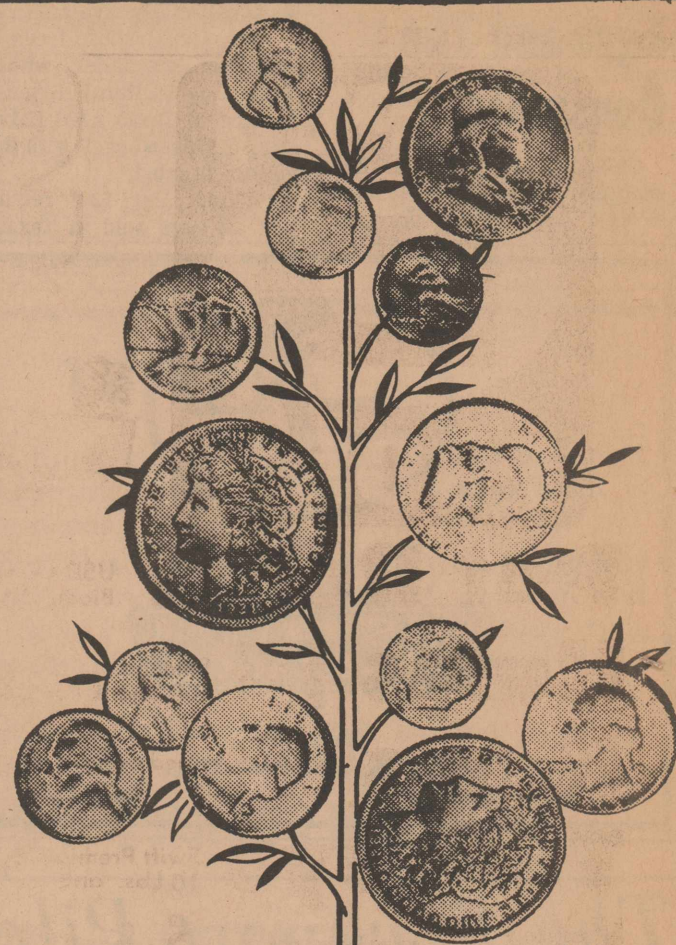
Wool and acrylic fibers, pile fabrics and quilted fabrics provide warmth. The thicker the pile or the heavier the quilting, the warmer the garment.

"Fabrics without bulk aren't as warm. All fabrics should be closely woven and put together in several layers," Miss Brown stressed.

"Generous hems and securely stitched seams add to the wearing qualities. Lining for the sleeves -- and the rest of the garment -- should be warm. A cuff on the sleeve also helps keep cold air out."

For practicality, choose a "child-pleasing" garment from the many colors and designs available -- and be sure it's one he can put on and take off by himself.

"To stay warm and healthy, a child should wear warm clothing with waterproof shoes, dry socks, mittens or gloves, and a good covering for his head and ears," the specialist concluded.



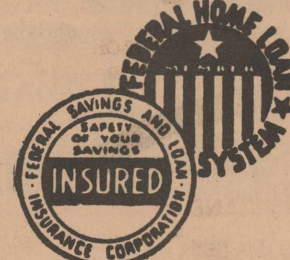
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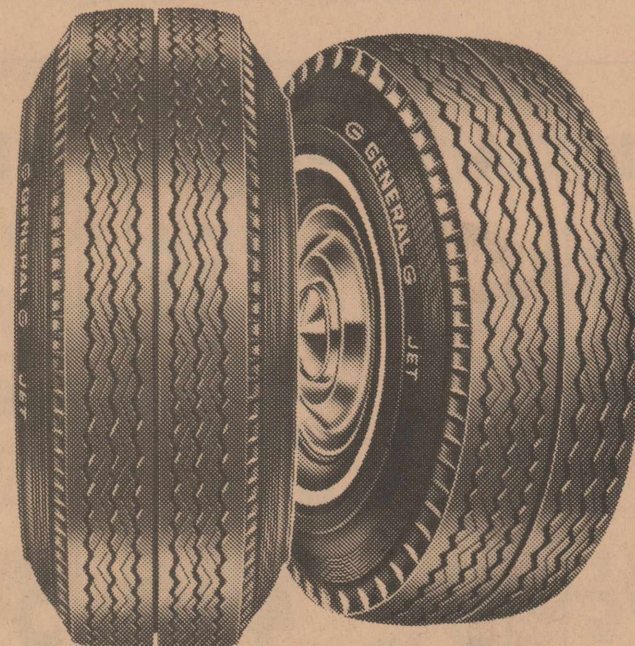
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Doings at the Dunes

By E. COLETTE SCOTT

Friends of the Charles Harters of Oklahoma City, Okla., who were residents of the Dunes last year, have had word that Charles has gone back to M. D. Anderson hospital in Houston for further medication for a lung condition. We hope this treatment will benefit him greatly.

There was excellent attendance at game night last Friday. Thirteen families played dominoes, pitch, and cribbage and enjoyed the refreshment table.

The C. L. Pecks of Ft. Worth spent the weekend in their mobile home at the Dunes. They have purchased the Joe Toman mobile home here and spent some time getting it ready to occupy.

The last space at the Dunes was filled when the Paul D. Stones of Holton, Kansas came in this week. They were so eager to get to southern Texas that the 3-inch snow they encountered at Dallas was still melting on their trailer when they pulled in and parked.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Lyon of Eaglesmere, Pa., who are friends of the Clair Martzes, parked their motor home in the temporary spot by the highway for a day or two until they could find a permanent place. They are now at Woody Acres.

Callers on the Raymond Woods Friday were the Adair Hawes who live at Lazy Acres.

Mrs. Bertie Aments left Sunday to visit for a month in the home of her daughter in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strange left Friday for a brief trip to Waco, Texas.

John Smith and his son Bill whose home is in Tulsa, Okla., have been having the kind of luck fishermen always hope they will have. They have fished every day in spite of the cold weather, and twice have come in with more fish than their stringer would hold. Sunday their catch made up in size for any lack in numbers with a red about 20 inches long and a trout equally spectacular. Their catch Saturday dressed to 25 pounds of fillets. A good many of us enjoyed fresh fish thanks to their generosity.

The Ed Byrnes have returned to the Dunes after quite a stay at their home in Victoria. Margaret had a bout with a bad cold, and Ed spent a few days in the hospital for a checkup while they were gone. We are glad they are well enough to come back to the Dunes.

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Now that political candidates are in full color on TV --it will not crimp the style of the veteran promiser who is past blushing.
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Super D Xmas Party Held

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stern, owners and operators of Super D Foods, presented their employees and families with a Christmas party and dinner Sunday night at the VFW Hall. A beautiful bouquet of roses was given to Isabelle Vass, manager of the delicatessen who because of health is leaving Super D. After dinner was served, employees exchanged Christmas gifts.

Men Win Equality Under Social Security Law

Frequently in the past you have heard about women lacking equality with men--but it's been the other way around in figuring retirement benefits under social security, according to H. M. Cleveland, social security district manager in Corpus Christi.

"For example," Cleveland said, "a woman of 65 who has always earned the maximum amount that could be credited for social security would get about \$269 a month if she retires now. But a man--who is the same age and has exactly the same earnings--would get only \$259."

The new social security law will eliminate that difference over the next 3 years, he said. Under present law, benefit amounts for both men and women are based on average earnings, but average earnings are figured up to age 62 for women and up to age 65 for men.

"Both men and women can strike up to five years of low earnings, but because the different ages are used it works out that men must use 3 more years of earnings than women do in figuring the average yearly earnings on which the monthly benefit rate is based," Cleveland said.

Under the new law, men who reach 62 in 1973 will be able to drop an additional year of low earnings, men reaching 62 in 1974 will drop an additional 2 years, and men reaching 62 in 1975 will drop an additional 3 years. Therefore, in 1975, men will achieve equality with women in this respect.

"Santa" Takes Toy Test

COLLEGE STATION --Santa may have two lists he checks twice, and toy shoppers might follow his example.

Dr. Jennie Kitching, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, suggested a checklist on toy construction, safety, and suitability.

"The lure of the toy counter is sometimes overwhelming," she observed, "so before you

buy, ask the following questions:"

--Is the toy well made? If it isn't, don't buy it.

--What will the toy do for the child--or to the child? --Why should the child be interested in it? Keep in mind the child's age, interests and abilities.

--How long will he be interested in it?

--Is the toy safe, strong, durable, sanitary and attractive?

--Is it simple in construction--not too large, too small, too heavy, too complicated, or too difficult to handle?

--Can the toy be used in a variety of ways--mechanical toys often limit the things a child can do with them.

--Can the child manage the toy himself?

--Is the toy suited to the child's

stage of development?

--Does the toy offer variety to meet some of the child's needs? For instance, does it stimulate imagination and make believe, encourage quiet play or vigorous body activity, or include experiences with nature, such as pets, gardening, water, sand?

--Is the toy designed for playing alone or for group activity?

--Is the toy suitable for the play space and storage facilities?

--And finally, are you buying the toy for a child or for yourself?

First National Has Xmas Party

Members of the staff of First National Bank and their spouses were entertained at a Christmas dinner party in the Palm Reef room of the Sea Gun Restaurant December 14.

Members of the committee making arrangements for the party were Eddie Ratliff, Margaret Touchstone, Robbie Andrew and Louie Hill, who arranged several games and contests. James H. Sorenson, Jr., bank president, was the host.

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Year-End Income Tax Savings

COLLEGE STATION - "It's not too late to save money on 1972 income taxes."

According to Mrs. Doris Myers, home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, "a few tax-cutting steps that can be taken before Dec. 31 may be worth considering."

"In general, if the taxpayer's income is considerably larger this year than it will be in

1973, he may want to arrange to pay as many deductible items as possible in 1972."

"On the other hand, if his income will be much larger in 1973, he may want to do exactly the opposite and plan to pay as many deductions next year," she advised.

She outlined several tax-cutting steps for taxpayers who want to claim as many deductions and exemptions as possible for 1972.

"For instance, deductible items such as pledges to church and charity might be paid ahead of schedule, or larger con-

tributions can be made before the end of the year, possibly cutting the amount for 1973.

"Also, interest on debts sometimes can be paid early.

"Persons planning to borrow money early in 1973 may want to borrow it now and arrange to pay part of the interest before the end of this year.

Mrs. Myers suggested paying real estate or personal property taxes before the year's end or even buying an already planned-for car to get the benefit of deducting the extra sales taxes.

"The tax law provides that medical expenses can be deducted if they exceed three per cent of the adjusted gross income.

"Medicine and drugs are included in deductions if they exceed one per cent of the adjusted gross income.

