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Notable Notes

New Year's Service

The Gospel Lighthouse will present a special New Year's Eve Service beginning at 8 p.m. with a one hour film entitled "The Judgement." The showing will be followed by a social hour with refreshments in the fellowship hall, and an old time gospel sing-in featuring local and visiting talent will continue until 1977. The public is invited.

AARP Dance, Games

The AARP's first bridge and canasta games for 1977 will be held in the Paws and Taws Building on Fulton Beach Road at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6. A donation of 75 cents per person is requested. Refreshments will be served and both ladies and gentlemen are invited. The organization's first Senior Citizen dance of the new year will be held Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Paws and Taws.

Life of Christ Film

The story is old, but the perspective is up-dated and brought into focus by the film "The Gospel Road," by Johnny and June Carter Cash. The film will be screened at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at the First Baptist Church of Fulton. The full-length film blends a scripture-based narrative with specially written songs, and character portrayals. It was filmed on location in Israel.

Box Top Redemption

The Rockport United Church Women are collecting Post cereal box tops for redemption for playground equipment for the ABC Learning Center. The company's offer is good until March 31, 1977, so save your tops now and then and turn them in to any women's church group in Rockport. They'll go into a central fund and be redeemed when there are enough to get the needed equipment.

March of Dimes

Birth defects strike more than 250,000 newborns every year in the United States. The National Foundation-March of Dimes is concerned with protecting the unborn and the newborn from the tragedy of birth defects. Its traditional January campaign raises funds for research, medical service and educational programs. This year's slogan is "Give, so that others might live."

Hot Meals

From 25 to 30 hot meals will be available to senior citizens over 60 beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 1977, according to Neil Gage, administrator of the Aransas County Council on Aging. The meals will be served five days a week at 12:30 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall at 814 Wharf Street. The meals will be free, and transporation can be arranged, for those living alone and unable to prepare their own meals. For information, call Neil Gage at 729-5352.

RFTA Game Night

Monday night is game night at the Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association Recreation Center on Airport Road. Games begin at 7 p.m. Every Wednesday night there is a pot luck supper beginning at 6:30. Interesting programs and varied entertainment round out the dinner evenings. All tourist activities are planned with an eye toward fun and relaxation. Everyone is invited.

Tourist Party

The Woman's Club of Aransas County sponsors weekly card parties for tourist ladies each Monday from November through March. The parties begin at 1:30 p.m. at the club building across from city hall. Everyone is invited.

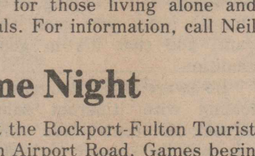
Queen Contest

The local LULAC Youth Council is now accepting applications from the local girls ages 13 through 17 to compete in its 1977 Valentine Queen Contest. The contest will be decided by the penny-a-vote method. The queen will be selected in February, and will represent the club at local functions. The queen will also be eligible for competition in the state sweetheart contest in May and the national LULAC Youth Sweetheart contest in June in Los Angeles, California.

Tax 'Hot Line'

The Comptroller of Public Accounts wants to help you cut government red tape, and he's installed a toll free number, 1-800-252-5555, for your questions. Current call volume is 8,000 a month, and there has to be a reason.

Pilot Sightings



Representatives of the **FORD MOTOR COMPANY INDEPENDENT CHANNEL DISTRIBUTORS, HOUSTON DISTRICT,** met Wednesday, Dec. 15 at the **KEY ALLEGRO MOTEL,** and later enjoyed a fishing trip...Celebrating the New Year weekend and holiday at the **ROCKPORT CEDARS ASSOCIATION** on South Water Street are the families of **MR.** and **MRS. RICHARD ROBERTSON, MR.** and **MR. JACK HAVARD, MR.** and **MRS. DOUG NICHOLS** and **MR.** and **MRS. BOB DAVIS,** all of **AUSTIN**...also visiting are **MR.** and **MRS. BERT BARCLAY** of **CORPUS CHRISTI, REV.** and **MRS. PETE HENDRICK** of **HOUSTON** and **MR.** and **MRS. BILL CAMPBELL** of **BRYAN**...The **MORRISON** family held a family reunion in Rockport the weekend of Dec. 18 with help from **HELEN** and **FRANK,** and **JOHN D.** and **GAIL LESLIE**... **MR.** and **MRS. JOHN D. LESLIE** of **KEY ALLEGRO** enjoyed the holiday visits of daughters **JENNIFER, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY,** and **EVE, DALLAS**...The **ROUQUETTE** family enjoyed its annual open house at the **REX LITTLETON** home in **FULTON** Christmas eve. Approximately 60 guests called during the evening...The current issue of **TEXAS HIGHWAYS** includes an array of stories on Rockport and its tourist attractions, with special attention and praise for the growing colony of artists and craftsmen...**PORT ARANSAS** and **CORPUS CHRISTI** also come in for some praise from the magazine...



FAIR RATERS. The Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing Jan. 5 in Austin to review its final order in the Central Power and Light rate case. If the Commission acts as promptly as it did in the Southwestern Bell review, the final order will be ready by Jan. 6. Chances are it will be a victory for the Fair Electric Rate Group, which includes, L to R, bottom row, W.A. Price, Louise Wilken, Sue Stinson, Linda Stubbs and top row, Gary Knostman, Langston Crider, "Babs" Taylor, DVM J.M. Spriegel, and M.W. Cochran, not pictured.

(Staff Photo by Mark Simmons)

Rural Rate Fight Top Story

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) ruling which will serve as the definitive measurement of the success of the Fair Electric Rate Group's challenge of Central Power and Light's (CP&L) rate increase isn't expected until 1977, but the story belongs to 1976.

It's the foremost example of the political activism that made 1976 extraordinary in Aransas County (See "The Year in Review."). And the outcome of the case could set legal precedents which could influence the handling of utility rate cases nationwide.

The story began in August of 1976 when CP&L, citing inflation in the cost of almost all of the materials it used to provide electricity and service to its customers, asked for only the second rate increase in its history. The increase, pegged at 11.5 percent by the company, but resulting in a 15 to 20 percent increase over the previous base rate, went into effect immediately in rural areas.

By September the rural consumers in the county were up in arms, calling the action high-handed and bemoaning the fact that they had no political body to suspend the increase, an action the Rockport city council could and did take.

The notice of CP&L's intention to raise the rates had been published in the Corpus Christi Caller to satisfy legal requirements, and a letter mailed to rural customers, but many still felt that they had not been given fair warning, and the list of charges against the company began to grow as city councils and the Texas Municipal League (TML) entered the fight against the increase and the rural users felt increasingly disenfranchised.

Word of local protests came to County Judge John Wendell in early October, and he called a meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall for Oct. 11.

More than 300 disgruntled rural users showed up for the meeting. CP&L was raked over the coals by a succession of floor speakers who railed at alleged inequities in their monthly bills, and charged that the rates had gone up, not 11.5 percent as the company claimed, but as much as 50 to 100 percent in certain cases.

The protesters did not cool down, and it was decided that night to choose a committee to obtain legal counsel for a challenge before the newly inaugurated PUC, which had come into being September 1 and was the sole ratemaking authority for rural utilities.

The committee chosen included representatives from all areas of the county, and included a cross section of all user classes, from commercial to residential.

W.A. Price, a retired General Motors executive who lives on Key Allegro, was elected and later became the committee's chairman.

Eventually Vice-Chairman Langston Crider, owner of the Redwood Lounge, represented rural users between Rockport and Fulton.

Secretary Louise Wilken came from Holiday Beach. A real estate saleswoman, she represented the more than 200 members of the Holiday Beach Property Owners' Association.

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Pirates To Host Toast Of Coast Tourney Dec. 29-30

The Rockport-Fulton Pirates will play host to eight top area basketball teams this Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 29 and 30, in the 20th annual "Toast of the Coast" basketball tournament.

The Pirates will be out to keep the tournament trophy at home. They won last year, defeating Gregory-Portland in the finals. That match-up could also be the story in 1976. Both have winning records against strong competition, the Pirates standing 9-3 for the season and the Wildcats 9-7. In two previous meetings, the teams have split, Rockport taking the Wildcats in the finals of the Taft tournament, and G-P downing the Pirates two weeks ago in the 15-3A district opener for both squads.

The race for the finals begins at high noon Wednesday with a match between Woodsboro and Ingleside. Gregory-Portland could have trouble with Refugio in a first round game at 1:30 p.m., but bench strength should make them survivors. Sinton, with the best record of any "Toast of the Coast" entry, 10-2, meets neighboring Taft at 3 p.m. A victory would throw the Pirates into a second round match against Rockport, which takes on Aransas Pass in the final first round game, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday's action begins early in the morning, with the consolation semifinals starting at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

The championship bracket semifinals begin at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The consolation championship game is scheduled for 5 p.m., with the third place game to follow at 6:30 p.m. The championship game will begin at 8 p.m.

County Officials List Priorities

Drainage, road repair and road construction are the top priorities for Aransas County in 1977, according to members of the Commissioners' Court and County Judge John Wendell.

Commissioner Raymond Owens said he expected the Court to "proceed as we have in the past. We've never been overly progressive in Aransas County, but we have fared well."

Owens, beginning his 12th year on the Court, says he has only a few roads left to build in his precinct, most of them west of Fulton. He says he will concentrate as always on keeping up county roads when he has access to the county Road and Bridge Department equipment.

Owens said the county was in good financial shape for the coming year despite an increased homestead exemption for the elderly which could cost the county up to $60,000 in lost tax revenue. Other appropriations to the Aransas County Hospital Volunteers, the Area Agency on Aging, and other groups and organizations have put additional strain on the budget, but Owens says a surplus from last year could fill the holes if they open.

Commissioner Ray Longino says his priority for 1977 is drainage. He'll devote as much time as possible to digging ditches and resurfacing roads badly damaged by recent rains.

Judge John Wendell told The Pilot that the county had no legislation pending before the state legislature, and was going to devote the majority of its funds and time to the projects mentioned by commissioners Longino and Owens--drainage, roads, and the day to day business of the county. The county will be getting a new maintainer this month to help with the road work, Wendell noted.

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November Sales Tax Tops $22,000

The City of Rockport received a sales tax rebate of $22,725.81 last week from the state comptroller's office.

The check brings the city's total for the first three months of the 1976-77 fiscal year to $35,928.82, and underscores the value of the tourist trade to the area.

Receipts in September were just $2,645.64, but rose to $10,557.37 in October, the SeaFair month, and double in November, when the city's merchants began to feel the full impact of the winter tourist season.

Statewide, the comptroller mailed checks totalling $50.6 million, up $9.8 million over the same period receipts in 1975.

The biggest check, $10.3 million, went to Houston.

Weather Report

Date	Hi.	Lo.	Prec.	Bar.
Dec. 21	66	53	.00	30.42
Dec. 22	62	48	.00	30.18
Dec. 23	62	52	.19	30.20
Dec. 24	63	56	.03	30.12
Dec. 25	64	59	.06	29.90
Dec. 26	71	61	.06	30.38
Dec. 27	64	47	.00	30.12

By 1978

Home Rule Probable

Mayor Walter Falk painted a rosy picture of Rockport's future at a luncheon meeting of Rotary Club Dec. 22 at the Sandollar Restaurant.

Falk predicted that within one year the city would attain the magic 5,000 population mark which would give it home rule status, greater extraterritorial jurisdiction, and annexation powers which would allow it to greatly expand both city revenues and city services.

Falk noted that recent estimates place the city's population at 4600 to 4700, and that when subdivisions now under construction are completed and filled, the city will easily eclipse the needed 300 to 500 persons.

Farther in the future, the mayor predicted that the powers of home rule--annexation and greater financial leeway--would allow the city to grow to 17,500 within 10 years, and to an eventual total of 25,000 to 30,000.

The subject of the mayor's talk was an exploration of advantages and disadvantages of boosting the population quickly through annexation of adjacent surrounding areas. He pointed out that annexation would involve a number of undesirable results including substantial increases in operating costs such as police protection, waste collection, street

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Johnson Granted Leave Of Absence

Aransas County Independent School District Tax Assessor-Collector Alma Johnson has been granted a one year leave of absence by School Superintendent E.J. Randow because of illness.

It had been reported locally that Mrs. Johnson had been placed on suspension for a 90 day period, but this was inaccurate.

Melba Mills has been named acting Tax-Assessor-Collector in Mrs. Johnson's absence.

Various rumors circulated last week about the leave of absence, all of them unsupported.

School Board President Ottie Mundine told The Pilot that Mrs. Johnson had been an efficient worker for the school district, and stated that the last school audit prepared by Mrs. Johnson was exact. "The auditors, Milligan and Green of Beeville, said it was the best one from a school they'd seen this year."

The Year In Review

1976 was a year of unqualified success for Aransas and the city of Rockport. It comes in the midst of a spiritual and political reawakening nationally and worldwide that is just beginning to be felt and fully interpreted on the local level.

Post Watergate conceptions of the government and its ability and willingness to serve the needs and desires of the citizenry are not more clearly defined than they were before but they are more adamant and pervasive. Some commentators have offered that we are entering a period of advocacy, of factionalism and if such a thing is possible, healthy disintegration of political traditions on all levels.

Locally, these attitudes are reflected in the rising political consciousness. Such a deepening of commitment is brought about by the growing realization of Aransas County's fragile position as a tourist center in the middle of a residential boom and an oil rush.

Out of towners and out of staters began to have increasing influence in local affairs in 1976. They included the obvious ogres like oil companies, as well as the more subtle co-opting of individuals who have chosen the area as their home and spoken out against inroads on their conception of its future.

Increasing stratification of opinion was one result. There are increasingly the heard and the powerless. Information, even in small counties, was all in 1976.

The biggest stories in 1976 were political in one way or another. There was the move toward citizen action exemplified by the rural Fair Electric Rate Group and the Save Our County Committee, both of which are still in existence, and have pledged continued service to the area.

Citizen action also played a part in the national legislative decision to award $170,000 for the dredging of Rockport and Fulton harbors. Local shrimpers and fishing fleet owners put pressure on the Navigation District to work even harder to secure top priority for deepening of channels which were costing jobs and thousands of dollars in repairs and lost man hours when boats ran aground at their front door. The Navigation commissioners wrestled the bureaucracy determinedly to wrangle their $170,000, and now face an equally difficult battle to secure a site for the spoil which will satisfy a book length list of government agencies, foremost among them the Army Corps of Engineers. Meanwhile, an industry which annually pumps approximately $12 million into the local economy is forced to operate at less than full speed.

