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$15,000 School Bond Election Will Be Held Dec. 20

Churches Feature Secial Programs Christmas Week

St. Peters and Sacred Heart to Hold Mid-Night Services

Each church organization in the Rockport community has planned special programs for the Christmas season. Though many parties for various groups have been given, the spiritual services for the holiday season will officially begin Sunday, Dec. 21.

Preaching services at the Baptist Church will be at 10:30. Rev. G. T. Cunningham has prepared a Christmas message for the congregation. Members of the Baptist Church will attend the annual Christmas party Tuesday evening to be held at the church at 7 o'clock.

Services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church will consist of a midnight celebration of the Holy Communion and a sermon. The service will begin at 11:15 on Christmas eve with the singing of Christmas carols. The ante communion service will immediately follow the carols and at midnight the celebration of the communion will begin. At its conclusion the congregation will make their Christmas communion. Sacred music on the Yuletide theme will be sung during the service. The Very Reverend George S. Walton will conduct the services.

Rev. T. H. Pollard will feature a Christmas message with special music denoting the holiday season, at services at the Presbyterian Church, beginning at 11 o'clock Sunday. Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock the woman's auxiliary will put on a Christmas pageant at the church. Mrs. N. F. Jackson is in charge of the program. The Sunday School will have its annual Christmas tree party with program Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Ted Little is in charge.

There will be a Christmas tree and short program at the Fulton Church Tuesday, Dec. 23. Rev. R. H. Cunningham will deliver a Christmas message at the regular Sunday services, Dec. 21.

The great feast of Christmas will be carried out at Sacred Heart Church with all the splendor of the ancient liturgy. Beginning at 11:45 Christmas Eve the Christmas carols will be sung by the full choir under the direction of William McGrath with Miss Mabel Bracht as organist and the following members: Miss Genevieve Bracht, Miss Vivian Picton, Miss Velma Picton, Fred A. Bracht Sr., James Bracht, Mrs. Jordan Weber, Mrs. Arley Shivers, Mrs. T. J. Johnson, Miss Veronica Klaeser and Miss Shirley Johnson.

Midnight Mass will start on the stroke of 12 and Mass in G by Theodore Von La Hache will be rendered by the choir and the following soloists: Fred and James Bracht, Miss Shirley Johnson, Miss Genevieve Bracht and Mrs. T. J. Johnson. The Rev. J. H. Kelly will be celebrant of the High Mass and Rev. Cyril Keuhne of the St. Mary's University will preach the sermon. There will be general communion for the whole parish. Besides the midnight Mass there will be masses at 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock Christmas Day. The outside crib depicting the birth of Christ at Bethlehem will be lighted during the holidays.

The Methodist Church Services will be held Sunday at the regular hour. Reverend Wheeler's message will be "He Has Come." In the eyes of the children the biggest event will be the Christmas program to be held at the church at 7 o'clock Christmas Eve. There will be a Christmas tree with all the trimmings.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"



Christmas Crib at Sacred Heart Church

Rockport Schools May Be Relegated to Second Place If Election Fails to Carry

Unless Rockport approves the bond issue which will be voted Dec. 20, and utilizes the money so provided to repair school buildings and equipment our schools will be definitely relegated to the second class, according to State Superintendent L. A. Woods and Assistant Superintendent T. M. Trimble, who were in Rockport conferring with the school board last week.

Due to lack of materials in the war years and to increased costs the high school building has deteriorated to a point where, unless something is done immediately, permanent damage may result. One corner of the building is in very bad shape, windows and floors need repair, and the whole interior of the building needs painting. Examination of the interior of the rooms by a light meter definitely discloses that lighting is insufficient and has reached a danger point in many instances. This could be remedied by painting the interiors of the rooms in light colors, repairing the windows and purchasing new and badly needed shades.

SCHOOL BUSES WORN OUT

The cafeteria is in good shape with sufficient cooking utensils and dishes but badly needs painting. Sanitary facilities are insufficient, the overload being estimated at 200 pupils. One hundred to 200 new desks are needed. The school buses have long since passed the point where it is economical to operate them. And a new one is badly needed. Teacher load is too heavy, class rooms are too small, and the rooms in the new gymnasium that would furnish extra space are not yet in shape to use for classes due to lack of funds.

One bright spot does appear in the picture. For the first time in years the study hall and the library have been approved as adequate, principally because they were moved out of the old building into the new gymnasium.