"It may be advantageous to pay as many medical expenses as possible for the year to carry the total into the de-

NEWS for OUTDOORSMEN

... by VERN SANFORD

WARNING TO HUNTERS

Texas has a law on its books which makes it a felony to carry prohibited weapons such as firearms of any type or character, or a knife with a blade of more than five and a half inches in length into any place where alcoholic beverages are "sold or consumed." Penalty is five years in the penitentiary.

This law also provides that all licensed premises must display a sign warning all patrons of the existence of the statute.

Particular attention is being called to this law since liquor, as well as beer has now become legalized in many areas of the state.

So, if you want to stop for a cool one, or a six-pack, while enroute to that hunting site, leave that gun (unloaded) in the car. Don't even think of taking it inside a beer tavern or any place serving or selling liquor of any kind.

And treat the deer-skinning knife or other long blade with the same respect. The scabbard is legal, but what's in it is not.

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"Parents can claim an exemption for a supported child under 19 even though the child earns \$750 or more. This rule also applies to a supported child in school--regardless of age. Both parent and child may claim a tax exemption on their separate income tax returns.

"For 1972, a child may earn \$2,050 without paying any tax--however, a return must be filed by April 15 to get a refund of any taxes withheld from his earnings.

Mrs. Myers added that marital status may make a difference in tax liability.

"Couples already planning a marriage in 1973 may want to consider moving the date to December, 1972, so both husband and wife can use income-splitting provisions of the tax law for both 1972 and 1973.

"For persons with larger incomes, tax savings can be con-

siderable. "Income splitting may not be profitable in all cases," she cautioned. For a couple with small incomes, this may increase the amount of taxes

owed. "In most cases, taxpayers find it advisable to keep income and deductions in about the same proportion from year to year," Mrs. Myers concluded.

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By
SHELLEY ROATEN

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SAGITTARIUS -- Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 -- Wind up your Christmas shopping as quickly as possible. Sit back and relax! This should be a season to remember.

CAPRICORN -- Dec. 22 to Jan. 19 -- An idea suddenly dawns on you for the perfect gift for the one you love. You beam with pride. Enjoy what you are able to give to others.

AQUARIUS -- Jan. 20 to Feb. 18 -- Make your home bright with decorations befitting the holiday season. Invite friends to your home. Eat and drink moderately while enjoying friendship and good conversation this week.

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heart. Yours is the right kind of philosophy. You know that selfishness is the key to happiness.

ARIES -- March 21 to April 20 -- Strive constantly to put selfish desires aside. Make a sacrifice if need be to make someone else comfortable. Be especially kind to an older relative.

TAURUS -- April 21 to May 20 -- Don't lose your temper, or you lose the battle. Interruptions may be expected. Make the best of them.

GEMINI -- May 21 to June 20 -- Be firm with the young ones around you. You do too much for them and encourage them to do too little for themselves. Help them to help themselves.

CANCER -- June 21 to July 22 -- Rest this week as much as possible. The wheels will keep turning if you drop out of sight for a day. Try it! You might like it!

LEO -- July 23 to Aug. 22 -- Accept invitations joyfully! Spirits are high this week. The social scene has never been more enjoyable. Great conversations may be expected.

VIRGO -- Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 -- The advice you are so free with may not be wanted or needed. Work a little harder at being the charmer only you can be.

LIBRA -- Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 -- A very special telephone call may be expected, perhaps from someone you have lost contact with. Happy and relaxed hours will be spent recalling old pleasures from the past.

SCORPIO -- Oct. 23 to Nov. 22 -- Demands may seem heavy and you may feel overburdened. Someone will help you to ease the heavy load. Have faith!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received by Aransas County Navigation District No. 1, until 7:30 o'clock p.m., January 2, 1973, for the construction of 700 feet of bulkhead at the entrance channel to Little Bay.

Details of the construction may be obtained from the Harbor Master at the Navigation District Office.

Bids shall be addressed to Aransas County Navigation District No. 1, Rockport Harbor, Rockport, Texas, marked "Sealed Bid, Do not open until 7:30 o'clock p.m., January 2, 1973."

The Navigation District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.

Aransas County Navigation District No. 1
Richard J. Fox, Chairman
c41

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NOTICE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ARANSAS

NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 21st day of Dec., 1972 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in Rockport, Texas on the application of the herein-after named owner for a license to sell beer at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows:

1. Type of license or permit: Beer and Wine Off Premises.

2. Exact location of business: 1320 Raht.

3. Name of owner or owners: Steven Kent Stern.

4. Assumed or trade name: Rockport Super "D" Foods.

5. Corporation name: Rockport Super "D" Foods, Inc.

6. Name and title of all officers of corporation: Steven Kent Stern, President; Freda Louise Stern, Treasurer; James E. Stuard, Vice-President; Virgil Swords, Secretary.

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

WITNESS MY HAND this the 12th day of Dec. 1972.

Ruby Hart, County Clerk, Aransas County, Texas c40

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Goose Island State Park), John H. Reagan Building, Austin, Texas 78701, has applied to the Texas Water Quality Board for an initial waste control order for a proposed discharge (to be in operation in June, 1973) not to exceed an average flow of 20,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage effluent from the proposed improved park sewage treatment plant (extended aeration) which is to be located approximately ten (10) miles north-east of City of Rockport by way of State Highway 35 and Park Road 13, adjacent to St. Charles and Aransas Bays, Aransas County, Texas. The treated domestic sewage effluent will be discharged via outfall line into an open drainage canal, thence into St. Charles Bay. A public hearing on this application will be held in the

2nd Floor County Court Room
New Victoria County Court House
Victoria, Texas
10:00 a.m., January 10, 1973

to receive evidence on the conditions, if any, under which the order may be issued. Additional data will be developed at the hearing, but further technical information concerning any specific aspect of the discharge, if available, can be obtained by writing the Texas Water Quality Board, P. O. Box 13246, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. c40

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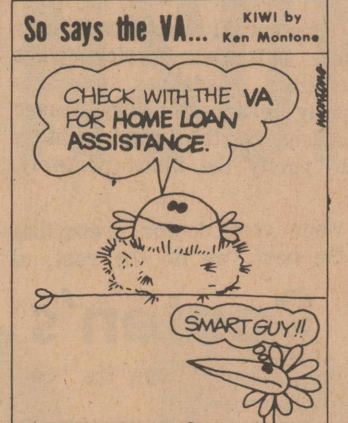
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I would like to thank each and every one for the many kind deeds you did for me and my family while I was in the hospital and since returning home, especially Bro. Fake and my wonderful neighbors who were so thoughtful to bring cakes, pies, casseroles, flowers, etc. Everything was greatly appreciated. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mrs. Charles W. Nelson p40

Garden Club Holds Christmas Party

The Rockport Racquet and Yacht Club was the scene of a Christmas luncheon for members and guests of the Rockport Home and Garden Club, December 14.

Christmas greenery centered the entire length of the long U-shaped table, with pots of red poinsettias placed at each end. A small lighted Christmas tree was used in the center of the main table. Twenty members and guests attended.

Members attending were Mrs. James Bracht, Mrs. Jack Heffel, Mrs. Danny Adams, Mrs. Mary Belle Adams, Mrs. R. L. Eckman, Mrs. Bob Evers, Mrs. Drew Herrel, Mrs. T. E. McArdle, Alice Moore, Mrs. Don Oliver, Mrs. Tom McGlathery, Mrs. Dick Stafford, Mrs. B. F. Street, Jr., Mrs. W. K. Thomas, Mrs. Clifford Zelsler and Mrs. Bill Stubbs. Guests were Mrs. Johnnie Mitchell, Mrs. R. L. Irwin, Mrs. Harold Shrey and Mrs. Paul J. Rogers.

Mrs. Don Oliver was hospitality chairman. Mrs. R. L. Eckman was in charge of decorations.

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Do You Remember?

From The Pilot Files — 10 Years Ago

DAR GOOD CITIZEN

Miss Sue Johnson, senior in Aransas County High School, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson, was elected DAR Good Citizen of the high school. She is treasurer of the senior class, treasurer of the Student Council, member of the National Honor Society, editor of the high school annual, The Pirate Log, and a cheerleader.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Aransas County Junior High School Choral group will present a Christmas program in the school auditorium. The set has been designed and constructed by members from the Junior High School art classes under the direction of Mrs. Charlene Hunt.

The cast will include: first shepherd, Larry Lenard; second shepherd, Stephen Harry; third shepherd, Raulie Irwin; young shepherd, Craig Taylor; old shepherd, Russell Swann; an angel, Diane Gonzales; Mary, Rachel Vega; and Joseph, Robert Taylor.

FIRE DEPT. OFFICERS

The Rockport Volunteer Fire Department elected the following officers for the coming year: Eugene Carter, president; Austin Smith, vice president; Charles LeBlanc, secretary-treasurer; Charles Ankele, chief; J. C. Gurley, first assistant chief; C. C. Truelove, second assistant chief; Gary Smith and Gilbert Hill, Sr., captains; Bill Gray, chaplain; and Charles Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

EXPLORER SCOUTS

Explorer Scouts of Post 49 went to San Antonio and spent the weekend at Kelly Air Force Base. They were guests of the base and were shown around Kelly Field and also took a tour of San Antonio and Lackland Air Force Base.

Making the trip were Billy Truelove, Gary Tuer, N. F. Jackson, Jr., Monroe Menke, Domingo Pulido, Walter Falk, Dale Leisenheimer, Tommy Barkley, Larry Nelson, Eric Henderson, Jack Gwynn, Bill Ormand, Darrell Lichte, Leroy Wilson, George Corbett, Steven Russell, Andy Everett, Charles Boone, Andy Drummond, Rudy Nava, Denny Elliot and Hugh Morrison.

PERSONALS:

Mr. and Mrs. Seth H. Steele and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thomas were chaperones at the senior high dance in the youth building.

Joe Randow, director of the high school band, was the principal speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon.

Mrs. Fannie Townsend entertained members of the Good Neighbor Club at her home.

From The Pilot Files — 20 Years Ago

P. T. A. MEETS

The monthly meeting of the Rockport Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium. The program consisted of the following: prayer by L. C. Owen, vocal solo by Mrs. N. F. Jackson, program by the first and second grades, Mrs. Charles Roe, Jr., and Mrs. Erle Eller, teachers; "Lead Kindly Light" by the Rev. H. B. Ramsey.

TOURIST PARTY

The first party of the season for winter guests was an afternoon card party at the Woman's Club Building. Mrs. Harry Traylor was chairman, assisted by Mrs. H. F. Elliot, Mrs. H. H. Roberts and Mrs. A. C. Glass.

SANITATION PROBLEMS

A committee consisting of M. W. Cochran, Dick Denny, A. L. Bachman, John Klaesser and Seth Steele met with the county commissioners to discuss sanitation problems in the county and the care of the dump grounds.