Elections were also in the news, rather unavoidably, since it was a presidential election year. The apathy was pervasive nationwide, but Aransas County's turnout was a record 4300, almost two-thirds of the registered voters. The participation reflected the still peaking sense of political involvement which has marked the year's events.

And the voters pronounced themselves satisfied for the most part, allowing only one

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Editorial

Resolved

1977 will be the most important year in the history of Rockport's city government. Mayor Falk has predicted what most knew to be a certainty, that Rockport would top the 5,000 mark in population by the end of the year and thus be eligible for home rule. The Mayor also took pains to point out the problems and challenges of greater self-determination. Citizens countywide should take whatever steps are necessary to inform themselves about the city's growth. Laws passed by its governing bodies will affect all the citizens of the county. Citizens of the city should both inform themselves and if possible offer their time and service to the community on a volunteer basis. As Rockport nears the goal line, there will be citizen advisory boards set up when needed to assist public officials in determining the best possible government for Rockport. To let the crucial and far reaching policy decisions which will be made this year fail for lack of citizen input and participation would be a tragic farce. And one foot in the arena will not do, because it is not the getting there but the maintaining that assures the success of a community. We're in for a long ride.

Do You See What I See?

America and the world are in the middle of a psychic boom. And no talent captures the imagination of the masses like prophecy. It is big business, supporting a covey of prophets as well as publishing houses, magazines and certain schools of astrology.

Each year the nation's top psychics predict strange and unusual happenings, most of which never come true, or too vague to judge.

But consensus do emerge from time to time, and 1977 seems to be a year of diminishing alternatives psychically. Prophets who use a variety of techniques are in remarkable agreement that there will be a cure for most forms of cancer within the year, an economic upswing that could bring more inflation with it but not a reactive recession, dramatic increases in problems within the postal department, contact from UFO's, and increasing public recognition of psychic phenomena such as healing, telekenesis and extrasensory perception.

Almost everyone makes New Year's resolutions, but few claim to speak for the country and the unknown. It will be interesting to see whether or not our soldiers of the mind are on target.

Correction

A report in last week's Pilot taken from information provided by the information officer of the local chapter of the American Heart Association was incorrect.

The article stated that eight individuals who had received a course in cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation were qualified both to instruct others in the skill and to handle emergency cases from their homes. Six numbers were given for various areas of town in the article.

The individuals who took the course received preliminary instruction only, and are not qualified to either instruct others or to give emergency aid at this time without additional training.

Under no circumstances should an individual call the numbers listed in an effort to find medical assistance. All emergency calls should be referred to local ambulance services or other qualified medical personnel.

Each of the individuals who received training is qualified to take additional training which would make him a qualified instructor and emergency aide. The misunderstanding arose because the American Red Cross gives a similar course which qualifies trainees for greater responsibilities than the American Heart Association course.

World Wide Pictures presents
The GOSPEL ROAD



A story of Jesus sung and told by Johnny Cash
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Friday, December 31, 1976
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A Hot One!

The Speaker Reports

By Bill Clayton

It is a blessing for Texas that instead of looking at red ink smeared across our financial ledgers we can expect to have available more than $3 billion in unencumbered funds for the next two year funding period.

The state budget today is $12.8 billion for the two year period and it will go even higher for the 1978-79 biennium. Because there will be surplus available we won't be looking down the throat of a tax bill when the Legislature convenes in January.

The demands that will be placed on that $3 billion, however, will be unequaled in our history. Never before has there been so much available and never before has the demand for additional funding been so great.

If we are not cautious, the surplus will be quickly used, just as an overage of $1.5 billion was spent in 1975.

Because of the importance to the state of the projected $3 billion balance, and because of the great problem with letting it slip away from us, I hold it to be the number one priority item of the session.

If we do give it over to our agencies and commissions, it would mean that we were increasing the size of state spending by 31 per cent over the current level. That would be right in line with what we have done over the past 10 years. Spending has increased every two years by 21 to 34 per cent.

The transfusion of more and more taxpayer money into building a bigger and bigger government has got to be halted. We don't need bigger government, just more efficiency in the government we have now.

To provide a measure of efficiency, we have spent untold hours during the 18 month interim working through the Hobby-Clayton Commission for places to trim government and make it work better.

The recommendations of this commission and the scrutiny with which the Legislative Budget Board is approaching agency budgets will provide the Legislature with the message that there are savings to be made in government and that our government can work just as well or in many cases better without the huge increases that have become associated with state expenditures in the last few years.

I believe that unless we put the brakes on government and stabilize its growth, then we are only a short time away from the day when many Texans will spend more of their time working for the government than for themselves.

There are many worthy ways in which we can use the surplus without giving it over to ongoing programs and bigger government. I trust the Legislature will find the optimum ways to make use of the treasure and at the same time put the budget on a diet.

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State Of The Region

By Juliet K. Wenger
Coastal Bend Council of Gov.

Maximum use of resources could be described as the end result for which four new legislators will work when they go to Austin in January. They are looking at resources in the broadest sense, manpower, intelligence, agricultural products, minerals and industrial capacity.

The four are Irma Rangel of Kingsville, Tom Martin of George West, and Dr. Arnold Gonzales and Hugo Berlanga of Corpus Christi. Along with veteran members of the South Texas delegation, they have been meeting with a variety of public bodies, establishing lines of communication, so they can represent the broad interests of the Coastal Bend.

Education draws first mention from each of them. The child is the resource they find most compelling. Financing of public education will obviously be one of the most, if not the most, urgent issue of this session. Ms. Rangel, in considering possibilities, says one possible route, among many, would be the state taking over school construction, eliminating local bond issues and the inadequate facilities of poor districts.

Higher education shares their commitment. Dr. Gonzales suggests that one of the resources we are failing to use to the fullest is the fine minds of the faculty members of our universities and community colleges. He would like to see the financing of research to enable these minds to concentrate on problem solving.

Berlanga would like to see an adequate portion of that research zoom in on agriculture. He says Texas is at the bottom of the list when you add up the amount of money states spend for agricultural research. California is first and Florida second in generating income by research. He believes we are resting on a sleeping giant, and he wants to see the legislature give agricultural research its due.

Martin puts highway construction near the top in his list of priorities. Because the Coastal Bend is primarily rural, he wants the legislature to remember that there is no public transportation, no airport for miles, and the farmer, rancher and small town dweller lives by the highways. Berlanga, although he differs in order of priority, favors highway construction from another viewpoint, as encouraging to tourism. He wants to see a tourist bureau at the state level to build this industry which he says does no damage to the environment and provides jobs for those who need them most.

Ms. Rangel believes some things which could be done at the state level to bring more industry to South Texas have been neglected. She and the other three legislators agree they will work extensively for economic development. Ms. Rangel particularly wants a type of industry which can provide year-around employment for migrant and seasonal farm workers.

She traces the oneness of things. Families move in search of work, taking children out of school, tieing back into education. Whatever the issue, it has to be seen as a part of the whole.

Effectiveness of legislators depends to a great degree on committee appointment they receive. The Speaker of the House, who makes the committee appointments, has asked each representative to state five preferences for committee work in which he or she could be effective. Both Ms. Rangel and Dr. Gonzales placed public education and higher education as Choice One and Two, with Health and Welfare on each list. Both Martin and Berlanga would like to serve on the agriculture and appropriations committees, with Martin placing high priority on natural resources, and Berlanga on tax and revenue, ways and means, and health and welfare.

Ms. Rangel summed up her aims with a determination to keep open lines of communication with constituents and particularly with officials of city and county governments. She wants the meetings that have been held to be just a beginning to an exchange of ideas on a regular basis.

Martin agrees and adds his strong desire for the legislators of the region to continue meeting and working together for the Coastal Bend. He says South Texas is unique as a buffer zone between Mexico and the United States. He said, "What benefits Corpus Christi benefits those of us in the rural areas, and what benefits us benefits Corpus Christi. We are not competing. We have to work together on problems."

They are making a good start.

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Do you belive in the sobering up remedies of coffee, a cold shower, fresh air or a run around the block? Time is the only true remedy for reducing the effects of alcohol. The ethyl alcohol must leave the body by oxidation in the liver, and this process cannot be rushed. (The old joke about coffee producing a wide awake drunk is true.)

Know Your Government

Auditor, Treasurer Have Separate County Duties

The continuing need for informed citizen involvement in governmental affairs makes it necessary that the functions of governmental officers be familiar to voting and caring citizens. To promote a better understanding of governmental forms and functions, The Pilot is beginning a new series called "Know Your Government," which will focus on local and area elected officials whose work affects every citizen.

It has been suggested that the functions of the County Treasurer's office and the County Auditor's office are so similar that they could be consolidated.

Upon examination, however, one finds that the offices are separate and distinct, and that the wisdom of the original distinction is still valid.

The County Auditor, Gussie Dean in Aransas, was appointed by the District Judges Rachael Littlejohn and John Miller for a term of two years. She is solely responsible to them, not to the County Judge, with whom she works on the annual budget, or to the Commissioners' Court, which gives her free rein to pursue her duties. Her office was created by the legislature to separate the functions of receiving and dispensing money. Any move to change the powers of the office must originate with the legislature.

Ms. Dean has a variety of duties including the general oversight of all books and records of all officers of the county who may be authorized or required by law to receive or collect any money, fees, funds or other property for the use of the county.

In addition, the auditor handles the accounting requirements of all county divisions, including payroll check writing, reports and records, all retirement reports, forms and records, all Federal Revenue Sharing reports and records, all insurance reports, claims and records, all special state and federal reports, and all special cost reports on road and bridge construction, equipment, etc.

In small counties such as Aransas, the auditor must be a budget expert who can work with the county judge in the preparation of the annual forecast. The auditor's stewardship of county payrolls makes him into an informal personnel director and a giver of financial advice to county workers.

Most of all, the auditor must be removed from the receiving of county funds, since he or she must conduct yearly audits of all county divisions with total impartiality, including the office of County Treasurer.

Mrs. Duck Eller is the elected County Treasurer. It is her duty to receive all fees and monies taken in by the county and assign them to the proper bank accounts.

She collates monthly tax reports by funds, and is responsible for any misassignment of funds within the county structure.

The Treasurer must issue receipts for all funds received. She is also responsible for all county securities, and handles tax collections from the Navigation District as well, a duty assigned by the legislature.

Like the County Auditor, the County Treasurer's office was created by the legislature.

The Consumer Alert

By John L. Hill,
Attorney General

At the top of everyone's list of New Year's resolutions should be the determination to become a more knowledgeable consumer in 1977.

And the lawyers in our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division have put together a list of things you can do to get a better return on each dollar you spend, in the way of products, service and satisfaction.

--Keep a record for one week of every expenditure, so you know where your money really goes. Then set up a budget for household expenses and don't exceed it.

--Buy first for "needs," then if there's cash left over, for "wants."

--Organize your shopping and shop only from a prepared list, to avoid impulse buying. On food purchases, avoid "filler" foods with little nutritive value. And be sure you realize how much extra most convenience foods cost. Is the time you save worth the cost?

--Plan ahead for your large purchases and save up for them when possible, so you can pay cash and avoid interest or carrying charges.

--Comparison shop--comparing not only price, but quality, warranty, service, and finance plans. When comparing financing, look at the annual percentage rate of interest you will pay. The lower the APR, the lower your finance charges. And remember, you don't have to finance your purchase where you buy it. Check banks, credit unions, savings and loan institutions, and finance companies to get the best APR and pay-out schedule.

--Study all advertising carefully before responding to it.

--Say "no" to all high-pressure or deceptive sales tactics, including "last chance" offers and "bait and switch" selling.

--Look for the "catch" if an offer appears too good to be true.

--Examine merchandise thoroughly before buying, to be sure it's what you need and want, and that it's in good condition.

--Be aware of the dangers of dealing with itinerant sales persons or contractors who may not be around to make good on their promises.

--Deal instead, with established, reputable firms that stand behind their products or services.

--No matter who you deal with, always "get it in writing" instead of relying on oral promises.

--Follow manufacturer's instructions and care labels, so you get the best possible service from each product you buy.

--Stop and think before responding to a charity solicitation--is it really for a worthy cause?

--Be cautious when signing a contract. Read and understand every word and fill in any blanks. Never allow anyone to rush you.

--Investigate before investing in speculative deals to "get rich quick." Get the advice first of reliable, knowledgeable persons. If someone tells you he can't wait for you to check, tell him "good bye" right then.

--Look for practical ways to save energy (and money)--insulate your home properly, buy energy efficient appliances, set thermostats higher in summer and lower in winter, and use your car efficiently by running all errands in one trip.

--Try to settle any customer complaints first with the individual or store involved. If that doesn't work, contact our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or your local Better Business Bureau.



Will it come to this?

Order Of Moose Charter Sought

Ken Shallaby of Rockport and Corpus Christi organizers James F. Baker and Marvin Schroder are continuing a membership drive which could enable Rockport to obtain a charter for a local chapter of the Loyal Order of Moose, an international fraternal society.

The trio have already signed 50 members, and must double that figure before the national organization will grant a local charter. Dues for the local organization are $20 per year, with a flat fee of $25 to join. Five dollars of the yearly dues go to the national organization, which runs a home for orphans of Moose member families, and a retirement home for Moose members. The other $15 stays with the local chapter.

The organization is non-sectarian and non-political, and strives to serve the community in a variety of ways.

The Loyal Order of Moose began in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1888 as the brainchild of Dr. John Henry Wilson, a doctor.

The fraternity achieved initial success, but faltered at the turn of the century, and was barely operating in 1906 when James J. Davis joined and conceived the idea of Mooseheart, the fraternity's "Child City" for the sons and daughter of deceased members. The order later funded Moosehaven, a retirement "City of Contentment" for member

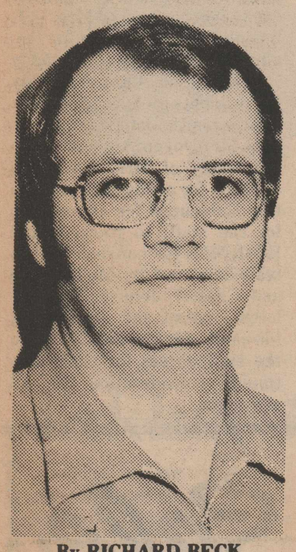
In recent years the Moose has launched a nationwide civic affairs program. Special empasis has been placed on youth activities including scouting. the March of Dimes fund drive and volunteer efforts in existing community programs.