Of course all these things did not happen at once. Scarcity and high cost of materials made it impossible to carry out needed repairs during the war. Since then increased overhead in every part of the system has turned what was at one time a self-supporting and solvent school district, into one which has insufficient funds to maintain its scholastic rating with the state school department without help. Of course if everyone had paid their taxes instead of allowing them to accumulate until there were around $27,000 worth delinquent before the recent sale, it would not have been necessary to ask for a bond issue. We did not do that however and as a result instead of having about $10,000 to our credit we are around $15,000 in the hole.

STUDENT POPULATION INCREASING

A number of things have contributed to this state of affairs besides the non-payment of taxes. Salaries have gone up with the increased cost of living and must be maintained in accordance with the state law. Every thing used by the schools has advanced in price. Furthermore the school population has been advancing at the rate of from 50 to 60 pupils per year. This is enough to more than fill an ordinary class room and means that within the last five years it has become necessary to utilize approximately five more rooms than were used previously.

In the good old days before the war, the school rate of 50 cents per $100 taxation was sufficient to make up the difference between the money allowed from the state school fund and the actual school budget. This is no longer the case and it has become necessary to ask for this bond issue. However, such a bond issue will not raise the taxes, for the servicing charge of the bonds amounts to only 44½ cents, leaving a surplus of 5½ cents that can be devoted to other needs.

Our actual school tax in the

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Tideland Plan Will Give County 693,760 Acres

Continental Shelf Extension Depends On Supreme Court Action

Bascom Giles, state land commissioner presented a plan to the Coastal Counties Association at a meeting at the Denver Hotel, Victoria Monday, whereby twelve coastal counties will be enlarged approximately 18,404,074 acres by extension of county boundary lines to the continental shelf. According to Judge Fox, who attended the meeting from Aransas County, extension of the boundaries to the ten and one-half mile limit is official but extension to the continental shelf will be in doubt until ruled upon by the Supreme Court as it is in their hands.

Judge Fox and county commissioners, J. H. Mills and J. M. Sparks, Jr., who represented Aransas County at the meeting stated that there was not a dissenting word against the plan as presented by Giles.

Aransas County, in accordance with the lines drawn by Giles under authority of an act passed by the 50th legislature, would be enlarged by 693,760 acres.

Giles explained that the extended county areas will be subject to taxation in 1948. The purpose of the legislative act extending the county lines to the continental shelf was to enable the counties to levy ad valorem taxes on offshore oil and gas developments.

In regard to seismograph exploration in coastal waters, Giles said the attorney general has ruled that a company cannot shoot on tracts that it has not leased.

Under the rules and regulations he plans to issue soon, Giles said that a firm wanting to do seismograph work in coastal waters must first obtain a permit from the county judge of the county where the shooting is to be done. He explained later that a bill is to be introduced in the legislature providing that permits must be obtained from the state. The rules provided that shots must not be of more than 50 pounds and must be exploded not more than one-half of the way to the bottom of the water.

The rules will also provide, he said, that the shots may be exploded only after "reasonable means" have been used to scare the fish away. "It can be done," he said in regard to scaring fish away. He mentioned a method used by the Navy as one means.

V.F.W. Sponsors Holiday Dance

The local organization of the V. F. W. is sponsoring a dance to be held in the high school gymnasium Saturday, December 20. This is the first dance to be held in the new gymnasium. Music will be furnished by Zraeel and his nine piece orchestra. The dance will be from nine till one.

The V.F.W. held a business meeting Wednesday night at the Odd Fellows Hall. Plans for the Christmas party, to be given in conjunction with the Corpus Christi posts, for the naval hospital in Corpus Christi were discussed. The party will be given Christmas eve and members from this group plan to attend.

Along The Waterfront



JUDGING FROM THE LONG distance observation, the Capt. A. C. Glass, newly built shrimper, had run aground Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock out in front of Floyd's Boat Sales establishment. Apparently the boat from Fulton had missed the channel into the turning basin and run onto a bar. At any rate it was being towed out by the Betsy, a small shrimper.

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JOHN DOE (THAT'S WHAT the man said) of Houston proudly displayed 29 good sized trout as a result of three hours fishing in the fish bowl Tuesday afternoon. Doe claimed he used live shrimp to hook them.

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THE PROBLEMS ALONG THE turnbasin seemed to be not only how many did you catch but where did you get your bait. For every person bewailing a short string of fish (there weren't many short ones), you could find two more whose luck was running strong and whose bait had run out. Aransas sportsmen were in Rockport searching for live shrimp and when the weather began to clear up Monday, a true fisherman would have sold you his right arm before parting with his meagre supply of live shrimp, or dead.