Cochran opened the meeting by expressing his views on the necessity of better sanitation, both from a health and financial aspect. He predicted that if the county is not cleaned up there would be more sickness and probably more cases of polio.

The commissioners reported that the county already had taken steps to hire a man for a full-time job to look after the dump grounds and also to supervise the mosquito and fly control.

PERSONALS:

Mrs. J. W. Thomas was honored with a surprise breakfast at her home in Bay Haven Lodges.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bearley became the parents of a baby son born in Rockport Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Waller are the parents of a baby son, Lee Gilbert, Jr., born in Rockport Hospital.

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School for Mentally Retarded Uses Techniques of Television

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"We'd like to make use of these and other such excellent educational programs as part of the children's learning experience," said Roger Brandt, area coordinator for the Corpus Christi State School's satellite program here. "What is needed to make this possible is the donation of a television to the school. A black and white set would be great, if someone has switched to color and has an extra television at home no longer needed," Brandt commented. If you can call such a gift to the school, call Brandt

at 729-2672, or Mrs. Ruth Langham, 729-7099.

"Our school Christmas party was December 20th," explained Brandt. Santa Claus arrived at the school at noon that day "Special Delivery" by firetruck as a gift of the Fulton Fire Department to join in the holiday celebration.

Brandt is making plans now for a six-week program to involve volunteers in one-to-one teaching of these special children. He is hoping that some of the winter visitors, including some men will be interested in giving one morning a week to these children. Call at the above numbers to be a part of this group which will convene at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 3.

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Pirates Subs Beat Mathis 72-70

By BOB CRAWFORD

Playing without four starters, the Rockport-Fulton Pirates managed to take a 72-70 win over the Mathis Pirates in Mathis last Friday night in a game that was not decided until the last seconds.

Mike McCaskey, the only starter able to play in the game, directed the Pirate attack which stayed close to the Mathis team until the last three minutes when the game seemed out of reach with Mathis on top by 10 points. McCaskey hit for 26 points, 14 of those coming at the free throw line, but that amount didn't seem to be enough with three minutes to go; but, then it happened—the Pirates received a break in the strangest sort of way. A Mathis player was called for a foul against the Pirates and almost instantly he drew a technical from one official, and before five seconds had gone by, he received another technical from the other official. With those shots awarded to the Pirates, the Rockport team began to gnaw away at the Mathis lead until Scott McCaskey sunk the go ahead basket with 11 seconds remaining to play.

The Pirates started M. McCaskey, David Farnham, Warren Gerding, Bob Gillis, and Jim McBride in the game, all of whom turned in clutch performances, but it was Tommy Stroot who came off of the bench in the second period to really get the Pirates moving as he hit for 13 points and hauled down 11 rebounds, and Scott McCaskey scored the clincher.

Warren Gerding was second in scoring for the Pirates in the game with 16 big points, plus gathering in 10 rebounds.

Last Tuesday night the Pirates defeated the Beeville Trojans of Class AAAA in Beeville 60-41. Steve Mayes hit for 16 points with Donnie Setterbo and Joe Lee Green each adding 12 points to the cause.

The Pirates now have a record of 7 wins and one loss. The Pirates will play host to the Mathis team tonight in the Pirate Gym, marking the last game before the TOAST OF THE COAST TOURNAMENT coming up December 28 and 29.

Presby Circle No. 3 Holds Meeting

Circle #3, Women of Presbyterian Church, met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Underwood Thursday evening, Dec. 14, with eleven members present. Mrs. Annie Bird of Blanket, mother of the hostess, was a special guest.

Mrs. John Kinsey, chairman, opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of Nov. 8 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and placed on file.

Mrs. James Crusier read a prayer by Mrs. Ching Ming Lee, Hong Kong, as least coin offering was received.

Mrs. I. E. McLester gave the Bible lesson from the Book of Luke.

Mrs. Robert Harrell will be hostess for January meeting, with Mrs. Underwood as Bible lesson moderator.

The Underwood home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, which theme was further carried out in the pretty table from which delicious refreshments were served. Christmas carols were sung by those present.

Presbyterian Circle Meets

Circle 1 of the Women of the Church met in the Memorial Room of the church December 14 with nine members and two visitors present.

Mrs. Harry Allen, president of the Women of the Church, and Mrs. I. C. Stalnaker were the visitors and Mrs. F. D. Strickland, a recent member of the church, joined Circle 1.

The hostess, Mrs. L. V. Clark, served delicious fruit cookies and cake, and coffee during the social time.

Mrs. Fannie Atwood opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Ozella Schleider read the "Least Coin Prayer".

Mrs. Ned Halleck was appointed telephone chairman. Mrs. Walter Hatley moderated the Bible Study "The Tempted Lord". The meeting closed with the Mizpah. Mrs. Fannie Atwood will be the hostess for the January meeting.

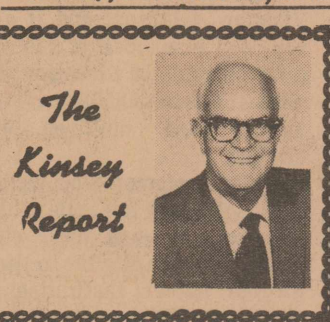
Atlantic's Depth

Greatest depth of the Atlantic Ocean is the Puerto Rico Trench, north of Puerto Rico, which has a reported depth of 27,498 feet.

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The Kinsey Report

Having written two articles about Christmas, maybe it's not too soon to begin thinking about the New Year.

The year 1972 was a good one for the Rockport area, with the community remaining an ideal place to live and with steady improvement being made in living conditions and facilities by both city and county officials.

From the standpoint of economic conditions, perhaps the most noteworthy progress in our area was the remarkable increase in the number of quality homes built here and also the construction of one new shopping center and the start of another.

Let's hope that the year 1973 sees a continuation of this trend and continued improvement in overall economic conditions.

And, above all, let's pray that peace in Vietnam and throughout the world will be a reality long before the end of 1973.

Cub Scout Pack 340

Pack 340 held its December meeting on Monday night. After the opening ceremony by Den 4 and some Christmas songs, several boys were inducted into the Webelos den. They were Clyde Barre, Ronnie Roe, Scott Tubbs and Mark Stipe.

Stuart Brust received the Webelos award and Mark Layshock, Scott McMillan, Mark Vigna and Jimmy Hill received the Wolf award and arrow points. Clyde Barre received a Gold Arrow point for work completed on the Bear rank.

The theme for the month was "The Cub Scout Gives Goodwill", and in keeping with this theme each den did one goodwill project such as making toys for needy children or making gifts for their parents.

The boys enjoyed several games and then the meeting was closed by singing "Silent Night."

Next month's meeting will be held on January 29th at the Junior High Cafeteria and the theme will be "Music Makers."

Heavily Populated

Over 80 per cent of Japan is uninhabitable rugged mountains, but it has a population density of 688.6 persons per square mile.

Library News

The Aransas County Public Library held a Christmas silver coffee Wednesday, December 13th. Mrs. N. F. Jackson read "The Gift of the Magi" by O'Henry and Mrs. Travis Bailey sang "I Wonder as I Wander". There were 36 guests attending the coffee.

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On Thursday, December 14th the Library held a Christmas Story Hour for the children. Christmas stories were told by Mrs. Roger Bennett and the children sang Christmas carols. Candy canes were given to the 40 children who attended the program.

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That Christ lived on earth is a historical fact; that He was born of the Virgin Mary is a great spiritual truth. Now as to the celebrating of the birth of Christ on December 25, we have no Scripture for it. But we are not left to question as to the reality of Christ's life on earth. St. John says, if one confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, that person is not of God. 1 John 4:2. Sacred as well as secular history testifies to the fact of Christ's birth and life.

Scripture teaches that as Christians we are to celebrate Christ's death for sinners and His coming again. This we do about the table every Lord's Day; Acts 20:7.

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New GI Educational Benefits Explained

About 200 widows of veterans and 1,400 children are expected to study overseas this year

under a new law which permits them to draw GI Bill benefits while attending foreign educational institutions.

A bill signed by the President in October raised GI Bill

educational allowances for Vietnam veterans, and it also removed a number of restrictions on types of education programs for which their wives, widows and children are eligible.

Widows of men who died of causes related to earlier military service--and their children--also are eligible to attend foreign higher institutions of schooling. Wives whose husbands are totally disabled as a result of their military service and wives of prisoners of war and men missing in action are eligible too.

These women also can receive financial help from VA to finish high school or take a correspondence course without leaving home, as a step toward becoming the family bread winner.

The Veterans Administration estimates that some 7,000 women and 56,000 children are eligible for educational benefits under the program.

For these benefits, the date of the husband's death or disability may go back to the turn of the century. Women whose husbands were killed or totally disabled in the Spanish-American War or later, including active duty in World Wars I and II and the period between, are eligible.

The VA money allowance for those enrolled in the agency's

Dependents' Educational Assistance Program was increased, too, as of November 1.

Wives, widows, and children in approved full time training now receive \$220 per month from VA under the new law. Those enrolled on less than half-time basis will receive lump sum payment of the educational allowance for the entire quarter or semester.

For the first time, on-the-job training is included for eligible wives, widows, and children. They can train to become allied health personnel, motel managers, plumbers,

welders, and for a wide variety of other jobs under the program.

Usually 18 or over, the "children" are young men and women whose fathers died or were totally disabled as a result of military service.

If these young people have graduated from high school or are above the age of compulsory school attendance, they may begin schooling with VA assistance before they reach 18. Some handicapped children may begin a special vocational or restorative course as early as age 14, but not before.

Many of the wives and widows have devoted their full time to home and family and need basic courses before enrolling in a program of training. The new law allows these women to take required general education development and deficiency, remedial, or refresher courses without charge to their basic entitlement.

Tutoring benefits, formerly for veterans only, are now available for wives, widows, and children. Those needing individual tutoring to help them in a post-secondary course or training in which they are enrolled may receive up to \$50 per month for tutoring, for a maximum total of \$450.

Further information and help

in planning a course of schooling or training under the VA Dependents' Educational Assistance Program is available through the VA regional offices in every state and Puerto Rico.

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Home Safety Stressed During Holidays

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"Fire safety deserves special attention during the holidays when additional fire hazards may be created with combustible trees and decorations or faulty lighting sets.

Careful attention to a few simple safety suggestions will help keep your holiday safe and happy," reminds Wayne Keese, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

First of all, select a fresh-looking and firm-needed tree, suggests Keese. Saw off the base at least one inch above the original cut, stand the tree in water, and keep it in water until it is taken down. Check the water level daily. Be sure to keep the tree away from

all sources of heat--fireplaces, radiators, or other heaters.