The group currently meets every Wednesday in the District Courtroom at the Aransas Courthouse, at 7:30 p.m. A special meeting will be held Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Harbor Light Cafe.

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Herpes simples virus (HSV-2) has become the country's second most common venereal disease after gonorrhea, according to the March of Dimes. A baby born to an infected woman risks disabling, even fatal birth defects. The voluntary health organization urges good personal hygiene, and early, regular prenatal care to reduce the risk of newborn herpes infection.

Pharmacy Topics



By RICHARD BECK

Top executives depend on a light but nourishing breakfast to start the day, studies find. Most usually have fruit and protein (they don't always stop for lunch).

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New intensive-care unit for high-risk premature infants has been set up at New York Hospital. Specially-equipped ambulance will pick up babies from other community hospitals.

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Scientists at Rockefeller University have found the way to grow malaria parasites in a test tube. It's the first step toward a vaccine.

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Medical researchers in France, investigating the value of magnesium supplements as a preventive measure against kidney stones, find it highly effective, safe, and practical.

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Famed cardiac surgeon Michael DeBakey expects that within a few years, artificial hearts will be implanted routinely in humans who need transplants. Artificial hearts will solve the problem of getting donors and circumventing the body's rejection mechanism.

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Samantha READS YOUR STARS

***If you were born this week:** You are a capable worker and are always willing to lend a hand. You most enjoy small gatherings of close friends. Your sense of humor is keen, and may be rather dry; you probably don't like slapstick. You're apt to have a secret hidey-hole for a bit of cash!*

ARIES (3/21-4/19): Determination is one of your great assets. The word 'can't' just isn't in your vocabulary, li'l ram! This week you ignore advice (as usual!) and vault over obstacles as if they weren't there! Trophy and kisses await!

TAURUS (4/20-5/20): You've never relied on wishes to make things happen. Groundwork pays off this week — both in business and pleasure. Last minute plans do come off to sexy applause, Taurus. Week comes to glittery finale!

GEMINI (5/21-6/20): Take initiative, Gem, or a certain decision will be made for you! Mate/lover needs your wholehearted support now. You may not agree with what he's doing, but you'll defend his right to do it. Let him know!

MOONCHILD (6/21-7/22): Messages highlighted, Moonbeam. One has been delayed, and you are relieved to get it. Cool charmer has sensual depths only you can explore. Get busy! Results are solid gold! Week continues with an E, for exasperate, expect, and excitement!

LEO (7/23-8/22): An unexpected visitor brings you food for thought and an opportunity. Romance puts out strange vibes; have fun, but keep your wits about you. Make sure partner is on the up and up. Lions and triangles don't mix well! Week ends productively for a busy Leo.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22): Cupid stirs up an amorous brew; the flavor is mellow! Then, one tries to play on your affections with a bogus hard-luck story. Remember, you're a Virgo, not a patsy! Days flash by with a return engagement by Cupid, good news, and a smiling piggybank!

LIBRA (9/23-10/23): Look for a change around the home — may involve a few greenbacks. A call could lead you on a wild goose chase; ask questions before you go running off. Later, there are many facets of love, and this week you experience several — from the warmth of sharing, Libra, to the erotic.

SCORPIO (10/24-11/22): Your loose ends are flapping in the breeze, Scorp. You have unfinished business to complete with a friend, a project, and a financial matter. Don't delay! Later, love bait taken — just reel in your line!

SAGITTARIUS (11/23-12/21): The law of karma holds; you always receive in the same coin that you've given. This week you're on that receiving end, and, since you usually 'do unto others', it's a lovely bouquet, Sag! You've earned it!

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19): Romance, social affairs, friends, and secrets are accented this week. No need to feel shy, Cappy, 'cause you're at your sparkling, charming best! Ready? Venus is at your door now, so GO!

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/19): In spite of that poker face, Aquari, Sam can tell you're worried. Find a sympathetic and helpful Moonbaby (it won't be hard) and share the load! Later, the sun shines and it's hugs and kisses all around!

PISCES (2/20-3/20): Important word arrives. You'll take a giant step toward goal if you act before week is out. Then, keep your eyes open for Trojan horses and the like. Week ends

Democratic Women Hold Xmas Party

The Aransas County Democratic Women held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Agnes (Tony) Harden Dec. 9. The house was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Hors d'oeurvres, punch and eggnog were served to the guests, and "Donkey" favors with Christmas motif were given to all members present.

Attending were: Virginia Shivers, Billy Elliot, Ruby Hart, Elsie Hawes, Elaine Smith, Duck Eller, Corinne Webb, Jackie Hattenbach, Louise Smith, Janet Langham, Marie Baker, Penny Baldwin, Lillian Sorenson, Mavis Loyd, Audry Owens, Freddie Lingner, Louise Wilken and Tony Harden.

Co-hostesses of the affair were Tony Harden and Louise Wilken.

The next regular meeting of the club will be on Thursday, Jan. 13 in the Aransas County District Court Room.

A reminder to the members is that January is dues month. Old members are urged to be present and others interested are invited to join the group.

The club's theme for 1977 will be "Education and Information on Party Politics and Better Government."

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This is the time of year to check your fire insurance.

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County Attorney Was One Man Show

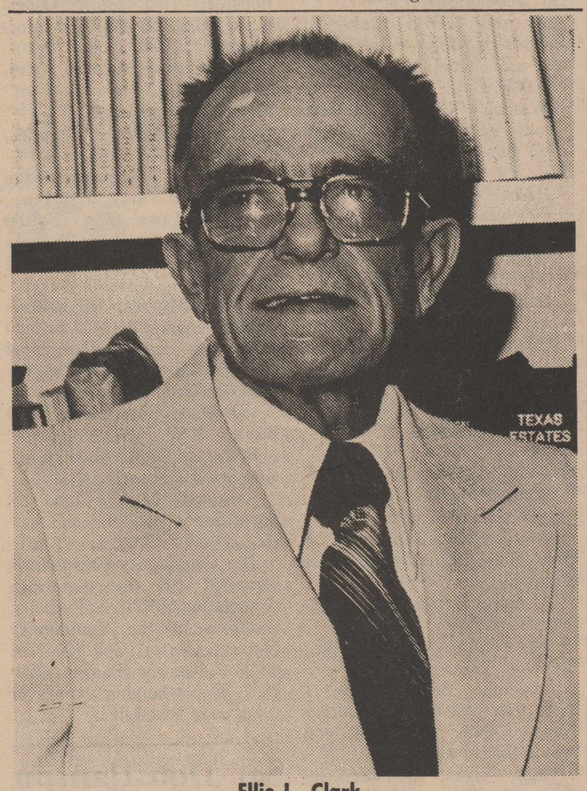
County Attorney Ellis Clark, who will step down Dec. 31 for the newly elected James Anderson, Jr., has served 16 years as the county's chief prosecutor.

In that time he tried more than 3,000 criminal cases in Justice and County courts, most of them DWI's or "hot" check charges.

Until October of 1975, when Assistant County Attorney Reese Rozzell was hired, Clark was a one man show. The case load kept him busy, and he says "I enjoyed being the County Attorney...I feel like what I contributed was 16 years of my life, and good prosecution skills. The conviction rate was high when we had an arrest, about 75-80 percent. On assaults it was low because it was usually husband and wife arguments, and one or the other would usually come in two days later and say, 'I 've changed my mind, I don't want to prosecute.' "

Clark says he will be on hand to assist in the smooth transition between himself and Anderson. "Reese will be here, and that will make it easier than it would have been if Jim had come in cold. But it will take him a while before he knows exactly how things work, and there will be policy matters he might need help on. I'll do everything I can."

In late January or early February, Clark will go back into private practice as a "general practitioner" taking all kinds of cases and legal work.



Ellis L. Clark

Atilano Perez Receives USAF Service Medal

The U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal was presented to Captain Atilano V. Perez in recent ceremonies at Dyess AFB, Texas.

Capt. Perez's wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Shirley of 748 Pine, Rockport.

Capt. Perez was decorated for meritorious service as admissions counselor while assigned to Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Detachment 155, University of Miami at Coral Gables, Florida.

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Copies of the publications are $12 each (plus 60 cents tax) and may be obtained from the Bureau of Business Research.

Cat feces and raw red meat have this in common: they may harbor toxoplasmosis. If acquired during pregnancy, this infectious agent can cause brain damage in the child. The March of Dimes urges pregnant women to avoid handling cat litter.

Alcoholic mothers run a substantially higher chance of giving birth to a child with birth defects, according to the March of Dimes. Early, regular prenatal care, and good personal health habits improve a woman's chances of having a healthy baby.

Monday, Jan. 3

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Community Concern Center, 206 N. Magnolia, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 729-7722.

Council on Aging, 206 N. Magnolia, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 729-5352.

Castaways, 1001 Concho, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wed., Fri. and Sat., 9 to 11 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 31

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., V.F.W. Hall.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., V.F.W. Hall.

Sunday, January 2

Church of your choice.

Monday, January 3

Boy Scouts #49, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Brownies #461, 3:45 p.m., Girl Scout House.

Evening TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weigh-in 6 to 6:40 p.m., meeting 7 to 8 p.m., I.O.O.F. Hall.

Woman's Club of Aransas County card party, 1:30 p.m. Club house across from City Hall. Public invited.

Game Night, 7 p.m., Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association, Airport Rd.

Aransas County Riding Association, regular meeting.

Order of Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Council on Aging, 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Troop #280, 7:30 p.m., Girl Scout House.

Fulton Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse.

Tuesday, January 4

Weight Watchers, 6:45 p.m., Catholic Hall, Pearl St.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Bishop Elliott Conference Center.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Bishop Elliott Conference Center.

I.O.O.F. Lodge #342, 8 p.m., I.O.O.F. Hall.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Key Allegro Community Center. Call 729-5371 if you would like to play.

Game Night, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of Fulton Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Paws & Taws Bldg., Fulton Beach, public invited.

Troop #469, 3:45 p.m., Girl Scout House.

Cadettes, 7:30 p.m., Girl Scout House.

Club House 55, 1:30 p.m., Aransas Pass Bowling Lanes.

Hospital Foundation Volunteer Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Encina Plaza, Market St.

V.F.W. Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., V.F.W. Hall.

Aransas County CB Radio Assn., 7:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon, call 729-6445 for place.

Navigation Dist. Board, 7:30 p.m., Nav. Bldg.

Copanoakers, 7 p.m., Lee Miller Community Center, Holiday Beach.

Golden Age Club, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Fellowship Hall. Senior citizens invited to covered dish and games.

Wednesday, January 5

Hospital Foundation Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Encina Plaza.

Girl Scout Troop #448, 3:45 p.m., Girl Scout House.

Rotary, 12 noon, Sandollar.

G.I. Forum, 7:30 p.m., Forum Bldg.

LULAC, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Hall.

Explorers Post #49, 7:30 p.m., V.F.W. Hall.

Loyal Order of the Moose Booster, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse. Call 729-1175 for information.

Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m. Courthouse.

Thursday, January 6

Rebekah Lodge, 7:30 p.m., I.O.O.F. Hall.

A.A.R.P. sponsors Bridge and Canasta Party, 1:15 p.m., Paws & Taws Bldg. Fulton Beach Road. Donation 75 cents per person. Refreshments and prizes.

TOPS #849 (Tke Off Pounds Sensibly) weigh-in 6:20 to 7:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 412 N. Live Oak St. Call 729-7861.

V.F.W. Game Night, 7:30 p.m., V.F.W. Hall.

Brownies #431, 3:45 p.m., Girl Scout House.

Rockport Lions Club, 12 noon, Sandollar.

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The Community Calendar is compiled by the American Association of Retired Persons, sponsors of the Community Concern Center. Call 729-7722 or Mrs. George Parker, 729-2007, to list coming events or changes in schedule.

Sgt. Don Hanson Graduates From Officer School

Sergeant Don L. Hanson, whose wife Susan is the daughter of William Mitchell of 917 Pine St., Rockport, has graduated from the Air Force Communications Service Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri.

The sergeant, who was trained in military management and supervision, is a telephone technician at Eielson AFB, Alaska.

The Rockport Pilot Women's News

WOMEN'S NEWS DEADLINE, 5 p.m. THURSDAYS

BP&W Hold Xmas Party

The Rockport Business and Professional Women's Club held its annual Christmas Party at the Little Bay Club.

Members exchanged presents around the traditional tree, and enjoyed a varied Christmas program.

Elanor Clement presented a Christmas reading, and Matt Martin and Laura Ogle of the Rockport-Fulton High School Drama department, presented a skit taken from the department's recent musical production, "George M!"

Frances Bailey, accompanied by Mrs. Nancy Lang, closed the party with a song solo.

Special guests at the event included Paralee Price, District Director, Corpus Christi. Jerri Pridgen and Anabel Harris were voted in as new members of the club.

In the Kitchen

BIZCOCHO CAKE

- 6 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 6 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Gradually beat in sugar and continue beating until mixture becomes very thick. Beat in water. Sift flour with baking powder. Fold flour mixture into yolks. Fold in egg whites gently. Pour batter into an ungreased 10x4-inch tube pan. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 1 hour or until richly browned. Turn pan upside down and cool cake in pan. When cake is cool, cut cake out of pan using a serrated edge knife. Place cake on a platter. Spread top and sides with Bana Blanco (white icing) and garnish with thin slices of peeled lemon.



Thinking Slim

BY JEAN NIDETCH

Did you ever think where we'd be if that first enterprising caveman hadn't peeled the first banana, or pulled a carrot from the ground?

I know one thing: if I'd been alive when human beings were discovering what was available to eat on this planet, I would have passed coconuts for years without ever thinking there might be something worth eating inside the hard, hairy shell!

It's a good thing there are pioneers among us, people whose sense of curiosity simply must be satisfied.

