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Shopping Center Is Being Planned

By Eddie Bradley

Harbor Oaks Village, if the plans of Bill Pruet and his partners in Corpus Christi bear fruit, will soon be a snazzy new shopping center located between Rockport and Fulton.

Right now, all you can find at the corner of Highway 35 N. and Traylor Street is a small, cleared area and a sign advertising commercial and professional space now leasing.

But Group IV Developers, Pruet's company, has plans for a center to include 120,000 square feet of stores in the first building phase, and another 50,000 square feet that could be used for smaller shops and offices, in the second phase.

Plans call for the store spaces to vary in size from 1,200-30,000 feet. The second-phase spaces would be smaller.

Mr. Pruet, who is responsible for the leasing and public relations aspects of the operation, reported that his company has already talked with 68 different concerns about utilizing the proposed facility. These include a department store, shoe store, grocery store, sporting goods store, drug store, and auto service center.

Pruet said the people he has talked to "varied from mildly interested to hot as a fire cracker." In addition to talking to concerns in Aransas County, he has been in contact with businesses in Corpus Christi, Austin, San Antonio and even as far away as Indiana and Illinois.

Bill Pruet reports that there is a lot of interest in our area by both sales and professionally oriented people, who feel that there is tremendous potential here.

Group IV will be mailing out information on the center to interested parties shortly after the first of the year. They hope to begin construction in the Sping of 1980 and be ready to open the doors by the spring or summer of 1981.

Pruet wanted to emphasize that his company does not plan to come in and just put down a lot of concrete and asphalt. He said they

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Christmas Tree Forest Winners Are Announced

The Rockport Chamber of Commerce has announced the tree-decorating winners for the Christmas tree forest display which was held in the Woman's Club Building.

For the tree which was Best Adapted to the Theme, first place went to Cub Scout Pack No. 49; second place - Aransas County Democratic Women's Club.

The Most Creative and Original tree award: first place - Seafood Producers Association; second place - ABC Learning Center.

Winners for the Most Beautiful tree were, first place, Rockport Home and Garden Club and, second place, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fulton Fire Department.

The Chamber reports that community response has been very good and they have heard from several groups that want to enter a tree next year.



BOWLED OVER

It's football lover's dream ... two whole days of "Bowl-watching" on television, starting Monday, December 31, through Tuesday, New Year's Day. But Eddie Setterbo demonstrates the hazards of too much of a good thing as he goes from, top photo, eager-eyed and ready for the games to begin to, bottom, just a little weary of the whole thing ... Still, the football menu promises a lot of action, starting with the Peach and Bluebonnet Bowls Monday. Then Tuesday, the Sugar, Cotton, Rose and Orange Bowls. It's a safe enough bet that, despite the "hazards," many a confirmed bowl-watcher is going to be glued to the set from first kickoff to last whistle ...

[Pilot Photo by Philip Loghry]

Rockport's Merrill Lane:

He Writes The Songs

By Beverly Wilken

Merrill Lane grew up singing and writing music, and with over 2000 songs composed, and several top charted regional singles to his credit, he's quickly on his way to becoming South Texas' next Super Star.

Even before he moved to Rockport in 1969, Merrill and his Father, Arnette Lane and sister,Sharon Lane Hadley had a Gospel group that sang in church and for special fuctions. The group lasted on and off for about six years and had one album out, before Merrill went solo and became interested in Rock and Roll. And from Rock and Roll, he went into Country music where he's becoming a well known and respected artist.

Merrill has had two number one regional charted hits: "Running Back to You" and "Midnight Rendezvous" (which he wrote, by the way), and numerous top ten hits. "You Send Me", "Sincerely", "I'm The King", "They're Tearing My Honky Tonk Down", "I Go To Pieces", "Turn Me on or Turn Me Loose", "Kiss It Where It Hurts", "I Feel a Heartache Coming On", and his most requested song "By the Shores of Ickey Gooey", a novelty song about the oil slick.

"Billboard" Magazine selected Merrill's "I'll Come Running Back to You" as a country pick hit in May of 1979. "Lane performs this with a strong blend of solid country feel spiced by some Sam Cooke-like vocal riffs. . .. " Quite a compliment for someone who considers his singing talents a "hobby".

"It's a great feeling to hear something you've written being performed by another artist." said Merrill. "I enjoy writing most."

In 1975, Merrill recorded his only album so far, "Blues on a Rainy Day", with all of the songs performed and written by Merrill.

Merrill has appeared on Bayfest's '77, '78, and '79 and the Johnny Rodriquez Life Enrichment Center Telethon for two years.

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De Paul Society Gives Out Baskets

The St. Vincent De Paul Society, a non-profit organization of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, had their largest year ever for giving away Christmas food baskets.

Thanks to donations received by the Society, they were able to put together 75 food baskets for people in need. Last year, they gave away 62 baskets.

Money and goods for the project are donated primarily by members of the church, other individuals and by the VFW and VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Ciprian Martinez, who is president of the Society, said that church members brought in food staples, such as canned goods, flour, sugar, etc., which were valued at $1,000-$1,200.

Martinez said that church donations came to about $2,000 and were mostly used to but turkeys, hams and bread.

The main project of the St. Vincent De Paul Society is to help people in need, and they stay busy at it year-around. It was through their refular contacts plus information from the Welfare Office that they got the names of people to receive the food baskets.

Martinez wanted to thank everyone who took a part in getting money and food and in putting the baskets together.



Financial Forum Set For January 16, 23

The "Financial Future Forum" will be presented again in Rockport this year, at the VFW Building from 2-4 p.m. January 16 and 23.

The "Forum" consists of two consecutive sessions covering phases of personal financial management such as "How to Start Your Financial Plan," "Estates and Estate Taxes", "Wills in Texas", "Income Taxes", "Investments to Fight Taxes and Inflation" and "Tax Shelters."

Advice will also be given on high yield investments and "Where and How to Obtain Financial-Legal Assistance."

The forum sessions are coordinated by E.F. Hutton

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Local Offices Observe New Year's Holiday

Rockport city and Aransas County employees will be off Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1, for the New Year holiday.

The only exception to this, says Assistant City Secretary Helen Braffett, is in the sanitation department where crews will pick up garbage on schedule Monday.

No garbage pickups will be made on New Year's Day. Regular Tuesday garbage routes will be followed on Wednesday, January 2.

All area banks and savings and loan institutions will be closed Tuesday, New Year's Day, as will Aransas Natural Gas and Central Power & Light Company.

Notable Notes

Dial-A-Ride

Persons who need a ride to Sunday morning worship services at Rockport's First Presbyterian Church can get it by calling 729-6251 on Sunday mornings between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

School Trustees Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Aransas County Independent School District Board of Trustees is Monday, January 14, at 7 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

Rockport City Council

The next Rockport City Council meeting will be held in City Hall on Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Fulton Council Meeting

The Fulton City Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m.

Navigation District

The next meeting of the Aransas County Navigation District commissioners is set for Tuesday, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Navigation District building.

BPW Pecan Sale

The Rockport Business and Professional Women are currently carrying out their annual pecan sale. They are selling shelled pecans for $3.25 per pound. Call 729-1152 for information, or contact any BPW member.

Square Dance Club

The Square Dance Club is moving to the Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association building at the airport. They will be meeting every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Beginners' classes meet at the same location each Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Where Did You Live 5 Years Ago?

By Pat Blair

Note: The following is part of a series of articles on the 1980 census.

Where did you live and what was your major activity five years ago? What language do you speak? What is your ancestry?

These are some of the "sample" questions that will be asked of an estimated 20 per cent of the people who receive census forms in 1980.

The majority of people will receive the short questionnaire that has about 20 questions.

However, one person in every six — roughly 20 percent of the population, according to census officials — will receive the long questionnaire, containing about 60 questions.

By law, all questions asked on the census form must be answered by the respondant.

The first group of "sample" questions, dealing with population, will appear on the long census forms as questions 8-33, and questions 8-17 deal with such diverse matters as school enrollment, the respondant's ancestry and how well he or she speaks English.

Specific questions — and the reason for their inclusion on the census questionnaire — follows:

Question 8: Since February, 1980, has this person attended regular school or college at any time? County nursery school, kindergarten, elementary school and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or college degree.

The question also categorizes the type of schooling, whether it was public, church-related private or non-church-related private.

Among laws based on information from this question are the federal Bilingual Education Act, the National Center for Educational Statistics report on the condition of education in the U.S., and in CETA programs.

Question 9: What is the highest grade [or year] of regular school this person has ever attended?

Question 10: Did this person finish the highest grade [or year] attended?

Many federal programs base fund allocations to states on the proportion of persons in specific education groups. These programs include the Adult Basic Education Act of 1965 and the Work-Study Pro-

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Pilot Sightings

GEORGE and CATHERINE FOREE home from Michigan ....UNCLE JOHN LESLIE out visiting the staff....OTHO EVANS sporting a beard....BETSY GORTON had an after-Christmas party for former high school buddies.... CRAIG McGARY playing Santa Claus at the High School Concert....JIMMY and SHIRLEY ANDERS still waiting for their new arrival....