Don't rely on "do-it-yourself" flameproofing treatments, cautions the engineer. Tests indicate that some of the coatings available in aerosol cans are partly effective if the coating is thick enough. "In short, there is no satisfactory home treatment which will retard fire in Christmas trees."

Artificial trees should be clearly marked as made of slow burning materials. If the tree has "built-in" lighting, look for the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label. Use only indirect lighting on metal trees to avoid the possibility of electric shock.

"Check lighting strings for loose connections, broken sockets and frayed insulation. Replace lighting sets with UL-labeled equipment. Bulbs made in the United States are usually safest as some imported bulbs may have dangerous hot spots. Outdoor lighting should be UL-approved for outdoor use. Always turn off all decorative indoor lighting when you leave the house or retire for the night," emphasizes Keese.

Use noncombustible materials--metal, glass and asbestos--for decorations wherever possible. Cotton batting, flock

and decorating paper should be flameproofed. Keep natural evergreen decorations away from candles, the fireplace and other heat sources. Don't use polystyrene foam candle holders or polystyrene decorations near lighted candles.

Remove combustible gift wrappings as soon as possible and place them in a covered metal trash can.

"Never leave children alone

or without proper supervision. Be especially careful to keep matches and cigarette lighters out of their reach during the holiday period when your home contains more 'fire hazards' than usual."

"And, have a family escape plan for use in case fire does strike. Be sure doorways and stairs are not blocked by the tree or other holiday decorations," cautions the engineer.

Carrying in Straw

Straw is a traditional part of Christmas celebrations in Sweden--in probable remembrance of the first Christmas when there was straw in the manger.

While "carrying in the Christmas straw" is a tradition rather than a modern custom, Swedish people still make straw and wooden figures to hang on their Christmas trees.



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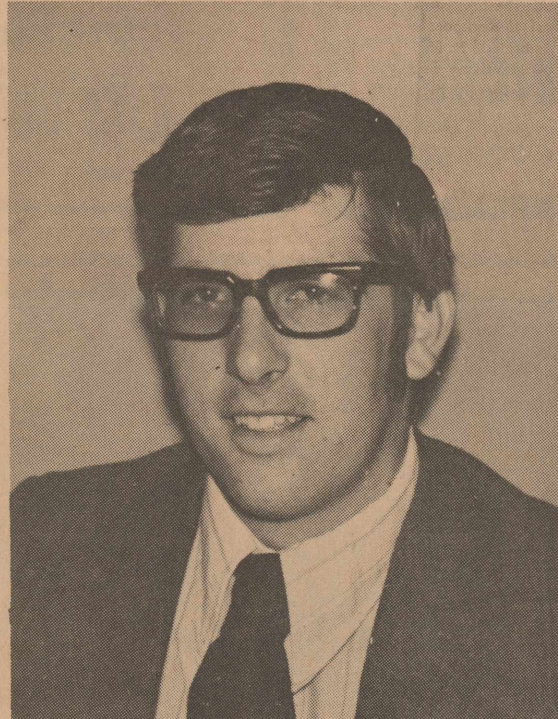


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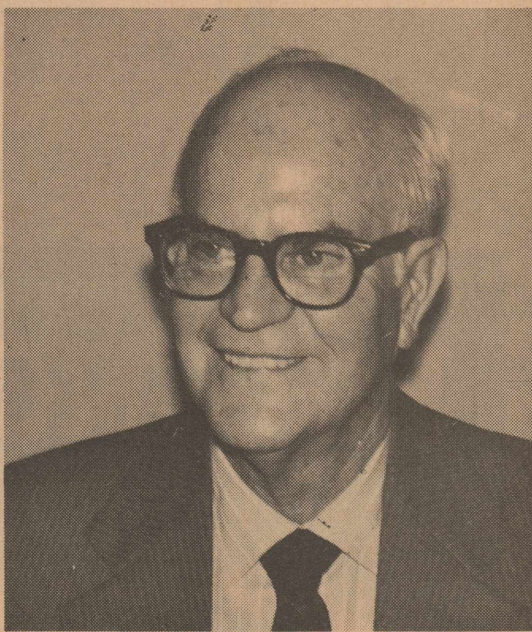
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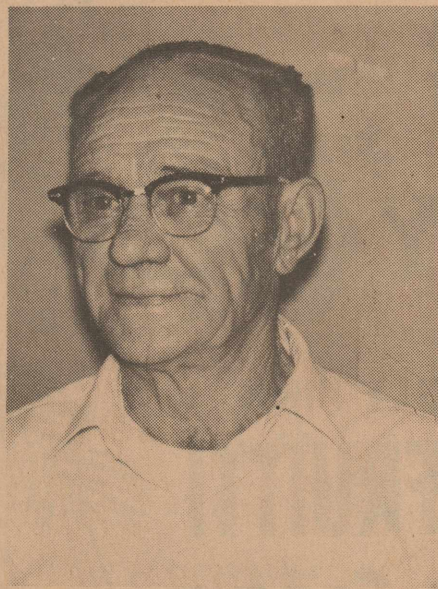
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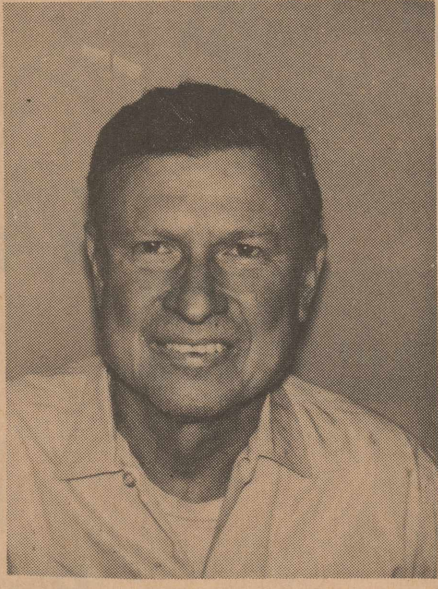
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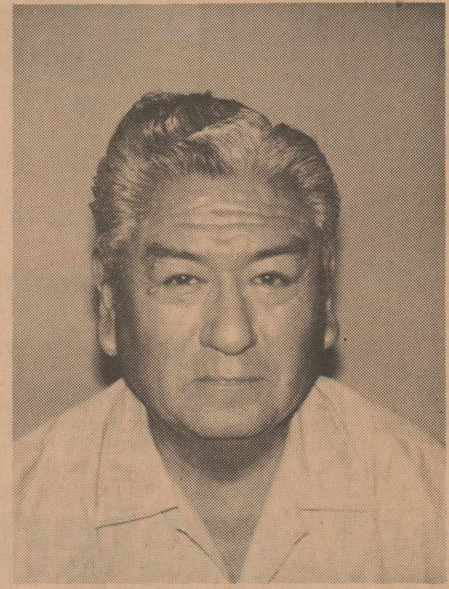
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ROCKPORT

ROCKPORT, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROCKY POINT AND ARANSAS PASS, IS LOCATED WHERE THE SOUTHWEST'S GREAT CATTLE INDUSTRY BEGAN, AN AREA WHICH ORIGINALLY CONTROLLED THE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DESTINY OF TEXAS.

This coastal section was part of Refugio County, one of the twenty-three original counties of the Republic of Texas, and at one time was a part of Irish Refugio Colony of Empresarios Col. James Powers and Dr. James Hewetson.

During the colonization period the two principal approaches to the territory of Texas from seaward were Paso Caballo and Aransas Pass Colony to El Copano. A third approach, through Cedar Bayou, was monopolized by the pirate Jean LaFitte.

Although the Spanish carefully explored and charted the area in 1519, French colonization attempts which began in 1719 met with fierce resistance from the Karankawan Indians. Spanish colonization began in 1746 when the Fort of Aranzazu was built at Live Oak Point, and another fort was built at the Aransas Pass end of St. Joseph's Island. Many Spanish ranchers existed in this section as early as 1766.

Aransas City was founded on Live Oak Point by the empresario Col. James Powers in 1837. Henry M. Smith, first American Governor of Texas, had his home there then, and Col. Henry L. Kinney, founder of Corpus Christi, lived there in 1838-9.

In 1866 Col. John H. Wood, one of the early cattle kings of the Southwest, his son, Richard H. Wood, and James M. Doughty, built the first cattle pens and some shipping facilities at Rockport. T. M. and J. M.

Mathis came to the town in 1867 and purchased the Wood interests in such, and Doughty remained a one-third owner with the Mathis's.

In 1868 Joseph F. Smith and Col. John H. Wood built a large live-stock shipping wharf into Aransas Bay.

Col. Geo. W. Fulton, son-in-law of Governor Henry M. Smith, for whom the town of Fulton was named, returned to Rockport in 1869, and in partnership with Tom M. Coleman and T. H. Mathis, acquired the original Wood and Doughty properties which were then enlarged. This partnership also built another larger wharf in the bay.

Ashore, Joseph F. Smith and Col. John H. Wood laid out the northern portion of Rockport on 640 acres of land, while the south half of the town was platted by J. M. Doughty and T. H. Mathis. David Rockport Schriver, Rockport's first child, was born on February 2, 1868.

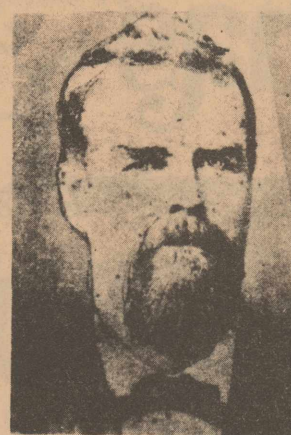
During the period from 1867 to 1875 Rockport was the capitol of the hide, tallow, packing and cannery industry, and for several years was the county seat of Refugio County. At its rocky ledge General Zachary Taylor encamped his Army which passed from St. Joseph's Island to the mainland in August, 1845.

Today huge cattle ranches, prosperous seafood packeries and flourishing ship building and repair yards share prominence with the development of the oil and gas industry in the area.

