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New Tax Appraiser Starts Work

Aransas County's new central tax appraiser will begin work here Friday, August 1.

The appraiser, Jack Groseclose, was hired by the Central Tax Appraisal Board for Aransas County, a board formed earlier this year under a state tax law designed to centralize property appraisal systems.

Under this statewide system, the central tax appraiser in each county will set property values in that county for all taxing entities.

In the past, each taxing entity has maintained its own appraiser -- with the result that, for example, the school system's appraiser could come up with a different value on a piece of property than the value determined by a City of Rockport appraiser.

Under the central appraiser, one value will be determined for each piece of property and that value will be used by all taxing entities.

In addition, all taxation will be on the basis of 100 percent of the fair market value as determined by the appraiser.

However, each taxing entity will still be responsible for setting its own tax rate.

Officially, under terms of state law, this new central appraisal system doesn't go into effect until 1982. But Harold Shirey, vice chairman of the Central Tax Appraisal Board, said it will be used in Aransas County in 1981 on a voluntary basis.

Cost of setting up Groseclose's office in the county is budgeted at $22,285 for the next five months, August through December, 1980.

This includes salaries of $11,415 for Groseclose and $3,335 for a secretary, some $2,000 in office equipment, office rental of $900 and $835 to pay the utilities during that period.

Also included is lease or purchase of two 12,000 BTU air conditioners, budgeted at $800, and $2,000 in such miscellaneous items as insurance, office supplies, postage and taxes.

The money to meet this budget is to come from the five taxing entities in Aransas County: the county itself, the Aransas County Independent School District, Navigation District and the cities of Rockport and Fulton.

Half of the money -- 50 percent -- will come from ACISD and most of the rest-- 40 percent -- from the county. Both of these agencies have approved their share of the proposed bud-

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City Complaints Against Circle Fence Dismissed

Two complaints filed against Circle Fence Company by the City of Rockport were dismissed on a technicality Wednesday morning, July 23, but city aciton against the company is still a possibility.

City Attorney C. Allen Lee said the complaints — filed against James H. Newberry, owner of the Circle Fence Comapny here in Rockport — could be filed again "because it's a continuing violation."

Two separate complaints were filed against Newberry on the basis of a fence located at 1400 South Young.

One complaint was that Newberry failed to secure a permit for construction of the fence and the other was that the fence was constructed in the front yard of the residence.

Both of these are in violation of city ordinance which requires that a fence construction permit be obtained from the city secretary and that no fence may be constructed "within 20 feet of the intersection of

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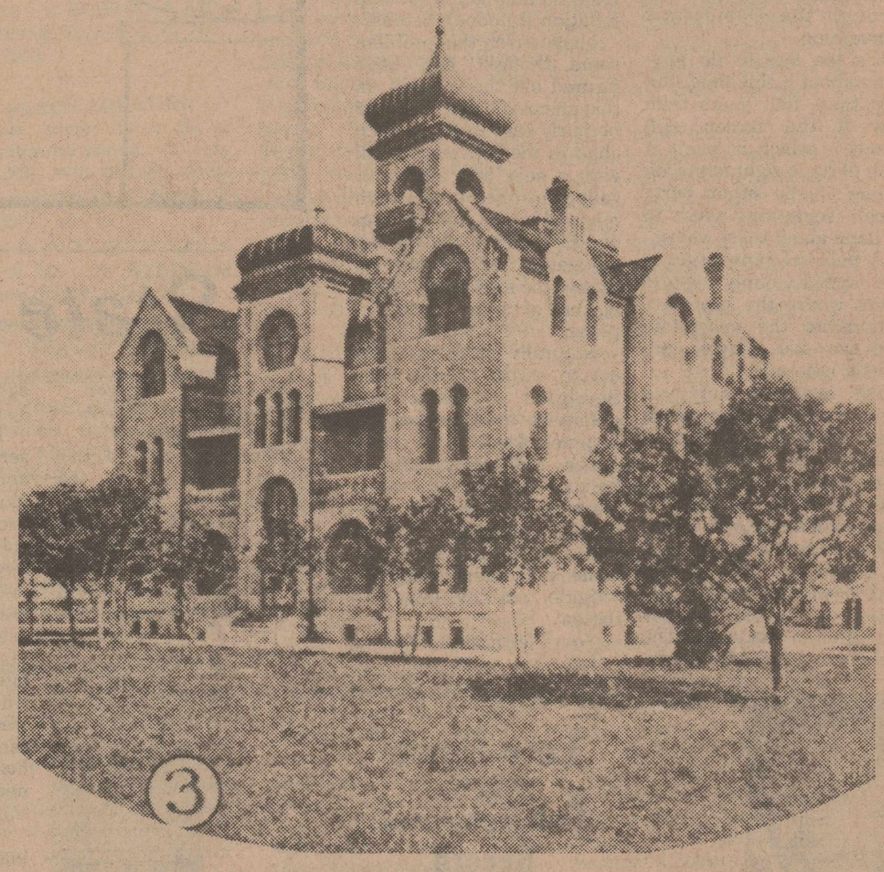

ROCKPORT'S FIRST COURTHOUSE

The old Aransas County Courthouse with its Moorish structure was built around 1890 and was a landmark in the area until it was torn down in 1956. County Clerk Ruby Hart who was with them, says the old courthouse stood at the site of the existing courthouse building. The county jail was built first, Ruby said, and all county activity was moved into that structure while the old courthouse was torn down and the new one built. When the present structure was completed, she said, everybody moved into it.

[Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]

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Telemetry Not Available . . . Yet

Radios Keep Doctors In Touch With Paramedics In The Field

Aransas County's paramedics don't have telemetry facilities — yet — but in the meantime they're doing all right with radios.

Both of the physicians at Enterprise Medical Clinic — Dr. Fred Warren and Dr. Curtis Kovacs — have radios in their cars. Dr. Warren also has a radio in his home and Dr. Kovacs will have one when he and his wife move into their new home in Harbor Oaks.

When the paramedics are called to an emergency, they can raise either of the doctors on the car radios, get Dr. Waren on his home radio — or page one of them on the beeper.

The radio eliminates the third party, says Dr. Kovacs. The doctor can speak directly to the paramedics and relay instructions on how to treat the patient — "just like on television."

When all else fails, the paramedic contacts the physician through the county sheriff's office and the doctor relays his instructions by telephone.

When that happens, Dr. Kovacs said, "You can hear the paramedics over the sheriff's radio, but he can't hear you." The doctor then has to relay his instructions through the dispatcher.

But the radios — the direct communication between physician and paramedic — are being used.

And of course, if the physician is at Enterprise Clinic, the paramedic calls him there. The base station is at the clinic.

"It's really a pretty sophisticated network," Dr. Kovacs said.

This past weekend, 18 emergency patients were treated at the clinic. Whether the patient is taken to the clinic depends on his condition.

If he needs to be stabilized, he is taken to the clinic, then to a hospital. If stabilization isn't necessary — or if the patient needs immediate treatment the clinic can't provide — he is transported directly to a

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Live Oak Medical Clinic Underway

Ground-breaking ceremonies are expected to proceed in two to three weeks on the Live Oak Plaza, where the Live Oak Medical Clinic will be located.

The 507-foot Highway 35 North frontage, which has already been cleared, will extend from Henderson Street south to cover five lots.

The project, financed by the Wilmac Co., a partnership, will be built by Leon Drozd and includes three phases.

The first phase is the construction of a 240-foot building, complete with a medical clinic, drug store, physician s office, dentist office and other lease areas.

This part is expected to be finished by January, 1981.

The other two phases will involve leasing areas for further facilities.

Don Green, a Corpus Christi architect, designed the plans for the center.

The doctor who will be in charge of the clinic is a half owner in the firm and is currently making provisions for his patients in Houston before coming to Rockport.

Arrangements are being made to secure personnel in the medical professions to fill the other vacancies.



READY FOR WINDY GAP

Ready to board their chartered bus to Windy Gap, North Carolina, are 29 members of the Young Life group and five sponsors. The 10-day trip includes a stopover in Nashville, Tennessee, where the group will enjoy a full day and night visiting Opryland and The Grand Ole Opry. Those attending the camp are Carla Polderman, Lisa Hurst, Karen Russell, Lisa McCabe, Carla Sheuneman, La La and Virgie Guerrero, Diane and Cindy Juroska, Cindy Hutchinson, Sabrina McBroom, Rhea Morales, Melissa Villa, Sheila Brogger, Suzanne Richards, Helen Jenkins, Shawn Cass, Jack Larson, Steve Theodore, Clyde Barre, Paul Guido, Ronnie Roe, Kenneth Smith, Bobby Albin, Bill Jennings, David Womack, Ronnie Adams, Matt Breaux and John Phelps. Sponsors for the trip are Bobby Jackson, Jimmy Sue Jones, Dee Dee Richards, Gail Roaten, Rick Roe and Wayne Smith, area Young Life leader.

[Pilot Photo by Wynne Armstrong]

Older Citizens Can Vote Absentee

Residents of Rockport age 65 or older are reminded that they can vote absentee in the city's upcoming August 9 election whether they will be in or out of town on that day.

That word comes from Helen Braffett, assistant to City Secretary Herman Johnson, who added that, as of noon Thursday, July 24, one absentee ballot had been cast.

Absentee voting in the election to fill the unexpired term of the late Alderman Dan Ward will continue through Tuesday, August.

Absentee balloting will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at Rockport's City Hall.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. Saturday, August 9, for the election and remain open until 7 p.m.

Voting is for residents of Rockport's Ward 1 only, that area inside Rockport city limits and south of Laurel Street.

Candidates for this post are Peter W. Lazidis and Betty Jean Ward.

Notable Notes

City Council Meets

Rockport's city council will meet Monday, July 28, at City Hall. A joint public hearing with the planning and zoning commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. followed by the regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Refunders To Meet

Members of the Aransas County Refunders Club -- and anyone interested in joining -- are invited to a meeting of the club at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 11, at the VFW Hall in Rockport. The Refunders Club is an organization dedicated to saving money through collection and exchange of "money-back" coupon offers. For more information, call Melba at 729-2196 or Thelma at 729-5189.

Cemetery Association

There will be a regular meeting of the Cemetery Association Monday, July 28, at 3 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Blood Mobile

The Blood Mobile from the Community Blood Bank will be parked outside of the Texas Highway Department office, across from the KOA Kampground on Monday, July 28, from 3 to 4 p.m., or as long as donors arrive. The Blood Bank seeks community support in providing the "gift of life" to those in need of transfusions.

Hurricane Meeting

A Hurricane Preparedness Seminar for area residents is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 4, at the VFW Hall in Rockport.

Seafood Producers' Dinner

The Seafood Producers Association will hold its annual shrimp dinner on Sunday, August 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Paws and Taws Building on Fulton Beach Road. Adult tickets may be purchased for $3,75 and children's for $1.75.

Pilot Sightings

BILL AGEE looking for a flag that will bring some more rain . . .

RICHARD SCHOLL up from Alice to visit the **ED ARMSTRONG** family this weekend . . .

JOHN BLACK back from drum major camp at West Texas State . . .

DICK LILLY taking a ride in a bulldozer scoop (Some people will do anything for a picture) . . .

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Live Oak Philosopher



Editor's note: The Live Oak Philosopher on his grassburr ranch has a plan for making political conventions more orderly.

Dear Editor:

I sat through most of the Republican Convention, via television, and because justice demands equal punishment for parallel crimes -- even though some judges have trouble remembering this -- I'll sit through the Democratic Convention.

It's too late to do anything about it this time, but next time, four years from now if the nation still stands -- which it won't if each party is right about its falling if the other party wins -- something needs to be done about these shows.

A political convention is the world's only sports event where the reporters outnumber the spectators and the star players are mostly ignored.

For instance, here's a prominent politician who's spent weeks rehearsing his speech. His moment of glory arrives, he steps to the podium, faces the microphone and lets loose.

Two sentences underway he looks out at the audience and sees a man strolling by eating a hotdog. There's mustard on his chin. The aisles are filled with goofy-hatted delegates milling around and waving to each other. Fourteen TV reporters with antennas sticking out of their ears are interviewing a Governor, each with a microphone jabbed in the guy's face.

Here he's outlining plans to save the nation and reduce interest rates and half his audience is walking around paying no attention. How's a man going to whip inflation if nobody listens?

I have given this problem some thought and have figured out the remedy. In this electronic age it should be fairly easy to equip each chair in the convention hall with a seat belt automatically controlled by a switch manned by the chairman up on the podium. When all delegates are seated, he throws the switch and every last one of them is locked in place.

Naturally he'd let them out to stand for the Star Spangled Banner, but otherwise everybody stays fastened down.

For the most part I believe this would work, insuring an orderly convention, although you've got to remember there are some politicians who can wriggle out of any situation.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.



State Of The Region

By Juniet K. Wenger
Coastal Bend Council of Governments

Agencies delivering human services in the Coastal Bend were surveyed recently to learn something about the ways they relate to the public. The survey was conducted by the COG's Human Resource Coordination Council. A total of 65 agencies in the region responded.

These agencies, which serve 12 counties, receive about 9,670 inquiries a month. Collectively, they provide services to about 6,126 people and refer about 5,553 to other agencies or one another.

In about 39 percent of the cases where one agency makes a referral, that agency follows up to see whether the desired service was received as a result of the referral. In less than half of the instances, the needs were filled through the referral call.

Of those who call, looking for help, a total of 1,892 are classified as "the poor." Another 1,288 are the elderly. The unemployed total 902. Transients account for 314.

A total of 887 of those who call are young people. They call seeking employment, medical services, training, care in pregnancy. More youths are referred to family counseling programs than to any other type of assistance.

Family counseling is the most frequent type of counseling being offered by agencies, 44 percent of the total. Individual counseling is provided by 33 percent of the agencies and group counseling by 33 percent.

Half of those responding to the survey feel that the movement of people from agency to agency by referral is frustrating to those looking for assistance. More than half of them, 54 percent, would favor a centralization of information and referral in local communities and 46 percent would favor a consortium of agenices providing centralized information and referral.

Of those responding to the survey, 44 percent feel that the public doesn't know where to go for assistance, who to call or what to do. Another 40 percent think the public knows what services are available, but that there is confusion because of so many agencies and programs.

The 1-2-3 Handbook is the most extensively used directory of public services. Almost half of the services listed in the 1-2-3 Handbook are not actually provided by the agency listing the service. The agency provides information and referral where that service is concerned.

Responses of 33 agencies indicate they spend about $107,500 a year, in all, on information and referral, while 36 say they spend $130,000 educating the public and making the public aware of services. In all nearly one quarter of a million dollars is spent annually by these agencies on information and referral, public awareness and education.



"Low Down" FROM THE Congressional Record

By JOE CRUMP

(A Column for Readers Who Haven't Time to Review the Congressional Record Daily)



ARTHRITIS VICTIMS OFFERED HOPE

Representative Larry J. Hopkins (Ky.) " . . . I rise to stress again my strong support for the bill H.R. 7023, which I introduced earlier this year. I am pleased to report that as of today, more than 100 of my distinguished colleagues have co-sponsored my bill, which directs the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases to undertake clinical studies of the effectiveness of the drug dimethyl sulfoxide (DSMO), for use by patients suffering the pain and discomfort of arthritis . . .

"With no known cure for this crippling disease, many older Americans seeking relief have been victimized by hawkers and charlations pushing worthless and ineffective gimmicks . . .

DSMO is a low-cost produced byproduct of the manufacture of paper, which is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream when applied directly to the skin. Its medicinal possibilities were first brought to attention in the United States in the early 1960's . . .

"Bootleg use of DSMO is apparently widespread among American professional athletes, who report favorable results using DSMO in connection with various sports injuries.

"Side effects associated with DSMO apparently are minimal; garlicky breath and some minor skin irritations are the only documented problems . . .

"The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) has authorized only a few tests to study its effects on humans, and there are currently no ongoing studies to establish the possible effectiveness of DSMO in the long term treatment of arthritic diseases . . .

"This situation is totally unacceptable to the millions of Americans suffering from the nagging aches of arthritis — thousands of whom go abroad each year for DSMO treatments, or pay exorbitant prices for DSMO here in the United States.

"This tragedy is compounded by the fact that the DSMO molecule is so common that it is unpatentable, and so cheaply produced that private firms regard the income potential from DSMO insufficient to meet their investment criteria . . ."

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CRUMP'S GRASS ROOTS COMMENT

Earlier this year Representative Tim Lee Carter (Ky.) introduced a bill to extend the Arthritis Cure Act for another 3 years, and with the necessary funding.

Knowing that, it would appear that the plus and minus of using DSMO, from an authoritative source, would be helpful. Millions of Americans are hopeful.

FRAUD HOTLINE UPDATE

Senator Jim Sasser (Tenn.)"...I wish to take this opportunity to report to my colleagues on the progress of the fraud hotline established January 1979...

"The hotline allows any concerned citizen with knowledge of fraud and abuse -- in any Federal program -- to report that knowledge to a General Accounting Office (GAO) Special Task Force for the Prevention of Fraud. The anonymity of any caller will be respected -- the name of the caller need not be given to the task force. In 67 percent of the cases, the caller has chosen to remain anonymous...

"The national toll free fraud hotline is 800-424-5454. In the Washington D.C., metropolitan area the number is 633-6987...

"Of the 8,515 allegations reviewed so far, 4,903 or 58 percent appear to have sufficient substance to merit further consideration for audit or investigation...

"Intentional wrongdoing has been reported involving the funds of every one of the 13 Cabinet departments of the Federal Government. These cases involve activity in all 50 States and the District of Columbia.

"What this means is that there were 4,903 cases of intentional wrongdoing now in the hands of inspectors General

"I wish to call to the attention of my colleagues some examples of fraud:

—Theft of material from a Government warehouse by maintenance employees, action was taken.

—An individual receiving aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) and food stamps was working and receiving alimony. A large bank account was also alleged. Investigation determined the individual had received $3,181 in overpayments and the case is awaiting prosecution.

"I ask unanimous consent that a State-by-State listing of the locations of these 4,903 hotline allegations be printed in the Record at this point. (Limited space prevents the printing of the complete list.) In the State of Texas 268 cases of possible fraud were reported..."

CRUMP'S GRASS ROOTS COMMENT

The "taxpayer's friend" is listening. Don't complain; communicate -- it's toll free.

Babe's Senate Report

By State Senator A.R. "Babe" Schwartz

A martime risk management program for the Texas Gulf Coast is being considered by a special committee of the Texas Coastal and Marine Council, which I chair.

On July 10 I visited the King's Point Maritime Research Center in New York to confer on a proposal for Texas and to view the center's marine traffic simulator in a "real-life" situation of a 250,000 deadweight-ton tanker entering a proposed Texas port.

Under the program being evaluated, maritime risk areas offshore would be identified, ways and means of reducing the risk potential would be developed, and a plan would be implemented through state and federal law, rules and cooperative effort.

The initial study would include shipping lanes in the open Gulf, outer approaches to harbors, and the out-of-port channels leading to and from Texas Gulf ports. Any Texas port desiring to extend the risk management program into the confines of its own particular waters to minimize the danger of accidents in its channels or harbor could be included under separate contract arrangements.

The special study committee was appointed by me at the June 20 meeting of the Texas Coastal and Marine Council (TCMC) at Port Aransas after the council voted unanimously to proceed with the feasibility study. TCMC vice chairman Dr. Charles P. Turco of Lamar University, Beaumont, was named chairman of the committee. Serving with him are TCMC members Cecil W. Reid of Austin and State Senator Raul Longoria of Edinburg. Ex-officio members are Joe Moseley, former executive director of TCMC and more recently assistant director of the Texas Deepwater Port Authority, and myself.

The decision to pursue the maritime risk management program study was made following a presentation by representatives of the National Marine Research Center, located at Long Island, New York. The group had previously testified before my Senate Natural Resources Committee at an earlier Galveston hearing.

Stanley Wheatley and Justus Riek, of the marine research center, explained the methods used to identify risk areas. Elements of the studies are marine traffic volume, location of fixed hazards to navigation such as offshore drilling rigs and production platforms, buried pipeline depths and locations, placement and efficiency of navigation aids, capability requirements of captains or pilots of ships from various nations, recognition of sea and land points of orientation, systems of communication on ships, and other elements having effects on maritime traffic.

The National Marine Research Center operates as a division of the National Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce of the U.S. The research center has a computer-aided facility which I visited on Long Island, which enables it to duplicate the bridge of any given vessel. The particular ship's bridge instrumentation can be simulated and by use of a multi-projector panoramic screen outside the bridge, the appearance of any port in the nation can be duplicated, with the panorama changing to precisely simulate the ship's approach and entry to the port, including other ship traffic which must be responded to by the pilot.

The pilot's reactions to the changing scene and conditions, and his use of the simulated information being presented to the various indicators of bridge instrumentation, are observed by experts at the research center. Deficiencies in a particular ship's instrumentation, as well as the pilot's response performance, can be evaluated and the necessary remedial processes can be recommended.

As I stood on the bridge of the simulated vessel in New York in two harbor entrance simulations, it was pointed out that many pilots of seagoing vessels do not realize that ships of different sizes react differently under given conditions, and that ships respond differently to deep water and shallow water maneuvering.

In my opinion, this subject deserves a high priority for attention inasmuch as no state agency has initiated any program aimed at minimizing the risk of maritime accidents or disasters. The Burmah Agate accident, and several other collisions last year involving ships and fixed objects, certainly indicate the need for some program which might minimize the possibility and probability of inexcusable maritime accidents and disasters. I think we have found the right approach.

California has already made a similar study contract for the Santa Barbara Channel and we are several years too late already. My goal is to obtain state matching funds for the contract. In addition to the study and the recommendations it produces, we are also pursuing a full simulation installation at Texas A&M University at Galveston as the third of its kind in the nation; but it would be the newest and the best.

THE FINISH

A popular saloon back in Aransas County's meat-packing days was "The Finish" which stood near the Big Wharf -- about where Lettie's Liquor Store is now on Austin.

Operated as a gambling house and saloon by Oliver P. Reid and Major Andrew J. Hogan, it was called "The Finish" because that was where a lot of trail drives ended.

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Austin at Wharf

PROGRESS , ROCKPORT PROGRESS, DESERVES definition. Let me make an attempt. Virtually every town in the country has its chamber of commerce, industrial foundation, tourist bureau, countless civic and service groups, all bent on growth and progress.

In a society that is increasingly urban the dreams of many communities are all but futile, pipe dreams. Rockport by contrast grows, progresses and almost nothing can stop it. But here, incidentally, by Rockport I mean also Fulton—in fact all of Aransas County.

And what is Rockport? It is a year-round tourist center, a mecca for retirees, a place that draws people interested in water sports, swimming, fishing, sailing.

It is the home of a sizeable ship-building industry. Servicing oil rigs in the bay and the gulf means a variety of related businesses and industries. And there is the butcher, the baker and candlestick maker, benefiting from all of the foregoing.

Ha, no I haven't forgotten, Rockport is a quaint little fishing village and home for a colony of accomplished artists. Nostalgically, this last is the Rockport most of us see, or fancy. Thousands among us want to "keep it that way," keep something that no longer exists. Still it is a living sentiment.

Ask the couple who arrived last month. Within a week of their arrival they have become wistful, dreaming that they might have been the last new arrivals.

AT HAND IS AN ARTICLE FROM HISTORIC Preservation magazine, "Quiet Storm Over Sleepy Seaports." The sleepy seaports in question are all New England ports, among them Rockport, Massachusetts. Today they are coming alive. Fishing continues, sportsmen and commercial. Increasing numbers of tourists flock to the towns and there is a revival of spirit amongst those who reside in them.

In a sense the people are rediscovering themselves. Old homes are being restored, often becoming inns or places where businesses are housed.

Rockport, Texas, has a distinct advantage over all those places. In New England the economy rises and falls because so much of the income, aside from the fishing industry, comes from the tourists whose visiting is seasonal. Reading the article one cannot help but be appreciative of our mild year-round climate and the variety of business and enterprise that keeps this a prosperous community.

YET ALL IS NOT WELL. OUR ROCKPORT HAS grown like Topsy with seemingly little vision and planning. Sometimes I feel that all too many people dream of retaining the impossible "quaint little town."

But like any other waterfront town, Rockport should and must accept growth as inevitable. The sooner this is accepted the sooner will we be able to be at least part of our dream town.

Possibly our most pressing need is for a county-wide drainage and sewage system. I believe there has been some planning on this. Meanwhile, each day it is delayed the more critical the situation becomes.

One has only to look at the building that continues while over most of the nation the industry is in a serious slump.

In the past year or so there have been happenings that approach the tragic—failure, for example, to establish home rule in Rockport. Under home rule, Rockport people would govern Rockport as they desire. That is, of course, a simplification, but the subject has been covered in detail by this newspaper.

A charter was designed by an elected commission composed of some of the city's most intelligent, loyal and progressive citizens. Their work went down the drain in the voting booth because of falsehoods and misrepresentation by an informally organized gang of half a dozen to a dozen people who grossly misled the electorate.

Unfortunately this gang has come to exercise considerable influence among public officials, especially the city council and navigation district. Recently one of their number is reported to have declared in the presence of some half dozen witnesses that his group controlled X number of city officials and X number of commissioners. One of the few truthful statements ever to come from the gang.

It is the same group that seeks to create a recreational facility at the wallow at the end of Rockport Beach, despite warnings from health and water safety authorities and a qualified engineer. It is, of course, a tragedy that in a city like Rockport there has never been even one public swimming pool that meets safety standards, a place where the water is clear, depths marked, etc.

Let it be remembered that the city council twice rejected an offer from the navigation district to take over the pond, yet in turn—frightened by people misled by the gang—the city refused a building permit to erect boating facilities and landscape the area, making it an attraction for visitors, sailors and otherwise.

And all without cost to the taxpayers—in fact a facility that would have brought revenue to the city. Meanwhile one must wait and wonder about some future accident or drowning. Remember, Philadelphia lawyers abound and this is a time when suing is a national pastime. Who will be sued?

Restoration of the Fulton Mansion is a state, not a local project, although many citizens were active in initiating the project. To its credit the city council, about a year ago, prevented the building of high rise condominiums.

Elsewhere in the town, drive some of the old downtown back streets. There are many old houses, large and small, that cry for restoration. Unfortunately there are in our midst and among our visitors, houligans. They have repeatedly destroyed cabanas and rest rooms on the beach, a minority that causes the majority to suffer, a minority that in fact gives our town a black name.

The answer, the only answer, is to have a qualified patrolman on duty around the clock, year in, year out. What a pity to have to use taxpayers' money for this. Yet it is the difference between having a comfortable and pleasant beach or one that is not.

HEAVILY TRAVELED AND SCENIC FULTON Beach Road, from the Rockport basin to Fulton Harbor is mostly a narrow and dangerous road. It should not only be widened but should have a bicycle path for the benefit of all of us and perhaps especially for our visitors.

This is even more important today because of the high cost of fuel. In truth, because of the nature of our town traffic should be patterned for bikes everywhere.

FINALLY, EVERYONE WHO CALLS ROCKPORT home, native or newcomer, should think and work toward the town of tomorrow and the future.

That is the reason I weep when I recall that those fine men and women who served on a city planning commission to give us a home rule charter saw their dedicated efforts go down the drain.--ahab (C.M. Henkel)

Texas Bred Feature Purse Hits $127,950

Texas' largest Summer Stake Finals will be run at Goliad's La Bahia Downs on Sunday, July 27.

Elimination trials for the Texas Bred Feature—with a gross purse of $127,950—were run July 19 with the top 20 colts selected on time.

The finals and consolation will be run this coming Sunday and the Feature winner will take home $38,000 plus for some 15 seconds of blazing speed.

The finalists and their owners include Little Sugar Jet 15.68 owned by Dennis Touchet of Brownsville; OHS Thunderball 15.69 owned by Robert E. Garza of San Antonio; Native Eagle 15.77 owned by Mildred J. Estes of Waller; Kid At Heart 15.79 owned by Chandler and Mallette of Victoria.

Also The Norseman 15.81 owned by Jim or Marcy West of Houston; Fast As A Jet 15.81 owned by L.H. Von Dohlen of Goliad; Rocky Pass 15.84 owned by Shelly/Lodie Stapleton Jr. of Houston; Savannahs Go Dandy 15.86 owned by Travis Thigpin of Bryan; My Tex Jet 15.86 owned by Bobby and Darrick Dove of Adkins; and Tannessa Jet 15.86 owned by Arnold J. Topham of Alta Loma.

This will be the third and final weekend of the Summer Meet. The July 26 program will feature the South Texas Sprint Series #3 at 330 yards, finals of the Texas Bred Classic at 350 yards and the finals of the Heza Charger Dash at 330 yards.

Saturday has been designated Arts and Crafts Day with exhibitors from throughout Texas displaying their wares. The final day on Sunday will also include the Championship Series #3 at 440 yards and the Three Ohs Dash at 350 yards.

The past weekend was one of the largest in the track's 18-year history. Nineteen races were run Saturday and 20 on Sunday.

Saturday saw 190 two-year-olds vying in the Texas Bred Feature trials. A lightning fast track resulted in many fine times.

The Sunday races included these features and their winners:

The Hidalgo Futurity, gross purse $19.100, won by Sherry Moon owned by Charles Barger of Rock Island with a time of 18.28 for 350 yards;

The Six Flags Derby, gross purse $9,550, won by Miss Shrapnel owned by L.H. Von Dohlen of Goliad in a time of 18.06 for 350 yards;

The Fannin Feature Finals, gross purse $6,150, won by Alamita Bar Moon owned by Bienvenidos Acres of Victoria in a time of 13.52 for 250 yards.

Producers Protest Tax

AUSTIN—More than 3,500 angry royalty owners and independent oil producers attended a United States Senate Finance Committee field hearing which Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen termed the largest congressional hearing ever.

The committee chaired by Bentsen is considering his and other proposals to exempt royalty owners and independent producers from the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980.

Also serving on the committee was Oklahoma Senator David Boren.

L. Frank Pitts, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, drew enthusiastic cheers and applause when he stated, "The oil excise tax, the largest of its kind passed in history, is a dangerous, self-defeating measure which should never have been passed. It sets a serious precedent that will irrevocably harm the nation's energy objectives throughout the remainder of this century."

Pitts further stated, "Our association has been besieged with letters and phone calls from disturbed royalty owners who are now beginning to feel the severe effects of the oil excise tax burden.

"As decontrol by the Department of Energy proceeds to conclusion, other royalty owners groups affiliated with the flowing Tier I oil will become equally disturbed by the tax."

There are some two million royalty owners located in the U.S., Pitts said. It is estimated that 1.5 million of this total hold little more than 400,000 barrels per day per owner.

"The fact that this equates to only one-fourth barrel per owner refutes the widely-held contention that all royalty owners are extremely wealthy," Pitts added.

"The people who can least afford it are being hit hard by the tax," he continued. "Many elderly people on fixed incomes depend on their monthly royalty checks to make ends meet. The tax is putting them in a critical financial condition."

Pitts added that the tax wil take $65 billion out of Texas in the 1980s -- enough money to triple the number of wells drilled each year in Texas for the next 10 years.

The 35 witnesses testifying included Congressman Jake Pickle, Attorney General Mark White, Railroad Commissioner James Nugent, plus a number of individual royalty owners and agricultural representatives.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Frances Iles, left, who heads up the local Toys for Tots program, receives a check for $500 from Dorothea Montgomery of the Castaways. The money will be used to purchase riding toys, such as tricycles and bicycles, which are less expensive now than they will be in November and December, Frances says. Toys for Tots is an annual program to help brighten Christmas for youngsters whose families otherwise would not be able to give toys to their children. Frances and others in the program are trying to get an early start on their toy-buying this year to take advantage of the lower prices on many items during summer and early fall. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Community Calendar

Monday thru Friday

Community Concern Center, 112 N. Magnolia, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 729-7722.

Council on Aging, 112 N. Magnolia, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 729-5352.

Castaways, 1101 Concho, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9-11 a.m.

Aransas Women's Medical Society Workshop, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Encina Plaza.

Saturday, July 26

Aransas Women's Medical Society Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Encina Plaza.

Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship Group, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, July 27

Church of your choice.

Monday, July 28

Concern Center Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Live Oak State Bank.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 7 p.m., I.O.O.F. Hall.

Loyal Order of Moose, 7:30 p.m., 207 S. Austin.

Tuesday, July 29

TOPS CLUB, 8 a.m., Corky's Restaurant.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Key Allegro Community Center. Call 729-5[illegible] if you would like to play.

Weight Watchers, 7 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

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

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

Wednesday, July 30

County Commissioners Meeting, 9 a.m., County Courthouse.

Rotary International, noon, Sandollar Restaurant.

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

Thursday, July 31

AARP #1536 Card Party, 1 p.m., Paws and Taws Bldg. Prizes. Open to the public.

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

Game Night, VFW Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 1

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., VFW Hall.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., VFW Hall.

Saturday, August 2

Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship Group, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

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The Community Calendar is compiled by the Concern Center. To list changes or additions call 729-7722.

Years Ago

35 Years Ago--1945

Rockport telephone service received the aid of 11 additional operators.

Maj. Ally Roberts visited his family in Rockport after returning from Air Force duty in Italy.

Ruth Lipscomb showed her knowledge of books during a book quiz game at the Rebekah Lodge. She won a book of poems as her prize.

Mrs. Frank Casterline was hostess for the Fulton Bible Study group.

30 Years Ago--1950

Johnnie Wendell defeated incumbent County Judge D.R. Simmons in elections for the judgeship.

The School Board set a $425,000 bond election for construction of a new high school, which Hugh Morrison, school board president, advocated.

Murray A. Winn, founder of Winn's stores and a frequent visitor in Rockport, died on a Mediterranean cruise.

25 Year Ago--1955

Mrs. Mary Lake Segler, city secretary, attended a three-day school for tax assessors in Houston.

Travis Johnson was invested as a Knight of St. Gregory the Great in recognition of his service to his church and community.

Father G.J. O'Doherty, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, left for a vacation in Ireland.

20 Years Ago--1960

Linda Clark attended a speech and drama workshop at Southwest Texas State College.

Jim Cloberdants took part in an Army Exercise in Germany.

Caspary and Wendell perfected a mooring method for offshore rigs.

15 Years Ago--1965

Mrs. James Jarboe, vice president, and Mrs. Mary Juergens, manager of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce, attended the Louisiana-Texas Hug-the-Coast Highway Association convention.

The Simon Lee Sorensons returned from a three-week vacation trip to Florida, Washington, D.C. and the New York City World's Fair.

Kathy Cochran, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Cochran, entered the International Contest of Children's Art Work in Tokyo.

10 Years Ago--1970

No records available.

5 Years Ago--1975

R.W. Landrum, Jimmy Anders, Richard J. Fox and Hal McKnight were elected in the County Commissioner/Navigation District races.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Charlotte Jean Guettner became the bride of Miles George Thornton.

Live Oak State Bank celebrated its first anniversary.

Rebekahs Aid Young And Old

Concerned with helping other, the 65-member Rebekah Lodge sponsors several worthwhile projects.

This benevolent organization supports a children's home and an old folks home in Corsicana, in addition to providing volunteer manpower to aid the Concern Center and the Aransas Pass Nursing Home.

The club is currently preparing for its annual fall bazaar, and is also collecting aluminum cans to raise money to sent delegates to the Rebekah Assembly, to be held in Dallas.

The new officers, who were installed July 17, are Ben L. Long, noble grand; Ruth Hayden, vice grand; Sybil Dufner, secretary; Gladys Jullan, financial secretary; and Mary Lou Ashley, treasurer.

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Police Report

Richard Heman Simpson, 20, of Rockport was under $500 bond on a charge of felony driving while intoxicated after he was arrested early Thursday, July 24.

Simpson was arrested at 2:02 a.m. on Market Street near Billups after police reported seeing his car weaving on the road.

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A 17-year-old Rockport woman was ticketed for failure to control speed of her car following an accident at the Harbor Oaks bridge on Fulton Beach Road Tuesday afternoon, July 22.

Police said the accident happened about 5 p.m. when a car driven by Denise Renee Johnson, 17, of Rockport went out of control as Ms. Johnson was crossing the bridge going south.

Her car was in collision with a vehicle driven by Aldo A. Martignago, 55, of Louisville northbound on Fulton Beach Road.

Police reported there were no injuries.



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Sheriff's Report

Carl Milum reported possible burglary of his vehicle on July 14 while the car was parked at the U-Tote-M on Fulton Beach Road.

Milum, a Fulton resident, said he parked his car on the west side of the building while he went in the store at about 2 p.m. When he came out, he said his male German schnauzer, valued at $500, was missing.

Student News

COLLEGE STATION — Deborah A. Boudoin, freshman educational curriculum and instruction major from Rockport has earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University.

The undergraduate honor is awarded to students who excel academically at Texas A&M, the state's land-grant and sea-grant institution responsible for providing not only excellence in academic programs but extension and research in agriculture, engineering and other practical needs throughout the state.

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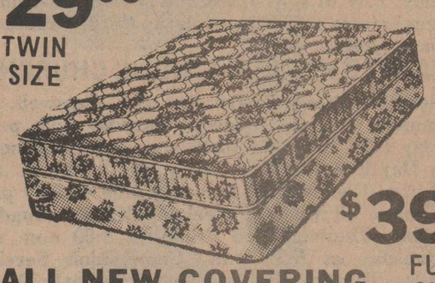

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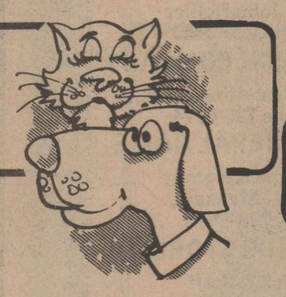

By Dr. Hap Lutz

Dr. Lutz is a graduate of Baltimore City College and Texas A&M University. He specializes in small and exotic animal practice. He was an instructor of small animal diseases and surgery in the Veterinary School at Texas A&M and was in private practice in Waco for 25 years.

A FABLE LEARNED IN MY CHILDHOOD

A fable is a brief tale to illustrate a moral, using persons or animals as characters.

One of my favorites was often told to me by my grandmother. These pleasant childhood memories often resurface as a person matures.

I remember it well as Grannie retold it often to teach me a lesson. It was called "The Dog and the Shadow."

It happed that a Dog got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat it in peace.

Now on his way home, he had to cross a plank lying across a running brook. As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own shadow reflected in the water beneath.

Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also. So he made a snap at the shadow in the water, but as he opened his mouth, the piece of meat fell out, dropped into the water and was never seen again.

Moral--Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.



LIBRARY DONATION

Geneva Taylor, representing the Woman's Club of Aransas County, presents a $400 check to Eunice Hamon, librarian of the Aransas County Public Library, as Woman's Club President Elizabeth Jones looks on. This sum was a partial profit of the Club's advertising campaign to raise money for the publication of their book, "Personal Planter," which is currently at the publisher and will be distributed in October. Shown [illegible] right are Geneva Taylor, Eunice Hamon and Woman's Club president, Elizabeth [illegible]s.

Area Deaths

Sherry Lynn Coyle

Funeral services for Sherry Lynn Coyle, 27, a Rockport native and cousin of Mrs. Keith Moore Sr. of Rockport, were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, in the First Baptist Church of Houma.

Burial was in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Houma. Mrs. Coyle died Monday evening, July 7, after a long illness.

A 1970 graduate of South Terrebonne High School, Mrs. Coyle attended Nicholls State University in Thibodaux and pursued legal notary studies.

She served as a courthouse librarian for five years, was employed as a secretary and notary public with Cancienne and Yates law firm for 10 years, and worked as secretary-treasurer of Bilco Tools, Inc. for three years prior to her illness.

As a member of the First Baptist Church of Houma, she served as pianist and organist for the church, and was a member of the adult choir. She worked with the children's church and bus ministry, with the church's girl's auxiliary, was a teacher at the church in church training, and worked with the church's children's choir.

Other survivors include her husband, W.E. (Billy) Coyle Jr.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ivey; a son, Tate Coyle; a brother, David Ivey; and a sister, Mrs. Cathy Runnels.

She was preceded in death by a son, W.E. (Billy) Coyle III, and by her grandparents, Edwin and Alice Ballou of Rockport.

ROCKPORT MONEY

In the early 1920s, currency was being printed and issued by the First National Bank of Rockport.

Rockport's Is Quality Fencing

Arpad Pahany has been running his one-man Rockport Fence Company for two years, specializing in cedar fencing.

Pahany, who says he is an independent fence business in no way associated with any other local fence company, features "number one quality cedar materials" and chain link enclosures.

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2:1-12

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Thursday
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2:1-3

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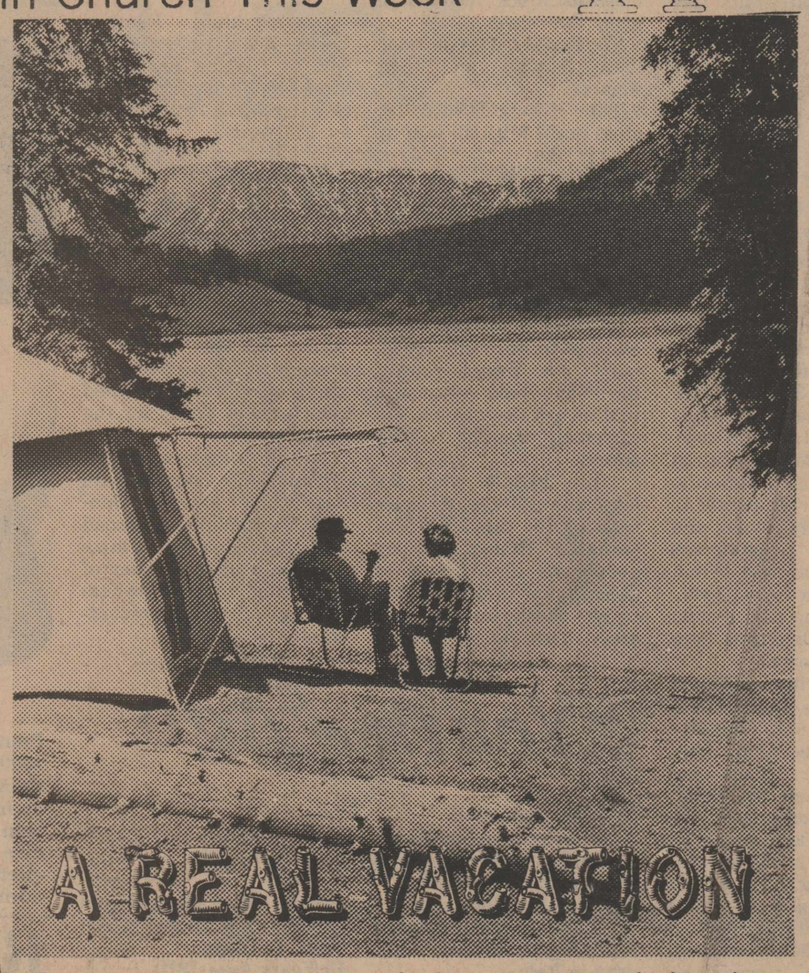
II Chronicles
12:1-12

Saturday
Isaiah
49:6-16

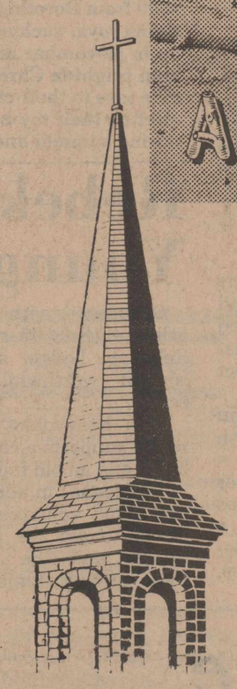


They had waited for this **real** vacation — this long trip — for years. But this time it was different, this time he wouldn't be going back to his job.

At first, retirement seemed frightening, like being shut off from the mainstream of life. He had seen too many men age beyond their years, after their career ended. He had no wish to be on the sidelines. He and his wife could have moved to a warmer climate and just have taken it easy. He didn't want that. So, before he left home, he had a long talk with his minister.

He found that there was plenty a man his age could do. Financially secure, he could afford to volunteer for a job. In fact, through the Church there was work he could do that would spread to the farthest corners of the world.

Right now, he is enjoying this vacation. He is savoring every moment of it. Because, when he gets home, he's going to lead a full and useful life. And that's the way he wants it.



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Dr. Gregory O. Gomez, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning service, 11:00 a.m.; Training union, 6:30 p.m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m. Kossuth at Bay Street.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Ken Boyce, Minister. Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.; Worship 11:00 a.m. Meeting next door to Shrimp Net Restaurant across from Palm Harbor.

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VICTORY CHAPEL

Hwy. 35 and FM 1069. Boyce Laqua, Pastor. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Worship Services, 10:50 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Live Oak at Laurel Streets. John R. Bradshaw, Pastor. Sunday: 10:15 a.m., Coffee With Friends; 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship, nursery provided. Bible Study: Circle 3, 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Circle 2, 2nd Thursday, 2:30 p.m.; Circle 1, 2nd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

GREATER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Larry V. Terrell, Pastor. 213 Gagon. 729-6912. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Service at 11:30 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Wayne Pafk, Pastor, 729-7264. Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service 8:30 a.m. [January through March]; Regular Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sunday. L.W.M.L. [Lutheran Women's Missionary League] meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS—MORMONS

Dan Gibson, branch president. Meeting at 200 block of North 8th Street, Aransas Pass. Priesthood, 11:45 a.m.; Relief Society, 11:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sacrament, 10:00 a.m. Public invited. Phone 729-0167 or 758-8431 for more information.

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1119 N. Pearl Street. C.M. Mills, Presiding Overseer. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Public talk, 10:30 a.m. Watchtower study. Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Book Study. Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service meeting.

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Rev. K.W. Bowley, Pastor, Hwy. 35 South, 729-5887. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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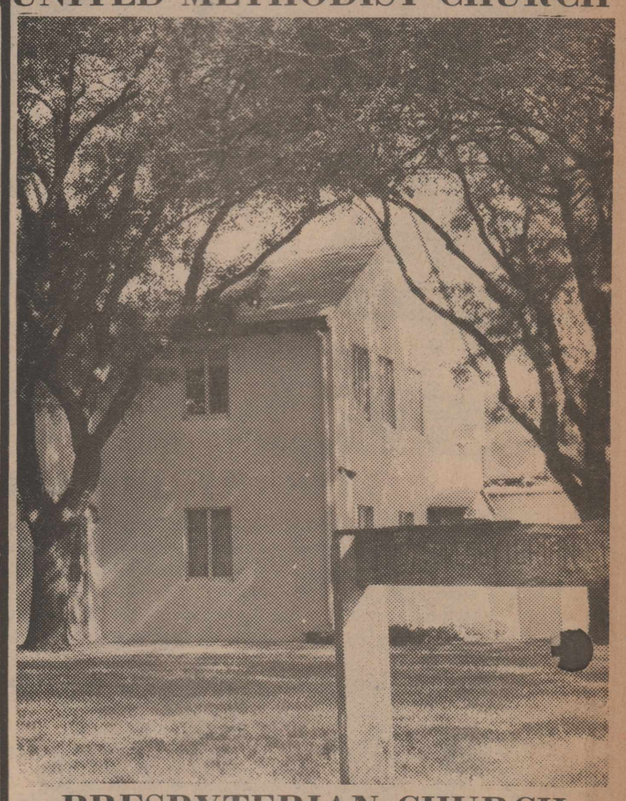

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Style Show, 'Political Rally' Highlight ACMSI Women's Committee Meeting

A style show featuring creations from their workshop in Encina Plaza and a "political rally" highlighted the Friday, July 18, meeting of the Women's Committee of Aransas County Medical Services Inc.

Members of the ACMSI Women's Committee served as models for the handpainted skirts, caftans, hats and purses that are made at the organization's workshop and sold through the boutique to raise money for the ambulance service.

Polly Rogers was commentator for the show. Polly also took the podium later for a send-up of political rallies, as a candidate for president -- of the Society for the Preservation of the Gopher.

Polly began her speech with an observation that there are "not many places where an insignificant something like Polly Rogers could stand up here and say the things I'm going to say and not get shot -- or sent to Siberia."

Later she declared, "I believe in motherhood...and I love apple pie."

During the business meeting that preceded the style show and luncheon, members of the women's committee learned that, as of June 30 this year, the organization has raised $18,794.64. This includes $854.76 from the workshop and memorial.

Two new members joined the organization Friday, bringing the total membership to 261. Some 98 members and guests attended the luncheon.

Chairman Sara Bates also read a letter from Cam Leonard, general chairman of this year's Art Festival, thanking the organization for providing hostesses at the food booth during the July 5-6 Festival.



Leading The Rally

The "Polly Rogers for President" cheering section provides music for members of the ACMSI Women's Committee during the Friday, July 18, meeting. From left are Jean Duggan, Polly's "campaign manager;" Barbara Johnson, who played the tambourine; Gertrude Alvord; Vi Street; and Babs Muecke on the washboard.

[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]



Ready For A Game

Carolyn Behee steps out in handpainted golf skirt and hat, both made at the Encina Plaza workshop, and carries a towel also handpainted by members of the Women's Committee. All the fashions modelled in the show are available at the Women's Committee's gift boutique.

[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]



Shell Happy

Betty Tice models a handpainted skirt from the Women's Committee workshop in Encina Plaza during the style show.

[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Garden Club BeautifiesIsland

DIMENSION

With monthly programs ranging from sandcasting and landscaping through oil painting and dried flowers and holiday arrangements, the Key Allegro Garden Club offers variety and entertainment to its members.

In the Seafair parade, the club represented itself by having a convertible pull the familir symbol of a watering can made of flowers. This entry, though not truly a float, received a second place ribbon.

