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Along The Waterfront



Rattlesnake Point reports: Scoots Roberson and Bob Harper of Odem, caught 59 trout that weighed over 50 pounds, dressed. Virlie Gwynn of Rockport and Jerry Oelhefer of Sinton, caught 78 trout. Clifford Reed of San Antonio, caught 24 trout. Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Poorman of Katy, caught 68 trout. Mr. McLaughlin of Italy, Texas, fishing with Bill Bardwell of Rockport, caught 72 nice trout. * * *

Mrs. Joe Everitt, of Joe's Boat Basin, says that fishing in that area of Copano Bay has been real good when the wind laid enough to let the boats get out. She and her husband fished a couple of hours Christmas day and brought in 79 trout. Mr. Steinback and party of Dallas, landed 68 trout.

Textbook Selection Procedure Explained

Selection of the brand-new textbook a public school student gets on the first day of school is a lengthy process which began in May of the preceding year. Although a great many people are involved in the process of selection, the final decision on each book from the approved list is made by a local committee of not less than five nor more than fifteen persons selected from local school personnel. Approximately 11,000 schoolteachers assist in this portion of the study. Members of the local textbook committees are appointed by local (or county) school boards, and these members must be selected each year, not later than Dec. 15. Samples of books requested are mailed to local committees on or about Jan. 1. Local committees make their selections from a multiple-choice offering of not less than two nor more than five books in each approved course. The committee may select only one book or they may select two, three, or more for supplementary references. In the next step, textbooks chosen by the approximately 1200 local committees are certified by the Textbook Division to the publishers concerned so they may begin printing the books which must be ready for student use when schools open in September. Textbook selection begins annually in May with a call for bids from publishers who wish to supply the books needed in particular grades and/or subjects. Publishers submitting bids to print textbooks deal with State officials as it is legally, physically, and financially impossible to deal directly with each local and county school board under Texas Constitution and law. Each State Textbook Committee member, although unpaid, is a State official who takes the same oaths required of other State officials, including the noncommunist oath. The period of service is for one year. From the time bids are requested in May until July 1, the Commissioner of Education is receiving a list of the text books offered by publishers. On July 10 a committee (continued on page 8)

BOND SALES REACH 99.9% OF QUOTA

According to Fred Bracht, county chairman in charge of sales of Series E and H government bonds, said that 99.9% of the quota set for Aransas County was reached at the end of November. Bond sales for November amounted to \$24.65, for an eleven-month cumulative total of \$59,965. The Aransas County quota is \$60,000, and Bracht says with a month yet to go, this should be exceeded considerably.

BOBBY JOE EVERITT NOW RESEARCH MAN

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Everitt have received word that their son, Bobby Joe Everitt, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, has accepted a position with Argonne Laboratories in Idaho Falls, Idaho as a research technician. He and his family will move there Jan. 4.

Fifth Annual 'Toast of the Coast' Tourney Dec. 29

The fifth annual "Toast of the Coast" Basketball Tournament will be held in the Pirate gymnasium Dec. 29 and 30. The tournament this year promises to be the best ever with trophies being awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and consolation. Also individual cups will be awarded to the six players selected to the all-tournament team. Some of the best teams in this area of the state will be entered this year. Industrial of Vanderbilt will head the top bracket which includes Calallen, Bloomington, and George West. Industrial won the Bloomington tournament early in December. Woodsboro will head the bottom half of the bracket. Other teams in this half of the bracket include Ingleside, Tivoli, and Aransas County High Schools. Woodsboro is definitely the favorite but may find the going tough before the tournament is over. First round will pit Industrial vs. Calallen at 2 p.m. Friday; Bloomington vs. George West at 3:30 p.m. Friday to end the first session. The second session starts with Woodsboro vs. Ingleside at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Tivoli vs. Aransas County at 8 p.m. Friday. The second round sessions begin at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Pilot To Raise Subscription Price January 1

Like the nickel cigar and the five-cent cup of coffee, the five-cent newspaper is almost a thing of the past. On January 1, after ninety-two years, the Rockport Pilot, Aransas County's only newspaper, is going to ten cents for a single copy, and will raise its subscription rates which have never been altered since it was founded shortly after Rockport was founded. "We regret," said publishers Roy Woods and Roy Rogero, "that after 92 years, we are forced to raise our subscription rates. The Pilot is the last weekly newspaper in this area to raise its rates, but circumstances beyond our control force this action." Among the circumstances they said, were rising newsprint costs, higher postal rates, and increased costs on all supplies and similar items, including freight rates. Beginning Jan. 1, they said, the new subscription price within Aransas County will be \$4 for one year, and \$3 for six months, plus tax, anywhere within the county. Outside the county, to points in the United States and A.P.O. Numbers, the rates will be \$5 a year, or \$4 for six months, also plus the Texas sales tax. The Pilot has covered the news in this area for almost a century, the partners said, and during that time, the original subscription price within the county has remained at \$2, even when, after the 1919 storm, the paper had a number of issues printed in San Antonio.

Mrs. Mary Adolphus Is Dead At 77

Mrs. Mary Cecelia Adolphus, 77, a life-time Rockport resident, died in a local hospital at 9:15 a. m. last Thursday after a brief illness. Funeral services were in Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. Friday. The Very Rev. Msgr. G. J. O'Doherty, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rockport Cemetery, under the direction of Cagle-Marshall Funeral Home here. Mrs. Adolphus was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Roberts, who were pioneer settlers in this area. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. A. C. Shivers of Rockport; three sons, Gerald, George and Joe all of Rockport; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Lassiter and Mrs. A. R. Curry, both of Rockport, Mrs. Henry Homburg of Galveston and Mrs. G. S. Spinney of Aransas Pass; one brother, Raymond Roberts of Rockport; three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

SEAFOOD DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY ODDFELLOWS JAN. 13

The Oddfellows are planning a seafood dinner for 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Oddfellow Hall. The public is invited. Proceeds will go to the Oddfellows projects.



IT'S CATCHING ON—New serve-self-type store in Gdynia, Poland, bears a marked resemblance to stores long familiar in shopping centers throughout the United States.

Senior High Fellowship Presents Living Scene Of Nativity At Church

The Senior High Fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church presented, on Friday and Saturday nights, an exceptionally beautiful live nativity scene, with the music for the forty-five minute program furnished through the courtesy of J. Allen Frye. Caroline Clark and N. F. Jackson took the parts of Mary and Joseph; Nan Jackson and Niki Dick those of angels, while the shepherds were Terry Thomas, Sherrilyn Brundrett, Hugh 'Bubba' Morrison, Tamara Camelh and Jan Clark. Wise men were Britton Dick, Jack Jeffers and Gary Thomas, and their servant was Gilbert Hill Jr. Charles Atchley and Raymond Ingersoll were in charge of the lighting; Mrs. N. F. Jackson, Sr., was wardrobe mistress and make-up artist; Guy Clark was the narrator. Stage hands, directors, and handy men were Rev. Cecil Lang, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morrison, George Corbett, Jill Jeffers, and Vicki Vermillion. The nativity was presented in four scenes, with appropriate music. The first scene was where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary; second was Mary, Joseph and the Babe in the stable; third was the adoration of the shepherds, and fourth the tribute of the wise men. The Fellowship made the presentation twice nightly, on the lawn of the church.

COUNTY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

County Clerk Ed Beasley said today that the offices in the courthouse will close Friday afternoon as usual, and will remain closed until Wednesday morning, at which time they will be open for business as usual.

FULTON FLASH



Monte Rouquette, 6'3" end, was one of the two freshmen to receive varsity letters at Texas A&M this season. The ex-Fulton flash provided much needed depth when injuries weakened the Javelina terminal corps.

Gasoline Buyers Penny Wise and Pound Foolish

Buyers taking advantage of the gasoline price war which broke out this week in Rockport and Fulton can easily cost themselves far more than they save, warned Fire Marshall Carl Osborn this morning. "It has been called to the attention of the City Fire Marshall's office that certain persons are buying gasoline and storing it in 50-gallon drums on their own premises. This can cause a great deal of trouble, and in case of fire could cause a total loss, even if the property in question is insured." Osborn explained that most fire insurance policies read "That any loss caused by the policy holder allowing a known fire hazard to exist, which originates the fire and causes it to spread, shall cancel the coverage." In accordance with standards established by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the National Safety Code, all flammable liquids, except fuel oil, must follow these rules are be considered a known hazard. No more than ten gallons may be stored in any building not built for the express purpose of storing such liquids, and then only in metal containers holding five gallons or less, with leak-proof screw or spring caps and with drip-proof spouts. Larger quantities must be stored not less than 60 feet from any building. Unsafe gasoline storage, Osborn says, is not only an economic hazard but may cause the loss of life. Another hazard comes from the fact that if other property is destroyed through such a known hazard, the owner of the property can sue the owner of the gasoline for damages. Filling stations are being requested to record such bulk sales, in order to advise the fire department of such hazards, and possibly saving the life of some fireman called to fight such a gasoline fire.

According to Osborn and Assistant Fire Marshal Elva Mullinax, it seems poor economy to endanger a family's lives and cause the loss of a home for a couple of dollars saved through purchase of 50 gallons of cheap gasoline.

Under such circumstances, they say, the gasoline wouldn't be very cheap.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY

The City Hall will be closed Saturday, as usual, and will not re-open until Tuesday morning, Mrs. Mary Lake Segler said this morning. Business will be as usual Tuesday.

GARBAGE PICKUP TO BE TUESDAY

Garbage pickup next week will be made Tuesday in all parts of town. There will be no pickup on Monday, which is New Years Day.

ROTARY LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Harp, Keith Harp and Reed Harp entertained the Rotary Club at its regular luncheon on Wednesday. This com-b started as a hobby and developed into a business, playing for dances, radio and TV stations. Visitors were Meritt Hulett, Saratoga Springs, New York; Mrs. Delmar Hiller, John T. Cabaniss and George Springer.