Curiosity, you see, accounts for a good deal of life's interest when you think about it. And when you narrow it down to the confines of a weight control program, curiosity can actually be a lifesaver.

Let's face it, it's almost a rule of thumb that people beginning a weight control program tend to view it from a negative rather than a positive point of view — they concentrate often on all the foods and "treats" they must deny themselves.

That's how it was for me for years, until I began to put some effort into it and discovered I could actually have fun by putting my curiosity to work for me.

Seasonings, my friend, that's what I'm talking about. Spices and imagination and a desire to find out what such and such a food permitted on your program would taste like with perhaps some mustard, lemon, allspice, chili powder, ginger or rosemary added to it (not all at once, mind you, unless you're terribly adventurous!).

What's to prevent you from experimenting with these taste enhancers in those foods you're permitted to have?

There's certainly no rule against sprinkling chili powder on fish or curry powder in eggs. And a little ginger works wonders with "Chinese" vegetables.

Most of all, be willing to take a chance. Go easy at first until you learn how these spices and herbs affect different foods, but by all means go! The more interesting your meals, the more likely you'll adhere to your weight control program — and the more fun you'll have doing it.

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Nursing Home News

Activities for the week of Dec. 20 through Dec. 26 included a Monday morning visit from Arthur of City Barber Shop in Ingleside. He gave a holiday trim to all the men residents.

Monday afternoon, the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary from Aransas Pass came out for its regular game day. Monday evening, the Pruitt family presented its traditional Christmas program.

Tuesday morning, Father James Hamilton held Christmas Mass for Catholic residents and friends. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Leroy Brooks, Mrs. Jack Crow and Mrs. Altie Lee Nolte of Ingleside brought the VFW Junior Girls to sing Christmas carols and visit with residents. The group brought each resident a tray favor which included breath mints.

Tuesday evening the Ingleside Kiwanis and wives brought Santa Claus along. The group presented a program, and Santa Claus presented gifts to residents. The Kiwanis women presented special Christmas "goodies" to residents, including diet candies.

Wednesday afternoon, John Blair, Altie Albers and Fannie Bronson from Rockport played "Blue Grass Music" for residents. Special guest Mrs. Avis Howery brought along a cake for residents to enjoy during the program.

By Christmas eve, many families were arriving to take their loved ones home. Those who remained were treated to a special Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

Sunday morning, Rev. Al Bankert held church services.

Holiday thanks go out to the Hibiscus Club of Aransas Pass for handmade pillowpocket gifts; to Mrs. Laura Crews for candy for the staff; to Mrs. C.J. Bromley, Jr., for candy for residents and staff; to the Holiday Beach Club of Fulton for candy for residents (delivered by Mrs. Louise Smith, daughter of resident Mr. Doyen Appleman), to the family of Mrs. Katherine Johnson for candy and gifts; to Pop Hableutzel for citrus fruit for the staff; to Herbert and Edith Mills for bananas for the staff delivered by Melba Mills and Chester Johnson; to Delores Duncan and Ruth Hunt for candy for the staff; and to the staff nurses for their continuing consideration for all residents.

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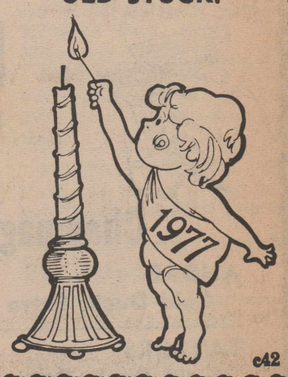


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DRAWING WINNER. Ted Tippin of 627 S. Dowdy, Rockport, was named the winner of a $25 gift certificate in the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Shop At Home" campaign. Tippin's name was drawn from several hundred entries turned in by shoppers at 40 Chamber member merchants throughout the county. His prize is good at any Chamber member's store or restaurant, and Tippin said he was headed for Johnson's Drug and Boutique where he filled out the winning entry. Presenting the award to Tippin is Chamber Secretary Loyce Landrum, who managed the "Shop At Home" campaign giveaway.

Live Oak Bank To Pay Dividend

Live Oak State Bank President George Cone announce Dec. 23 that the bank's Board of Directors have voted to pay a cash dividend of five cents per share of stock outstanding as of Dec. 20, 1976. The dividend is the first paid by the bank since its opening on July 31, 1974.

The Board also voted to pay a year-end bonus of one month's salary to bank employees.

Board members expressed pleasure about the bank's growth and the earnings generated in 1976, and expressed confidence about the future growth of the bank and the area it serves.

President Cone also noted that because most of the bank's 220 stockholders and all of its employees are residents of the county, the bonuses and dividend would provide a stimulus to the local economy.

Larry Blackmon Participates In Naval Exercise

Navy Lieutenant Commander Larry W. Blackmon, whose wife Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Webb of Box 292, Rockport, Tex., recently participated in Exercise "Readiex 2-77" off the Southern Californian coast.

He is the training officer of Patrol Squadron 48, Naval Air Station Moffett Field, Calif.

He was one of more than 10,000 men taking part in the seven-day exercise, which included 18 ships and 100 aircraft.

"Readiex 2-77" stressed all phases of naval operations including anti-submarine warfare, surface tactics and anti-air defense.

Blackmon is a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, with a masters degree.

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He is a crewmember aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

He is scheduled to visit Naples, Italy; Tunis, Tunisia; and Gibraltar during the current deployment.

He joined the Navy in April 1976.

Camping Family Style

BY ANGELA AND FORD BOTHWELL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ford Bothwell has just won first place in the Newspaper Division of the 1976 RVIA Press Awards competition. Bothwell was recently awarded the prize by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. Two years ago, Bothwell was voted the Outdoor Writer of the Year by 1,400 of his peers.)

Along with 20,000 other people, we spent a week last month following a rainbow in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville, the Bluegrass State's showplace convention city, annually hosts the world's largest exhibition of campers on wheels, sponsored by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA). Happily, we were there not only to examine 1,400 new model campers but to accept the RVIA's top award for newspaper coverage of the RV industry.

Theme of the RV trade show was "Follow the Rainbow," a thought that suggests peak production to the manufacturers of campers, high sales to the dealers and envisions the figurative rainbow a family pursues when it opts for the RV way of life. The mood at Louisville was a pleasant change from 1973-74, when the RV industry was sent reeling by the gasoline shortage, then left hanging on the ropes through the recession that followed. When the final 1976 figures are in, they will show approximately 523,900 RVs produced last year for a record $3.7 billion in sales.

What's causing the rebound in the RV industry? First, the energy crisis showed that campers won't give up their outdoor recreation, even if they can't travel as far. Second, the high cost of living has made camping the only way many families can afford to go.

Third, after seeing the new RVs in Louisville, we can say without hesitation that if ever there was a perfect time for a family to start following the camping rainbow, this is it. Never have we seen such a stunning array of quality camping vehicles — RVs designed for every conceivable type of camping situation imaginable at a price range that makes them available today for the lower income families, as well as the rich. No country in the world is manufacturing RVs as fine as those America is mass producing this year.

At Louisville, Connie Howes, editor of Camping Industry magazine, told a packed house about an 8,600-mile trip she had taken to feel the pulse of the campers. "What do campers want in their next RV?" she told industry leaders. "They want quality, their biggest priority, and tight construction."

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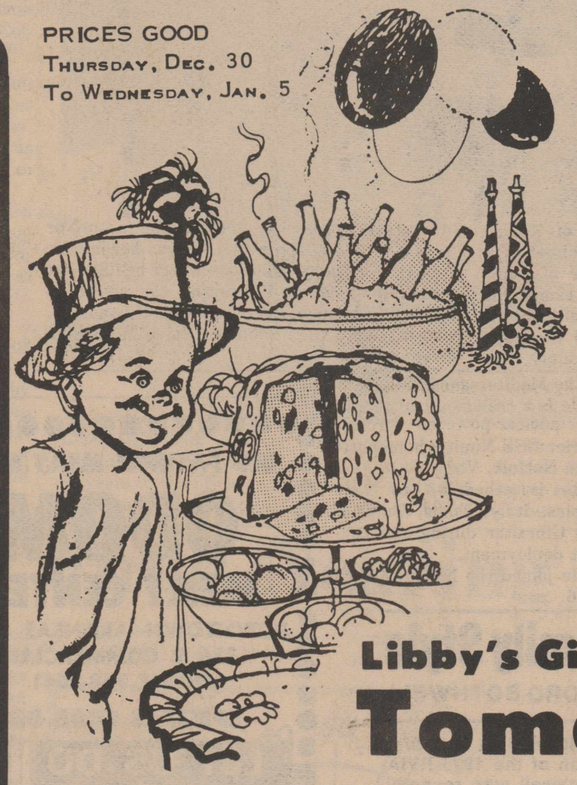
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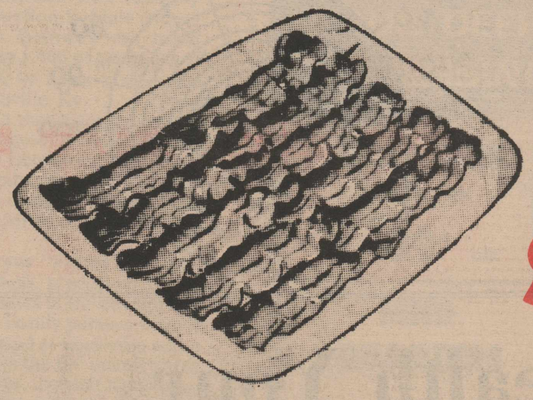
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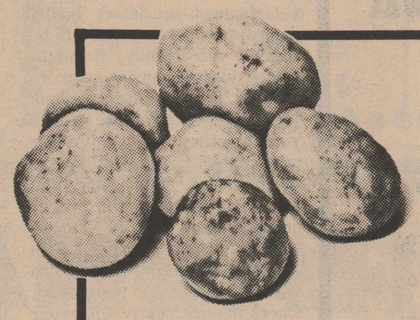
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Juvenile Board Review

The three member Aransas County Juvenile Board recommended one structural change in the county juvenile shelter and research into state or federal grants for additional staff members Monday, Dec. 13 in a review of the suicide by hanging death of Katherine Shedd.

The report also stated that despite the incident, the center represented "the best facility available to detain children in the region in which the Court holds jurisdiction."

Miss Shedd hung herself by looping a sheet taken from a shelter matress through the air duct above her cell door, and the board recommended that the ducts be sealed off.

The board also instructed Probation Director Dana J. Hendrick to look into the possibility of obtaining additional state or federal grants to finance the hiring of additional staff detention services.

Board members John H. Miller, Judge of the 36th District Court, 156th District Judge Rachel Littlejohn and County Judge John Wendell concluded that no negligence was involved in the Dec. 11 suicide, and that Miss Shedd had been legally detained at the shelter.

According to testimony, Miss Shedd was adjucated a child in need of supervision by the Aransas County Juvenile Court Nov. 29, 1976. Pending placement in an alternate care facility, she was released to her mother upon family assurance of return for placement in the facility.

When she failed to return, her family was consulted and she was brought to the center from her mother's home in Rockport by Juvenile Probation Supervisor Don Cureton and Aransas County Juvenile Probation officer Cathie Cotton.

She was placed in the Aransas County Juvenile Shelter until the next working day, Monday, Dec. 13, when she was scheduled for removal to an alternate care facility.

Jail Matron Linda Beard visited with Miss Shedd Saturday at breakfast time, approximately, 8 a.m., and again at lunch, until approximately 1:15 p.m.

Between 1:15 p.m. and 3:05 p.m., Miss Shedd hung herself. Her body was discovered by Cureton, and later examined by Dr. L.G. Wood. Beard, Cotton, Cureton and Wood all testified during the board's probe, as did Probation Director Hendrick.

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CHANGEOVER. Aransas County Tax Assessor-Collector Margaret Weber is retiring after 16 years in the office and 30 years of service to the county Dec. 31. Replacing her will be Allena Jones, who was elected without opposition Nov. 2. Mrs. Jones has been handling a progressively heavy load of duties since her election, and the changeover is expected to be a smooth one.

County To Receive $48,000 From Refuge

Aransas County will receive a check for $47,336.57 this week as its share of payments from the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The payments are provided for under the Federal Refuge Sharing act, and are computed under a formula based on the value of purchased Refuge lands and cash receipts.

The payment covers a 15 month period, including fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter. For the first time in several years, the Refuge Receipts Fund was not sufficient for full payments to counties, and the money which Aransas County will receive represents approximately 72 percent of a full share. The partial share, figured on a pro-rata basis, is provided for by law when receipts are insufficient.

Under the Federal Revenue Sharing Act, the money received from the Refuge must be spent either on public schools or roads. County Commissioners will decide at their next regular meeting Dec. 29, how much of the money will go to the School District and how much will stay with the county.

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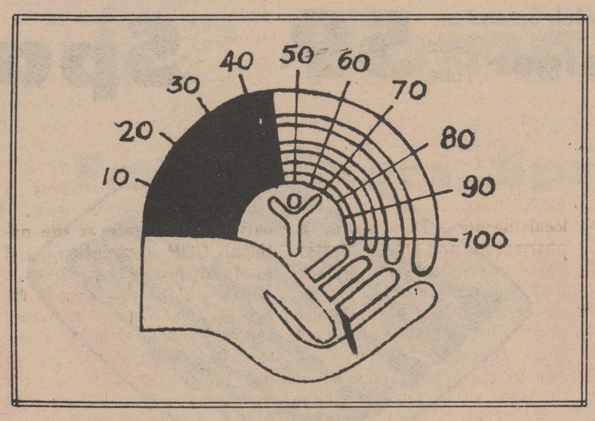
United Fund Nearing Goal

The Aransas County United Fund drive, which had stalled at $10,500 for several weeks last month, is now less than $500 from its goal of $13,386, according to Fund Secretary Loyce Landrum.

The fund total as of Monday, Dec. 27, was $12,887, or $499 from the 1976 goal.

The recent tide of donations was led by a total pledge of more than $1600 from employees of the DuPont chemical plant at Ingleside who live in Aransas County. The workers voted at the time they made their pledges that the money go to the drive serving the area where they made their homes.

With the recent gains, the drive could well top its 1976 goal before the Dec. 31 deadline. Should it fail, however, Fund directors have already discussed the possibility of extending the deadline into January to assure that all 13 participating agencies receive their full fund assignments.