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Tom M. Coleman



Doctor James Hewetson, Empresario



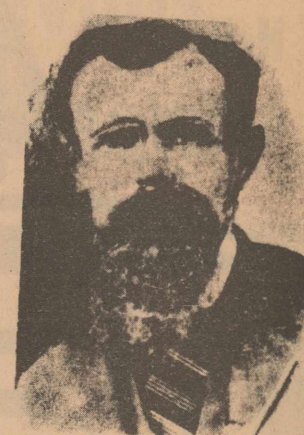
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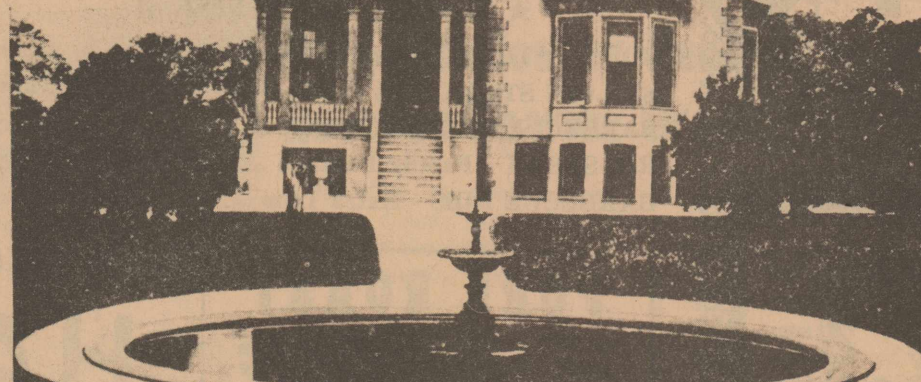
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Col. James Powers, son of the Empresario



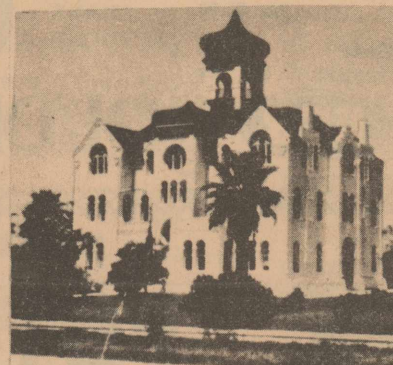
Richard H. Wood



"Oakhurst", the Mansion of Col. George W. Fulton built in 1872



Col. George W. Fulton



Original Courthouse built in 1889. J. Riley Gordon was architect.



1880 Mansion of Banker and Confederate Col. J. M. Hoops at 417 N. Broadway, presently the home of T. Noah Smith.



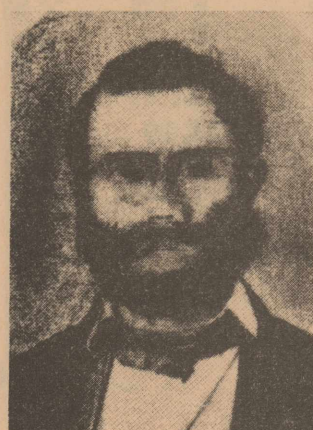
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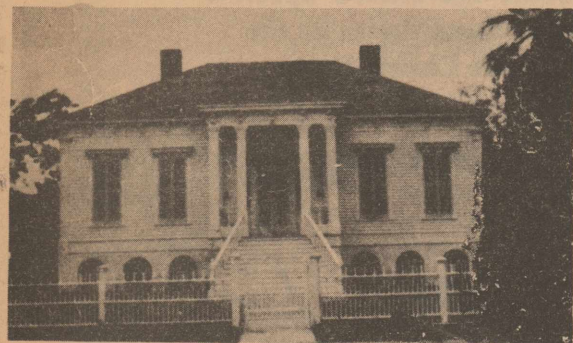
COL. JOHN HOWLAND WOOD

was born in Stewart County, Ky., on July 14, 1834. During the Civil War he fought in Duff's Regiment, Company E. In 1867 he moved to Rockport and became one of its co-founders. In 1869 he and his cousin, J. M. Mathis, built there the first wharf and docking facilities which would accommodate large ships. The Mathis cousins and J. M. Doughty laid out and developed the Doughty and Mathis division of Rockport. He was a partner in the great cattle firm of Coleman, Mathis and Fulton which operated some of the richest land in Texas. Later he acquired a large ranch near the present town of Mathis, which is named for him.

was born Dec. 27, 1824. He was a pioneer rancher and co-founder with T. H. Mathis and his cousin, J. M. Mathis of the south one-half of Rockport. In partnership with Col. J. H. and R. H. Wood, he built the first cattle pens and shipping wharf at Rockport in 1866. At this time Doughty and R. H. Wood also operated a cattle raising business, and they worked together in promoting the founding and later, the development, of present day Rockport, and ranching with the Mathis cousins. He and the Mathis's established a steam ferry between Live Oak Point and Lamar in 1871. Doughty became first superintendent of the King Ranch where he died in its service on Jan. 6, 1892.

was born in Fulton, County, Ky., in 1808. Around 1830 he came to Texas and became a partner with his uncle, Governor Henry Smith. He became a great lawyer in order to personally prosecute his successful suit challenging the legality of the empresario land grants to Col. James Powers. Along with the other members of the ill-fated Miers Expedition into Mexico, he was captured by the Mexicans, but fortunately drew a white bean instead of a black one which won his life. A co-founder of the towns of St. Marys and present day Rockport with Col. J. H. Wood, he owned and was operating the "Lapata" Ranch near Tuxpan, Mexico, where he died.

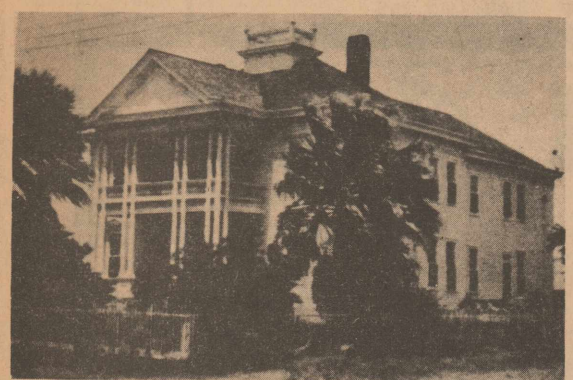
was born Sept. 16, 1816, at Hyde Park, N.Y. He was a veteran of the Texas Revolution under Gen. Rusk and was a pioneer frontier and Indian fighter. He was Army Quartermaster for the Texas Republic and served under Gen. Zachary Taylor in 1845-48. He was co-founder with Joseph F. Smith of St. Marys, and later, of Rockport with Smith and his son, R. H. Wood. Col. Wood built one of the largest cattle empires in the Southwest. The firm of Wood and Allyn operated St. Joseph Island and other large areas of land as cattle ranches from 1869 to 1922. Woodboro was named for him and his son, T. D. Wood. He died on Jan. 16, 1904, in Rockport.



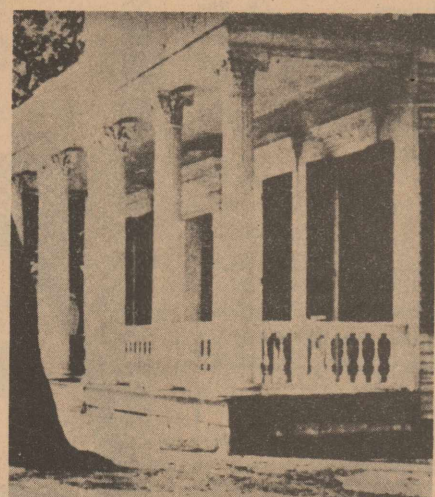
Mathis Mansion, 621 S. Church, started in 1869. This luxurious home still belongs to Mathis family.



La Playa Hotel in 1900. Destroyed by 1919 hurricane.



Palatial Mansion of Col. J. H. Wood "Bayside" (St. Mary's) built in 1840. The Union Army captured and occupied it during the Civil War.



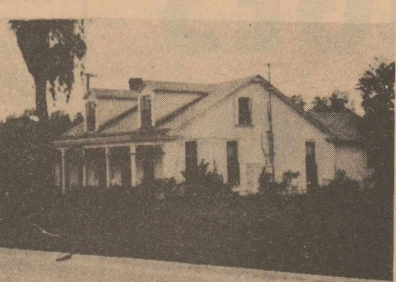
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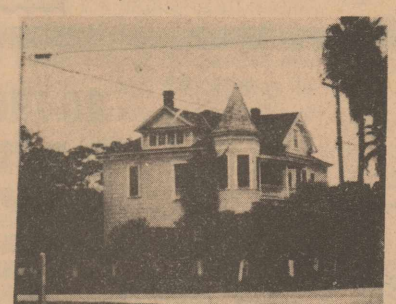
Original Rockport home on corner of Cornwall and N. Magnolia of R. H. Wood built in 1867. Born here as the second child in Rockport was Will W. Wood, born in 1870. Born earlier in 1868 was David Rockport Schriver. Col. Wood died here in 1909.



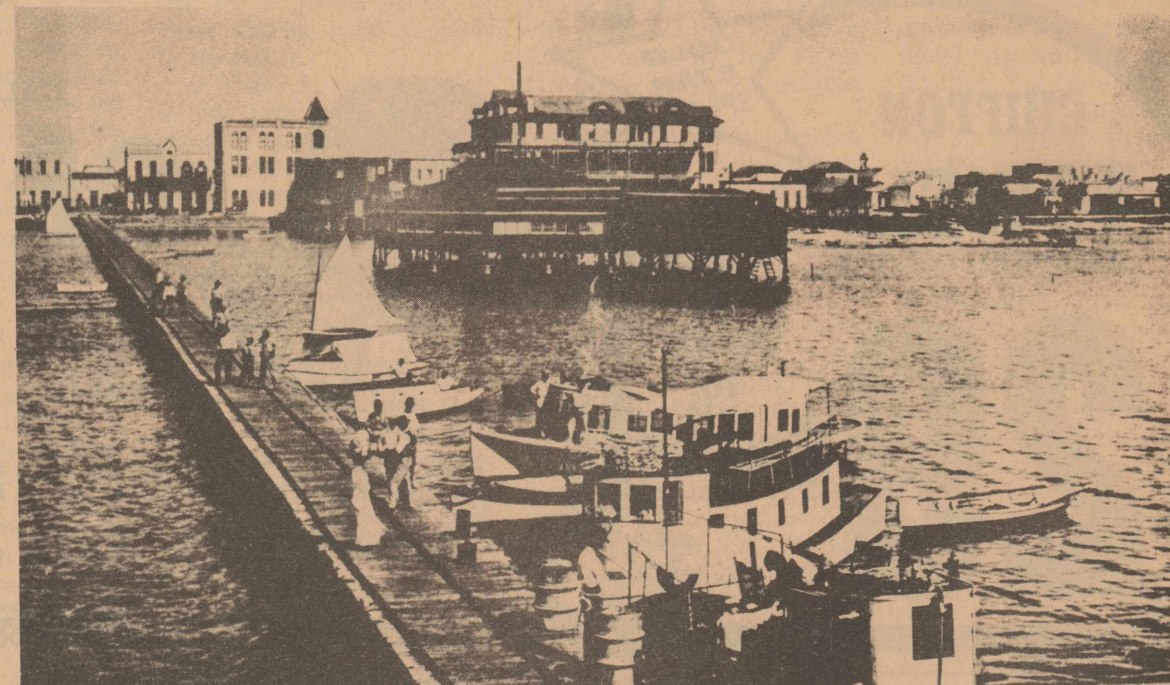
Early residence of Roland M. Bracht built around 1885, at corner W. Concho and N. Magnolia.