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HOWEVER ROCKPORT CAN still boast a fisherman with a heart of gold in the form of R. L. Wollesen who borrowed bait to immediately snag into a five and one half pound trout (there are those who believed it would tip the scales for more). The sad part of the story from Wollesen's

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Notice Kiddies! Free Matinee at Rio Theatre

What would Christmas be like without the annual matinee to start out the festivities for the youngsters? Well, the children of Rockport won't have to find out this year. Continuing an annual policy that began when the theatre first opened, but was neglected during some of the war years, the Rio Theatre is offering a free matinee next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

The theatre extends an invitation to all the kiddies in Aransas County to be their guests at a special show prepared just for them. The program will consist of nothing but cartoons and comedies and is the Rio's way of saying Merry Christmas and thanks for a year's fine patronage.

For the benefit of parents, the running time is one hour.

So boys and girls don't let Mom forget that date. Christmas Eve at 3:30 at the Rio!

H. S. Students Collect Clothing For Distribution

High school students under the sponsorship of the student council, have collected 500 garments which are being repaired for the distribution among the needy in Rockport community. They have also assembled many toys which are undergoing adjustments by the industrial arts class at the high school. This is the first time such a project has been tried by the school and it has been so successful that plans are underway to make it an annual affair.

Under the sponsorship of the senior class, a box including a 12-pound turkey has been prepared for some large and needy family. This will be turned over to the fire department who annually distributes gift baskets.

Marine Laboratory Nearing Completion

The W. D. Anderson Construction Company has been awarded the contract for the construction of the sewer and shelving necessary to complete the marine laboratory which will house the Game, Fish and Oyster commission. The sewer, which will extend entirely around the basin and tie into the city sewer lines, due to the fact it was necessary for the state to build it, will not be accessible for use by anyone else who may construct buildings on this section of the Rockport Harbor. This was the ruling of the attorney-general when the situation came up. While the game department could construct the sewer for its own use, it could not enter into a contract to allow anyone else to use it.

Work on the laboratory is progressing rather rapidly. The aquaria which will furnish the Texas coast with its first aquarium, are being constructed on the ground and placed in position. Painting is almost completed, light fixtures are in and the plumbing is ready to be hooked up.

The equipment, which has arrived, will be installed as soon as a factory representative can be sent to Rockport. The pump for the sewer line can not be delivered before January 15, otherwise it is entirely probable that the staff will be in its new home shortly after the new year, according to J. L. Baughman, head of the marine laboratory.

Fire Dept. Distributes Gifts To Needy Families

The Rockport fire department is following its annual custom of locating needy families and distributing a gift basket to them Christmas eve. The fire department prepares the baskets and the Camp Fire girls aid with the distribution. The baskets will include food, fruit and candy.

The department maintains a special fund for this purpose and the money collected in the milk bottles placed throughout the stores will be used for this purpose.

Committee for distributing the baskets consists of Lloyd Lassiter, Richard Fox and Charles Ankele.

Colorful Home Displays Welcome Yuletide Season

Although the weather man warns that it is inadvisable to expect a white Christmas in the bay area, Rockport homes offer ample proof that a colorful one is in full view.

A drive through the residential sections, give evidence of much thoughful planning as all sort of decorations are going up.

With Christmas a week away, already homes are decked out in holiday array which is demonstrated by the many colored lights adorning trees on each side of the entrance walk to the Ford Jackson home. Edward Barnard has a little fir tree with all sorts of decorations lighted up in front of his residence. Mrs. G. M. Hooper welcomes the holiday season with a star of colored lights hung from the porch. John Ray has a colorful display of lights around his front door. And for blocks away window decorations at the Roy Hinton home are in evidence.

Christmas trees large and small are bringing the holiday spirit to the home of Wm. Beetley, Tom Shults, Don Vance, Molly Davis, Ford Jackson, Norvell Jackson, Mrs. Jacobson, Bill Johnson, Mrs. Chas. F. Cron, Mrs. G. M. Hooper and Otto B. Knippa.

Milton Mundine has a spectacular wreath and window display while Ernest Silberisen has as beautiful a tree as you can hope to see gleaming in front of the house.

And at this writing many more homes are making preparations to greet the season and join the rest of Rockport in welcoming the Yuletide.

MISS GRACE SMITH ILL

Miss Grace Smith suffered what is technically known as a cerebral vaso spasm Tuesday and is for the present confined to her bed at the home of the Misses Velma and Vivian Picton.

Miss Smith is doing nicely and no paralysis is involved.

Aransas Noses Out Pirates by Close Margin, 24-22

The Rockport Pirates fighting to the end, came out two points short of carrying away the honors Wednesday evening when they played their second home basketball game against Aransas Pass. The Pirates managed to hold their own against a powerful Robstown team Tuesday night; Robstown had a lead of seven points when the final gun was fired leaving the score at 29 to 22.