Groceryman Has Decreased Cost Of Merchandise

When people get on the subject of rising prices, Charlie Roe, Jr., always seems to wind up on food costs. "We used to get the best eggs for 39c a dozen," they say, and are aided and abetted in their complaints by frequent headlines such as "food costs lead to living increase" and "food prices zoom." Yet, says Charlie things aren't always what they seem, and quotes a recent news release by Groce-Wearden of Victoria in support of his statement. This says: There is a statistical truth in this. Food costs have increased, slightly less than 17 percent since 1947-49. However, like many statistics, this particular one tells a different tale upon closer examination. While in terms of dollars and cents, food costs have risen 17 percent, in terms of the only absolute in purchasing power, work—food actually decreased 32 percent in the past 12 years. This is not statistical gymnastics. It's plain truth. Assume an average customer, in 1947, worked one hour, 60 minutes—to buy a small sack of groceries costing \$1.00. Today, the same customer will pay \$1.17 for the same sack of groceries but he will have to work only 41 minutes to pay for them. Why? Alone among major industries the grocery business has not only held the line, it has actually decreased the cost of goods to the customer. Here's a story that needs to be told, the release says. Particularly now, because the Bureau of Labor Statistics is planning to play footsie with its mis-leading consumer price index and food price index as of Jan. 1, 1962. The base period will be shifted from '47-'49 to 1957-'59. What this will do is erase—statistically—the dramatic and effective role you and other efficient grocery men have played in keeping living costs down! As the above mentioned points out, this is like a 10-lap race in which the contestants are required to line up and start over at the end of each lap!

Rockport Next Week

Friday, Dec. 29: Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Priscilla Carleton and Dennis Phillips have birthdays. Saturday, Dec. 30: Commissioner Court meets; Mrs. Fannie P. Marrs and Fay Snyder have birthdays; New Year's dance at Live Oak County Club. Mr. and Mrs. Henry White and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Davenport are sponsors for the Junior High dance at the Youth Building, on the High School campus. Sunday, Dec. 31: Church; Fred Cubitt's birthday; New Year's Eve. Monday, Jan. 1: New Years Day. Fulton Lions; Eastern Star; Michael Rhodes, Robert L. Harrell, Charles Garrett, Sharon Lynn Godshalk and Mark Jeffers have birthdays; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barber have an anniversary. Tuesday, Jan. 2: VFW Auxiliary; Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Rockport IOOF; Rockport Jaycee-ettes; Sandra Gardner has a birthday. Wednesday, Jan. 3: Rockport Jaycees; Rotary Club; Navigation Board; Becky Baldwin and Dellon Beasley have birthdays. Thursday, Jan. 4: Rockport Lions; Rebekahs; Duplicate Bridge; Deborah Atkins, Cindy McDowell, and Cornelia Ormand have birthdays; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beasley have an anniversary.

Home Mail Delivery To Begin Next Week

Two Routes to Be Laid Out, Postmaster Says, As He Outlines Procedures For Those Residents Wishing This Service

The long-awaited house-to-house delivery of mail will become a reality next Saturday, according to Postmaster J. Reid Simmons. This climaxes efforts begun two years ago to bring this service to Rockport. Through the combined efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, the Aransas County Junior Chamber of Commerce, and of

officials of the city, the necessary surveys were made and preparations commended to inaugurate the service.

Postmaster Simmons said that the only requirement for home delivery, which is made without charge, is for patrons to have their homes properly numbered, and to install a suitable mail box. These boxes may be any type, he said, as long as they protect the mail and are safe for carriers to use.

He stressed the point that if city delivery is used, it is not necessary to relinquish the patron's post office box unless it is desired for all mail to be sent to the home. Mail will be delivered as addressed to persons retaining their boxes; that bearing the street address will go to the home; that bearing the post office box number will be placed in the post office box.

Those desiring home delivery must ascertain for themselves their house number and street address, and this information can be obtained at the City Hall if the property description is known. To obtain the proper number for your home, he said, property owners must have the lot and block number.

For those renting, it will be necessary to have the name of the property owner. Effective Jan. 6, Simmons said, the three cent letter rate for local letters will be abolished and from that day on all mail must carry four cents in postage, even though mailed to a local address. At present, the postmaster said, (continued on page 8)

Oregon Fails To Locate Shrimp Grounds

According to Harvey R. Bullis, Jr., base director of the South and Gulf of Mexico Exploration and gear Research base of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service the Service vessel Oregon has just returned from an extensive cruise in the northern Gulf, during which exploration was made for brown shrimp. Specific objectives of the cruise were to obtain further performance data on mid-water trawls, to take motion pictures of fish action when confronted with a net, and to carry on the shrimp exploration. A total of 90 drags for shrimp were made, and, in addition, 37 mid-winter sets were made for fish. Performance data were obtained on two mid-water trawls of different design, and upon the operation of various floats and depressor devices, four corner elevator-depressors, and three types of doors. A trawl of new design was tested at speeds up to five knots, with no apparent reduction in the vertical opening of the trawl, Bullis said. A sonic transmitter mounted on the hedrope and two remote controlled motion picture cameras were used to record the shape of the trawl at various speeds and to show the behavior of fish. Midwater fish catches were small, and no important shrimp concentrations were located.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS CALL WEDNESDAY

The Rockport Fire Department answered a call Wednesday afternoon to a brush fire which was soon controlled.

WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

The Women of St. Peter's Church will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 3:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Hostesses for the occasion will be Mrs. Robert Sorenson and Mrs. James H. Sorenson, Sr.

WE INVITE—

We invite Albert Griffith, Jr., and guest to see "Two Rode Together," playing Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cove Drive In Theatre. This clipping from the Pilot, (good for persons named above only) will serve as your admission.

Gas War Brings Six to Seven Cent Drop Here

When several service stations in this area announced a price cut Saturday night, they touched off a price war that is saving local motorists seven cents a gallon on regular gasoline and six cents a gallon on ethyl. Poster prices today start with 20.9 cents for regular and 28.9 cents for ethyl at Sinclair stations to 28.9 cents for regular and 30.9 cents for ethyl at independent stations that have not had time to readjust to the change. Texaco, Mobil, Humble, Phillips and Gulf are all getting 23.9 cents for regular gas, 29.8 cents for ethyl. Gulf's new gasoline, Gulf-tane is quoted at 22.9 cents a gallon, and Humble's Enco Plus is selling for 26.9 cents. Billups, Sinclair and Key service stations are selling regular at 20.9 cents per gallon, but Billups ethyl is 24.9 cents. Keny's premium regular is selling at 26.9 cents a gallon, and their ethyl is bringing 27.9 cents. Sinclair's ethyl is bringing 28.9 cents thus comparing with Texaco, Humble, Phillips, Mobil and Gulf. An independent station, whose operator has been out of town, said that they were losing business at their price of 28.9 cents for regular and 30.9 cents for ethyl, with many of their customers going elsewhere. They expect to meet posted prices elsewhere, probably Thursday.

Animal Health Situation Will Get Major Attention

The animal health situation in San Patricio and Aransas county, and Texas is getting major attention. The screwworm, a pest causing an estimated annual loss of one hundred million dollars, is a primary target.

In a recent meeting initiated by County Agent D. P. Pawlik and Vocational Agriculture teachers Temple Henry, Bill Steelhammer, and attended by a group of livestock producers and others concerned with animal health decided to organize and support a statewide effort.

M. L. Abrahams of Taft was elected chairman and C. M. Kellum of Sinton, secretary-treasurer. Other members of the county committee are Hilmer Person, Malcolm Maedgen, Harry Hamilton, and Martin Wheeler, Leo Miller, John Rozyppal, Fred Brundrett. Others in the county will be asked to serve on this committee.

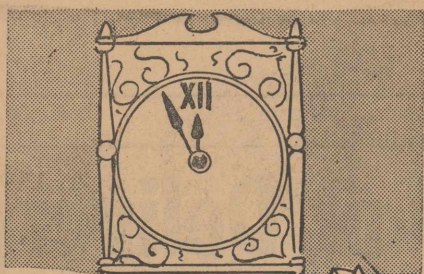
The group will support the recently formed Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation in its drive to do something about the animal health situation. Its purposes are to receive and disburse funds, and sponsor research and educational programs on animal health, including diseases, insects, and parasites—to the end that these hazards of live stock production may eventually be controlled.

ARANSAS GAS FIND FINALS

Coastal States Gas Producing Co. No. Aransas Bay State Tract 78, Aransas County A-2 sand discovery - 1/2 miles south of Lamar, has been completed for a daily open flow of 13.2 million cubic feet of gas with a trace of condensate.

Production was through 10-64 inch choke from uerifications at 7,294-99 feet in 5 1/2 inch casing at 8,622 feet. Flowing pressure was 2,670 pounds and shutin pressure was 2,722 pounds.

Location is on a 320 acre lease in Aransas Bay.



SPECIALS

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Dec. 28-29-30

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all of you
from all of us
at ROE'S

We at ROE'S would like to express again our heartfelt gratitude to you, our friends for your loyal patronage throughout the past year. We pledge anew our very best efforts in service to you in 1962.

- Duncan Hines
Brownie Mix . . . 39c
- Duncan Hines White
Angel Food Mix . 39c
- Rainbo Midget
Sweet Pickles . 39c
- Tissue
Scotties . . . 25c
- Northern White
Tissue . . .3 for 23c

...Shopping done for '61?



If you're like most folks—suffering from a "Christmas Gift" budget—you'll be pleased to find substantial food savings in ROE'S year-end specials all this week! All you'll need for your New Year's celebration — party foods and "meat 'n potatoes" — at lowest prices. For complete satisfaction this year and next . . .