Wilken's Window To The World

by Beverly Wilken

Somehow every year around this time I feel very let down. Oh, sure. I manage to hide my disappointment and frustration from my loved ones most of the time, but there are just those days when it gets the best of me.

Take last night, for instance. Picture the scene. Holly and mistletoe draped around everything in sight. (The dog looks so cute with that poinsetta behind his ear). A nine foot Christmas tree standing in the corner of our eight foot living room. (I judge a tree by character and personality; not dimensions). Christmas candles and cards, wrapping paper and bows, glitter and tinsel, cookie crumbs and egg nog in the carpet... this is what every day life should be all about.

I want all these things 365 days a year.

Do you realize that in July I'll be forced (physically, by my husband) to discard the tree that I have grown to love and cherish as a member of the family! Why, we've kept Grandpa around long after he's shed all of his hair! The thought of discarding my Christmas tree makes me weak in the knees.

I'm also a little upset that I have to wait a whole year to sing in public again. During the Christmas season one may burst into song...anytime...anyplace, and have people smile and sing along. Try starting a rousing chorus of "Tulsa Time" at your next party and watch everyone stare at you in disbelief. It's just not the same.

It takes me eleven months to get out of the Christmas Spirit. I spend the whole time being a good girl because I know Santa Claus is watching. I collect every bow and ribbon from packages to put on Christmas presents. I paint Christmas ornaments, stock up on divinity and egg nog, and never put away my tree shaped cookie cutters. My New Year's Resolutions are made out on the back of next year's Christmas shopping list.

Last night I decided to call a family meeting.

"On, no." sighed my husband. "Are you going to start this again?"

"What do you mean?" I asked innocently, addressing my last Christmas card.

"It's one day after Christmas and you're already making out next year's menu for Chistmas dinner."

"Well, you know, I hate to wait til the last minute. But to get straight to the point--the reason I called this meeting is because, well.... I was wondering... do you think your Aunt Pauline might like an Afghan next Christmas to go with..."

"Honey. Get hold of yourself. You've got to realize... Christmas comes but once a year. And normal people plan a month or two in advance."

"But, I love Christmas! Everybody loves everybody else and there's peace on earth and good will towards men, and..."

"And you're making me crazy!" He cried, ejecting my Donny Osmond Chistmas Album.

"Alright. Have it your way." I sniffed. "But don't blame me when that new tool box I was going to get you next year is already sold out."

"Oh, for heavens....tool box, huh??"

"Right. And what about having to get a new, inexperienced Christmas tree again. We've just gotten this one to stop shedding all over the place. It takes almost two months to house break this type of tree, you know."

"Yeah. That's right..... but....."

"And remember the trouble we had spraying the snow all over the window sills just right so that it would look like freshly fallen snow!" I reminded him.

My husband sighed. "I guess you're right." He said, nodding his head thoughtfully.

"Of course I'm right!" I cried.

And as we burst into the second chorus of "Joy to the World" I knew my next step was to get him to agree to exchanging presents once a week, too!

Christian Declared 'Seafair Founder'

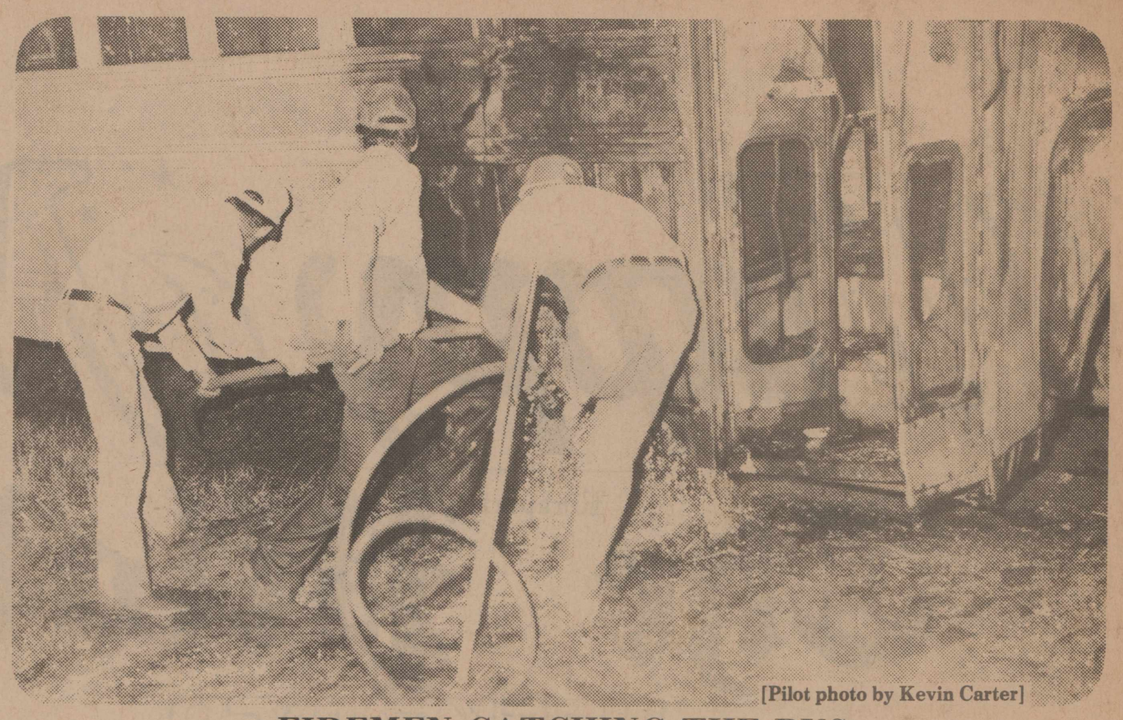
Bill Christian was officially declared "Founder of Rockport SeaFair" at the recent Ladies Day Christmas party of Rockport Rotary Club.

Christian originated the idea of a community-wide civic celebration in October to bridge the gap between the summer vacation season and the winter tourist season six years ago and provided the leadership to make it an outstanding success.

The celebration has grown in popularity and attendance until more than 20,000 participated in SeaFair last October which attracted visitors from throughout Texas as well as from neighboring states. Local residents were almost unanimous in showing up for the celebration.

In recognition of Christian's contribution to the community the Rotary Club presented him a plaque on which was mounted a silver sailboat and a silver crab emblematic of SeaFair's theme.

In accepting the honor Christian declared most of the credit for SeaFair's success should go to the hundreds of local civic-minded individuals who have worked year after year in the planning and execution of the program. He paid speical tribute to members of the Rotary Club for their support and participation.



[Pilot photo by Kevin Carter]

FIREMEN CATCHING THE BUS

Three units of the Fulton Fire Department were called out last Friday night to put out a fire which erupted aboard a converted bus on Highway 35, north of Marineland, in Fulton. Apparently a gasoline can leaked, soaking a carpet in the bus. Fumes or moisture were then ignited from underneath by the exhaust system. Quick action by the fire crew prevented the incident from being any worse than it already was.

Police Report

Gary D. Klingenburger of Bucyrus, Ohio, was ticketed for disobeying a Stop sign after his car struck a vehicle driven by Carol Carlos R. Hernandez of Bayside Tuesday evening, December 25.

Hernandez was attempting a left turn from Market Street onto Church when Klingerburger's vehicle struck his. The accident occurred about 6:40 p.m.

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A Corpus Christi man, Larry A. Dueitt, 17, was ticketed for improper backing after an accident about 12:20 p.m. Sunday, December 23.

Dueitt was backing out of a parking place on East St. Mary's Street when his car struck a vehicle being driven by Mary Lincoln Bice, 36, of Rockport.

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Clarence Butler, 23, of 101 Barefield, Rockport, pleaded guilty to a charge of public intoxication and was fined $53.50 following his arrest Sunday about 2:15 a.m. on the Fulton Beach Road.

Butler was stopped by Police Officer Joaquin Martinez who said the man's car was leavjng the roadway.

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Michale Richard Owens, 32 of Seattle was fined $53.50 after pleading guilty to a charge of public intoxication.

Owens was arrested about 2:30 a.m. Sunday on Highway 35 North by the Robo Car Wash by Police Officer Martin DeLeon.

Marine Scene

By Jeff Messinger
County Extension
Marine Agent

Marine insurance always has been an expensive item. For most fishing vessel operations insurance costs are exceeded only by crew shares and fuel.

Insurance premiums for fishing vessels are based on many factors. These include seaworthiness, how well the vessel has been maintained, the owner's operating record, and the vessel's past loss experience. Since insurance premiums are substantial they can represent the difference between making a profit or losing money.

Marine insurance rates are not regulated by state insurance authorities. The rate is determined by the individual insurance company which takes into consideration its own loss and fishing industry experience. This explains why different rates are often quoted by competing carriers.

Marine insurance plans generally include two basic protection: hull insurance and protection and indemnity which is commonly referred to as P & I.

Hull insurance protects the vessel owner and others against losses of physical property in the case of collisions. This type of insurance covers the vessel and its equipment. It does not cover liability. Hull insurance premiums are based on a percentage of the appraised value of the hull. Rates on new boats run at about three and one half percent, while the rate on older vessels is generally higher.