Home of A. L. Bruhl, built by Judge Moses in 1868 and later the home of J. C. Fulton, son of Col. Fulton, at 409 N. Broadway.



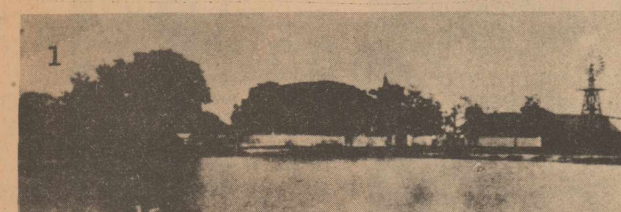
Leopold M. Bracht Mansion built in 1881 at Oklahoma, in Aransas County. Moved to 902 Cornwall in 1889.



The Rockport Waterfront as it existed in 1910 showing what was then the Aransas Hotel, later known as the Del Mar Hotel. The hotel and a large part of the Waterfront were destroyed by fire shortly before the 1919 Hurricane.



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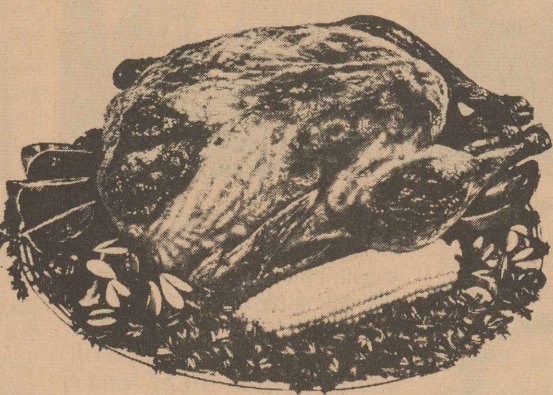
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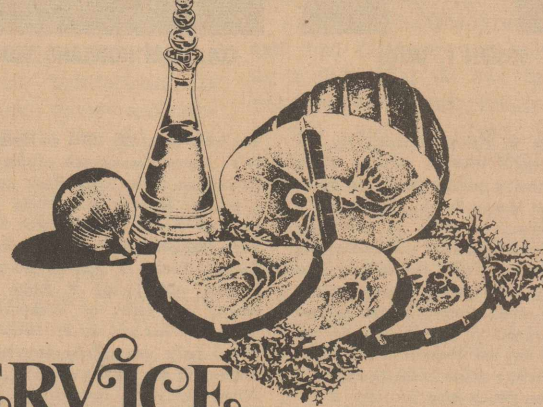
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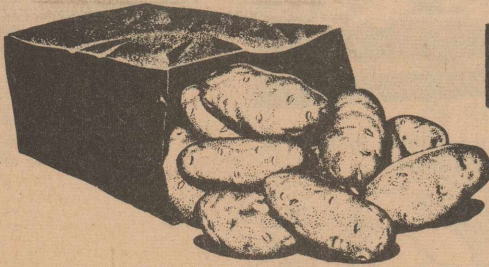
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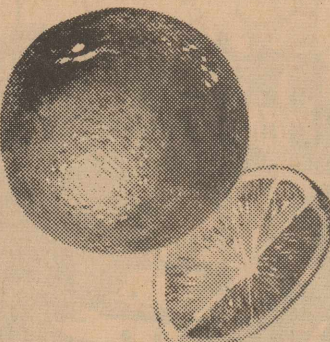


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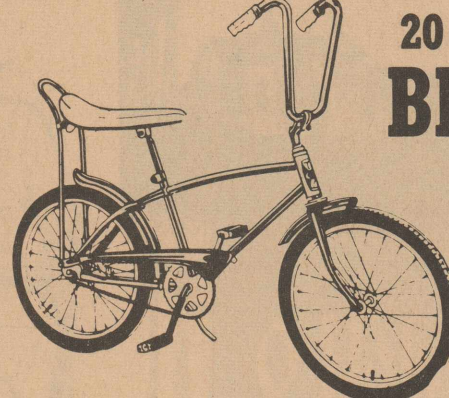
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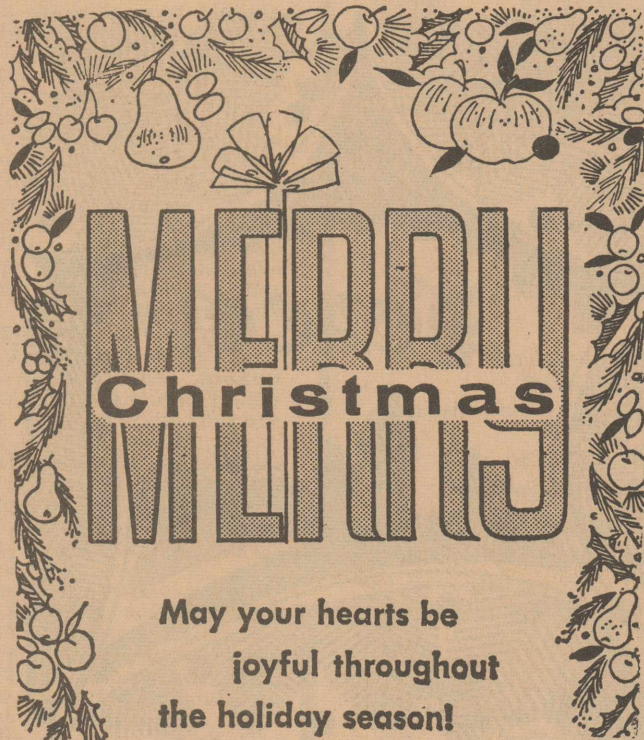
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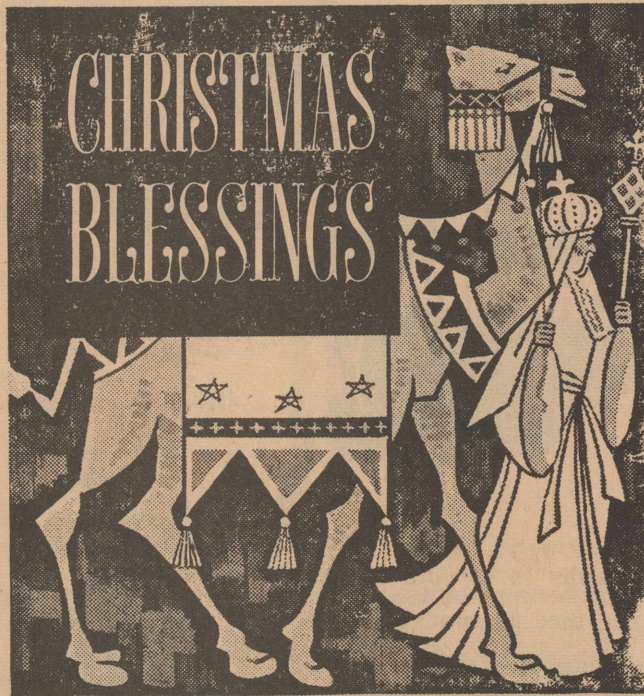
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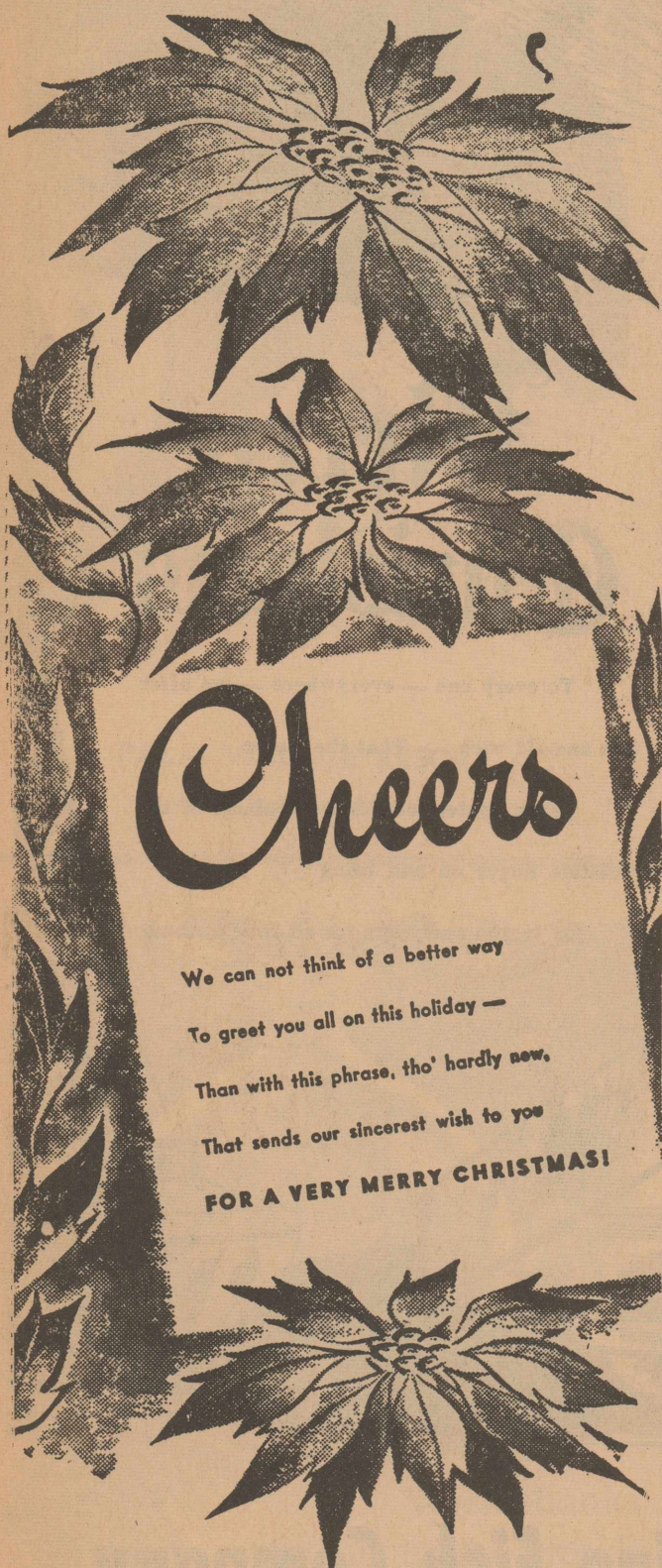
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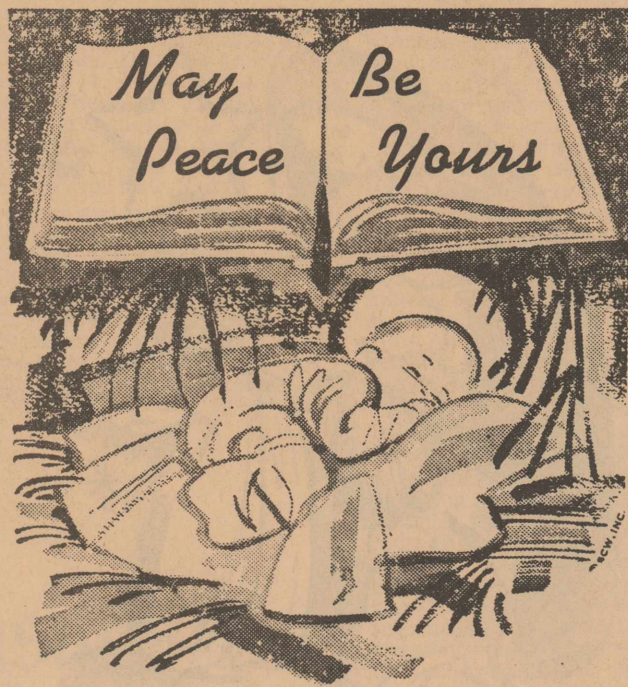
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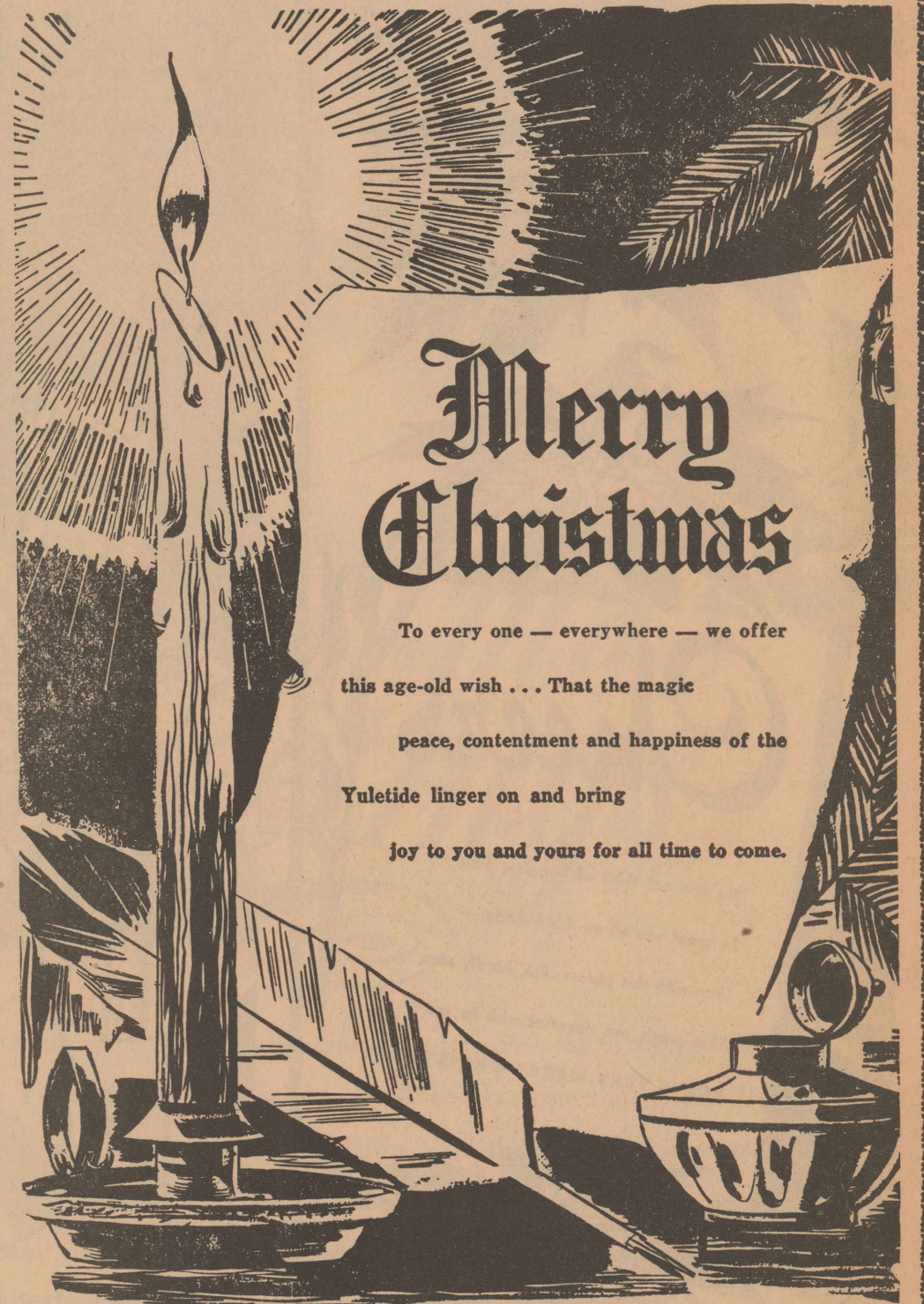