ROE'S NO. 1
Rockport

ROE'S NO. 2
Fulton

ROE'S

Finest Quality
MEATS

- First Choice
Salad Dressing . . . 39c
- Pillsbury
FLOUR 49c
- TIDE** 1.19
- Liquid Detergent
TEXTY 39c
- First Choice Dry
Blackeyes . . . 2 for 29c
- Gebhardt's
CHILI 39c
- Libby's Sliced or Halves
PEACHES . . . 5 for 1.00

- Rath's
SAUSAGE
- lb roll 35c

- Swift's
PREMIUM BACON 55c
- Cedar Farm Thick
BACON 89c

- Rath's
CHOPPED HAM 39c
- Dry Salt
JOWLS 19c

- Swift's
PREMIUM FRANKS 49c
- Good Baby Beef
SHORT RIBS 35c

- CRISCO** 3 lb. can 79¢
- (Please Limit 1 with Order)
- First Choice
BLACKEYES 10¢
- with snaps 300 can

- HAMBURGER** 2 lb. pkg. 79¢

Frozen Foods

- Booth's
FISH STICKS 3 for 1.00
- Libby's Whole
BABY OKRA 23c
- Libby's
ORANGE JUICE 2 for 45c
- Valley Gold
MELLORINE 49c
- Harris
ICE CREAM 3 qts. 1.00

Fresh Picnic Style

- PORK ROAST** Lb. 29¢

- Good Baby Beef
RIB CHOPS lb. 59c

MAXWELL HOUSE
COFFEE

- 2 lb. can 1.19

MARYLAND CLUB
COFFEE

- 1 lb. can 59c



- BANANAS** 23c
- 2 lbs. cello bag
- CARROTS** 10c

- U. S. No. 1
Potatoes 10 lb. bag 35¢
- LETTUCE** head 8¢

ROE'S



We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantity

- Texsun
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 23c
- Hunt's
SPICED PEACHES 25c
- Van Camp
PORK & BEANS 2 for 25c
- Rotel
TOMATOES & CHILIES . . . 2 for 29c
- LeGrande W/K
GOLDEN CORN 2 for 33c
- April Shower
PEAS 19c

- Skinner's
MACARONI or SPAGHETTI . . . 2 for 25c
- Skinner's
RAISIN BRAN 23c
- Borden's
BUTTER MILK 25c
- Borden's
WHIPPING CREAM 34c
- Borden's
EGG NOG MIX 59c

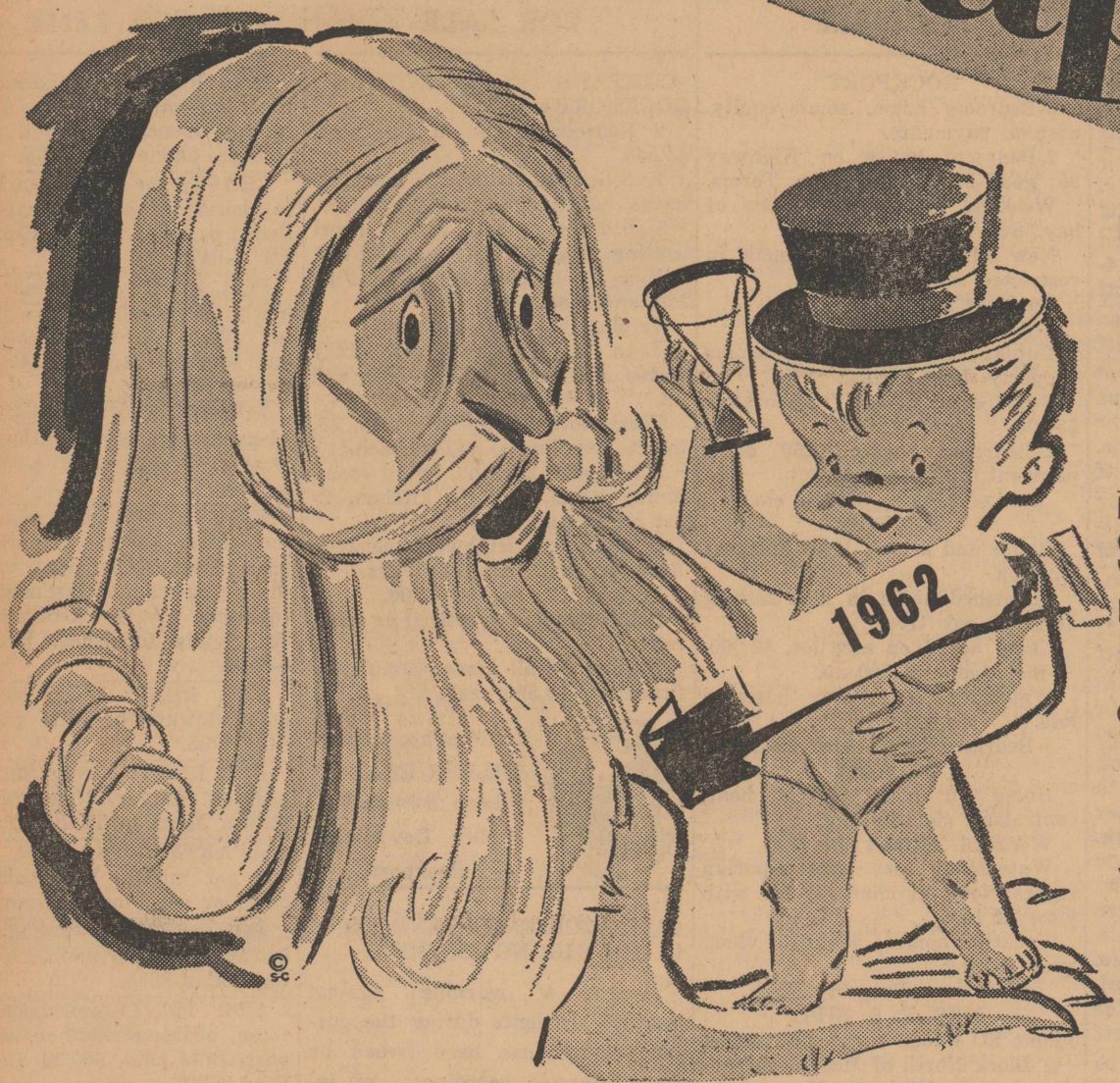
- First Choice
OLEO 19c
- REYNOLD'S FOIL** 33c
- NORTHERN NAPKINS** 25c
- IVORY SOAP** 3 for 43c
- CASCADE** 33c
- AJAX LIQUID** 49c
- STA-FLO** 47c

- SUGAR** 5 lbs. 39¢
- Please Limit 1 with \$5 Order

WEST'S

HOPES YOU HAVE A

Happy New Year



LeGrande, No. 303 Can

Blackeyed Peas

can

5^c

Limit 3 with Order

Del Monte No. 303
SPINACH 2 for 25c

Hunt's Whole No. 300
NEW POTATOES 9c

Campbell's
TOMATO SOUP 2 for 23c

Mayflower Cream Style No. 303
CORN 2 for 25c

Hi-Note
TUNA 17c

NBC, Supreme or Sunshine 1 lb. box
CRACKERS 27c

No. 300 Jack Spratt
White or Golden

HOMINY

can

5^c

Limit 3 with Order

From our Fine Meat Dept.

U. S. Good Baby Beef

Round Steak . . . lb.

79^c

Salt

JOWLS Lb.

15^c

U. S. Good Baby Beef

Rump Roast . . . Lb. 65¢

Northern Corn Fed

Pork Chops

Center Cuts . . . lb. 59c
First Cuts . . . lb 45c

Big Tex Thick Slice

Bacon 2 lb. pkg. 89¢

Big Tex

Bacon lb. 49¢

Fresh Ground

Hamburger 2 lbs. 89¢

Longhorn

Cheese lb. 55¢

Morton's qt.
SALAD DRESSING 39c
Your Choice
BISCUITS 2 for 19c
Hershey's ½ lb.
COCOA 31c
United
SALT 2 for 19c
6 Pack Carton
METRECAL 1.69
Bama 18 oz.
RED PLUM JAM 31c
Mars pkg. of 6 bars
FAMILY CHOICE 25c
Ormeo 2 lb. bag
LONG GRAIN RICE 29c
Starlite
MILK 2 for 29c
Duncan Hines reg.
CAKE MIX 3 for 99c
Brown or Powdered
SUGAR 2 for 27c
Cudahy 1½ lb. can
BEEF STEW 53c
Cudahy 1½ lb. can
CHILI & BEANS 53c
Giant
TIDE 73c

Armour's Vegetole 3 lb. can
SHORTENING 59c
Hunt's 46 oz.
TOMATO JUICE 25c
Sunvale Elberta, Freestone 303 can
PEACHES 2 for 35c
Renown No. 300
TOMATOES 10c
Round Up 300 can
PORK & BEANS 9c

5 Lbs.
SUGAR 49c
Armour's
OLEO 2 lbs. 27c
2 Lb. Bag
PINTOS 25c
Rath's 3 lbs.
LARD 49c
Valley Gold or Borden's ½ gal.
MELLORINE 49c
Reg. Size
JELLO 3 for 25c
Maryland Club or Admiration
COFFEE lb. 63c
3 Lbs.
CRISCO 85c
Light Crust 5 lbs.
FLOUR 47c
Frank's 4 oz.
BLACK PEPPER 35c
Cut-Rite
WAX PAPER 25c
Northern
TOILET TISSUE 3 for 25c
½ Gal.
CLOROX 37c
Delight
DOG FOOD 3 for 25c



10 lbs.
POTATOES 35c
Fresh lb.
CABBAGE 4c
head
LETTUCE 10c
Fresh Texas 1 lb. bag
CARROTS 10c
Texas 5 lb. bag
ORANGES 35c
Texas 5 lb. bag
GRAPEFRUIT 35c

Home Center

Reg. 69c
TOWELS 57c
Ladies', Reg. \$2.44
SLACKS 1.97

Drug Dept.

Reg. Size
KOTEX 35c
400's
KLEENEX 25c
Economy
GLEEM 59c
9 Oz.
LAVORIS 45c

Frozen Foods

6 Oz. Treesweet
ORANGE JUICE
2 for 43c

Spare Time
POT PIES
2 for 39c

Morton's
Macaroni & Cheese
2 for 43c

Morton's
CREAM PIES
49c

1 Pound Can Folger's

COFFEE 59^c





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Mrs. McMillan Has G. N. Club

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, Mrs.
Lee McMillan entertained the
Good Neighbor club at her beau-
tiful home in Sparks Colony with
a noon luncheon and Christmas
party.

There were 19 members and
two guests present.

Mrs. Coy Casey, a former mem-
ber who lives in Cuero, was honor-
ed at the party and presented a
beautiful gift.

The long dining table was cov-
ered with a Christmas cloth and
centered with a Christmas tree
cake, on an antique cut glass cake
stand. Red candles decorated the
green coconut-covered tree. Christ-
mas lights, white poinsettias, holly
and pine decorated the home.

After lunch gifts were exchanged,
Secret Pals revealed and the
names of the new pals for 1962,
were drawn.

A game covering a great deal of
mirth, was played.

The next meeting will be with
Mrs. Alvin Ebert at her home in
Aransas Pass, at 2 p.m. Wednes-
day, Jan. 31.

For the club project, Mrs. Ebert
asked each member to bring one
large empty spool, three old nylon
hose, 45 inches of florist wire,
cotton scarves, at least four inches
square, a needle thimble and
thread.

The president, Mrs. Alex Wil-
liams, appointed the following
committee: Mrs. J. F. Clobertants,
Mrs. W. O. Young and Mrs. Wil-
liams.

New officers will be elected at
the next meeting.

The club decided to meet on the
last Wednesday of the month
next year.

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sphere.

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mines and romance, where the raw
reds and blues of fantastically
eroded mountains are streaked
with the cerise and yellow of mine
tailings, and dotted with the
graves of unknown and long for-
gotten prospectors, quicksilver has
been mined sporadically for nearly
100 years.