As a fund-raising project and beautification effort, the organization sponsored the luminario display on the Island, and boat caroling to view to lights. A wine and cheese party followed the singing trip to express gratitude to those who made the project successful.

A mail box decorating contest was organized by the club, who also entered a tree, "Tannenbaum," in the Christmas Tree Forest.

A fund night was held in February, with proceeds going toward the beautification of the 27 cul-de-sacs on the Island.

The Allegro Community House is landscaped by this organization with its funds and living memorials donated to the club.

The new officers installed by the Key Allegro Garden Club at a salad luncheon were Dee Kycklehahn, president, assisted by Wanda Sorem, vice president; Eugenia Vaughan, secretary; and Joan Rowe, treasurer. Numerous committee chairpersons oversee the workings of the organization, as well.

The Garden Club, which boasts of its enthusiasm and fellowship, meets the third Monday of the month from September through May.

Healthful Hints

Most Often-Asked Questions On Nutrition



By Jean Glowka

Q. I think I'd like to start taking golden seal, but I don't really know very much about it. What all is it good for?

A. Golden seal was among the favorite herbs used by the Cherokee Indians of North America. It is said to have a very beneficial effect on the mucous membranes and body tissues and is excellent for all catarrh conditions, whether of the throat, nose, bronchial passages, intestines, bladder or stomach.

It is helpful in treating indigestion, liver disorders, typhoid fever, mouth sores, ulceration of the stomach, and diarrhea. It's effectiveness as a tonic for spinal nerves make it helpful in treating spinal meningitis. Small frequent doses of golden seal help to relieve the nausea of pregnancy.

However, during pregnancy, golden seal should not be taken in large amounts. We should also mention that persons with hypoglycemia and severe hypertension should avoid using it internally.

Q. Does peanut butter really have more protein than tuna?

A. Tables of food compositon show that three ounces of tuna contain 25 grams of protein, and one-third cup of peanut butter has 13 grams.

Also, remember that some proteins are known as COMPLETE proteins, meaning that they contain ALL the essential protein factors (amino acids).

Other proteins are INCOMPLETE, in that they don't contain all the essential amino acids. Tuna contains complete protein, while peanut butter is considered by most authorities to contain incomplete protein.

Until next week, Folks, stay happy and healthy! It's a beautiful world!

Please send questions to: Jean Glowka, Rt. 1, Box 437, Rockport, Texas 78382.

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Women's Committee Helps Keep Ambulances Rolling

It takes a heap of money to keep Aransas County's two ambulances operating -- and a sizeable chunk of the funds are raised by a very dedicated group of women.

It was, in fact, the women who spearheaded the drive that eventually led not only to the county's ambulance service but to the completion, last August, of Enterprise Medical Clinic.

It started back in 1975 when a hospital foundation was established under direction of the Women's Committee of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce. Bertie Cone was chairman of the group and members included Loyce Landrum, Nancy Cooke and Mrs. Lee Wideman.

From those beginnings, the Aransas County Medical Services Inc. evolved, and the ladies took the name of the Women's Committee of the ACMSI -- but though the name has changed, the goal remains the same: to help provide funding for Aransas County's medical services.

This includes everything from the money used to maintain the two ambulances to the recent "Rock Fund" which raised money to help landscape the area around the Medical Clinic.

And the money is raised from a variety of sources -- the sale of crafts made at the organization's workshop in Encina Plaza...the Medical Services Bazaar every December and the Valentine Dances in February...the popcorn shrimp booth at Sea Fair that netted $2,500 profit in 1979...the organization's Memorial Fund...

In 1979 alone, the Women's Committee raised some $34,000 to help keep the ambulances rolling. So far this year, the organization's various projects have raised more than $18,000.

Membership in the Women's Committee now total more than 200, under leadership of Chairwoman Sara Bates. Vice president is Joyce Thornton, Billie Franklin is recording secretary and Betty King is corresponding secretary. Ima Jean Sloan is treasurer.

Woman's Club Spurs Lamar's Improvements

Organized in May, 1966, to provide a means for the Lamar women to get acquainted, the Lamar Woman's Club has grown and assisted in various improvements in their community.

This club, which passed "friendship baskets" to neighbors at their outset, founded the All Faith Church at the Schoenstatt Convent in 1968.

During the Rockport Centennial, this organization held numerous bake sales and sponsored the Centennial Belles.

Continuing projects which this group spnsored at its beginnings are the maintenance of the Lamar Cemetery by the Lamar Cemetery Volunteer Workers, an annual Frontier Days Sale, or bazaar, at the Lamar Fire department, and various sewing and art workshops and displays.

When the ambulance service began working, the women initiated a program to map and provide street signs for their area to simplify rescues. Maps were sold and funds from this project and promotional bake sales were donated to the ACMSI.

An old-fashioned Christmas tree, entitled "White Christmas," was entered in the Forest, and this club helped defray the costs of a local band student's trip to Austin for State Solo and Ensemble competition in June.

At a recent installation luncheon, Mrs. W.A. Brownlee became president, aided by Mrs. Lee Roy Sloop, vice president, and Mrs. Graden McVay and Mrs. James Miller, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Also serving are Mrs. H.E. McDougall, historian, and Mrs. Harold Pugh, parliamentarian.

Baby Bundles

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Aleman of Rockport are the parents of a son, Robert Earl, born July 2 at Lyman-Roberts Hospital in Aransas Pass.

The infant weighed in at seven pounds, three ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Tilvis of Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAlpine of Boynton Beach, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Garcia are the proud parents of a baby boy, Eric Nathan, born July 18.

The Garcias' new son weighed seven pounds and eight ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bell and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia, all of Rockport.

B&PW Serves Through Careers

Organized to develop cooperation among women in business and professional fields, to elevate the standards of employment and extend opportunities through education to career women, the 53 members of Rockport Business and Professional Women contribute talent and services to the community.

With the money this group raises from its Seafair Dessert Booth and fall pecan sale, provisions such as toilet articles are supplied to the County's juvenile shelter.

The organization's spring style show brings in funds that go toward a $1000 scholarship for a graudating senior girl needing assistance to further her education.

The club works in the August Muscular Dystrophy campaign and donates to M.D. Anderson Hospital and other foundations.

Eight members attended the state convention in San Antonio this June and President Ola Dietz journeyed to Omaha, Nebraska, in July to participate in the national convention.

Guest speakers address the meetings on a regular basis, with subjects emphasizing economy, energy and health.

The women, who displayed a bell-themed tree in the Christmas Tree Forest, are highly interested in the Equal Rights Amendment and have helped other states gain its ratification.

Other officers include first and second vice presidents, respectively, Johnette Brown and Katherine Gray; Melanie Stephens, recording secretary; Caroline Bernardy, treasurer; Kerry Ogle, corresponding secretary; and Fay Henderson, parliamentarian.

A September membership drive is planned and the organization invites any woman involved in business or professional work—either industrial or vocational—to join.

Weber Honored With Birthday Party

Edward Weber was honored and surprised with a 75th birthday party at the home of his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Owens, on July 18.

Other nieces and nephews attending were Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Casterline, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casterline and Stephen and Les, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jeffers and Kara, all of Rockport.

Also guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knipling and Brian, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dogey and Brooke of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. George Guynes of Fulton; and Mrs. Ruth De Viries of Oakdale, California.

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Club Civic-Minded

By offering the use of their building to any organization needing its facilities, the Woman's Club of Aransas County assists in the community's activities.

The Woman's Club Building, which benefitted from a new ceiling and paint job this year, housed, among other things, the Christmas Tree Forest and winter card parties to entertain tourists.

Fund-raising projects included selling drink can insulators, or "bodies," at Seafair, in addition to the Club's annual November Bazaar.

Money earned from such projects was donated to various community enrichment programs, with much of it going to the Public Library.

New officers installed in April were Elizabeth Jones, President; Anna Bennett, Dorothy Keller, Veatrice Clampitt, and Geneva Taylor, First through Fourth Vice Presidents, respectively; Lucille Skrobarcek, Secretary; and Queenie Camehl, Treasurer.

Eugenia Bray serves as Parliamentarian, and Mary Louise Haseloff is Reporter.

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ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Fire Departments Keep Aransas County Safe

Elva Mullinax serves as Fire Marshal for four of the five Aransas County Volunteer Fire Departments, including Rockport, Copano Cove, Lamar and Holiday Beach.

Respective Fire Chiefs for these departments are Johnny Ray, James Tumlinson, Lon Conner and Charles Campbell.

Since the incorporation of Fulton, this branch has created a separate office of Fire Marshal, with Dale Owens filling the post. Leslie "Googles" Cole was elected to be Fulton's Fire Chief.

The oldest department, Rockport, now gains the help of 36 men, while the next to be established, Fulton, enlists the aid of 32 volunteers.

Lamar was the third fire department in this area to form and now receives the assistance of 40 members.

Holiday Beach followed suit and now maintains a roll of 14 active firemen.

The youngest fire department, Copano Cove, was organized in 1977 with M.H. Rheinlaender serving as president.

This group boasts of 81 members, 20 or 25 of whom are active.

The first firefighting equipment on record in Aransas County was a wagon with a chemical tank and "a big black horse to pull it," given to the city by Sam Smith sometime around 1895-90.

Cost of the equipment was approximately $1,400 and W.S. Doughty was the first one to drive the wagon to a fire. The first fire chief of the Rockport Fire Department was Fred Hoopes.

In 1912, the chemical tank was transferred to a 1911 Model T Ford purchased for $300. In 1916, the department was given a Chalmers truck which was replaced in 1926 by an International truck.

For several years the department became inactive. An effort was made to keep one truck running, but many times it could not be moved because of flat tires or lack of gasoline.

On June 6, 1938, a fire at the Natalie Apartment House threatened the entire town. A combination of a change of wind, assistance from the Aransas Pass Fire Department and action by townspeople saved Rockport.

On June 14, 1938, Albert Collier called together a group of citizens and organized the Aransas County Emergency Corps to protect life and property in times of emergency including not only firefighting but hurricane and beach patrol and ambulance squad.

Officers of the Corps were P.C. Sorenson, president; Ernest Silberisen, vice president; and Iris Sorenson, secretary-treasurer. Collier was appointed fire chief.

Records show the City of Rockport set up the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department by Ordinance Number 5 adopted in February, 1939. In January of that year, the city took delivery of a 500 gallon per minute pumper. In that same year, Chief Collier moved away and Francis Smith was appointed fire chief. Records show Charles Ankele was fire chief in 1949.

In 1947, the Fulton Fire Department began operating out of a building on 3rd and Cactus provided by the school district.

The Fulton Fire Department officially organized on January 13, 1948, to provide fire protection for the Fulton area. The first fire chief was T.R. "Bill" Wendell, and Harry Wilson was assistant fire chief.

The first fire station was replaced in 1958 with the present building on Cactus Street.

In 1963, the Lamar Volunteer Fire Department was organized, and Harry Mills was fire chief. The first meetings were in the maintenance building of the Lamar Water Corp.

The present building, near the Lamar Cemetery, was constructed in 1965 for a community building and fire station.

The Holiday Beach Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1971 under Fire Chief Charles Campbell--who is still fire chief. Some 25 men signed up as firefighters at that meeting in Lee Miller Hall.

Juanita Wagley donated two lots to the Copano Cove Fire Department in May, 1979 for a station site.

Funds to construct the station were raised in a drawing for a choice channel lot in Copano Cove.

The channel lot was donated by George Strickhausen III, major developer of Copano Cove.

In June, 1979, the volunteer fire departments of Rockport, Fulton, Lamar, Holiday Beach and Copano Cove entered into a Mutual Fire Assistance Agreement, to help protect each other in event of a major fire or fires.

In addition to these units, the agreement includes the counties of Aransas, San Patricio and Refugio, the cities of Rockport, Aransas Pass, Fulton, and Bayside, and the fire departments of Aransas Pass and Bayside.

County Water District Supplies Aransas Residents Through City

The Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District buys the water . . . resells it to the City of Rockport . . . which in turn provides the water to the residents of Aransas County.

The ACCRD was created in 1963 by a special act of the 58th Texas Legislature to process, transport and distribute fresh water to county residents.

The next major step was entry into a contract in 1968 with the San Patricio Municipal Water District -- suppliers of the water used by the system -- and the system actually began operation only four years ago, in August 1976.

Another major step in the system's operation was taken in 1979 when the ACCRD board of directors voted to accept a Step I grant for money to fund a study on the county's sewer needs.

Based on findings in this study -- which involves public hearings and other input from county citizens -- the ACCRD has the option of applying for Step 2 and Step 3 grants, the planning and construction of sanitary sewer facilities to serve the county.

The study area -- the area to be served by the proposed sewer system if it is eventually approved -- covers the northern portion of Live Oak Peninsula excluding the City of Rockport and its planning area.

The ACCRD pays the San Patricio water district 43 cents per 1,000 gallons of water, and the City of Rockport buys it from the water board at a cost of 44 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The money paid by the city is used to retire the nearly $1 million in remaining debts.

Money to construct the district's facilities was raised through bond sales, a $25,000 contribution for fire plugs for Aransas County and a $754,250 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The water board's present contract with San Patricio will terminate May 31, 1994.

The district has the authority -- given to it by the State Legislature -- to create a county-wide sewer system, but had never been given the funds to carry out the project.

The Step I grant provides for funds to study the feasibility of the project. Step 2 grant funds, if approved, would be for project design and engineering, and Step 3 funds would provide the money for actual construction.

John McDavid Sr. is chairman of the ACCRD board of directors. Other members are Cam Leonard and Richard Beck, re-elected to the board this year, John Mitchell, Willeen Schmidt and John W. Behee.

Directors are elected to terms of six years.



ROCKPORT CITY HALL

Navigation District Gets Beach Phone

One major accomplishment of the Aransas County Navigation District in 1980 was the arrangement for and installation of a telephone at the Rockport Beach lifeguard stand in July.

This arrangement should serve to greatly minimize the time required to summon help in the case of any emergency.

The Navigation District granted a lease to the City of Fulton on Fulton Beach, near the harbor, where the newly-incorporated city plans to construct a public pier.

Navigation District No. 1 Commissioners who were elected August 11, 1979, are Jimmy Anders, Precinct 1-1A; Hillis Dominguez, Precinct 2; R.W. Landrum, Precinct 3; and Ken Faulkner, Precinct 4-4A.

David Maguglin, chairman and commissioner at large, was also re-elected in the race.

In addition to tending to the maintenance of the mile-long beach and controlling the access to docks, the commissioners represent the taxpayers, determine how the harbors are arranged, oversee the use and lease of navigation district property and take care of harbor maintenance and patrol.

The navigation district was set up by the Texas Legislature, and the earliest recorded minutes for Aransas County go back to 1925, at which there were three members present.

Regular meetings of the navigation district commissioners are on the first Tuesday of each month at the Navigation District office on Rockport Beach.

The navigation district is financed in part by county taxes. For every $100 taxes the navigation district is given 10 cents. This applies to all taxed except those for rolling stock, which refers to transportation vehicles for commercial purposes.

The area which provides the navigation district with a portion of its tax dollars extends from Aransas Pass to Lamar, with the exception of Key Allegro, which is a private area.

Revenue is also brought about through charges for docking space and also rental of boat slips.

Certain pieces of property are owned by the navigation district, and are used by the general public. These areas include the Aransas County Women's Building, the Chamber of Commerce Building, the Sea Shell Shoppe, the Rockport Beach and 90 acres north of Cove Harbor which is under consideration as a new harbor. In addition, the district holds patents over the bottom of Little Bay.

Jurisdiction of the navigation district extends to the property owned by the district, and the property they hold patents on, as well as supervision of Cove Harbor, Rockport Harbor and Fulton Beach Harbor. The district provides a limited amount of help in times of emergency, although anything of a serious nature is handled by the Coast Guard.

Firemen's Auxiliaries Support Essential

Officers of the 20-member Rockport Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary include Terry Roberts, president; Caroline Cox, vice president; Ivalea Hinze, secretary; Lois Gurley, treasurer; Joan Truelove, parliamentarian; and Evalon Redden, sergeant-at-arms.

Leaders of the next oldest Auxiliary, Lamar's, are Sandy Sloop, president; Maxine Wendel, secretary; Martha Utterback; treasurer; Jennie Heldenfels, parliamentarian; Gladys Poole, sergeant-at-arms; and Jewel Greeson, reporter/historian.

This 35-women strong group holds a two-day "Market Days Sale" in November and a chili and tamale feed in January.

The Fulton VFA, with 18 active ladies, is led by Sharon Loflin, president; Jerri Cox, vice president; Lorrayne Kulp, treasurer; Wanda Cole, secretary; and Mary Jane Sifuentes, parliamentarian.

Neither Copano Cove nor Holiday Beach has a women's auxiliary, but the women serve as "non-combat" personnel at fires.

Holiday Beach actually has three full-fledged women firefighters among its ranks.

Aransas County's oldest firemen's auxiliaries -- the Rockport Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary and the Lamar Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary -- were organized in 1963.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department was organized in April, 1966.

Rockport's firemen's auxiliary is the oldest of the three, organized in February of 1963. The first president was Mrs. J.C. Gurley.

Other officers from that first year were Mrs. Gene Carter, vice president; Mrs. Eddie Ratliff, secretary; Mrs. Jimmie Ankele, treasurer; Mrs. Julius Malchar, parliamentarian; Sarah Belle Smith, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. Elva Mullinax, historian and reporter.

The first Auxiliary project was the second "annual" Sea-O-Rama Beauty Pageant. The pageant drew 78 entries, but it never caught on as a yearly event.

However, the Auxiliary continued to grow stronger with each year, with members tackling everything from clean-up after hurricane Celia to manning booths at Rockport's art shows and Sea Fairs to sponsoring the local Cerebral Palsy Telethons.

The Lamar Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary was organized in April, just a couple of months after the Rockport group.

Officers for the first year were Mrs. L.V. Clark, president; Mrs. Al Hagy, vice president; Mrs. Jo Suttles, secretary; Mrs. Jim Greeson, treasurer; Mrs. D.H. Roberts, parliamentarian; Mrs. Lonnie Goodman, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. Albert Wofford, reporter-historian.

Fulton's volunteer auxiliary began in 1966 with eight members. Annie Cox was president that first year.

Other officers were Mrs. Velman Loupe, vice president; Clara Lee Cox, secretary; Mrs. Leroy Loflin, treasurer; and Mrs. Bob Ham, sergeant-at-arms.

New Construction Approaches Million

New construction in Rockport during the past 12 months totalled nearly $1 million, according to files at Rockport's City Hall.

That figure was only for brand-new construction and does not include proposed construction such as the shopping centers now being planned on Highway 35 North.

It does include some new residential buildings that have gone up in recent months, including one duplex and one four-unit residential structure.

Total new construction during the past 12 months has amounted to some $965,786, including, most recently, three residences constructed in June for a total of $133,319.

July totals are not yet available at City Hall, but the permits issued include at least two for residential dwellings, totalling more than $67,000. This figure is in addition to the 12-month total cited above.

Total construction in June amounted to $134,419. Not much new construction was done in May, according to the reports, but in April, two residences with total value of $69,800 were constructed.

March building totals included two residences for just over $20,000 and $28,000 of non-residential construction. This last figure included a $23,000 warehouse for the Navigation District.

In February, four new residences were constructed for a total of $182,960. Construction of a $4,000 swimming pool rounded out new construction for that month.

Remaining residential totals from July, 1979, to through January, 1980, amounted to more than $450,000.

Fulton Oysterfest Demonstrates "Jaws"

Fulton's First Annual Oysterfest was held on March 29-30 on the grounds of the Paws and Taws Building on Fulton Beach Road.

In addition to arts, crafts and food booths, a "Jaws of Life" demonstration, a pig-roast, and a raw oyster eating contest was featured.

The Fest, sponsored by the Fulton Fire Department, gave local organizations and artists an opportunity to display their wares and raise money through sales.

Donations and sales of "Cotton-Eyed Joe" records, along wiht the food concessions, yielded $2,000, most of which went toward purchase of the "Jaws," a tool to pry open mangled car doors to release accident victims.

Jody Fox and James Tumlinson won the oyster-eating contest in the women's and men's divisions, respectively.

An estimated 6,000 attendants joined in the festivities, which are scheduled to take place again next year, in the beginning of March.

Stars Celebrate Seventy-First Year

Locally organized in 1909, with 25 members, the Rockport Chapter of the Eastern Star will celebrate its seventy-first anniversary in October.

Now reaching a membership of 149, the club has five 50-year and many 25-year members.

To support the Eastern Star Home in Arlington and a leadership scholarship, the women of this group sponsor a fish fry every Janaury and collect dues.

During the weekend of July 11 through 13, three of the ladies, all one-time worthy matrons, attended the Texas State Convention of Worthy Matrons in Corpus Christi, a kind of round-up of these leaders.

Those attending, in addition to both the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron of Texas, were Rockport's current matron, Helen McCague and former officers, Eleanor Wiech and Nancy Scott.

A bus tour of the Sparkling City, selling butterfly T-shirts, viewing a style show presented by Winstead's and watching a magician during the banquet highlighted the weekend activities.

Presently, the women are planning for the State Convention in Dallas in October, where the area matrons will sponsor a breakfast.

Other chapters visit occasionally during monthly meetings and special arrangements are made in the winter to entertain members.

New officers who were installed in June include George Smith and Mrs. McCague, worthy patron and matron, respectively; Walter Thorman and Velma Elder, associate patron and matron, respectively; Helen Wilson, conductress; Pat Works, associate conductress; Katherine McLester, secretary; and Anita Griggs, treasurer.

The Eastern Star organization is the sister of Masons, with Rainbows and Demolays serving as the girls' and boys' groups in the establishment.

Auxiliary Boosts GameNight

Selling food at the Thursday night Game Night, the ladies' Auxiliary of Stewart-Wendell Post #3904, Veterans of Foreign Wars raise money to assist in sponsoring various community projects.

Led by Agnes Williams, president, the organization is now 59 members strong and active in community affairs. members.

Other officers of the Auxiliary, which won second prize in the Seafair Parade for its float, include Sue Bowles and Katherine Winkelman, senior and junior vice presidents, respectively; Nina Garrett, secretary; Jean Taylor, treasurer; and Genevieve Hunt, chaplain.

Rosalee Mullinax serves as conductress, with Ophelia Davis as guard; Lu Ann Collins, historian; and Dominga Benavidez, patriotic instructress.

The three one-year trustees are Johnella Harrison, Gladys Tillison and Margaret Vogler.

Sales Take Receipts Up

Despite a drop in sales tax returns in June, Rockport was still showing an increase in total sales tax receipts for the year-to-date, according to figures released by State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

This month, the city received a sales tax rebate check of $6,862.23 from Bullock's office -- the city's one percent share of revenues from June sales.

That figure was down some from last year's $8,206.55 check for the same period in 1979.

However, from January 1 through June 26 of this year, Rockport has received some $113,453.87 in sales tax revenues which still puts the city ahead of the $102,074.19 sales tax receipts for the first six months of 1979.

Fulton, which began collecting a sales tax for the first time this year, has no returns from last year for comparison. However, that city has received a $1,198.48 check from Bullock's office representing June sales tax collections.

And Fulton's year-to-date sales tax collections now come to $5,223.30.

Rockport sales tax returns compare favorably with other area cities where sales tax returns for June are a little more or slightly less than revenues for the month last year.

In Aransas Pass, for example, sales tax revenues for June, 1980, amounted to $10,369.19, compared to returns of just over $12,700 for the month in 1979.

In Port Aransas, sales tax returns were about $800 below June, 1979, revenues, and in Refugio, there was about $400 difference between this year's June sales tax returns and those last year.

The optional one percent city sales tax is collected with the state sales tax by merchants and businesses and is rebated monthly by Bullock's office in Austin.

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SIDEWALKS BUILT

The first sidewalks were constructed in Rockport in 1872.

Shriners Aid Crippled Children

Organized by Grover Traylor, the 85-member Copano Shriners Club, a subsidiary of the Al Amin Temple in Corpus Christi, held its first meeting on January 2 of this year.

After the petition to the Potentate was submitted and accepted, the group, led by John Behee, president, began engaging in standard Shriner activities.

In April, the members collected money to support their five Crippled Children's Hospitals. The local one is in Houston, and the special burn ward facilities at Galveston are part of this quintet.

Planning is underway for two fund-raising dances, one each in the spring and fall of next year.

Other officers include Robert Keepers and Grover Traylor, first and second vice presidents, respectively; and Lou Tuer, secretary/treasurer.

Heart Association Ranks High

Out of 185 counties reporting in Texas, Aransas County's division of the American Heart Association was rated number 36, based on community service programs handled by the division.

During the past year, blood pressure tests were conducted on 1500 persons and approximately 200 people were trained in the principle of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

In addition, several programs were presented to local organizations.

Memorial contributions constituted $900 of the $3,000 raised by donations and through a co-sponsored Bike-a-Thon.

The long-range goals of the local division coincides with those of the Association. Most of the effort will be placed on helping to educate local children on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise and the dangers of smoking.

Special curriculum guides have been prepared by the Heart Association, which will be made available to local school authorities.

Efforts will also be made to expand the training of CPR, with emphasis on recertification of previously trained persons.

Ken Clark is the program chairman and can be contacted to help arrange for classes.

Newly elected officers include Roy W. Olbrich, president; Pete Ramirez, vice president; Pat Blackwell, treasurer; and Karen Bennett, secretary.

ACCRD Seeks Water And Sewer Improvements

Studies are being made with the help of a Step One Grant to determine if and where a sewer treatment plant could feasibly be located in the Rockport area.

In addition to this research, the Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation Board is sponsoring the expansion of Rockport's water-holding tank capacities.

Urban Engineering, based out of Corpus Christi, is 87 percent finished with the construction of a ground-level storage tank adjacent to the present facilities, to provide the county with a larger reservoir for water storage.

Members of the ACCRD board, which is responsible for this area's water supply, include Jack McDavid, chairman; Reese Rozzell, secretary; Cam Leonard, vice president; John Mitchell; Richard Beck; John Behee; Mick Ladner; and Willeen Schmidt.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. September 9 in the District Courtroom, at which time suggestions and reactions from the citizens will be solicited.

A bond election on the sewer treatment plant will follow, if the study recommends a logical location.

The creation in 1963 of the Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District achieved a major step when the then-new county water system began operation.

The Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District was created by special act of the 58th Texas Legislature to process, transport and distribute fresh water in the county.

The District purchases fresh water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District for resale to the City of Rockport. The city purchases all water requirements from the District for resale to residents and commercial and industrial users, not only of Rockport, but all of Aransas County.

The proceeds of bonds passed to establish the District, plus a $25,000 contribution for fire plugs for Aransas County and a $754,250 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development were used to construct the District's facilities.

These consist of 24 and 18 inch treated water supply lines running from the San Patricio Municipal Water District facility near Ingleside to a storage facility west of the City of Rockport, and a system of rural distribution lines running to Fulton and other rural subdivisions in Aransas County.

The system began operation in August, 1976, and is operated and maintained by the City of Rockport.

The District's contract with the San Patricio Municipal Water District was entered into in 1968, and provides for rates and minimum monthly payments to be adjusted semi-annually and to be based on the following:

—the cost of water purchased by the SPMWD, including monthly minimum payments required by SPMWD.

—Maintenance and operating expenses of SPMWD.

—Cost of repairing and replacing damaged, worn out or obsolete parts of out or obsolete parts of SPMWD's system.

—Debt service requirements of SPMWD's bonds issued to provide water to its customers.

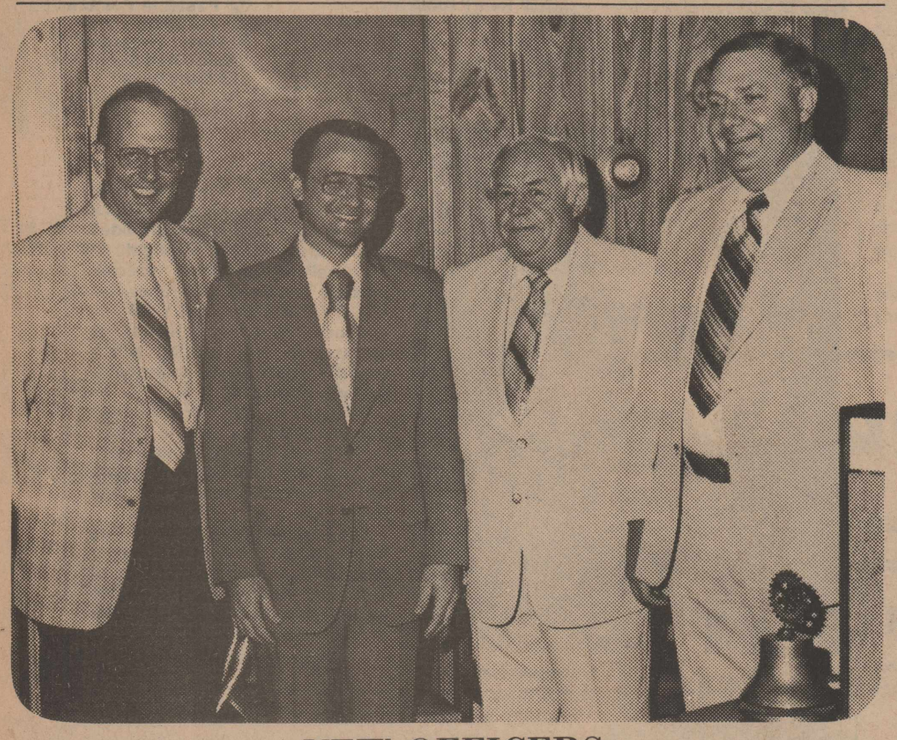
Currently, the ACCRD pays 44 cents per million gallons with a monthly minimum in excess of $7,000.

The termination date of the contract is May 31, 1994.

The city in turn pays the District an additional charge on every 1,000 gallons to retire the almost $1 million dollars in remaining debts.

The District was also empowered by the Texas Legislature to create a county-wide sewer system for Aransas County, but was never given the funds to carry out the project.

If the bond issue passes, the sewer system would be handled much the same way the present distribution of water has been, with bonds financing lines and equipment and the county taking the city's place as maintainer and operator.



NEW OFFICERS

Officers installed at Wednesday's Ladies Night dinner of the Rockport Rotary Club are, from left, Larry Boone, sergeant-at-arms; Calvin Scholz, secretary-treasurer; Arlo Hansen, vice president; and Jimmy Luigi, president. [Pilot Photo by Philip Loghry]

Rotary Club Enhances Community Activity

The Rockport Rotary Club International, with a membership of 58, offers support for the community in many ways.

At a recent meeting at the Sandollar Restaurant, Jimmie Luigi was installed as the new President, along with Vice President Arlo Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer Calvin Scholz and Larry Boone Sergeant-at-Arms.

This year's Board of Directors is comprised of Raulie Irwin Jr., Milton Sorem, Dutch Koppenhaver, Peter Lazidis, Alex Knox, Bill Schmidt, Daughtry Roberts and Dean Monroe.

Rotary had the crab cake sandwich booth at the 1979 Rockport Seafair, and with profits from this endeavor, they have donated generously to a number of community projects and organizations.

The list of recipients of Rotary aid includes the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, Toys for Tots, the Halloween Fund and the Toast of the Coast Relays.

This club also established a $4000 scholarship for an outstanding graduating senior, and a scholarship for the ABC Learning Center.

The local club gives to the Rotary Foundation and District Scholarship Fund as well.

Rotary sponsors Cub Pack #49, and through other activities supports the Boy Scouts of America as a whole.

Each time a Rotarian celebrates a birthday, $5 is donated to the Birthday Club Fund for the Aransas County Public Library. Memorial contributions are made to the Aransas County Medical Center by this organization, also.

Rockport Rotary Club was originally established in 1948, with the assistance of the Refugio Rotary, with 27 founding members. The first officers were Gene Albin, Rotary's chief organizer, as President, and Jess Hearn, secretary.

Goose Island All "New"

In the past year, many additions and improvements have garnished the grounds of the Goose Island State Park.

These alterations can be seen along the waterfront, near the Big Tree, and in the camping areas.

A 1000-foot bulkhead and three day-use parking lots are among the new facilities along the water, in addition to the 17 new picnic shelters.

A new boat ramp and docking facility have been constructed, with an accompanying parking area, and the fishing pier has obtained two fish-cleaning shelters and a stairway down to the oyster reef at its end.

Camping areas have been enhanced with new rest rooms and by renovations of the old ones. The recreation building has also been refurbished.

Group camping areas have been established for scout-type use, and 29 new campsites have been added. A new trailer dump station is complete, also.

Construction of three additional parking lots is finished, one being located at the Big Tree. In preparation for the nature trail, one of these areas has been placed at each end of the path.

All of this work has been contracted, and Park Operations is responsible for final touches on most of it.

Besides revegetating the park and building the nature trail in a wooded area, the state will extend electricity and water supplies to 25 of the new sites.

The old road bed around the Big Tree has been torn out, and the state is making progress in replacing it with a sidewalk to encircle the oak.

Goose Island State Park is located north of Rockport, off Highway 35 North on Park Road 13.

Museum Fund Approaching Goal

Established in 1967 by 10 people to promote the arts in this region and to provide area artists with the means to show their work to the public, the Rockport Art Association has grown to a membership of 225 art-lovers.

The original founders were Jim Whitfill, Neva Sorenson, Ed and Sis Harper, Jan and Jerry Wendell, Estelle Stair, Kit Dinger, Carl Duckworth, JoAnne Little and Estle Turner. Jim Whitfill, now deceased, was the first president.

Current officers of the Rockport Art Association include Estelle Stair, president; Rip Harrison, vice president; Kathryn Brown, secretary; Virginia Leonard, treasurer; and Eileen Harrison, publicity chairman.

The 1980 Art Festival was termed "the most successful in the 11-year history of the shows," by General Chairman Cam Leonard, with 15,000 people attending.

Gross receipts from sales at the concession stands, tickets on an art drawing and an impromptu auction netted more than $11,000, putting the current building fund for the new art museum at over $65,000.

Seen primarily as a coastal fishing village and scenic place to visit until about the middle of the 20th century, Rockport has now earned a reputation as the unofficial art colony of Texas.

The area had no professional galleries until 1952 when Simon Michael opened the first phase of what is now a gallery and school of fine arts. Today, galleries and arts and crafts stores line both sides of Austin Street and additional galleries are found scattered throughout Rockport and Fulton.

These developments are a result of the Art Association.

Among the first goals of the Association was the "jury" shows open only to Association members. Then, in 1970, to help celebrate Rockport's centennial anniversary, the Association helped to sponsor the first Rockport Art Festival.

Because of a strong growing interest in the arts from the public, the next year saw the first Art Festival fully sponsored by the Association.

The president that year was Fred Whittle and the show as a huge success. That event saw 75 artists displaying their works, and more than 10,000 patrons coming to view the displays.

The Rockport Art Festival is the only major showing in Texas that does not charge admission nor does it take a commission on the sales.

The allied artists and patrons provide many services to the community.

They provide art counselors and teachers for the area Scouts of America, and provide summer programs and Saturday morning classes for the children in the area. This includes the materials. Those students unable to afford materials and supplies in all the Association programs are helped by the Association with this expense.

Annual programs of nationally recognized teacher/artists for workshops and seminars for anyone desiring to study art are also provided.

The Association also works diligently to stress the arts through the news media and to keep the public informed of coming events.

Each year, the Association awards the Jim Whitfill Art Scholarship to a deserving graduating senior at the Rockport-Fulton High School who plans to major or minor in any art form or art-related field.

When the Art Association was formed, there were two galleries in Rockport and now there are more than 18.

The main goal now for the Rockport Art Association is to build a combination museum, gallery and studio for Aransas County.

As the Association is a non-profit organization, public support of the Association is important. A person does not need to be an artist to join the Association.

The cost is modest: a single membership is $15 and family cost is $25.

The days of Rockport's being a sleepy little village are passing by. Rockport is known nationwide, particularly in art circles.

Art has been defined as an original expression of beauty through many mediums. Through the efforts of the Rockport Art Association, the beauty of all art forms is well and thriving in Rockport.



Rockport Pilot Weekly Guide To The Coming

Rockport Cable TV

CONVERTER CHANNEL	STATION/ NETWORK	DESCRIPTION
CH 2	UPI News	Slow-Scan Nat'l & Int'l News
CH 3	KIII - ABC	Network
CH 4	Weather	Rockport area & NOAA Forecast
CH 5 CH 28	KORO	Spanish language programming
CH 6	KRIS - NBC	Network
CH 7	Satellite Programming Network	"Something for Everyone"
CH 8	Premium Marque	Daily Movie Channel listings
CH 9 CH 16	KEDT	Public Broadcasting System
CH 10	KZTV - CBS	Network
CH 11	Public Service	Community Announcements
CH 12	Nickeloden	Young People's Satellite Network
CH 13	C-SPAN	Live Coverage of U.S. House of Representatives
CH A CH 17	WTBS	24-hour a day Independent
CH B	ESPN	All Sports Channel
CH C	CBN	Christian Broadcasting Network
CH O	Showtime-Plus Sports	No Commercial Movies & Southwest Conference Sports
CH P	Drive In Theatre	"R" Movies - No Commercials
CH Q	The Movie Channel	24 HR Movies - No Commercials

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MORNING

6:00 (7) Financial Inquiry
(A) James Robison
(C) Ford Philpot
6:30 (7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(10) Esta Es La Vida
(A) It Is Written
(C) Dawson Memorial Baptist Church
7:00 (6) Big Blue Marble
(7) Paul Ryan Show
(10) Insight-(Spanish)
(A) Three Stooges And Friends
(B) Summer Basketball
(C) The Lesson
(Q) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Americathon" 1979
7:15 (3) With This Ring
7:30 (3) Transformed
(6) Gulf Coast Catholic
(7) David Gruen Show
(10) Servicios Religiosos En Espanol
(C) Chapel Hour
8:00 (3) Jimmy Swaggart
(6) (C) Hour Of Power
(7) Celebrity
(9) (16) Mister Rogers
(10) Sunday Morning
(12) Pinwheel
(A) Partridge Family
8:30 (9) (16) Electric Company
(A) Gilligan's Island
(Q) Centennial Chapter XII
9:00 (3) Oral Roberts
(6) State Of The Region
(7) Rex Reed's Movie Guide
(9) (16) Sesame Street
(A) Leave It To Beaver
(B) Sports Center
(C) Changed Lives
9:30 (3) Kids Are People Too
(6) Herald Of Truth
(7) Women's Channel
(10) Rex Humbard
(A) Movie -(Drama) *** "The Old Man And The Sea" 1958
(B) Grand Masters Tennis
(C) Spiritual Awakening
10:00 (5) PTL Program
(6) Porque
(9) (16) Que Pasa?
(C) In Touch
10:30 (3) Animals, Animals, Animals; School. Rock
(6) Wrestling
(7) Happy Home Mechanic
(9) (16) Villa Alegre
(10) First Baptist Church
11:00 (3) Domingo Pena Show
(5) Hoy Mismo
(7) Golf Lessons
(9) (16) Zoom
(C) Time Of Deliverance
(Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Moonraker" 1979
11:30 (6) Meet The Press
(7) Mostly Medicine
(9) (16) Friday Update
(10) Face The Nation
(A) Maverick
(C) Oral Roberts

AFTERNOON

12:00 (6) Sports Afield
(7) Journal: An Electronic Magazine
(9) (16) Washington Week In Review
(10) To Be Announced
(B) Superstar Rodeo
(C) Dr. James Kennedy
12:30 (3) Issues And Answers
(6) Family Affair
(7) Financial Inquiry
(9) (16) Wall $treet Week
(10) Flipper
(A) Baseball
(O) Centennial Chapter III
12:45 (5) Futbol Soccer
1:00 (3) It's Your Business
(6) A Better Way
(7) Telefrance
(9) (16) Washington Star Intl. Tennis Championships
(10) Star Trek
(12) Video Comics
(C) World Of Pentecost
1:30 (3) Movie -(Adventure) * "Time For Every Season" 1972
(6) Big Blue Marble
(12) Dusty's Treehouse
(B) Summer Basketball
(C) The Deaf Hear
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) *** "Bloodline" 1979
2:00 (6) Gilligan's Island
(10) Sports Spectacular
(12) Hocus Focus
(C) At Home With The Bible
2:30 (6) Odd Couple
(C) Missionaries In Action
(O) Movie -(Drama) ** "Hard Times"
3:00 (5) Round Cero
(6) SportsWorld
(9) (16) Great Performances
(10) Sammy Davis Jr. Golf Tournament
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) Nashville On The Road
(C) He Lives
3:15 (5) Hoy Mismo
3:30 (3) Movie -(Adventure) * "Search For Survival"
(12) First Row Features
(A) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Sharkfighters"
(B) Grand Masters Tennis
(C) Think About Tomorrow
4:00 (7) English Channel
(9) (16) Japanese Art Museum
(C) Wide World Of Truth
(Q) Movie -(Adventure) ***½ "The 5th Musketeer" 1979
4:30 (5) Mexico Magia Encuentro
(6) Bewitched
(9) (16) Course Of Our Times
(12) Dusty's Treehouse
(C) Jerry Falwell
5:00 (3) ABC News
(6) Brady Bunch
(9) (16) Free To Choose
(10) Little Rascals
(12) Hocus Focus
(A) Georgia Wrestling
(O) Showtime Special
5:30 (3) Viewpoint
(5) Siempre En Domingo
(6) News
(10) CBS News
(C) Focus On The Family

EVENING

6:00 (3) Galactica 1980
(6) Disney's Wonderful World
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Encuentros
(10) 60 Minutes
(12) Video Comics
(A) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Now You See It, Now You Don't" 1967
(C) Jimmy Swaggart
(O) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Mission Galactica: Cylon Attack" 1979
(Q) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Americathon" 1979
6:30 (7) RFD Hollywood
(9) (16) Old Friends, New Friends
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(B) Sports Center
7:00 (3) When The Whistle Blows
(6) CHiPs
(9) (16) Evening At Pops
(10) One Day At A Time
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(A) Upstairs, Downstairs
(B) To Be Announced
(C) Rex Humbard
7:30 (7) Silent Flicks ** 'The Patchwork Girl Of Oz' 1941 (90 mins.)
(Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Moonraker" 1979
8:00 (3) Sunday Night Movie 'The Apprenticeship Of Duddy Kravitz' 1974 Stars: Richard Dreyfuss, Jack Warden. An ambitious young man's quick wit, slick line and sheer daring win him everything but the girl he loves. (2 hrs., 15 mins.) (Closed-Captioned)
(6) The Big Event 'Airport '77' 1977 Stars: Jack Lemmon, Lee Grant.
(9) (16) Masterpiece Theatre
(10) Alice
(B) Auto Racing
(C) 700 Club
(O) Showtime Special
8:30 (10) The Jeffersons
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Barbarella' (2 hrs.)
9:00 (7) Movie -(Adventure) ***½ "Scarlet Pimpernel" 1934
(9) (16) Meaning Of Modern Art
(10) Trapper John M.D.
(A) TBS News
(C) Kenneth Copeland
(O) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Cuba" 1979
10:00 (6) News
(9) (16) Camera Three
(10) CBS News
(A) Open Up
(C) Newsight '80
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) *** "The Man With The Golden Gun" 1974
10:15 (3) (10) News
10:30 (6) NBC Late Night Movie
(10) Country Roads
(B) Sports Center
(C) The King Is Coming
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Calico Queen' (2 hrs.)
10:45 (3) Movie -(Comedy) ** "The Monte Carlo Story" 1957
11:00 (7) World League Wrestling
(10) Pop Goes The Country
(B) Grand Masters Tennis
(O) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Best Friends" 1979
11:30 (5) El Show De Rolando Barral
(10) Porter Wagoner Show
12:00 (7) All Night At The Movies
(A) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Carry On Admiral" 1956
12:30 (O) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Mission Galactica: Cylon Attack" 1979
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) *** "Bloodline" 1979
1:45 (A) Movie -(Drama) * "Gangbusters" 1977
2:00 (B) Sports Center
2:30 (B) Auto Racing
(Q) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Promises In The Dark"
3:15 (A) Movie -(Mystery) *½ "Million Dollar Manhunt" 1951
4:30 (Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "More American Graffiti"
5:00 (A) Listen; The Athletes
(B) All-Star Soccer
5:30 (A) Love American Style

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EVENING

6:00 (3) (6) News
(5) Noticiario 28
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Zoom
(10) Gunsmoke
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) Hogan's Heroes
(B) Arm Wrestling
(C) Third Story
(O) Movie -(Drama) *** "Jet Pilot"
6:30 (3) Newlywed Game
(5) Dulce Hogar
(6) Happy Days Again
(7) Rex Reed's Movie Guide
(9) (16) Macneil Lehrer Report
(12) Video Comics
(A) All In The Family
(B) Sports Center
(C) Words Of Hope
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Freebie and the Bean" 1974
7:00 (3) That's Incredible
(5) Los Ricos Tambien Lloran
(6) Little House On The Prairie
(9) (16) Cinema Showcase
(10) Flo
(12) Hocus Focus
(A) Love American Style
(B) International Rugby
(C) Rock Church
7:30 (5) Chespirito
(10) WKRP In Cincinnati
(A) Kenny Everett
8:00 (3) Monday Night Movie 'The Girls In The Office' 1979 Stars: Susan Saint James, Barbara Eden.
(6) Monday Night At The Movies 'Airport '77' 1977 Stars: Jack Lemmon, Lee Grant.
(10) M.A.S.H.
(12) First Row Features
(C) 700 Club
(O) Movie -(Western) ** "Rooster Cogburn" 1975
8:30 (5) Esta Noche Es Olga
(9) (16) Savage
(10) House Calls
(A) Rat Patrol
(B) Pro Volleyball
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Calico Queen' (2 hrs.)
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "More American Graffiti"
9:00 (5) Una Mujer Marcada
(9) (16) Jazz At The Maintenance
(10) Lou Grant
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(A) TBS News
9:30 (5) Ariana
(7) Women's Channel
(C) Rise And Be Healed
10:00 (3) (6) (10) News
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(9) (16) Dick Cavett Show
(A) Last Of The Wild
(C) Festival Of Praise
(O) Movie -(Drama) *** "The Champ" 1979
10:30 (3) Carol Burnett And Friends
(5) 24 Horas
(6) The Tonight Show
(7) Video Concert Hall
(10) CBS Late Movie
(A) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Living It Up" 1954
(B) Sports Center
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Barbarella' (2 hrs.)
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Carnal Knowledge" 1971
11:00 (3) Police Woman
(B) International Rugby
11:20 (5) Noticiario 28
11:30 (5) Cine Internacional
12:00 (6) Tomorrow
(7) All Night At The Movies
(C) Transformed
(O) Showtime Special
12:10 (3) ABC News Nightline
12:30 (3) News
(B) Pro Volleyball
(C) Dr. James Kennedy
(Q) Movie -(Western) *½ "Fast Bullets"
12:35 (A) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Treasure of San Gennaro" 1966
12:50 (10) News
1:30 (C) Ross Bagley Show
2:30 (B) Sports Center
(Q) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Promise At Dawn"
2:45 (A) Love American Style
3:00 (C) 700 Club
3:15 (A) Open Up
4:30 (C) Words Of Hope
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Undercovers Hero"
5:00 (C) Courage For Crisis Living
5:15 (A) World At Large
5:30 (A) Love American Style
(C) Ross Bagley Show

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JULY 29, 1980

EVENING

6:00 (3) (6) News
(5) Noticiario 28
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Son Risas
(10) Gunsmoke
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) Hogan's Heroes
(C) Puppet Tree Gang
6:30 (3) Newlywed Game
(5) Chepina
(6) Happy Days Again
(7) Chef's Secrets
(9) (16) Macneil Lehrer Report
(12) Video Comics
(A) All In The Family
(B) Sports Center
(C) Faith That Lives
7:00 (3) Happy Days
(5) Los Ricos Tambien Lloran
(6) The Misadventures Of Sheriff Lobo
(9) (16) Nova
(10) G.I.'s
(12) Hocus Focus
(A) Baseball
(B) To Be Announced
(C) Oral Roberts
(O) Centennial Chapter IV
7:30 (3) Laverne And Shirley
(5) Super Estelar Musical
(10) Special Movie Presentation 'Network' 1976 Stars: FayeDunaway, William Holden.
(C) Good News
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) *** "The Man With The Golden Gun" 1974
8:00 (3) Three's Company
(5) El Show De Iris Chacon
(6) Sharks: The Death Machines
(9) (16) Flambards
(12) First Row Features
(B) CFL Football
(C) 700 Club
8:30 (3) Taxi
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Barbarella' (2 hrs.)
9:00 (3) Hart To Hart
(5) Una Mujer Marcada
(6) Eischied
(7) Women's Channel
(9) (16) Soundstage
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(O) Movie-(Adventure) ** "Great Train Robbery" 1979
9:30 (5) Ariana
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(A) TBS News
(C) Faith 20
10:00 (3) (6) (10) News
(7) Heartbeat West
(9) (16) Dick Cavett Show
(C) Today In Bible Prophecy
(Q) Movie-(Bibliography) "On the Yard" 1979
10:30 (3) Carol Burnett And Friends
(5) 24 Horas
(6) The Tonight Show
(7) Video Concert Hall
(10) CBS Late Movie
(A) Movie -(Comedy-Western) **½ "Pardners" 1956
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Calico Queen' (2 hrs.)
11:00 (3) Movie -(Suspense) ** "Terror on the 40th Floor" 1974
(B) Sports Center
(O) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Malibu Beach"
11:20 (5) Noticiario 28
11:30 (5) Cine Internacional
(B) To Be Announced
12:00 (6) Tomorrow
(7) All Night At The Movies
(B) CFL Football
(C) Charisma
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Undercovers Hero"
12:30 (3) ABC News Nightline
(A) Atlanta Braves Replay
(C) Jerry Falwell
(O) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Americathon" 1979
12:50 (3) (10) News
1:30 (C) Ross Bagley Show
2:00 (Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Carnal Knowledge" 1971
3:00 (A) Movie-(Adventure) ** "Hercules and the Tyrants of Babylon" 1964
(B) Sports Center
(C) 700 Club
4:00 (Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Moonraker" 1979
4:30 (C) Jesus Is The Answer
4:45 (A) World At Large
5:00 (C) Accent On Living
5:30 (A) Love American Style
(C) Ross Bagley Show

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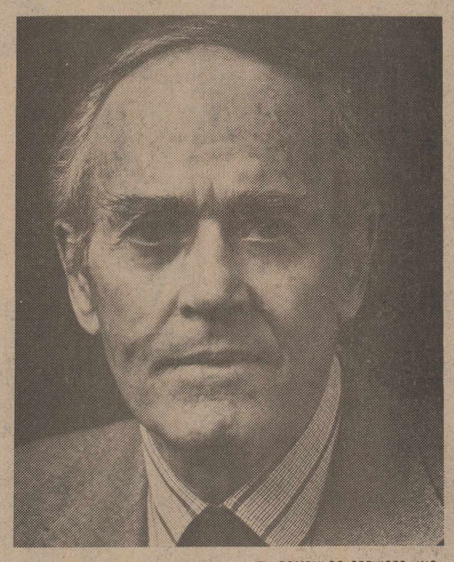
JULY 30, 1980

EVENING

6:00 (3) (6) News
(5) Noticiario 28
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Zoom
(10) Gunsmoke
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) Hogan's Heroes
(B) NFL Arm Wrestling
(C) Bible Bowl
(O) Centennial Chapter III
6:30 (3) Newlywed Game
(5) Mi Secretaria
(6) Happy Days Again
(7) David Gruen Show
(9) (16) Macneil Lerher Report
(12) Video Comics
(A) All In The Family
(B) Sports Center
(C) At Home With The Bible
7:00 (3) Eight Is Enough
(5) Los Ricos Tambien Lloran
(6) Real People
(9) (16) Great Performances
(10) Brothers
(12) Hocus Focus
(A) Movie -(Horror) ** "Stepford Wives" 1975
(B) European Soccer
(C) Focus On The Family
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "More American Graffiti"
7:30 (5) Mi Dulce Charytin
(10) Special Movie Presentation 'Four Days In Dallas' 1978 Stars: Michael Lerner, Frederic Forrest.
(C) The Presence Of God
8:00 (3) Charlie's Angels
(6) Diff'rent Strokes
(12) First Row Features
(C) 700 Club
(O) Movie -(Western) *** "Butch And Sundance: The Early Days"



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SHARKS

The story of the only man known to have survived an attack by a great white shark provides one of the exciting highlights in the real-life adventure special, 'Sharks: The Death Machines,' on NBC-TV **TUESDAY, JULY 29**.