P & I insurance covers third party liabilities. It is in addition to hull insurance. Many vessel owners cannot obtain this insurance without hull coverage. P & I insurance is available in some cases without hull coverage but the premium is relatively expensive.

P & I insurance protects against losses resulting from damage to the property of others or from injury, illness, or loss of life caused by actions or negligence of the insured. P & I insurance also protects against the cost of legal liabilities if the insured is found at fault or responsible for the losses of others.

Insurance problems facing vessel owners are many:

- insurance is not available for certain fishing industry members.
- better vessels and operators are often penalized for the bad experience of others in the fishing industry.
- good coverages are becoming more limited,
- additional coverages are required to qualify for some loan programs.

These are among the items to be discussed at a Fishing Vessel Safety and Insurance Seminar scheduled to be held in Brownsville, January 24, 1980. The half-day seminar will be conducted in the Fort Brown Motor Hotel with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The program is sponsored by the Sea Grant College Program at Texas A & M University.

Additional discussions will focus on the roles of the United States Coast Guard and National Marine Fisheries Service. For further information contact this office at 729-1211.



Blair's Corner

By Pat Blair

It's claimed that the steamship "Reindeer" was wrecked on her way out from Rockport because she was a rival to the Morgan steamship line.

At least that's what the late J.B. Dunn of Corpus Christi reported in his book, "Perilous Trails of Texas" — a quote that was repeated in a news article back in 1959 when skin-divers found the wreck of the old "Reindeer" where she'd gone down off St. Joseph's Island nearly 90 years before.

The "Reindeer" had apparently set up in competition with the Morgan line, then operating in Rockport, hauling cattle from here to New Orleans.

Outbound from Rockport on that last trip in 1870, the "reindeer" hit bad weather and ran aground off St. Joseph's Island.

Part of her cargo was thrown overboard in an effort to lighten her so she could get off the bar, and some of it washed ashore on Padre and Mustand Islands where it was salvaged by wreckmaster, Capt. Peter Benson.

Jettisoning the cargo didn't save the "Reindeer" though — despite what must have been an all-out attempt to do so. A report at the time announced the awarding of $156.68 to the steamer "Lee" for planting an anchor by which salvagers hoped to kedge the "Reindeer" off the bar.

The report also mentioned some of the men trying to save her: Tom Ratteay, Frank Stevenson and Harry Douglas.

As to the calim that the "Reindeer's" wreck was no accident, Dunn said in his book, "It was claimed that Morgan got one of his pilots aboard the steamer to the wreck and then employed him to pilot his own steamers."

For a time at least, La Retama Libraby in Corpus Christi had in its possession a faded handbill advertising a list of goods salvaged from the wreck of the "Reindeer" by Capt. Benson, which he would sell on February 9, 1870.

Among those goods were six "packages" of furniture, 58 cases of bitters, seven kegs of whiskey, barrels of wine and molasses, "looking glasses", four pictures, flour, potatoes, coal oil, snuff, schnapps, soap, lard, condensed milk and a bale of cotton batting.

When the divers found the wreck in 1959 — then sunk in some 25 feet of water about a mile north of the island jetty — they reported an old wagon wheel was still leaning against the side of the deck.

Was the wreck an accident? Or deliberate? After more than a hundred years, it doesn't really matter. Forgotten, discovered, forgotten again, the "Reindeer" is just one more lost ship in an area littered with such legends.

Just one more detour off the mainstream of history . . .

No Food, No Light, I'm Lost, What A Sight

By Eddie Bradley

Something very upsetting happened at the office this week-we didn't have any food hanging around waiting to be eaten.

For the two weeks prior to Christmas, there was almost always something. A doughnut here, some peanut brittle over there. All this gradually built to a torrent of goodies, waiting to be devoured.

Then there were the holidays, featuring ham, spaghetti, cookies, pies; I almost ran out of belt.

Suddenly, it was over. Back at the office, I started looking for a doughnut at about 8:30 the first morning, and by four that afternoon was in the middle of severe chocolate chip withdrawal.

There must be a better way. Now I know we couldn't and shouldn't pig out like this all year long, but wouldn't it be better to withdraw gradually, rather than quitting cold turkey, so to speak?

I am now going to write my very first movie review...Actually, I am only reviewing the first three minutes of the movie... Actually, this is merely going to offer you some movie survival advice.

When you go see Walt Disney's "The Black Hole," be sure you and whomever you're with are securely in the seats before the show starts, because after that, for the first three minutes or so, the theatre is plunged into almost total darkness.

We went in to afternoon to avoid lines and, although there was a good crowd, had no trouble getting in.

After we had occupied our seats, I left my wife and son to get refreshments at the concession stand. Apparantley, as soon as I entered the lobby, the movie started--and all the lights went out.

And older couple in front of us had been debating about where to sit. They finally decided to move back a few rows and the man headed up the aisle. His wife said, "Oh, let's just stay here," and sat down.

At that moment, the movie started and the man found himself standing in a lightless limbo. He slowly started back down the aisle, calling his wife's name. "Sarah, where are you?"

"I'm over here."

"Over where?"

"Just keep following the sound of my voice!"

At about that time a family came in from the other side and started using the braille system to find seats on our row.

The little girl led the way and suddenly plopped down in our son's lap.

"Mommy," she said "somebody's already in this seat."

Entering the theatre, I paused to let the old eyes adjust, but nothing happened. Everything was still dark. You couldn't see a seat on either side of the aisle.

Voices were coming from the screen, so the movie was obviously on, but the screen and the whole room were both coated with black.

So I started down, moving along in a crouch so as not to block people's view of the movie. It only occured to me later that nobody could see anything anyway, either on the screen or in the aisle.

Creeping along like a chimpanzee heading for the nearest tree, I journeyed to a spot that felt like it should be close to out seats.



"Linda," I whispered. No response.

Moving further on, I again shouted a whisper, "Linda."

"Eddie," she called, from a seat I had passed. She seemed to be chuckling.

"Where are you?" I asked.

"I,m down in The Black Hole!" she replied, laughing out loud.

Don't you just hate a woman with a sense of humor?

Funeral Rites Held For Beverly Frost Sanders

Funeral services for Beverly Frost Sanders, 61, of Rockport, were at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 27, in St. Peter's Episcopal Church here with the Rev. Jack DeForest officiating.

Burial was in Rockport Cemetary under direction of Marshal Funeral Home. Mrs. Sanders died Monday, December 24, in Victoria.

A native of Owensboro, Kentucky, she had lived in Rockport 40 years and was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Sanders of Rockport; two sons, Jack Frost Sanders of Los Angeles, California, and Rocky Craig Sanders of Victoria; a daughter, Sheri Ortiz of Dallas; a sister, Kathryn Robins of Las Vegas, Nevada; and three grandchildren.

Services For Monsignor Ordner Held

Reverend Monsignor Aloysius Joseph Ordner, 73, died Thursday, December 20.

He was born in West Phalia in 1906. He attended St. John's Seminary in San Antonio and received his philosophical training at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana.

He was ordained to the Priesthood in the Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in Corpus Christi on May 1, 1933, and served his Ministry in parishes in Kingsville, Donna, Sinton, Harlingen, George West, Woodsboro, Corpus Christi and Port Aransas.

Father Ordner was elevated to a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII in 1956.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Lucille Skrobarcek of Rockport, Mrs. Leona Zippiran and Mrs. Rosalie Jones of Portland, and Mrs. Catherine Brozozowski of Sandia; and one brother, Francis Ordner of Corpus Christi.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, December 24 at the Corpus Christi Cathedral. Burial followed at the Rose Hill Memorial Park in Corpus Christi.

Eyeglasses Needed For Kenya Center

If you've got an old pair of eyeglasses, the Rockport Lions Club could put them to good use! The glasses are to be used at the Lighthouse for Christ Eye Center in Monbasa, Kenya, Africa, and any eyeglasses or parts of eyeglasses that you can no longer use could be recycled for use at the center. Manuel Rocha, Lions Club President, said that in the short period of time the drive has been going on, Mrs. Loyce Landrum, Secretary of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce has turned in between 75 and 100 pairs of glasses.

Glasses may be left at the following area businesses: Roaten's Drug Store, Central Power and Light, Dr. Jerry Shaw's office, Jack's Exxon Station, or the Rockport Pilot.

High School Chorale Entertains Rotarians

A selection of Christmas songs and carols-some traditional and others with modern improvisions-was presented by the Rockport-Fulton High Shcool Chorale at a luncheon meeting of Rotary Club Wednesday at Cattleman's Bay House Restaurant.

Mrs. Martha Luigi is director of the chorale. Mrs. Barbara Carter provided the accompaniment.

Basic to the concert was emphasis on Christmas bells, a theme that was stress throughout the performance. Starting with a Norwegian ballad, the program moved through numbers with English or American backgrounds. Many of the selections included special sound effects and theatrical embellishment. "Twas The Night Before Christmas" was especially distinctive in this respect.