Oddly enough, the original dis-
covery was made by a prospector
looking for the fabulous Lost Nig-
ger mine, long legendary in the
Big Bend country.

Thought to lie somewhere be-
tween Regan and Maravillas can-
yons, the Lost Nigger mine and its
marvellous riches was discovered
by a negro named Seminole Bill,
who took a piece of ore from it to
his friend Lock Campbell, a
conductor on the Southern Pacific.
This ore assayed \$80,000 a ton.

In the meantime, Seminole
Bill had got himself killed, so
Campbell grubstaked an old pros-
pector to search for the gold. He
wandered far afield in his search
chipping his way along the Rio
Grande, from San Francisco Creek
to Santa Helena Canyon and north
before he quit.

He never found the Lost Nigger
mine, but he did find the cinnabar
on Terlingua Creek, named by the
Spanish "Tres Linguas" (three
languages) because three Indian
tribes once occupied the region.

Campbell later said that the old
man, because he was looking for
gold and uninterested in anything
else, never reported his find until
it was too late and someone else
had claimed it.

It remained, actually, for a
travelling salesman to hit the
jackpot. It seems that back in
the 1890's, cowboys of the Big
Bend came riding into town on a
Saturday night with their ponies
streaked and decorated with red.
This ore, they told the curious shoe
salesman had come from streaks
of ore they had found over in
Brewster County.

The drummer had samples of
ore assayed, and filed a claim
on the first mercury mine in Tex-
as. This was the Chisos, later
followed by the Solid Butte,
Rainbo, Mariposa, Solitario and
Fresno mines.

Mercury was known to the an-
cients. Cinnabar, the ore from
which it comes, is a brilliant red,
soft and easily crushed. Its earlier
use was probably as rouge for
some cave man's woman, or body
paint for a warrior. The Greeks
mention mercury, and the Chinese
have records mentioning it as far
back as 210 B.C.

The Romans used it, as did many
American miners in gold rush
days, to refine gold. Pliny said:
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a poison on everything, and pierces
vessels even, making its way
through them by the use of its
malignant properties. All sub-
stances float upon it, except gold,
which it attracts. Hence, it is an
excellent refiner of that metal."

Mercury's remarkable appear-
ance as a metal endowed it with
many mysterious qualities and
unique properties in the lore of
the ancients, and naturally re-
ceived the attention of alchemists
in the Middle Ages in their search
for a method of transmitting other
metals to gold.

The mines from which the Ro-
man mercury came were situated
at Idria in Italy and Almaden in
Spain. This latter, the richest
known deposit of mercury, has
been producing for over 2,000
years.

Early methods of producing the
metal were exceedingly primitive.
The ore was placed in double pots
and roasted, with the mercury
falling into the lower pot. Some-
times the cinnabar was covered
with sand or ashes. The vapor rose
to the upper jar, condensed and
fell to the sand as quicksilver.

In another method the quicksilver
fumes from the furnace pots pass-
ed through sputs, condensing in
other vessels.

When the first shaft of the
Chisos Mine was sunk at Terling-
ua, similar methods were still in
use and, as a matter of fact, have
been only slightly improved since.
But, despite what modern engi-
neers would call ancient and in-
efficient methods, this mine con-
tinued to operate until recent
years, and paid dividends over
a long period. Production began
in the 1890's and during World
War I, reached (for the entire
state) a peak of 760,000 pounds of
mercury in one year.

Later, production fell off again,
only to be revived by the demands
of World War II, because fulmi-
nate of mercury is easily exploded
by impact and is, therefore, im-
portant in the manufacture of de-
tonators for explosives.

Moreover, mercury has played
a vital part in the manufacture of
marine paints. Its value here lies
in its faculty of forming a poison
released by the action of sea-
water. This corrosive sublimate
is fatal to barnacles which attach
themselves to the hulls of ships,
slowing them down, and to ship-
worms, or teredos, which burrow
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are in the desired position. Still
another use is production of power
from boilers using mercury vapor
instead of steam, giving much
greater efficiency.

Because so many of its com-
pounds are poisonous, mercury
is widely used in medicines and
drugs and in one of the few years
for which complete statistics are
available, 40 percent of all mer-
cury mined in this country went
into such compounds.

However, such peace time uses
are not enough to encourage pro-
duction of mercury, for prices are
too low because of lack of demand.
As a result, at the end of World
War II, the Chisos and other
mines closed down. They had given
employment to succeeding genera-
tions of Mexicans, some of whom
probably never traveled a dozen
miles from the mine hoists, and
had produced millions of dollars
worth of mercury.

Today, the gaunt and empty
houses of Terlingua doze in the
sun, giving little indication of the
days of the town's glory. Yet, not
so long ago, it was the "Big" town
in Brewster County.

The youth and beauty of the
mining camps came there regular-
ly, along with occasional Border
Patrolmen and Texas Rangers.
Folks even came in from as far
out as 30 or 40 miles in the back
country.

They couldn't go anywhere else.
There was lots of money in
Terlingua in those days. The mines
paid their workmen off in silver
dollars and, come Saturday night,
the miners had to see if they would
roll.

Why not? Couldn't they see the
mines were where they and their
fathers had worked for genera-
tions? There would always be
another payday.

Then, suddenly, there wasn't.
Today, long rows of adobe
houses line the streets, just as
they did when the mines were op-
erating. Only when you look close-
ly, you discover that the roofs are
missing from many of them; that
the gaudy beer joint is padlocked;
and that the motion picture is
nothing but a front with fallen
wreckage behind it.

Only a few of the original popu-
lation remain, to take care of the
mines and some of the rest find
work on nearby ranches, but a lot
have moved away.

Nevertheless, the cinnabar and
the mines are still there, and the
next time the demand for mer-
cury runs the price up to around
\$200 a flask, Terlingua will forget
her dreams; the rows of houses
will sprout new roofs; and every-
body will go back to work.

Mr. and Mrs. William Parr and
Mr. and Mrs. James Ernest Rus-
sell and Mrs. Drucie Stow were in
Houston over the holiday to visit
Mrs. Stowe's daughter, Mrs. Tru-
man Bruce. Mrs. Stowe, who is
staying in Houston for a time,
got to visit her 90-year-old
brother.

Elvin Haigood spent last week
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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Littleton and
family of Houston spent the
Christmas holidays with their par-
ents Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette
of Fulton. Others at the Rou-
quette home for Christmas dinner
were: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rou-
quette and family; Mr. and Mrs.
Floyd Rouquette and sons; Mr. and
Mrs. Otis Rouquette and sons; Mr.
and Mrs. Jack Sparks and daugh-
ter Mr. and Mrs. Harold Picton
and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Schleider and Mrs. Cleo Smith.

GRANTS HAVE
X'MAS GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Grant of
Tampa, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs.
Hermis Grant and children of
Winterhaven, Fla., spent the
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SELF EMPLOYED EARNINGS REPORTS FOR '61 DUE NOW

Federal income tax returns must be filed by all persons who have net earnings of at least \$400 in 1961 from their own trade or business, according to Leroy H. Fuhrmann, field representative with the Social Security Administration, in Corpus Christi.

Social security payments to a worker and his family when he retires, or if he becomes disabled and to his family in the event of his death, are based on the earnings to his social security account.

To insure that correct benefit payments can be made in the future, a self employed person should accurately report his net earnings from his trade or business on a separate Schedule C, or a Schedule F if he operates a farm or ranch. These reports became a part of the income tax return, and the social security tax must be paid even if no income tax is payable. These reports for 1961 are filed with the Internal Revenue Service, and they may be filed any time after Dec. 31.

An important item on the report of each self employed person is his name and social security number exactly as they are shown on his social security card; otherwise, it may be impossible to credit the reported earnings to the proper social security account, Fuhrmann says.

For additional information about individual rights and duties under the Social Security Act, you may visit, telephone, or write to the Social Security Administration, 530 South Water Street, Corpus Christi.



TIME IS UP—Alfred Krupp, above, German steel baron, may be allowed to keep his steel and coal holdings by the western allied officials. In 1954 he was given five years to dispose of them, but the time is almost up and he cannot find a buyer. He was convicted of helping to arm Hitler by a war crimes tribunal after the war.

Taylor Oak Has Community Christmas Dinner

Guests at Taylor Oak Trailer Park held their annual community Christmas dinner, with 40 taking part.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Wright, Pontiac, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Towne and Mrs. Jimmie Towne, Jamaica, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusump and son David, Arnolds Park, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hiller, Huron, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Materns, Lima, Ohio;

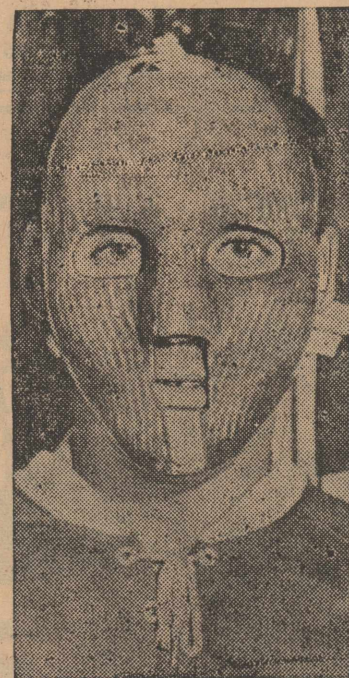
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Mr. and Mrs. James Porter Baughman of New Orleans, were here over the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baughman.

Rev. Cecil H. Lang, Jr., and children are spending three days in the Valley, on a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Kane Lassiter and baby were visitors here over the holidays from Beaumont, visiting the Lloyd Lassiters.



MASKED MAN — Montreal Canadiens goalie sports the mask he plans to wear in future hockey games. He has had his cheekbone twice broken by flying pucks.

Little Red School House Disappearing

Like the nickel cigar and the five cent cup of coffee, the little red schoolhouse (which was more often unpainted gray) is on the way out.

Recently, the Bloomington Independent School Board accepted the \$507 bid of Tilden McDonald for the old three-room DeCosta schoolhouse, complete with well and water pump, and it joined the steadily growing number of small schools abandoned because they are no longer economical to operate.

These deserted school houses may be met with at every turn in South Texas. Some have been purchased and turned to other uses, others stand just as they did when their last scholars left them.