The 13 agencies due to receive funds are the Aransas County Hospital Volunteers, Inc., the American Red Cross, the Aransas County Emergency Corps, the Aransas County Youth Council, the Boy Scouts, the Paisano Council of Girl Scouts, the Girl Scouts' local expense fund, the Salvation Army, the Texas Rehabilitation Hospital at Gonzalez, the USO, the Council on Aging, the Family Counseling Services and the Child Welfare Unit.

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Make Health Your New Year's Resolution

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You can do many things to maintain your own health--or better it. And now is the time to come to grips with yourself by making some good-health resolutions, says the Texas Department of Health Resources.

Texas would be a much healthier state of everyone worked toward these goals, and you and your family can contribute to your own well-being and that of your community.

Promise during 1977 to give your body at least as good care as you give your car. Periodic examinations are the best way yet devised to detect bodily disorders while they can still be treated successfully. It might be considered preventive maintenance. So let your doctor look you over thoroughly once a year whether you're ailing or not. Make it twice yearly if you're middle-aged. Your physician can give you the proper schedule.

Dental troubles may not kill you, but sometimes they can make you wish you were dead. Check in once yearly with your dentist to make certain your teeth and gums are in good shape, and let him teach you the proper way to maintain your dental health every day.

Do your clothes seem to fit a little more snugly these days? If so, it could mean you're putting on weight, which is a lot harder to take off than it is to put on. It's difficult during the holiday season to pass up the goodies which come your way. But if you've overdone it, resolve to start passing up the candied yams, gravies and cream-filled tidbits which almost invariably spell extra pounds and perhaps an early grave.

Too much weight contributes to high blood pressure, and may be associated with hardening of the arteries and various forms of heart disease. Also, it means impaired vigor, greater surgical risk and greater danger from otherwise minor illnesses.

On the other hand, if you've noticed an unusual loss of weight, you should consult your physician.

A good, physician-prescribed exercise program regimen will keep your body in shape, tone up your heart muscles and put the spring back into your step.

There are many pursuits which people of all ages may undertake in order to get the needed exercise. While jogging might be all right for some people, brisk walking or other forms of exercise may be recommended for others.

Statistics linking smoking to cancer and heart disease continue to pile up, and it is tougher and tougher to rationalize the smoking habit. If you still smoke, now's the time to quit. Tomorrow could be too late.

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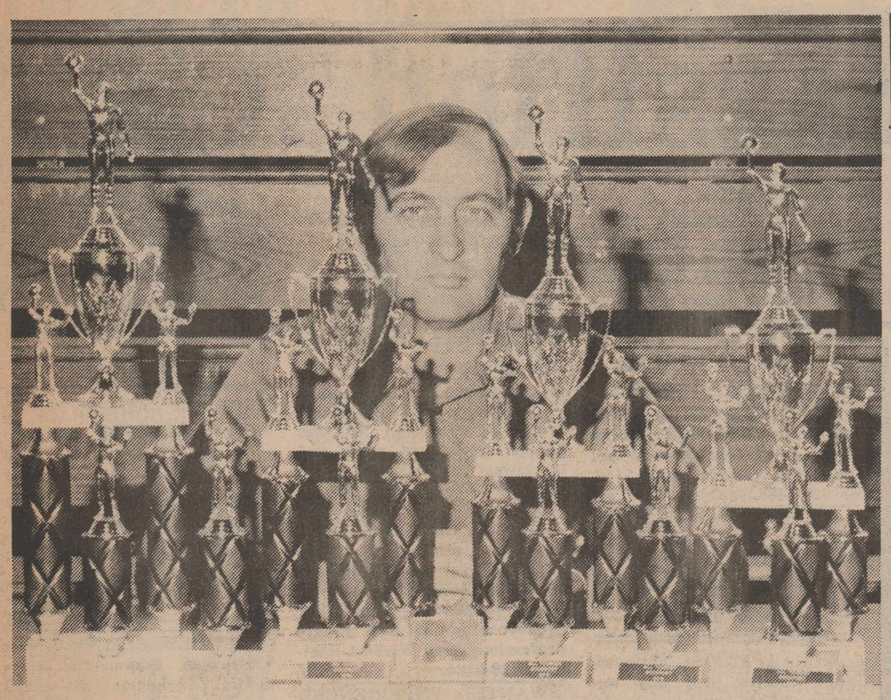
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TOAST OF THE COAST. Rockport-Fulton Varsity basketball Coach Bobby Flanagan has handled arrangements for the 20th annual "Toast of the Coast" high school basketball tournament, which will pit his 9-3 Pirates against seven other top area teams for a share of the trophy spoils. Flanagan says several team members missed a "Blue Monday" practice, but everyone should be ready to go Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. when Rockport tips off against rival Aransas Pass.

Outdoors 'n Things

BY L. D. NUCKLES

Among the greatest enemies of sport hunting are poachers, game law violators and trespassers.

Although all hunters become very indignant over the efforts of some organizations to stop all hunting, they, themselves, are furnishing the anti-hunters with the ammunition needed to fire telling shots at this traditional American sport. Every hunter who scatters litter about, shoots at road signs, kills more than his limit, wounds game with hurried shots, trespasses or violates any other game law is helping to paint the picture of the "slob" hunter. This picture is the one used by anti-hunters to portray all hunters.

The responsible hunter shows respect for his quarry. It is not against the law to "pot shot" a bunch of quail on the ground, but the true sportsman will not do it. This true sportsman will also use a dog in hunting waterfowl or upland game birds, if it is possible. He makes every effort to retrieve downed game.

The high-principled hunter learns as much as possible about the game he intends to hunt. This is especially true in hunting waterfowl where identification is so important to insure that only legal species are taken and that hunters stay within the point system. When this type of sportsman hunts quail he never shoots all the birds he can out of a covey. He will try to leave about half and never less than a fourth of each covey.

The humane hunter works overtime to sharpen his skills with firearms or archery equipment to insure quick, clean kills. Equally important, is proper use of the game he kills. If he kills something he doesn't want he'll take care of the game properly and give it to someone who does want it.

Good hunting manners and proper gun handling will go a long way in persuading the general public that hunters are decent, law-abiding citizens who care about wildlife and want to preserve the sport of hunting.

Birding Now As Popular As Hunting

One way to start a good argument might be to compare the popularity of football, hunting, fishing and bird watching.

An article in the current issue of **Texas Parks & Wildlife** magazine cites some interesting indications that birders are beginning to get the edge on other sports participants.

Economic impact surveys conducted by the U.S. Forest Service reveal that birding is a one-half billion dollar per year industry, counting expenditures for food, travel and lodging. This did not include sales of such items as field guides, birdseed, feeders, binoculars and other equipment.

Within the last decade, bird watchers have grown to be at least equal in numbers with licensed hunters, and probably as numerous as licensed fishermen. Birding appeals to a complete cross-section of the population, in all age groups and occupations.

Texas is recognized as the foremost state for observing birds in the continental United States. About three-fourths of all the bird species known to occur throughout the United States, except Hawaii, are found here. This amounts to as many as 533 species, plus another 27 listed as hypothetical or unproved, and four which now are extinct.

This makes for a rich variety of birdlife to be seen in this state, with some of the species known here alone. The rare golden-cheeked warbler nests nowhere else in the world and the endangered whooping crane winters exclusively in Texas. Birding enthusiasts travel here from far distances to add more species to their life lists.

Checklists (birds known to occur in a particular area) are a great help, along with field guides, in identifying species. Many such lists have been assembled and kept current by organizations and individuals and are available for all who are interested. Previously, there was no central clearing house for such information. David H. Riskind and S. Christopher Caran, authors of the TP&W magazine article, have gathered and included a compilation of field checklists broken down and organized under different regions of the state, with separate headings for state parks, national wildlife refuges and private foundations.

The P&W Department is making an appeal for reports of bird sightings in state parks, since up-dated, seasonal checklists for these areas are actively being compiled. To make such reports, write to the Resource Management Section, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The great annual event for bird watchers is now underway--the prestigious 77th Audubon Christmas Count. This year, all or significant portions of the following state parks are included in the Christmas Count areas: Palo Duro Canyon; Abilene State Recreation Area; Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park; Balmorhea State Recreation Area; Big Spring State Recreation Area; Inks Lake State Recreation Area; Lake Colorado City State Recreation Area; Falcon State Recreation Area; Hueco Tanks Historical Park; Huntsville State Park; Sea Rim State Park, and McKinney Falls State Park.

Birders who choose to participate in a Christmas Count that includes a state park can reap an extra degree of satisfaction from their lengthening lists, knowing their reports can be of service to the state and enrich the knowledge and enjoyment of their fellow bird watchers.

Back Pay Awaits Former Employees

The U.S. Labor Department has checks totaling $115,674.39 to help 601 unsuspecting former employees of Texas establishments pay their Christmas bills. Unfortunately, the current addresses of the payees are unknown.

Snyder said lost workers should contact the Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division; 555 Griffin Square Bldg.; Griffin and Young Sts.; Dallas, TX 75202 (phone: 214-749-7460) or the nearest Wage and Hour area office.

Claimants must prove their identities by giving their social security numbers.

Following are names of lost workers and establishments for which they were employed in various Texas cities:

Following "Lost Workers" should contact: Corpus Christi Wage and Hour Area Office, Suite 714, The 600 Building, 600 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 (Phone: 512-888-3156).

C&S Mobile Homes: Charles Cooper, Steve Rice, Clifford Wray, George Gonzalez, John Rucks, Ramon S. Garcia, Robert H. Lam and Tony Vernon.

Do-Nut Corner: Mabel Hollingsworth.

Parr's Drug Stores: Cheryl E. Sherry, Elaine Hovey, Jose G. Miranda, William L. Shaffer, Lucio Garcia, Jr., Kathy J. McDaniel and Janis T. Starling.

Petro-Chemical Transport, Inc.: Raymond Hyde and Donald L. Sewell.

Salazar Construction Co.: Eusebo Garcia, Jr. and Cesar Gonzalez.

Southwest Jettronic: Emil D. Bowen and John Goldsmith.

The Wilson Building: Willie L. Bowman, Jimmy E. Corder, Maria P. Dehoyos, Jose C. Figueroa, Maria M. Segura, Lloyd E. Gregg, Maria J. Torres, Maria A. Lopez, Martin Mercado, Gregario G. Vargas, Lydia G. Martinez, Enriqueta Barrera, Manuel Rodriguez, Rosa O. Zuniga, Faustino H. Perez and Gloria Uribe.

Tower Enterprises: Enedina Garcia, Pauline Fabian, Janie Vela, Virginia Vela, Norma J. Garcia, Esparanza Gonzalez, Elva Hinojosa, Santos Mendez, Oneda L. Martinez, Shirley Leath and Zaila Garcia.

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There are 79,000 elementary schools in the United States. The most conservative estimate available indicates at least 50 percent need major retrofitting. Modifications which will save 30-60 percent of the energy now consumed will cost an estimated $150,000 per building.

Taking A Long Look At The Year 1976...

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contested race in the general election for county offices. The Democratic primaries were harder fought, but were largely decided in favor of incumbents.

City and school elections drew large voter turnouts for large fields of candidates, but the campaigns weren't controversial or flamboyant. Personality held sway over "issues."

The city police chief found support in the form of a petition with 1200 names when accusations of incompetence and favoritism created a storm of controversy in May and June. The department weathered the storm apparently intact, and has, in combination with the Aransas County Sheriff's Department, made increasing inroads against drug trafficking in the county with a series of recent busts set up by a continuing investigation.

The Sheriff's Department came through when it had the chance in 1976, capturing a pair of now convicted killers in less than 48 hours after Jose Ellis was beaten and left to die in a ditch near Bayside by two Bonnie View men.

Culturally, the year was a success for both major festivals sponsored to attract the tourist dollar. The July 4 Art Festival drew a record crowd and boosted Rockport's growing colony of artists and craftsmen.

The second annual SeaFair also drew a record crowd, and made even more money for local civic organizations than the 1975 version.

The SeaFair money came in handy, too, when the bad weather hit town about the same time as the winter tourists. A parade of bazaars and parties and card games kept the tourists from feeling put upon, and save a possible defection to the valley.

Rockport also was in and out of the state and national press. Articles about the area's charms appeared in the Houston Post, the Houston Chronicle, Texas Highways magazine, CBS television, and most of the Corpus Christi stations. Promotional material for SeaFair also brought Rockport to the attention of newspaper readers statewide.

Month by month, the year looked like this:

JANUARY. D.D. McCaskey won 1/64th interest in an oil well which later produced in a raffle held by the Aransas County Hospital Volunteers, Inc., which realized a total of $20,000 from the ticket sale. The success was one of many during the year for the ACHVI. By December, their dream of an emergency ambulance service for Aransas County and Rockport lacked only last minute details being complete ...The Pirates won the annual "Toast of the Coast" basketball tournament...The City Council honored by resolution the memory of former Mayor and Councilman Seth Steele, who died Jan. 8...County Commissioners voted not to increase county salaries...The United Fund went over the top...The City Council turned down a salary increase.

FEBRUARY. Alligator man Warren Lynch attracted national attention when he violated parole and took refuge amid his alligators on a swamp farm between Rockport and Aransas Pass...Lynch was promptly indicted and later given a psychological exam... Commercial fishermen went before the Navigation district to complain about the damage being done by the shallow ports at Rockport and Fulton...The relocation of Highway 35 was indefinitely postponed...The county raised its tax ratio from 25 to 30 percent on property...

MARCH. Amoco Production Company's James Ford told the Rotary Club offshore oil exploration was badly needed... His wish came true later in the year when HO&M struck oil offshore...Dr. Phil Gramm, then a candidate for U.S. Senator, spoke at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet ...The historic Fulton mansion was sold to the state, and a drive begun to win funds for full restoration of the palatial manse, the home of one of the area's founders...