Participating in the performance were Cindy Arthur, Lori Allen, Donald Beard, Shelly Beattie, Connie Brafford, Roxy Brock, Sally Brock, Tyler Brownlee, Lisa Carrol, Kevin Carter, Julie Cochran, Scott Cory, Jana Deason, Darlene Dilworth, Gloria Dominguez, Pablo Dominguez and Armando Castro.

Also Marty Driver, Jennifer Duplantis, Laura Fisher, Connie Force, Eric Frazee, Irene Garcia, George Garrett, Leon Haskins, Chris Iles, Janette Jack, Sandra Land, Anna Lopez, Craig McGary, Vicki Maddox, Tony Mills, Michelle Mick and Alice Dupnik.

Also Than Nguyen, Rosendo Ramerio, Darla Register, Debbie Reyna, Linda Rinche, Thelma Rinche, Gracie Rojas, Isabel Robles, Sylvia Rodriguez, Shelly Shelton, Shryl Simmons, Albert Valdez, Rebecca Ward, William Weaver, Tam Willett, Susan Wolfe, Tamera Young, Deanna Vannetter, Paul Guido, Billy McBroom and Dora Villerreal.

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1979 In Review

This Is A Continuation Of Some Of The News Events The Pilot Covered During The Past 12 Months

AUGUST

A.C. Vandeveer and Dana Taggart were named to Rockport's City Planning and Zoning Commission by the City Council.

The first step in a program to help reduce traffic accidents in Rockport has been completed by Joe Obregon, Area Traffic Engineer for the Office of Traffic Safety. Obregon has finished an inventory of the city's traffic signs and will also look at city streets and intersections. He said the two major problems with signs were those that were too low and those without reflective faces.

Aransas County Sheriff's Deputies started off the weekend with a real charge when lightning put their main transmitter out of order. Since, then, deputies have been equipped with scanners to communicate with the office, which is using a mobile transmitter.

Rockport's Charter Commission set November 6 as the target date for the city charter election.

The tax office of the School District has mailed a Notice of Reappraisal to all property owners in the district. The Board of Equalization is scheduled to meet beginning August 23 in the tax office to hear from property owners who wish to question or protest proposed valuations.

Sheriff Robert Hewes said there hasn't been any serious trouble in Rockport concerning problems with refugees. This was in the wake of the death of a Seadrift man in a refugee-related incident. Rumors that the federal government has been making large loans to Vietnamese refugees so they can begin their own businesses prompted J.C. Harlan, president of the Seafood Producers Association, to write Congressman Joe Wyatt and ask that he look into the matter. Wyatt replied that he knew of no federal program which made large loans, but added that there were numerous private organizations which might be making the loans.

Frances Iles, appearing before the Aransas County Commissioners as a private citizen, although she is a social worker for the Department of Human Resources, asked commissioners to consider a request that the county set up a board to determine indigency standards, how they are applied and who decides who is indigent. The commissioners asked for more time to study the proposal before making a final decision.

The Rockport-Fulton Varsity cheerleaders received the "Award of Excellence" as the best cheerleader squad at camp during the National Cheerleaders Association summer workshop at Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

Construction was completed in the new Rockport Church of Christ building on Omohondro Street. The brick and steel structure includes a fellowship area with seating room for about 200, and the auditorium will seat 504 persons.

Some 121 residents of Fulton turned out in the city sales tax election, approving the proposed one percent tax, 103 for and 18 against. The city's one percent sales tax is collected by the state along with its sales tax revenues, and the city's share is refunded on a quarterly basis.

School trustees faced a crowd of approximately 40-50 property owners at their August meeting, most of whom were protesting taxes that had doubled and tripled, according to the owners. Several property owners stated that they couldn't sell their property at what the school tax office had valued it, so the valuation wasn't fair. Board president Ottie Mundine explained that the board couldn't advise or even make suggestions to the Board of Equalization while it was in session, and urged the owners to take their cases to the Board of Equalization meeting to settle disputes over property evaluations.

County voters returned three Navigation District Board members to their seats, and chose two new ones to join them. Jimmy Anders, R.W. Landrum and Dave Maguglin were re-elected, while Hillis Dominguez and Ken Faulkner took new seats.

Voters in Holiday Beach approved establishment of the Aransas County Water Control and Improvement District No.1 by a vote of 83 to 10. Voters also elected the permenent board of directors.

"In Search of Texas Treasures," the summer reading program sponsored by the Aransas County Public Library and the Texas State Library ended when certificates were awarded to over 70 members.

An L-shaped concentration of oil, with mousse in the leading edge, was reported about 25 miles east of Port Aransas in the latest Coast Guard update.

Rockport police are taking advantage of the statewide traffic enforcement program in an effort to cut down on traffic accidents in the city. Called the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) the program involves assigning a police officer to traffic patrol in high-risk areas at key points during the day.

SEPTEMBER

Area residents started the month watching the paths of Hurricanes David and Fred and Tropical Storm Elena.

Some $13,000 in radio equipment was taken when a boat belonging to Jackson Seafood Company was burglarized.

Connie Garcia cut the ribbon to open her new Hidden Treasures shop in Kingsbury Square on Highway 35 North.

Rockport's Pirates ran away from the Bloomington Bobcats to win the final preseason football scrimmage. Then the Pirates opened their regular season with a 23-0 win against the Panthers.

Aransas County residents gave more than $3,000 in cash and pledges to the local effort during the annual Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Rockport pioneer Jimmy Silberison celebrated his 72nd birthday.

Construction was underway at Rockport's Pine Tree Office Park on Highway 35 North.

Members of the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department celebrated arrival of their new $18,000 fire truck with a fish dinner.

Aransas County ISD trustees gave the go-ahead to Glass, Sorenson & McDavid to add flood protection to the school district's insurance program to protect the floor of the high school gymnasium.

The yard of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Brannies, 1101 Enterprise, was chosen Yard of the Month by the Rockport Garden Club.

The Aransas County United Fund elected new officers: John McDavid, Jr., president; Curtis Goodman, vice president; Mrs. Lois Gurley, secretary; and Don Meeks and Don Wren, co-chairmen for the 1979 campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Close celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Twenty-eight people, including the 15 members of Rockport's Charter Commission, attended the public hearing on the proposed new city charter.

Carson D. Wooddell began his duties as new chief deputy in the Aransas County Sheriff's Department.

Irish Optical opened for business in Rockport.

Rockport-Fulton's freshman team opened their '79 season with an 8-0 win over the Aransas Pass Panthers.

Rockport's city council adopted a $1.8 million budget for fiscal 1979-80 and raised rates for garbage and sanitary sewer service.

Fulton residents circulated a petition to protest when Charlie Potter was replaced as manager of the Fulton Billups Service Station.

Storms September 19 brought heavy rains, high tides and heavy losses to many county residents. Damage to county roads alone was estimated at $500,000.

Internationally known portraitist Alexander Clayton, a part-time Rockport resident, opened a one-man show at Little Bay Club.

Rockport's city council called the city charter election for November 6.

A Disaster Assistance Center to aid individuals and businesses in the wake of the September 19 floods opened in Aransas County.

Don Meek joined First National Bank as a public relations representative, associated with John P. Mitchell Jr. and Gerry Kleypas.

Mike Rothrock won unanimous approval from the Aransas County Commissioners Court, as the new county agent.

Edward Allen Lane, a senior at Rockport-Fulton High School, was named as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen for the 1979-80 school year.

OCTOBER

Live Oak State Bank held an autograph party to benefit the Aransas County Medical Services, Inc., and pronounced it a tremendous success, raising some $4,732.10.

The Rockport-Fulton High School boys' and girls' tennis teams combined to win the first place trophy in the Senior Division action at the Toast of the Coast Tennis Tournament.

Milton and Gracie Sparks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held at the VFW Hall.

John P. Mitchell, president of the board of directors of ACMSI; Bill Aston, paramedic director of the EMS; and Wendy Aston, EMS Volunteer, were invited to appear on "State of the Region" televised on November 3 at noon. They will be interviewed on the development of emergency medical care in Aransas County.

Close to $32,000 was raised during an art auction to benefit Canadian nesting grounds for wild ducks and geese. The Rockport Chapter of Ducks Unlimited held the auction, dinner and dance.

A new mobile unit to replace the original Ford ambulance operated by the Aransas County EMS system was approved by the board of directors.

Completion date is set for January 31, 1980 for the new Pine Tree Office Park on Highway 35 North.

Central Power and Light announced it will request an increase in its rates that could mean an increase of more than $10 a month on the bills of some Rockport residents.

The fifth annual Rockport Seafair gets underway.

The Navigation District considered possible increase of the boat slip rates. It is reported that the Rockport and Fulton Harbors are presently operating at an average loss of $19,715 per year.

Live Oak State Bank was the recipient of the Business and Professional Women's Torch Award.

It was estimated that approximately 35,000 people attended Seafair each day of the event.

Mrs. Esther Lonquist of Rockport was selected as the First National Bank Artist of the Month.

The Rockport Cable TV Service announced that service will begin in November.

George Taggart III broke the state record for white marlin. The old record of 106 pounds stood for almost 10 years before Mr. Taggart brought in his 111½ pound fish.