For instance, in Goliad County 20 years ago, there were 28 common school districts and three independents. Today there are only two common school districts. One of these at Berclair, is already sending its students to the remaining Goliad Independent School District. The other — Weesatche, along with Berclair, will become part of GISD in 1963, and, although the neat new brick schoolhouse, there will continue to be used for elementary grades, the unpainted, barn-like building at Berclair already stands deserted.

All those mentioned so far are two, three, and four-room buildings, like Springfield school in Jim Wells County, or the ancient buildings at Fannin and Bayside. But what of the one-roomed schoolhouse—one of the most famous legends in America—from which all our great men are supposed to have sprung?

This is vanishing almost as fast as the whooping cranes, and while in this era of electronics and space flight there are still some 23,000 of them in America there are far fewer in South Texas.

And, although 1961's top West Point cadet, John L. Kammerdiener of Alice, graduated from the long-abandoned Ben Bolt schoolhouse, there is reason to believe that his eminence was an individual matter, stemming from himself, rather than from the somewhat dubious benefits of a one-room school.

As a matter of fact, one of the Jim Wells County Schools, now consolidated with Alice Independent School District exemplified the worst feature of many similar scholastic institutions throughout Texas.

Single-roomed and in poor repair because of little available tax money, Amargosa's El Carro schoolyard was cluttered with farm machinery and trash. The two primitive outdoor toilets were set along the edge of a farm yard in which horses, cows, pigs and chickens were kept.

At harvest, students were forced to share the ramshackle privies with hordes of itinerant Mexican braceros picking cotton for the farmer whose machinery cluttered the playground, and whose barnyard bred myriads of flies in its filth.

As one mother said: "Our children can catch any-

thing!"

Moreover, the common school district, because of its poverty, was unable to hire top-flight instructors or to furnish them with the equipment they needed.

Nor were the premises safe—for the last teacher presiding over the school's fifteen or sixteen scholars—injured her leg when she fell through a rotten board on the school porch.

Fortunately this sort of thing is becoming less and less prevalent, and the number of such schools has dropped dramatically in recent years. There were 200,000 one-room school houses in this country at the end of World War I, 75,000 in 1948, but only 23,695 in America at the latest count in 1959.

Parents, faced with rising costs and well aware that the quality of the instruction that can be hired is all too often substandard because of low salaries, have consistently been voting to consolidate with larger and better schools to which their children travel by bus.

We have already mentioned El Carro, and since it consolidated two of Jim Wells County schools Springfield and Sheeran, have taken like action.

And this trend is holding not only for the one and two-room schools, each containing many grades, but few students and teachers, but is also prevalent among larger establishments, like the once-proud brick schools in Bonnie View Community in Refugio County, and Guadalupe school near Victoria.

According to a nation-wide survey made by Dr. James B. Conant, who spent two years on the matter, one out of every three high school seniors in America today is being denied a good education because the school he or she attends is too small.

Not one high school in four, he says, is big enough to afford the courses, the facilities and the teachers needed to provide a substantial program. Well aware of this, more and more of the smaller schools have seized upon consolidation as the only means by which these things can be provided.

Bonnie View long ago consolidated with Woodsboro, Guadalupe school with Victoria Independent School District, and students from the old stucco school at Normanna now go to class in modern buildings at Pettus.

In every case, because of better taxing set-ups, elimination of duplicate expenditures and more tax money available for teachers and equipment, students are receiving a better education. Now they can study foreign languages, take a fourth year of English, and schedule courses in physics, chemistry, trigonometry, economics, sociology, geography, advanced civics, shorthand typing, music, and other courses the smaller schools frequently were unable to give.

Of course, not all communities do this, largely because the older people, so fiercely local in their loyalties that they lose sight of the best interests of their children, are unwilling to give up their own high schools for a consolidated establishment.

Take the case of Aransas Pass, Port Aransas, and Ingleside—these three towns lie fairly close together, some ten or fifteen miles from Corpus Christi. None of them



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have enough money to meet the demands of a rapidly growing scholastic population, and many people in the three school districts are perfectly willing to admit this.

Yet, because of local jealousies, Port Aransas High School students must travel to Flower Bluff, south of Corpus Christi a round trip of some sixty miles a day, instead of making the ten mile trip to Aransas Pass, where there is also a high school. And, since Hurricane Carla, the trip has become even longer, for the roads down Mustang Island were washed away and haven't been repaired, so the Port Aransas students, to attend at Flour Bluff, must pass through Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi to reach the school of their parents' choice.

Yet, several years ago, Port Aransas rejected a consolidation bid from Aransas Pass, because of this same local jealousy, as did Ingleside. Older citizens in both smaller communities were afraid they'd lose their community identity along with their high schools, and that they'd have to pay higher taxes. Their actions staved off both situations for a time just as did a bitter school election in Aransas Pass—but the inexorable rise in scholastic population makes the solution only temporary, and sooner or later the three cities are going to have to face the fact that their schools won't hold all their students.

Elsewhere, the tendency towards consolidation is growing. Bloomington Independent School District serves widely scattered population in a number of small communities in Victoria County; Industrial at Vanderbilt does the same thing in Jackson County. Bee County has a number of independent school districts in Beeville, Pettus, and Pawnee, with one consolidated common school district—Skidmore-Tynan, all of which serve large areas and have extensive and good school plants.

Aransas County Independent School District at Rockport serves almost all of Aransas County; Calhoun County schools belong to one county-wide independent school district centering in Port Lavaca. In Refugio County, practically all of the students attend consolidated schools at Refugio, Tivoli and Woodsboro while, after 1963, Goliad County will administer its schools through a county-wide district.

The net result, educators say, is greater opportunity and better education for the children, and more deserted school houses.

INSTRUMENTS FILED AT COURTHOUSE

Penn Mutual to Slick Oil, release.

First Savings, Corpus Christi, to R. G. Wilde, release.

KAR Products vs. W. W. Sartor, judgment.

R. Benavides to J. Valdez, warranty deed.

N. E. Shaver to C. V. Shaver, gift deed.

C. V. Shaver to T. M. Moore, partition deed.

B. F. Cochran to B. F. Guley, warranty deed.

L. S. Nunley to H. E. Reese, mineral lease.

E. F. Couger to H. E. Reese, mineral lease.

T. Herrera to J. H. Sorenson, Jr., deed of trust.

Sigmund Estate, probate.

C. D. Prophet to Public, resolution.

C. D. Prophet to J. Bosco, warranty deed.

F. A. Bracht to R. W. Scott, release.

Texas Eastern to Manufacturers Trust, deed of trust.

City of Aransas Pass to Aransas County, deed.

J. W. Ketchum to E. M. Scott, warranty deed.

Estate of Sam L. Gayle, probate.

E. O. Mayfield to W. H. Bloch, deed.

W. H. Bloch to M. W. Cochran, deed of trust.

L.B.S. Inc. to G. B. Faulk, warranty deed.

L. A. Dio to West Terrace Development, partial release.

West Terrace to R. B. Pahl, warranty deed.

Mrs. Ed Niles of Phoenix, Ariz., visited the local Church of Christ for Sunday morning services.

William Parker made a quick trip to Picayune, Miss., last week.

Mrs. Elsie Blackwell of San Antonio visited relatives here a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Kelly and children of Corpus Christi had Christmas dinner with the T. C. Kellys.

Mrs. Fred Whidden has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Mary Juergens over the holidays. She was accompanied by her two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schuster, Jr., and children were visiting here with his parents over the holidays. They are teachers at Seagraves, Texas.

200 Due At Eagle Banquet

A number of people from Rockport will be among the 200 or more persons expected to attend the annual Eagle Recognition Dinner for the Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, at 8:30 p.m. today in the Robert Driscoll Hotel.

The banquet will honor 85 Explorer and Boy Scouts who have earned their Eagle Award this year. They will attend with their fathers.

All boys who have won Eagle Awards in previous years are invited.

Air Force Col. C. W. Johnston, director of missile and space training for the Air Transport Command, Randolph Field, will be the main speaker.

Joseph W. Wolff, council president, will be the master of ceremonies.

Tickets will be \$2.25 a plate and will be on sale at the door.

WOUNDED MAN REPORTED RECOVERING

Tom Mix Huff, a Rockport man shot and beaten in a row at the Shrimpers' Club in Aransas Pass a week ago, is reported as recovering.

His assailant, Richard Henry Eldredge, of Corpus Christi, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon as a result of the incident.

San Patricio County Deputy Sheriff Joe Bersch said Huff was shot in the chest with a .22 caliber rifle during a fight.

Eldredge was arrested in Corpus Christi after Bersch radioed officers there and requested that roadblocks be set up to stop him.

Corpus Christi officers arrested Eldredge and his wife, Louise, just this side of the high bridge.

Bersch said Louise Eldredge was released after she paid a fine for disturbing the peace.

Eldredge was being held under \$1,500 bond in the county jail earlier.

According to the sheriff's deputy, Huff was shot and hit over the head with the barrel of a single shot .22 caliber rifle in the crowded club.

Both Huff and Eldredge are Negroes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mikeal and son Tommy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams in San Antonio. Mrs. Williams is the former Rojean Mikeal.

Mrs. Davy Carol Harper has been employed as a checker at Roe's Food Store recently.

Jimmy Lipe, with the armed services in San Antonio, was here over the holidays.

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Cabeza de Vaca Wouldn't Know The Place Now

If Cabeza de Vaca, Texas' first white man, who traveled the Texas coast to a point near here over 400 years ago, could see the shores of Aransas Bay today, he wouldn't recognize the place.

"Of course," said Jack Sanders, who is building a new hundred boat marina near where de Vaca crossed from St. Joseph Island to the mainland, "he might still recognize the high bluffs along here, which are so noticeable a feature of Texas geography that he mentioned them in his memoirs after he had crossed the continent to the Spanish settlements in lower California, and the mesquite, huisache and prickly pear are the same."

But Long Reef, on which the ancient Spaniard crossed from the island in company with his companions, is gone, and he'd probably have to swim a lot of the way, instead of wading. And the bluffs are covered with summer homes and motels that would appear the last word in luxury to those early explorers.

There appears to be little doubt Sanders said, that Cabeza and his companions crossed here.

"To anyone familiar with the Texas coast," Sanders said, "the landmarks are plain, as detailed in his record of the journey. He came down the coast from Galveston Island, where the ill-fated Narvaez expedition was wrecked; crossed Pass Cavalla, and then followed Matagorda and St. Joseph's Islands to the pass at Port Aransas. Here, the water was too deep to cross, and they returned up St. Joseph's Island to Long Reef, and waded across the bay."