APRIL. Navigation commissioners went to Washington after much correspondence with Representative John Young and others and were on hand when the House approved $170,000 for the dredging of the local harbors...Dan Ward, a pharmacist, and Dr. J. Martin Shaw won council races. Mayor Falk was unopposed in a re-election bid, and Mrs. James Bracht, Leslie Cole and James Hunt (unopposed) were selected as school trustees... Chamber of Commerce directors included Mick Ladner, president; Curtis Goodman, treasurer; Joe Randow, first vice-president; second term director John McDavid, and directors and officers Bill Janecek, Nancy Cooke, Mike Shellenbergar, Steve Mahnke, George Peirce, Richard Beck, David Connery, Bill Christian, Dennis Jenkins, Eddie Ratliff and Dr. J. Martin Shaw... Curtis Goodman was elected president of the Rockport Lions Club...City Council raised the city tax ratio to 40 percent...

MAY-JUNE. Sheriff Bob Hewes, County Attorney Ellis Clark, Tax Assessor-Collector Allena Jones and Commissioner Erie Eller won Democratic primary races. Raymond Owens went on to win a runoff with F.L. Appleton, and Les Sorenson was chosen Democratic candidate for Precinct One. The county voters went for eventual President Jimmy Carter...Scott Gillis was named Valedictorian of Rockport-Fulton High School senior class and Andrew Johnson McDavid was named Salutatorian...Alligator man Lynch was given a four year sentence after being found guilty of possession of marijuana...The county proposed a central tax office Judge John Wendell says should be in full swing by this summer... Doyle Bryant was named new manager of the local office of Central Power and Light, an honor he may have had second doubts about after the rate controversy began...A public hearing involving police "personnel matters" drew an overflow crowd to City Council chambers and began a month long controversy over the fitness of Chief Jim Craigmile, who stood accused by citizens and former officers of incompetence and favoritism to patrolman Joe Hinojosa. The charges were read in open meetings later in the month, but council took no action after investigating the charges and after the controversy had died down.

JULY. The annual Fourth of July Art Festival drew 10,000 and was a success in all ways... President Ford signed the public works bill which finalized appropriations for the dredging of Fulton and Rockport Harbors and access channels...Improvements were approved for nearby Goose Island State Park ...Council passed an amendment to its drilling ordinance which included the bay area for the first time and put the burden on the driller for any oil spills or other damage caused by operations...

AUGUST. The School Board adopted a $3 million budget and a tax rate of $1.44...CP&L announced plans to file before the Texas Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase of 11.5 percent...The Pilot was sold by Roy V. Rogero to Perry Carter and associates...An insurance pool for disaster relief was offered to area mobile home owners...Rockport was named as one of two towns which will serve as the headquarters for an oil-spill control cooperative along the Texas coast...School opened Aug. 23 ...Rural rate increases from CP&L went into effect the same day...Mrs. Ed Berry, a Key Allegro housewife, was the only local delegate at the national GOP convention, and pledged herself to Ronald Reagan...AISD enrollment hit 2,175...The council approved Houston Oil and Minerals plans for a well that would bottom out under the city...A city budget of $1,221,173 was proposed...Senator Lloyd Bentsen, running for reelection, visited the county...

SEPTEMBER. Southwestern Bell joined CP&L in asking for a rate increase...The city joined with the TML to fight both requests...Gene Gregory of Lamar was named to the School Board to replace W. Dailey Heldenfels, who resigned...Revenue sharing totalling $130,000 came to the city and county...The final September check gave the city of Rockport a record $120,000 in sales tax receipts for the fiscal year...Auto insurance rates went up an average of seven percent...Houston investors headed by McClure Bintliff purchased the SeaGun Resort.

OCTOBER. The ACHVI ordered its first equipment and moved a step closer to its goal...Rockport joined the central tax office...Rockport-Fulton won the annual Homecoming football game, defeating Flour Bluff...The annual SeaFair was a success, and included a visit by Miss Texas, Carmen McCollum, thanks to donations by HEB and Ed and Sylvia Berry of Rockport...The School Board okayed an assessed valuation of $129,410,354...The Fair Electric Rate group cranked up their challenge of the CP&L rate hike...

NOVEMBER. James Anderson defeated incumbent Ellis Clark in the county's only contested race Nov. 2...Anderson will take office Jan. 1 as the new County Attorney...voters went again for Jimmy Carter... HO&M presented the plans that went to City Council Nov. 8...The SOCC formed the week after and shot the plans down with some help from community leaders and property owners in the line of the proposed pipeline...

DECEMBER. The United Fund stalled at 75 percent for a while, then got back on its feet...The ACHVI hired paramedic Bill Aston to run the county's emergency ambulance service...Talk began around city hall about Rockport's move toward 5,000 population and home rule...City Council turned down CP&L again, and the PUC took over the case to make a final ruling...



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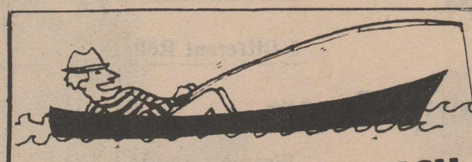
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DO YOU HAVE A drinking problem? Write Alcoholics Anonymous, Box 326, or call 729-6822, 729-2712, 729-7132 or 729-6488. ctf

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3. Garage Sale

MEXICAN CURIOS and Cactus. Hy. 35 South and corner of Sixth St. Starts Wednesday. p42

FLEA MARKET — Encina Plaza—Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. All dealers welcome. c43

5. Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to all whose thoughtfulness and concern for me and my family was shown in so many ways, during my recent stay in the hospital and at home.

p42 Louise Shults

10. Help Wanted

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That portion of Fulton Beach Road North from Fulton Beach Bridge to the Northern boundary of Traylor Avenue.

A Public Hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, on the 10th day of January, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Rockport, Texas for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned will take notice.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, this the 20th day of December, 1976.

S/Walter S. Falk, Jr., Mayor
City of Rockport, Texas
ATTEST:
S/Herman C. Johnson,
City Secretary c42

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1 until 4:00 P.M. January 29, 1977 for the construction of:

A. Contract for Water, Sanitary and Storm Drainage Systems.

B. Contract for Water Supply Wells.

Construction and bidding documents may be obtained from Clement O. Williams, Jr., P.E., District Engineer, 426 South Tancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

Detailed instructions for submission of bids are set out in "Notice to Contractors", copies of which can be obtained from the District Engineer's office.

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16. Apartments

FOR RENT: Now open, Casa del Rey Apartments. One, two and three bedrooms. $140.00 up. Pool, game and laundry room. Five minutes from DuPont and Reynolds, Hwy. 361, Ingleside. 776-7613. ctf

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WANTED: Size 18 to 20 slacks and 38 to 40 blouses. Annie's Treasure Chest, 1324 Bronte, 729-8601. c42

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31. Articles For Sale

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Rural Rate Fight Top Story Of '76 . . . .

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Treasurer Linda Stubbs, manager of the S&S Drive In, represented the Lamar area.

Sue Stinson, the public relations and information officer, is a former newspaper writer, and was chosen to represent the Copano Village area.

Gary Knostman, manager of the Sandollar Resort complex, and Doctor J.M. Spriegel, operator of the Rockport-Fulton Animal Clinic, became co-chairmen of the finance division of the committee.

M.W. Cochran of Fulton, an engineer and appraiser, became the group's legal counselor.

B.M. "Babs" Taylor, a retired government employee and the owner of the local "Sweet Thing," was also chosen to represent the Key Allegro area. He became the group's parliamentarian.

It was a remarkably diversified group, the variety running deeper than the initial geographical considerations. There were three women and five men, ranging in age from Stubbs' late twenties to Cochran's seventies. Some were struggling to make ends meet, some were well to do.

What united them was the growing conviction that the move by CP&L represented a blatant injustice, one so bald that even a citizen's group, disorganized and hastily formed, could bring to light.

Local attorney James L. Anderson, Jr., volunteered his services free of charge at the October 11 mass meeting, and was named local legal counsel. The committee also counted up the $500 collected by a passing of the hat, and deposited it in a local bank as seed money for expected legal expenses. A committee only meeting was called for Friday, Oct. 11 at the Sandollar Restaurant.

The next morning, Stinson got on the phone to the ABC television network and got in touch with new anchorwoman Barbara Walters. Walters listened and didn't say no, but she transferred the call to Executive Director Phil Burton, who listened and promised to assign a crew to the story.

The next day, ABC newman Charles Murphy called from Miami and grilled Stinson for background information, then headed for Corpus Christi with a camera crew to cover the Friday meeting and growing controversy.

The rural rate challenge was running parallel but far behind a challenge by the Texas Municipal League, which had already filed before the PUC and was in the process of preparing for a Tuesday, Oct. 19 pretrial hearing.

At the time, the rural group was uncertain of its ability to raise funds and of its legal status, and it looked to the TML as a group it could tie onto before the PUC. So a call went out to TML representative Walter Staudt and Walter Hill to present the TML's case at the Friday meeting.

Staudt told the committee, and the camera, that its interests were different from the cities, and that a separate challenge might be the best approach--in other words, the rural group would have to stand on its own, go all the way. The cameras rolled, the writers scribbled, and the Fair Electric Rate Group became an "overnight" sensation.

Murphy got on the phone to CP&L's Corpus Christi office after the meeting, and was told that all of the company executives were in Houston and unavailable for comment. CP&L would later become more cooperative, but at the time, the group saw the refusal as arrogance, and used it as fuel for the growing fire.

Acting on Staudt's contention that a separate challenge would be best, the group reconvened in the office of attorney James Anderson and called B.D. St. Clair, the TML's Austin based attorney. St. Clair recommended G. William Fowler, a young lawyer who had served in the rate division of the Texas Railroad Commission, and the group hired him almost on the spot.

He said he would go to work Monday morning on a review of the CP&L rate case before the PUC.

The Fair Electric group caught itself on television Friday night and in the papers Saturday morning, and they capitalized on the rush of publicity by hitting the streets to gather petitions to be presented to the PUC at the Tuesday hearing. More than 1000 had been gathered when the group held a final prehearing meeting Monday at the Sandollar Restaurant.

At the meeting, Anderson outlined the problems of the case. The group had formed after the filing deadline and was legally ineligible for crucial intervenor status before the PUC. But there was an out, a possibility that the PUC would grant intervenor status for "good cause shown." The request for status thus hung on the worth of the challenge, and required a continued faith on that part of the group.

The group, confident of success, planned advertisement in local newspapers for funds to pay legal fees, and put its solicitation drive into high gear.

The news Tuesday was good. The group, along with representatives from Key Allegro and a group of Padre Island homeowners, was heard by the PUC. Rural users were accepted as a class, with the Fair Electric Rate Group at their head as representatives of all customers in the 44 counties served by CP&L.

One down. And to take advantage, Fowler worked round the clock preparing his case and reviewing the CP&L proposals. He directed his case toward measuring CP&L's efficiency, both in service and rate preparation.

His work caused legal bills to mount, and the Fair Electric Group had headache upon headache raising money to meet the monthly bills.

And it also found rough going with rural customers in the other 44 counties. Calls from County Judge Wendell to judges in other counties proved fruitless. None seemed to believe the group could pull it off.

There were moments of near despair over finances, but the reports that filtered through Anderson about Fowler's reviews were encouraging, and the parallel challenge by the TML group was moving along at full speed. Consultants had been hired and a second option on the rate increase proposals was a virtual certainty.

Group members stayed busy soliciting funds, and Stinson arranged another minor coup when she was given time on Channel 6's editorial slot.

Stinson and Gary Knostman wrote the statement, which accused CP&L of charging rates in excess of the 115 percent of the nearest city's rate required by law.

Knostman was chosen to do the spot, but was nervous. Too nervous to drive, he said. Stinson said she was more nervous than he was. They almost decided to walk, but toughed it out. Knostman had butterflies but got through it, and the spot appeared November 29, a bit of irony since on that day in Austin the Rural group won round two with CP&L over evidence requirements in the upcoming trial. CP&L maintained that the group was not strong enough to mount a rate case, that its presence in the challenge was a chaotic one. It requested that the group be required to prefile the majority of its case to prove its validity. The PUC refused all the objections, and the stage was set for the final case hearing.

CP&L's attitude toward the group did not carry over on the local level. Group members said they had received assistance from local manager Doyle Bryant on several occasions, and that local employees had been more than kind, providing the list of counties served by CP&L, as well as a breakdown on the numer and type of rural users.

But the bills were coming in monthly, and the cries of foul weren't getting any softer.

Publicity about the challenge was beginning to get around, and progress was being made. It came almost by accident. Stinson was talking on her CB one night to a man from Bayside who asked about the Aransas County group and what he could do to help. Stinson told him, of course, and a group from Bayside met shortly thereafter with the Fair Electric Committee and chose a representative to the committee.

Other individuals and groups in Live Oak and Jim Wells began to express interest, and the $3500 that the committee had collected to pay legal fees began to look bigger and bigger, because the challenge had always been an act of faith made plausible by increasing support.

With support growing, the group moved to make its organization a permanent one "to make certain that rural users don't get stomped on by monopolies like CP&L and Bell Telephone," says Stinson.

The group was looking ahead, and was over the hump as far as doubts were concerned. The report of the TML consultants that CP&L deserved less than half its recommended increase also helped to boost spirits.

Fowler's contentions that another six million should be trimmed from the figure were admitted by the PUC once the hearing began in December, and things seemed like they couldn't get much better. They did. CP&L also admitted that its rates were illegally high in at least two counties, and that its rates for all water heaters were illegally high.

The increase as requested looked more and more like the high-handed ploy the group had accused CP&L of trying all the time. And as the year closed with no decision by the PUC, it appeared that the delay could be in part because the evidence in the hearing was having a telling effect on the commissioners. Removed from hard figures and facts, it seemed to point to mismanagement and arrogance epitomized by the legal but arbitrary hiking of rural rates.

"The TML wouldn't be in the shape it's in right now without the rural users," says Stinson. The shape they are in is permanent. The TML has already moved to establish its rate committee year round.

And a drive seems likely to ask the next legislature to empower the commissioners' courts of the 44 affected counties to review and suspend rate requests.

All of these developments point to a radical altering of the rate review procedure in the state of Texas. Any hope of regulatory opponents that the rural users would succumb to apathy and allow the PUC to determine their future without their input was gone, crushed by a diverse and determined group from Aransas County that made fighting more than city hall the story of the year.

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Wendell has the full implementation of the new Central Tax Office, which will serve the county, city and school district, as a personal goal. He has set July as a personal deadline to have the office functioning smoothly. Central Assessor Al Johnson is leaving in mid-January, and his replacement will doubtless be first on the list.