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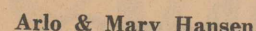
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Coptic Customs Rule in Ethiopia

Ethiopia is a land which has been Christian for some 1600 years. The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church, which has much in common with other Eastern Rite churches, such as the Greek and the Russian, is the established church of the nation. In its interesting and unusual customs, which are a blend of Christian, Hebrew, and pagan traditions, there are many unusual

rites and ceremonies, centering on the important Church festivals of Christmas and Epiphany.

Today, in Ethiopia, customs of the Western celebration of Christmas are beginning to find popularity, so that Santa Claus is becoming a familiar figure. Christmas trees are being set up and decorated, and gifts are being exchanged. All this is done, however, according to the dates of the old Julian calendar, which is the one followed in Ethiopia, so that they celebrate Christmas on

January 7th.

In this connection, it is interesting to know that the year in Ethiopia consists of 13 months, starting on September 11, when spring begins. There are 12 months of 30 days each, plus a short month of 5 days, known as Pagumen. This comes just before the New Year.

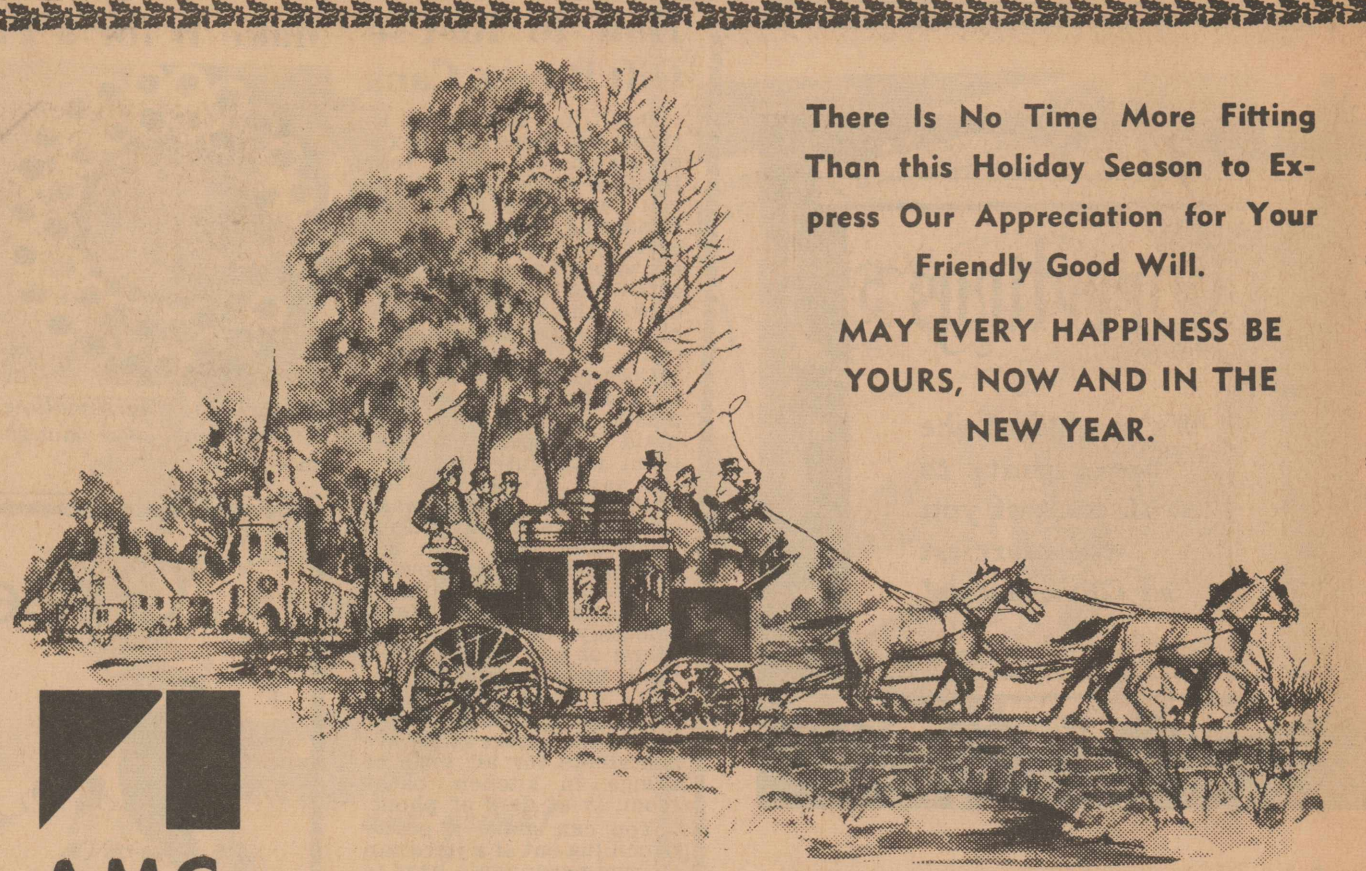
However westernized the Ethiopian Christmas may become, the people are not likely to change their observance of important religious festivals. In the month of January, known as Tiri, the Coptic Church observes

4 festivals — the first being Christmas, but even more important is Epiphany, or Timket. This has, as its main feature, the blessing of water and the sprinkling of it on the assembled faithful — a re-enactment of Christ's baptism by John the Baptist. On the previous day, all is made ready. Bells ring, trumpets blow, and drums roll as the priests carry the sacred "Tabot" out from the church to a special carpeted tent, where it remains overnight until time for the priests to bring it forth for the ceremony.