Henry Fonda (pictured) is narrator of the special, which includes spectacular underwater footage of sharks.

Rodney Fox was the lucky man who survived the shark attack. He recounts the harrowing experience which took place 17 years ago off South Australia's Aldinga Reef.

Eye-riveting underwater scenes were taken by the world-renowned photography team of Ron and Valerie Taylor, whose footage dramatizes the incredible ordeal recalled by Fox.

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A MIRACLE OF LOVE

James Farentino and Kathryn Harrold star as Barry and Suzi Kaufman, loving parents dedicated to helping their autistic son, Raun (young Michael Adams), by employing sometimes unorthodox methods, in 'Son-Rise: A Miracle of Love,' winner of the prestigious 1980 Humanitas Award (for a teleplay "which most fully communicates human values") and the coveted Christopher Award. The special film will be rebroadcast on NBC-TV **THURSDAY, JULY 31**

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FLO

Mama (Sudie Bond, not pictured) persuades Flo (Polly Holliday, right) to hire her sister Fran (Lucy Lee Flippin, left) to work at the Yellow Rose restaurant, on 'Flo,' to be rebroadcast **MONDAY, JULY 28** on CBS-TV.

'Flo,' the successful 'Alice' spinoff, will return to the prime-time schedule in the fall.

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AIRPORT '77

Jack Lemmon (pictured) as the pilot of a jumbo jet which has crash-landed at sea, assists in the evacuation of a passenger (Olivia de Havilland) in 'Airport '77,' on NBC-TV's 'Sunday Night Big Event,' **SUNDAY, JULY 27** and 'NBC Monday Night at the Movies,' July 28. The telecasts will be closed-captioned for hearing-impaired viewers.

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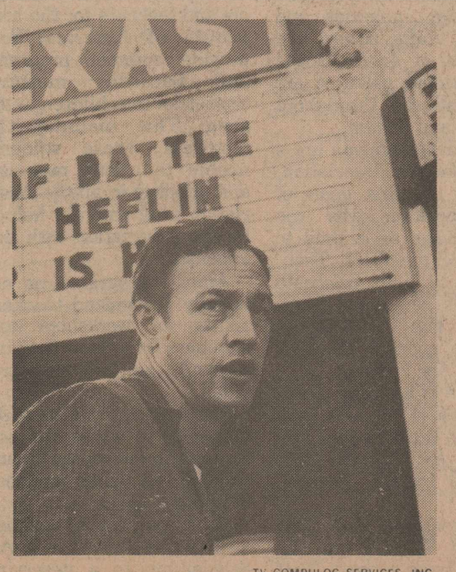

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FOUR DAYS IN DALLAS

'Four Days in Dallas,' a dramatic re-creation drawn from authenticated events that retrace the lives of Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald, in an almost minute-by-minute account, over a four-day span preceding and following the tragic assassinations of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, will be rebroadcast as a three-hour special movie presentation, **WEDNESDAY, JULY 30** on CBS-TV.

Michael Lerner and Frederic Forrest (pictured) star in the title roles of Ruby and Oswald, respectively.

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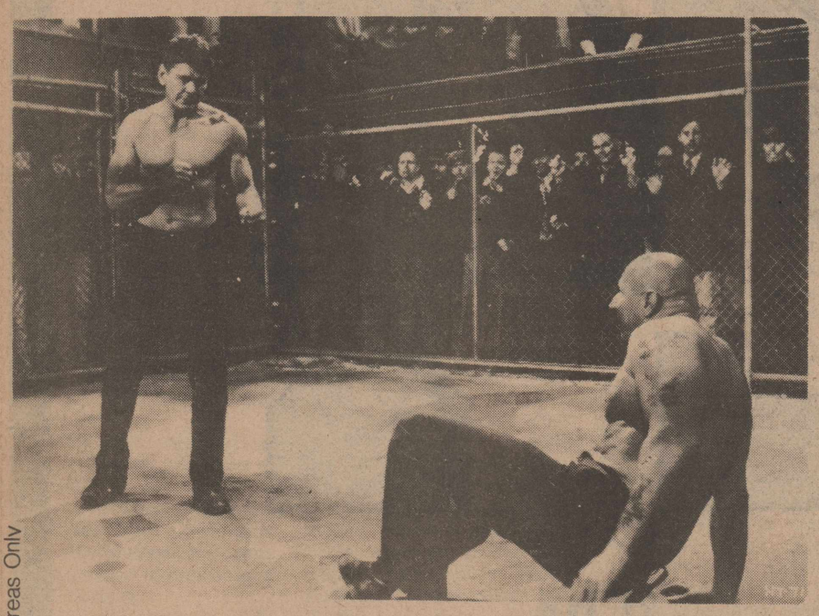

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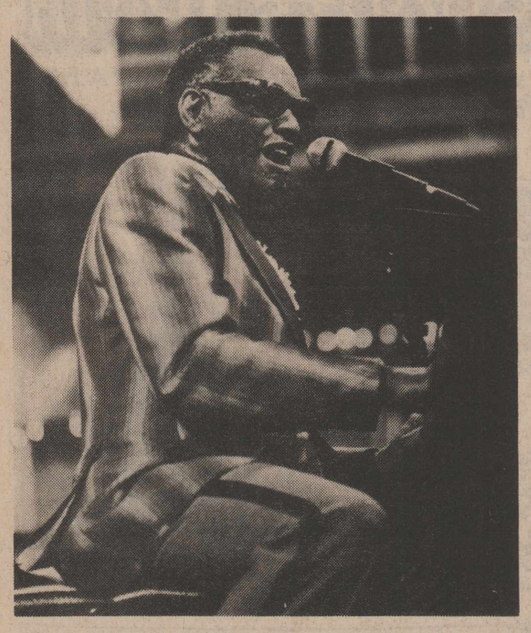
8:30 (5) Fantasico
(6) The Facts Of Life
(9) (16) Irish Treasures
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Calico Queen' (2 hrs.)
9:00 (3) Vega$
(5) Una Mujer Marcada
(6) Quincy
(7) Women's Channel
(9) (16) Meanings Of Modern Art
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(A) TBS News
(B) PKA Full-Contact Karate
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Carnal Knowledge" 1971
9:30 (5) Ariana
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(C) Max Morris
10:00 (3) (6) (10) News
(7) Heartbeat West
(9) (16) Dick Cavett Show
(A) Last Of The Wild
(C) Jewish Voice
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Carnal Knowledge" 1971
10:30 (3) Carol Burnett And Friends
(5) 24 Horas
(6) The Tonight Show
(7) Video Concert Hall
(10) CBS Late Movie
(A) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "You're Never Too Young" 1955
(B) Sports Center
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Barbarella' (2 hrs.)
11:00 (3) The Love Boat
(B) European Soccer
(Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Moonraker" 1979
11:20 (5) Noticiario 28
11:30 (5) Cine Internacional
12:00 (6) Tomorrow
(7) All Night At The Movies
(C) Good News
(O) Showtime Special
12:10 (3) ABC News Nightline
12:30 (3) News
(B) To Be Announced
(C) Rex Humbard
12:40 (A) Atlanta Braves Replay
12:50 (10) News
1:00 (B) PKA Full-Contact Karate
(O) Movie -(Drama) *** "Jet Pilot"
1:30 (C) Ross Bagley Show
(Q) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Promises In The Dark"
2:30 (B) Sports Center
3:00 (C) 700 Club
3:10 (A) Movie -(Drama) *½ "The Wild Racers"

PBS in the spotlight



Ray Charles and the Boston Pops

The one and only Ray Charles has Georgia on his mind when he joins John Williams and the Boston Pops for 'Evening at Pops' July 27 on PBS. Besides 'Georgia On My Mind,' Charles sings 'Set Me Free,' 'Talkin' with Brother Ray,' and 'For Mama.' The Pops Orchestra closes out the evening with a rousing rendition of *South Rampart Street Parade*.

Ray Charles Robinson was born in 1932 in Albany, Georgia. Six years later he became completely blind, without hope of recovery. Placed in a school for the blind, he learned to read braille, to play the piano, and clarinet, and to memorize music.

When his parents died while he was still in his teens, he traveled through the South playing piano, clarinet, and saxophone in small bands. "I realized I had a choice of getting a cane, a cup and picking out a street corner," he once said, "or striding out as a musician." His decision followed naturally from his philosophy: "People should never be bitter about anything. They should go out into the world and learn to keep fighting for themselves."

For over thirty years, Charles has been out in the world, spreading his message: "Soul is when you can take a song and make it part of you . . . soul is like electricity, like a spirit, a drive, a power." Along the way, he has been honored with a shower of awards, including several Grammy awards, election to the Playboy Hall of Fame, and commemoration on a special coin struck by the Paris Mint on behalf of the French Republic.

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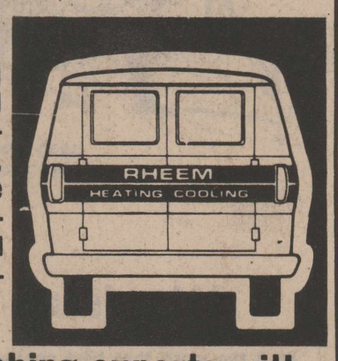

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1968
3:30 (Q) Movie-(Bibliography) "On the Yard" 1979
4:30 (C) Bob Gass
4:50 (A) World At Large
5:00 (C) Something Special
5:30 (A) Love American Style
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(Q) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Americathon" 1979

thursday

JULY 31, 1980

EVENING

6:00 (3) (6) News
(5) Noticiario 28
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Sonrisas
(10) Gunsmoke
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) Hogan's Heroes
(C) Backyard
6:30 (3) Newlywed Game
(5) Enrique El Polivoz
(6) Happy Days Again
(9) (16) Macneil Lehrer Report
(12) Video Comics
(A) All In The Family
(B) Sports Center
(C) Zola Levitt
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Undercovers Hero"
7:00 (3) Mork And Mindy
(5) Los Ricos Tambien Lloran
(6) Buck Rogers In The 25th Century
(9) (16) Tele-Forum
(10) The White Shadow
(12) Hocus Focus
(A) Movie -(Adventure) **½ "White Witch Doctor" 1953
(B) NFL Racquetball
(C) Missionaries In Action
(O) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Cuba" 1979
7:30 (3) Angie
(5) La Carabina Ambrosio
(9) (16) To Be Announced
(C) Wake Up America
8:00 (3) Barney Miller
(5) Mundo Luis De Alba
(6) Movie Of The Week 'Son Rise: A Miracle Of Love' 1979 Stars: James Farentino, Kathryn Harrold.
(9) (16) Upstairs, Downstairs
(10) Barnaby Jones
(12) First Row Features
(B) Top Rank Boxing
(C) 700 Club
8:30 (3) Nobody's Perfect
(5) Noches Tapatias
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Barbarella' (2 hrs.)
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) *** "Bloodline" 1979
9:00 (3) 20-20
(5) Una Mujer Mercada
(7) Women's Channel
(9) (16) Bill Moyers' Journal
(10) Knots Landing
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(A) TBS News
(O) Showtime Special
9:30 (5) Ariana
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(C) Norman Vincent Peale
10:00 (3) (6) (10) News
(7) Heartbeat West
(9) (16) Dick Cavett Show
(A) Last Of The Wild
(C) John Ankerberg Show
10:30 (3) Carol Burnett And Friends
(5) 24 Horas
(6) The Tonight Show
(7) Video Concert Hall
(10) CBS Late Movie
(A) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Jumping Jacks" 1952
(B) Sports Center
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'Calico Queen' (2 hrs.)
(Q) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Americathon" 1979
11:00 (3) Charlie's Angels
(B) NFL Racquetball
(O) Showtime Special
11:20 (5) Noticiario 28
11:30 (5) Cine Internacional
12:00 (6) Tomorrow
(7) All Night At The Movies
(B) Top Rank Boxing
(C) Koinonia
(O) Centennial Chapter IV
(Q) Movie-(Bibliography) "On the Yard" 1979
12:10 (3) ABC News Nightline
12:30 (3) News
(C) Hour Of Power
12:35 (A) Movie-(Adventure) ** "Submarine D-1" 1937
12:50 (10) News
1:30 (C) Ross Bagley Show
2:00 (Q) Movie -(Western) *½ "Fast Bullets"
2:30 (B) Sports Center
2:35 (A) Movie-(Adventure) ** "Timbuktu" 1959
3:00 (C) 700 Club
4:00 (Q) Movie -(Comedy) ***½ "Bananas" 1971
4:30 (C) Sound Of The Spirit
4:35 (A) Love American Style
5:00 (C) The Lesson
5:05 (A) World At Large
5:30 (A) Love American Style
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) ** "Dark Star" 1974

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EVENING

6:00 (3) (6) News
(5) Los Ricos Tambien Lloran
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Zoom
(10) Gunsmoke
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) Hogan's Heroes
(C) Stuff
(Q) Movie -(Western) *½ "Fast Bullets"
6:30 (3) Newlywed Game
(5) Ariana
(6) Happy Days Again
(7) Championship Fishing
(9) (16) Macneil Lehrer Report
(12) Video Comics
(A) Baseball
(B) Sports Center
(C) The Lesson
7:00 (3) Benson
(6) Diff'rent Strokes
(9) (16) Washington Week In Review
(10) The Incredible Hulk
(12) Hocus Focus
(B) PBA Bowling
(C) In Touch
(O) Movie -(Drama) *** "The Champ" 1979
7:30 (3) Goodtime Girls
(5) El Show De Eduardo II
(9) (16) Wall $treet Week
8:00 (3) Friday Night Movie
(6) Speak Up America
(9) (16) Friday Update
(10) The Dukes Of Hazzard
(12) First Row Features
(C) 700 Club
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ***½ "Bananas" 1971
8:30 (5) Y Ahora Que?
(9) (16) Captial Eye
(B) Summer Basketball
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'The Secret Sex Lives Of Romeo And Juliet' (60 mins.e
9:00 (5) Una Mujer Marcada
(6) Friday Night Fights
(7) Women's Channel
(9) (16) Firing Line
(10) Dallas
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(A) TBS News
(O) Movie -(No information available) "Campy Kids From Boot Camp" 1944
9:30 (5) 24 Horas
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(C) Richard Hogue
(Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) ** "Dark Star" 1974
10:00 (3) (6) (10) News
(7) Heartbeat West
(9) (16) Dick Cavett Show
(A) Last Of The Wild
(C) Dan Griffin
10:20 (5) Mini-Noticiario
10:30 (3) Carol Burnett And Friends
(5) Noche A Noche
(6) The Tonight Show
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Masterpiece Theatre
(10) CBS Late Movie
(A) Movie -(Science fiction) ** "H-Man" 1959
(B) Sports Center
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'End Of The World' (60 mins.)
11:00 (3) Fridays
(5) Cinema II
(B) PBA Bowling
(O) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Dona Flor And Her Two Husbands"
11:30 (Q) Movie -(Science-Fiction) *** "Moonraker" 1979
12:00 (6) The Midnight Special
(7) All Night At The Movies
(A) Atlanta Braves Replay
(C) Insight
12:10 (3) News
12:30 (B) Summer Basketball
(C) Jimmy Swaggart
(P) Y
12:50 (10) News
1:00 (O) Movie-(Comedy) **½ "Malibu Beach"
1:30 (C) Ross Bagley Show
2:00 (Q) Movie -(Comedy) ***½ "Bananas" 1971
2:30 (A) Maverick
(B) Sports Center
3:00 (B) PKA Full-Contact Karate
(C) 700 Club
3:30 (A) Maverick
(Q) Movie -(Documentary) *** "Guyana, Cult Of The Damned" 1980
4:30 (A) Love American Style
(B) Australian Rugby
(C) Just Passing Thru
5:00 (A) It's Your Business
(C) Wake Up America
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Lovers Like Us" 1977
5:30 (A) Rebop
(C) Ross Bagley Show

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AUG. 2, 1980

MORNING

6:00 (7) Video Concert Hall
(A) Vegetable Soup
(B) CFL Football
6:30 (10) Back Yard
(A) Romper Room
7:00 (3) World's Greatest Superfriends; School. Rock
(6) Godzilla-Globetrotters Hour; Ask NBC News
(10) Mighty Mouse, Heckle-Jeckle; In The News
(A) Ultraman
(C) Ever Increasing Faith
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "More American Graffiti"
7:30 (7) David Gruen Show
(A) Movie -(Western) ** "Slaughter Trail" 1951
8:00 (3) Plasticman Show; School. Rock
(6) Fred And Barney Meet Shmoo; Ask NBC News
(7) Celebrity
(10) Bugs Bunny And Road Runner; In The News
(12) Pinwheel
(C) Life In The Spirit
8:30 (C) The Rock
9:00 (7) Mostly Medicine
(A) Movie -(Adventure-Drama) *** "Cheyenne Autumn" 1964
(B) Sports Center
(C) Manna
(Q) Movie -(No information available) "Players"
9:30 (3) Scooby And Scrappy Doo; School. Rock
(6) Daffy Duck; Ask NBC News
(7) Golf Lessons
(10) Popeye; In The News
(B) European Soccer
(C) The Lesson
10:00 (6) Jetsons; Time Out
(7) Jimmy Houston Outdoors
(C) Stuff
10:30 (3) Laff-A-Lympics; Dear Alex And Annie
(6) Johnny Quest; Time Out
(7) Happy Home Mechanic
(10) Fat Albert; In The News
(C) Backyard
11:00 (3) Weekend Special
(6) C.C. Museum; Open House
(7) World League Wrestling
(10) Shazam; In The News
(C) Puppet Tree Gang
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) ***½ "Dr. No" 1963
11:30 (3) American Bandstand
(5) Burbujas
(6) League Of Women Voters
(10) Tarzan And The Super Seven; In The News
(B) Sports Center
(C) Bible Bowl

AFTERNOON

12:00 (6) State Of The Region
(7) English Channel
(A) Movie -(Adventure-Western) ** "Four Faces West" 1948
(B) Grand Masters Tennis
(C) 700 Club
12:30 (3) America's Top Ten
(5) Clasicos Del Cine
(6) Odd Couple
(10) The Invisible Children
(O) Showtime Special
1:00 (3) Sha Na Na
(6) Mary Tyler Moore
(10) Lonestar Sportsman
(12) Video Comics
(Q) Movie -(Documentary) *** "Guyana, Cult Of The Damned" 1980
1:30 (3) Infinity Factory
(6) That Nashville Music
(10) You Can Do It
(12) Dusty's Treehouse
(C) New Hope
2:00 (3) Super Memories Of The Super Bowls
(6) Major League Baseball Game Of The Week
(7) Chef's Secrets
(10) Ruff House
(12) Hocus Focus
(A) Mission Impossible
(C) Just Passing Thru
2:30 (3) Wide World Of Sports
(5) Futbol Internacional
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(10) Flipper
(C) The Story
(O) Showtime Special
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) *** "More American Graffiti"
3:00 (7) Joe Burton Jazz Show
(9) (16) Washington Star Intl. Tennis Championships
(10) Dallas Cowboy Weekly
(12) What Will They Think Of Next?
(A) That Nashville Music
(C) Kenneth Copeland
3:30 (10) Sports Spectacular
(12) First Row Features
(A) Pop Goes The Country
4:00 (7) David Gruen Show
(A) This Week In Baseball
(C) Bob Gass
(O) Movie -(Drama) ** "Hard Times"
4:30 (5) Lucha Libre
(7) Women's Channel
(12) Dusty's Treehouse
(A) Georgia Wrestling
(B) Boxing
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Lovers Like Us" 1977
5:00 (6) Big Blue Marble
(9) (16) All-Star Soccer
(10) Wild Kingdom
(12) Hocus Focus
5:30 (3) Lawrence Welk Show
(5) Semana De Beisbol
(6) Jack Van Impe
(10) CBS News

EVENING

6:00 (5) Super Cine e Sabado
(6) News
(7) Video Concert Hall
(9) (16) Once Upon A Classic
(10) Hee Haw
(12) Video Comics
(C) The Blackwood Brothers
(O) Showtime Special
6:30 (3) Eyes Of Texas
(6) Road Atlanta
(7) Ruff House
(12) What Will Think Of Next?
(A) Baseball
(B) Sports Center
(C) The Lundstroms
(Q) Movie -(Suspense) ***½ "Dr. No" 1963
7:00 (3) 240-ROBERT
(6) World Vision Telethon
(9) (16) Lord Mountbatten: Man For The Century
(10) Universe
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(B) NFL Racquetball
(C) 700 Club
(O) Showtime Special
7:30 (10) The Bad News Bears
8:00 (3) The Love Boat
(9) (16) Evening At Pops
(10) Saturday Night Movie 'Maneaters Are Loose' 1978 Stars: Tom Skerritt, Harry Morgan.
(B) CFL Football
(O) Movie -(Horror) **½ "Dracula" 1979
8:30 (C) The Lesson
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'End Of The World' (60 mins.e
(Q) Movie -(No information available) "Players"
9:00 (3) Fantasy Island
(5) Fiebre!
(7) Rex Reed's Movie Guide
(9) (16) To Be Announced
(A) TBS News
(C) Rock Church

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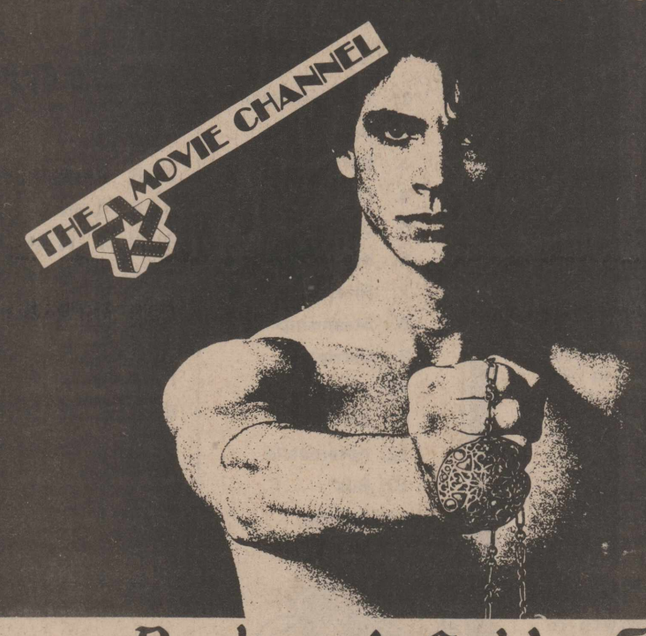

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SUNDAY

(ABC) SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIE: 9:00 E.D.T., P.D.T. - 8:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" 1974 Richard Dreyfuss, Jack Warden. An ambitious young man's quick wit, slick lines and sheer daring win him everything but the girl he loves.

(NBC) BIG EVENT: 9:00 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 8:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Airport '77" 1977 Jack Lemmon, Lee Grant. Part one of two parts. During the hijacking of a wealthy art collector's passenger-filled private 747, a storm causes the plane to crash-land off the coast of Florida and sink, trapping those on board underwater. (R)

MONDAY

(ABC) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE: 9:00 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 8:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"The Girls In The Office" 1979 Susan Saint James, Barbara Eden. Four young women working at a magnificent new Texas department store go for love and success and discover that sometimes you have to choose between them. (R)

(NBC) MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: 9:00 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 8:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Airport '77" 1977 Jack Lemmon, Lee Grant. Conclusion. Passengers and crew members aboard a ditched 747 resting on the ocean floor respond with shock and fear, realizing that with no radio communication, it will not be long before the air-tight cabin bursts under the pressure of tons of water. (R)

TUESDAY

(CBS) MOVIE SPECIAL: 8:30 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 7:30 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Network" 1976 Faye Dunaway, William Holden. The drama revolves around the power struggle at a failing television network recently taken over by a giant conglomerate. (R)

WEDNESDAY

(CBS) MOVIE SPECIAL: 8:30 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 7:30 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Four Days in Dallas" 1978 Michael Lerner, Frederic Forrest. A dramatic re-creation drawn from authenticated events that retrace the lives of Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald over a four-day span preceding and following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963. (R)

THURSDAY

(NBC) MOVIE SPECIAL: 9:00 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 8:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Son Rise: A Miracle of Love" 1979 James Farentino, Kathryn Harrold. A fact-based drama about how loving parents, sometimes employing unorthodox methods, help their young autistic son out of his isolated existence and into the real world. The story is based on the real-life experiences of Suzi and Barry Neil Kaufman and their son, Raun. (R)

FRIDAY

(ABC) FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE: 8:00 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 7:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Casino" 1980 Mike Connors, Barry Van Dyke. A smooth gambler has the odds stacked against him by a saboteur aboard his $14,000,000 gambling boat.

SATURDAY

(CBS) MOVIE SPECIAL: 9:00 PM E.D.T., P.D.T. - 8:00 PM C.D.T., M.D.T.
"Maneaters Are Loose" 1978 Tom Skerritt, Steve Forrest. Growing terror stalks a small American national forest community which is menaced by two huge tigers. (R)

Cosmic Signs

AQUARIUS

(January 20 - February 18) Favorable influences signify possible agreements concerning travel plans, financial arrangements, or opportunities to combine business with pleasure.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20) Bright new opportunities for increased prestige and advancement demand a realistic approach and the avoidance of overoptimism.

ARIES

(March 21 - April 21) Harmony's restored with co-workers in the week ahead. Promotions, favorable dealings with influential higher-ups are currently on the agenda.

TAURUS

(April 22 - May 21) Steadfast ties prove supportive to your aims.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21) Business and financial transactions are risky—especially if involving a friend.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23) You've got enough irons in the fire already without adding another. Those who are not dependable may have to be let go.

LEO

(July 24 - August 23) An effective pooling of resources is mutually beneficial in the long run.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23) Papers and communications involving contracts, insurance, taxes or estates are indicated. This is a work-week for many who must handle pressing obligations.

LIBRA

(September 24 - October 22) Your study of details regarding business and personal problems will pay off during the next week.

SCORPIO

(October 23 - November 22) Clashes involving those at home, or concerning your work, can lead to short tempers.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 22) Partners and close ties are emphasized now.

CAPRICORN

(December 23 - January 19) Delicate issues demand cooperation and empathy. Sharing social or group plans later on should be enjoyed by both.

TV COMPULOG SERVICES, INC.

9:30 (7) RFD Hollywood
10:00 (3) (10) News
(5) El Mundo De Luis De Alba
(9) (16) Another Voice
(A) Dick Maurice And Company
(C) Zola Levitt
(O) Movie -(Drama) *** "Jet Pilot"
10:30 (3) Movie -(Drama) ** "The Idol" 1966
(5) Box De Mexico
(7) Video Concert Hall
(10) Nashville On The Road
(B) Sports Center
(C) Richard Hogue
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'The Secret Sex Lives Of Romeo And Juliet' (60 mins.)
(Q) Movie -(Comedy) ** "Lovers Like Us" 1977
11:00 (6) News
(10) Virginian
(A) Rock Concert
(B) Boxing
(C) Hi Doug
11:30 (6) Mary Tyler Moore
(C) Holiday At Melodyland
12:00 (6) Movie -(Mystery) ** "Chinese Ring" 1947
(7) All Night At The Movies
(C) 700 Club
(O) Movie -(Comedy) *** "Carnal Knowledge" 1971
12:30 (A) Atlanta Braves Replay
(P) Movie-(Adult) 'End Of The World' (60 mins.)
(Q) Movie -(Documentary) *** "Guyana, Cult Of The Damned" 1980
12:35 (3) Church Of Christ
1:00 (B) NFL Racquetball
1:30 (C) The Lesson
1:40 (3) News
2:00 (B) Sports Center
(C) Rex Humbard
(Q) Movie -(Romance-Comedy) *** "Lost And Found" 1979
2:30 (B) CFL Football
3:00 (A) Maverick
(C) Courage For Crisis Living
3:30 (C) Oral Roberts
4:00 (A) Love American Style
(C) Jerry Falwell
(Q) Movie -(Drama) **½ "Promises In The Dark"
4:30 (A) AG-U.S.A.
5:00 (A) Between The Lines
(B) NFL Arm Wrestling
(C) Christopher Closeup
5:30 (B) Grand Masters Tennis
(C) Koinonia

daytime

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MORNING

6:00 (3) PTL Program
(7) International Byline
(A) Super Station Fun Time
(B) Sports Center
6:25 (6) Health Field
6:30 (7) Movietown 'Second Chorus' (MON.), 'When Thief Meets Thief' (TUE.), 'Sabotage' (WED.), 'Winterset' (THUR.), 'Yellow Rose Of Texas' (FRI.)
(10) New Zoo Revue
(Q) Movie (MON.,TUE.,WED.) 'Freebie And The Bean' (MON.), 'Man With The Golden Gun' (TUE.), 'Game Of Death' (WED.)
7:00 (3) Good Morning America
(6) Today
(10) Morning Show
(A) Hazel
(B) Various Sports Programming
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (THUR.) 'Bloodline' (THUR.)
7:30 (A) Lucy Show
(C) Words Of Hope (MON.)
(Q) Movie (FRI.) 'Moonraker' (FRI.)
8:00 (7) David Gruen Show (EXC.WED.)
(10) Captain Kangaroo
(12) Dusty's Treehouse
(13) Congressional Coverage
(A) Family Affair
(B) Pro Celebrity Golf (TUE.)
(C) Religious Programming
8:30 (7) Fran Carlton Show
(12) Pinwheel
(A) Green Acres
(B) NFL Arm Wrestling (WED.)
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (MON.,WED.) 'Game Of Death' (MON.), 'More American Graffiti' (WED.)
9:00 (3) Morning Magazine
(6) David Letterman Show
(7) Various Programming
(10) Jeffersons
(A) Movie 'Fraulein' (MON.), 'Stranger On The Run' (TUE.), 'The Perfect Furlough' (WED.), 'The Truth About Spring' (THUR.), 'Girls Of Pleasure Island' (FRI.)
(B) Sports Center
(C) 700 Club
(Q) Movie (TUE.,THUR.) 'Bloodline' (TUE.), 'Undercovers Hero' (THUR.)
9:30 (3) Phil Donahue Show
(7) Heartbeat West
(10) Alice
10:00 (7) Paul Ryan Show
(10) Price Is Right
(B) Various Sports Programming
(Q) Movie (FRI.) 'Game Of Death' (FRI.)
10:30 (3) I Love Lucy
(6) Wheel Of Fortune
(7) Chef's Secrets
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (MON.,WED.) 'Promises In The Dark' (MON.), 'Carnal Knowledge' (WED.)
11:00 (3) Family Feud
(6) Card Sharks
(7) Don Kennedy's Spotlight
(10) Young And The Restless
(A) Freeman Reports
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(Q) Movie (TUE.,THUR.) 'On The Yard' (TUE.), 'Lovers Like Us' (THUR.)
11:30 (3) Ryan's Hope
(6) News
(7) International Byline

AFTERNOON

12:00 (3) All My Children
(6) Days Of Our Lives
(7) Movietown 'Yellow Rose Of Texas' (MON.), 'Second Chorus' (TUE.), 'When Thief Meets Thief' (WED.), 'Sabotage' (THUR.), 'Winterset' (FRI.)
(10) News
(13) Congressional Coverage
(A) Movie (EXC.WED.) 'The Pad And How To Use It' (MON.), 'Man Behind The Gun' (TUE.), Mission Impossible (WED.), 'If A Man Answers' (THUR.), 'The Savage' (FRI.)
(Q) Movie (FRI.) 'Bananas' (FRI.)
12:30 (10) Search For Tomorrow
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (MON.,WED.) 'Carnal Knowledge' (MON.), 'Promises In The Dark' (WED.)
1:00 (3) One Life To Live
(6) Doctors
(10) As The World Turns
(A) Braves Baseball (WED.)
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (TUE.,THUR.) 'Man With The Golden Gun' (TUE.), 'Bloodline' (THUR.)
1:30 (5) La Senora Joven (FRI.)
(6) Another World
(12) Dusty's Treehouse
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (FRI.) 'Dark Star' (FRI.)
2:00 (3) General Hospital
(7) Chef's Secrets
(10) Guiding Light
(12) Video Comics
(A) Super Station Fun Time (EXC.WED.)
(C) 700 Club
2:30 (5) Cumbres Borrascosas (LUN.)
(7) Paul Ryan Show
(12) Hocus Focus
(O) Showtime Special (MON.)
(Q) Movie (MON.,WED.) 'More American Graffati' (MON.), 'Moonraker' (WED.)
3:00 (3) Edge Of Night
(6) Password Plus
(7) Women's Channel
(10) One Day At A Time
(13) Cogressional Coverage
(A) Flintstones (EXC.WED.)
(Q) Movie (THUR.) 'Americathon' (THUR.)
3:30 (3) Tom And Jerry; Bugs Bunny Hour
(5) Rojo Y Negaro
(6) Odd Couple
(7) Fran Carlton Show
(10) Wild World Of Animals
(12) Video Comics
(A) Gilligan's Island
(C) Religious Programming
(Q) Movie (TUE.,FRI.) 'Undercovers Hero' (TUE.), 'Moonraker' (FRI.)
4:00 (6) Gilligan's Island
(7) Movietown 'Winterset' (MON.), 'Yellow Rose Of Texas' (TUE.), 'Second Chorus' (WED.), 'When Thief Meets Thief' (THUR.), 'Sabotage' (FRI.)
(9) (16) Mister Rogers
(10) Star Trek
(12) First Row Features
(A) My Three Sons
(C) Religious Programming
(O) Movie (MON.) 'Agatha' (MON.)
4:30 (3) Beverly Hillbillies
(5) La Senora Joven
(6) Brady Bunch
(9) (16) Electric Company
(A) I Dream Of Jeannie
(C) Ross Bagley Show
(O) Movie (TUE.,WED.) 'The Wiz' (TUE.), 'Bugs Bunny-Road Runner Movie' (WED.)
(Q) Movie (MON.,THUR.) 'Promises In The Dark' (MON.), 'Lovers Like Us' (THUR.)
5:00 (3) ABC News
(5) J.J. Juez (FRI.)
(6) Bewitched
(9) (16) Sesame Street
(10) News
(12) America Goes Bananaz
(A) Andy Griffith Show
(B) Various Sports Programming
(O) Movie (THUR.,FRI.) 'Americathon' (THUR.), 'The Great Train Robbery' (FRI.)
(Q) Movie (WED.) 'Game Of Death' (WED.)
5:30 (3) Sanford And Son
(5) Telecorpus (EXC.FRI.)
(6) NBC News
(7) Various Programming
(10) CBS News
(A) I Love Lucy
(Q) Movie (TUE.) 'Promise At Dawn' (TUE.)





Mr. Smith was driving through the country when his motor stopped. He got out of the car and raised the hood to locate the trouble. "The trouble is in the carburetor," a voice behind him said. Smith turned, surprised, but saw only an old horse standing nearby. Not believing his ears, he asked, "Did you say something?"

"I said you'd better check the carburetor," replied the horse.

Rushing to the nearest farmhouse, Smith excitedly told his experience to the old farmer. "Was it an old bay horse with one flop ear?" asked the farmer.

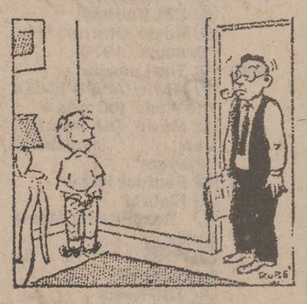
"Yes, yes, that's the one!"

"Well, don't pay any attention to him" the farmer scoffed. "He don't know anything about automobiles anyway."



Lady: "May I try on that dress in the window?"
Clerk: "Don't you think you'd better use the dressing room?"

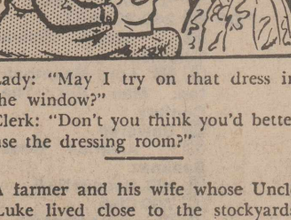
A farmer and his wife whose Uncle Luke lived close to the stockyards, the gas works and a chemical plant invited him to come for a visit and enjoy some fresh air. Uncle Luke was delighted but cut short his visit after two days with the comment: "This country air may be all right, but there's no body to it."



"Look what I learned in school today, POP."

THEN and NOW

THEN: President in what many see as a less complex era, Calvin Coolidge was assisted by a personal staff of 46 (mainly messengers, clerks and typists); he set aside days each week to meet with the public, personally answered the White House phone and sometimes answered his correspondence in longhand.



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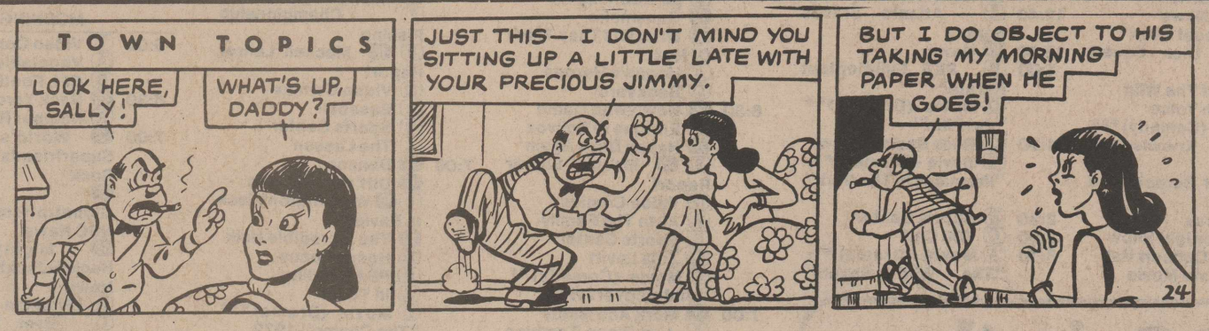
SUNDAY FUN PAGE

PETEY AND HIS PALS by J. MAXWELL





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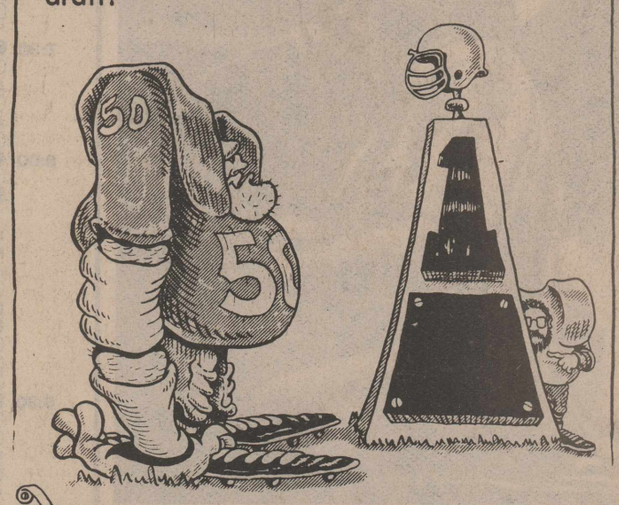
Answers: Juneau, Phoenix, Denver, Hartford, Dover, Atlanta, Boise, Topeka, Frankfort, Augusta, Boston, Lansing, St. Paul, Jackson, Trenton, Albany, Salem, Pierre, Austin, Cheyenne, Madison, Olympia, Charleston, Richmond, Nashville, Columbia, Bismark, Lincoln, Helena

BENCHWARMER'S SPORTS TRIVIA

Who was the first player selected in first A.F.L. draft?



by Bob ALEXANDER

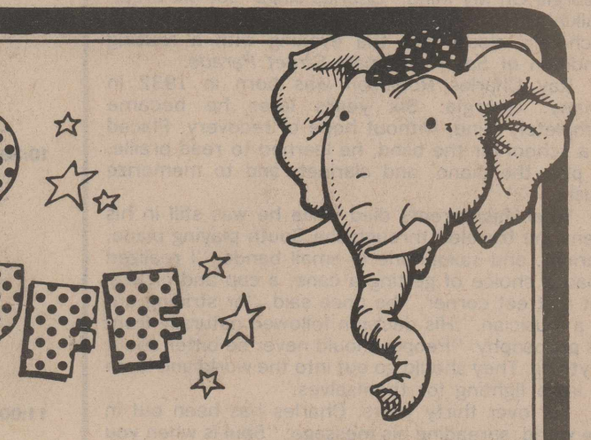
ANSWER:
He was 1959 Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon of L.S.U.

Riddles

1. What do hill ople use to cook thei. od on?
2. What is a ringleader?
3. What kind of clothing does a pet dog wear?
4. Why did the pelican put his leg in his mouth when he ate out?
5. What kind of puzzle makes people angry?
6. What is round and has a bad temper?

ANSWERS
1. A mountain range.
2. The first person in the bathtub.
3. A petticoat.
4. He wanted to foot the bill.
5. A crossword puzzle.
6. A vicious circle.

KID STUFF



See if you can unscramble these words.

S R T I H
S N E A J
O O T B S
P A C
A O C T



Answers: Shirt, Jeans Boots, Cap, Coat

Word Search

1. Transportation
2. Camel
3. Horse
4. Chariot
5. Sailboat
6. Kayak
7. River raft
8. Steamship
9. Carriage
10. Dirigible
11. Bicycle
12. Automobile
13. Bus
14. Subway
15. Train

T O C P I H S M A E T S D R
E R I V E R R A F T E S L K
D E A N P N D O E E F A O A
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N I G E L I B O M O T U A T
N N E A A E R L E A F I R O
K A J S H O R S E T C A O O
T N A N A R G L H H U N R N

Wordslink

Find the word that best connects the two on each line. For example:

igloo eskimo pie

1. avenue car
2. theater coach
3. wagon barrow

Answers: 1. street 2. stage 3. wheel

JERRY BREEN

TV COMPULOG SERVICES, INC.

Aransas Aviation 'Beyond Adequate'

Aransas County Airport — with facilities that are beyond being adequate for a terminal of its size — now has more aircraft based out of it than ever before and an especially heavy increase in helicopter operations.

Aransas Aviation Inc. has been in operation at the Aransas County Airport since April of 1975, and presently employs 13 area residents.

Aransas Aviation began expansion of the existing facility shortly after leasing the airport from the county. Improvements include offices, storage area, parts room, avionics testing office, and avionics work room.

A hanger was constructed by the company for the purpose of painting aircraft. A garage for the storage of cars for customers was also constructed.

Services include charter service (FAR 135 Air Taxi), flight instruction, aircraft storage, aircraft maintenance, avionics installation and maintenance, aircraft sales, and fuel sales.

Soft drinks, sandwiches, coffee, and snacks are available in the administration building.

Aviation related supplies are also for sale.

Chopper activity has reached a record level, with 10 of the birds currently working out of the airport, compared to four last year.

The Navy is considering running approximately 230 training flights per day through the facility, which would require a capital re-evaluation.

The airport was established in 1943, when the Civil Aeronautics Administration asked Aransas County to provide a location for an airport north of Rockport to be leased to the CAA and subleased to the Navy as a practice landing field for Corpus Christi Naval Air Station pilots.

A 700-acre tract of land fronting 3,500 feet on Copano Bay and 3,500 feet on Highway 35 North was chosen as the site, and voters approved a $40,000 airport bond issue that same year.

Only about half of the bond was required for land purchases and the remainder of the bonds was later cancelled.

Early in 1946 oil companies became interested in oil prospects in Copano Bay, and after some negotiations, the CAA agreed to abandon 214.8 acres for development, with the stipulation that only a 50-acre corner of the tract be used for drilling purposes.

The late Emory Spencer served as special attorney for the county on airport matters for 14 years, during which time the county passed a resolution dedicating all oil and gas revenues that eminated from the acreage to maintenance and improvement of the airport.

In March, 1948, the War Assets Administration declared the airport as surplus to the needs of the government, but the Navy still held the sub-lease and continued to use the field until 1957.

One of the major expenditures through the years was for road machinery used for general road maintenance through the county.

In 1954, the Air Force requested that a survey be taken to determine the best location on Live Oak Peninsula for a radar listening post.

A 33.54-acre lease was subsequently made to the Corps of Engineers for the Air Force operation, which included radar equipment and housing facilities for 200 officers and enlisted men.

The Rockport base offered a 24-hour plane-tight radar warning system against hostile planes, with the newest and most efficient radar equipment in the world at that time.

The local station was one of 16 in the 33rd Air Division whose headquarters were in Oklahoma City.

These operations paid for their own operational costs with the aircraft and property it saved from destruction.

By monitoring both civilian and military planes the station gave navigational assistance to aircraft in peril.

In one dramatic incident, a similar division guided a $3 million disabled B-47 bomber to a safe landing after an engine exploded.

When the airport was abandoned by the military, it became virtually inoperative.

Now, after Linwood Bland's management company attained the airport lease, revenue is firmly rooted in the industry and business of all types.

This growth has been in addition to the original pleasure flights and tourist industry which kept the facility alive for the intervening years.



FIVE TIMES CHAMP

The fellow with the golf club and the trophy is "Mullet" Gregory, says Roy Rogero. Gregory distinguished himself in area golfing circles by taking the championship five times at Live Oak Country Club.

[Photo Courtesy of Roy Rogero]



Local AARP Chapter Is Renewed For 3 More Years

Among big news for Rockport Chapter 1536 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) during the past year was the renewal of its charter -- without a hitch -- for another three years.

And the big news money-wise for the seven-year-old organization was the recent "Talent Dollar Program."

Chapter members were given one dollar and they were asked to use a talent they had to raise more money for that single dollar.

The program resulted in a net profit of $443.30 for the Chapter -- the result of only two months' work.

The local AARP Chapter is the result of two dedicated people, unknown to each other, working to organize such a local organization in the Rockport area.

These two people -- Mrs. Neva Sorenson and Zollie Glass -- were honored in July, 1979, for their efforts that led to the formation -- on February 13, 1973 -- of AARP Chapter 1536.

Zollie Glass was the first president of Rockport Chapter 1536. Under his leadership, the Concern Center was taken over by the Concern Center in January, 1974.

Today, this organization is still a very active AARP-sponsored project, manned by volunteers and serving any who need what it can offer.

Today, the president of the Rockport AARP is Mrs. Frances Cook.

Other current officers of the chapter are Mrs. Genevieve Ohrling, first vice president; Ranous Blankert, second vice president; Mrs. Gladise Thomson, secretary; and Mrs. Cecelia Blankert, treasurer.

"To Serve Rather Than To Be Served" is the motto of Chapter 1536. Members try to serve not only each other but the entire community.

The chapter has participated in Rockport's annual Art Shows and Sea Fairs, sponsors the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon on Labor Day Weekend and has assisted in the Multiple Sclerosis mailing campaign.

AARP members helped clean up Fulton Beach Road; helped with the Lion's Club Community Halloween Party; served as hosts and hostesses for the Artmobile; contributed to the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Light Fund; collected foods for Saint Vincent De Paul Christmas distributions; helped restore the Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association building at the Airport; sponsored the Club 55 Bowling League; sponsored the Community Calendar.