The County Sheriff's department will be getting a new deputy the first of the year. Commissioner Owens says the total cost to the county may run as high as $20,000 including salary and all expenses and equipment. Sheriff Bob Hewes has said he hopes to hire a full time investigator to free his field deputies from having to divide their attention between serving papers and concentrating on cases.

Wendell said he can only agree with Rockport Mayor Walter Falk's projections of rapid population growth for the area. "I see a boom for the county. Nothing else but a population increase can happen. You've got winter tourists coming down here to live, retirees moving in. There is only so much of this coastal property left, and people realize this. There is a trend for more and more development.

As in the past, the county will be stressing the need for "first class" developments with fully curbed and guttered streets, etc. Wendell says anything less is a waste of time.

Oil, which has been the news, does not look like a bonanza for the county, according to the Judge. He said the new exploration will balance out those wells which are being depleted, and that the revenue increase, if any, will be small.

Home Value Does Not Effect SSI

The value of a home no longer counts as a resource in determining eligibility for Federal supplemental security income (SSI) payments, according to A.L. Finck, Jr., social security district manager in Corpus Christi.

The SSI program makes monthly payments to people with little or no income and limited resources who are 65 or over or blind or disabled. "Limited resources means possessions worth up to $1,500 for one person living alone and $2,250 for a couple," Finck said. "But under a change in the law enacted in October 1976, a home doesn't count as a resource."

Previously a home with a market value over $25,000 (over $35,000 in Alaska and Hawaii) did count as a resource. Some people who were ineligible for SSI payments because of the value of their home may now be eligible, according to Finck.

People can get information about applying for SSI payments by calling or writing any social security office. The Corpus Christi social security office is at 5733 South Padre Island Drive. The phone number is 992-1201.

The Federal Government doesn't put liens on the homes of people because they get SSI payments.

Other possessions that aren't counted as resources, depending on their value, may include a car, personal effects, household goods, and life insurance policies, Finck said.

The amount of the SSI payments people get depends primarily on other income they might have. People with no other income at all living in their own household can get a Federal payment of as much as $167.80 a month for one person and $251.80 for a couple. People with some other income may get reduced payments.

In Texas, people getting SSI payments are automatically eligible for Medicaid.

Home Rule...

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improvements and extension of utility services such as water and sanitary sewage facilities. The improvements would probably require higher tax rates, Falk added, noting that Rockport has one of the lowest per capita property tax rates in the Coastal Bend area. (The rate, however, is the maximum for a "general law" city, at 40 percent and $1.50 per hundred. The $1.50 figure could rise to $2 or more with home rule, if needed.)

Police protection currently costs city taxpayers approximately $18 per person per year, and that figure is almost certain to rise with an extensive annexation program. The annexation of Key Allegro at some future date, or the annexation of a similarly large area would also require another garbage truck and attendants, as well as added funds for the Fire Departments. But the Mayor noted that under home rule, a city could hire full-time drivers who could answer calls immediately without the delays inherent in a volunteer department, however dedicated or well equipped.

The Mayor noted that at present Rockport's financial status is excellent, and that it has been possible to set aside a reserve fund for possible emergencies as well as an emergency fund for the municipal water system.

Falk also suggested it might be possible in the future to lower the municipal water rate.

Recent controversies over industrialization in areas not within the city limits also got the once over from the mayor in relation to home rule. The city's extraterritorial jurisdiction is currently one-half mile from the city limits. Under home rule, the limit would be a full mile, doubling its potential to avert crises similar to the one caused by Houston Oil and Mineral's proposal to drill on a site near the cemetery.

In summation, the Mayor told The Pilot that home rule would not be a financial bonanza for the city, but that it would increase its financial base so that increased borrowing would be possible, and bond issues to finance the needed convention and civic center would no longer be out of reach.

He stressed that these are crossroad times for both the city and county, and that citizen participation is more crucial than ever in assuring support and feedback for and to public representatives as they an inevitable and rapidly approaching future.

"Tourist Of The Week"



Robert and Janet Anderson

Robert Anderson: "I've Got Itchy Feet"

Robert Anderson is a retired consulting engineer and production supervisor who learned about Rockport through a Wisconsin bar owner.

The Andersons are in their fourth week in Rockport and like everyone else, they've had to make the best of bad weather. They've spent much of their "tourist" time on the road, touring the local harbors and taking trips to nearby towns like Port Aransas. They've also made a personal survey of the local restaurants and dreamed of what they would be doing if the sun were shining.

to wet weather, however. He grew up in Aberdeen, Scotland, which faces the turbulent North Sea. He was a fisherman's son who came to the United States at 16 with his mother and brothers. At 16, he already had the equivalent of a high school education and stayed away from school, working in a restaurant as a dishwasher for a while in 1927 before the Ford Trade School opened and he was taken on as an apprentice tool maker.

The Ford School was one of a kind for many years, and its innovative policies and ideas drew a self-sufficent crew of apprentices. Like many of his peers, Anderson left the Ford plant with new knowledge and opened his own tool production plant, operating it until 1960 when he sold out to become a consulting engineer for firms across the nation.

He was well known in defense contracting circles when he liquidated his business in 1960, and he signed on with Modern Engineering, a management and design firm to oversee final planning for new plants and plants tooling up for the boom business brought on by the Vietnam war.

The middle and late sixties were the Johnson years, and Anderson followed the defense money to Texas firms, working in Fort Worth and Arlington for American Manufacturing planning the production of a variety of weapons and bombs.

Since he retired, he and his wife Janet have traveled cross country. Anderson says he has "itchy feet" and likes to stay on the move. He plans a trip to the valley after the first of the year, but will return to Rockport for at least another month before moving on. Like everyone else, he likes the fishing and the climate when it shows itself.

When it doesn't he stays inside and talks a mile a minute, drawing on his stories of his Scottish boyhood, his jobs and his love of history. "In Scotland we learned about the histories of all the countries Scots had emigrated to, so when I came to America it was real to me. And it surprises people...Why I could go to your Alamo and live with those guys. I love it."

Simple Steps Can Cut Electric Bill

If you want to cut your annual electric bill almost in half, don't march on city hall but take some simple steps at home, a University of Texas energy conservation expert advises.

Energy-saving tips offered by Dr. Jerold W. Jones include:

--Increase insulation in the windows, seal structural gaps with caulking, plug air leaks at light switches and electrical outlets.

--Use 60-watt bulbs except in work or reading areas.

--Set thermostats at 68 degrees in winter, 78 in summer.

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Elida Flores Awarded Art Degree

In mid-winter 1976 Commencement ceremonies, former Rockport resident, Ms. Elida Tamez Flores, received the Master of Interdisciplinary Studies degree from the College of Arts and Humanities, Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi.

Ms. Flores is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Encarnacion Tamez of 617 Moline Street, Rockport. A graduate of Rockport-Fulton High School, Ms. Flores also attended Del Mar College and A&I-Kingsville.

Obituary

George M. Hogan

George M. Hogan, a resident of Rockport for the last 10 years, died Wednesday, Dec. 22 in a Corpus Christi hospital.

He was 68.

Hogan was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Rockport.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth Hogan, Rockport.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 Thursday, Dec. 23. Funeral mass was held Friday, Dec. 24 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Harold Palmer officiating. Interment followed in Rockport Cemetery.

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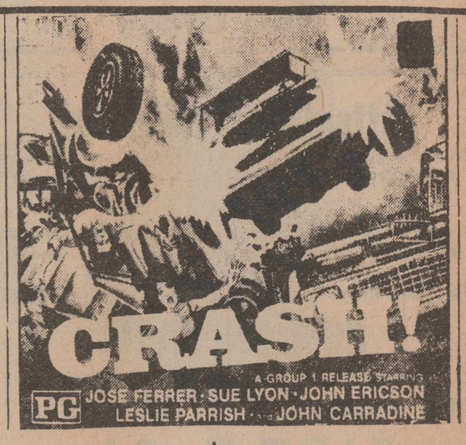
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Texas A&I Conducting Programs For Migrant Workers

Financed by more than 620,000 from the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs, three programs relating to migrant workers are under way at Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

The projects, established by the A&I Continuing Education Center, are conducted by the special programs section of the center. Eliseo Torres is director of special programs.

Funded for the period Oct. 1-Sept. 30, the projects include Higher Education Migrant Program (HEMP), for $198,381; Migrant Attrition Prevention Program (MAPP), $230,956; and Migrant Business Training Program (MBTP), $190,690.

HEMP, initiated in September, is to help migrant college students in South Texas cope with the frustrations of college life and to create an environment conducive to success at college, according to Andres Montez, program director.

HEMP also makes an effort to recruit and retain migrant students in college. The assistance that the selected participants receive is addressed to the main needs that college students have--financial, tutorial and counseling.

"The financial support is in the form of payment of tuition and guaranteed employment," added Montez. "Students earn $2.30 per hour for 10 hours a week. In addition, the students receive grant and loan support."

Montez explained that the employment component is important because in addition to providing wages it provides the students the experience of working. Each student is placed on employment that he selects in an area of interest to him related to his field.

"The HEMP tutorial component is the heart of the total program," said the director. "If the students do not succeed in the academic field, any other assistance will be of little or no value. It is for this reason that students are encouraged strongly to attend the tutorial sessions."

The tutors also provide an important link between the students and employment supervisors. In addition to the tutorial program, in an effort to upgrade the communication skills of the migrant students, a reading-writing laboratory is being planned.

The third component of HEMP is the counseling program. The counselors are the first to notice any problems--personal or academic--that the students may be having.

Applicants for this program must meet the following criteria: be high school graduates or have General Education Development (GED) equivalences; be citizens of the United States or legal aliens; be a resident of one of the 20 designated counties.

The counties include Jim Hogg, Starr, Zapata, Aransas, Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, La Vaca, Victoria, Dimmitt, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Valverde and Zavala.

Candidates should also meet the following migrant definition: a seasonal farmworker who during the preceding 12 months has performed agricultural labor which required such travel that the worker was unable to return to his or her accepted place of residence within the same day.

Montex said that the selection priority is given in the following order: beginning freshmen currently enrolled and qualified migrant students who are classified as sophomores, juniors and seniors.

To qualify for admissions to MAPP each student must meet the CETA migrant farmworker guidelines, be officially enrolled in high school, have completed the eighth grade prior to in-school program and ninth grade prior to summer school program, be interviewed by the director or his representative; have written parental consent; and show proof of a recent physical examination.

MAPP is operated in conjunction with the following prime sponsors: Coastal Bend Manpower Consortium, Cameron County Resources and Community Affairs and the Hidalgo County Department of Community Affairs.

The prime sponsors involved designate school districts from which 100 ninth grade students will be chosen. The school districts selected are all in the South Texas area.

Students will work in public and non-profit agencies during the academic year. They will earn the minimum hourly rate of pay. The students perform jobs training them in skilled areas which will enhance their future employment opportunities.

They also receive counseling and tutorial assistance which helps the students to have a better self-image. The aim of the program is to offer a more positive alternative to that of being a migratory worker, according to Michele Lewis, special project director for the program.

MBTP is a vocational-educational program for migrant farmworkers desiring to acquire skills necessary to secure jobs in business-related areas.

The program seeks to enroll qualified migrant trainees in a course of study leading to successful job placement. Through highly individualized instruction, the trainee will gain entrance into an area of his choice upon course completion.

Training areas include the educational and skill component.

Each student participant is allowed $92 per week plus $10 per week dependency allowance. Couseling services are also available to the students.

Completion of their training will also insure job placement and subsequent counseling.

To qualify for the MBTP, applicants meet the same criteria as for HEMP. Director of the training program is Maria Baker.

Allegro Marina To Expand Facilities

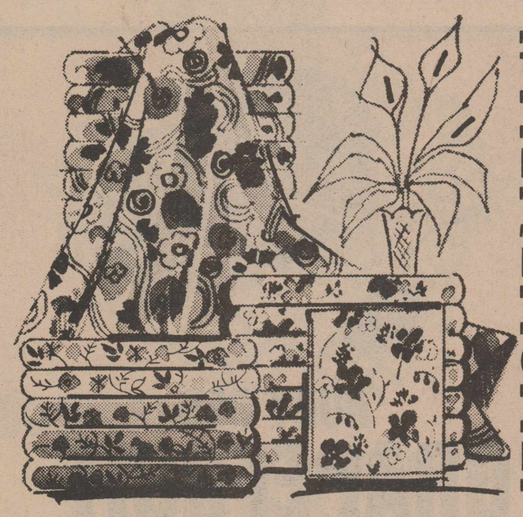
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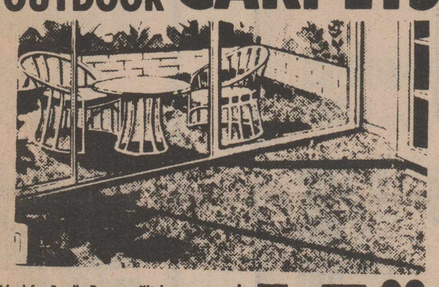
Plans for the proposed work may be seen at the office of the District Engineer in the Essayons Building, 400 Baracuda, Galveston or at the Corpus Christi Area Office, Corpus Christi.

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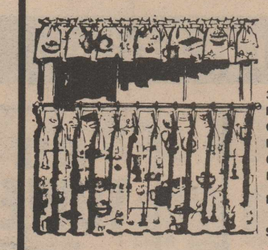
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Competition, Regulation Foiling Finance Companies

"Finance companies say they made fewer loans in 1975 than they did in 1968. They didn't do this because Texas law prohibits their charging the extra-high interest rates they would like to charge borrowers. It happened because of increased competition. It also came about because of a growing awareness on the part of Texas borrowers that finance companies are charging highly excessive rates of interest and adding on additional charges," said Senator Bill Patman of Ganado, Dec. 20.

"One of the loan company representatives recently bemoaned the fact that the number of loans made by finance companies had dropped 'from 911,201 in 1968 to just over 600,000 in 1975, a decrease of a third.' During this same time personal loans made from state-chartered credit unions increased from 434,895 in 1968 to 662,647 in 1975, and the total dollar amounts which go with those increases were $430,167,649.79 in 1968 and $874,754,142.28 in 1975. The latter figure may be compared with the average monthly loan balance of $676,316,518 currently claimed by the loan companies," said Patman.