Mrs. Manch Brundrett, one of the earliest settlers in these parts, who passed her ninetieth birthday recently, was born at old Lamar, and told, some years ago, about the days when Long Reef was an Indian migration route.

"We used to see them frequent-

ly," she said. "They come in from nowhere, it seemed like; would be around Lamar for a while and then wade across the reef to the island. Later, ranchers on the island used to drive their cattle over to Lamar, a lot of which was exposed at low tides."

But other old timers say that this stopped after the 1919 hurricane, which washed out great chunks of the reef, which was further depleted during the last world war by use of shell from the various islands that were all that remained.

Today the route that Cabeza used is only a series of unconnected shell banks and submerged reefs where the boats of fishermen that Sanders is preparing for are the only signs of life.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Junior No. 1 Busy Bees Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church had a "Little Red Candle" Christmas party Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall. The red candles, in addition to other Christmas decorations, added to a very colorful and enjoyable morning.

Games were played and carols sung by the group. The story of the "Little Red Candle" was told by Marilyn Young. Carol Kinsel, assistant teacher, assisted with all activities. Cathy Kinsel, Sherry Ratliff, Jeanie Prophet and Diane Hunt, assisted with the serving of refreshments which consisted of Christmas cookies, open-faced Christmas tree and star sandwiches and punch.

Fifteen guests registered as they were greeted by Ada Jean Demory, Patricia Harriet and Beverly Young.



WRAPPED UP—Gary Kinney plays at his high school football games in Williamsport, Pa., despite a broken arm. The enthusiastic 15-year-old broke his arm playing sandlot football with chums.

County Has First Traffic Death In Twenty-Two Months

Aransas County, after more than 22 months without a traffic fatality, has had three since the first of November. This brings the total traffic deaths in South Texas Highway District 3A to more than 100, since the first of the year.

In October, rural traffic wrecks took 15 lives in 10 accidents that occurred in eight of the 21 counties that go to make up the district.

Four of the deaths occurred in Jim Wells County; three in Calhoun County; two in Nueces County; two in Victoria County; and one each in Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, and Jackson Counties.

In addition to the 15 killed in the ten fatal wrecks, there were 124 people injured in these fatal and 75 personal injury wrecks, according to Lt. F. C. Carpenter, of the Highway Patrol's Corpus Christi office. There were 126 property damage wrecks also reported, bringing the total of all kinds to 211, in which property damage was estimated at \$111,660.

A summary for the first ten months of 1961 shows 83 fatal wrecks resulting in 106 deaths; 646 personal injury wrecks, in which 1063 people were injured; and, in addition, there were 1138 property damage wrecks, for a total of 1867 reported. Estimated property damage was \$1,037,081.

Carpenter, in commenting, said: "Through July this year, we had a 32% decrease in rural traffic fatalities as compared with the same period in 1960. Through August the percentage had been lowered to 28%; in September it averaged out to only 19%, and in October, only a 15% decrease.

"It is good," Carpenter continued, "that we experienced a large reduction in rural traffic deaths during the first few months of this year. As is shown, we have had a steady increase for the past several months. Should this rate of increase continue, we will have just about the same number killed in rural traffic wrecks in 1961 as we had in 1960.

"This needless killing and maiming of our citizens and waste of money will continue," the lieutenant said. "That is, unless something is done to cause our drivers to drive properly. Something must be done to cause the individual driver to accept his responsibility."

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the many kindnesses extended to us during our recent loss. Your presence as well as the cards, flowers and food which you brought to us were greatly appreciated.

Frank Casterline and Family
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National Debut For Debbie Sue As March of Dimes Poster Child

Debbie Sue Brown, a five-year-old winsome young lady of Clarkston, Wash., who is annoyed because she must wait a few years before marrying the boy next door, was selected this week as the 1962 New March of Dimes Poster Child.

Debbie Sue won out over hundreds of small children, afflicted with birth defects, arthritis or polio—health fields embraced by the program of The National Foundation-March of Dimes. The Poster Child lives a life both exciting and glamorous. If physical condition permits, there usually are visits to the White House, to Senators, Governors and other prominent persons as well as radio and television appearances during the New March of Dimes in January.

She will star in a January TV special, "The Scene Stealers," and her picture will appear nationwide on thousands of March of Dimes posters, coin collectors, and mail appeal envelopes.

Debbie Sue, high-spirited and active today, although doctors once believed she wouldn't survive the open spine with which she was born, lives in a valley of the Clearwater Mountains near the banks of the Snake River.

She is brown-eyed and blonde, the daughter of Jack C. Brown, a state highway surveyor, and Barbara Brown, who have a younger daughter, Carla, one year old.

Debbie Sue's birth defect of an open spine was not immediately apparent. But a few days after birth her grandmother, Mrs. Fred Bening, a registered nurse of nearby Orofino, Idaho, recognized that a serious disorder was present; and the parents then drove 400 miles at headlong pace to Seattle's Children's Orthopedic Hospital. (The mother collapsed on arrival and was herself hospitalized.)

At the hospital the parents were told that Debbie Sue's spinal defect was of such severity that the infant probably could not live beyond three months. If she were alive at



Debbie Sue Brown, 5, Clarkston, Wash., is off to a swinging start as 1962 New March of Dimes Poster Child.

six months, however, she was to be brought back.

"We drove home sadly," Mrs. Brown relates, "trying to adjust ourselves to the tragedy of losing our beautiful baby."

But our spunky Debbie Sue had no idea of leaving us at three months. At eight months, we returned to Seattle where her spine was mended. When she came out of surgery, she was so mischievous that she succeeded in wrenching free from the blood-transfusion tube and the needle used for intravenous feeding. Doctors told us she must lie face down on the night train riding home. Instead, she insisted on sitting up, jabbering without end and keeping all the passengers awake.

The Asotin County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes promptly offered assistance and, since 1958, it has financed much of the cost

of Debbie Sue's treatment, braces, medicines and the check-up trips to Seattle, the breadth of the state away. Happily, in her case serious crippling has been averted.

At least 250,000 infants are born yearly in the United States with birth defects—some even more severe than Debbie Sue's. The National Foundation, with March of Dimes financial support, is seeking the answers to this largest unmet childhood medical problem in the nation today.

When the 1962 New March of Dimes National Poster Child isn't scooting around the Lewis and Clark countryside with Daddy on his motorcycle, she plots how to provoke a proposal from Stevie, the six-year-old next door. Although it will be some time before she can consider marriage, Debbie Sue's idea is to get her man committed now.

MISS McDONOUGH INITIATED TO TRI-D

Waco, Texas.—Miss Evelyn McDonough, of Talco, has been initiated into Tri-D, organization of home economics, at Baylor University.

A freshman, Miss McDonough is majoring in home economics. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Branch of Rockport.

Miss McDonough is a 1961 graduate of Talco High School.

FRANK P. JONES IS SERVING WITH 7TH FLEET

Western Pacific (PHTNC) — Frank P. Jones, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin P. Jones of Rockport, Texas, is serving with the staff of the commander of the Seventh Fleet, Vice Adm. William A. Schoech, USN, aboard the heavy cruiser USS Saint Paul in the Western Pacific.

SCHOOL CENSUS SET FOR NEXT MONTH

The annual school census, to determine the number of preschool and school-age children in Aransas County will be conducted next month.

Mrs. Fred Diederich will make the house-to-house survey.

The census will determine the number of children in the county from one year to 18 as of Sept. 1, 1962.

Supt. J. D. Gray said parents are required by law to give information to the enumerators on whether their child attends public or not.

The census cannot start before

Jan. 1 and must be finished during the month.

Gray said the information is needed in order that the public schools can tabulate how much state aid they may receive next year. Some state funds are based on the number of scholars within the district.

It will also help the school staff determine the number of buildings, and class rooms that will be needed in future years.

Miss Mabel and Miss Genevieve Bracht spent the Christmas holiday in Poth, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woellert.

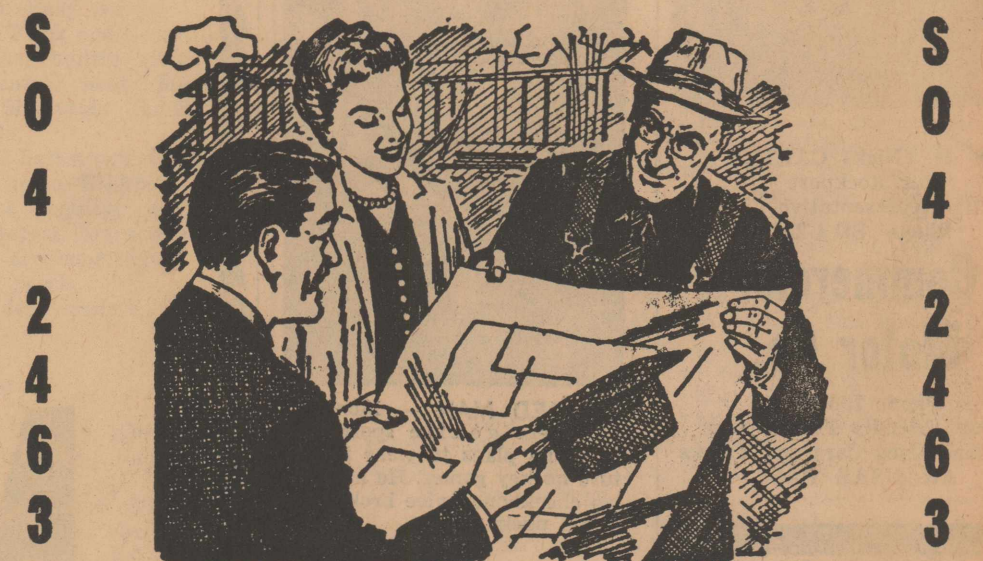
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SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. N. E. HICKS

Mrs. N. E. Hicks, 71, a resident here for about five years, died at 2:10 a.m. Friday at her home here.

A native of Tucker, Mo., Mrs. Hicks was the wife of the minister of the Rockport Church of Christ. Prior to moving to Rockport, Mrs. Hicks resided in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mrs. Hicks was a resident of Corpus Christi for several years during the 1940's which her husband was minister of the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Bisbee of Dallas and Mrs. Mildred Collier of Arcadia, Calif.; two brothers, William and Marvin Hudson of Ponder, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Asher, Mrs. Ethel Allen and Mrs. Nell Hess all of St. Louis, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Monday at Rockport Church of Christ with Ward E. Stevens, minister of the Flour Bluff Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in Rockport Cemetery under the direction of Cagle-Marshall Funeral Home.