As a result of the Fulton Beach Road cleanup, the Chamber of Commerce gave the local chapter the Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Under Glass' leadership, the Chapter held money raising projects such as the barbecue and dance, in cooperation with the Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association, that helped with expenses in restoring the Recreation Building.

In December, 1973, the Rockport AARP Chapter received its number, 1536. The Chapter was not received until June of 1974. This was after the first Triennial Review, to evaluate the chapter and its activities. The chapter "passed" with flying colors.

The second president of AARP Chapter 1536 was Edward Gerchak who served four months before illness forced his resignation. He is the only chapter president not now living. Glass filled his unexpired term.

Gerchak is given much of the credit for securing the $3,000 tax exemption on homesteads for the elderly.

In April, 1977, Chapter 1536 earned its second Community Service Award as the result of another trash pickup that year -- 40 bags of litter cleared from public areas.

The local AARP chapter has contributed funds to a number of community organizations, including the Volunteer Fire Departments.

AARP's activities for its members, conducted at the Paws and Taws Building on Fulton Beach Road include business meetings, weekly game afternoons and monthly dances.

Although the dances are discontinued through the summer other activities take their place.

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Railroad Ties

In 1888, the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad reached Rockport.

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Intracoastal Canal

The Intracoastal Canal was opened into Corpus Christi in 1940.

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Aransas Makeup

Aransas County, according to a survey done in the 1950s, actually consists of three peninsulas, severa islands and five bays.

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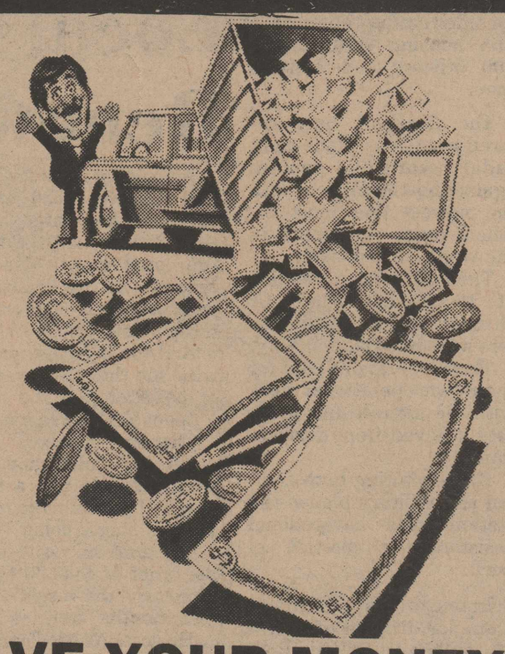

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5. Card of Thanks
6. Monuments
7. Lost & Found
8. Instruction
10. Help Wanted
14. Rooms For Rent
15. Work Wanted
16. Apartments
16A. Condos For Rent
17. Houses For Rent
18. Trailers For Rent
19. Business Rentals
20. Wanted To Rent
21. Trailer Space
22. Boat Stalls
23. Services Offered
28. Pets - Supplies
29. Livestock - Supplies
30. Articles Wanted
30A. Will Trade
31. Articles For Sale
31B. Building Materials
32. Musical Instruments
33. Sporting Goods
34. Sailboats
35. Vacation Property
39. Business Opportunity
40. Real Estate Wanted
41. Property Management
42. Acreage
43. Business Property
44. Waterfront
45. Lots For Sale
46. Condos
47. Houses For Sale
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54. Automobiles
55. Motorcycles

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17. Houses for Rent

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17. Houses for Rent

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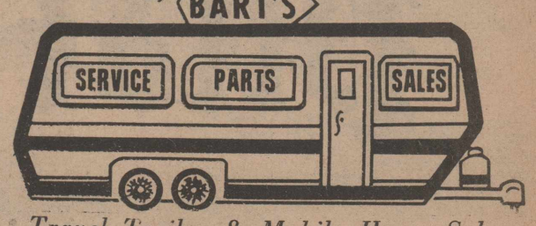

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6-DEPARTMENT
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26' PATIO SLIDING DOORS, like new, Jon boat, surfboard, set of dishes, commercial vacuum, antique wagon and flower cart. 729-0781.

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31. Articles for Sale

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33. Sporting Goods

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34. Sail Boats

WESTSAIL 32-42. SANtana 26 & Clipper 21 w/trailers. Starret 45; Arpege 30; Pearson 26; J24. "Buck" Bailey, 729-1000.

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INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU INVEST
Before investing in any Business Opportunities contact your Better Business Bureau.

39. Business Opportunity

DEALERSHIP AVAILABLE! $3,000 net or more per sale. Great for rural area! Prefab steel buildings. Free details. Mr. Frank Messer [24 hr] 1-227-5991.

EARN EXTRA MONEY
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42. Acreage Sale

21 ACRES TEXAS HILLS $595. per acre. 5% downpayment. 20 year pay out at 8 3/4% simple interest. Deer, turkey, and javelina country. Offered by owner at: 1-800-292-7420.

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

2 1/2, 5, 10 ACRE WOODED lots near Aransas Pass. Modern mobile homes permitted. Prices starting at $2,500 per acre. Owner financing available. Phone 758-2354, 776-7867.

100 ACRES HUNTING COUNTRY
$845.00 downpayment, $141.93 month. Deer, javelina, and quail. Great for camping and recreation. Call owner: 1-800-292-7420.

43. Business Property

REDUCED FOR QUICK sale-Was $155,000; selling for $135,000 cash. Apartments - 8 rental units. Remodeled - new stoves, refrigerators, a/c units, carpets, drapes, etc. 100% occupancy - room for expansion. Excellent location! Block from bay in Fulton. 729-1610.

43 A. Investment Property

6 APT UNITS, HOUSE AND extra land. All city utilities. $85,000. Owner/finance. Call Security Real Estate, 729-3325.

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Harbor Oaks - 2 waterfront lots. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

Copano Estates - Approx. 5 acres, huge oaks, 400 ft. of beach front, sold as one tract or will divide. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

Get-A-Way Club and surrounding land in Ingleside. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

Copano Campsite, waterfront property with small house. $18,000 cash. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

Commercial property. Hwy. 35 frontage. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

Canoe Club and surrounding property. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

Aransas Pass - Excellent commercial corner with existing business plus house in back: For Sale or Lease. 729-5506 after 7 p.m.

45. Lots for Sale

50X140, GOOD ELEVATion, nice trees. Owner carry with small down. Call Security Real Estate at 729-3325.

COMMERCIAL LOT
Hwy. 35 - Holiday Beach. Only one available. Financed right. Rockport Realty. 729-0781.

LARGE DRY LOT ON KEY Allegro, $12,500. Ted Johnson, Rockport Realty, 729-7671.

50 x 140 ON CORPUS Christi Street. 729-7013.

[3] - 75' X 125' LOTS. Cleared and leveled with water. Peninsula Oaks. $2,600. each. Owner/agent. 758-2696.

5 ACRES, NICE TREES. $11,000. Easy terms. Call Security Real Estate, 729-3325.

WATERFRONT ON SALT water, Copano Ridge, 60' x 155', $10,000. McIlhenny Estate. 729-7671, Ted Johnson, Rockport Realty.

46. Condos For Sale

ALLEGRO NORTH - BY Owner. 2 BR, 2 BA, upstairs, corner unit, private entrance. Tennis, pools, fishing pier. All the amenities for Luxurious Living. Furnished $74,500. 729-6274; after 5, 729-7050.

2 BEDROOM FURNISHED. Owner financing. Call Security Real Estate, 729-3325.

NESTLED IN OAK TREES on Aransas Bay, 3-2 Condo overlooking pool & tennis courts, 750' fishing pier. Completely decorator furnished. Morgan Real Estate, 729-9131.

47. Houses for Sale

HOLIDAY BEACH, 2 BEDroom, 1 bath, large garage on 3 lots, $40,000. M. Grell before 4:30. 729-7657.

SEE THIS LOVELY RANCH style home on 408 Hailey Dr. 4 bdrm, 2½ bath, brick home with patio, DWA garage, horse corral & barn on 5 acre tract. $72,500. Call Carol at Tompkins-Young Real Estate, 758-7534 or 776-7526.

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PRINCE PROPERTIES
729-0170

HOME-3 BEDROOM-2 bath. 3 miles from Rockport. Priced to sell now—729-6046 —owner.

GREAT VIEW OF ARANsas Bay. 2 story, 3B, 3B, custom built house plus 2B, 1B separate guest house under $100,000. Owner financing. Morgan Real Estate, 729-9131; nites Sam Sanders, 729-1215.

BY OWNER, CUSTOM built 1 year ago. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, located on 6 acres of beautiful oaks. New fence for horses. All the extras. 729-3262.

NEW 3 B, 2 B, BRICK. Winding Way in Peninsula Oaks. No down to Vets. Conventional financing available. Normandee Construction Co., Owner/agent. 758-2696.

47. Houses for Sale

OWNER FINANCE, LARGE corner lot. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, screened porch. Morgan Real Estate, 729-9131, nites 729-1215.

WATERFRONT HOME with apartment. Really good buy with owner financing. Less than one year old. Immediate possession. 729-0781.

IDEAL RETIREMENT OR summer home. 3 bedrooms-2 bath-garage, with boat storage, tool room with work benches, pump house, garden with greenhouse. Lighted fish-cleaning stand. On 3 beautiful lots with over 65 oaks. $28,500. cash. 1321 S. Verne. 729-3620 or 1-344-3633.

1 BEDROOM COTTAGE, Holiday Beach, Rockport, $14,500. Owner financing available. 729-9404.

48. Mobile Homes

8 x 22 - 2 BEDROOM MObile home. Very nice. $3,250. 729-1500.

BEACH LOCATION
mobile home; 14 x 65, 2 bedroom-furnished, C-a/h. $12,000. Will finance. Starfish Mobile Park, space 3, Fulton.

8 X 32 - 2 BEDROOM mobile home. 729-1500.

49. Travel Trailers

20' TRAVEL TRAILER SELF contained, real clean, good tires, new battery $3,200. 729-2887.

19' TRAVEL TRAILERdual axel. Excellent condition. Self contained. $1,995. Call 729-2171.

51. Power Boats

THE MOST UNIQUE Party Barge on the coast! 70 hp Johnson motor, carpet, double deck, stereo system, table, chairs, life jackets. Call 729-5630 or 729-5201 after 5 pm.

21' STARCRAFT BOAT, 140 hp Johnson w/trailer. Good shape. $3,950. 729-1500.

FIBERGLASS SPORT FISHer w/fly bridges— Hatteras 34&41—Bertram 25, 28, 31 & 42.—Jersey 31 [diesels]—Chris Craft 38 & 57 Harris 36—Laguna 33. "Buck" Bailey, 729-1000.

38' DOCUMENTED shrimp boat, 453 engine, new nets & equipment. Ready to work. $15,000. Call 729-7448.

16' ALUM. BOAT, 20 HP Mercury motor & trailer, $700. 729-1243.

16' FALCON BOAT WITH trailer, 85 h.p. Evinrude. $850. 729-7790.

18' SOL CAT. GOOD conditoin. With trailer, extra equipment. 729-2194.

16' COLBALT FIBERGLASS, 140 I/O OMC, panasonic am/fm, 8 track player, power trim/tilt, blower/bilge pump, w/trailer. Completely overhauled. In salt one time. Priced to sell, 729-3159.

1974 - 18' GLASTRON Swinger. 1973 - 115 hp Johnson. $2,000. 729-1679.

23' PENN-YAN HARDTOP. Excellent for Bay or Gulf fishing. Fresh water cooled. Electric winch. Electric trim. Sink, ice box, new depth finder and CB. Slip 14, Palm Harbor Marina. 729-3620 or 1-344-3633.

1978 MODEL MAKO 25. Two 140 hp Johnson motors. Can be seen at 2210 Cape McCann, Harbor Oaks or call 729-7357.

52. Trucks

1972 GMC SUBURBAN, good condition. Best offer. 729-3175.

54. Automobiles

1980 BUICK PARK Avenue, less than 6,000 miles. Fully equipt, velour seats. 729-1013.

55. Motorcycles

1979 SUZUKI GSL 750. Mint condition. Call 729-7444 after 6 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Maintenance Tax Election
TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT VOTERS OF ARANSAS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1:

Notice is hereby given that a maintenance tax election will be held for and within Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1, pursuant to order of the board of directors of said district passed on June 29, 1980. Said order is on file at an office and meeting place of the district at 1811 Houston Natural Gas Building, Houston, Harris County, Texas, where any interested person may refer to it for all purposes.

(1) Said election will be held between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on August 9, 1980, at the district's office, 1002 Eighth Street, Goose Island Estates, Lamar Peninsula, Aransas County, Texas, which is a public place within the district, and shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 54 of the Texas Water Code and the Election Code of the State of Texas, so far as applicable.

(2) Any duly qualified resident elector within the district may vote at the maintenance tax election.

(3) The entire district shall constitute one election precinct for purposes of this election.

(4) The proposition to be voted on in the election is as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall the board of directors of Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1 be authorized to assess, levy and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within said district for maintenance purposes, including funds for planning, maintaining, repairing and operating all necessary plants, works, facilities, improvements, appliances and equipment of the district and for paying costs of proper services, engineering and legal fees, and organization and administrative expenses, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly (but not by way of limitation) Section 54.311 of the Texas Water Code; provided that in no year shall said maintenance tax exceed $1.00 per $100 valuation of taxable property within the district?

(5) The officials for said election are as follows:
Margie Shurmon - Presiding Judge
Byron B.N. Murry - Clerk
Sue Ocker - Absentee Clerk

(6) Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted at said office, 1002 Eighth Street, Goose Island Estates, Lamar Peninsula, Aransas County, Texas, which, for purposes of this election, is declared to be a public place within the district. The absentee clerk shall keep said place open for absentee voting by personal appearance from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on each day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning on the tenth day and continuing through the fourth day preceding the date of said election.

(7) Voting on said proposition shall be on paper ballots. Ballots, voting instructions and the proposition will also be available in the Spanish language for those requesting same.

(8) Each ballot for the maintenance tax election shall have printed thereon (in either the English or the Spanish language) the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instruction Note: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote

☐ FOR
☐ AGAINST

THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES

This notice is given pursuant to order of the board of directors of Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Troy W. Butler
President
Stephen C. Shenk
Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Aviso de la Eleccion de Impuestos de Mantenimiento A LOS DEBIDAMENTE CAPACITADOS RESIDENTES VOTANTES DE ARANSAS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1:

Por medio de la presente se les notifica que se hara una eleccion de impuestos de mantenimiento por y dentro de Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1 de acuerdo con la orden del cuerpo de directores de dicho distrito pasada en el dia 29 de junio de 1980. Dicha orden se encuentra archivada en la oficina, salon de reuniones del distrito en 1811 del edificio Houston Natural Gas Building, en Houston, Condado de Harris, Texas, a donde podra recurrir cualquier persona interesada para cualquier fin.

(1) Dicha eleccion sera llevada a cabo entre las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M. en el dia 9 de agosto de 1980 en la oficina del distrito, 1002 Eighth Street, Goose Island Estates, Lamar Peninsula, Aransas Condado de Texas, el cual es un lugar publica dentro del distrito, y se ajustara a los requisitos del Capitula 54 del Codigo de Aguas de Texas y al Codigo de Elecciones del Estado de Texas, en los que sea aplicable.

(2) Cualquier debidamente capacitado elector dentro del distrito, podra votar en la eleccion de impuestos de mantenimiento.

(3) Para los fines de esta eleccion, todo el distrito sera considerado un distrito electoral.

(4) La proposicion en la cual se votara en la eleccion, es la siguiente:

PROPOSICION

Sera autorizado el Cuerpo de Directores de Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1 para gravar, recaudar y cobrar impuestos "ad valorem" en todas las propiedades que esten sujetas a impuestos, dentro del dicho distrito, para fines de mantenimiento, incluyendo fondos para planeacion, mantenimiento, composturas y operacion de todas las necesarias plantas, obras, facilidades, aparatos, y equipos del distrito y para pagar los costos de los servicios adecuados, de ingenieria, honorarios legales, gastos de organizacion y administracion, de acuerdo con la Constitucion y las leyes del estado de Texas, especialmente (pero sin que esto sea una limitacion) Seccion 54.311 del Codigo de Aguas de Texas; siempre y cuando en ningun ano el dicho costo de mantemiento de los impuestos, exceda uno dolar por cada $100 de valuacion de la propiedad sujeta al impuesto, dentro del distrito?

(5) Los directores oficiales para tal eleccion son los siguientes:

Margie Shurmon - Juez que preside.

Byron B. N. Murry - Empleado.

Sue Ocker - Empleado en ausencia.

(6) Votacion en ausencia por presentacion personal, sera efectuada en la oficina del distrito, 1002 Eighth Street, Goose Island Estates, Lamar Peninsula, Aransas Condado, Texas, lugar, que para los fines de esta eleccion, es declarado un lugar publica dentro del distrito. El empleado en ausencia, mantendra dicho lugar abierto para fines de votacion en ausencia, por presentacion personal, de las 9:00 A.M. a las 5:00 P.M. todos los dias que no sean Sabados, Domingos o dia de fiesta oficial, empezando en el decimo dia y continuando hasta el cuarto dia que preceda a la fecha de la eleccion mencionada.

(7) La votacion para dicha proposicion, sera efectuada por papeleta para votar. Las papeletas, instrucciones para votar y la proposicion, tambien se encontraran disponibles en el idioma Espanol, para aquellos que las soliciten.

(8) Cada papeleta para la eleccion del impuesto de mantenimiento, llevara impreso (ya sea en Ingles or en el idioma Espanol) lo siguiente:

PAPELETA OFICIAL

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Theo Johnson 'Done Just About Everything' In Aransas County

By Pat Blair

Theo Johnson figures she's "done just about everything" in the years she's lived in Aransas County.

"How long is that? "All my life except for five years. About a year after I was married, we (she and her husband, Allen Johnson) went to an oil field down around Hebbronville for five years."

That was her only absence from the county to which her father came, by oxcart, from Illinois.

"He started west from Pennsylvania," Theo said during a recent interview at her home on 821 North Ann.

When her father, Levi Phillips, arrived in Aransas County-in what she figures must've been the 1800s-he settle in what was then known as Sparks Colony, "about three miles out on 1069. They had a school out in that little community," Theo recalls.

There were a lot of schools in those days, she remembers: Sparks Colony, Orange Grove, Estes, Fulton, Rockport..."At one time they had a school in Lamar," Theo said.

She went to school in Fulton, she added. "I was raised in Fulton -- it was just a little community, 42 families there when I was growing up. Everybody knew everybody, just like family."

Theo was one of a family of six, five girls and one boy, and she was the second from the youngest. She still has one sister living, the oldest daughter, Zorene Collins of Fulton.

At one time, Theo's father was a county commissioner -- "the year he died," she recalled. "It must've been about 1919. He wasn't a commissioner very long before he took sick."

Levi Phillips, she added, was a cattleman. "There were a lot of cattlemen in those years."

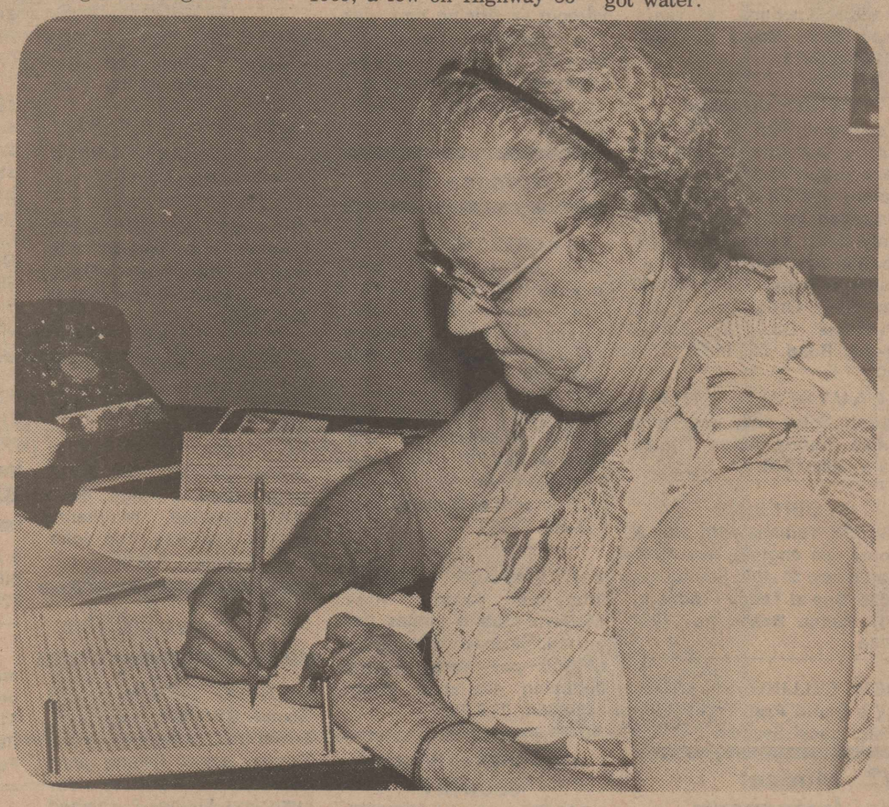
The first "job" Theo remembers having "was in a field plantin' tomatoes for Mr. Davidson. He lived at the Fulton Mansion and had a farm -- all the kids worked to plant tomatoes."

She also recalls going crabbing as a girl, "starting at Fulton and going all the way down to Key Allegro -- at that time it was just a little island. It used to be, years and years and years ago, Mr. Frandolig lived there."

She recalled that she used to get 15 cents for the white meat and 10 cents for the dark (the claws) of the crabs she caught. "During the school year," she added, "I'd peel shrimp of a morning and at night when I got home. I got 15 cents for 10 pounds."

Back in those days, she added, truck farming was a big industry in Aransas County. "There were a lot of truck farms all along 1781, 1069, a few on Highway 35 on both sides of the road."

Her husband, Allen, added, "You used to work all night sometimes loading produce on train cars. This old sand on the Peninsula, you can grow anything if you've got water."



THEO JOHNSON

He speculated that cheaper produce coming in from California and other areas in Texas, combined with seven or eight years of drought in the '20s, put the area truck farmers out of business.

After she got out of grammar school, Theo recalls, she went to high school in Rockport. "I walked to high school the first two years," she said, "and I was never tardy or absent."

She and Allen were married just over 47 years ago, in February, 1933. "It doesn't seem like it's been that long," she said.

Allen is also a native of the area. His sister was born on the Blackjack Peninsula, where the Aransas Wildlife Refuge is now, about a half mile from the present site of the ranger station. The couple have two children, a son in Oklahoma City and a daughter in Zapata, a grandchild and two step-grandchildren.

After her son was born, Theo went to work for the Casterline Fish Company in Fulton, then later Roaten Drug Store and as a teller at the First National Bank and for a while she worked at Fleming's Bait Stand.

She was in the upholstering business for a while too. That all started with a chair...

"I had a channelback chair," she says, "and I got me some cheap plastic and covered it. Then a friend in the upholstering business saw it and said I should get into the business.

"They were offering upholstering classes in Corpus at about that time, so I took them."

From the classes she went into the business for about three or four years, and then one day...

She was called up as a grand juror -- the only woman on the jury, she added. She was sitting in the hallway at the courthouse during a recess when Sheriff Bob Hewes came by.

"I'd known the sheriff ever since he came to Rockport as an Air Force person," Theo says. "As he walked by, he asked if I knew where he could get a good dispatcher. I said, 'Oh, sure. Me.'

"I was joking, but he wasn't. I started work about a month later."

That was 10 years ago, and Theo is still in the County Sheriff's Office. From a dispatcher -- one of only two at that time -- she advanced to deputy, then secretary to the sheriff, then bailiff.

She still has the authority to serve papers and make arrests in the sheriff's office, "and occasionally, I dispatch again. It keeps me busy."

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get.

The remaining funds are to come from the City of Rockport -- seven percent; Navigation District, 2.3 percent; and the City of Fulton, point-seven percent.

County Judge John Wendell has said he feels the new procedures can lead to more equitable taxation if the guidelines are applied properly. Rockport City Secretary Herman Johnson says he thinks it may take several years for the bugs to be ironed out of the new system.

Dan Shelton is chairman of the Central Tax Appraisal Board and Charles Roe is secretary.

Under state guidelines, the central appraisal board is required to meet only once each year, on October 1, when the appraiser presents the budget for the coming year.

RADIO

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hospital.

Around the end of this year or the first of next, the Aransas County ambulance service is probably going to start looking at telemetry transmitters.

Telemetry consists of a transmitting unit that will relay a patient's electrocardiogram (EKG) directly from the field to a receiving unit in the hospital.

Paramedics presently have the units that allow them to take an EKG in the field — but then they must tell the doctor what the reading is showing.

With telemetry, the reading shows on a receiving unit at the hospital so the doctor can see the EKG for himself.

Telemetry's main use is for heart cases, Dr. Kovacs said. He added that, even without telemetry capabilities, "Our paramedics are so good, they haven't been wrong yet (on an EKG reading)."

Aransas County does not presently have telemetry equipment because at present there is no hospital with telemetry receivers. The feeling has been that there's no reason to invest in expensive equipment — and it is expensive — that can't be used.

This situation is scheduled to change, however, later this year or early in 1981 when Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi gets a telemetry receiver.

Chief Paramedic Bill Aston said the hospital originally was planning to get the equipment in January but could have it by December.

At that time, with one telemetry receiver available, a telemetry transmitter for Aransas County will look more practical.

FENCE

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the front and side property lines of a corner lot nor shall such fence be erected in a front yard."

Newberry, his attorney Martin Haskin and Lee representing the city appeared in Municipal Court, before Judge Ellis Clark, at 10 a.m. Wednesday to hear the complaints.

Before the hearing got underway, Haskin asked that his client be formally arraigned, saying that Newberry had never been arraigned on either charge.

Haskin then asked that the charges against the complaints be dismissed on the grounds that they were "defective under Texas statutes on criminal procedure."

Haskin cited Article 45.01 which, among other provisions, specified that a complaint must end with the words "against the peace and dignity of the State."

He noted that the complaints filed by the City of Rockport against Newberry did not contain this wording and requested dismissal on those grounds.

Lee told the judge that Haskin was correct and was entitled to dismissal on both complaints. Judge Clark granted Haskin's motion for dismissal.

Lee said Thursday that, although the city had not then refiled either complaint, it still had the option to do so.

"Each day the fence remains up," he said, "it is a continuing violation under city ordinance."

Concern Center Provides Services

Providing a number of community services, the Concern Center, based out of the Senior Service Center on Magnolia Street, involves 14 volunteers.

This non-profit organization sponsors the Heart Association's CPR instruction; Red Cross home health classes; eye screening; blood pressure readings for the AARP, Chapter 1536, which sponsors the Center; information and referrals on jobs and services; public information concerning legal and Social Security agencies; the "Vial of Life," an emergency information program; and craft groups.

A community calendar is also published weekly by the Center, which has desk and phone attendants on duty Monday through Friday to assist people seeking information or help.

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LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO "AD VALOREM" PARA FINES DE MANTENIMIENTO

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Esta notificacion es dada como resultado de la orden del cuerpo de directores de Aransas County Municipal Utility District No. 1.

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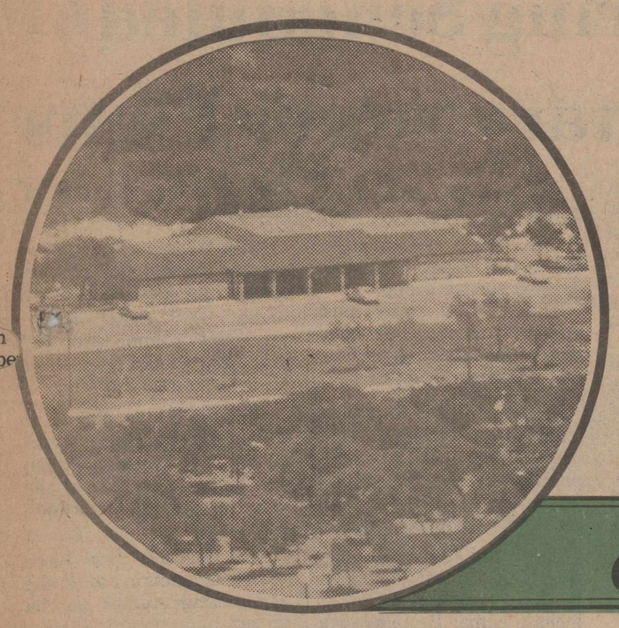

Aransas County's Future

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Shopping Center Taking Shape

If all goes according to schedule, ground should be broken sometime this fall for Aransas County's new Harbor Oaks Village shopping center.

Bill Pruet of Group IV Developers in Corpus Christi expects to be able to announce the "anchor tenants" for the shopping center within the next two to four weeks.

The anchor tenants at this point appear to be a 25,000-square-foot grocery store and a 30,000 square foot department store.

Pruet already has letters of intent from 24 smaller tenants, ranging in size from 1200 square feet up.

Ultimately, Pruet said, "We're probably looking at about 40 stores."

Although letters of intent are not legal lease contracts, they are expressions of an intent to sign a lease contract later. At this stage, that looks pretty good to Pruet and his partners.

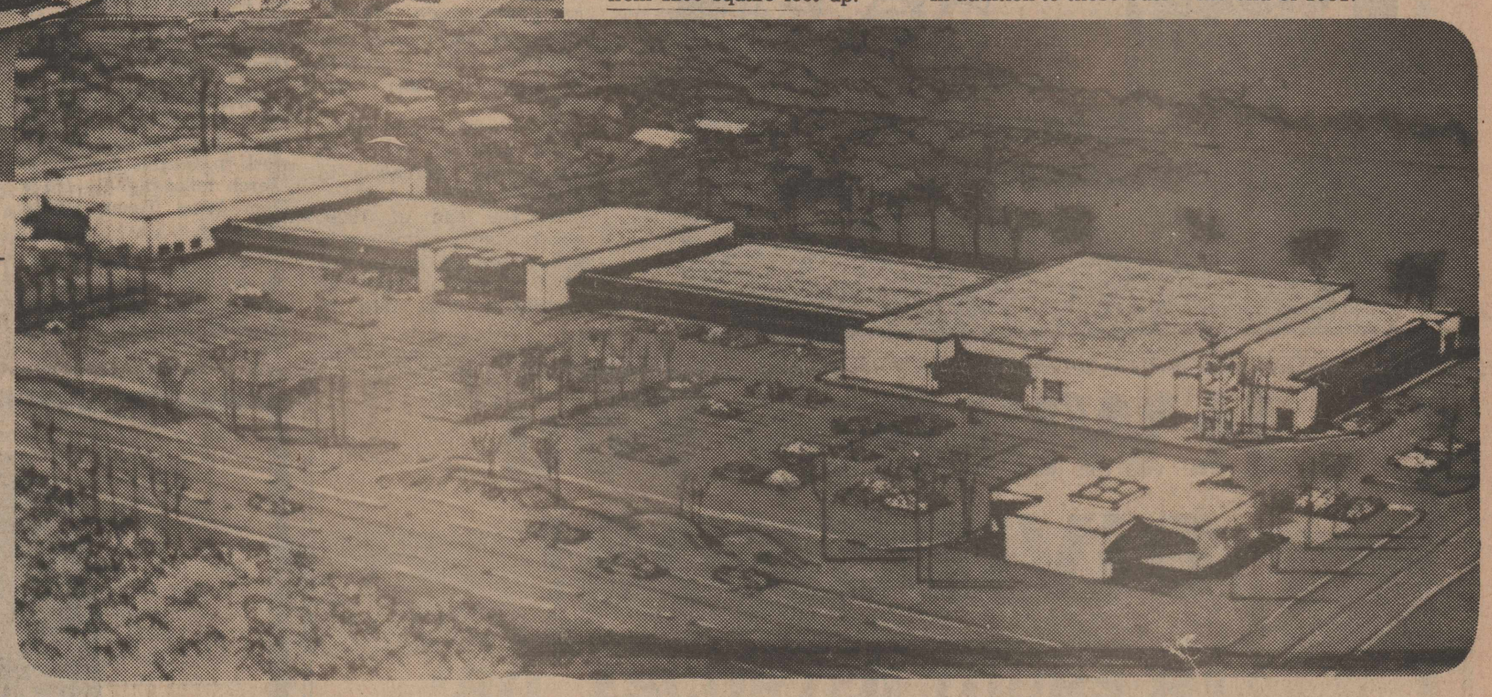
Stores that have expressed an intention to lease in the new center on Highway 35 include jewelry, appliances, sporting goods, men's and women's wear, fishing tackle and supplies, shoes, retail liquor, auto services, gifts and professional services.

In addition to these businesses, Pruet added, Group IV has been talking with a couple of restaurants interested in a smaller building located in the center but separate from the main body of stores.

This would be a full-service restaurant, Pruet added.

The new center is located at Highway 35 North and Traylor Street, between Rockport and Fulton. It will be a regular strip center, Pruet added, with covered walkway.

If groundbreaking and construction can get underway by fall, he added, he anticipates completion by the end of 1981.



PROPOSED CENTER AT HIGHWAY 35 AND TRAYLOR STREET

Sales Tax, Street Signs Mark Fulton's Progress

The first city sales tax returns, acquisition of street signs and election of a "new" city council in April highlighted events in Fulton as the city approached its second anniversary.

Incorporated by election on August 12, 1978, the second city to come into existence in Aransas County officially began its business with a meeting of the Fulton City Council on Tuesday, April 24, 1979.

Since that time, the council has met on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. City Hall is a building on 7th Street behind the fire station.

Street signs went up this year in the city which has an estimated population of just under 600 people. The signs were paid for through donations from Fulton residents as well as with money raised when the City of Fulton sponsored a shrimp taco booth in Fulton's First Annual Oysterfest last March.

Among projects to come, says Fulton city officials, is to get house numbers to go with the signs.

A longer-range project got into the mill with this last city council meeting when the "City Fathers" voted to apply for a grant of $200,000 to build a 1,000 foot-long public fishing pier.

The proposed lighted pier would extend from Fulton Harbor — just north of the existing pier — out to Thompson's Reef.

Use of the pier would be free to the public, officials emphasize.

In March, for the first time, Fulton began receiving the one percent city sales tax. Through June 26 — the last rebate period for the tax — the city has received $5,223.30.

In city elections April 5, the entire city council came up for re-election. Following that, City Secretary Cynthia Tilden administered the oath of office to the council members and on May 18, the aldermen drew to determine their places and terms of office.

L.E. Casterline was re-elected mayor. Ray Patterson drew Place 1 on the council and a two-year term. Patterson subsequently resigned from the council since he was moving from Fulton and his replacement has not yet been named.

Still on the council are James Metzger, Place 2, serving a two-year term; Katherine McLester, Place 3, serving a one-year term; Dominga Benavidez, Place 4, one-year term; and Pat Loflin, Place 5, a one-year term.

After the April, 1981, elections, all terms will be for two years.

Metzger was later chosen mayor pro tem, to preside over meetings in the absence of Mayor Casterline.

At the April 8 meeting, Allena Jones was employed as Fulton's tax assessor-collector for 1980. Earlier this year, the council adopted a one percent tax rate.

From April, 1979, through December, 1979, the city had collected $8,285 in revenue. Estimated revenue from January 1980, through September, 1980, is expected to amount to $8,950.

The townsite of Fulton was surveyed and platted in the late 1860s by Joseph F. Smith. That site included the first home of Col. George Ware Fulton, built in 1839 or '40. That structure was demolished about 1910.

By then, Col. Fulton had built his more famous mansion, completed about 1872 and said to have cost between $65,000 and $100,000.

Ironically, when Fulton incorporated, the Fulton Mansion remained outside city limits. Because of the law of extraterritorial jurisdiction, neither Rockport nor Fulton can annex that strip of land.

In Highway 35 Bypass Project

Right-Of-Way Purchase Next Step

Aransas County took a big step toward a major goal in February this year when voters marched to the polls to overwhelmingly approve a $400,000 road bond issue.

The bonds, sold July 14 during a meeting of the county commissioners' court, will pay the county's share of right-of-way purchase for the proposed Highway 35 Bypass through the county.

County Judge John D. Wendell says the county will probably begin buying right-of-way for the project in about 30 days.

The bid of Live Oak State Bank for the Aransas County Road Bond Series 1980 was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Raymond Owens seconded by Commissioner Ray Longino.

The bank's bid on the $400,000 in bonds carries an effective interest rate of 5.939 percent.

The $400,000 is to pay Aransas County's share of the costs in purchasing right-of-way for the Highway 35 Bypass through Aransas County.

The county pays 10 percent of the right-of-way purchase with the State of Texas picking up the remaining 90 percent of the tab. The State also pays 100 percent of the actual highway construction costs.

Estimated total cost of the highway construction project is in the neighborhood of $23 to $25 million. Aransas County voters approved the issue of the $400,000 in county road bonds by a vote of 1,026 for versus 132 against in a county election last February.

With the bonds now officially sold to Live Oak State Bank, Judge Wendell said State highway officials will begin making appraisals of property along the proposed highway route.

These appraisals and maps will be presented to the county which will then proceed with right-of-way acquisition.

The 30-day delay between bond sales and right-of-way purchase covers the estimated time the state appraisers will need.

The proposed Highway 35 Bypass will extend from Gregory in San Patricio County to the Copano Causeway in Aransas.

The route through Aransas will roughly follow a line from Avenue A in Aransas Pass to just south of the Causeway where it will connect with the existing Highway 35.

The advantages of this, Judge Wendell says, are that it will carry truck traffic away from heavily populated areas in the County and, because the road surface has a higher elevation than surrounding terrain, it will give residents "a way out" in case of hurricane.



FULTON CITY OFFICERS

Officers of Fulton take care of city business during a recent meeting of the City Council in Fulton's City Hall. From left are Pat Loflin, James Metzger, Mayor L.E. Casterline, City Secretary Cynthia Tilden and Councilwoman Katherine McLester. Not shown is Council member Dominga Benavidez. Ray Patterson was also elected to the council in April but resigned last month. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Population Increases Phenomenal

Population estimates for both the City of Rockport and Aransas County show marked increases — over a 150 percent jump — between the year 1970 and the end of 1979.

City figures for 10 years ago stood at 3,880 and have currently topped the 6,000 level.

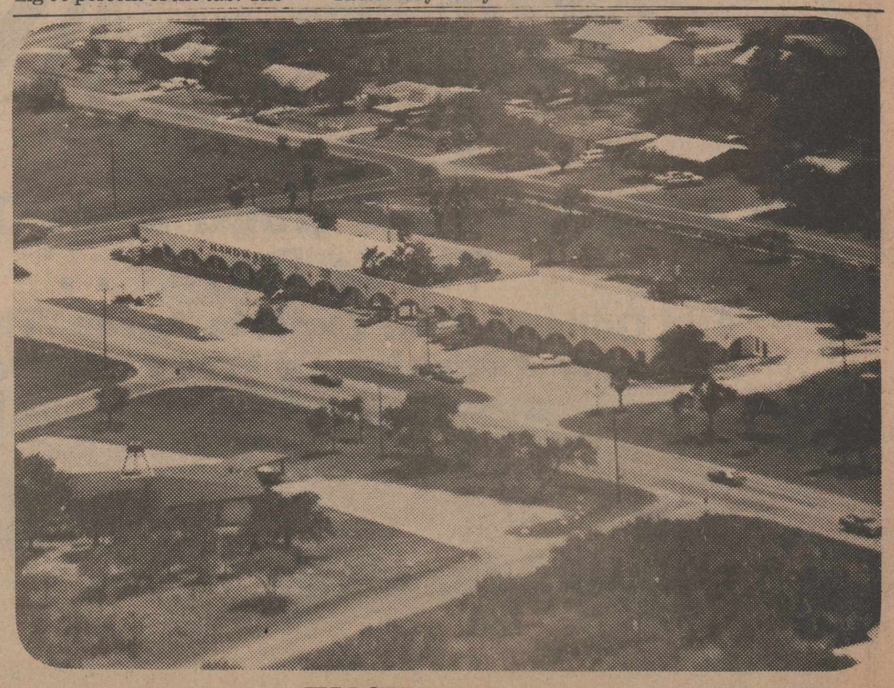
Aransas County's growth has been just as dramatic, attaining a peak of 14,000-plus currently after being recorded as 8,900 in 1970.

As comparisons, in 1828, James Powers brought 200 families from Ireland, 20 of which settled in the Aransas County area.

By 1880, the federal census recorded a county population of 996, which had increased to 5,500 by 1953.

The oil boom during the late 1960s stimulated population influxes to the area and by 1978, approximately 5,500 persons lived in the city of Rockport.

Because of the increased popularity of Aransas County as a resort and retirement haven, the Coastal Bend Council of Governments predicts that by 1995, the number of inhabitants of this "Toast of the Coast" will have reached 30,000.



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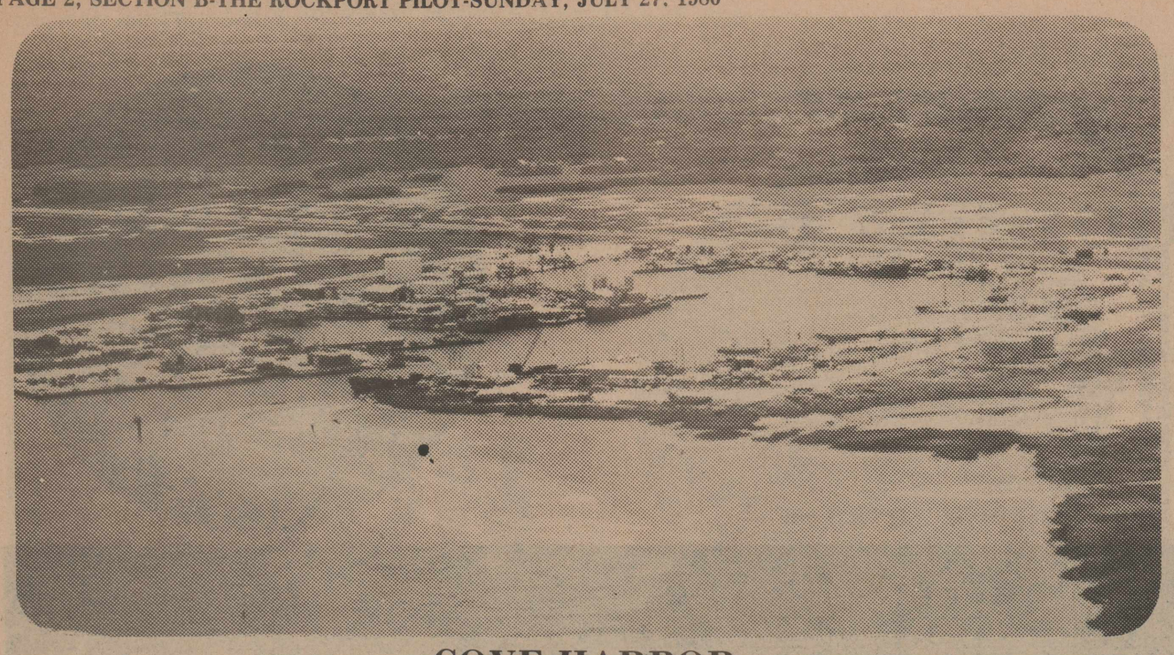

COVE HARBOR

September Hearing Scheduled On County Sanitary Sewer Plans

The next step in plans for a sanitary sewer system to serve residents of Aransas County will be a public meeting at 7 p.m. September 9 in the District Courtroom, Aransas County Courthouse.

This will be the second hearing for residents of the county on this plan by the Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District to provide sanitary sewer service for the county.

As with the City of Rockport, Aransas County is conducting a feasibility study under a Step 1 grant administered through the Environmental Protection Agency.

In Step 1, a determination is made on whether the county needs sanitary sewer facilities and whether it is economically feasible to provide them. After completion of the Step 1 study, the county can then proceed to apply for a Step 2 grant to help pay for the planning of such facilities, then a Step 3 grant to help cover construction costs.

Unlike the city, Aransas County is starting from scratch -- the county does not presently provide sanitary sewer services -- and the requirements under the Step 1 grant program are more detailed for the county than for Rockport.

For example, while Rockport is not required to have a citizen's advisory committee, the ACCRD must -- and does -- have such a group.

The ACCRD study must also determine not only what type of facilities are needed, but where to locate them.

The cost of this feasibility study is estimated at more than $70,000, with the county paying $18,674 and the federal grant providing the remainder -- 75 percent.

The grant study area does not include all of the county. It does not, for example, include Lamar Peninsula nor does it include the City of Rockport.

Mick Ladner, public participation coordinator for the county project, said that under EPA requirements, the county's application for grant funds could not include an incorporated city.

He added that Fulton is included in the county grant study area because Fulton was not incorporated at the time the ACCRD application was made.

The ACCRD has hired Walsh Engineering to do the engineering studies on the project.

10 Years' Experience Backs Anders Repairs

Jimmy Anders' Auto Repair business provides full service with 10 years of experience -- since 1970 -- in automobile repair and servicing.

Experienced mechanics can repair foreign as well as American-built cars and now the company has added another service, Anders says.

The newest addition is Major Muffler Service which covers pipes and muffler with a warranty that lasts as long as the customer owns the car.

Located at 404 Gagon, the shop is adjacent to Anders Rentals and behind the U-Tote-M on Highway 35. Anders has operated the auto repair business for four years, preceded by six years of doing the same kind of work at Anders Exxon.

Business hours at the repair shop are from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and an experienced staff of five guarantee dependable work.

When Anders opened Anders Auto Repair in October, 1976, two of his staff from the Exxon Station followed him to his present location.

Kenneth Peters and Mickey Anders have worked as mechanics for Anders for nine and seven years respectively.

Connie Flores has worked in the office for the past four years, and Phil Striano is the "newest" staffer with two years of work for Anders to his credit.

All the equipment in the shop is up to date, and most work is guaranteed for 90 days.

Road service can be provided if it's needed, and cars and pickups can be towed in to the shop.

Mechanics use the Stewart-Warner Diagnostic Machine to tune up cars, just one of the many services available.

In addition to general engine repairs, the Mechanics at Anders Auto Repair can also repair and service air conditioning systems in cars, exhaust systems, brakes and automatic transmissions, as well as provide spin balance for tires.

Telephone number for the repair service is 729-1750.

CP&L Growth Is Electrifying

Central Power and Light Company, whch received its actual franchise in Rockport in 1931, began serving the public with electricity in 1930.

Although no estimate of the number of founding customers was available, Joel Zapata, manager of the Rockport branch of the company since March, 1980, released figures representing CP&L's growth in Aransas County since 1972.

The power firm recorded 4,773 accounts in 1972, which had increased to 5,812 by 1975.

At the end of 1979, electric-using customers in the county numbered 7,315, approximately 60 percent growth rate in seven years.

Rockport's CP&L office, which is a branch of the Corpus Christi division, employs 10 full-time personnel and one part-time helper.

Included in this payroll is Zapata, who was transferred here from his position as manager of the Consumer Service Residential segment of the Corpus Christi operation.

Bill Sales serves as chief executive officer for this area, having also begun work in Corpus Christi in March following his move from West Texas Utility Company.

CP&L, with 50 years of service to the Aransas County area, is prepared for continued growth in the future.

County Starts Operation

Aransas County began functioning as a political entity when the Commissioners Court met at 9 a.m. on March 26, 1872.

The meeting was in a rented frame building in Rockport and among the business was appropriation of $50 to cover the county clerk's stationary and mailing costs for the year. The city treasurer was allowed $6 to buy record books and set up his office.

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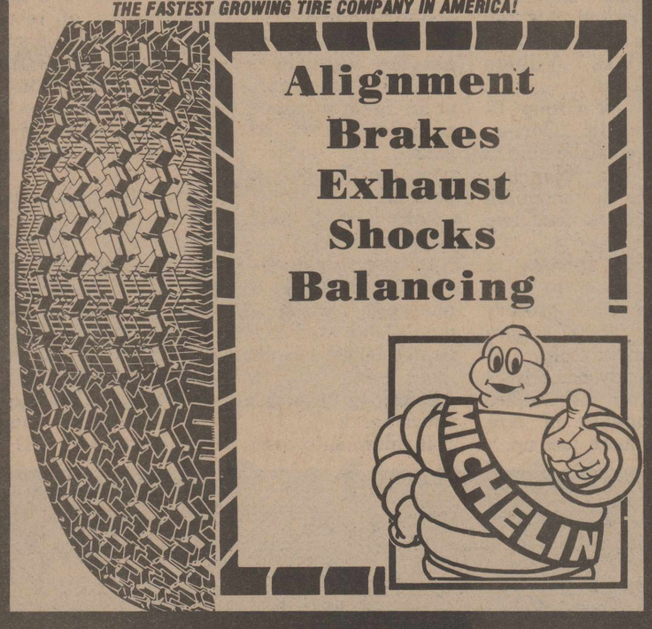

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Progressive' Is Word For Sipe, Wagley-Lilly

"Progressive" is the word for what's happening at the intersection of Market and Highway 35 these days.

That's where Sipe Real Estate has been joined by the Wagley-Lilly Home Center, a one-stop shopping place for home decoration, repair and remodeling.

The changes started back last November 1 when Richard W. (Dick) Lilly went into partnership with Juanita Wagley at the then Wagley Lumber Company and True Value Hardware Store in Encina Plaza.

Not long after, these two operations were combined into the Wagley-Lilly Home Center.

"It's still a True Value operation," says Juanita, but now it's all under one roof.

And that roof -- and the rest of the building -- is still undergoing renovation.