Statistics for the game are as follows:

Rockport A team:

Player	FG	F	TP
Delgado	4	1	8
J. Morrison	2	1	4
Falcon	0	1	0
Brundrett	3	2	8
Corpus	0	5	2
B. Morrison	0	2	0
Total Points			22

Aransas Pass A Team:

Player	FG	F	TP
Flores	0	5	1
Lunday	0	0	0
Spears	1	2	3
Trent	0	1	1
McCewell	0	0	1
Neil	4	3	8
DeLaRosa	0	0	0
Grover	1	0	2
Moreland	3	0	8
Meridith	0	0	0
Powell	0	0	0
Hagy	0	0	0
Scevars	0	0	0
Total Points			24

Rockport B Team: Final score 29 to 21 in favor of Aransas

Player	FG	F	TP
Falcon	1	0	2
Haynes	5	0	10
Travis, S.	1	1	2
Johnny Rowe	1	0	2
Evans	0	0	2
Cron	0	0	2
G. Smith	1	1	3
Total Points			21

Aransas Pass

Player	FG	F	TP
Green	1	1	3
Hagy	3	0	7
Parks	0	0	0
Goodman	1	1	0
Sceners	3	1	7
Powell	0	1	0
Meridith	5	0	12
Total Points			29

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The Waterfront

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standpoint was that he had promised the first fish caught with the borrowed bait to the generous lender. So Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gun of Arriba, Colorado, happily claimed the huge trout. As we walked away we heard Mr. Wollesen comment that he had only snagged 59½ pounds of fish Tuesday morning. Someone should show that man how to fish.

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ANOTHER PROUD FISHERman seriously scanning the basin for future possibilities, was J. C. Lees of Springfield, Illinois. Underneath the pier lay a seven and one-half pound trout not to mention several smaller ones. In fact it was this trout that put all the fervor into Wollesen's cast with the second piece of borrowed shirmp; claimed Wollesen, if there was a 7½ pound fish pulled out of the basin he was the one that could pull out a bigger one.

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THE WARREN'S, WHO ARE becoming old timers in Rockport, but are officially located in Park Rapids, Minnesota, were trying their luck as the sun returned to the bay and had several good size fish to show for their efforts.

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MR. AND MRS. WM. SCOTT of San Angelo stuck through the bad streak of weather last week and were being rewarded with good sized fish this week. Mrs. Scott made an all day stand Tuesday and said the fish came to her all morning but she could show only quality for the afternoon.

In fact Tuesday afternoon around four o'clock the fish were biting so rapidly in the bowl that the men could hardly take time out from reeling them in to tell you they weren't having very good luck.

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UPWARDS OF 11 SKIFFS were out in the basin about 3:30 Tuesday and those boys were really working overtime reeling the fish in.

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MYRON PICKERING OF SAVage, Montana, was trying hard but said he had never fished much so was spending his time at present observing the methods employed by Texas anglers. Pickering stated it appeared that it would be well worth his time to learn the methods and cash in on some of the catches.

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J. H. DODSON OF DALLAS and J. R. Wine of San Antonio were using dead shrimp and reported that they were doing all right. Some of the men were using wiggly artificial shrimp but the majority were using live shrimp when they could get them.

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EUGENE FRONK OF SAN Antonio had 25 fish to show for three hours fishing pleasure. Fronk says he had been down at the basin every morning for the past week and Tuesday his efforts were being rewarded. As for the weather forced upon the Rockport community last week, Fronk said he never had so many clothes on in his life and had never been so cold. But Tuesday's sunshine made those shivers seem far in the past.

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H. C. FLOYD REPORTED that he got over 100 pounds of mullet in one strike Sunday evening over in Allyn's Bright and didn't know what to do with them.

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JAMES SORENSON, SR. killed a six point and an eight point buck, 110 pounds and 145 pounds dressed respectively. The deer were shot 30 miles west of San Diego last week.

Expiration Dates of the 1947 License Plates

According to Sheriff A. R. Curry, out of state tourists must renew their license plates in the state from which they are from at the time when they are due in that state. Extension of time is allowed only in cases where extension is granted in the respective state.

This only applies to visitors to Texas from other states. People coming to Texas to live or work must register their car and make application for Texas title at once.