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Mrs. Rita Mae Utz, of Rockport, and John D. Carlton, of Morgan Hill, Calif., exchanged wedding vows in a double ring wedding ceremony in the United Presbyterian Parsonage of Morgan Hill on Dec. 5.

The couple had known each other for over 25 years. The bride selected a two piece traveling suit of polished cotton for her wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Friedel, Jr., of Morgan Hill served as best man and matron of honor.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held.

B&PW CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Business and Professional Woman's Club of Rockport held its annual Christmas party at the Episcopal Parish House Monday night.

Refreshments were served from a table laid with a white lace cloth, centered with a white styrofoam tree, decorated with blue balls and tapers.

Gifts were exchanged, and the assembly sang Christmas carols. Members attending were Mrs. Janette Martin, Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Mrs. Tom Shults, Mrs. Fay E. Hartman, Mrs. Etna Rees-Jones, Mrs. Nancy Currie, Miss Lola Bonner, Mrs. Jordan Weber, Mrs. Seth Steele, Mrs. James Cruser, Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, Miss Iris Sorenson, Mrs. Lucille Schultz, Mrs. Yvonne Leonard and Miss Elsie Hawes. Mrs. Thomas Griffith was a guest.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. Wilson Brumley, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Training Union, 6:30 p.m.; prayer service, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.; Sunday School workers meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Women meet every Monday.
Monday: 4 p.m., YWA 7:30 p.m. BWC, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.; S.B. and WMS, 3:15 p.m.; SB and WMS, 4:30 p.m.; Int. GA, Wednesday, 4 p.m.; Jr. GA.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

N. E. Hicks
Bible class, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 10:50 a.m.; Sunday evening class, 6:30; Sunday evening worship, 7:30; Wednesday night service, 7:30; ladies Bible class, Thursday, 9:30 a.m., and men's Bible class at 7:30 p.m.

FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. R. Simpson
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service, 11 a.m.; Training Union, 6:15 p.m.; evening service, 7:15 p.m.; mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

M. R. Crawford, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45; evening evangelistic service, 7:00 p.m.; week night service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; women's missionary council, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cecil H. Lang, Jr., Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Senior Young People and Pioneer Young People, 6 p.m.; Deacon's meeting, first Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; choir rehearsal Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Session meeting, first Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Women of the Church Visitation, first Thursday; Women of the Church Circles, second Thursday; Men of the Church Suppers, third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Women of the Church Board and General Meeting, fourth Thursday, 2:30 and 3 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Bankert, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:30; morning worship, 10:50; evening worship, 7:00; Methodist Men, 3rd Thursday, 7:30; WSCS, general meeting, 1st Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Wesleyan Service Guild First Methodist will meet regularly each second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. MYF, Sunday, at 6:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Boyce Laqua
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching, 10:45 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Brotherhood, first Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; WMU, first Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ROCKPORT BAPTIST MISSION

Pastor, Abraham Aldape
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; morning service, 11:00 a.m.; training union, 7:00 p.m.; evening service, 8:00 p.m.; prayer service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Aransas Pass
Rev. H. D. Crone, Pastor
Bible school, 9:45; morning worship, 10:50; evening worship, 7:30; prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Newest Caspary And Wendell Boat Is Tanforan

Newcomers this week to offshore drilling in the Gulf off Padre Island are Penrod Drilling Company's No. 52, one of the biggest offshore platforms operating in Texas or Louisiana, and three of the Caspary and Wendell boats, including the recently-launched Tanforan, one of the biggest offshore drilling tenders. The three boats, although their home port is Rockport, will operate out of Corpus Christi and Ingleside, while the rig drills on State MI 859 NE, Block 140, about 35 miles down Padre Island, in offshore waters.

Delo H. Caspary and Jerry Wendell, owners and operators of the boats, said that the Tanforan is a 147-footer, similar in basic design to other tenders in the Caspary and Wendell fleet, but larger than any of them. These increased dimensions give her additional deck and tank space.

Designed to use an anchoring system developed by the owners that will permit her to work in seas three times higher than if she were anchored by conventional methods, the Tanforan carries oversized winches forward and aft, to handle the heavy gear.

Crew quarters, galley and bridge

are fully air-conditioned, while the galley equipment is all-electric.

Emphasis has been placed on features that help the crew operate the vessel safely, Wendell said.

Caspary pointed out that the pilothouse, located forward and high above the main deck, provides the man at the wheel with a 360 degree range of vision.

Navigation equipment carried by the new craft includes radar, depth finder, radio telephone, air-horn, sound-powered telephone, searchlights and floodlights.

75 per cent of all hurricane deaths are drowning.

The world's highest temperature, 136 degrees, was recorded in Libya in 1922.

Jackson Family Meet For Christmas Dinner Here

Two dozen children and grandchildren were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson for Christmas dinner.

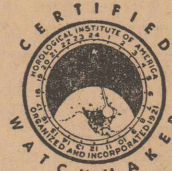
Here for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis and family, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Corbin and family, of Ingleside; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Abrams, and family of Taft; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson and family of Rockport. The only members of the family absent were Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Jackson and family, of Rockport, who visited Mrs. Jackson's parents in Austin.

BRACHTS HAVE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht were hostesses for a family Christmas party last Tuesday evening, with dinner at Big Tree Lodge and a gathering at their home afterwards for the Christmas tree and gift opening.

Enjoying this hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woellert of Poth; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sparks of Corpus Christi; Mrs. Ammons Russell of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bracht, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, Miss Verona Kleaser and John Kleaser, all of Rockport.

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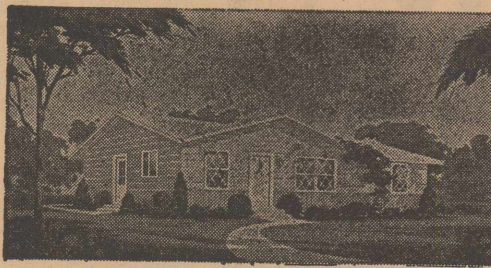
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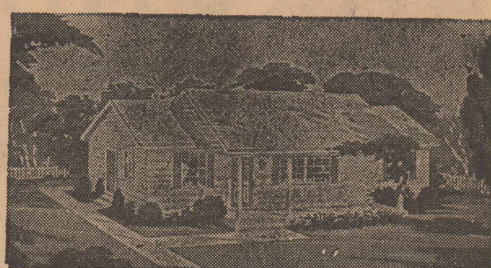
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BIG BEAUTIFUL DAHL—For Arlene Dahl, a Rome dress designer made up this whimsical blue-with-white-dots bow

Battling Brush In Aransas County

Extensive tests on brush control through use of chemicals applied by air plane are being conducted in Aransas County.

The tests are on the Tom Sawyer ranch near Rockport. They are being supervised by D. P. Pawlik, agricultural agent for San Patricio and Aransas Counties, in cooperation with Dr. Robert A. Darrow of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and Garlyn Hoffman of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The tests were begun last year when aerial applications of chemicals of varying strength and combinations were made on live oak, sweet bay, and other brush on the Sawyer tract.

The application was made Nov. 2 last year, following heavy rains. The live oak, laurel oak, and tree huckleberry were in full leaf, and recent rains had left water sanding in depressions in the pasture. The chemicals used were 2,4,5-TE, 2,4,5-TP, 2,4-D—2,3,5-TE at rates varying from one to three pounds to the acre. The carrier was oil and water at rates of three to eight gallons to the acre. The application was made on nine plots.

Pawlik said that roughly 20 per cent root kill was received from last year's treatment.

Dr. Darrow pointed out that in the chemical control of brush, under present conditions, repeated treatments are needed to effect a complete kill.

"We are still feeling our way along in this relatively new approach to brush control," he said.

He said that fairly good results had been obtained in controlling post oak through use of 2,4,5-T. On the first application, 1½ pounds of 2,4,5-T to the acre is used to spray the trees, followed the next year with one pound of the same material. He said that approximately 30,000 acres of post

oak were sprayed last year in Texas.

Good results have also been obtained on white brush, he said.

The second year application on the test plots on the Sawyer tract was made this month. Dr. Darrow, Robert N. Hass of the Experiment Station, Pawlik, and Farrah Vickers supervised the work; while the airplane spraying was done by Franklin Pagel of Tivoli.

Pagel applied the spray as he flew just above the tree tops of the brush, laying down the spray at rates varying from 1 to 2½ pounds of material to the acre. Pagel is a veteran at this type of work, and he has sprayed McCarty roses on ranch lands near Victoria.

This year, three new plots were added to the test on the Sawyer tract.

Darrow said that chemical brush control is still in the experimental stage on many kinds of brush.

The cost of treatments such as are being tested on the Sawyer tract are about \$5.50 an acre.

Effects of the second application of the current test will be observed by Pawlik during the year.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE NEWS

High score at duplicate bridge was won by Frank Lenoir and Homer Faber last Thursday night. Bob Winton and George Dickey were second and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle were third.

Duplicate bridge as sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League is played in the Woman's Club Building each Thursday night at 7:30.

All interested bridge players are invited to come tonight when a full master point will be awarded for the high score. The last Thursday of each month is master point night.

Floyd Brown and William O. Harper, on a Galveston voyage last week, were detained several days by a breakdown.

Hurricane Carla Marks 1961

Top happening in 1961 was Hurricane Carla, but there was plenty of other headline news.

In January suits against the county and school district were filed by a number of citizens who held (on the opinion of some local curbstone legal lights) that the action of these two bodies in assessing higher valuations through the use of a firm of tax engineers was illegal.

Local merchants petitioned the city council for a raise in the occupation tax to \$200 in an effort to control peddlers, and the Youth Recreation Sponsors reported a successful year. Shrimp landings declined in January; postal receipts continued to increase.

The schools scheduled a science week; the annual poll tax rush occurred; and there was a meeting of District FTA members. The county applied to the Federal government for drainage aid; Sanders and Son announced the construction of a new luxury motel, the Sandollar, on north Fulton Beach.

Seth Steele was reelected president of the Chamber of Commerce; a minor twister hit Rockport; and Jimmy Silberstein caught mullet in his own front yard.

The girls' basketball team took the 31A District title; junior baseball sponsors were discouraged at the lack of interest by parents; two men escaped from the county jail; Richard S. Woodbury of San Antonio, was the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce banquet; and there was a big turn out for the Blue and Gold banquet.

James A. Jarboe, county engineer, passed away; the band made a fine record at Refugio band tests; eight records were snapped in the Toast of the Coast relays here; Bloomington won the senior championship, and Industrial of Vanderbilt the junior championship of the relays.