Dick is in charge of the Home Center which features just about everything from circular saws and hammers to lumber to small appliances -- including microwave ovens -- under more than 6,000 square feet of air-conditioned shopping area.

"We carry a complete line of building materials," says Dick, including "all large and small builders' hardware."

There's also a large paint department, a complete line of kitchenware and sound equipment such as televisions, radios and stereo equipment.

"And we're continuing to add merchandise weekly," says Dick, who came to Rockport with his wife, Donita, in April, 1979.

"I came here to retire," he added. Formerly of New Mexico, he has been in the construction business, hardware sales and western wear sales and still has businesses back in Farmington and Roswell, New Mexico.

But when he came to Rockport, he said, he didn't intend to get involved in business here.

Now, though, he's very enthusiastic about what's going on at Wagley-Lilly. "We're planning more sign work, planning to resurface the parking lot -- We still have a way to go," he says, "but we're getting there."

Juanita, although a partner in the home center and very proud of the improvements there, concentrates her energies in the real estate business -- Sipe.

Founded in the 1940s by Juanita's mother, Mrs. R.B. Sipe, the company shifted to Juanita's control in 1966 after Mrs. Sipe's death.

She retained the name "Sipe," Juanita adds, "because of the fine reputation and following built through the years."

With her staff of experienced sales people, Juanita has helped with sale of subdivisions such as Copano Cove and Copano Ridge and developed Oak Terrace Subdivision which opened in 1964.

Sipe is affiliated with the Rockport Board of Realtors and a member of Multiple Listing.

Mrs. Wagley worked seven years in the firm before her mother's death. She and her husband moved here from Houston in 1959, and in 1960, Burl Wagley established the Wagley Lumber Company Inc., and Mrs. Wagley took over as head of that business, too, upon her husband's death.

Mrs. Wagley has been a strong supporter of Rockport's civic endeavors throughout her 20 years here, and has filled numerous offices of leadership, including two successive terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The combination of Sipe Real Estate and Wagley-Lilly Home Center is a happy blend of Aransas County's oldest real estate firm with one of its newest home decorating - repair - remodeling operations.

And it's still growing.





POINT WITH PRIDE

Juanita Wagley, in charge of Sipe Real Estate, and Dick Lilly, her partner in the Wagley-Lilly Home Center, point to the sign that tells it all at the Home Center and Real Estate location on Highway 35 at Market Street. The Home Center combines the former Wagley-Lilly Lumber Company and True Value Hardware Store, formerly located in Encina Plaza, into one-stop shopping for all your home needs. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

First Shipbuilders

Bludworth & Company were the first shipbuilders in the area, dominating that business from 1880 to the early 1900s.

Also early shipbuilders were George and Edward Roberts who made their boats under a shade tree in front of the First Presbyterian Church.

Marina Meets Outdoor Needs

Since Ed and Betty Miller took over management of the Palm Harbor Marina in June, 1979, a grocery and dairy product section have been added for the convenience of Marina customers.

These facilities complement the covered patio, with its refreshment and snack bar, the bait, tackle and general outdoor needs shop, and the 20 boat stalls and 16 dock tie-ups.

Located at 151 Port Avenue in the Palm Harbor subdivision south of Rockport, the Marina carries a complete line of fishing tackle, a wide variety of frozen bait and gas, including diesel fuel.

Open from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., seven days a week, the Marina charges $1 for the use of the boat ramp, and rents 15-foot aluminum jon boats, complete with paddles and life jackets, for $6 a day.

Renters are allowed to attach their own motors on these skiffs if they wish to do so, but no motors are provided.

Charter boats are also available for bay and Gulf fishing, with special duck charters running during the duck-hunting season.

The seawall behind the Marina is well lighted at night, affording relatively good fishing in the canal.

Two apartments, complete with fully equipped kitchenettes, one bedroom, one bath and room to sleep six comfortably are available as well.

Parties and pot luck suppers are often held in the patio, if arrangements are made ahead of time with the Millers at 729-8540.

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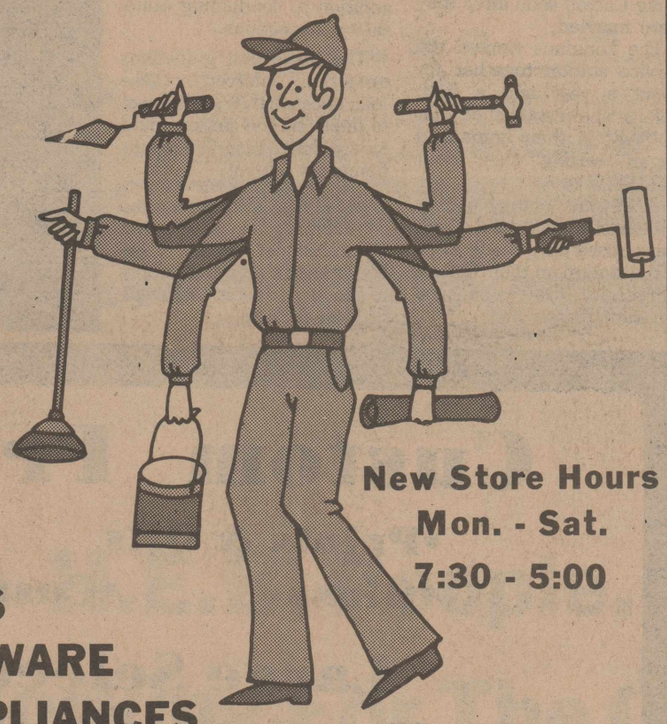

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Whooping Crane Numbers Up At Refuge

Established December 31, 1937, to protect the endangered wildlife of the Texas coast, the Aransas Wildlife Refuge now serves as a nesting site for the majestic whooping crane, as well as some 375 other species of animals and birds.

Located on Blackjack Peninsula, approximately 38 miles northeast of Rockport, the Refuge encompasses nearly 55,000 acres, including a 7,000 acre donation received in 1967.

The 18,000 acre island of Matagorda came under operation with the Refuge in July, 1978.

Frank Johnson, Refuge manager, mentioned recently that $1.5 million was appropriated for construction of a new visitor center, complete with display exhibits, and a shop area in September.

The project is already 75 percent finished, with an estimated date of opening set for next spring.

Protecting the wildlife and their habitat is the chief objective of the park, which means hunting, fishing, swimming and overnight camping is prohibited as a rule.

Walking trails such as Heron Flats, Dagger Point and Big Tree offer opportunities for quiet encounters with the inhabitants and vegetation, with occasional snake encounters reported.

A scenic view of the landscape can be attained from the 50-foot observation tower, which has mounted telescopes to aid in bird watching.

In addition to the several relatively common types of cranes and water fowl, visitors often spot some of the 76 endangered whooping cranes.

These birds, with a wingspan of seven feet, travel a 2,600 mile flight route from Canada, arriving at the Refuge in mid-October to winter in the warm climate until April.

At one time, these birds numbered only 17 and had disappeared from public view from the 1920s to the 1950s. Through extensive conservation efforts, these great white birds have re-established themselves, however.

To attract the whoopers to the Refuge, the attendants plant small fields of grain and maintain a 60-acre feeding pond which is enriched with sea water and marine organisms for the birds to feed on.

Among the other endangered species harbored at the Refuge are the Attwater's prairie chicken, the rare red fox, the brown pelican and the alligator.

Most birds and animals are native to the area, which is occupied by mammals ranging in variety from mountain lions to dolphins.

A photographer's paradise, this varied setting of tidal marshes, wooded dunes, meadows, moats and oak thickets provides outdoorsmen with numerous opportunities to commune with nature at its unaltered best.

Refuge personnel maintain the grounds well and are continually mowing, burning brush, analyzing studies from test plots, monitoring cattle grazing, patroling the Refuge and Intracoastal Canal and taking care of the picnic areas.

Last year, the attendance count of visitors, all of whom must sign the guest book at headquarters, reached the mark of 120,000.

Brochures, books, displays and pictures of the inhabitants and slide shows telling the story of the whooping cranes are presently a part of the headquarters.

Mrs. Louise Frazier, office manager, provides additional information for those venturing to ask questions.

She revealed that the most enjoyable part of her job at the Refuge is seeing people "get excited about birds and animals that most of them see only in city zoos."



WILDLIFE ABOUNDS IN REFUGE

Corky's Part Of Rockport Since 47

Corky's first Coffee Shop was built by Corky Agler's family and friends at the turning basin in 1947.

The original brick building seated 25 people until it was enlarged a few years later to hold 50.

In 1959, this building was sold to the Sea Shell Shop and Corky moved her restaurant downtown, opening in the spring of 1960 in the structure now known as the Moon Shell.

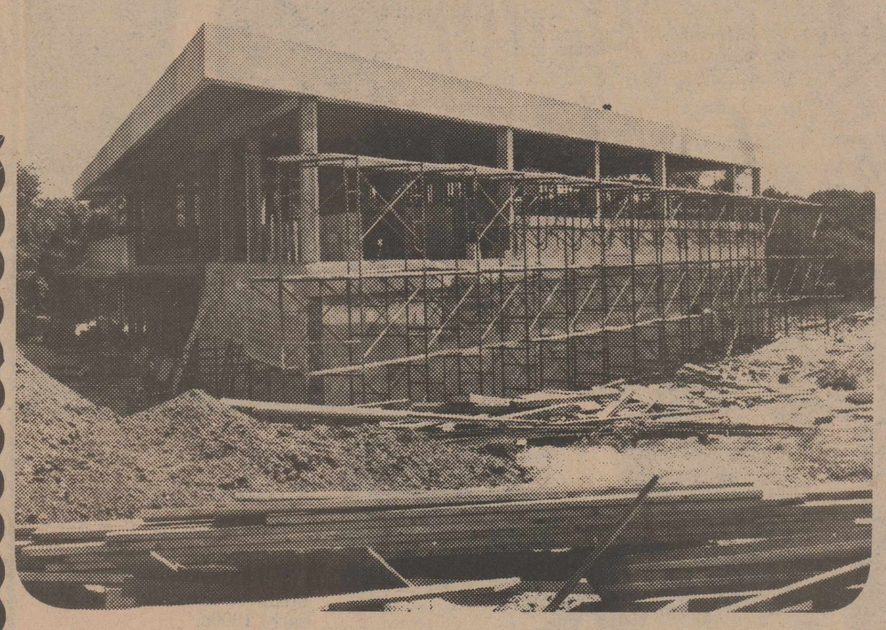
In January of 1964, Corky's moved to her present location next to Johnson's Drug Store, where she has a seating capacity of 85 in the main part of the restaurant.

After buying Rockport Electric's office, located adjacent to her facility, Corky converted the space into the "Surf Room," which will accommodate 50 persons for banquets and meetings.

Jewel Moody, who has been with Corky for 20 years, serves as daytime manager and buyer and Ira Johnson, a 16-year veteran of the business, is bookkeeper and hostess.

Corky's four children have all worked at the restaurant at some time and Robert Agler and Cynthia Lee are presently helping their mother with its operations.

The staff at Corky's is proud of the quality and standards the establishment has kept through the years, serving meals prepared in their own kitchen from time-tested recipes.



VISITOR CENTER

The Aransas Wildlife Refuge's new Visitor Center, currently under construction, will be structurally completed in the fall. Displays and exhibits should be arranged by spring, 1981.

Sailing Club Cruises Along

Skippered by Commodore Frank Durham, the Rockport Sailing Club sponsors a wide variety of opportunities for its seaworthy members to spread their sails.

Dusty Smith serves as vice commodore, with Fred Dinkler rear commodore; Kitty Henkel, secretary; Evelyn Gerdine, treasurer; Helen Senteney, historian; and directors Frank Bailey and Bob Christian.

Besides gathering for their monthly meetings and pot luck dinners quarterly, this crew embarks on board boat races, cruises and regattas, and instructs landlubbers in sailing lessons.

The Rockport Cup Race is held in the fall, and several members made a "Frostbite Cruise" to Port Aransas in the winter.

In April a voyage to Port Isabel proved to be interesting, as the sailors, guests of the Luguna Madre Yacht Club, were granted admission to H. E. Butt's newly remodeled lighthouse on the point.

A May luau, planned by Skipp Dinkler, was in true Hawaiian tradition, with the help of member Sam Kahalewai, a native of the Pacific islands.
lands.

Ray's Features The Texaco Way

Full service and friendliness have been the main ingredients for success of Ray Longino's Texaco station since May 22, 1957.

Ray and his wife, Deanna, who now provides bookkeeping skills for the family business, bought the station on South Austin Street from Doug Carroll soon after they were married.

The Longinos worked the service station together for about a year and a half, before she established her "office" in their home and began raising their four children.

Since the outset of the endeavor, Continental Trailways buses have made stops at the station on their Corpus Christi to Galveston and Houston routes.

At the present time, buses arrive seven times a day, seven days a week.

The three persons who now work at Ray's—including Robert Tillison, who has assisted Longino for 12 years, and Julian Cantu—provide tire, battery, tune-up and various other services, in addition to conducting State safety inspections.

The inspection guidelines are strictly enforced by these men because they are subject to fines and the station could lose its inspection license for being too lenient.

Ray—who also serves the community as a County Commissioner—says his station has a plentiful supply of gasoline to meet the needs of local motorists.

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Association Aims At Understanding

The Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association's goals for the coming year include informing and promoting a better understanding between local people and tourists.

In addition to encouraging tourists to come to Rockport and making their stay more pleasurable, the Association is trying to widen the information base concerning the "Toast of the Coast" by publishing a directory of the area, which will list all area businesses according to categories.

A "shopping guide" to the county, expected to be available in early fall, will help the visitor find what he needs in merchandise, services and entertainment.

Advertising the Rockport-Fulton area seemed to be the major objective of the Tourist Association this year, in addition to entertaining visitors to the area twice a week during the winter.

Among advertising mediums employed by the organization were bumper stickers, brochures, "Where to Stay in Rockport-Fulton" pamphlets, a display advertisement in the "Texas Tropical Coast" magazine, and an answering service disclosing information on fishing, water, weather and gasoline conditions in the area.

In addition, this group sent representatives to boat shows and entertained writers, conventioneers and other visitors to this region.

Special arrangements included bus trips, craft shows and fishing contests, which supplemented the Monday game night and Wednesday night potluck suppers with entertainment.

These events amused between 150 and 175 Winter Texans per week.

At the June officer installation at the Sandollar Restaurant, Dale Rolland turned over his presidency to Carl Hoit, who will be assisted by Nelda Russ, vice president; Pat Loflin, secretary; Betty Green, treasurer; and Lois Gurley, coordinator.



HOLIDAY BEACH

Roaten Fountain Unique To Area

Celebrating its twenty-second year in Rockport, Roaten Drug Store Inc. offers a wide variety of services and products.

The fountain, which is the only one of its kind in the Rockport area, was established with the opening of the store in 1958.

Ice cream, sott drinks, snack and lunch items such as sandwiches, soups, salad and stew are available at the fountain, which is complete with old-fashioned swivel stools and wrought iron furniture.

Roaten Drug employs eight people, including two pharmacists. Shelley Roaten, former owner of the store, and Richard Beck, who joined the staff in 1975 and bought out Roaten, serve as the store's druggists, offering 24-hour service in prescription filling.

Some of the merchandise available at Roaten Drug include appliances, nonprescription medicines, candies, toys and games, gift items, Hallmark greeting cards, outdoor needs, stationery and school supplies, jewelry and cosmetics.

Allegro Women's Club Is Unique

Led by President Millie Matthews, the Allegro Women's Club offers a variety of unique and interesting programs for its members.

Other officers of this 120-member organization, which is the "parent" club of the Key Allegro Garden Club, are First and Second Vice Presidents, Lea Cirkal and Mary Louise Smith, respectively; Betsy Larrey, secretary; and Nellie Anderson, treasurer.

Jackie Veatch, program chairman, established quite a calendar of events for the club. It included a presentation by other community organizations of their purposes; a "Songs of the Big Band Era" performance by Ken Johnson, who was a member of a few "Big Bands"; and a fashion show, with members of the club modeling styles from the Net Result Sport Shop.

One of the special programs scheduled was an Easter Hat Contest, which Connie Garcia judged.

Fund-raising projects included a Christmas party, selling corn-on-the-cob at Seafair, and holding a rummage sale.

Proceeds from these events were dispersed in an unusual, yet democratic, method.

Each member had valued movie tickets which she deposited in shoe boxes marked with the names of the beneficiaries she preferred to support.

The moneys were then distributed according to the shoe box "voting" results.

Recipients of these funds are the Aransas County Public Library, ACMSI, both the Rockport and Fulton Volunteer Fire Departments, and the Club's own Community Building fund.

In addition, a $600 scholarship was awarded to Linda Diane Jackson, daughter of ACISD Tax Assessor Jerry Whitley, in recognition of her high school achievements and graduation.

The Allegro Women's Club meets on the second Thursday of every month from September through May.



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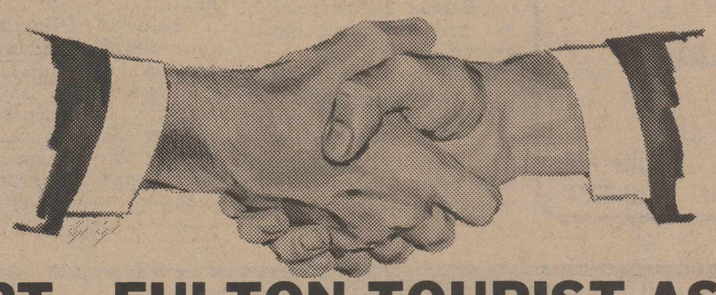

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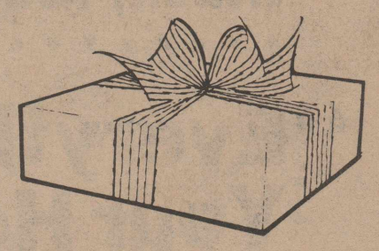

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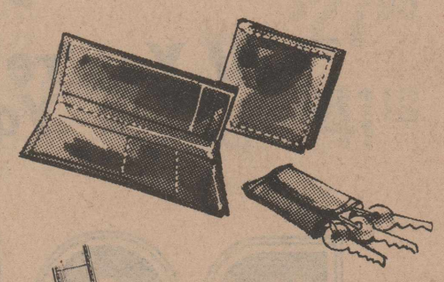

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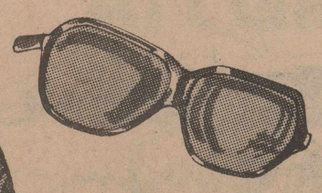

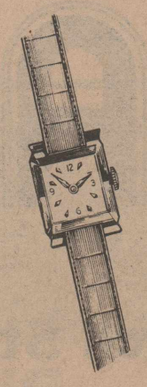

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Hobby Becomes Business At Bart's

How does a physician get into the business of recreational vehicle (RV) and mobile home sales?

In Larry Doss's case, says wife Jane, it's because he also happens to be "a superb mechanic."

The Dosses moved to this area from Missouri and, in April of 1978, bought Bart's RV on Highway 35 South, about a half mile north of Aransas Pass.

They kept the name because, Jane says, it was well known in the area.

However, they started changing other things. They still have a full line of travel trailers, both self-contained and park models, from 15 to 40 feet.

But about a year and a half ago, the Dosses expanded their business by adding a "full-fledged mobile home business," Jane continues.

The mobile homes are from 40 to 80-foot length, and this winter, Bart's will expand this line even further by bringing in a line of double-wides.

Names carried include Kit Road Ranger and Mobile Villa in RVs and Sandpoint and Majestic in mobile homes, and Bart's provides financing for the homes.

Bart's also provides a full-service business on the premises or on the road . . . moves mobile homes . . . provides a full parts and accessories store . . . "We have most of what you need and if we don't, we'll order it," Jane adds.

Charlie Augustine of Rockport is the store manager.

In October, another expansion will bring a Bart's parts and accessories store into Rockport, at the intersection of Highway 35 and Gagon.

And as if that isn't enough, the Dosses have a mobile home and RV park behind their business, complete with "live oak trees and big spaces" that can accommodate 55 mobile homes or RVs on a permanent or overnight basis.

Bart's is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.



ROCKPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE

Bargain Barn Has More Bargains Than Ever

The Bargain Barn, located at 1701 Church Street and celebrating its second anniversary this month, offers more bargains than ever to its customers.

First, the store is bigger. "We added an extra room on the back," says manager, Mrs. Peggy Monroe, "To make a slightly larger area for our appliances."

And second, the store is in the middle of a "Second Annual Anniversary, Progress Edition Sale."

The sale hasn't been advertised, Peggy says, but if folks come out to the Bargain Barn, they're going to find a lot of merchandise marked down.

"I've got this place so full, I'm trying to get rid of some of it," is the way Peggy explains the sale.

A subsidiary of Monroe's Carpet and Furniture Co. -- which is owned and operated by Peggy's son, Dean -- the Bargain Barn first opened its doors in July, 1978, on Liberty Street.

Last year about this time, the Bargain Barn moved to its present Church Street location.

"Monroe's carries the more expensive names in furniture, such as Broyhill," Mrs. Monroe says. "The Bargain Barn deals in more economical new furniture and low-cost used."

Furniture isn't the only thing carried at the Bargain Barn. The store buys, sells and trades a wide range of items -- including appliances.

Chamber Promotes Tourism

Entertaining writers covering the oil spill and international free-lance authors visiting the area, the Chamber of Commerce played an active role in advancing Rockport's vacationland image.

In addition, the Chamber hosted 15 Texas Border Entry Station guides in October, along with some members of the All Texas Air Tour group who visited during Seafair.

The roster of new Chamber officers is comprised of Donna Knox, President; Bob Bernardy and Pat Brown, First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively; and Joyce Hill, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board of Directors is composed of Bob Albin, Jane Goodrich, Connie Garcia, Judy Guillett, Wayne Nugent, Ed Armstrong, Johnny Jackson, Calvin Scholz, Jerry Shaw, Jerry Beattie, and Cam Leonard.

Several new committees have been organized, including a Red Carpet Committee which assists in ribbon-cutting ceremonies for a variety of new businesses.

Other new committees established or proposed are those concerned with retail merchants, industry, membership, finance, and publicity/promotion, and members were appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District.

Arrangements are also currently under way to create a community citizenship award.

A guest register was maintained at the Chamber office for winter visitors, and packets of information on the area were distributed.

A list of the names of service stations open during the week and on weekends was compiled, and gas availability was advertised.

The Chamber also composed a monthly community calendar and answered approximately 1200 inquiries.

To advertise Rockport as a resort area, post cards with the "Toast of the Coast" logo, bumper stickers, and 1,000 copies of "Texas Coastal Bend--People and Places" were purchased for resale.

"South Texas Vacation Guide Magazine" was also employed as a promotion medium.

Participation in Seafair included operating a desk in the Chamber office, manning a booth at the event, and entering a float in the parade.

The Chamber also set up a booth at the Houston Vacation and Boat Show.

To help bolster Rockport's Christmas economy and spirit, this organization sponsored the "Shop at Home" program, downtown decorations, the Christmas Tree forest, and rides with Santa Claus on his rocket sleigh.

Among miscellaneous tasks performed throughout the year were operating the Western Union agency, collecting fees for ACMSI ambulance runs, and doing typing and mimeograph work for the public and Seafair.



CHAMBER OFFICERS

These four newest officers of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce officially took the reins for the first time at the Chamber's July 7 meeting at Corky's Restaurant. From left, new officers at that meeting were Joyce Hill, treasurer; Donna Ray Knox, president; Judy Guillett, new board member; and Pat Brown, second vice president. Not shown is Bob Bernardy, first vice president. Chamber plans during the coming year are to take an even more active role in the development of the business community, through formation of new committees and new projects. Included among the plans are business and industrial development, strengthening of merchant relationships and business promotion. The Chamber will present an Outstanding Citizen Award at some point during the year. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

United Fund Surpasses Goal In '79 Campaign

The 1979-80 campaign was a milestone for Aransas County's United Fund -- for the first time in five years, the organization exceeded its goal.

Campaign president John McDavid Jr. proudly announced in January that, with two substantial contributions from Casterline Fish Company and The Castaways, the campaign total went over the $18,500 goal.

That was the mark set in October, 1979, by the UF board of directors.

Although getting a late start, the directors and UF chairmen put together a campaign of which every citizen in Aransas County should be proud. John McDavid Jr. and drive co-chairmen Donald Meek and Don Wren wish to thank their twenty fellow directors who helped them to cover so much ground to make the drive a success.

Co-chairman Meek says, "We were off to a late start in November, but we all did a lot of walking and calling. Through many personal visits and phone calls, we finally received an overwhelming response in the late weeks of the drive."

Meek and Wren gave special thanks to all who contributed most generously to the 1979-80 drive. "This means that each UF agency will receive every cent they requested," Meek said at the campaign's end. "And we just couldn't be happier."

"We send $128 to the Texas United Way, but otherwise, every penny we raise goes to help Aransas County. That's why we feel that this is such an important campaign. The funds go to our fire departments, the medical services—just a whole list of character-building and emergency services which make Aransas County a fine place to live and grow."

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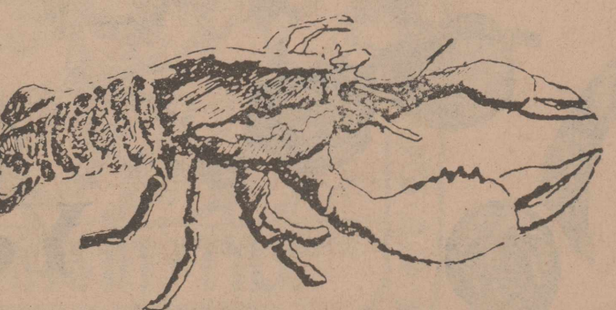
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PAINT THE TOWN



The friendly folks at Live Oak Paint and Decorating Company on Rockport's Highway 35 believe wholeheartedly in "painting the town." Shown here with the goods to do it are, from left, Richard Thomson, store manager; Leon and Leona Drozd, owners; and Debi Nale, bookkeeper and decorating assistant. The store also carries painting supplies and other merchandise to help the do-it-yourselfer improve his paintable surfaces.

[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Live Oak Paint Has Decorating Needs

Live Oak Paint and Decorating Center located on Highway 35 North held its grand opening June 13-14.

Leon Drozd and his wife, Leona, own the store, which offers a wide variety of paint and decorating needs.

Live Oak Paint and Decorating features Bute Colorizer paints and Levelor blinds, in addition to custom-made draperies, paint sundries, vinyl floor coverings, ceramic tiles, and wall paper.

The store is open from 7:30 a.m. til 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Thursday, when it stays open until 8 p.m. On Saturdays, the Drozds and their two employees offer service from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Drozd has been a custom builder in the Rockport area for the past three years and has 31 years of experience in the fields of building, painting and decorating.

He and his wife came to Rockport from Victoria via Houston.



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EnterpriseClinic Helping Meet Needs Of County

With two doctors on the staff and a capable emergency medical service corps, Enterprise Medical Clinic is bringing Aransas County's medical services into the 1980s.

Dr. Curtis Kovacs joined the clinic staff on June 2 of this year, joining Dr. Fred Warren who has been staff doctor since the clinic opened in June, 1979.

With two doctors available, the clinic is now open through the noon hour, from 8:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

In addition, the clinic and its facilities -- and a physician -- are always on call 24 hours daily, seven days a week, Dr. Kovacs says.

The clinic -- and Aransas County's ambulance service -- both had their beginning back in May, 1975, when the Rockport Chamber of Commerce established a hospital foundation under direction of the Women's Committee.

By November of that year, the organization was called the Hospital Foundation Committee, and its first announced goal was -- not a hospital, but a self-contained emergency ambulance.

"It was felt a hospital or clinic was too expensive to jump into at that stage," Dr. Shaw said. "An ambulance was viewed as something affordable."

In January, 1976, several things happened at once to push the group closer to its goal.

Jim and Betty King of the King Foundation provided a $35,000 grant -- later increased to $56,000 -- to go toward purchase of an emergency ambulance and life-saving equipment.

H.C. and Nancy Cooke donated 1/64th interest in an oil and gas lease in Pearsall to the medical group. Two hundred tickets were sold at $100 each for a chance on the least interest. Money from ticket sales brought in $20,000 for the medical fund.

The medical group separated from the Chamber of Commerce and incorporated as the Aransas County Hospital Volunteers, Inc. This encouraged donations to the non-profit organization by providing a clear-cut recipient for funds which could then be claimed as tax deductions.

In September of that year, the governments of Aransas County and the City of Rockport agreed to provide funding -- "on a one-year basis" -- for the proposed new ambulance service, and in October, the ACHV put in an order for a 1976 Modulance.

In December, Bill Aston, a paramedic with more than five years' experience directing the municipal emergency ambulance service in Luling, was hired, and on January 16, 1977, the Emergency Medical Service began operation in Aransas County.

On that same afternoon, the Modulance -- equipped with the latest in life-saving and rescue equipment -- proved its value in answering an emergency call to the scene of an auto accident on Highway 35 four miles south of Rockport.

In March, 1977, a second, backup, ambulance arrived and was put into service.

The ACHV sought a hospital or clinic to serve Rockport, and in April, 1977, Emory Spencer donated nearly seven acres of land at FM 2165 and Enterprise Street for such a project.

In July, 1977, the clinic drive was given another boost when the Sid W. Richardson Foundation provided a grant of $25,000 on condition that matching funds be raised by the community.

The Women's Committee of the ACHV immediately pledged $50,000 in funds to help match the grant.

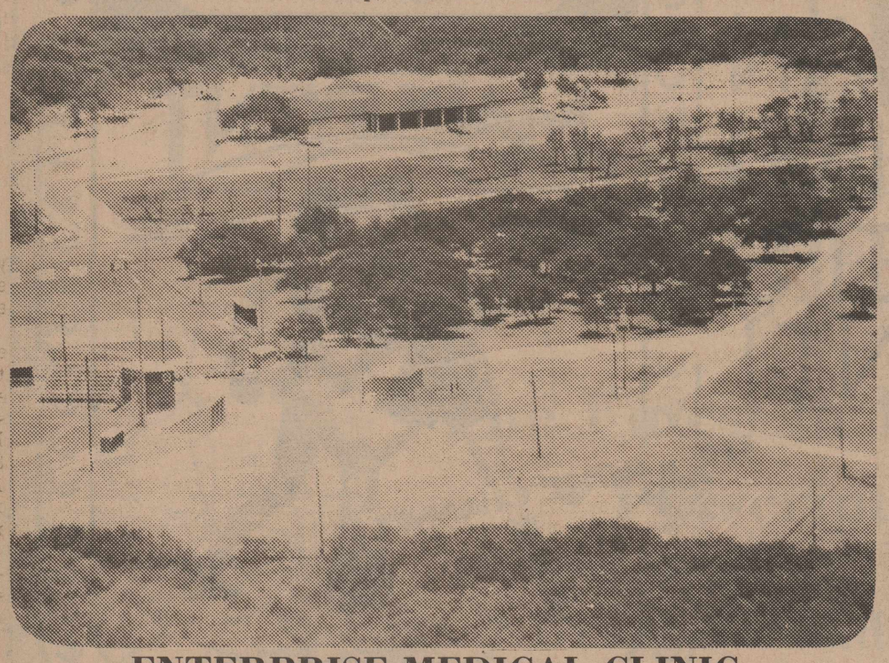
In September, the organization changed its name again, to the present Aransas County Medical Services, Inc.

By the end of 1977, more than $100,000 had been raised, and by March, three months later, the clinic fund was nearing $300,000 -- including some $80,000 raised through an auction.

By May, 1978, ACMSI was starting work with the architects, Total Design Four of Corpus Christi, and by July, clearing had started on the medical clinic area. Vermillion Construction Company was general contractor for the project.

Slabs for the concrete foundation were set in September and by December, construction was well on its way.

The new Enterprise Medical Clinic opened its doors on June 1, 1979, and dedication ceremonies Sunday, August 26, 1979, put it officially on its way as Rockport's first medical clinic.



ENTERPRISE MEDICAL CLINIC

First Telegraph Lines

The first telegraph line was constructed in Refugio County in 1871.

First Movies

Rockport's first movie theater was called the "Airdome." The year it was built is unknown, but it showed silent movies.

Marine Lab Opens

The $77,800 Marine Laboratory and Aquarium opened on April 14, 1948.

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Rockport Cable Most Modern System Available

With eighteen (18) channels of service available now to subscribers and more in the planning stages, ROCKPORT CABLE TV offers the Rockport, Fulton and Key Allegro areas one of the most advance cable television systems available today.

"Service to Rockport customers began the 1st of this year, with service to the Fulton area being turned on early this spring," says company President, Oliver J. Hensler. At present, Rockport Cable TV boasts approximately 400 customers.

New customers are being added at the rate of approximately 25 a week. The only area that has yet to be activated for the cable television system is the "far side" of Key Allegro. Cable television service will be available in this area in the near future.

The eighteen channels available now include the "basic fifteen", plus three premium, no commercial channels - SHOWTIME, THE MOVIE CHANNEL and DRIVE IN THEATRE. The fifteen basic channels include the three major networks - ABC, NBC and CBS from Corpus Christi, as well as, the Public Broadcasting System, KEDT, from Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi also furnishes the one Spanish language channel - KORO. Additions to the basic service include a channel dedicated to Public Service Announcements for events in the Aransas County area. The Rockport-Fulton area has its own local weather report 24 hours a day, as well as a NOAA forecast.

An Earth Receive Station at the cable company's tower site receives additional television signals from a satellite located 23,000 miles above the equator. This enables us to furnish all of the satellite programming which includes the 24 hour UPI News Time, SPN (the something for everyone network), The Christian Broadcasting Network (an inter-denominational religious channel programmed 24 hours a day), as well as, Nickelodeon (a channel designed specially for children with programs ranging from pre-schoolers to teenagers). An exciting satellite channel is C-SPAN, which provides "live" gavel to gavel coverage of the proceedings in the U.S. House of Representatives. Perhaps the best known satellite channel is the Super Station - WTBS from Atlanta, Georgia, with its 24 hour - 7 days a week wholesome family entertainment and exciting Atlanta sports, as well as the classic movies. ESPN is the all sports satellite channel. ESPN is scheduled to start 24 hour a day programming on September 1st. SHOWTIME and THE MOVIE CHANNEL are also satellite channels. Rockport Cable TV has completed preparations for a second Earth Receive Station in anticipation of new, exciting programming soon to be available to the cable television industry.

In addition to the basic channels, Rockport Cable TV subscribers can receive one or more of the three premium channels, SHOWTIME, THE MOVIE CHANNEL or DRIVE IN THEATRE. The basic cable service that provides fifteen channels has a base rate of $8.95 per month. The monthly rate for Showtime and The Movie Channel are $9.95 each per month, and the Drive In Theatre is $6.95 per month. However, the subscriber can receive the basic service plus all three premium channels for a monthly rate of $29.95.

In addition to the monthly rate, there is a one-time installation charge of $25.00 plus a $25.00 deposit on the converter. "The converter is necessary," Mr. Hensler explained, "because most television sets are not equipped to receive more than twelve channels. The converter (a little black box) replaces the tuning knob on the subscriber's television set." Mr. Hensler added that the $25.00 charge for the converter is a deposit only and is refundable to the subscriber should they decide to discontinue cable service. There are no disconnect fees.

The Rockport Cable television system actually has the capacity to carry thirty-five different channels and is bi-directional which means it is capable of sending signals and receiving signals to and from the customer's home.

The first use of the system's bi-directional capacity will be put into effect around the 1st of August when Rockport Cable TV augments its new CABLEGUARD system. CABLEGUARD will be an additional service available to subscribers to provide total fire, intrusion and emergency medical protection for homes and businesses. It is not necessary to be a cable television subscriber to have CABLEGUARD service.

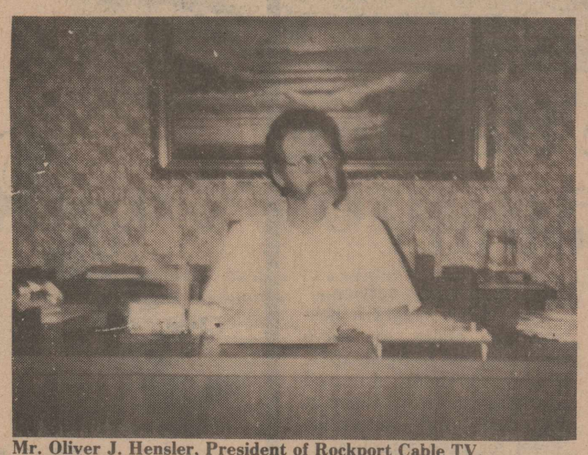
CABLEGUARD, the affordable security system, monitors your home or business every six seconds on a 24 hour day, everyday with NO INVASION of privacy. Should the cable suffer any damage, an automatic alarm system is sounded and the police are notified. The two-way cable system is equipped with standby power which will operate the system for hours until the normal electrical service is restored. CABLEGUARD does not utilize telephone dialers or lines.

"Future plans for the cable system," says Mr. Hensler, "could include utility meter reading by way of the cable hookup, and "energy management control" which could, for example, control the electrical circuit in your home while you are away on vacation. A Pay-By-View channel would provide viewing of shows "live" from Lincoln Center, Broadway or other entertainment capitols. The Pay-By-View is an experiment being tried by a cable television system in the United States. It is soon expected to be a reality for all cable television systems."

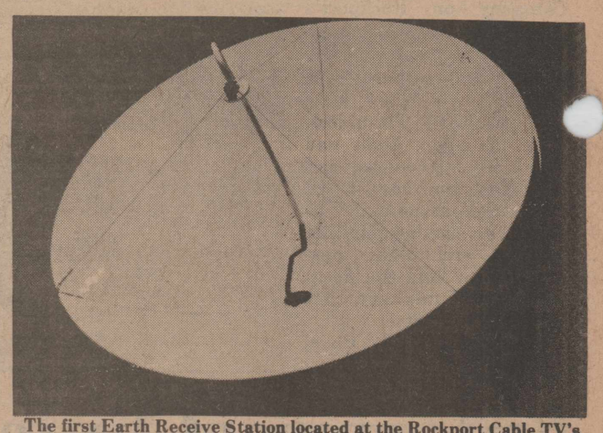
"The ultimate device," Mr. Hensler said, "would be a home computer that could retrieve information from your bank, used for shopping purposes or obtaining information from local libraries or even the Library of Congress. The technology is feasible and the cable industry is working on such a goal at this time.

ROCKPORT CABLE TV is happy to cooperate with the Rockport Pilot Weekender Edition in offering all the listings of the cable television channels.

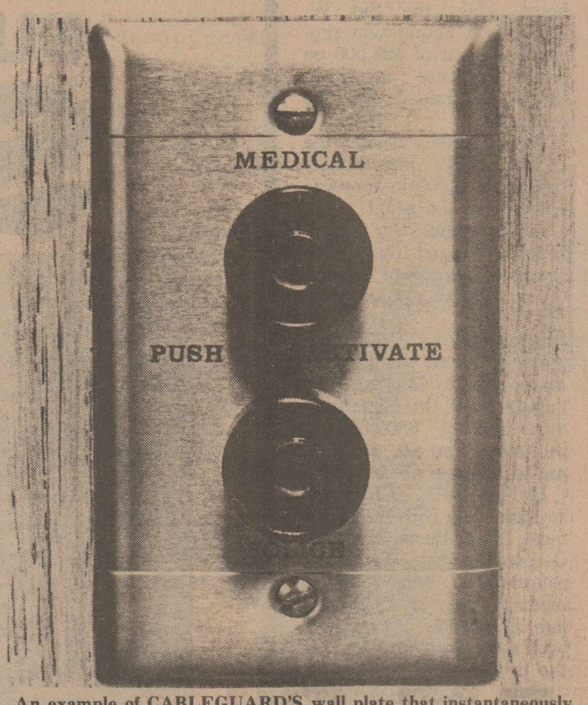
Mr. Hensler's son, Jerry, is Chief Technician for the cable television company. Mike Forrest is an installer and David Smith recently joined the company as an installer trainee. Office personnel include Penny McKewon, Donna Nuggent, sales representative for the cable television services, and Stephen Davis as the security consultant for CABLEGUARD.



Mr. Oliver J. Hensler, President of Rockport Cable TV.



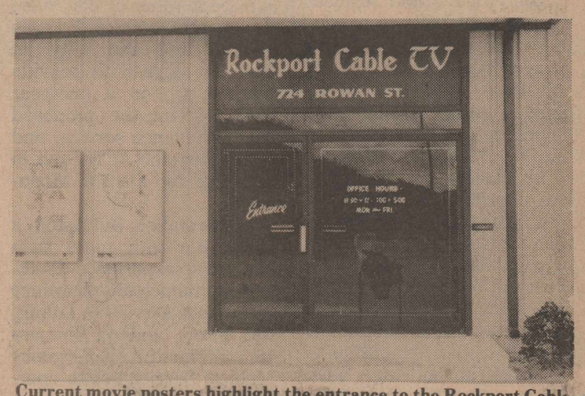
The first Earth Receive Station located at the Rockport Cable TV's tower site.



An example of CABLEGUARD'S wall plate that instantaneously links the subscriber with the security control station.



Rockport Cable TV's sign reflects the relaxed atmosphere of our area.



Current movie posters highlight the entrance to the Rockport Cable TV office.

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PREMIUM SERVICE MARQUE Daily Program Guide for Premium Movie Channels
PBS Educational Network
(Columbia Broadcasting System)

PUBLIC SERVICE Community announcements
NICKELODEN Young People's Satellite Network
C-SPAN Live coverage of U.S. House of Representatives
SUPER STATION WTBS No Network affiliation
ESPN All Sports Channel
CBN Inter-denominational religious programs
SHOWTIME 1st Run Movies-No Commercials & Southwest Conference Sports
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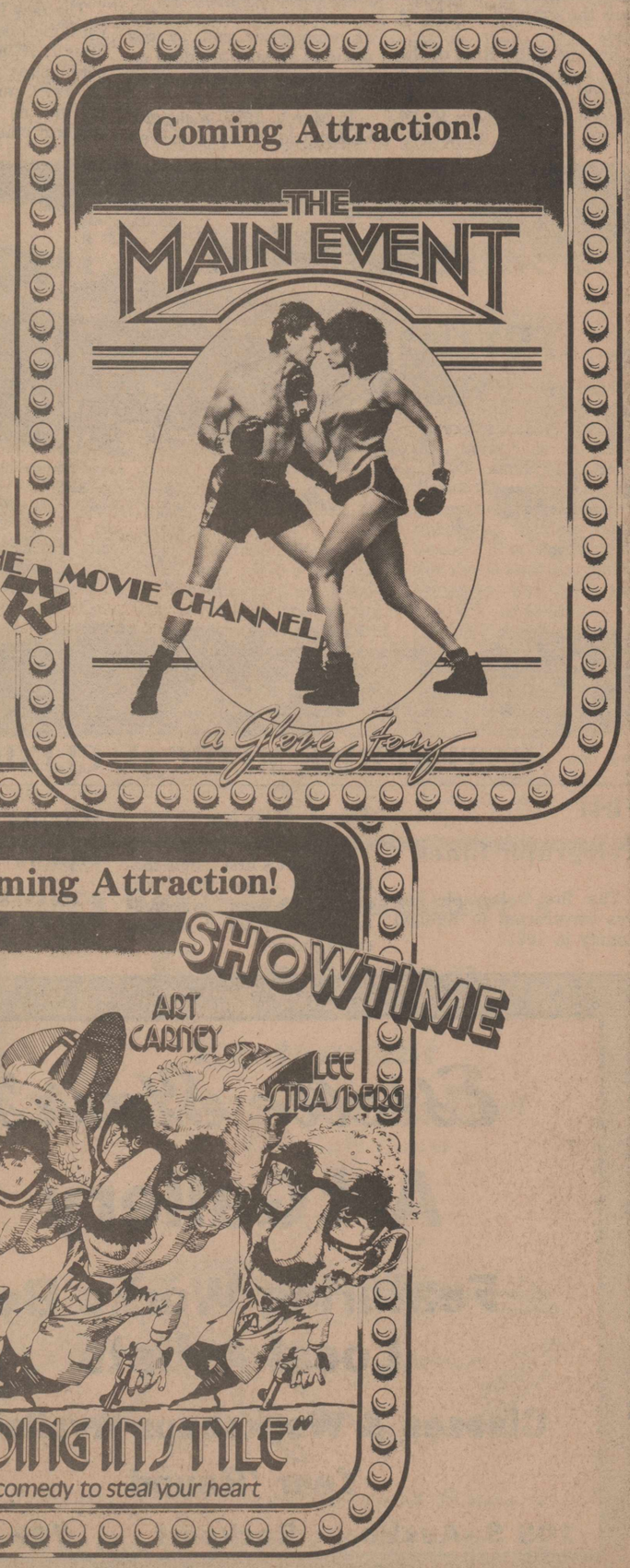

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1980 Is Diamond Jubilee Year For H.E.B.

City and County officials, Chamber of Commerce members and other community leaders joined HEB employees in celebrating HEB's 75th anniversary on Tuesday, January 15.

Anniversary ceremonies took place at 9 a.m. January 15 at HEB stores in more than 70 cities across Texas as community leaders gathered to honor one of the state's largest companies.

HEB opened its food store in Rockport on November 1, 1963, with Vernon Kleypas as manager and 15 employees.

Today, Robert Fluhrer is store director and HEB provides work for 88 employees in the Rockport store.

The store began its 17 year history in Rockport with the purchase of what was then West's Supermarket on North Austin Street.

Grady West announced the sale and said he would retain the building which was to be enlarged "immediately" by an additional 4,000 square feet.

Plans were also announced to enlarge the parking lot to take in the half block on which the store then stood.

Other managers of HEB when it opened here were Dewey Iles, in charge of meat market; Mrs. H.C. (Rose Lee) Mullinax, home center manager; and Cruz Fuentes, produce manager.

In the years since its opening, HEB has been expanded twice, Fluhrer said, adding, "The store will continue to grow to meet the needs of the community."

Today, Rockport's HEB not only carries all kinds of grocery needs, but wearing apparel, sporting goods, name brand cosmetics, magazines, books, photo supplies and equipment.

The HEB courtesy booth provides such customer services as check cashing and money order sales.

"And we probably have the largest plant and flower department in Rockport," says Fluhrer, indicating the prominent display of plants.

Jody Smith is grocery manager for the store, and Robert Harrison is in charge of the market. The store also has a general merchandise manager, Sean McQuhae, and service manager, Mark Gilliam. Rudy Escobedo is produce manager.

Bookkeepers are Barbara Radke and Corrine Viken.

After nearly 17 years of doing business in Rockport, Fluhrer said, HEB continues its goal of keeping prices "competitive with any store in town." And HEB still gives Texas Gold stamps, he said.

HEB expects to be part of Rockport's future, expanding with the community, for a lot of years to come . . .



ROCKPORT'S HEB FAMILY CENTER

Early Mail Deliveries To Aransas County Were Made By Boat

Viktor F. Bracht was the first postmaster of the Rockport Post Office.

He was appointed by President Grover Cleveland and was the only employee of the post office which was established in 1868.

Mail was brought from Indianola, via the old settlement of Siluria, on the north end of Matagorda Island.

From Siluria it was carried on horseback down the length of Matagorda Island, across Cedar Bayou and along the beach of St. Joseph Island to what was known as Aransas Wharf, on the south end of this island near where Port Aransas now stands, and where there was a small colony.

From Aransas Wharf it was brought by boat to Rockport. Later a stagecoach line was established and operated along the same route, bringing the mail.

For a time the mail was brought all the way in sailboats.

The mail reached Indianola from the east by boats of the Morgan Line and others.

After Morgan built the railroad from Indianola to Clinton -- old county seat of DeWitt County a few miles from the present city of Cuero -- to handle freight to the interior, mail from points north came to Indianola by rail.

From Rockport, mail was carried to St. Mary's on the west side of Copano Bay by boat, to Corpus Christi on horseback.

The earliest post office record available is a Postmaster's Account and Record Book started immediately after the hurricane of 1919 destroyed the then-current records.

George T. Barnard was acting postmaster at the time. The post office had 249 lock boxes for rent and no city delivery service. In addition to Barnard, the post office employed a clerk.

The present Post Office building at 601 S. Church Street was dedicated on November 26, 1960. City delivery in Rockport was established on January 6, 1962.

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Bird Watching

In 1960, the ornithological world was set in a whirl over the first appearance of a European Ruff in Texas since 1902.

The place the bird was seen was -- naturally -- in Rockport and it was reported by the late Connie Hagar.

Local VFW Chapter Is Promoting Patriotism

Observing patriotism in many ways, the Stewart-Wendell Post #3904, Veterans of Foreign Wars leads the community in service.

Leading the Seafair Parade as color guard, the veterans march down Austin Street, past the flags donated by the Post to reflect Rockport's American spirit.

This group conducts a Memorial Day service at the cemetery each year, as well as observing Loyalty and Veterans' Days.

Flags and pallbearers are provided for funerals when the organization is requested to assist in such ceremonies.

The main money-raising project is the weekly Thursday night Game Night, which provides all of the funds for the Post's service activities.

The VFW joins in the Buddy Poppy sale to help the Disabled American Veterans and subsidizes 11 other local organizations, in addition to aiding the Lighthouse for the Blind, Audie Murphy Hospital and St. Vincent De Paul.

The Veterans also sponsor the Voice of Democracy speech contest and the Lite-a-Bike safety campaign and provide assistance with the Heart Association's Bike-a-Thon.

The Veterans sponsor Gladys Tillison's Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout Troop #49 and Explorer Post #49, too.

Last year, the VFW's contributions to these various projects totaled just over $8,500.

The VFW building is used for several Scout and club meetings, Red Cross classes, political rallies, food sales, parties, dinners and elections.