Michael Montague was chosen as one of the members of the University of Texas Chamber singers to enter the 1979 Villa-Lobos Festival's First International Competition for Mixed Chorus.

Congressman Joe Wyatt, Jr., attended the grand opening of the new Wishert Real Estate office located on Highway 35 North. Mr. Wyatt cut the ribbon for the ceremony.

Mrs. Dominga Benavidez was sworn in as a new member of the Fulton City Council by Ruby Hart, County Clerk.

The Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District received a $56,023 grant to help fund a study of the feasibility of a wastewater collection and treatment system for parts of the county.

NOVEMBER

The Aransas County school board approved a 10.8 percent increase in school taxes — an 82-cent tax rate per $100 valuation.

Barbara Bush came to Rockport to campaign for her husband, presidential hopeful George Bush.

Rockport Pirates freshmen defeated the Beeville Trojan frosh 27-6.

The Rockport-Fulton Lady Pirates volleyball teams won a clean sweep in games against Tuloso-Midway.

Alvina Sanchez was named Rockport-Fulton Homecoming Queen. Runners-up were Rita Martinez, first; Terri Price, second; Julie Adams, third; and Sandy Collins, fourth.

The Lamar Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary held its third annual Market Days.

Rockport voters defeated the proposed city charter by a margin that was exactly 2-1 — 213 votes for the charter, 426 against.

County commissioners approved a $400,000 bond issue to help pay for purchase of right-of-way for the Highway 35 bypass project.

Reese Rozzell donated a boat to the Aransas County Medical Services Inc. ACMIS agreed that the city could lease the boat during the summer for the Ski Basin patrol.

Thirty-five local senior citizens completed a two day Defensive Driving Course sponsored by AARP and the Retired Teachers Association.

Vernon Kleypas agreed to give up smoking for the November 15 Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Noah Cunningham, Charles Roe and Dan Shelton were named to the Aransas County ISD's Central Appraisal office.

The women's organization of the United Methodist Church held their annual Christmas Treasurers Bazaar.

The Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District moved forward with its plans for a Step 1 grant study into the feasibility of a sanitary sewer system to serve parts of the County.

Local businesses announced winners in the seventh annual Halloween drawings.

Cheryl Vermillion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vermillion of Fulton, was the subject of a feature in the Friendswood "Journal" for her work as head of Friendswood High School's training room.

Mary John Lynch defeated Nancy Moran in the women's singles 45 division of the Rockport Racquet and Yacht Club's Senior Open Tennis tournament.

Police were investigating a fire that destroyed the Wee Putt Golf Course building.

Estelle Stair was re-elected president of the Rockport Art Association. Other officers are Rip Harrison, vice president; Virginia Leonard, treasurer; and Kathryn Brown, secretary.

Deer season opened.

The Fulton city council delayed action on a request by Central Power & Light for a rate increase.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bent, 2203 Cape Ann, was named Rockport Garden Club's Yard of the Month.

The Rockport-Fulton JV finsihed its '79 season with a 34-6 loss to the Tuloso-Midway Warriors.

The Aransas County United Fund raised $9500 through November 21 — approximately one-half of its goal of $18,500.

Rockport hosted two tour groups — 30 travel writers from Germany and a second group of writers from across the U.S. and Canada.

Sheriff Bob Hewes announced he would run for re-election.

The Rockport Pirates defeated the Tuloso-Midway Warriers 38-22 to close the season.

County commissioners rejected a request from the City of Aransas Pass for an increase in charges for responding to fire calls in Aransas County.

Eldora Olbrich became the first woman to be made a member of Rockport's VFW Post — possibly the first women VFW member in the state.

The Lions Club was seeking donations of new toys or cash for its sixth annual Toys For Kids program.

Nathan Taggart, 11, bagged an eight-point buck hunting on a ranch northwest of Freer.

DECEMBER

Most Aransas County residents, in response to a Pilot poll, said they favored taking "no action" against the Shah of Iran and he should be permitted to leave the country without any prior guarantees of the release of American hostages being held in Iran.

Rockport Art Supply, Betty Walters Gallery and the new Cantwell Mini Sleep Store officially opened with ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Don Willingham of Jewett won the doll house given away by the Rockport Art Associaiton.

The Rockport-Fulton High School drama department presented "The Skin of Our Teeth."

The South Texas Artmobile came to Rockport with a show entitled, "Contemporary America."

The Aransas County Medical Services, Inc. Women's Committee held its annual Christmas Bazaar.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department appropriated $1.5 million for the restoration of the George W. Fulton mansion.

Three shrimp boats — the first of 10 bound for the West African country of Cameroon — were officially launched from the RYSCO yard, part fulfillment of a $7 million contract between RYSCO and Crevettes Du Cameroun.

Kenneth C. Loosemore was named first place winner in the Voice of Democracy's 33rd annual Broadcast Scriptwriting Scholarship Program.

Aransas County commissioners set February 16 as the date for a $400,000 bond election.

Dr. Frank S. DuPont of Warren, Michigan, will join the staff of Rockport's Enterprise Medical Center.

Wildlife artist Gene Murray purchased El Barrio Plaza.

J.C. Harlan was elected president of the Seafood Producers Association.

The Texas Public Utilities Commission granted an increase of $65.4 million more per year to Central Power & Light Company.

Louise Wilken was named Realtor of the Year.

Jimmie Luigi was elected new president of Rockport's Rotary Club.

New officers were installed for AARP, including Myrtle DeForest, president; Frances Cook, first vice president; Genevieve Ohrling, second vice president; Gladise Thomson, secretary; and Pearl Gaubatz, treasurer.

After voting to use a square-foot basis for setting boat stall rates, the Aransas County Navigation District decided to reconsider that policy, as a result of protests. The board will reconsider in its January 8 meeting.

Area clubs and organizations werre invited to decorate a Christmas tree in the Rockport Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Tree Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clark of Rockport celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Orval Bryant of Wetmore, Kansas, was first winner in Roaten's monthly "Happy Winter Texan" contest.

Rockport-Fulton's Pirates beat out Port Lavaca Calhoun 53-51 in a nip-and-tuck basketball thriller.

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Isaiah
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Pirates Find Grinch In Refugio

The RFHS Pirates travelled to Refugio the Friday night before Christmas, but apparently the Grinch got there first, as the boys lost all three games. The Varsity was bested, 66-40; the JV fell short, 68-30; and the Freshmen were tumbled, 56-36.

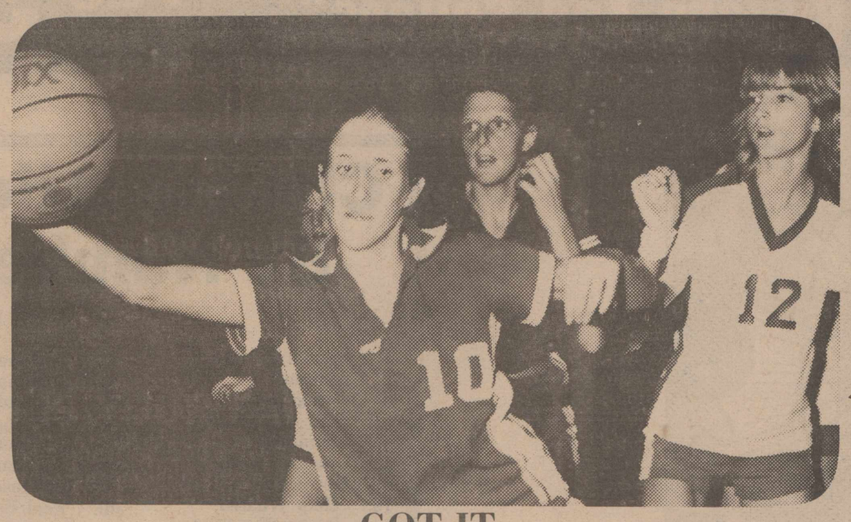
The Varsity trailed by two after one quarter, 14-12, but the Refugio Bobcats extended their lead and enjoyed a 35-25 halftime advantage. The second half was all Refugio, as they outscored the Pirates by 16 points.

Mark Setterbo led the Varsity scoring, with 24 points for the game. Other scorers were James Walls with seven points, Abelardo Solis-four points, Dennis Hull-three points and Don Frels-two points.

The JV trailed 18-4 after one quarter, and just weren't able to pull any closer. Scoring for the Pirates went like this: Ernest Donzales-ten, Darrel Johnson-eight, Michael Simmons-six, Bubba Benavidez-four and Roger Dominguez-two.

The Pirate Freshmen trailed 28-14 at the half, but managed to close the gap to 37-27 after three quarters. But just when it looked like the locals were about to make a strong finishing run, Refugio spurted out and put the game out of reach.

For the Freshmen, Orlando Pena and Aaron Commander led the scoring, with 12 and 10 points respectively. Others who made the scorebook were Zachary Green-seven, Tim Redden-four, David Ramirez-two and Charles Ochoa-one point.