Hugh Morrison and son Bob started construction of a new plant on the boat basin, furnishing one stop service for sportsmen; Jimmy Jackson was elected youth council moderator; and Tommy Griffith was appointed county surveyor by the commissioners court.

Sherrilyn Garrett was one of the winners in the IOOF essay contest; members of the Rockport Junior Science Club visited the Junior Museum in Corpus Christi; the Tenth Sunrise Easter Service was held on the waterfront by the Aransas County Ministerial Association;

Mrs. Jack Hagar saw a masked duck, normally found only in South America and the West Indies, on one of the pools around Rockport; Norvell F. Jackson and Hollis Collum were elected to the City Council; members of the Curtin Club presented the one-act play, "Early Frost."

Building continued at a rapid pace all year; the youth center was redecorated with a nautical theme; the junior high school experimented with a new reading method; the local Jaycees hosted both district and regional road-e-o's; shrimp landings rose in March; Episcopal church women held a day-long conference at the Big Tree; professional wrestling made its debut here in April, sponsored by the Tourist Promotion Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Simon Michael's art students won many prizes at the Goloid Fair; the Rockport Steel Form and Manufacturing Company bought a building from Travis Bailey and opened a new industry for Rockport; the Texas School Food Association was organized here; Roe's Food Store bought out Bracht's Food Store in Fulton;



FINE KETTLE—Beating a big drum in Cologne, West Germany, this youngster is attending school. The institution boasts the world's youngest orchestra, as children are taught to play the instruments as a kind of musical game.



SAYS WHO? . . . SAYS ME!—These two rhinos seem to be arguing about who is the better. The one on the left is a black rhinoceros and the one on the right is a rare white one. No apparent difference in color because both have been rolling in the mud at the London Zoo in England.

the city hired E. A. Stautzenberger as chief of police, and G. D. Johnson as Judge of the Corporation Court.

A terrific fire razed several buildings in Jackson Marine Service shipyard.

Postmaster J. Reid Simmons announced that home mail delivery had been approved for Rockport, to start on Jan. 6, 1962; the Episcopal Conference center here was dedicated by Bishop Everett Jones; Mrs. Mary Juergens said that tourist business was good; the Navigation District installed a waterline to the harbor at the Cove; Bob Eickenrodt bought Brocato's Restaurant and Tony and wife moved back to Kansas City.

A boat race and barbecue were staged by the Tourist Promotion Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; the Volunteer Firemen were pictured in color in the Houston Chronicle; the San Patricio Realtor's Association met at the Big Tree for a conference; the new Episcopal Center entertained its first group of conferees; the Houston Power Squadron used Fulton Harbor as a July 4 rendezvous; the City Council appointed a park board;

The Rockport Seamen's Lions Club was formed; Ted Little was re-elected to the Navigation Board; Highway Commission Chairman Herbert C. Petry told a delegation from Rockport that a new causeway must be built across Copano Bay. Parallel parking was instituted in Loop 70 after many delays; the Aransas County Library had a record year; Sheriff A. C. Shivers arrested a forger and robber; the United Fund folding up affected the library;

The City Council heard government representatives discuss urban renewal; shrimp landings showed a sharp rise in July; the Jaycees asked for a tax raise for fire department; A. L. Bracht, Rockport old timer, died here at the age of 88; Supt. J. D. Gray told trustees of the Aransas County Independent School District that vandalism was a serious problem; Picton Lumber Company and local contractor Seth H. Steele were awarded the contract for construction of Sacred Heart School.

Three burglaries and two arrests kept Aransas County and Rockport officers busy one July weekend; teachers in the Aransas County Independent School System got a \$610 raise; Mrs. A. L. Bruhl, Rockport resident of many years standing, passed away; the Fulton Fire Department Drive was a success; local Boy Scouts made a four-day canoe trip down the Guadalupe; Gayle Williams and Dennis McCabe were elected captains of the Pirate football team;

The shrimp industry outlook was termed the worst in two decades; a new motel was planned at Mills' Wharf; the portion of Highway 35 from the north end of Copano Causeway to the Refugio County line was reworked, taking out the washboard effect; summer business was good although the year may be off a little; an amended petition was filed in

Aransas County's lawsuit with Nueces County over the boundaries; City Secretary Jeane Tuer resigned after seven years to become a realtor;

Hurricane Carla hit the Texas coast a heavy blow; damage here was over a million dollars, with Austin Street flooded knee deep; Supt. J. D. Gray says that the schools here are overcrowded; Business and Professional Women from thirteen surrounding cities held a one-day convention at the Big Tree; L. E. Sanders and Son requested a permit for a new marina in front of the Sandollar Motel; the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Vessel Scott was in port making a routine five-year check;

Paul Clark Sorenson, local weather man, was presented with a special service award by the U. S. Weather Bureau for his work during Hurricane Carla; many Rockport people attended the barbecue given for Congressman John Young at Sinton; the Chamber of Commerce directors discuss the probability of an annual festival here; the Jaycees conducted a survey on losses from Hurricane Carla;

The Navigation Board sold Frandolig Island to a group of San Antonio developers for \$65,000; construction began on the new motel at Lamar; Miss Carolyn Washington was chosen Homecoming Queen at Aransas County High School; an area development committee was appointed by the commissioners court, and recommended formation of a county wide conservation and water district. The Fulton Fire Department Auxiliary raised \$3,000 for badly needed firemen's gear;

Mrs. Manch Brundrett was honored by her children on her 90th birthday; the commissioners court gave permission for use of the airport for sports car events; Mary Ann Barber was chosen DAR Good Citizen at ACHS; the Texas Ornithological Society held its annual meeting here; both county and city drew up civil defense plans; the Pirate Band and twirlers receive top notch ratings at Port Lavaca meet and several of the players go to regional try-outs; Congressman John Young talked to the Rockport Rotary Club.

Supt. Gray tells school trustees that 26 class rooms will be needed here by 1967; the Rockport Pilot will go up from a nickel to a dime on single copies on Jan. 1; and the Fifth Annual Toast of the Coast basketball tourney will be held next Friday and Saturday nights.

MR. AND MRS. EVERITT VISITING IN OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. John Everitt are now in Lima, Ohio, where they enjoyed a white Christmas. They also spent ten days in Sacramento, Calif., with his sons, Joe, Mike, and John, Jr., before going to Ohio. They expect to return to Rockport soon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Anderson, of Devine Texas, spent several days with the Joe Everitts recently.

TEXT BOOK SELECTION— (continued from page 1)

pilation thereof is mailed to all public schools and persons requesting it. Around the middle of October each year, the State Textbook Committee announces publicly the complete list of books recommended by the State Textbook Committee and mails copies of this list to all local schools.

Sept. 1 until Sept. 15 is set aside by members of the Textbook Committee to hear questions on any book up for possible adoption.

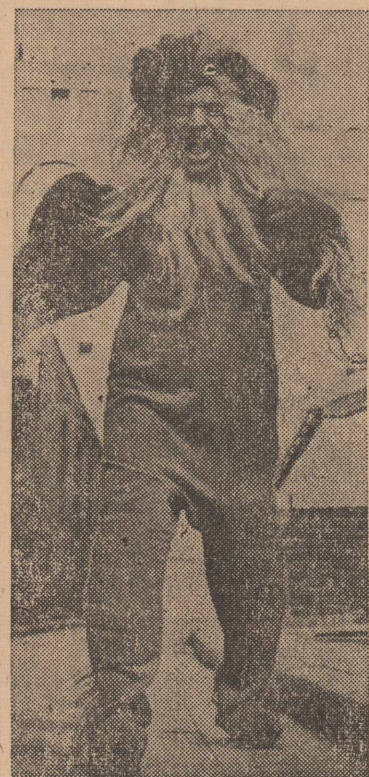
At the same time, and from about June 1 to Oct. 1, the Textbook Committee is conducting its own study of each book. Each member of the Committee is assisted by many lay citizens and educators who are considered to be specialists in particular fields of subject matter.

In the recent selection, the Committee was assisted by 781 official advisors, 392 teachers, and 389 lay people.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Alva O. Freeman of Littleton, Colo., are the proud parents of a daughter, born Dec. 12, weighing eight pounds and seven ounces and named Nancy Lee. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith; paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Freeman, Sr., of Bells, Tenn.

Visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, over the holidays was Gene Smith of Dallas, also Miss Peggy Goggans.



LION IN THE STREET—Cal McCord, dressed for his part in Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," roars down London's Puddle Land to the theater.

HOME MAIL DELIVERY— (Continued from Page 1)

the City of Rockport is making an extensive effort to have all streets marked that will be affected by the delivery service. This marking will help patrons to determine their locations more easily.

Simmons said that it is difficult to name the boundaries on this service, and requests that patrons check at the post office before making plans for home delivery. The entire area will be covered by two routes—one a walking route, the other a mounted one. For those patrons on the mounted route, a curb line delivery box will be needed, similar to those used on rural routes.

The postmaster suggested that patrons desiring delivery service, begin changing their addresses as soon as they can determine the proper street number. This he said will reduce confusion in January. Otherwise, Simmons stated, mail will continue to be placed in the correct post office boxes until the delivery is established, even though a street address is shown.

He particularly asked that large mailers begin to establish proper address for their patrons at once. If credit statements are to be sent to customers, insist that they give a street address.

After establishment of city delivery, all mail must bear a general delivery, street, or post office box address. The simplified address of John Doe, Rockport, will not be sufficient.

"We understand," Simmons said, "that this change cannot be made over night, and the post office will try to enforce these regulations on a gradual basis, giving sufficient time for the addresses to be changed."

Simmons placed a good deal of emphasis on correct street addresses, as in city delivery service mail is handled by address rather than name. It will help the post office to give better service and reduce the chance of missent mail if it is properly addressed.

Any patron of the post office that needs additional information should contact the post office, bringing with him the correct address of his home. If this is done Simmons said, the patron will be notified what type of box is needed, and if his or her home is in the delivery limits.

The mail carriers will be Wesley Morgan, who has been employed in the post office for some time and Fred Ashley, now employed by Rockport Yacht and Supply.

"It's too early to say which route each one will have," Simmons said, "but these are the two men who will carry the mail. And later, after we get the situation well in hand, a substitute carrier will also be designated, to fill in when either of the others are off duty because of illness, vacations, and similar causes."

"There will be no other changes in the staff," he said, "and work here will be handled by the personnel remaining, after Morgan goes to delivering mail in the city."

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