Membership in the local Post stands at 304 after the death of 12 members in the past year.

Officers include Tom Matthews, commander; Bill Agee and Pete Ramirez, senior and junior vice commanders, respectively; H.C. Mullinax, quartermaster; and Paul Taylor, adjutant.



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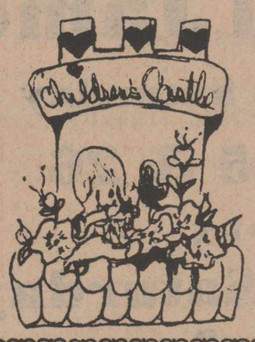

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Marion Packing Family Operated

Marion Packing Company, which celebrated its first anniversary on July 19, is a family owned and operated night club.

Mike and Randy Nesloney own the Company, which is managed by Nancy Nesloney, and employ 12 others.

The club, located on Fulton Beach Road across from the Seafare Restaurant, features Tim Daly, a local folk guitarist, during the week and engages live bands for weekends.

Marion Packing's hours are 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday, with Happy Hour being observed nightly from 2 to 7 p.m.

Rockport's Gubernatorial Resident

Henry Smith, who was provisional governor of Texas in 1835, built a home near Rockport. George W. Fulton, cattle baron who built Fulton Mansion, married Smith's daughter.

MARION PACKING COMPANY

Michael James

Friday & Saturday

July 25 & 26

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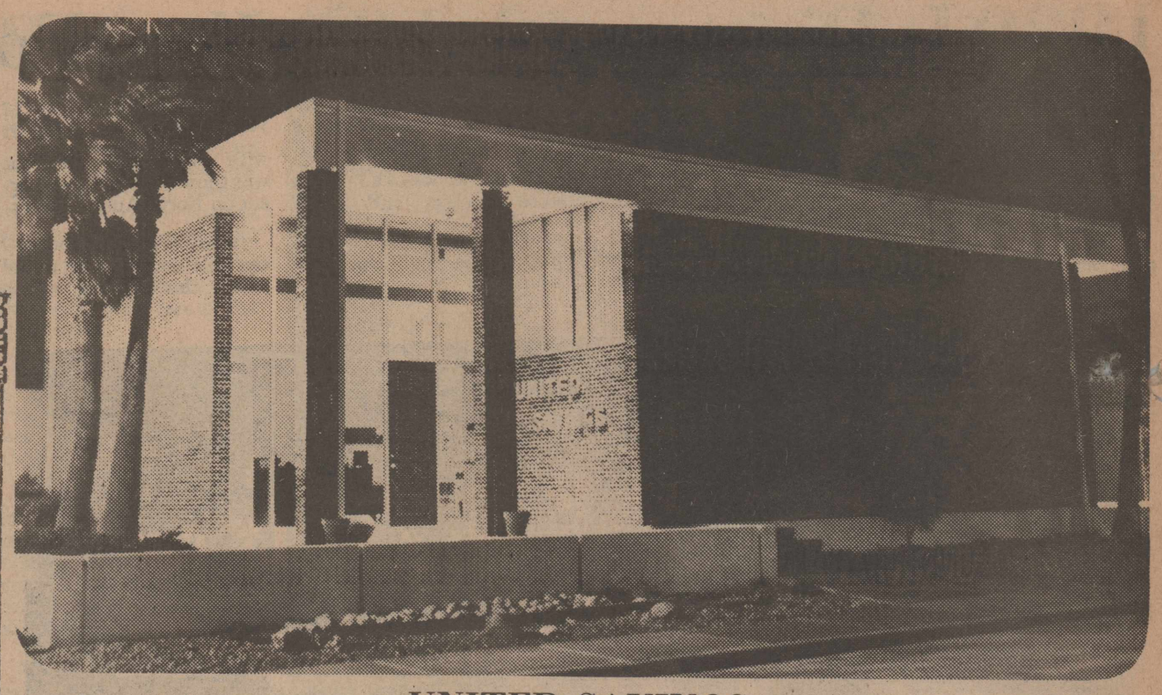

UNITED SAVINGS

Surf, Sunwear Features Casual Look

Island Surf and Sunwear, a firm which formerly had stores only in Corpus Christi and on Padre Island, opened a third branch in Rockport on May 24.

The new store, located at 508 South Austin -- the previous location of Stuff N Such and Sundial II -- offers everything the Corpus Christi stores have, according to John and Molly Tice, who are owner-partners.

Karen Hoover is the manager of the new shop and is assisted by Cindy Abrahams and Jill Larson.

Open from 9:30 to 5:30 Monday through Saturday, and 11 to 6 on Sundays during the summer, the store specializes in clothing with the casual look, from swim-wear to comfortable clothes that can be worn to the office.

Clothes for both men and women are available, including tops, shirts, pants, shorts, footwear and sundresses.

In addition to carrying special items of interest to Rockport residents, the store features a complete line of surfing equipment.

Many of the fashions available have the "Hawaiian look" says John, which they should, since they are authentic Hawaiian creations from the Pacific islands.

Girl Scout Activities Momentous

The decade of the 1970s was one of firsts for the Girl Scouts of Aransas County.

In 1978, Elizabeth Whitney and Wynne Armstrong became the first local scouts to travel to an International Scout Event when they journeyed to "Our Cabana" in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

There they participated in scouting activities with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from all over the world.

In 1979, Kerry Ogle became the first Rockport Scout to join in a National Event when she was selected as a sponsor for the Wyoming Trek outdoor camping session.

Cookie Sales have increased every February, with a number of girls earning camperships, or credit for attendance at Camp Green Hill Girl Scout Camp on Lake Mathis.

In both 1979 and 1980, Jennifer Crawford was declared the top seller in District VIII, encompassing all towns within a 50-mile radius, exclusive of Corpus Christi.

Beginning in 1980, orders were taken for cookies, replacing the standard procedure of door-to-door spontaneous sales.

In 1977, the Rockport Girl Scout troops banded together and manned a booth of their various arts and crafts at the Rockport Seafair.

Miss Whitney served as Rockport's Service Team Director for several years, as well as holding offices on the Paisano Council's Executive Board.

While Miss Whitney was leader of the Senior troop, some of her scouts earned Senior Aide Bars by assisting with Brownie troops.

The number of troops fluctuated throughout this period, and many leaders offered their services.

Brownie troops numbered between two and four, and two to four Junior troops flourished, each division including 20 to 45 girls.

One Cadette troop, with an average of approximately seven members, remained, along with one Senior troop, which at times boasted 10 actives but often only consisted of a few scouts.

Active leaders throughout this era were Gladys Tillison, Mary Green, Carol Crawford, Jan Cosby, Betty Langston, Betty Whitney, Dorothy Biggs, Rachel Boyce, Sue Sorenson, Shirley Rice Polagmus, Sharron Loflin, Connie Eady, Belinda Lyman, Mrs. Alvin Elliott, Barbara Jack, Bea Shelton, Lois Gurley, Bea Stafford and Rosemary Potter.

Each year, at least one troop ventured to spend a weekend at Camp Green Hill, and 10 to 20 individual campers attended summer sessions each year.

Rockport was represented in the Green Hill Staff by Kerry Ogle, who now serves as Camp Nurse, Wynne Armstrong and Kathleen Tillison.

Each May, Fly-Up ceremonies are held at the VFW Hall to present badges, challenges and other awards to those completing various requirements. The oldest Senior presides as Mistress of Ceremonies, and Brownies entering the third grade are promoted to Junior level.

Girl Scouts originated in Rockport in 1952 when Mrs. Cylon Ammons established five troops. The late Mr. Emory Spencer helped financially to strengthen the struggling organization, and moved the old Church of Christ to Linden Street, where it still serves as the Girl Scout House.

He also loaned some land to be used as Camp Copano, until the young Whooping Crane Council merged with the Paisano Council and began utilizing Camp Green Hill.

Masons Host Dinners

Rockport Masonic Lodge #323 A.F.&A.M. (Ancient Free and Accepted Masons) installed its officers for the 1980-81 year on July 19. Dinner was served to approximately 225 visitors, friends and members.

Taking the reins was David P. Gruber, worshipful master, assisted by Jack D. Borden and Amil W. Johnston, senior and junior wardens, respectively; Grover O. Traylor Sr., treasurer; and Douglas E. Siems, secretary.

Boy Scouts Enjoy Growing Numbers In Aransas County

Currently including two Cub packs, three Scout troops, and two Explorer posts, totaling approximately 155 members, the Aransas County Boy Scout program is a recipient of support from the United Fund Campaign.

This area is a part of the Mustang District, Boy Scouts of America, a subdistrict of the Gulf Coast Council, enclosing a number of counties.

This Council, supervised by Field Executive Mike Everett, operates Camp Karankawa, on Lake Corpus Christi.

Cub Pack #49, sponsored by the Rockport Rotary Club, is led by Cubmaster Jim Friebele and Webelo Leader Frank Sbrusch.

Martin Ancira is chariman of the pack committee, with Pat Randle as secretary.

David Blankinship and his wife are on the pack committee, and den mothers include Bonnie Cloberdants, Angie Ancira, and Linda Flenniken.

This 40-member group, which meets monthly at Live Oak Elementary School, is active in outdoor events and holds kite contests, fishing contests, and camp-outs.

The Rockport Lions Club sponsors Cub Pack #340, another 40-member group which meets monthly at the Recreation Building at the Airport.

Terry Cody and Allen Lee serve as co-cub-masters, along with Webelo leader Dell Smithy.

They replace Steve Atwood, who presided as cubmaster for several years.

Lynette Jennings, Lee N. Gustin, Sylvia Corey, Kay Pahaney, Margie Jackson, and Nellie Cody pool their efforts as den mothers.

This group is carrying on a good summer program after a busy school year, and boasts of almost 70 percent attendance.

Scoutmaster Jim Cox provides leadership for Boy Scout Troop #49, which receives aid from the First Presbyterian Church.

Dusty Smith is chairman of the troop committee, which enlists the help of Butch Stephens, John Leslie, Norvell Jackson, and Johnny Jackson.

Eight of the 15 active members in this, the oldest troop in Rockport, will attend Camp Karankawa this summer.

Regular Courts of Honor awards presentations are held, with assistant scoutmasters Phil Albin and Ronnie Roe providing support.

Due to a lack of adult leadership, Troop #280, under the sponsorship of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, is presently inactive.

Mitch Gould promotes activities in his 10-member troop, #281, which benefits from the support of the First United Methodist Church.

Pete and Gertrude Ramirez join in playing advisory roles for Explorer Post #49, a 40-strong co-ed group.

Partially financed by VFW Post #3904, this organization continually returns from the Explorer Olympics with numerous awards.

These youth recently attended National JAMBOREE, accompanied by Dr. Homer Elliott, long-time post "Godfather."

Dedicated to Law Enforcement, Explorer Post #343 is sponsored by Sheriff Bob Hewes and the Sheriff's Department.

Israel Rubalcaba and John Develer serve as advisor and assistant advisor, respectively, for this unique group of eight boys and two girls.

Two boys will represent this post in attending a special Law Enforcement School in Port Lavaca in the near future.

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Located at 1009 Liberty Street, the company informally opened in Rockport on May 28. The formal opening -- complete with ribbon-cutting, a holiday giveaway and refreshments -- was on July 3.

Representatives of the city, chamber of commerce and banks were among those on hand at the July 3 celebration, and the trip for two to Acapulco was won by Jane Rossman.

Opening the agency is "something I've wanted to do for years," says owner Bill Mayhood who, with wife Nancy, moved to Rockport about a year and a half ago looking for a business opportunity.

Before moving here, he added, the Mayhoods had been coming to Rockport on vacation for several years.

Mayhood International (also known by its initials; (MITA) is a full-service travel agency, Bill says, offering "all modes of travel, including airline for business or pleasure, domestic and international.

The agency promotes and sells tour packages all over the world — by air, rail, bus or cruise ship — and future plans call for promotion of some of Mayhood's own tours, "particularly to points in Mexico," Bill said.

As part of its full service, MITA is an Avis Car Rental Agent with the ability to make car reservations anywhere in the world through the Rockport office.

As a sideline, springing out of the car rental part of the business, MITA also provides a car washing service for the general public. John Bills, who takes care of the Avis cars, also handles the general car-washing chores.

Bill's background is in business manufacturing, but MITA's staff employs people with a solid background in travel agency experience.

Jorge J. Rodriguez, the general manager and vice president, has some five years' experience working in and managing travel agencies throughout South Texas — including Sanborn's Triple A and LaGrange. Jorge is bilingual, speaking Spanish and English.

Gerry May has two and a half years' experience with Shelley's Travel Service in Corpus Christi and another two years as an employee of Ridley Travel Service in Santa Rosa, California. In addition to this, Bill added, Gerry has done a lot of traveling herself. She knows the kinds of things a traveler wants to know.

Bill's wife, Nancy, does the bookkeeping and record-keeping for the agency. Nancy is also a licensed realtor on the staff of Sandpiper. (Bill is also a realtor with his license at Rockport Realty.)

"We very much appreciate the opportunity to do business in Rockport," Bill said, "and we're very pleased with the amount of business we have done to date."

"We pledge to do our best to serve the community," he added.



WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

Bill Mayhood, left, Gerry May and Jorge Rodriguez look over brochures showing just some of the faraway--and not-so-faraway--places that Mayhood International Travel Agency can arrange for its clients to visit. "We book people all over the world," says Bill. MITA held its grand opening ceremonies Thursday, July 3.

[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

First City Attorney

Rockport's first city attorney was W.W. Dunlop, hired in 1873.

Shrimping Industry Enters 1980s With Hope

The shrimping industry is down but not out in Aransas County -- and there's still room for optimism.

High fuel prices combined with a decrease in the shrimp crops to reduce shrimp landings in the area this year.

But at the same time, hope was offered -- in the form of a proposed American Fisheries Promotions Act -- that federal legislation might alleviate at least some of the problems.

The proposed bill was approved in June by the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife Conservation and the Environment -- and that was due at least in part to the efforts of a delegation from this area, including several Rockport people.

The Fisheries Promotion Act includes eight major provisions including a revitalization of the fisheries loan fund for a limited time to provide low-interest loans to fishermen about to default on vessel mortgages "due to circumstances beyond their control."

The proposed act also calls for a phase-out of foreign fishing in the U.S. zone and 100 percent observer coverage of foreign vessels until they are phased out.

The panel of Texans who appeared before the House subcommittee included Johnny Jackson and Al Silchenstedt, both of Rockport.

The Rockport - Fulton-Aransas Pass area continued to lead over other Texas ports in terms of the number of shrimp landed from January through May 30 of this year. Through that period -- the latest for which figures are available -- more than 1.7 million pounds of shrimp had been landed in area ports.

Commercial fishing of some type has had a place in Aransas County's history since the 1800s when the Morgan Line Steamers served the cattle industry in the country. In those days, fish were also loaded on the steamers as a secondary source for profit.

The steamers picked up the fish twice a week and kept them in "live fish" cars until the boats arrived.

With the coming of the railroad and decline of the cattle industry, in 1888 the Miller brothers established a fish plant where Jackson's Sea Food now stands.

About that time, a Fishermen's Union was formed. Shrimp were not included in the commercial fishing economy.

In 1907, 12 sailboats were employed in the fishery.

Shrimping began its growth in about 1921, when use of dragnets was perfected in Georgia. Fishermen in the Rockport area tried them out, and within a short time, 10 motor boats were employed to bring in shrimp only.

In the 1920s, there was still very little demand for shrimp. "Shrimping per se started in the 1940s," says J.C. Harlan, president of the Seafood Producers Association.

By 1949, the commercial fishing industry in Aransas County had expanded to become a $1,311,000 business with shrimp fishery heading the list in production and revenue derived.

By 1953, according to a brochure published by the Rockport Chamber of Commerce, the value of the industry to the Rockport area was close to $1.5 million a year.

In 1968, "a bunch of us shrimpers got together," Harlan said, and organized the Rockport Shrimp Co-op.

Members of the group started out unloading their catches onto a truck at the dock in Fulton Harbor. "The truck hauled off shrimp every night," Harlan said.

Later, the Co-op bought the old Johnson Fish House in Rockport's turning basin. "Celia blew the fish house away," Harlan continued, so the Co-op put in a new building -- the present Rockport Shrimp Co-op office building and dock.

In 1970, another chapter was added to the story of the shrimping industry in the area when the Seafood Producers Association was formed.

Organized in Aransas Pass, the Association now has members and associate members stretching across the state from Port Bolivar to El Paso. There are about 600 members, Harlan said, and "a gang" of associate members.

The bay fishermen are "fighting for survival," he said. "We've had so many laws (passed), it's almost impossible for the bay shrimper to make a living."

But the shrimpers keep trying. More than 65 percent of the Rockport economy is based on the shrimping-fishing industry, Harlan said.

And with luck and the efforts of the shrimpers, the industry will continue to play a role in Rockport's economy for years to come.

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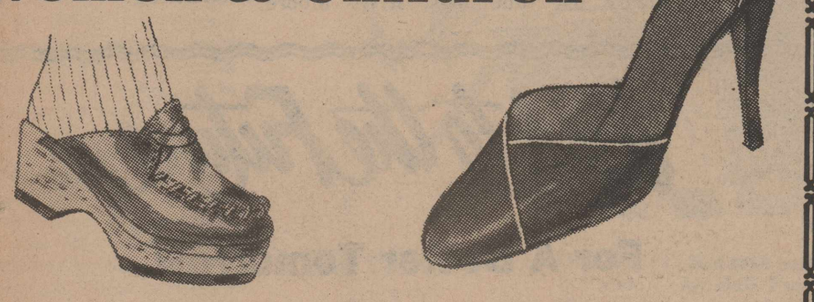

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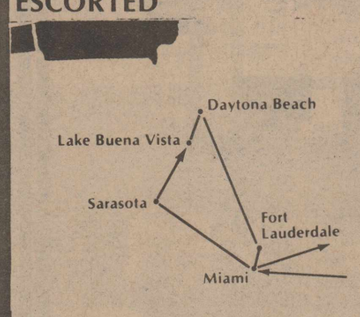

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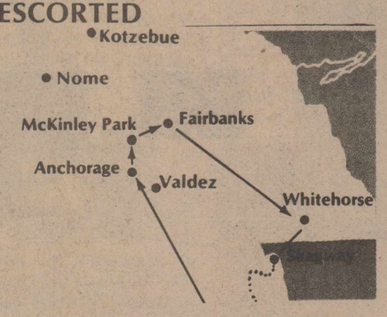

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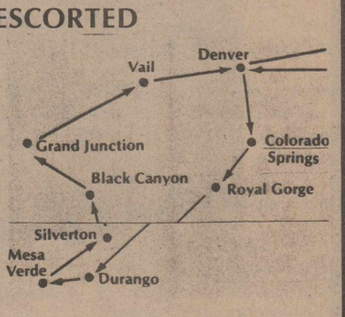

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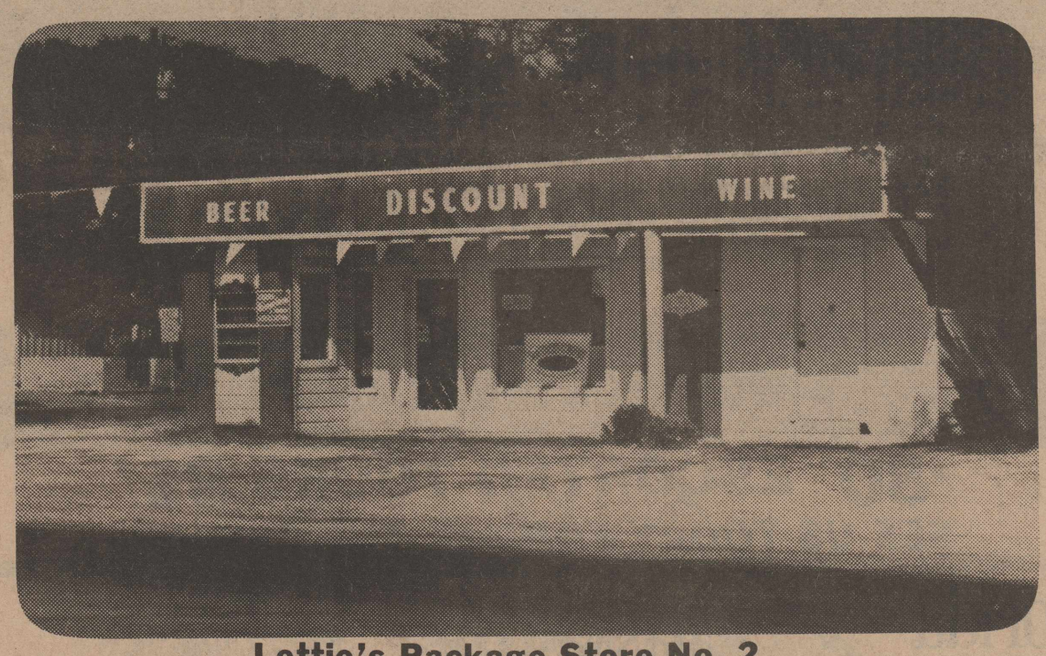

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Troy True, left, owner of Lion Enterprises, practices his pharmaceutical skills while wife Sharon looks on. The Trues are sole owners of Lion Enterprises since Troy bought out Bob Eschberger in May.

[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Lion Enterprises Continues Tradition Of Fine Service

"This was started by Joe Johnson in the 1930s," said Troy True. "Sharon and I plan on keeping it going another 30 years."

"This" is Johnson's Drug, part of the Lion Enterprises of which Troy and Sharon are now sole owners. The name covers three separate businesses: Johnson's Drugs, the Gull's Nest Boutique -- which is located in the drugstore -- and Lettie's Package Stores 1 and 2.

The group also included The Summer Place until May 1 of this year, but at that time a change in ownership took place.

It all goes back to 1965 when Bob Eschberger bought Johnson's Drugs. At that time it was a drugstore with some gift business.

In 1972, Troy, a newcomer from Austin at the time, bought into the business with Eschberger, and a year later, the two men decided to bring in a clothing interest with a shop on the beach.

The Gull's Nest was operated as a beach shop for about a year, until 1974 when Johnson's Drugs was remodeled. Then the boutique was moved in with the pharmacy, adding beachwear and other clothing to the items available at that corner location.

In December, 1977, Troy and Bob -- 50 percent partners in Lion Enterprises -- decided to go into the package store business.

They bought Lettie Brown's two liquor stores and immediately began renovating and facelifting. Lettie's No. 1 is located at the intersection of Highway 35 and Market and No. 2 is on Austin Street.

These two stores are fully equipped with everything in the way of liquor and party mixes for any occasion and also include gift-giving items for the bar.

The Summer Place was added to the group in 1978.

This past May, says Troy, the partnership separated with Troy buying out Bob's 50 percent in Johnson's Drugs and the Gull's Nest and the two package stores, and Bob buying out Troy's 50 percent share of The Summer Place.

"We're going to continue offering the same quality care to the community that Joe Johnson started in the 1930s, Troy says, adding that the only changes he plans are going to be in the direction of improving that service.

For example, he added, he is trying to add a line of ladies' shoes to the clothing and other items offered in the Boutique.

He emphasizes that he and Sharon -- who is bookkeeper for Lion Enterprises -- like Rockport and plan on being here for a long time yet to come.

"This is where we want to be, the store we want to have," he added.

"Come hurricane or high water," he said, "we'll still be here."

Lions Roar About Sight Conservation

Probably best known for their mop and broom sales to benefit the South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, the Rockport Lions Club contributes to a number of local, state and international charities.

Among other fund-raising projects sponsored by this Club are the fruitcake sale at Christmas and the Fourth of July Barbecue, both of which provide assistance for various sight conservation programs.

Locally, this money provides the means for the Lions to buy eyeglasses for needy school children.

This organization operates the Seafair oyster booth each year, which aids in its sponsorship of both a Little League team, the Lions of course, and Cub Scout Pack #340.

Other community involvements include assistance with the Toast of the Coast Relays and the Annual Halloween Carnival.

The Lions also set up the Toys for Kids campaign, which displays a box in HEB for donations of unwanted Texas Gold Stamps. These stamps, numbering enough to fill 20 books per week, are redeemed to purchase toys for underprivileged children at Christmas.

Four annual scholarships are financed by this organization as well, providing continuing support for students who advance their educations.

By donating to the Lions International Club Fund, the group aids such charities as CARE, Crippled Children's Camp in Kerrville, South Texas Eye Bank, Diabetes Fund and the Lions International Foundation, which provides world-wide disaster relief.

At the annual installation banquet held at the Sandollar Restaurant in July, President Manuel Rocha reliquished his title to Howard Scanlan. First through third vice presidents, respectively, are Wayne Nugent, Richard Roe and Henry Bent.

The new secretary, Pete Ramirez, is joined by William Ratliff Sr., treasurer; Sam Harris, tail twister; and John Franz, lion tamer.

The Board of Directors roster lists Al Chernosky and Mitch Gould as two year members and John Debler and Larry Martin with one year tenures.

Garden Club Keeps "Growing"

After celebrating its eighth anniversary in June, the Rockport Home and Garden Club is looking forward to the meeting of the District VII Home and Garden Club here in November.

The members expect to host approximately 100 to 150 fellow gardeners at this annual event, and are already planning their program using the potpourri theme of "Beauty, Education, and Pleasure."

This organization, which originated with three Methodist women, Mr. W.W. Stubbs, Mrs. B.F. Street, and Mrs. Ross Demory, undertook as its primary endeavor the beautification of the Ski Basin area.

Since the initial planting of the garden boxes along the Basin and in the triangle between Highway 35 North and Fulton Beach Road, the Club has maintained and added to them in a continued effort to enhance the appearance of Rockport's waterfront.

In addition, two palm trees were dedicated in memory of the late Mr. Emory Spencer during Arbor Day ceremonies at the Ski Basin.

Horticulture and 16 artistic arrangements were judged at the Spring Flower Show, and Texas Garden Club Day was recognized with a horticulture display at the Public Library.

A booth at Seafair sold macrame hangers and plants which the members had made and grown, and donations of the same type were made to the Methodist Bazaar in appreciation for the use of their facilities.

The Club's entry in the Christmas Tree Forest, a white themed tree with quilled ornaments, shells, white lights, and mirrors, was named Most Beautiful.

Employing the help of its own gardening library, the group studied gardenia growing, poinsettias, African violets, magnolia trees, plant grooming, and artistic and cornucopia arrangements, in addition to engaging in a plant exchange or swap party.

The new officers of this 35-member Club are Mr. W.D. Alley, President; Mrs. J. Paul Rogers and Mrs. G.L. Duggan, First Vice Presidents; Mrs. Oscar Alvord, Second Vice President; Mrs. Frank A. Taylor, Secretary; and Mrs. R.W. Moore, Treasurer.

The organization, which sponsors the Yard of Month award for outstanding gardening and landscaping, is planning a pilgrimage to Padre Island in November to study the vegetation there.

The Rockport Home and Garden Club donates to the Texas State Garden Club Nature Conservancy Scholarship, the District VII Horticulture Scholarship, and the National Council for World Gardening.

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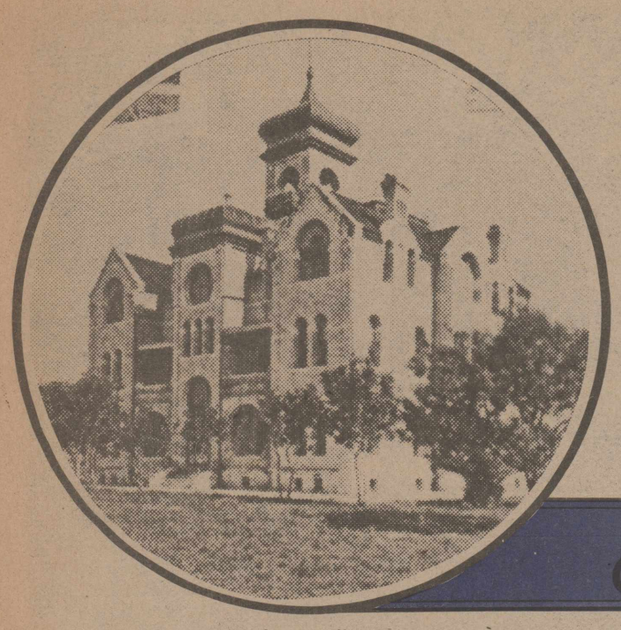


Aransas County's Past

INTO THE 80's

A Decade For Development

Explorers, French Pirates Highlight County History

Long before Aransas County was established, the bay and adjacent land area were called "Aransas" or "Aranzazu" by early Spanish explorers, said to have named the area for one of the king's palaces in Spain.

Earliest known inhabitants of this region were Indians of the Karankawas, Copano and Lipan tribes. The Karankawa apparently were the most numerous and most warlike with an unpleasant habit of cooking and eating their enemies.

The three peninsulas -- Live Oak, Lamar and Blackjack -- and 30-mile long St. Joseph Island, as well as numerous bays and inlets which compromise what is now Aransas County, have a colorful past which includes the activities of Spanish and French explorers, pirates, smugglers and cattle rustlers, as well as the more substantial colonizers, farmers, merchants and fishermen who made possible the development of modern Aransas County.

There were Spanish shipwrecks on the coast, and forays by the Louisiana pirate Lafitte, from his temporary headquarters on St. Joseph Island where he is reputed to have buried some of his plunder.

A fascinating, although unsubstantiated, story tells of two Spanish galleons trapped in Copano Bay by low tide and captured after a gun fight by a band of mounted men. This is said to be the only known instance in which the cavalry won a naval engagement.

Early settlements were attacked successively by Indians, outlaws, and Mexican and Union forces. For a time smugglers operated with great success on Aransas and Copano Bays, shipping their illicit merchandise inland on wagons. This was said to be the first organized trade in the area. Cattle thieves succeeded pirates and smugglers until the law caught up with them, too.

During the War with Mexico, Gen. Zachary Taylor and his Army of Occupation camped overnight on the shore of Aransas Bay. His headquarters was set up under the still-standing Taylor Oak in Rockport.

In 1826 James Powers obtained a grant from the Spanish Government which included all lands between the Lavaca and Nueces Rivers. Under its terms the area was to be colonized by native Mexicans and others on a 50-50 percent basis.

Powers brought 200 families from Ireland in 1829. Of these, 20 families settled in the present Aransas County area. In 1833 some 59 settlers arrived here from New York by schooner. Others came from the interior of the United States and from Mexico. Settlements, most of them long since fallen into ruins, were established on Live Oak and Lamar peninsulas. Perhaps the earliest structure still standing is the Catholic chapel, Our Lady Star of the Sea, completed in 1858 in Lamar.

Aransas County came into being on September 18, 1871, when the Texas state legislature passed a bill creating it from Refugio County and designating Rockport as the county seat.

The county enjoyed a brief tourist boom around 1888, but this soon subsided and the county actually lost population. Next came the development of the shrimp industry starting about 1920, followed by the discovery of vast fields of oil and gas in the county. While the cattle industry remains important to the county, it no longer dominates the economy.

Aransas County began functioning as a political entity on March 26, 1872, when the Commissioners' Court met for the first time at 9 a.m. in a rented frame structure in Rockport. The Court had attempted to meet the previous day but a quorum was lacking.

The county's first Commissioners' Court included J.W. Moses, Samuel E. Upton, P.E. Jordan, R.A. Upton, sheriff, and Edward S. Winson, clerk.

Characteristically, the first thing the Commissioners did was to act on taxes. They approved a charge of 15 cents per 100 hand-written words to have the Refugio County tax rolls which applied to the new county transcribed. They also levied a tax on business.

The Commissioners also voted $100 in back salary to Sheriff Upton, who apparently have served without pay since the previous September. The county treasurer was allowed a total of $6 to buy record books and set up his office, and $50 was appropriated to cover the county clerk's stationery and mailing costs for the year.

After operating in rented quarters for several years, the county erected an imposing three-story courthouse of Moorish design.

Present county commissioners include Erie Eller in precinct one, Ray Longino in precinct two, Raymond Owens in precinct three and J.M. Spriegel in precinct four. The county judge is John Wendell, aided by Ruby Hart as county clerk and Mary Dean as county auditor. The county tax assessor is Allena Jones.

The sheriff of Aransas County is Robert Hewes, and James Anderson is county attorney.



FINE DAY FOR A STROLL

And a fine place to take a stroll back around the turn of the century was along this pier stretching from Rockport's Water Street into Aransas Bay. The buildings in the foreground are the Bailey Pavilion -- scene of dances and entertainment as well as the site of the first commencement exercises [in 1907] of Rockport High School -- and the bath house. In background are the offices of the Gulf Coast Immigration Company and Rockport's First National Bank. Those buildings, facing Water Street, have been located as being in the general area of where Lettie's Liquor Store now stands on Austin.

[Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]

County's Economy

Depended On The Meat Packing Business

Before people even thought of commercial fishing being the local industry it is now, meat packing was the primary large business in Aransas County.

Soon after the Civil War, a dozen or more packing plants -- like the Marion Packing Company owned by Arthur Bracht of Fulton -- operated in the area.

At that time, Texas ranges were overstocked with herds that had run wild and multiplied beyond anyone's belief. Cattle were shipped only by boat to a circumscribed market, as trailing the longhorns north had not yet been introduced.

When some genius of the cattle industry realized that it would be easy to convert longhorns into products that could be transported with little loss to any port in the world, the almost worthless steers were then able to be converted into more acceptable cash.

Methods for preserving meat were not entirely satisfactory, but it could be pickled; tallow was in demand by soap and candle makers of the east; hides and horns were marketable for shoes, buttons and combs; bones were used in sugar refining or, with the residual meat left after the tallow was cooked out, for fertilizer.

Packeries sprouted almost overnight. A Maine Yankee, W.S. Hall, built the first one at Fulton about 1865. In the eight years he operated, he slaughtered 40,000 head, 11,000 of them were killed in one year.

Bill of sale records in the Aransas County courthouse offer interesting insight into prices paid during the packing house heyday. Daily sales frequently ran as high as 400 head. Occasionally an animal would bring $8, but most of them were figured at $4.50.

Plant operations were simple. Cattle were driven into a chute over which a man walked on a platform, carrying a long lance. With this he severed the spinal cords.

The carcasses were then hauled to the skinning floor, where the horns and hoofs were cut off, and the hide, after a couple of preliminary slashes, was shucked from the body with a steel hook inserted in the skin of the neck and yanked off by a mule.

A marker cut the hams and shoulders, marking them for the axe man, who chopped all bones in two at the marks, and from there the choice sections were converted into what was known as "mess beef," because the army used so much of it.

In the better establishments like Halls, the rest of the animal was fried out for tallow and the residue converted to fertilizer.

But in plants where only the hides and tallow were wanted, the dismembered fragments went immediately to the steam vats, where they were so thoroughly cooked that the bones almost fell to powder. After the tallow was rendered, the rest was a favorite hog ration.

The beef, after pickling, was shipped to army warehouses or to ports throughout the world. Ships came in through Aransas Pass, tied up at the packing house wharves, and loaded their cargoes.

Tallow was packed for shipment in huge barrels that weighed 1100 pounds each when filled. Hides for the tanneries were handled dry or salted.

A typical schooner's cargo consisted of 1982 dry hides, 20 tons of bones and 3958 horns, as well as beef and tallow. In one year, over 102,000,000 pounds of tallow and $2,560,000 worth of hides were shipped from the Texas coast.

The late Ham Smith of Rockport was a child when the packeries were running full blast, but he used to tell about days of bounty. Meat was thrown out in great piles, he reported, and anyone who wanted it was welcome to come by the packeries and help themselves.

"You could go by the packery and cut off a chunk of meat and take it home with you, and nobody minded. The meat was thrown out for the hogs to eat, then the hogs were rendered up for their lard. When the lard was rendered, you could fill a fifty-pound can for your own use. It didn't cost you anything."

J. Frank Dobie says: "Much of the waste of the Rockport factories was thrown into the bay, where shoals of fish fed on it. They could be seined very easily. On a shore nearby was a hillock, perhaps five acres square, that stank to high heaven. In the fall and winter, thousands upon thousands of ducks and geese gorged upon it. Finally some Yankees bought the mountain for a song, made the stuff into fertilizer and shipped it north."

Another early packery located here was the Texas Beef packery, owned by A.R. Edey and Dr. W.H. Dwinelle.

Others soon built around Fulton and Rockport, including the Carruthers and Fulton Company; Lyman Meat Packing and Canning Company; Coleman, Mathis and Fulton; the American Meat Company; J.W. Taylor and Company; McNeill, Nash and Company; D.L. and L.G. Holden; the American Beef Packery; Coston Packing Company; West and Weisner Company; and Butler and Company, one of the largest.

The packeries only flourished for about a decade, between the end of the Civil War and the time when the great trail herds began to go north to market.



OLD POST OFFICE

This is how Rockport's Post Office looked about 1910. That was back when the Gulf Coast Immigration Company was promoting land in Aransas County, automobiles were scarce -- but there were some around -- and the horse was still the primary transportation.

[Photo Courtesy John Mitchell]



GULF COAST IMMIGRATION COMPANY

Along about 1910, the Gulf Coast Immigration Company was touting Rockport as "The New Deepwater Harbor on the Gulf of Mexico." The company set up shop to sell homes and acreage in the area and published a booklet filled with photos of residences and acreage for sale and points of interest in the city. This photo, taken from that booklet, shows the Gulf Coast Immigration Company on Rockport's bayfront. Beside it is Rockport's First National Bank, depository for the Immigration Company. Both buildings fronted Water Street. The location has been identified as approximately where Lettie's Liquor Store is now.

[Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]

Charlie Garrett Has Worked At Lot Of Jobs, Seen Lot Of Changes In County

By Pat Blair

From the time he first came to this area to help build the old causeway, Charlie Garrett has held a lot of jobs and seen a lot of changes in Aransas County.

That was back in 1928, when Charlie was working for Davis Pace. Davis Pace was contractor for the job of building a causeway across Copano Bay.

"That was the old causeway," says Charlie. "The narrow one." That's the structure that today is used as a fishing pier -- but it was "the" causeway until the late 1960s when the present structure was completed.

Charlie's first trip to the area lasted for eight days, while the construction crew drove test pilings across the bay.

Then he went back to Austin County in 1929 to finish work on the causeway. "I was on it 11 months," he said.

It was during those 11 months that he met Nina Diederich -- who became Nina Garrett a year or two later. And in 1931, the Garretts returned to Rockport to stay.

Charlie was born in Merkle, and his family -- "My daddy was a cotton farmer" -- moved to "about 13 miles west of Waco when I was a baby." It was around 1927, about a year before his first trip to Rockport, that Garrett left Waco and went into construction work "building bridges."

At 72 -- born January 1, 1908 -- Charlie's seen "a lot of changes" in his lifetime. He recalled, "I saw my first airplane in World War I" -- a war in which Charlie was too young to enlist, though he's a veteran of World War II.

Rockport too has changed since Charlie first came here to put down roots and raise his family. There was no Rockport Harbor when he came, no Little Bay Shores -- ("That -- the development of Little Bay Shores -- "was an asset," he said). No Key Allegro, no airport...

Charlie was one of those who helped build the county airport in the early 1940s.

The way he tells it, he started out operating a Texaco Station when he first came to Rockport, then operated a Humble Station for a few years until Pearl Harbor.

"After Pearl Harbor, I gave up station work and went to work for a contractor on Matagorda Peninsula building barracks for the Air Force. When that job was over, I went to work for Rice Boatworks, building subchasers, and after that, I worked on building the airport."

Charlie was inducted into service "in the latter part of 1943" and served "two years and two months," including overseas duty in France.

Following his discharge, he went to work for Bailey Motor Company here, then in 1947 or '48, "I purchased one old truck from my brother and went into LP (liquid propane) gas business for about 20 years 'til I sold out to the natural gas people here.

"Then," he continued, "I went to work for Coast Materials -- worked there about three years, then retired."

In the meantime, Charlie found time to serve a term on Rockport's city council back in the early '50s.

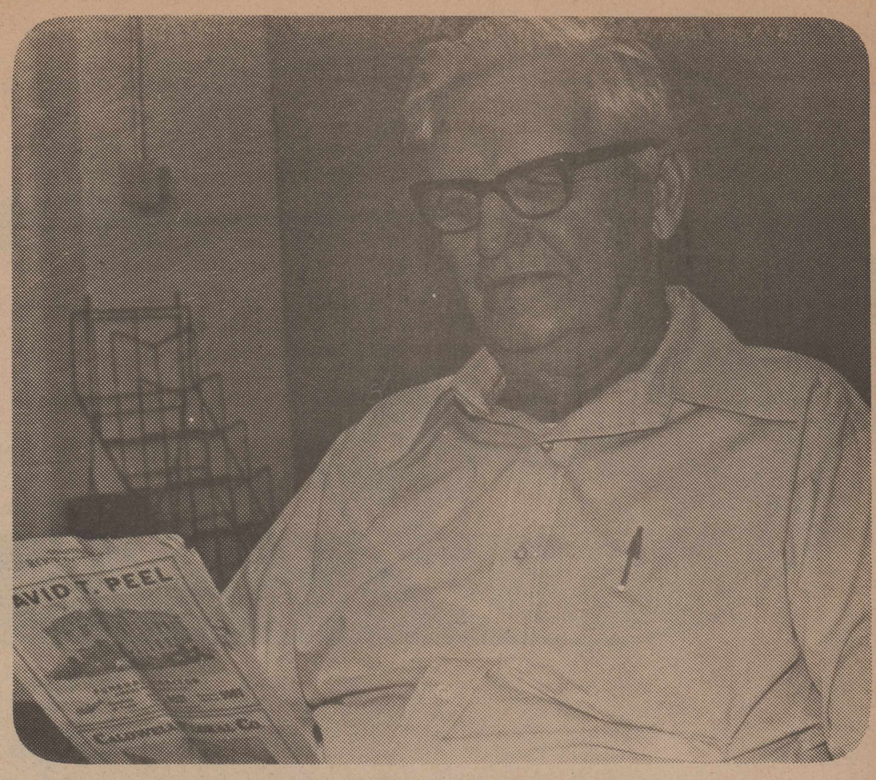
The way he got into that, he said, was "a guy stopped me on the road on a Friday evening and wanted me to go file for city council before 5 p.m. -- that was the deadline to file for the council. I said, 'What's wrong with the fellow in there now?' and the guy (the one who stopped Charlie) said, 'He doesn't want to run'."

As it turned out, Charlie was the only candidate for that spot on the ballot. He was elected, served his two years "then didn't file anymore" until 1960 when he decided it was time perhaps to run again.

Since then, he's put in nearly 18 years -- it will be 18 years next April -- as a city council member.

When his current term on the city council expires in April, he said, he doesn't plan to run for re-election.

At 72 -- 73 by that time next year -- with all those decades of work behind him, including a total of 20 years serving the city, he's earned a rest...



MEMENTO OF YEARS PAST

Charlie Garrett looks over old 1939 Rockport phone book that was among the possessions of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Fred C. Diederich of Rockport.
[Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]



VIEW FROM OAKHURST

This photo, taken about 1910, shows the 10-acre farms west of [behind] the old Fulton Mansion -- then known as Oakhurst. It's quite a difference from the way things look now.
[Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]

Remember When The Phone Directory Was Four Pages?

By Pat Blair

In 1939, you could get a drugstore by phoning "14" and a call to Well Court in Lamar was a long-distance toll call.

The Rockport Telephone Directory -- which included listings in Fulton -- consisted of cover, back and two pages of listings in between -- a grand total of 150 names of residents and businesses.

A copy of the directory was loaned to The Pilot recently by Charlie Garrett, a longtime Rockport resident and member of the City Council.

Garrett said his wife, Nina, found the directory "among a bunch of stuff" that belonged to her mother, the late Mrs. Fred C. Diederich of Rockport.

Back in 1939, he added, he had a Humble Service station on Liberty Street where the Phillips 66 station is now. It's listed in the 1939 phone book as "Garrett Service Station" and the phone number is 10.

The September, 1939, edition of the phone book was the 11th issue, and G.R. Tait was Southwestern Bell's District manager of the Rockport Exchange.

Rockport also had a Gulf Service Station phone number 75, nights 68 -- that advertised "clean rest rooms, hunting, fishing and cottage information," a J. Ed Moore Service Station and a "Smith Service Station and Grocery."

Area residents could also buy gasoline at Bracht's Service Station -- phone number 2 -- or at the Townsend or Triangle service stations.

There were several grocery stores and meat markets in the area: Barber's Meat Market, Fulton Cash Grocery, Hooper Bros. Grocery, Kelly Cash Grocery, Modern Market, Sorenson & Son Grocery, Lone Star Fish & Oyster Company...

Rockport boasted a Jackson Sea Food Company, Jackson Sales, Johnson Fish Company, Heldenfel Bros. Shipyard and Rockport Yacht & Supply Company.

Capt. Davis Drive In boasted "Fishing trips, tackle and fine foods" in its small ad in the two-page directory. Another ad, for Hazel's Confectionary, offered "ice cream, cold drinks, news stand, toasted sandwiches, beer."

There were also several cottages listed: Forest Park Cottages, Oak Shore Apartments and Cottages, Palm Courts -- all in Fulton; Triple Oak Cottages; and Wells Court -- the toll call to Lamar.

Charles Picton's Lumber Company was in business back then, and First National Bank had telephone number 1.

If you had problems with termites, you could call Anderson Exterminating Company -- a toll call to 9781 in Corpus Christi.

Bruhl Drug Store could be reached at phone number 14 and Johnson's Drug Store -- Joe L. Johnson, proprietor, and offering "modern fountain service" -- at phone number 39.

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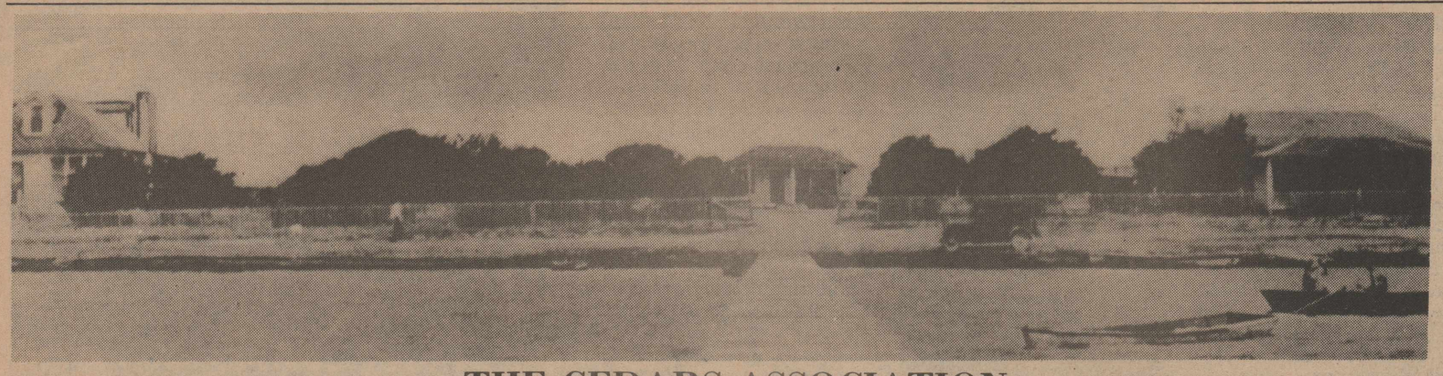
BATHER'S DELIGHT

A "surf bathing party" enjoys the breakers in the bay along what is now Rockport Beach. The Gulf Coast Immigration Company -- from whose booklet this photo was taken -- noted that, even back in 1910, "mid-winter surf bathing is one of the chief attractions here."

[Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]



THE CEDARS ASSOCIATION

Now known as the Cedars Association and privately owned by eight individuals, The Cedars was owned by J.T. Bryant when this photo was taken in 1928. The advertising promised "furnished cottages, boating, bathing and fishing at reasonable prices year round." The Cedars was brand new when this photo was taken in 1928. It remained The Cedars until 1972 when the facilities were purchased by the present owners. One of them, Richard S. Robertson of Austin, furnished this photo to The Pilot.



REMEMBER WHEN?

If these folks look familiar, it isn't because you're getting old. Despite the costumes and the "old-timey" car, the photo wasn't taken that long ago. In fact, the year was 1969 when Rockport and Aransas County celebrated their Centennial with pageants and special events and everybody going around in old-fashioned dress. The lady on the left is Mrs. Delmar Hiller, the two children are hers and the gentleman is Colonel Bob Stroot. [Photo Courtesy of Roy Rogero]

FIREFIGHTERS FIRST

The first chief of the Rockport fire department was Fred Hoopes. W.S. Dorethy was the first fireman to drive the equipment to a fire.

Commercial Motors Receives Ford Awards

Since the opening of the Commercial Motors Company dealership on April 15, 1939, W.E. Boehnke's establishment, located at 106 S. Commercial Street, Aransas Pass, has grown and earned every Ford award conceivable.

As the company expanded through the years, adjacent pieces of property were bought and remodeled, until the two-block area that now houses Commercial Motors was developed. A three-year renovation of the dealership's property and buildings has just been completed, and Boehnke and his staff are always on the lookout for ways to improve customer service.

This may explain why the Commercial Motors dealership has been awarded every Ford award, including the Distinguished Achievement Award, every year since 1950. Among the awards the staff of Commercial Motors has received are the Golden Shovel Award in 1967 for restructuring the dealership, and the 1967 Distinguished Achievement in Customer Relations Citation.

Boehnke was joined in 1962 by his son, Gary, a graduate of Texas A&I University in Kingsville, who became a part owner and the sales manager.