GOT IT

The ball almost escaped from Jean Flanagan [10] in last Friday's Varsity game against Ingleside, but she was able to latch onto it. Toni Naro, behind Jean, and the Ingleside player, both seem amazed that she still controlled the ball. [Pilot Photo by Philip Loghry]



CAUGHT IN A SQUEEZE

Jean Flanagan has a tight squeeze on the ball, but unfortunately, the Ingleside player has a tight squeeze on Jean. Toni Naro [41] and Alma Mendiola [15] are coming to help, we hope it wasn't too late. The Rockport Varisty played valiantly, before losing in two overtimes. [Pilot Photo by Philip Loghry]

Wishing you every happiness all through the year.

Sports Calendar

Date	Who	Opponent	Where	Time	No. Games
3	Boys Frosh	Gregory-Portland	There	8:00 p.m.	1
3	Girls JV, Frosh	Gregory-Portland	There	5:00 p.m.	2
4	Boys Var., JV	Gregory-Portland	Here	5:00 p.m.	2
4	Girls Var.	Gregory-Portland	Here	8:00 p.m.	1

Fishing Report

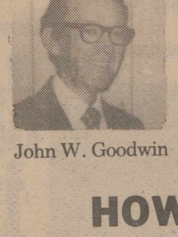
Sea Gun Marina---Action around the marina is very slow. Very few boats are going out right now and no one seems to be fishing in the basin. There are a lot of reds in the surf at Cedar Bayou; some up to 28 pounds. They are being caught by using cut mullet and wading out and casting beyond the first gut.

Causeway Pier---Quite a few folks are trying their luck, but the catching has been slow. Catches have been limited mostly to trout on worm puzzlers and sheepshead on dead shrimp. If we have a cold, rainy weekend, the prospects for fishing or catching will probably decline!

Kleine's Rattlesnake Point Fishing Camp---Quite a few two-pound-and-slightly-larger trout have been caught using lures and dead bait. There have been several sail lines used this week. Gordon Balding and Homer Tipton, both from Oklahoma, had good success wading for reds and trout. The C.L. Daniel family, of Austin, wade-fished the Copano Bay side of the road and made good catches of trout. James Tillman, of San Antonio, caught six trout and 30 drum while wade fishing in the back bay with dead bait.

Key Allegro Marina---The marina was closed for the holidays. Some boats have gone out, but the action is generally very slow right now.

Palm Harbor Marina---Several fishermen are going out, but the results have been only fair. Some reds and trout are being brought in, although the catch per effort is way down.



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16. Apartments

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18. Trailers for Rent

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31. Articles for Sale

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USED WHIRLPOOL DRYer, avocado, $125. Gould Appliances, FM Rd. 881, Ph. 729-7332, Hours 9-5:30, Monday thru Friday, 9-1:00 Saturday.

32. Musical Instruments

TWO PIANOS, ONE organ, priced right to sell for Christmas. . . Used but in Pretty good condition, need tuning. Bargain Barn, 1701 Chruch St. 729-6702.

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40. Real Estate Wanted

WANTED TO BUY: ELDerly couple require small house needing repairs. Wright, 209 Ave. K, Del Rio, Texas 78840.

42. Acreage Sale

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174 ACRES OF LAND ADjoining Rockport at Oak Terrace. $2,761 per acre, $100,000 down, $50,000 per yr., 9 percent balance. Call 713-497-2765.

43. Business Property

MOTEL FOR SALE. Guaranteed income to right party. Under $90,000. Serious inquiries only. No agents, thank you. 729-6955.

APARTMENTS - 8 RENTAL units. Remodeled, new stoves, refrigerators, a/c units, carpets, drapes, etc. 100% occupancy - room for expansion. Excellent location 1 block from Bay in Fulton. $135,000. 729-1610.

43. Business Property

FULTON - 40 SPACE travel trailer park [plus]. Newly completed. Owner financed. PRINCE PROPERTIES. 729-0170.

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******** WATER ******** ***** KEY ALLEGRO ***** Priced to cheap for paper. 3 bed,2 bath. QUICK, ASSOCIATED REALTORS, INC. 729-9041; 729-0867; 729-1696.

47. Houses for Sale

BY OWNER - 2 B, 2 B. nearly new, trees, 2 blocks from bay, Timberlane Loop & Scott in Fulton. 729-7744.

3 BDRM, 2 BATH, C-A/H, 2-car, separate living and utility. 1700 sq. ft. on corner, fenced solid trees. $49,900. 729-6205 evenings.

***** QUICK ***** Half block to bay $6,999. down. Cheap price. Associated Realtors, Inc. 729-9041; 729-0867; 729-1696.

ALMOST NEW 3-2 BRICK. One level on Palm Harbor Channel. Custom design. Lost of extras. 729-3714.

48. Mobile Homes

2 BDRM FURNISHED. Mobile Inn Trailer Park. 729-1620.

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48. Mobile Homes

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49. Travel Trailers

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51. Power Boats

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52. Trucks

1974 TOYOTA PICK-UP. $850. 729-2732.

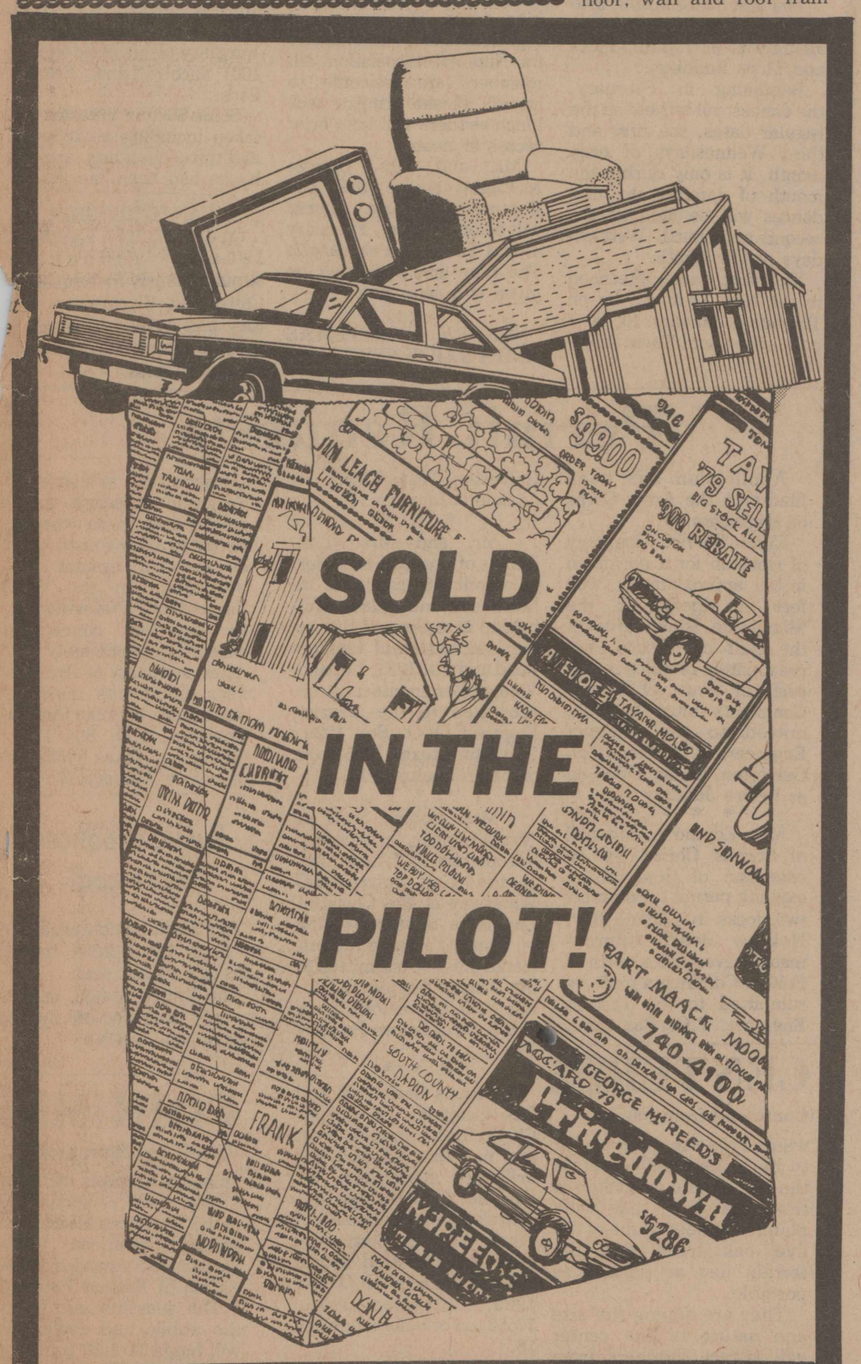
54. Automobiles

CAMARO, 1974, PS/PB. a/c, AM/FM 8 track. Better than average condition. New tires. $2,850. 729-6636.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, until 2:00 p.m., January 31, 1980, for Project Number 520-024, Warehouse Storage Building for the Rockport Marine Laboratory, Aransas County, Texas. Work consists of construction of one (1) wood frame warehouse building addition to the existing shop building. Type of work involved generally consists of concrete piers, wood floor, wall and roof framing, with diagonal wood siding, and built-up roofing. (Electrical and plumbing will be by Owner.) Plans and specifications are available from the Design and Construction Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, Telephone 512/475-4805. Project Manager: Robert Bynes. No Plan Deposit required.