"Texas borrowers are getting more careful about the charges they pay. They see the loan companies are charging enormously high rates of interest and loading on additional charges for insurance policies. This is why credit unions and other institutions are getting more of the business which formerly may have gone to loan companies.

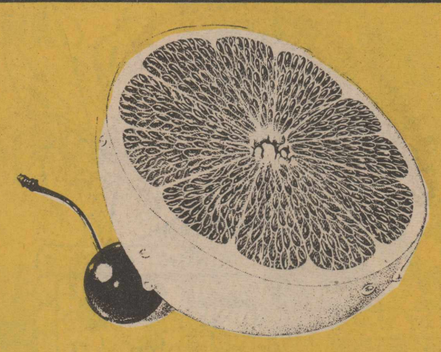
"Compare the cost of borrowing $1,000 for 37 months from a loan company with the cost of borrowing this same amount for the same period of time from a credit union," said Senator Patman. "Because a credit union can charge a maximum annual percentage rate of 12%, the $1,000 would cost no more than $201.39 in interest. A finance company, on the other hand, would charge $339.17. Last Session the bad bill the loan companies were fighting for would have jacked up that cost from $339.17 to $425.50--$224.11 more than the $201.39 maximum charge by the credit union. Credit life insurance would be tossed in by most credit unions, while loan companies would make an additional profit from selling that to the borrower.

"Another very significant development is the rapid expansion between 1968 and 1976 in consumer loans by both banks and savings and loan associations, with lending rates far below those of loan companies. Other credit unions chartered by the federal government made about as many loans in Texas in about the same dollar figures as those of the state-chartered credit unions during the 1968 and 1975 years; so the total figures for both the state and federal credit union lending in Texas would be about double those given above for just the state-chartered credit unions.

"During the 1975 Session I described the loan company bill as an attack upon the families of Texas by out-of-state loan companies. Over 802 of the loans made by finance companies in Texas are made by less than 20 companies, and each one of those is a part of a large corporate comglomerate with out-of-state headquarters. A survey of 310 lawsuits filed by one loan company in San Antonio showed that in 4 out of 5 of those cases the company sought to foreclose upon household furniture and that 4 out of 5 were filed against families. The higher interest rates sought by the loan companies in the coming legislature pose great financial dangers to families--especially those likely to be enticed into financial pitfalls by television and other powerful media advertising," said Senator Patman.

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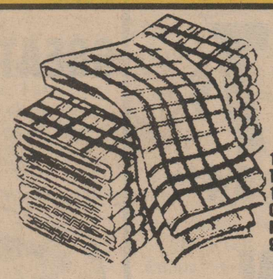
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Houston Oil Plans Pipeline

Houston Oil and Minerals Corporation, 242 The Main Building, 1212 Main Street, Houston, applied Nov. 12 for an Army Corps of Engineers permit to install two eight-inch pipelines in Aransas Bay beginning in State Tract 174 and extending across Tracts 173 and 172, and Tracts 190-192, central to a point approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Rockport.

A preliminary review by the Corps indicated that an Environmental Impact Statement was not required. The pipelines will be buried a minimum of two feet below the bay bed by disking, plowing or jetting so as to cause a "minimum disturbance to the bottom of the bay."

Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the office of the District Engineer in the Essayons Building, 400 Barracuda, Galveston, or at the Corpus Christi Area Office, Corpus Christi.

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Fulton Lions Club Meets

Lions President Curtis Goodman gave a holiday oriented talk on the "priceless value of getting acquainted with your fellowman" at the regular meeting of the Fulton Lions Club.

Member Henry Von Pein reported during the meeting that 40,000 pairs of glasses were shipped recently to India and the Philippines as part of the Lion's continuing program for the preservation of human sight.

Carl Sudreth was a guest of the club at the meeting.

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Nursing Home News

Activities at the Aransas Pass Nursing and Convalescent Center during the week of Dec. 6-19 included:

A Saturday Christmas party for residents given by the ladies of the First Assembly of God Church of Aransas Pass. The ladies brought a choir of Sunday Schoolers to sing carols and had gifts for all the residents.

A Monday game day sponsored by the Ingleside Rebekahs.

A Tuesday caroling group from Mrs. Hefner's third grade Ingleside Elementary School, who also handed out favors to residents. Also on Tuesday, Betty Upton and TMR Training Center assistants brought out another group of children to sing carols, and the Ingleside Brownie Troop 486, under the direction of Linda Belcher, followed with a third round of carols. The Troop also presented the nursing home with a potted poinsettia.

A Wednesday paint class conducted by Jean Windham, and an afternoon game day presented by the Friendship Club of the Mobile Inn Trailer Park in Rockport.

A Thursday program by the Aransas Pass Pentecostal Church of God, and a visit from the Ingleside Girl Scout Troop of Mrs. Leroy Brooks. The girls sang carols and distributed candy and breathmints in a stocking to each resident. During the evening, the Aransas Pass High School Library Club, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Mitchell, presented a program and brought a box of fresh fruit for residents.

A Friday performance by the Aransas Pass High School choir, under the direction of Raymond Allen, and a visit from the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Rockport, who brought gifts for every resident including hand-knitted lap robes and slippers.

A Saturday communion service by Rev. James Hamilton for Catholic residents, and a Sunday, Dec. 19 church service, led by Rev. Al Bankert.

A Sunday evening Christmas party sponsored by the center. Events included a drawing for gifts supplied in part by the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, the ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Rockport, and the ladies of the Altar Society of the St. Mary's of the Sea Catholic Church. Gilbert Ritz passed out the gifts, and Mary Farenthold, Xandria Mathis and Terry Holden provided the music. Special music was provided by the Young People's Choir of the First Baptist Church of Aransas Pass, who sang carols.

Thanks for donations to the success of the party go to Mrs. Norman Spears, Jr. for the nice clothes, Shirley Brown of Sherlee's Beauty Shop of Ingleside for books, the Hibiscus Garden Club of Aransas Pass for Christmas arrangements, Alpha Michovich for pot plants, the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce for gift donations, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards for their gift, Charlie Marshall for candy for the staff, TOPS 497 of Ingleside for a barrel of fresh fruit and to Mrs. Leroy Brooks for bringing Santa down to pass out bags of fruit and nuts to all the residents. This was done by the Ingleside Fire Department and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ingleside VFW.

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AARP Holds Anniversary Dance

The second anniversary dance was held at the Paws and Taws building Dec. 15 with 250 guests attending.

The dance is a yearly event given by the AARP Entertainment Club honoring the outgoing and in-coming officers.

Welcoming the guests at the door were Dance Chairperson Irene Hopper, with her escort T.H. (Casey) Edmiston, Social Director Pat Works, escorted by her husband Buford, and President John Leslie, with wife Dorothy.

Special hostess for the evening was Vera Bigelow, and special guest was Juanita Wagley, owner of the Paws and Taws Building.

The tables were decorated in the traditional Christmas Motif, and refreshments were served by Velma Ramsey and her committee from the Shady Grove Trailer Park.

Rose Smith introduced the out-going slate of officers headed by John Leslie, president. Carolyn Behee introduced the in-coming officers headed by President Pat Works.

Special thanks were given to Gene Rickles for providing the music for AARP dances throughout the year. Gene closed the evening by playing the "Anniversary Waltz" especially for the officers and their escorts.

School Menu

Monday, Jan. 3
Baked Macaroni with Cheese, Buttered English Peas, Tossed Green Salad, Bread, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookies and Milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Meat Loaf, gravy, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Green Beans, Hot Rolls-Butter, Ice Cream and Milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 5
Tamale Pie, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Bread, Butterscotch Squares and Milk.

Thursday, Jan. 6
Hamburgers, French Fried Potatoes, Lettuce, Pickles, Onions, Buns, Cake Squares and Milk.

Friday, Jan. 7
Turkey Tetrazzini, Buttered Green Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Bread, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

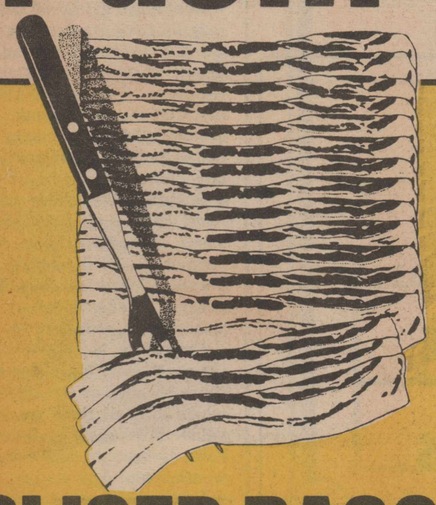
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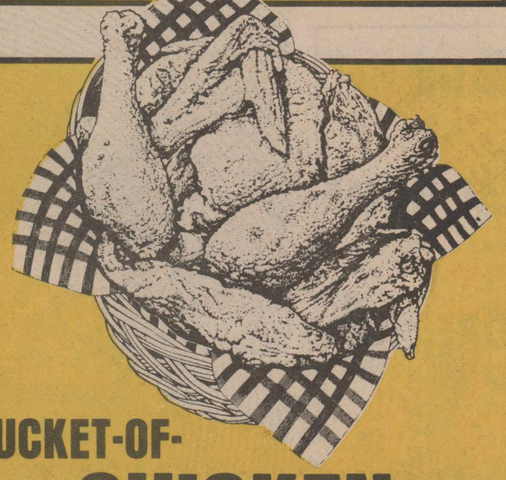
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Hypothermia: The 'Cold Water Killer'

Every year, more than 700 people lose their lives in water-related mishaps in Texas.

While the majority of drownings occur during the summer months when millions of Texans and visitors head for the state's reservoirs, streams and coastal areas, an increasing number of fatalities is being registered in winter.

Last year, some 30 hunters drowned, mostly while after waterfowl. An additional 47 persons lost their lives in boating mishaps, while 25 other persons around the state drowned because of unknown reasons.

This year, as waterfowl hunting opened at Sea Rim State Park under blizzard conditions, a number of hunters had to be rescued by Coast Guard and parks personnel, after becoming stranded in the marsh, or having their boats swamped in choppy waters.

According to experts, about 95 percent of drownings occurring in water 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, can be directly attributed to hypothermia.

What is this cold-water threat that has been called the killer of the unprepared?

Defined as rapid loss of core body temperature, hypothermia makes itself felt this time of year on waterfowl hunters as well as fishermen. Simply stated, hypothermia means that the body loses heat faster than it can produce it, rapidly exhausting energy reserves.

Wind, water and cold temperatures all combine for a sneak attack that often proves fatal for countless winter-time outdoorsmen.

"The body's core temperature is lowered 20 times faster in cold water than in air of the same temperature," says Billy Walker, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department coastal law enforcement supervisor.

"Once the body temperature is lowered to 93 degrees, the person is in serious danger because he does not realize what is happening," Walker added.

Once the decline from normal body temperature (98.6) begins, immediate action is needed. It has been calculated that a body's core temperature can be dropped to the critical level after only three hours in 50-degree water. That is if the person remains relatively still.

"Any type of muscular activity or movement causes a more rapid decline. The more strenuous the activity, the faster one's energy reserves are depleted. A person attempting to swim in 50-degree water can swim only about one mile before his core body temperature drops to the critical 93-degree point," Walker said.

As body heat drains away, a person begins to lose physical control and shock sets in. At that point, the person becomes disoriented, unaware and uncaring of what follows.

What follows is loss of consciousness and death.

Persons assuming Texas waters don't get to 50 degrees may be taking a fatal gamble. On the average, coastal and inland waters of the state hit the upper 50s by mid-December. Coldest water temperaturs are registered in January, and don't climb past that mark until late February.

Simply stated, there are two main causes of hypothermia: shock brought about by a sudden loss of core body temperature, and prolonged exposure of the body by cold water, wind or rain.

Protection is simple. Avoid the conditions that cause hypothermia, such as wet clothing, which lose all their insulating value. Best of all be aware of hazards brought about by bad weather and cold water.

Remember as energy reserves are depleted, uncontrolled shivering and memory lapses follow. Resulting numbness leads to stupor, collapse and almost certain death unless immediate action is taken.

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KOA Campground Holds Songfest, Xmas Dinner

Holiday events at the KOA Campground included a tree trimming party Thursday evening, followed by Christmas caroling and a social hour.

Friday, the campground visitors held a corn social followed by a caroling march through the grounds.

Christmas dinner Saturday drew a crowd of guests, including Jack and Jo Pry, Pennsylvania; Bill and Janet Dailey, Iowa; Dick, Evelyn, Steven, Annette, Laurie, Lisa Bettin, Iowa; Horave Pearl, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Wallace, Oklahoma; John and Lorraine Lipscomb, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bone, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Eliot, Indiana; Margaret and Lee Wilder, Washinton; Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Hacker, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Suhre, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hanson, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tanner and Scot, Oklahoma; Toy and Yvonne Hayes, Connecticut; and Mr. and Mrs. Winston F. Scott.

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Visitors at the campground over the holidays included Jack and Charlene Pry of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. Jack is the son of managers Jack and Jo Pry, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary recently.

Sunday evening, Walter and Inez Shure held a recital for guests followed by hymn singing with Inez at the piano.

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McDavid Earns Art Degree

Mary Louisa McDavid of Rockport received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville Dec. 17.

The ceremony was the first ever for Texas A&I in December, and the school awarded a total of 357 degrees to students from five states and 13 nations.

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During the second quarter of 1976, the 58 largest state agencies and institutions consumed 8745 billion BTU's of energy. This is equivalent to approximately 1.5 million barrels of oil. These statistics show a slight decrease in energy use by state agencies, and a slight increase in energy use by colleges and universities over the 1973 base period.

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And a year is a span of days. What we do with the days can determine the kind of year it will be.

One of the best of New Year Resolutions is this: To learn to know better the God who has given us Time . . . and to share that knowledge of God with a rising generation who may make of their years more than we have made of our own.

Your church can help you and your family make this a Happy New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 2:1-20	Matthew 1:18-25	Matthew 2:1-12	Psalms 71:16-24	Psalms 43:1-5	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 15:1-13

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