"I was the youngest Ford dealer in the Houston area when I got started, and now I'm the oldest," said W.E. Boehnke, explaining why Commercial Motors Company has stayed in business for 40 years. While other dealers have passed their reins of power on to sons and daughters, Boehnke still has an active hand in Aransas Pass' Ford dealership.

Commercial Motors, whose parts department, body shop, office and sales personnel number approximately 50, sells an average of 60 new cars and trucks and 40 to 50 used autos per month.

Personnel from both the sales and service department go through training sessions using video equipment, and in addition, they are sent to Ford Motor Company training sessions, operating out of Houston.

Once they are trained, staffers at Commercial Motors work from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with the exception of the service department which has Saturdays off.

All new Fords carry a warranty of 12 months or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first. New owners can also get additional security by buying an extended warranty contract, which covers them for three years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. An additional bonus to this plan is that the buyer has six months to determine if he wants the extended warranty. There's no pressure to buy it the same time the car is bought.

Service work is guaranteed for 90 days or 4,000 miles, whichever comes first, keeping with the Ford Motor Company's national standards.

The complete line of Fords and Mercurys are available at Commercial Motors, including the imported Courier trucks and Fiestas. Custom ordered vehicles usually take about 30-45 days to arrive, if everything goes according to plans, but Boehnke cautioned that numerous outside factors affect deliveries, sometimes causing them to take 60 days to arrive.

Whitney-Vaky "Has It All"

Whitney-Vaky Insurance, located on the southeast corner of Church and Market streets, offers every type of coverage needed for family and business security. Jim Cox, manager of both the Rockport and Aransas Pass offices and part owner in the corporation, lists marine, oil field, auto, life, health, hurricane and fire as some of the lines of insurance carried by Whitney-Vaky.

The Rockport office, which opened on January 1, 1978, was an expansion of the Portland establishment, where Cox worked before being transferred to Rockport.

Since buying Joe Hugenberg's office and moving into this area, Whitney-Vaky has expanded to employ four secretarial/technical personnel, a part-time helper and one other solicitor in addition to Cox.

The manager, who began as an underwriter in 1972 for Travelers and joined this company in January, 1975, says the "growth here has been tremendous," and adds that they are currently overcrowded.

Cox and his wife, Lisa, and their three children are active in Rockport activities, including Boy Scouts. The seven-year insurance executive is scoutmaster of Troop #49 and is a member of the Rotary Club.



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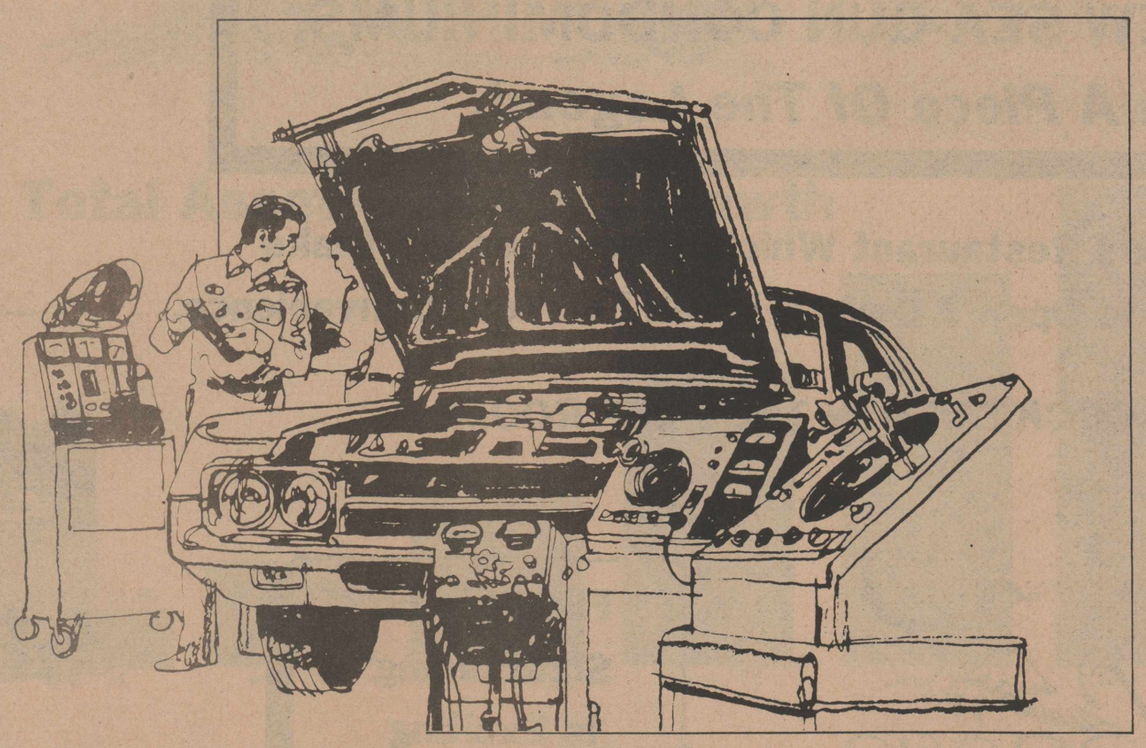

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Smallest Baby In Rockport Grandmother

By Pat Blair

When Tiney Young Gayle was born -- prematurely and weighing in at two pounds -- the doctor told her parents she wouldn't live long.

That was 80 years ago and, as Tiney herself observes, "I'm still here."

Tiney and a twin brother, the smallest infants ever born in Rockport, arrived prematurely, on July 9, 1900, but the boy didn't survive.

The infant girl was named Tiney -- because she was -- Jewel, "because my aunt said I was a jewel," Tiney recalls. She adds, laughing, "I had 'em fooled at an early age!"

The Rockport in which Tiney grew up "was sure different from now!" Tiney recalled in a recent interview. "When I married and left, I knew everybody. Then when my husband died and I moved back here in '65, I didn't know anybody."

"There are so many more people," she added. "It seems funny not to know everybody..." Back when she was growing up, she recalled, there were no numbers on the houses -- but that didn't matter because everybody knew where you lived.

Tiney started school in the Oak Grove System, about eight miles from Rockport. "We lived out there (on Highway 35 South) by the 'Y'," she recalls. "The house isn't there anymore."

She remembers her mother bought 16 lots in the old Oklahoma Community, and later sold the house and lots for $360.

When Tiney was growing up, youngsters "went to school all week and worked at home," she said. For amusement, there were country dances and of course church and Sunday School.

In 1916, Tiney went to work for the local telephone office. "It was on the beach," she recalls. "The telephone office and bank were right up together" and she recalled both faced the bay approximately behind the present location of Lettie's Liquor Store on Austin Street.

It was three years after Tiney started to work for the phone company that the storm of 1919 blew through.

She and her mother had gone up to Gainesville, she recalled, "and we spent the night of the storm in the railroad depot in Sinton." She remembers that the "roof of the depot was just breathin' " with the force of the storm.

Eventually, because there was no other transportation available, Tiney, her mother and another woman headed from Sinton to Aransas Pass by handcar, until they reached a point where the railroad ties were washed out.

Then a "Mr. Barber" brought them the rest of the way to Rockport by wagon and team.

Tiney worked for the phone company until 1925 when she got married. By the time she quit, she said, she held the position of "agent" which was "kind of like a manager."

Her husband, Herman Gayle, was living in Mirando City when Tiney met him we while there on a vacation.

"When I got back to Rockport," she said, "he came to see me, and later on, we got married."

After their marriage, the couple moved to Mirando City, to a house on a hill that was the highest point in Calhoun County. Tiney's son, Sonny, was born in 1943. He and his family live in Portland these days, Tiney said.

Tiney didn't come back to Rockport again until after the death of her husband in 1964. These days, she lives at Taylor Oak Trailer Park and attends the First Baptist Church here. "I used to be a Rebekah, but not anymore," she says.

"I'll stay here (in Rockport) til I die, I guess," she said. "I hope I don't ever have to move again."



ROCKPORT'S SMALLEST

Tiney Young Gayle holds a photo of herself as an infant. The smallest baby born in Rockport, she was premature and the doctor told her parents not to expect her to live. That, she says, was 80 years ago... [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

..FIRST LEASE

The first oil and gas lease in Aransas County was made from T.D. Wood and Sam B. Allen to John E. Schell of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The lease included all of St. Joseph's Island. A tight well was drilled to 3,000 feet then the well was abandoned and no information released on the test.

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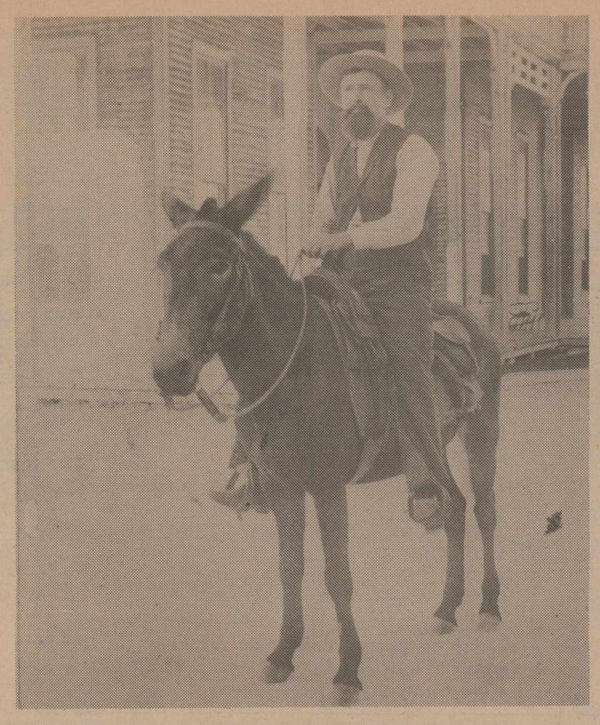
CHAMBER ORGANIZED

A Rockport Chamber of Commerce was established in 1912 with S.F. Jackson president and A.C. Glass secretary. This Chamber became inactive in 1929.

The present Chamber was organized in 1936 under the presidency of Charles T. Picton. Alec Lillico was hired as the first paid secretary.



TINEY'S FATHER

This photo shows Tiney's father, John Young, riding "Pete" in front of Rockport's Del Mar Hotel. The picture was taken about 1912, Tiney says.

(Photo Courtesy of Tiney Young Gayle)



TRUCK FARMS

Back before the 1920s and '30s, truck farming was a big industry in Rockport. Theo Johnson, whose father came to Rockport by oxcart from Illinois, remembered planting tomatoes around the old Fulton Mansion back when she was a girl and says truck farms could be found throughout the county. The truck farm shown in this photo dating from around 1910 was located behind some cottages on Church Street which were close to the then Rockport High School and about a block from the County Courthouse.

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"We had to start from scratch and I didn't know scratch about it," says Mary Cook. "I had to learn. . . "

What she and her sister, Freda Harris, learned was how to operate their Fulton Family Cottages out on Fulton Beach Road.

They succeeded — their cottages have been part of the scene in Aransas County since 1934 when the Harrises first moved down from San Antonio.

C.L. Harris worked for an oil company in those days, Mrs. Harris recalls. "He traveled and used to come down here from San Antonio and liked it," she said during a recent interview at the Family Cottages office.

"One day," she recalled, "he said to me, 'I think I'll go to Rockport and get some cottages.' I said, 'You won't give up a good job,' and he said no . . .

"I asked him who he'd get to run them. He said, 'You.' I told him, 'Not on your life' — and here I am!" She laughs at the memory.

But it was her husband's forced retirement from his job that brought the Harrises down here, and Mrs. Cook joined them three years later, in 1937.

The cottages started with seven units. "We weren't equipped for winter tourists," Mrs. Cook said.

But for the beginning, they had attractions for summer people.

Back in those days, the cottages were much closer to the water — the beach hadn't been built up by the Navigation District — and the business owned its own pier.

There were also six skiffs and Mrs. Cook remembers, "We had a picnic with them! When it rained, they'd fill with water and we'd have to go bail them out. Then a norther came, we had to go out and change the way they were tied to the pier.

"I don't want those skiffs again!" she added.

Back in those days, the Fulton Family Cottages were pretty isolated — and not too many people had heard of Rockport.

But "Mr. Harris was an organizer," Mrs. Harris says. "He wrote to his friends and they came from Dallas — we had them coming down after a while from San Marcos." Advertising included ads in the Chicago papers.

And it got results. Fulton Family Cottages has grown to 13 units plus a couple of trailer spaces and this past year, as always, they were "full up" with Winter Texans.

The sisters have people who come back "year after year" and form friendships that last when they leave Rockport and Texas behind for another year. Their guests include families from Canada — even as far away as Germany!

"I enjoy the winter people," says Mrs. Harris. "I haven't got enough cottages. . . "

What's it like, running a 13-unit tourist business by themselves? "Compared to what we had to do (in the early days of the business), it's pie," says Mrs. Cook.

"We had kerosene hot plates to cook with back then," Mrs. Harris remembers, "and little tin ovens." They used kerosene, she recalls, because "coal oil would just smut up the pots."

They used wood heaters and sawed their own wood.

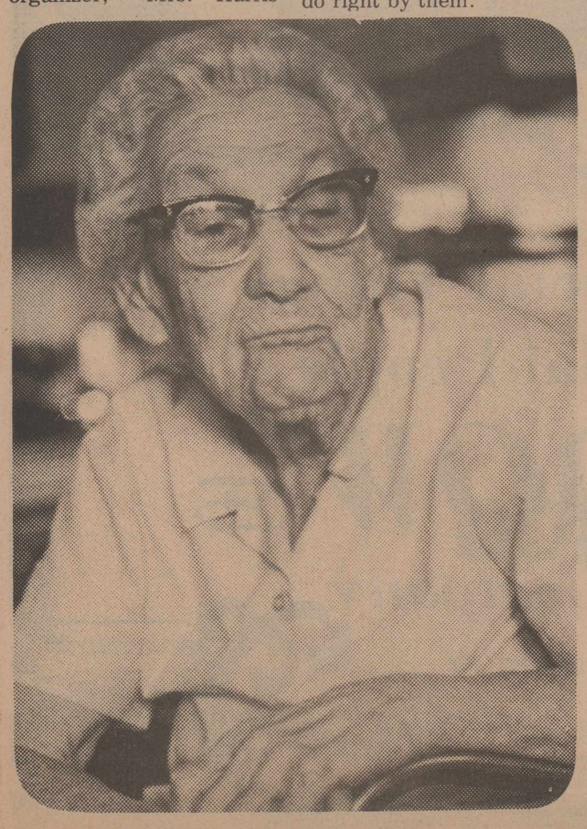
At one time, Mrs. Cook recalls, "we tried to put in a butane tank. We went down three feet and hit water. We had to put the tank in the water because we couldn't do anything else."

Back in those days, Mrs. Harris recalls, there was nothing behind the cottages. "We could have bought all this land here for $150."

Also back in those days, the sisters remember, there were "lots of ducks, fish galore . . . oysters, crab — you could go out and pick up a bushel basket," Mrs. Cook recalled, adding, "That's all gone."

But they still have their cottages and their "winter people."

"We have such wonderful customers," Mrs. Harris says, adding, "We try to do right by them.



FREDA HARRIS

Live Oak State Bank Has Deep Community Roots

For the Live Oak State Bank, progress means the acquisition of land, addition of two directors, alterations in titles, and an increased number of art exhibits.

On July 21, the bank signed legal documents for the acquisition of an additional 64,125 square feet to be used for future expansion.

The property, which is adjacent to the north property line of the bank, fronts 150 feet on Hwy. 35 North, 300 feet on Jenkins and 142.5 feet on Broadway.

Cone said, "The Board's decision to acquire the property is based upon the growth of Aransas County."

Live Oak Bank will celebrate its sixth anniversary July 31 and has grown from opening day deposits of $149,626.58 to deposits of $20,200,879.10 as of the close of business June 30.

Cone added that the middle of July was an excellent time for the history of the bank, as it was the successful bidder on the $400,000 Aransas County Right of Way Bond Issue for the Hwy. 35 Bypass.

In addition to these two property matters, the bank received approval of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to exercise its recently obtained trust powers.

Live Oak can now offer trust services as executor and administrator, trustee, guardian and agent.

With the considerable rise in transactions came the addition of two new members to the Board of Directors, bringing the membership to 11. These two newcomers were L.D. Crumly and J. Paul Karcher.

Several title changes were necessary as well. Kenneth Moseley was promoted from cashier to vice president cashier, while Jeanie Rutledge was transferred from assistant vice president to loan officer.

Also advanced were Larry Boone, from senior to executive vice president, and Cam Leoanrd, who was named senior trust officer as well as vice president.

Other officers are George Cone, president; Curtis Goodman, vice president; and Johnella Harrison, auditor.

In addition, there are two assistant cashiers, Melanie and Sue Stephens; an operations officer, Freida Bradshaw; and a credit officer, Richard Roe.

The bank featured a number of displays by such artists as Bud Biggs, Harold Phenix, and Anita Burgtorf, along with one by the Rockport Art Association.

In October, 1979, the bank sponsored an autograph party to benefit the ambulance service of the ACMSI.

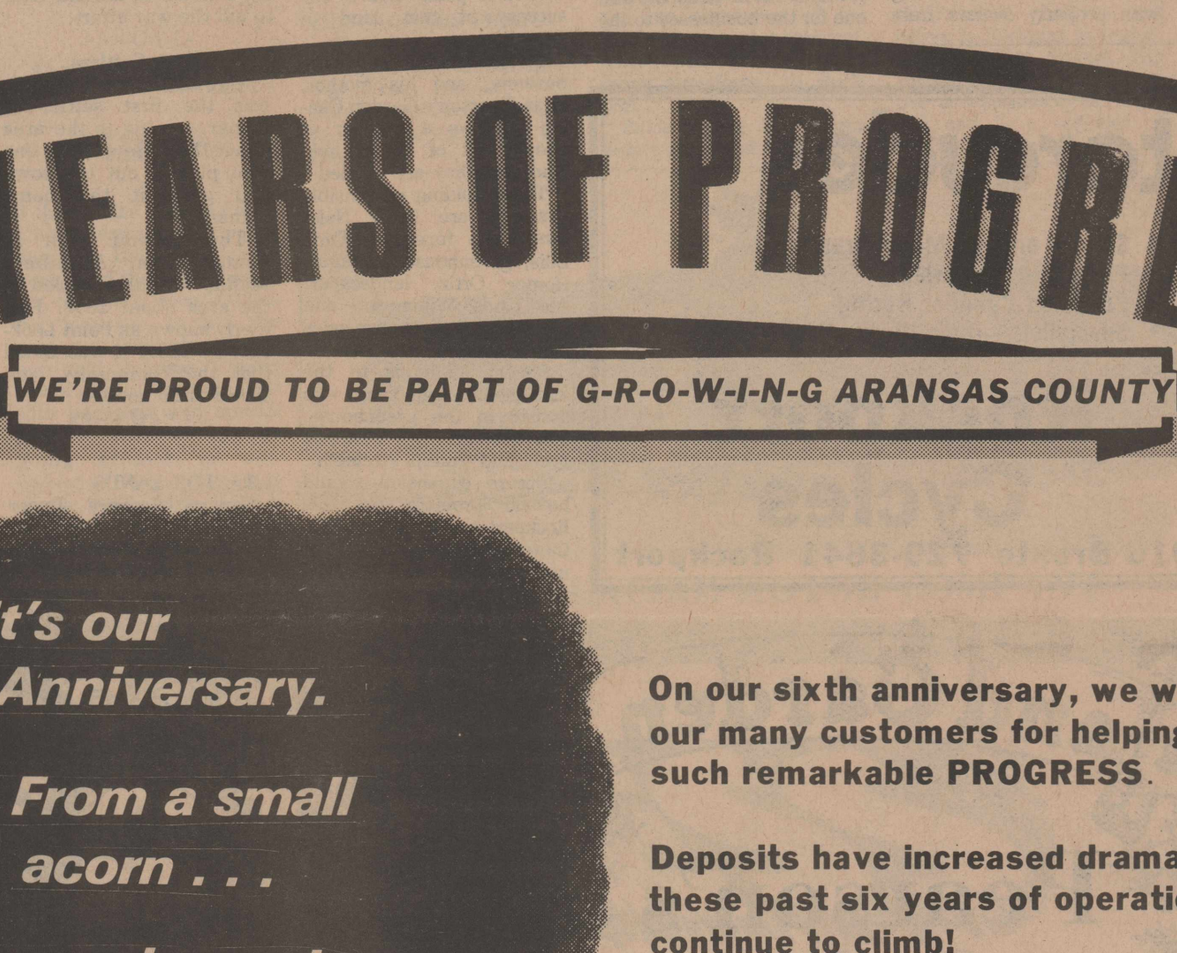
Present to sign "The Texas Gulf Coast: Interpretation by Nine Artists" were seven of the artists themselves, Jack Cowan, Al Barnes, Herb Booth, Harold Phenix, Buck Schiwetz, Michael Frary and John Guerin; Leon Hale, who wrote the introduction; and Joe Moore, the financial backer of the book.

Representatives of the Texas A&M Press, Frank Wardlaw and Lloyd Lyman, were also on hand to view the 17 originals on display for the festivities.

The bank received its charter in September, 1973. The original Board of Directors was comprised of Carl Krueger Jr., Conwell Smith, Gordon Stanley, Alfred McMurtry, Dr. J. Martin Shaw and Cone.

Later additions to this roster included Sam E. Wilcox, N.F. Jackson Sr. and Larry C. Boone.

The bank's officers, directors and employees extend their thanks to the community for the continuing support which has made their growth possible.



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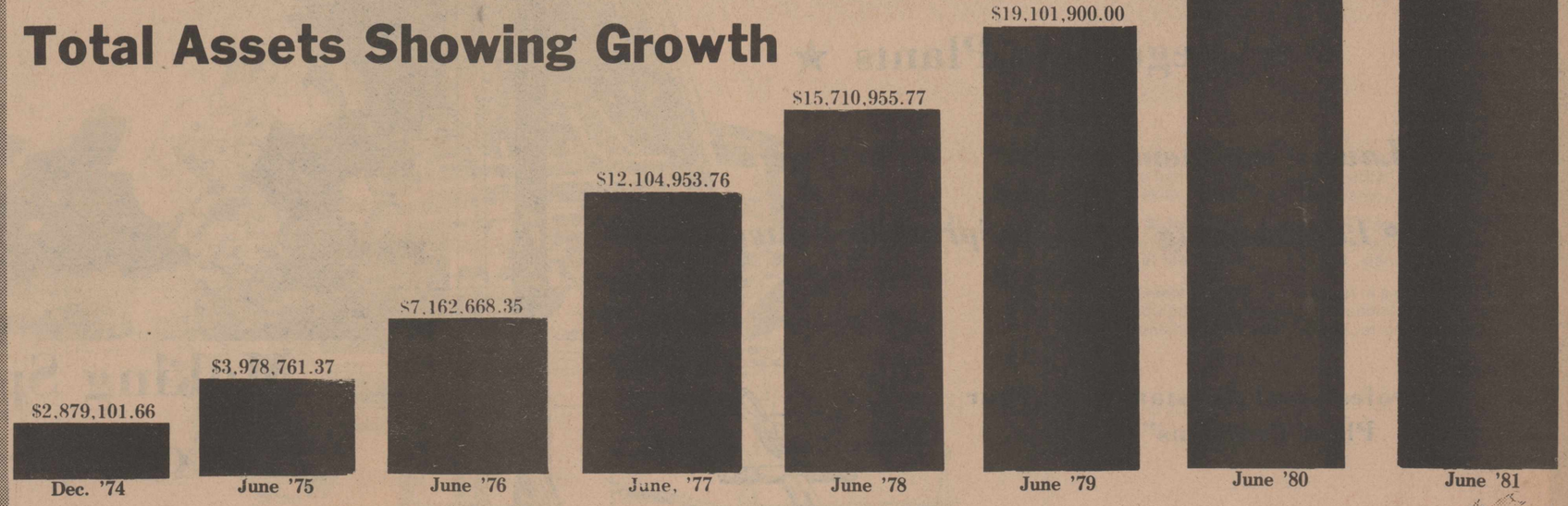

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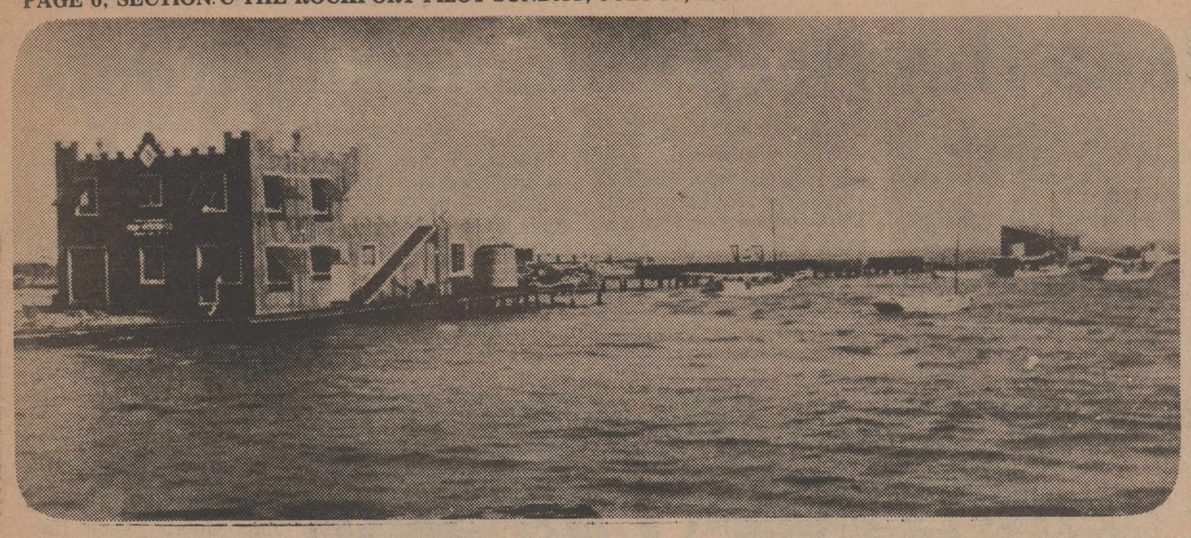

WHOLESALE FISH, OYSTERS Not much is known about this structure except it was called Gibson's Wholesale Fish and Oyster Establishment and it was somewhere along Rockport's waterfront. The photo dates from around 1910. [Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]

FACULTY OF '14

1914, this is. Tiney Young Gayle, who brought in this photo, couldn't identify all of these teachers. However, she could identify the two ladies in front as "Miss Noonan" and "Miss Hoskins." In the middle row, the teacher on the far right is identified as R.L. Sneed and immediately to her left is "Miss Ober." The gentleman in the back row on the far right is "Mr. Coleman." (Photo Courtesy of Tiney Young Gale)



Pearson's Garden Center Is A "Blooming" Business

Success of Pearson's Garden Center has been so great that two new structures had to be built to accommodate all the plants.

Both a new greenhouse and an additional shadehouse have been erected in the past year.

These new facilities join the slat house and existing greenhouse, which the Pearsons added when they bought the property for the Center in 1971. In that year, they halved the Army barracks occupying the land and converted one of the halves into their retail sales and office building.

There are three phases to the operation of the Garden Center, according to owner Jim Pearson, and all but the new greenhouse contain the ornamental shrubs and trees that are sold as part of the retail business.

Landscaping comprises the second phase of operations and involves working with property owners from start to finish of both outdoor and indoor decor.

Possession of an irrigation license from the State of Texas affords Pearson's the opportunity to install sprinkler systems for added service.

The wholesale florist business, now in its third year, is the newest branch. Two delivery routes have been established for this part of the business, one serving towns north of Rockport and one for the businesses to the south.

Shipments began to florists in San Antonio and the Valley in 1979, with these deliveries centered around the holdiays.

Most of the orders for several hundred plants come through retail florists, Pearson said, adding that flowers for various Corpus Christi debutante parties are ordered from the center.

The new greenhouse was constructed for use in raising wholesale plants due to the success of that kind of operation.

Owned by Jim, his wife, Suzanne, and his mother, Bess, Pearson's Garden Center employs a number of people, all of whom help wherever they are needed.

Those holding responsible positions are Jerry Nale, landscape foreman; Oma Ellis, greenhouse manager; Homer Ortiz, landscaper; and Linda Williamson and Dea Curry, greenhouse sales and delivery personnel.

Recent additions to the staff include Ngu Yang, who assists in the greenhouse, and part-time helpers Donnie Frels and Phillip Viccinelli.

Future expansion should be no problem for this Rockport-based center, since there is still a large portion of undeveloped land reserved for such purposes.

Old Landmark

Until it was torn down in 1956 to make way for the new County Courthouse, Aransas County's original courthouse was the oldest landmark in the county still being used for its original purpose.

The building of Moorish architecture was started in 1889, completed in 1890. It was designed by Riley Gordon who later became famous for his architectural work.

At one time, the building was surrounded by an iron fence, but that was torn down and sold around 1943 to aid the war effort.

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Early Settlers

Captain James Byrne was the first settler in Lamar, coming to the area about 1838. He was the one who platted out the town and gave it the name Lamar.

The second man in Lamar was Archibald McRae who also settled in the area about 1838. Formerly known as Point Lookout, by 1839, it was noted that the community consisted of 20 homes.

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...TAYLOR LANDS

General Zachary Taylor landed his army and encamped at the "rocky edge of Aransas Pass (Rockport)" to begin the invasion of Mexico in August of 1845 or 1846.

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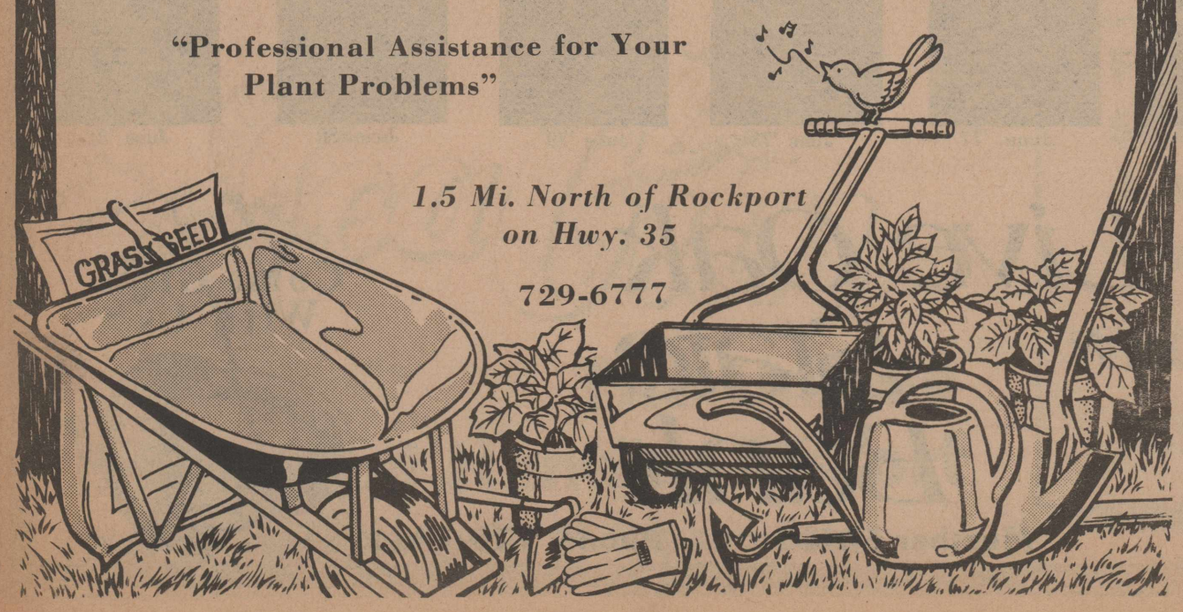

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First National Bank Area's Oldest And Growing With Rockport

With deposits totalling $32,142,018 on June 30, 1980, Rockport's First National Bank is the oldest such institution in the Coastal Bend area.

Rockport was known as Aransas Pass back in 1890 when the bank was established by seven area pioneers.

These founding members included Col. George Fulton -- who is said to have used a secret room in his mansion as a depository for his business associates -- R.N. Wood, James C. Fulton, Virogo Kochler, John Elgin, L.B. Randall and J.M. Hopes.

These seven men held their first meeting in the Del Mar Hotel to set down the rules and organize a charter for the bank-to-be.

Six months after that initial meeting, the First National Bank opened for business. In 1892, the town was renamed "Rockport" and in 1902, when the bank's charter was renewed, it was officially registered as the "First National Bank of Rockport."

The bank's original home was a one-story building. In 1901, it moved from there to a three-story building next door to the Gulf Coast Immigration Company on South Water Street. Bank officials could look out their windows at the bay with the dancing pavilion and bath house in view.

The bank was still on Water Street in 1945 when James H. Sorenson joined the then three-member staff of A.C. Glass, Margaret Schuster and Leona Critcher. Though there were no savings accounts at that time, the bank's assets in 1945 were figured at $1 million.

In 1948, Sorenson was named to his present post as Chief Executive Officer. A decade later, in 1958, the bank moved across the street to a more modern structure -- the present location of Rockport Yacht and Supply Company.

Groundbreaking at the bank's present site was held in April, 1973, with President Sorenson and Rockport Mayor Walter S. Falk Jr. on hand to officiate in the ceremonies.

A&A Construction of Victoria was in charge of the project under supervisor Syl Cunningham. At one time, as many as 125 construction workers and 17 businesses were involved in the project.

The new bank building was completed by May, 1974, and an open house was held on May 28 to allow customers to view the new bank.

Since its opening, First National has continued expansion with the addition of its "Town Hall" meeting and conference rooms, available at no charge to civic and non-profit organizations. This facility can be scheduled by calling the bank number, 729-5411.

Another recent service of the bank has been the "Time and Temperature" number, 792-3131. This has proved to be a popular service, says Major Don Meek, the bank's customer relations officer, with some 10,000 calls per month being made.

At present the bank employs more than 30 people. It's a member of the Federal Reserve System, the American Bankers Association and the Texas Bankers Association.

The bank's $32 million-plus in deposits are insured up to $100,000 with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. First National's total equity capital was $3,172,613 and assets were $35,878,465 at the end of June this year.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OFFICERS

Members of the Board of Directors of Rockport's First National Bank are back row from left, Leon M. Eschberger, Lola L. Bonner, Fred A. Bracht Jr., L.E. Casterline, Roy V. Rogero Sr., John Mitchell, Russell W. Itschner, Thomas N. Smith III and H.C. Heldenfels Jr. Directors on front row are from left, H.C. Heldenfels Sr., Charles LaBounty, Bank President James H. Sorenson Jr., R.D. Mosier Jr. and F.W. Heldenfels Jr. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]



PRESSES ROLLING

It sure doesn't look like the Pilot office -- but it was, says Roy Rogero, and he should know, considering he used to own the place. Those busy people are, from left, Mrs. Byron Baker, who was Pilot editor and secretary for the Chamber of Commerce, an unidentified gentleman, Mrs. Rogero and Gene Shultz. Roy says the photo was taken around 1947 or '48. [Pilot Courtesy of Roy Rogero]

..SCHOOLS CONSOLIDATE

All Aransas County schools were consolidated into the Aransas County Independent School District in 1949.

Before that, several school districts existed throughout the county in Fulton, Rockport, Lamar, Sparks Colony, Oak Grove and Estes.

A school is said to have been in existence along near the shores of St. Charles Bay about 1899. This one was discontinued about 1906.

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..BAPTISTS FIRST

The Baptist Church is reported to have been the first church organized in Rockport.

The first church building, located across the street from the Mathis home on Church Street, also served as the community center for a number of years. The First Baptist Church was built about 1873.

GSM Insures Rockport's Growth

After moving to its present location at 1102 Laurel, across from the First National Bank, in 1974, Glass, Sorenson and McDavid, the familiar name in insurance, added a parking lot for customer convenience.

In January, 1978, Jack McDavid became president of the newly incorporated agency, Glass, Sorenson and McDavid Inc. The secretary/treasurer of the company is John McDavid Jr., with James Sorenson as the chairman of the board.

All of these developments stemmed from Charlie Johnson's decision in the early 1920s to establish an insurance agency in the back of the First National Bank of Rockport, which he was also a part of.

When Johnson left these two businesses, his son, Fred, took over and later passed them on to Travis Johnson. Johnson subsequently sold out to A.C. Glass.

James Sorenson joined forces with Glass in the 1940s and McDavid soon followed.

At that time, the insurance offices were housed in the directors' room of the four-story bank, with the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. hours coinciding with those of the bank.

When McDavid, assisted by one woman, saw the infeasibility of this set-up, he moved into a separate office.

Although Glass sold out to Sorenson and McDavid in 1969, the company kept his name.

Since its organization, the agency has expanded considerably and now employs eight office personnel in addition to the corporation officers.

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Completion Of Fulton Mansion Not Expected Til Late 1981

By Pat Blair

Area residents won't be allowed inside the restored Fulton Mansion until at least late in 1981, says John Carle, general foreman for the renovation project.

It's going to take at least that long to repair the damage done by years of neglect of the old structure.

"There's quite a bit of damage," Carle said. "It's going to be more work than we originally thought -- there's a lot of concealed damage that's now becoming evident."

Carle is employed by William Shaw, general contractor, of Corpus Christi who was awarded the bid on the restoration project by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Jim Bigger with the TP&WD in Austin is project manager for the restoration.

Research on the mansion began about three years ago, Carle said, not long after the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bought the structure. Actual construction didn't begin until late January or February of this year.

When restoration work is finished, the mansion will look pretty much the way it did back in 1875 when it was constructed by Colonel George Ware Fulton Sr.

Plans are for complete restoration of the mansion from basement to third floor, with the basement, first and second floors to be open to the public.

The third floor will be made into office space for parks and wildlife personnel. Current plans call for one room to be unrestored, Carle said, to show the public the condition of the house when restoration work was started.

Built back in the days when a dollar was worth something, Col Fulton's mansion when completed was said to have cost $125,000. By contrast, the Governor's Mansion, built only 15 years earlier, was valued at about $14,000 Carle said.

The four-story structure -- whose design included seven bedrooms and three baths -- featured a copper mansard roof and thick walls designed to withstand area storms.

The fourth floor was formed by a small cupola room in the front of the house, overlooking Aransas Bay. Fulton is reported to have called that room his "growlery."

Fulton himself is said to have designed the house, including the system that provided heat in winter and "air conditioning" in summer via ducts that led into all the rooms of the structure.

Two underground gas storage tanks in the back yard of the mansion held carbide gas which was forced into the house to provide lighting and heat for laundry and cooking.

Troughs in the basement kitchen were used to chill food. The house even included a plumbing system and running water was available throughout the structure -- including the captain's loft which is the highest point.

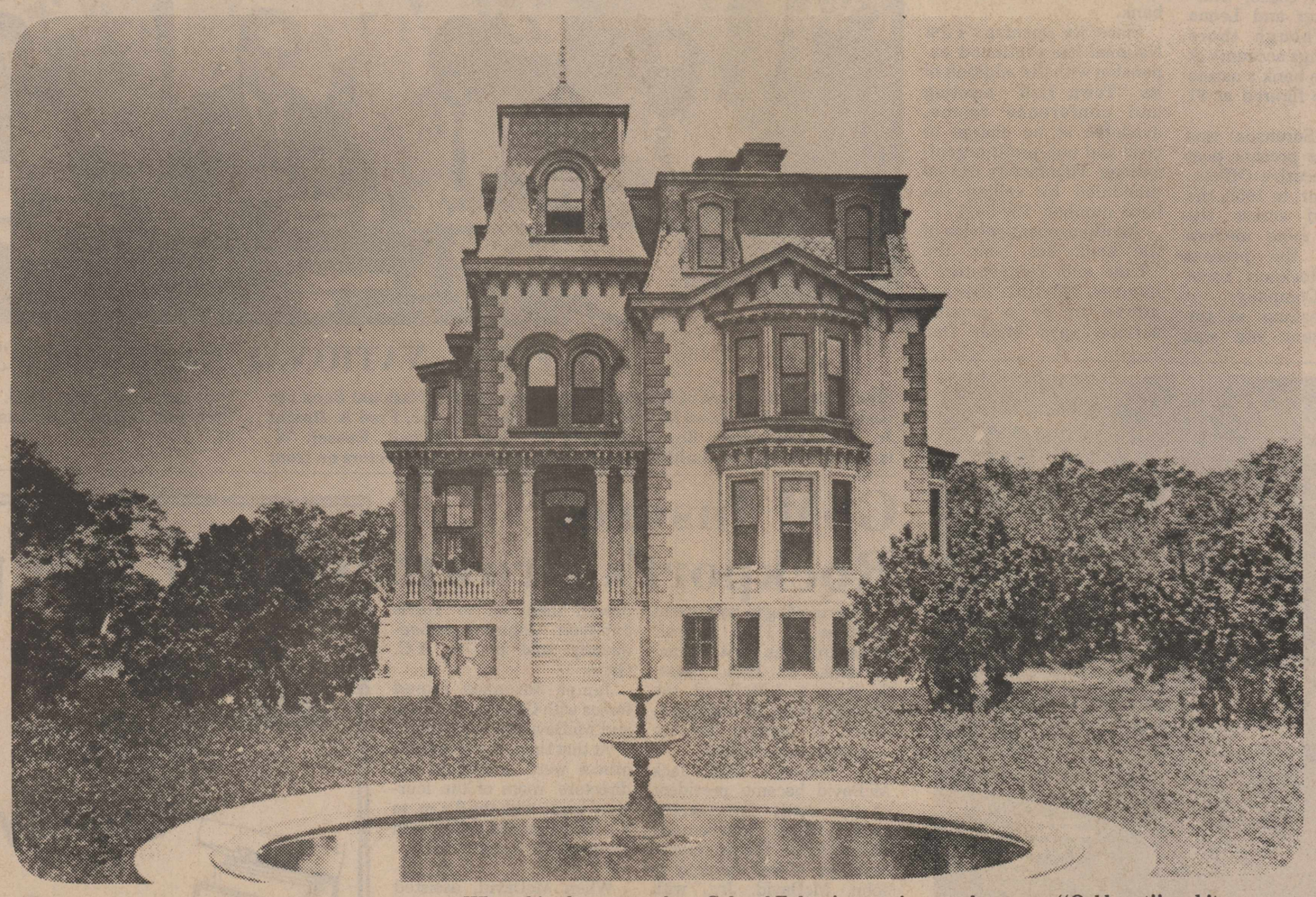
According to at least one source, the wood used in the house was Italian cypress. As far back as 1888, Colonel Fulton's Mansion was a focal point for visitors to this area, the talk of South Texas and the site of lavish parties which Fulton threw for some of the most powerful men of his day.

After Fulton's death, his widow sold the house to J.W. Davison, in 1907. Davidson is said to have kept the house until 1943, but at one point, it was the home of R. Downing, secretary-treasurer of the Gulf Coast Immigration Company.

The Immigration Company was active around 1910 in attracting families into the Rockport-Fulton area. Downing called Fulton Mansion "Oakhurst" while he lived there.

A year after Davidson sold the Mansion -- 1944 or thereabouts -- the structure was resold and turned into a restaurant. Then after a lag of several years, the site became a trailer park -- until its purchase by the parks and wildlife department.

Fulton Mansion is the third restoration project by William Shaw's firm.



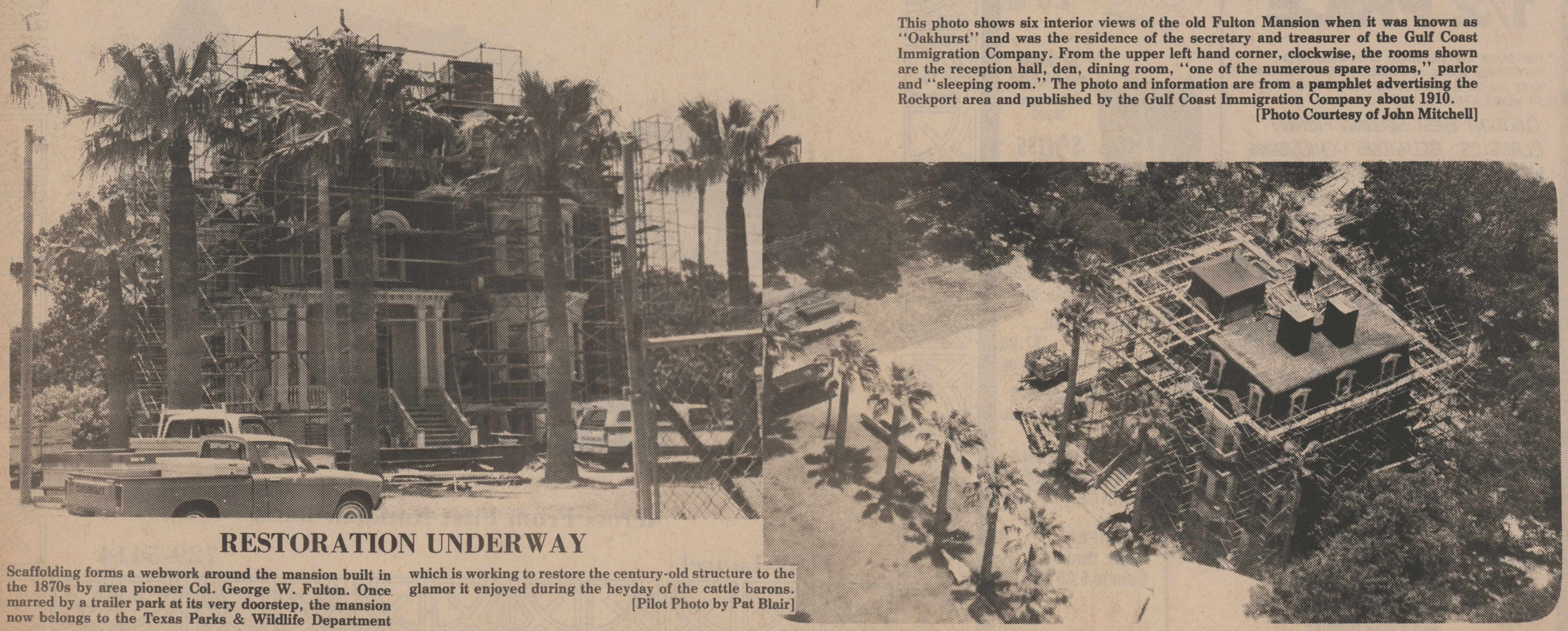
'OAKHURST'

When this photo was taken, Colonel Fulton's mansion was known as "Oakhurst" and it was the home of R. Downing, secretary and treasurer of the Gulf Coast Immigration Company -- the land company that was promoting Rockport at the time. The picture was taken about 1910. [Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]



INTERIOR OF 'OAKHURST'

This photo shows six interior views of the old Fulton Mansion when it was known as "Oakhurst" and was the residence of the secretary and treasurer of the Gulf Coast Immigration Company. From the upper left hand corner, clockwise, the rooms shown are the reception hall, den, dining room, "one of the numerous spare rooms," parlor and "sleeping room." The photo and information are from a pamphlet advertising the Rockport area and published by the Gulf Coast Immigration Company about 1910. [Photo Courtesy of John Mitchell]



RESTORATION UNDERWAY

Scaffolding forms a webwork around the mansion built in the 1870s by area pioneer Col. George W. Fulton. Once marred by a trailer park at its very doorstep, the mansion now belongs to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department which is working to restore the century-old structure to the glamor it enjoyed during the heyday of the cattle barons. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Rockport Growing Into Secure Future



STATE BANK ON AUSTIN STREET, ABOUT 1910

The year 1932 was apparently a hard one for Rockport mayors--the city had three of them.

That was more than 60 years after the city was incorporated, on August 23, 1879, by the 12th Texas Legislature.

The governor at that time appointed the first mayor, John M. Mathis, and the first aldermen: E. Moffet, R. H. Wood, R. W. Archer and Viktor Bracht.

The first meeting of the ''qualified and seated'' Town Council was on December 20, 1870, and one of the first acts of the Council was to name three more city officers -- City Secretary George Dye, Constable M. A. Belcher and Treasurer J. M. Norheas.

The Council's first ordinances were to prohibit discharging of firearms, reckless riding and drunken and disorderly conduct.

In January, 1871, the Council set a 25 cent poll tax on every male over 21 years of age.

Rockport had two mayors in 1871: Major A. J. Hogan and Dr. E. P. Carpenter. In that year, the Council passed ordinance No. 12 requiring every house to keep a ladder long enough to reach its roof.

In September of that year, the Council received its first petition: ''For the removal of houses of ill fame.''

During Christmas of 1871, special policemen were hired to help keep down fires from fireworks.

S. H. Smith and W. P. McGrew served as mayors in 1872. That was the year the city built its first sidewalks.

In 1873, the city hired the first City Attorney--W. W. Dunlop. The delinquent tax roll was immediately turned over to him for collection.

McGrew apparently served as mayor until 1875 when he was succeeded by P. H. Terry. McGrew then succeeded Terry in that same year and served as mayor until 1877.

The City appointed the first sexton of the graveyard, Mr. Whitten, in 1875, and voted to improve the city jail by closing it around the bottom so hogs could not harbor under it.

In 1877, M. J. Terry was Rockport's mayor. He was succeeded in 1878 by E. A. Perrenot who served two years until R. H. Wood became mayor in 1880. Subsequent mayors were P. H. Terry, 1882; William Curtis, 1883; Sam H. Smith, 1884.

John A. Clark became mayor in 1887. On December 31 of that year, the budget showed the city to be $2.58 in the red.

In 1888, an election for public free schools was held and passed. Members of the first schoolboard were J. C. Fulton, G. F. Perrenot, S. H. Smith, John C. Herring, T. H. Mathis and C. H. Butts.