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State Of The Region

By Juliet K. Wenger
Coastal Bend Council of Governments

More than $200 million is now coming into the Coastal Bend each year through the tourist industry. That is a large figure, espeically when you compare it to the $16 million that was coming in for the year 1954. That was the year the Corpus Christi Area Tourist and Conventon Bureau began work.

The story of how the tourist industry has been developed here is an unusual one. The millions of dollars that other resort areas have spent in advertising was not available here. Bob Conwell struck out in July of 1955, one year after the bureau was organized, to spread the word as far around the world as he could on a $20,000 a year budget.

He puts exhibits in sports and vacation shows and in whatever town the shows were in, made contact with newspapers, radio and television. he traveled the Chicago to Denver area, appearing in 14 states in 69 days. He had pictures for newspapers and for TV and radio often found himself giving fish recipes, as cooking shows were big then.

In a Press Club in Milwaukee, Conwell was having casual conversation with a man who told him about an organization known as the Travel Writers' Association. They met every year in some magnetic part of the world. He could get to know everyone involved in the travel industry in one place at one time on one trip. The man he was talking to just happened to be the president, rushed his application for membership through, and Conwell was off to Mexico City, the first of many opportunities he would have to provide information to those with powerful influence on vacation plans.

From then on, his greatest effort was to establish their confidence in him. He considers integrity the most important ingredient in selling a tourist region. He tells them about and shows them everything this area has to offer but answers truthfully even when it hurts. For this reason, he is able now to tell them and have them believe him when beaches are clean of oil or some other crisis has passed.

To the extent possible, he brings them in to see and photograph for themselves, then go home and inform their own people, who have a confidence in them that they don't have in promoters. Chambers of Commerce and Tourist Bureaus in Port Aransas, Rockport-Fulton, many part of the Coastal Bend work with him, making these visits of travel writers and of travel agents experiences they will enjoy.

Travel agents can be big boosters of an area when they can say to someone trying to decide where to vacation, "I was in the Coastal Bend myself and this is what impressed me".

It was as a result of a friendship formed at Travel Association conventions that a man Conwell had met in Mexico, now working in Canada, called and asked whether the area wanted to be promoted for Canadian visitors. The answer was a strong "yes". Six tour operators were sent down to see what was here. From entertaining those men and women who package tours for the people in Canada, has grown a business that now brings 50,000 to 60,000 Canadian tourists to the Coastal Bend each season.

Now that the value of the dollar is down, travel in the United States is a bargain for Europeans. So the Coastal Bend is being sold abroad. Each year, Conwell and several other members of the Texas Tourist Development Agency fly to the British Isles as the guest of British Caladonian Airlines. There they stop in Manchester and various other English cities as they work their way into London, entertaining travel agents and journalists at receptions where they see films and learn about the Coastal Bend.

Conwell says that in Western Europe and Japan, John Wayne is alive and lives in Texas. There is great desire to visit ranch country, to see the King Ranch and the way of life that exists in Refugio, Bee or Live Oak County. It is hard for anyone from the compact British Isles to imagine miles of beach stretching to Mexico.

The interest is as great on the Continent, but inflation makes it too expensive for Conwell to blitz countries there.

If a conventionaire arrives in Chicago at the busiest airport in the world, snow is falling, he can't get a cab and he is waiting for his baggage. He looks up and there in the baggage room is a large lighted diorama of a water skier in a sparkling sun-lit enviornment. Hopefully, the thought will be induced, "Why aren't we in the Coastal Bend. We should hold our next convention there".

Years Ago

35 Years Ago---1944

Real estate sales zoomed up to a high of many years here during the past 12 months, with 300 transactions totaling over $500,000. Value of the sales is three to four times that of 1943, and is probably the largest volume of property sales since boom days of several decades ago.

Some food supplies will remain short in 1945, as they were this year, in order to maintain them for the armed forces. Total meat supplies and canned fish will be less plentiful. Grain, fruit and eggs are expected to be more plentiful, but butter and evaporated and powdered milks will be scarce.

Showing at the Rio Theatre, a re-issue of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs;" also "Riding Down the Canyon," with Roy Rogers.

30 Years Ago---1949

Opponents in this year's major bowl games: Rose Bowl-Ohio State versus Southern California, Coton Bowl-Rice versus North Carolina, Sugar Bowl-Oklahoma versus Louisiana State and in the Orange Bowl-Kentucky versus Santa Clara.

The Pilot reports that in 1644, Christmas went underground. The Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of Parliament, on the grounds that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law, and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas. Charels II re-established Christmas in 1678.

The most common deadly childhood diseases are scarlet faver, whooping cough, diptheria, measles, polio and meningitis, but the total disease-related death could of children from 1-4 years old did not equal the number of that age killed in accidents.

25 Years Ago---1954

Our collapsing courthouse is at it again. The ceiling and one wall in the jury rooom won't hold plaster, which also falls from the second-floor ceiling. The hatch cover on the cupola blew off recently knocking some shingles loose and denting the roof.

A pirate ship that preyed on small merchant vessels plying between the Philippines and Boreno has been captured and its captain killed. The vessel was taken in a gunfight while at anchor.

Coming to the Tarpon Drive-In, "Quo Vadis," starring Robert Taylor and Deborah Kerr.

20 Years Ago---1959

The big news for 1959 was completion of the Little Bay project and the start on Aransas County's fifth harbor at the Cove. A $100,000 fire damaged the downtown business district and destroyed the Bushart building.

For Sale: Furnished home, one block from bay, $6,500; waterfront lots with riparian rights, $1,500.

The boundary dispute between Aransas and Nueces Counties continues. The dispute centers on a triangular area that includes the city of Port Aransas, most of Harbor Island, the upper tip of Mustang Island, several small islands and an expanse of bay and Gulf waters.

15 Years Ago---1964

Johnny Jackson and Mark Lang will be among those present at the Annual Eagle Recognition Dinner of the Boy Scouts of America in Corpus. The meeting will honor boys who earned Eagle Awards, highest in scouting, this year.

Caspary and Wendell have just added the largest aluminum crew boat in the world to their fleet of oil-servicing vessels.

The day after Christmas, Pat Baker brought a big coral snake to the Pilot office. It measured 25 1/2 inches long. The largest coral snake known from around here was a 32-inch beauty brought to the Marine Lab a few years ago.

10 Years Ago---1969

Taft rolled to a 77-55 triumph of over Gregory-Portland to capture the 13th annual Toast of the Coast Basketball Tournament.

The long-range, comprehensive plan for parks and recreation in the Rockport area includes the continued development of Little Bay Park. South of Little Bay Shores, a peninsula is proposed to be extended into Little Bay which would provide a site for a small amphitheatre and picnic facilities projecting out in the bay. The LIttle Bay Park Development would also include the establishment of a community center.

5 Years Ago---1974

An explosion and fire caused by a ruptured natural gas pipeline in Aransas Bay rocked Fulton the day after Christmas. The blast occurred about one-fourth mile out in the bay from Fulton. There were no injuries and the fire burned out after about an hour.

A flounder tagged near Rockport in November, 1973 by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Gary Stokes, was recaptured by a shrimper in November, 1974, 80 miles southwest of Morgan City, Louisiana, or about 289 miles from Port Aransas. The fish had grown from 17 1/2 to 18 1/2 inches in length and was taken from the Gulf in 36 fathoms of water.

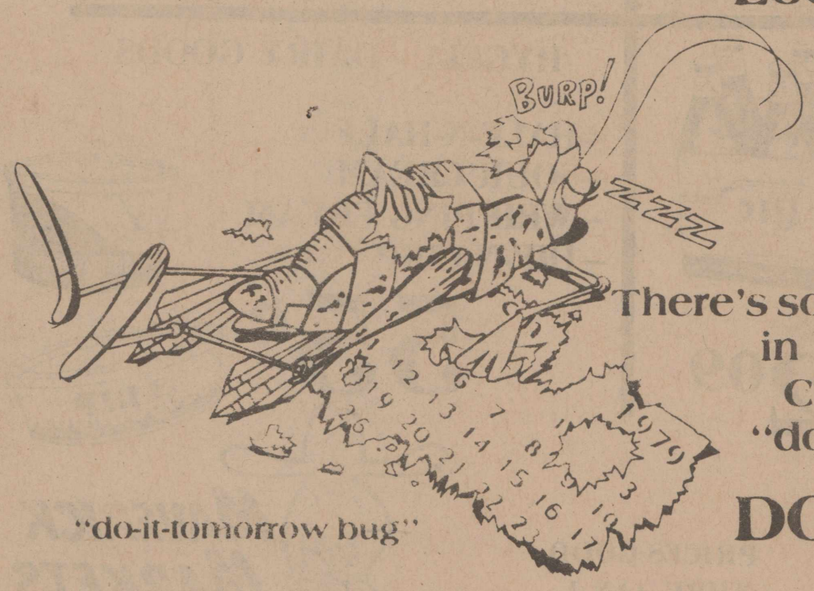


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SONGS

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He's been on shows with Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Johnny Rodriquez, Moe Bandy, David Allen Coe, Jerry Jeff Walker, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, and Tammy Wynette.