The "Tabot" is the most sacred object in the church. It represents the Ark of the Covenant, which, according to tradition, was brought to Ethiopia from Jerusalem by Menelik, son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The Tabot is really a portable altar holding the sacred vessels for celebrating the Eucharist, and is always carried concealed under crimson cloths, on the heads of the priests.

Know What "Wassail" Means?

This ancient word, familiar to us from song and story, comes from the Anglo-Saxon words "Wes hal" — which means "be whole," or in more modern terms, "Good Health." It was used as a toast, before lifting one's glass — and by extension came to mean a drinking song.



There Is No Time More Fitting Than this Holiday Season to Express Our Appreciation for Your Friendly Good Will.

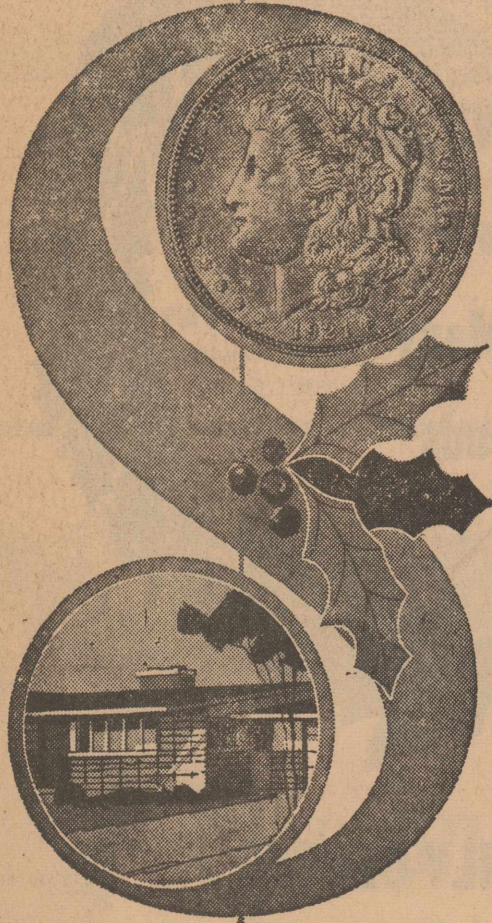
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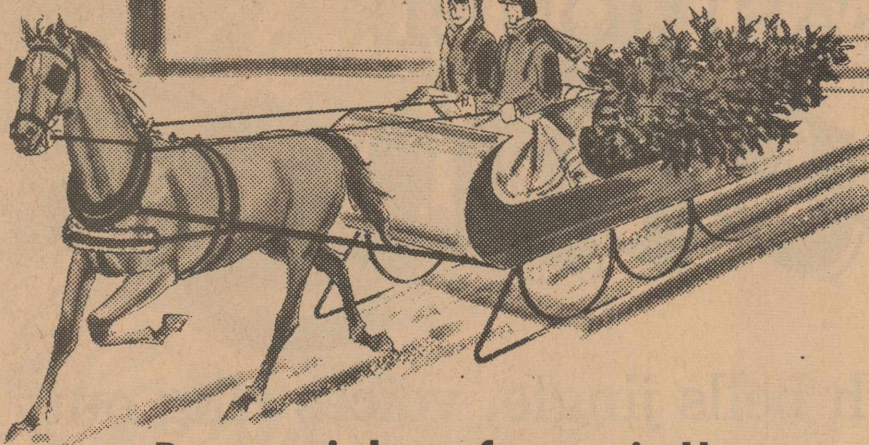


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Old Pagan Traditions Still Honor 12th Night

Twelfth Night is the popular English name for the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on January 6, just 12 days after Christmas. The word "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance," usually used in reference to the appearance of a deity in visible form.

The earliest reference to the festival, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, was in the later years of the 2nd Century, when Clement of Alexandria, in Egypt, spoke of certain Christians observing the 6th of January in memory of the baptism of Jesus. The actual date seems to have been chosen in order to rival some of the popular pagan festivals of that day.

By the beginning of the 4th century, orthodox Christians in the East were observing the festival as a triple celebration. It became an all-inclusive feast, honoring the birth and baptism of Christ, and His first miracle at Cana of Galilee.

Arrival of the Magi

In the West, however, the particular commemoration assigned to Epiphany was the visit of the Magi. During the Middle Ages, the Epiphany festival was widely observed by the performance of miracle plays in the churches about the Three Kings or Magi. Particularly in England, the day was marked by dramatic productions, though not necessarily religious ones, and this custom survived into the Elizabethan period. Shakespeare took the popular name of Twelfth Night for his play of that title, which was written to be performed on that date.

Since Epiphany concludes the Yuletide festivities, and its date coincides with many ancient pagan customs, it was often celebrated with strange ceremonies in which those customs mingled with Christian rites.

comes some time after Christmas, actually at the end of January.

The ceremony itself is very dramatic, since it takes place at night, by torchlight. Men in the old wild Viking costumes, complete with high horned helmets, tow a huge 30-foot Norse longboat through the town, in a torchlight procession, then the boat is set ablaze on the beach.

Haxey Hood Game

Haxey is a place in Lincolnshire, where they still play this famous old hood game, on January 6. Its origins hark back to pagan times, and the "hood" itself is thought to represent

the head of a bull.

In the game, 13 men take part, one called the "fool," another the "lord," and the eleven others, "boggins." A two-team scrimmage takes place, the object being for each man to succeed in placing a folded canvas hood into a particular goal, one after the other. The very last hood, the 13th, called "The Haxey," has to be fought towards the final goal—an inn where there are drinks for all.

BAN ON MISTLETOE

Mistletoe is almost never one of the greens used in church decorations, because it has always been considered pagan, as the badge of the Druid.



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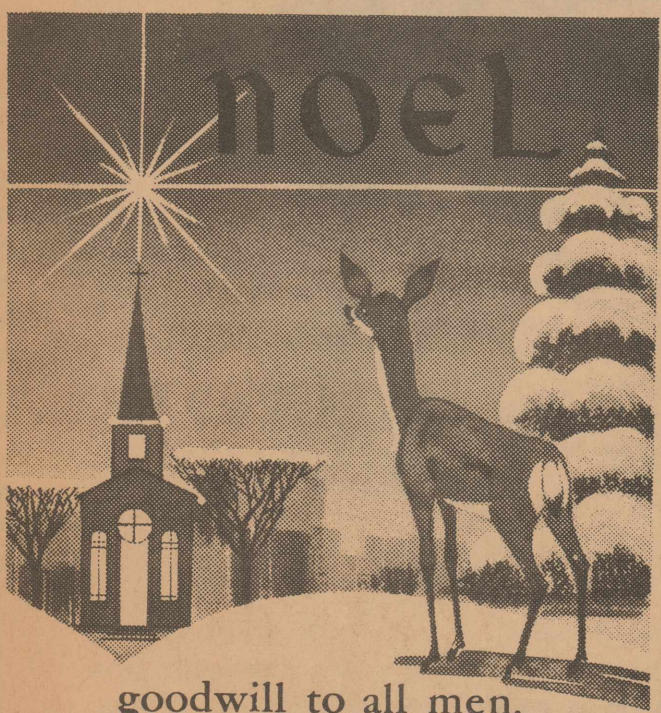
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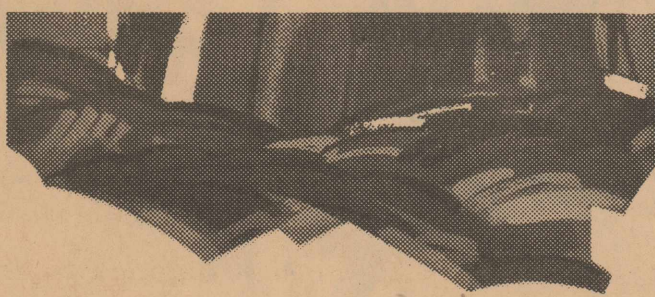
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Dutch Celebrate Feast of Sinterklaas

Patron Saint of Amsterdam Was Born in Asia Minor; Famed as Child Benefactor

For centuries, the Feast of Sinterklaas has been unique as a Dutch and Flemish event, honoring St. Nicholas' Calendar Day on December 6, but celebrated on the eve, December 5.

Why is St. Nicholas' influence so strong in Holland? Primarily because he was the patron saint of merchants and sailors. The actual Saint lived from 271 A.D. to December 6, 342 or 343, so that his Calendar Day honors the date of his death. He became famous as the Archbishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, and per-

formed many good and saintly deeds. Legend tells us he performed miracles as well, such as calming stormy seas, dropping dowries into the shoes of penniless maidens, and saving children from dire harm. He is now the patron saint of the city of Amsterdam.

All Dutch children believe that Sinterklaas, as the saint is now known, lives in Spain, where he spends most of the year recording the behavior of all children in a big red book, while his servant Piet (Pete) stocks up on presents for the next

December 5. After mid-November, Sinterklaas mounts his milk-white steed, Piet swings the sack full of gifts over his shoulders, and they board a ship to sail for Amsterdam harbor and a formal welcome by the Mayor and prominent citizens. Then comes a fabulous parade through town, watched live and on TV by people all over the country.

At night Sinterklaas rides across Holland's rooftops and Piet distributes gifts and candy — in exchange for the hay or carrot which children leave for the horse in each little shoe that's left by the fireplace.

A Sinterklaas present is not a bit like an early Christmas present. Dutch

tradition demands that all packages be camouflaged in some imaginative way, and that each gift be accompanied by a fitting poem. For the essence of Sinterklaas is sheer fun — with kidding expected between all ages and social groups. Presents are often hidden all over the house — and those who get them must be willing to work hard for their surprise. The poems that come with the gifts are expected to play good-natured jokes on the gifties and they must be read aloud. Afterward, each person says a loud "Thank you, Sinterklaas!" — which is indeed the way the Hollander feels about this merry and very special Christmas festivity.

1752 Calendar Set Christmas Date on Dec. 25

We know that our calendar today is a relatively modern institution. But do we realize that in earliest times, Christmas was celebrated on January 18? It is still so celebrated by the Armenian church. Later on, the date became January 6 — and it was only in 1752, with the final change to the Gregorian calendar, that the rearrangement of dates placed Christmas Day on December 25.

Some church people in England were very indig-

nant when this change took place — feeling that somehow they had been robbed of 11 days and the corresponding wages. Some of them tried to find out if the new date were correct by noting whether or not the tree called the Glastonbury Thorn (supposedly planted by Joseph of Arimathea) would flower on the new date or the old. Sometimes the tree bloomed on one day and sometimes on the other, however, depending on the weather — so that supporters of both dates managed to keep up the quarrel for some time.



Voices in the Mist

The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

Each voice four changes on the wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace,
Peace and goodwill, to all mankind.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

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