Also in 1888, the city sold the property known as ''Merchant's Square'' for $500.

In 1889, drainage was a big problem, and a street program was initiated with the purchase of a road grader. Purchase price was $265.

In that same year, the city borrowed $2,000 from the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to incur ''the first bonded debt of the City of Rockport.''

Wood again became mayor in 1889, serving until 1893 when Clark succeeded to his second term in that office.

In 1890, Rockport entered into a contract to secure electric lights for the city. A year later, the Council was petitioned to establish a telephone exchange.

In 1892, the Council accepted a brick school house from contractor C. C. Williams of Kerrville. Professor Boon was appointed school principal and teachers were Ella Evans, Lou Richey, Hattie Myer Seaver, Mrs. Walder and Miss Atkins.

The city purchased a No. 5 Champion Chemical Engine with hook and ladder from The Fire Extinguisher Company of Chicago, for a cost of $1,350. The vehicle arrived in November, 1892.

B. M. Shelton became mayor in 1894, a post he held until 1898.

In 1895, the Council appointed the first city auditor at $10 per month and took city census. Rockport then had a population of 1,349.

J. Q. Hoopes became mayor in 1898. In 1899, the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the storage of bones in the city limits and passed a curfew ordinance (under 16 years of age).

In 1900, the city reported a budget balance of $327.40.

J. B. Farley became mayor that year. He was succeeded by W. S. Brown in 1904: A. L. Bruhl in 1906: and Harry Traylor, 1908.

Charles G. Johnson became mayor in 1910, followed by J. H. Bell, 1914: A. R. A. Brice, 1918: S. F. Jackson, 1922: J. Ed Moore, 1926: and William Mayer, 1930.

Mater served until 1932 when three mayors succeeded each other in the post: S. F. Jackson, A. J. Adolphus and A. L. Bruhl. Bruhl served until 1934 when former Mayor Moore succeeded him.

Moore served eight years, until 1942 when Travis Johnson was elected mayor. In 1944, Jack Blackwell took over the post. He was succeeded by Albert Collier in 1945. Bruhl was re-elected in 1946.

Later mayors of Rockport were Jack Collins, 1948; Travis Bailey, 1948; J. W. Higgins, 1952; Seth H. Steele, 1953; Chester Johnson, 1956; Hollis E. Collum, 1958; Herman C. Johnson, 1960. Collum was re-elected in 1964. Delmar R. Hiller was elected mayor in 1966 and was succeeded in 1972 by Rockport's present mayor, Walter S. Falk, Jr.

As of January 31, 1978, more than 5,500 residents live in the city.

With its roots solidly planted in the past...Rockport looks forward to a secure future of growth and progress in the decades to come.

RYSCO-Built Vessels Go Around World

This past December, three 83-foot shrimp boats headed out from RYSCO, bound for West Africa.

They were the first of 10 shrimpers being built for Crevettes Du Cameroun of Cameroon on the West African Coast, and RYSCO's contract with Crevettes -- for $7 million -- was the largest ever entered into by the Rockport-based shipyard.

But it isn't unusual for the company to be involved in international dealings.

Right now, says Personnel Dirctor Robert Konvicka, boats are coming in two at a time from the Colombia Fisheries in South America to be repaired, and RYSCO (Rockport Yacht and Supply Company) has a contract to build three brand-new boats for Colombia.

RYSCO employees are working on two boats for Japan -- and in the past they have built boats for Japan, Korea, Liberia, El Salvador, Saudi Arabia and Australia -- to name just a few.

And they build boats for domestic companies too. There are RYSCO-built boats on the East Coast, such as a conversion boat they built for a company out of Boston, Massachusetts, for deep-sea lobstering.

There are the two 83-foot scallop boats the company has recently built. And the two 135-foot mud boats used in offshore drilling. Plus the two crewboats presently under construction for Billy Pugh Offshore Inc.

The Rockport company builds 27 to 30 boats a year with its staff of 130 to 135 employees. One of the most recent personnel changes came with the addition of another officer, Jack Pirozzolo who is a vice president with the firm.

''You can put a pin in any body of water throughout the map,'' Konvicka says, ''and find one that our boats are fishing in or have fished some time or another.''

It's quite a change from 1935 when T. Noah Smith founded the company, primarily as a yacht repair facility.

RYSCO still repairs boats and maintains the ones it has built, but since 1964, the company has more and more concentrated on shipbuilding.

And its Gulf shrimpers and work support boats for the offshore drilling industry leave the yard fully equipped down to the mattresses and pillows. Except for the nets and doors used in the actual catching of fish or shrimp, the boats leave RYSCO ready for business.

And obviously, the company is doing it right. Sixty percent of RYSCO's business comes from satisfied customers for whom the company has already built ships.

As additional proof of the durability of the boats RYSCO builds, there is the fact that, after Celia, RYSCO boats were able to resume work immediately

Thomas N. Smith III, grandson of the founder of the company, is acting president of RYSCO.





Does This Face Look Familiar?

It should, especially to the folks in Fulton. It's Mayor L.E. Casterline the way he looked a few years back. Roy Rogero, who furnished the photo to the Pilot, couldn't pin a date on it...

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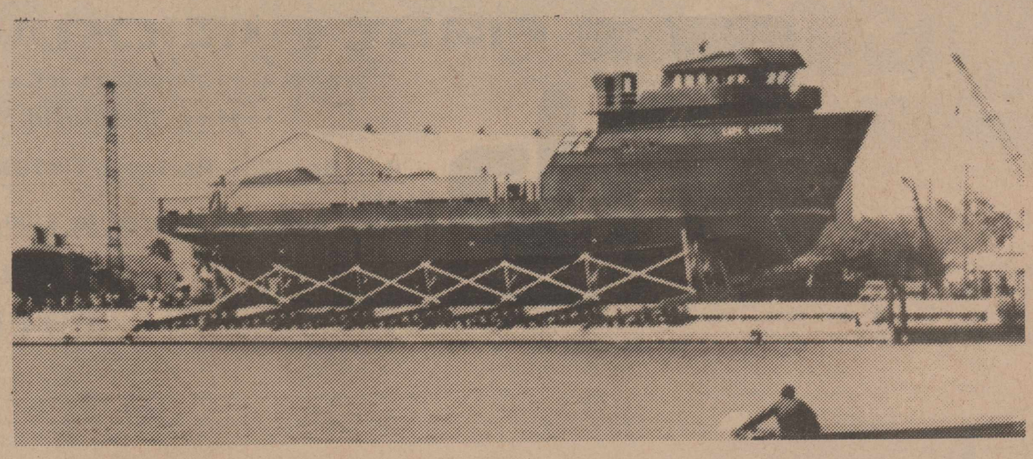

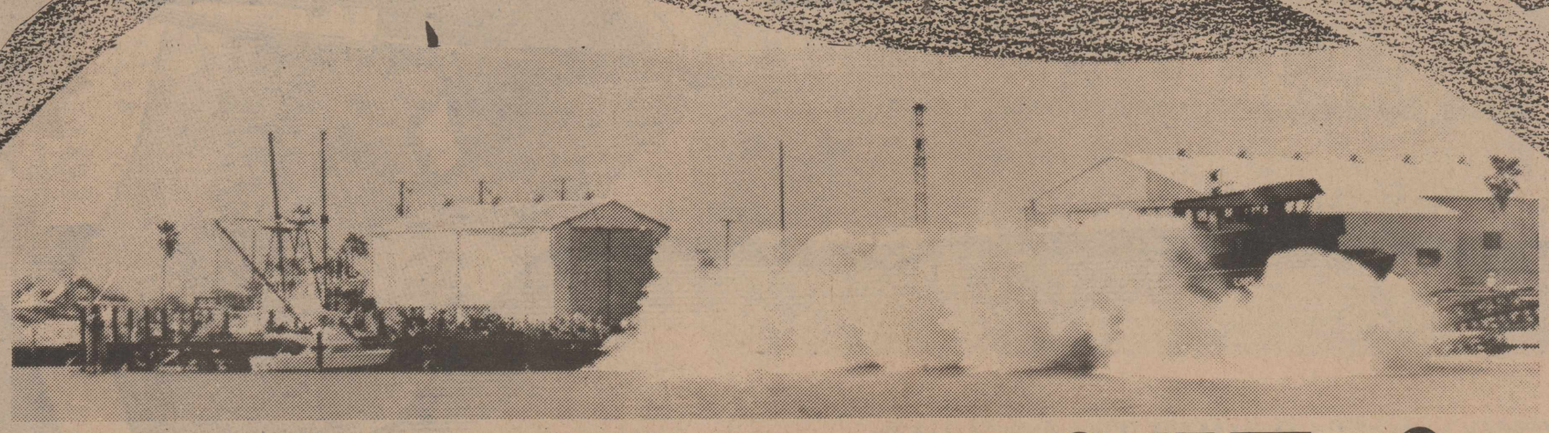

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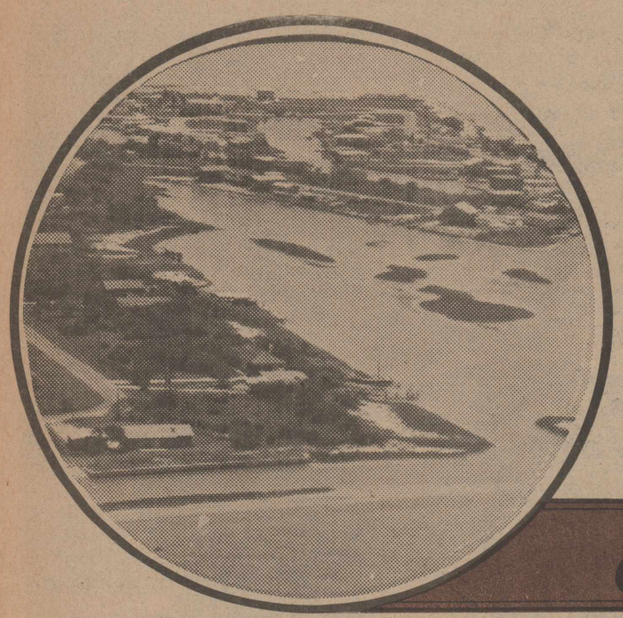

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Itschner Celebrates Decade Of Development

Louise Itschner's real estate company is 10 years old this year, born in 1970 when she took over the sales in Harbor Oaks.

She still maintains a sales office in Harbor Oaks as well as the Itschner Real Estate office at 513 Broadway in Rockport -- which was a service station until Louise saw its potential.

"I tried to buy the (Broadway) property for three years," she said. "The location was excellent and the building had many possibilities."

She finally got her wish and in 1975, the white building with its neat blue trim and nautical rope and pier piling "fence" officially opened as a real estate office.

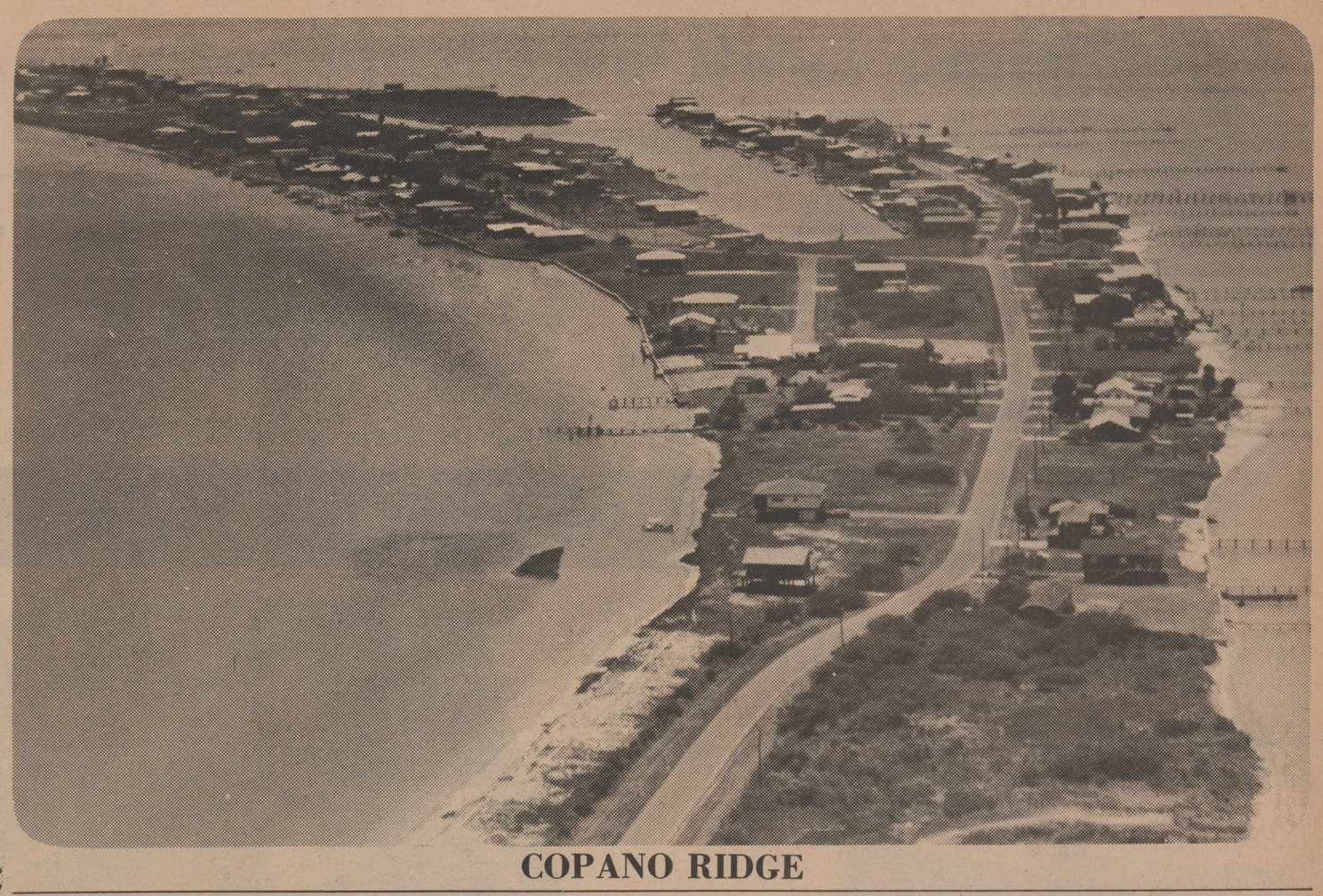
But Itschner Real Estate is more than just a good-looking building. It's also a staff of well-trained and qualified sales associates skilled in all types of real estate transactions.

The company handles waterfront, acreage and commercial as well as residential property.

Louise has been a resident of South Texas since 1949 -- "except for one five-year period" -- and has lived in Rockport 17 years.

Asked how she got into real estate -- she has been a licensed agent for several years -- she said, "I wanted to do something interesting, so I got my real estate license. It's an exciting business."

As for the question, "Why Rockport?," she said, "Rockport has great potential. A lot of progress has been made in the years since I've been here, and this will continue in the future."



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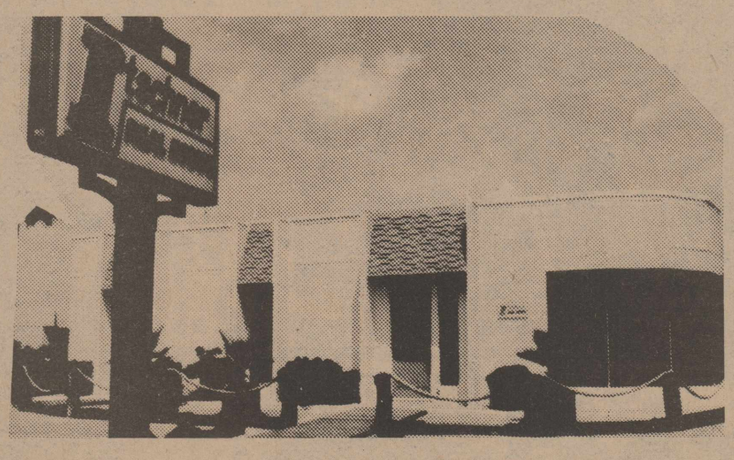

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Board Of Realtors Represents 21 Firms

Comprised of approximately 135 members representing some 21 firms, the Rockport Area Board of Realtors is "holding its own" considering the decline in real estate transactions, says President Louise Wilkin.

Organized in 1977 to keep area real estate people informed on the changing regulations and techniques involved in the realty business, the Rockport Board of Realtors has received a "good response," and probably has one of the highest per capita participation rankings in the state, according to Wilkin.

She revealed that only two or three of the local realtors are not active in the board's program, which includes a prescribed code of ethics.

Other officers include Delmar Hiller, vice president; Judy Guillet, secretary; and Jackie Shaw, treasurer.

Directors are Max Kluge Jr., Louise Itschner, Henry Bent, Cecelia Shannon, Juanita Wagley, Ana Wishert, Meceal Casterline and Ronnie Roberts, who is the Texas Association of Realtors (TAR) director.

The Rockport area board is one of 123 board members of TAR, Miss Wilkin said, adding that realtors "are the single largest work force in Texas."

The board sponsors seminars and programs to educate those in the real estate profession and keep them informed on government requirements and restrictions.

The board also sponsors the Multiple Listing Service in the area, which is a means of providing all real estate people with information about all real estate available in the area.

Another function of the board is to keep the prospective buyers informed on real estate appaisals, loans available and other matters of interest. For that purpose, the board maintains an office in the Sipe Real Estate office at Highway 35 and Market Street. The board's telephone number is 729-6002.

Board officers and directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The full board membership meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon.

Officers are elected in November and take office in January. Between the election and the time they assume their new positions, the officers attend orientation sessions in Austin, sponsored by TAR.

The goal of the Board of Realtors is to provide the best service possible to its members and to those who will be their clients.

Sandpiper Is 'Helping Rockport Grow'

With eight sales people on the staff -- nine, counting Judy Guillett who's the lady in charge -- Sandpiper Real Estate Inc. works hard to live up to its motto of "Helping Rockport Grow."

The company, located at 2500 Highway 35 North -- and with a branch office in Encinos Al Mar -- is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Its sales people handle all types of real estate: residential, commercial, waterfront tracts, acreage, lots and investments. Plus -- Sandpiper is the exclusive agent for sales in Harbor Oaks Subdivision Unit 7.

The real estate market has been picking up a little with the dropping in interest rates, Judy said, and Sandpiper's sales people are "very adept" in helping with FHA and VA financing.

In addition to Judy, others on the Sandpiper team include Louise Hughes, Ann Martin and Glenda Demaree -- who were there last year -- plus "new" members Marilyn Simmons, Jean Johnson, Jane Ponton, Nancy Mayhood and Dick Kissling.

Although Sandpiper has been a familiar name in area real estate circles for two or three years, Judy didn't take over as managing broker until May, 1979, when she and Jerre Ledbetter assumed operation of the company.

But she was in the real estate business in Austin until she and her family moved to Rockport about five and a half years ago.

The Guilletts had been coming to Rockport "for years" prior to moving here.

Sandpiper's aim is to serve as well as sell the Rockport-Fulton area.

Adds Judy, "We can offer anything to everyone."

Hallmark Real Estate Making Place In Aransas County Growth

Four months old -- and growing -- in Rockport, Hallmark Real Estate is making a place for itself in Aransas County real estate circles.

"Our main goal right now is to get Spanish Woods Estates off the ground," says Charles Wynn. But Hallmark is a full-service real estate company -- which means they can do it all.

Although the company doesn't yet have an office in Rockport, Wynn -- the first principal broker for the firm -- is in the process of obtaining an office.

He's also in the process of joining the local Board of Realtors.

In the meantime, the company does have offices in Portland and Ingleside and Wynn is a member of the San Patricio Board of Realtors and the National and State realtors' associations.

Wynn has five years experience in the realty business. His wife, Marianne, works at the Department of Human Resources here in Rockport and the couple have two children.

He also has experience as a sales manager for Kraft, Elliott and Field Builders and Developers.

And, of course, he's very involved -- and very enthusiastic about -- Spanish Woods Estates.

"It's affordable housing," he says, "with a price range that starts at $50,000."

Two homes are under construction now by builder Paul Jackson, and the builder is scheduled to have three or four more under construction within the next 30 days, Wynn says.

In addition, another builder, Frank Claunch, should have another five homes under construction within the next 30 days.

"Our goal is to have 10 homes under construction by September 1," Wynn says.

He added, "I feel like Spanish Woods Estates is one of the best developments in Rockport as far as location and quality."

WindWood Adds Residential Units

The opening earlier this year of the Wind Wood Apartment Complex added 40 more residential dwellings to the Rockport area -- with more than a third of those units set aside for the elderly and handicapped.

Bob Morgan was developer of the new apartments located on a tract between Young Street and Highway 35 South.

Ground was broken for the project in July, 1979, and by February, when half the units were opened for occupancy, the complex had already received 50 applications for housing.

Sixteen one-bedroom apartments, all ground-level and provided with ramps and facilities designed to accommodate those in wheelchairs -- were set aside for elderly and handicapped persons.

Of the remaining apartments, 16 are two-bedroom, six are three-bedroom and two are four-bedroom. The single-story brick duplex apartments feature central air conditioning and heating and built-in stove and refrigerator.

Housing Assistance Payments are available for individuals or families who make a total gross income of less than $11,200 per year.

This means the renter could apply for and receive an assistance payment for part of the rent, based on his or her income. The individual pays the remainder of the rent.

Morgan stressed that this is not a "public housing development — these are privately owned, privately operated apartments."

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CITY BY THE SEA

Key Allegro Born From Overgrown Marsh

Back in 1962 when Carl Krueger and his associates bought the marshy, overgrown key known as Frandolig Island, perhaps only they could envision what was to come.

By all reports, it certainly didn't look like Key Allegro today. A map of Aransas County printed in the late 1950s dismisses the key with two words: "Salt Flats."

Back in the early 1900s, the island was owned by a Mr. Frandolig -- hence the name -- and there was a farm there, according to Aransas County native Theo Johnson.

Theo recalls that Mrs. Frandolig raised fruits and vegetables, although her husband, Allen, observed that "storms harvested the crops" a lot of times.

But Krueger wasn't interested in farming. Along about 1961 -- according to an article reprinted from a "Texas Parade" magazine on Rockport a few years back -- Carl and his wife, Pat, took a leisurely trip to Florida.

Charmed by the canal-laced development of Fort Lauderdale, Krueger is quoted at the time as saying, "You know, this kind of thing ought to work just as well in Texas."

Krueger reported he spent the next several months driving up and down the Texas coast looking for the right location for his dream development. He found it in Rockport.

Buying the property--which was up for public auction at that time--was just the beginning. Dredging, filling and landscaping were necessary before Key Allegro began taking shape.

It's still taking shape today with room still left for more homes, more growth. The styles reflect the individual tastes of the owners, from the Key Allegro Condominiums to a few homes that smack more of Cape Cod than Texas Gulf Coast. Others show a distinctive oriental flair and still others reflect the Spanish heritage of the area.

Many of the Key Allegrans are "part-time" Rockportians, dividing their time between their home here and their home elsewhere. Others live here year-round.

But most if not all of them are doers, movers, contributors, to their community -- Aransas County -- as well as the one-time "salt flats" called Frandolig's Island.

Frandolig's Island

A 60-acre tract of land was granted to Napoleon Bonaparte Frandolig (a grandson of Napoleon Bonaparte) in 1868. Frandolig Island is better know today as Key Allegro.



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Peggy Monroe manages a branch of the business, The Bargain Barn, which has a surplus of new and used furniture.

The eight employees of the firm include three salesmen, the same number of carpet installers, a bookkeeper, and the manager.

Located on East Liberty, between Sail Printing and U-Tote-M, the business operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Little Bay Real Estate Young But Growing

Opened not quite a year ago, Little Bay Real Estate is young but growing and turning a lot of real estate, says owner Ted Greenfield.

Sales have been increasing steadily since the firm opened its doors, says Greenfield, and the staff has grown from one person -- Greenfield -- to five, all licensed real estate agents.

A resident of the Rockport-Fulton area since 1955, Ted is a graduate of the Texas Real Estate Institute and he and his wife, Thomasyne -- although she is not active in the business -- are both licensed real estate brokers.

Ted has been selling real estate in the area approximately 10 years and was a partner in another local firm until April a year ago when he sold out and opened Little Bay.

The firm employs one other broker, Roy Pittman Jr., who moved down from San Antonio and has been with Little Bay "almost since the beginning," says Ted.

Prior to coming to Rockport, Roy was a partner in a real estate firm in San Antonio.

The company also has three licensed real estate agents, Virginia Chernosky, Nida Schmidt and Hazel Roberts.

Virginia has been in the real estate business for a year now "after nine years of teaching in the Aransas County School System." She has lived in and out of this area since 1957, she said.

She got into real estate because she "loves working with people, and I wanted a challenge, something different." Her husband, Al, is superintendent for Hunt Energy Corporation.

Nida has been in the area for four and a half years and in real estate for six months. She and her husband, John, also own and operate The Enterprise.

They moved here from Austin and Nida got into real estate because other members of her family are in the business "and I thought it would be interesting. And I enjoy working with people."

The last member of the team is Hazel Roberts who moved to Rockport from Paris, Texas, about two and a half years ago. In addition to selling property, Hazel also handles some rental management.

Little Bay handles all types of general real estate, commercial, residential, lots, waterfront property, rental and investment properties.

Little Bay is a member of Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and the area Board of Realtors as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association.

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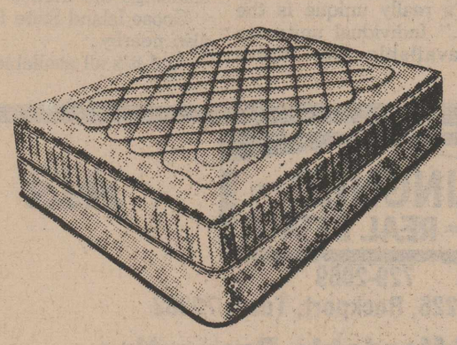

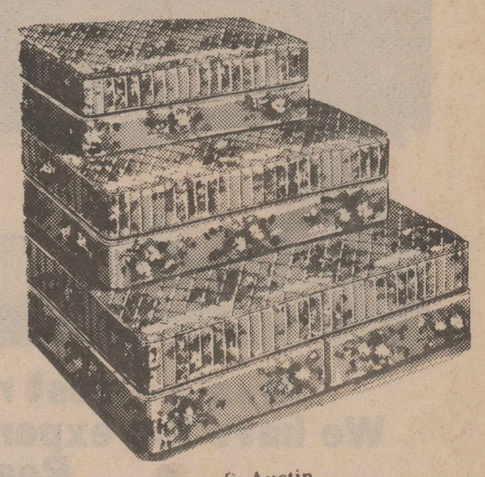

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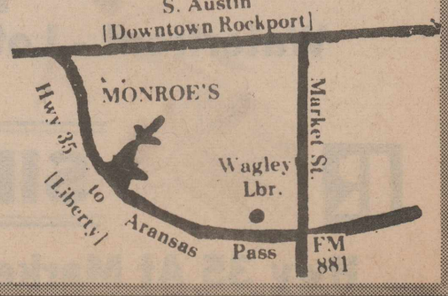

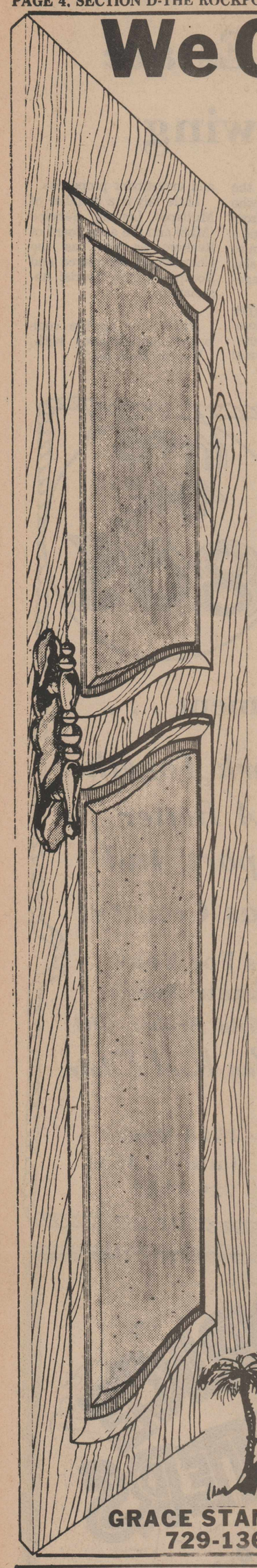

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She came to Rockport from Zapata after managing a resort on Falcon Lake. She fell in love with Rockport and its friendly people, she adds.

That was 17 years ago, and she's still in love with the area.

As for how she got into real estate, she says, "After being in the motel business for 20 years, I decided to try something different. I thought real estate would be a part-time job, but I was soon working 14 hours a day, seven days a week."

But, she's quick to add, she enjoys every minute of it. "I like meeting new people, making new friends -- and the opportunity to tell them how wonderful Rockport is and what a great place it is to live."

Helen Gibson was associated with Kroh Brothers Realty in the Kansas City area before she and her husband, Bill, came to Rockport.

Helen really was no stranger to the Rockport area since she and her husband vacationed every year somewhere on the Gulf -- and kept coming back to Rockport.

Moving to Rockport was just the natural thing for them to do after Bill sold his business back in Kansas City.

"Rockport has great potential," says Grace who adds she has seen a lot of progress in the 17 years she's been here.

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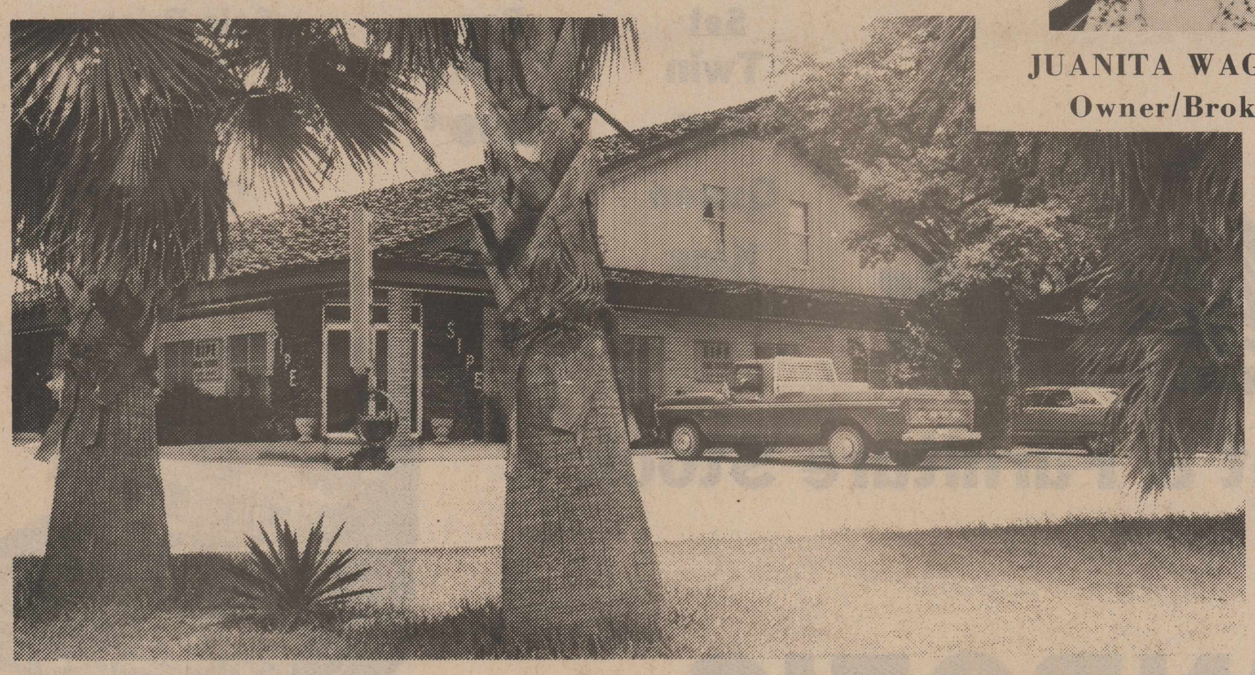

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"Everybody wants a place at the beach," says Larry Barnebey.

His new Sea Gun Condominiums offer that -- and more -- to buyers.

The 34 newly-redecorated units come with access to all the facilities for which the Sea Gun has become famous: the marina, restaurant, club, pool, tennis court, lighted pier and, of course, the famous "Whooping Crane" operated by Captain "Brownie" Brown.

The units, located in two masonry two-story buildings on Sea Gun property, went on the market Tuesday, July 1. An open house for area realtors Thursday, June 26, heralded the new project being marketed by Rockport's Security Real Estate Inc.

Three styles of units are available, Barnebey said: the bedroom unit includes a bedroom/living area, bath and dressing area; and the kitchen unit comes with bedroom/living area, bath, dressing area and kitchen and dining area.

The purchaser may buy units individually or collectively in a suite.

Lucy Upchurch of Austin has done the interior decorating of the units which come with a porch adjoining downstairs units or private balcony units upstairs.

Barnebey said the exteriors of both buildings are in the process of being renovated, and the grounds are landscaped. The upstairs units offer "magnificent views of Aransas and Copano Bays," Barnebey added.

"We hope to have as fine if not the finest accommodations in the Rockport area when we're through," Barnebey continued. "And what's really unique is the price." Individual units are all available for under $30,000.

Barnebey added that a "big plus" for Sea Gun property owners is the installation of Larry Hoffman, owner of Tackle Town, in the Sea Gun Marina.

With its location in Lamar, just across the causeway from Fulton and Rockport, Sea Gun offers immediate access to five saltwater bays — Aransas, Copano, St. Charles, Mesquite and San Antonio — and is a short drive or boat ride away from the world-famous Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

A string of outer islands provides access to the Gulf of Mexico while providing safe haven for the boating enthusiast.

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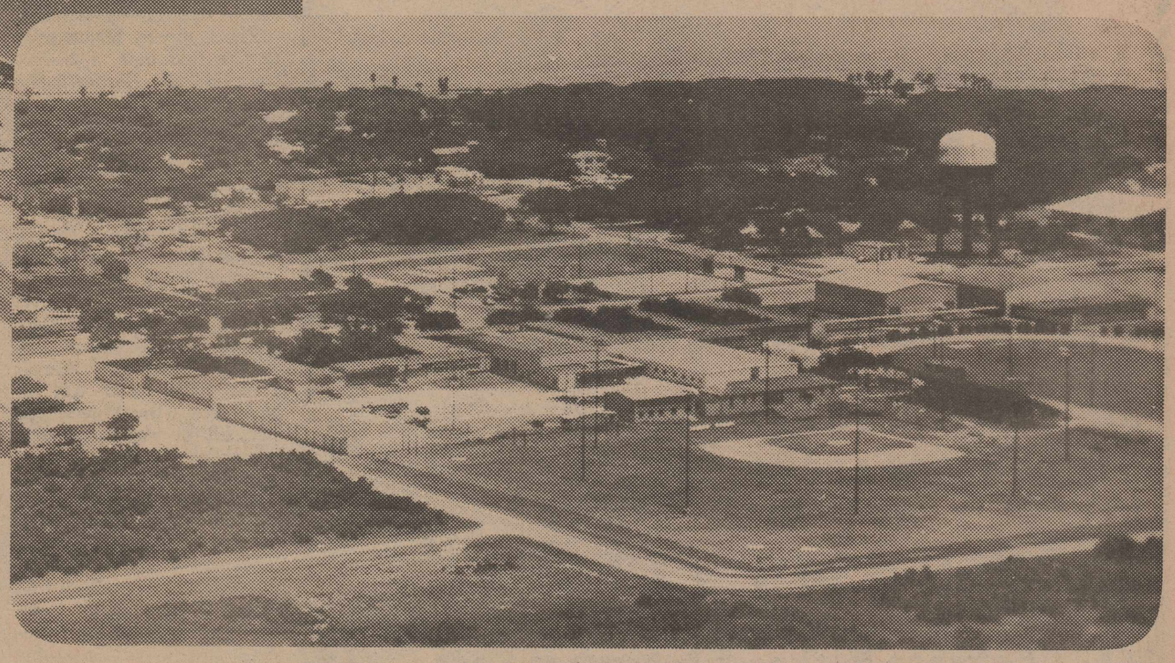

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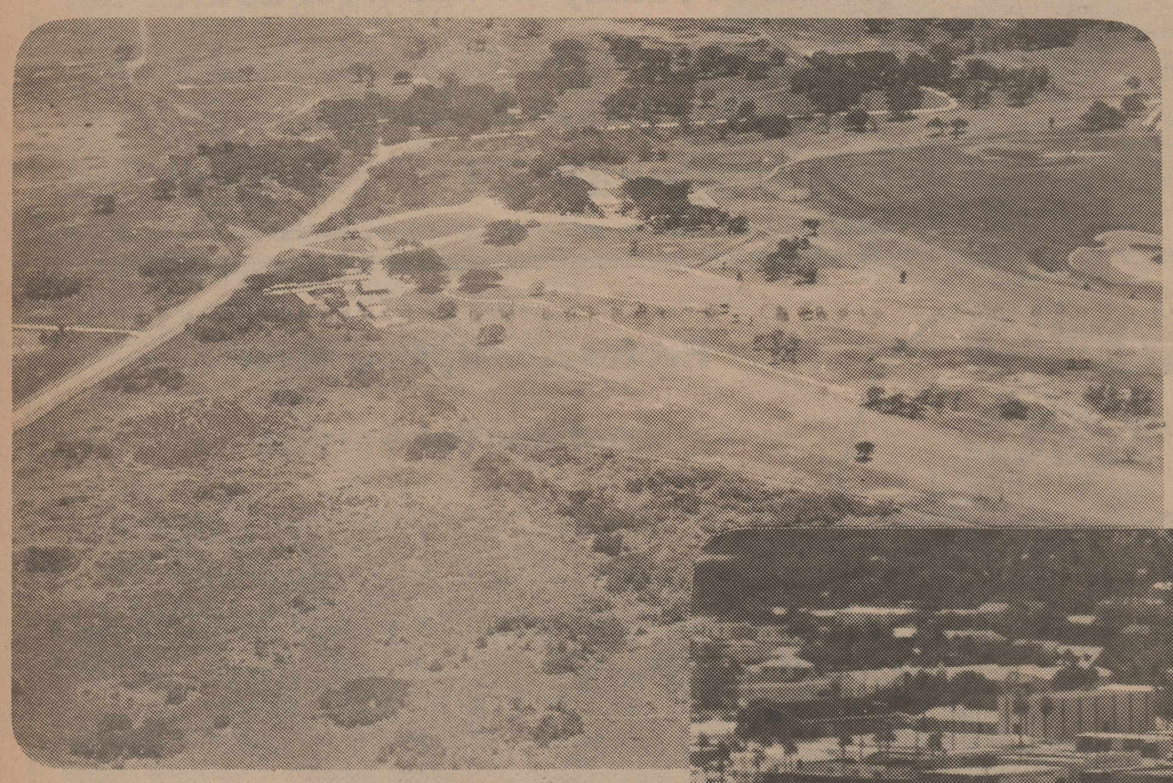

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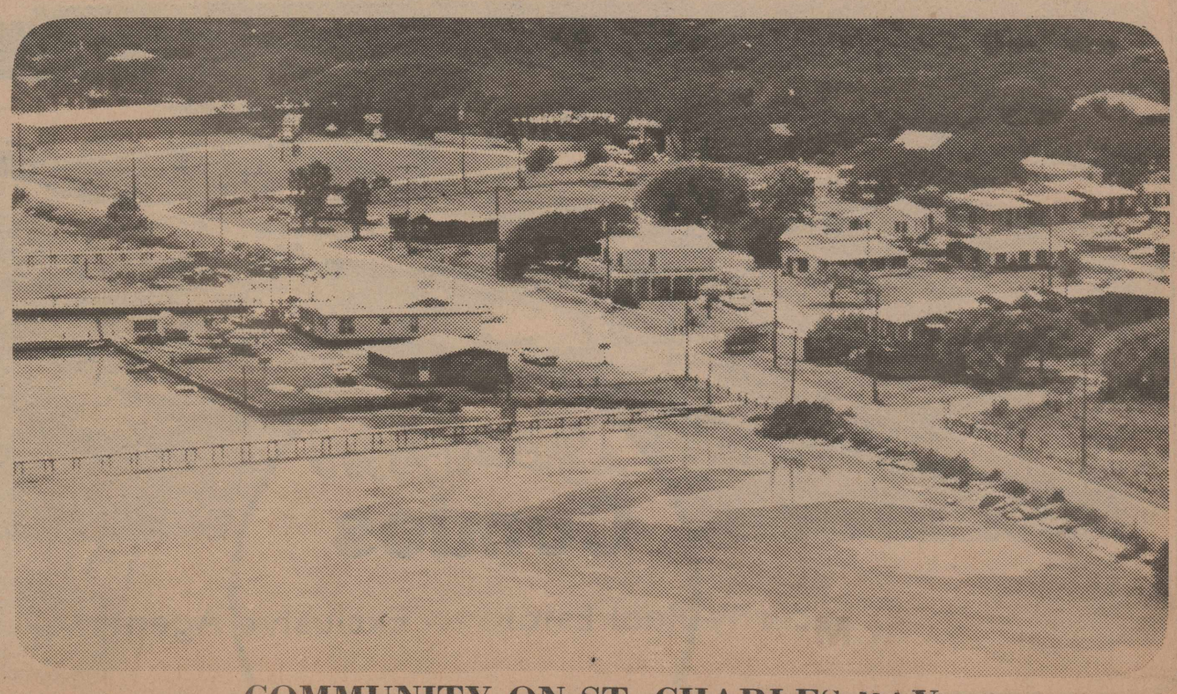

COMMUNITY ON ST. CHARLES BAY

Security Real Estate Is Leader In Commercial Development

One of the oldest real estate firms in Aransas County, Security Real Estate under control of Delmar Hiller, has been a leader in commercial development and marketing in this area.

Established in the early 1960s by the late Emory Spencer, Security in recent years has expanded to two locations -- the newest in Pine Tree Office Park -- that handle just about every type of property from residential to resort condominiums to shopping centers.

"Security has taken a more aggressive marketing approach since I became president," says Hiller who has held majority stock in the company since April, 1978.

Other stockholders include Conwell Smith of Austin and Rockport and Carl Krueger and Hugh Ehrlich, both Rockport men.

The real estate firm has also been a training ground for real estate people in the county. "A large number of the brokers and agents presently in business in Rockport were associated with Security at one time or another," Hiller says.

The original office building, still located at the intersection of Highway 35 South and Cornwall, is still the main office and the one through which commercial sales are handled.

Five full-time sales people -- three of them brokers -- work out of this office, including Larry Barnebey, Sam Crosby, Del McLain and Stan Miles.

The Pine Tree Office Park location handles residential sales. Six people work out of this office which is under the charge of Sales Manager Ron Hoover.

Also in this office are Martha Lewis, Donnie Noster, Jackie Shaw, Jad Smith and Bettye Thomas. Four of these agents are brokers.

From these two offices, Security handles such real estate development as the Sea Gun Resort Condominiums in Lamar which went on the market this summer.

Of this development, Hiller adds, "The early response has been exceeding all our expectations."

Security Real Estate also negotiated the purchase of the site for the proposed Harbor Oaks Village Center and is presently working on other major commercial developments in Aransas County, Hiller added.

One of the newer projects is the Harbor Lights Condominiums in Fulton.

Hiller sees good potential for future growth in Aransas County -- and for Security Real Estate.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Larry Barnebey, left, of the Commercial Department of Security Real Estate Inc., and Delmar Hiller, owner of Security, look over the brochure for Security's newest development—Sea Gun Condominiums. The new units went on the market Tuesday, July 1, and the buyer gets—in addition to a bayside condominium—access to all the facilities that have made Sea Gun famous since it opened in 1932. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Irwin Real Estate In County Longer

"We've been developing and building in Aransas County longer than any other local developer," says Nan Irwin, manager of Irwin Real Estate on Highway 35 South.

The company began work on the first unit, a 26-acre tract, in Palm Harbor in the latter part of 1959 -- almost two years even before it had its formal opening in the county on August 13, 1961.

In 1963, Palm Harbor Marina was built and in 1967, Irwin Real Estate started work on the second channel of Palm Harbor, another 26 acres.

In 1970, the company bulkheaded and opened lots on the Intracoastal Canal. There were 2000 feet of bulkheads in the project, Nan said, all the way to the new Bahia Bay Channel.

That was followed in 1972 by the purchase of four acres of land north of the Palm Harbor marina for the Palm Harbor RV Park, and 1975-76 saw the construction of the Palm Harbor Storage Company and the boat barn project.

Today there are 40 boat barns, Nan added.

In the latter part of 1975, Irwin bought 66 acres of land on the west side of Highway 35, across from Palm Harbor, and began work on Windswept Oaks and Windswept Plaza.

In addition to the development phase, Irwin Real Estate of course operates a general real estate business -- specializing in homes in Palm Harbor, City-by-the-Sea, Windswept Oaks and now in Bahia Bay, Nan said.

"And we still handle a lot of rentals at Palm Harbor and City-by-the-Sea," she added.

Lenora Irwin Kurtz -- who is also the local Metropolitan Life Insurance agent -- joined the firm in January, 1980, and is the broker in charge of the real estate office.

Also with the firm are Steven Kurtz, Evelyn Gammell, Erin Turner and Sammye Cessac.

They are all licensed agents, Nan added, all ready and able to continue the tradition that Irwin Real Estate has established in sales and development.

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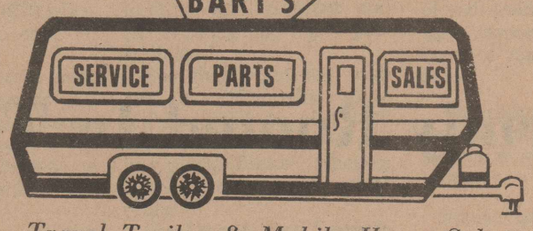

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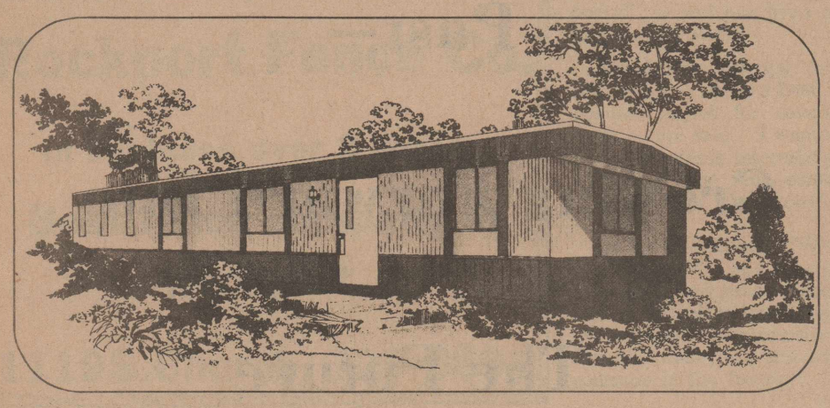

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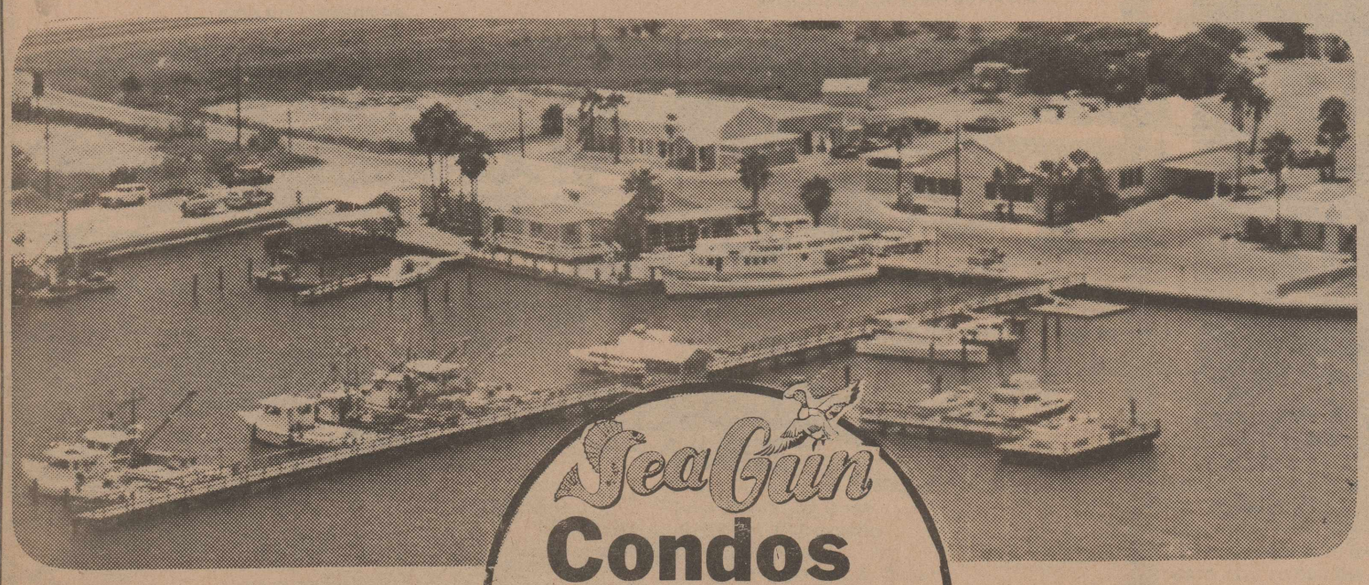

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