Jimmy Louis, Operations Manager of KIKN Radio says, "Merrill Lane is definately going to be one of the next South Texas country music stars. When we get a new Merrill Lane single in, we get alot of requests for it, and he's popular with all age groups. He's getting alot of attention as a songwriter now, as well as a singer. One of Moe Bandy's next singles, "I've Got Your Love All Over Me" was written by Merrill. It's going to be a smash hit."

Ray Baker, Nashville Producer for Moe Bandy, Joe Stampley, David Houston, Leon Ralsh (who's next single is going to be "Hold 'em Cowboys" by Merrill Lane), and formerly Connie Smith, has spotted Merrill's talents, and is how producing him. Before Ray Baker became Merrill's producer, Merrill was with RDS Records in Houston and being produced by Russ Reeder, who is Country artist, Gene Watson's producer. Merrill's next single "House of Dreams" will be out sometime after the first of the year.

"The Rockport Flash" as he's known to some of his fans, does spend alot of his time writing songs, and performing, but he also has a full time job, does oil painting (and is very good at it!), writes and performs radio commercials, likes the beach, and is an avid sports fan.

Merrill Lane won't be the first South Texas talent to become successful in the highly competitive music field. Don Williams of Portland, Freddy Fender and Sam Neely of Corpus Christi, and Guy Clark (who has written some of Johnny Cash's material) is from Rockport.

Merrill gives some very good advice to anyone wanting to get into Country Music songwriting. "The best was is to write to the Better Business Bureau in Nashville, or to the Country Music Association and they will mail you all the information you need to know, along with a list of Do's and Don'ts.

Very soon now, country music fans from all over the world are going to wonder how Merrill Lane got his "lucky break" to be an "over night success" in music, and we in South Texas will know he got there through sheer talent and determination.

Merrill has pulled himself up the ladder --- one step at a time --- because he thinks the way to stay at the top is to learn everything possible on the way up. He believes strongly that, "The Harder the Battle, The Sweeter the Victory." And Merrill Lane is definately bound for victory!

PEACE CONFERENCE

The formal opening of the peace conference was held in Paris on Jan. 18, 1919.

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Merrill Lane

The Shepherd's Staff

By the Rev. W. Boyd Harris
First United Methodist Chruch

NEW BEGINNINGS

"And He said, 'It is done! I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end. To anyone who is thirsty I will give the right to drink from the spring of the water of life without paying for it'." Revelation 21:6

We need the opportunity for new beginnings - to start over, to wipe the slate clean, to forgive and forget, to live in newness of life.

The new year is such an opportunity. All the unfinished business of 1979 is past. All the old hurts and animosities are gone because the opportunity to start over is here. But how we cling to the old things either because they are familiar or because we are afraid of the future. I am not suggesting we leave behind our old friends or our faith from the experiences we have had. The past serves to correct the present and helps us to chart the future.

Try as hard as we may, there are always too many unknowns for us to cope with except our faith in the God of the past, present and future who is always consistent with His spiritual children. We can trust in God because He is always steady in His relationship to His created human beings. The question I want to pose for us is are we ready in our loyalty, in our worship, in our relationships to God and to other human beings?

The opportunity to enjoy new life is present as we covenant with God to live one day at a time, forgetting the past, and moving out on the frontier of each new day in the year of our Lord 1980! Let us move out in risk but also in new confidence because we belong to God who gives us time and new beginnings.

Sheriff's Report

A $3,000 Hobie Cat Catamaran belonging to Byron Fair of 2211 Cape McCan was reported stolen sometime between December 16 and Thursday, December 20.

The boat was taken from a vacant lot on the canal at #25 Bimini, Key Allegro. Sheriff's deputies who investigated reported finding three sets of tracks -- two tennis shoes and one cleant -- next to the bulkhead.

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W.C. Morris of Marine Drilling, Cove Harbor, called sheriff's deputies about 3:50 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, to report an incident of criminal mischief.

Morris said he saw a dark-colored van south of his office, then a rock came through the south office window and landed on the floor. Morris said the van then left "at a high rate of speed."

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Glenn Shean called deputies Tuesday afternoon, December 18, to report a possible attempted burglary at a residence on Live Oak Point.

Shean called the sheriff's office about 4:28 p.m. to report hearing the burglar alarm at the residence.

Sheriff Bob Hewes and two deputies responded to the call but when they arrived, the burglar(s) were gone and there was no sign of anything missing.

Officers found a small hole in the front window on the south side of the residence and footprints heading south.

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Curtis Attaway called officials about 7:30 p.m. December 18 to report burglary of his residence at 1001 Jacoby Lane, Aransas Pass.

Some $960 in firearms was taken including a .22 pistol and three shotguns, and the house had been ransacked.

CANAL DIVISION

On Jan. 17, 1974, Egypt and Israel announced simultaneously in Jerusalem, Cairo and Washington that they had agreed to separate their military forces along the Suez Canal.

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gram of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

Question 11: In what State or foreign countrty was this person born?

Information from this question is used in the Bilingual Education Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. State and local officials use information as a factor in measuring interstate migration.

Question 12: a. Is this person a naturalized citizen of the United States? b. When did this person come to the United States to stay?

Information from these questions is used in evaluating and analyzing immigration and emigration data and to estimate total volume of immigration, both legal and illegal.

This information is also used in devising programs aimed at serving needs of immigrants.

Informaton on population by citizenship has also been requested by localities such as New York City in which there are heavy concentrations of immigrants and by foreign governments.

Question 13: a. Does this person speak a language other than English at home? b. What is this language? c. How well does this person speak English?

Laws such as the Bilingual Education Act and Voting Rights Act of 1965 require this information, as does U.S.C. 1516a which directs the Department of Commerce to collect and publish statistics on the Spanish-Hispanic origin population.

Question 14: What is this person's ancestry?

Such programs and laws as CETA, Ethnic Heritage Research, Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunities use information collected from this question.

Question 15: a. Did this person live in this house five years ago? b. Where did this person live five years ago [April 1, 1975]?

Question 17: In April, 1975 [five years ago] was this person — a. On active duty in the Armed Forced? b. Attending college? c. Working at a job or business?

Information from these questions is used to analyze population shifts — as from rural areas to cities. Information is also used in programs dealing with employment opportunities and services for the elderly and for developing intercensal population estimates and projections for states, counties and towns.

Next: The age screener, veterans status and how did your first marriage end?

AARP News

By Lucille E. Skrobarcek

AARP Rockport Chapter 1536 will sponsor no activities during the last days of December, 1979, or during the first week of January, 1980.

The first business meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 1980 at 10 a.m. A coffee at 9:30 a.m. precedes the meeting.

The first dance in 1980 also will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 7 p.m., Paws and Taws Building.

Beginning in February, the dances will be held on the regular dates, the first and third Wednesdays of each month. It is only during the month of January that the dances will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

The first game afternoon in the New Year will be on Thursday, January 10, at 1 p.m., Paws and Taws Building.

Mrs. Pat Works, Assistant State Director of the American Association of Retired Persons, District VII South, will conduct a mini-workshop Wednesday, January 30, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Stateman's Club, United Savings Association.

This will be a workshop for new officers and committee chairpersons to give them instructions relating to the conducting of AARP activities within the rules and regulations recommended by the National Association. All members are welcome to attend. Please bring a sack lunch as there will be a brief recess at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCague advise that the Defensive Driving Course will be on Monday, February 4, and Tuesday, February 5. The time and place will be given at a later date.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Permit Requests

Application has been filed with the Army Corps of Engineers by:

Cities Service Company of Houston for a permit to install approximately 3000 feet of pipeline in the Matagorda Island area of the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 15 miles southeast of Port O'Connor. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553 on or before January 14.

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Mrs. Edythe A. Mitchell of Corpus Christi for an extension of time on an existing permit to construct two docks in Copano Bay, Holiday Beach approxmately seven miles north of Fulton. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553 on or before January 17.

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Mrs. Bobbie Scott of Port O'Connor, for a permit to construct an L-head pier in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at the Corps of Engineers Station 635-788 in Port O'Connor. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553, on or before January 17.

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Corpus Christi Oil and Gas Company of Corpus Christi for a permit to erect and maintain oil and gas drilling structures in Laguna Madre approximately eight miles south of Corpus Christi. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. box 1229, Galveston Texas 77553, on or before January 18.

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Calvin W. Williams of Taylor for a permit to an amendment to an existing permit to allow construction of a canal system and bulkheads in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in an improved connecting channel approximately five miles southeast of Aransas Pass. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553 on or before January 17.

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wanted the shopping center to be landscaped to retain the beauty and character of the area and that they planned to keep some of the live oak trees and the terrain just as natural as possible.

They are hoping the size and nature of the center will attract shoppers from all over the region.

Russia produces more coal

The Soviet Union produced at least 724 million metric tons of coal last year.

The United States, however, only produced 646 million tons of coal. — CNS

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Financial Services of Corpus Christi with co-sponsorship of the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and American Association of Retired Persons.

The sessions are free to the public and registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. both days.

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