Expiration dates of the 1947 license plates in the United States are as follows:

	Expiration Date	Extension of Time
Alabama	Sept. 30, 1947	Nov. 15, 1947
Arizona	Dec. 31, 1947	Jan. 31, 1948
Arkansas	Dec. 31, 1947	
California	Dec. 31, 1947	Midnight Feb. 4, 1948
Colorado	Dec. 31, 1947	
Connecticut	Feb. 29, 1948	
*Delaware	Mar. 31, 1948	
District of Columbia	Mar. 31, 1948	
Florida	Dec. 31, 1947	Jan. 15, 1948
Georgia	Mar. 31, 1948	
Idaho	Dec. 31, 1947	To Mar. 31, 1948
Illinois	Dec. 31, 1947	
Indiana	Feb. 28, 1948	
Iowa	Dec. 31, 1947	Feb. 1, 1948
Kansas	Dec. 31, 1947	Jan. 31, 1948
Kentucky	Dec. 31, 1947	Midnight Mar. 1, 1948
Louisiana	Dec. 31, 1947	Midnight Feb. 5, 1948
Maine	Dec. 31, 1947	Mar. 1, 1948
Maryland	Mar. 31, 1948	
Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 1947	
Michigan	Feb. 29, 1948	
Minnesota	Dec. 31, 1947	
Mississippi	Oct. 31, 1947	
Missouri	Dec. 31, 1947	
Montana	Dec. 31, 1947	Feb. 15, 1948
Nebraska	Dec. 31, 1947	Feb. 1, 1948
Nevada	Dec. 31, 1947	
New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 1948	
New Jersey	Mar. 31, 1948	
New Mexico	Dec. 31, 1947	Mar. 1, 1948
New York	Dec. 31, 1947	Midnight Jan. 31, 1948
North Carolina	Dec. 31, 1947	Midnight Jan. 31, 1948
North Dakota	Dec. 31, 1947	
Ohio	Mar. 31, 1948	
Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 1947	Jan. 31, 1948
Oregon	Dec. 31, 1947	
Pennsylvania	Mar. 31, 1948	
Rhode Island	Mar. 31, 1948	
South Carolina	Oct. 31, 1947	
South Dakota	Dec. 31, 1947	Mar. 31, 1948
Tennessee	Mar. 31, 1948	
Texas	Mar. 31, 1948	
Utah	Dec. 31, 1947	Feb. 28, 1948
Vermont	Mar. 31, 1948	
Virginia	Mar. 31, 1948	Apr. 15, 1948
Washington	Dec. 31, 1947	
West Virginia	June 30, 1948	
**Wisconsin		
Wyoming	Dec. 31, 1947	To Mar. 1, 1948

* Four expiration periods during the year—March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

** Staggered registration. Each plate expires in month as shown on the plate. The small numerals on the extreme left side of the plate represent the month in which it expires.

$15,000 School Bond Election Set For Dec. 20

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county if no one was delinquent would amount to about $30,500. However it has never been possible to collect all of it. In exceptional years the schools have received about 90 per cent of what they should have. In ordinary years they receive about 80 per cent or roughly around $25,000. Add to this the $55 per teacher a year allowed by the state school fund and you have $33,000 more or a total of $58,000. Teachers' salaries amount to slightly over $54,000, leaving less than $4,000 to pay for the janitors, cafeteria operators, bus drivers, building repairs, gas and oil for school buses, repairs to them and for all the dozen and one other things that are necessary to make a smooth running and adequate school.

This leaves less than nothing for new furniture, badly needed equipment, new buses, and the completion of class rooms in the gym.

LEGISLATURE CUTS 16%

Add to this the fact that our state legislature failed to appropriate enough money by 16 per cent to pay the full $55 per teacher allotment for the coming two years. This means that, if the directive of the state school board is followed in regard to this, school time will have to be cut short because there is no money to pay the teachers and other employees, and instead of having a nine month school term which is required of an affiliated school as ours now is, we can perhaps only have eight months.

This would probably be good news for the youngsters but it is very bad news for those who are anxious to see their children progress and enter institutions of higher learning. If our school term does not measure up to the standard set for affiliated schools where term length, teachers salaries and education are concerned, our children cannot enter any school in the usualy accepted manner but must go through an involved process of examinations to meet their entrance requirements.

These things this bond issue is intended to stop, and as has been said, can stop, without raising our taxes or without placing the school district under an unduly heavy load of debt. As a general rule the bonded indebtedness of similar school districts ranges from eight to 10 per cent. If the bond issue is passed on Dec. 20, and it should be passed, our bonded indebtedness in the Rockport Independent School District will still amount to less than four per cent.

THE FUTURE GENERATION

The future of this country lies in its children. For most of us they are the only thing that makes an otherwise somewhat drab and uninteresting world worth living in. We owe them every chance that we can possibly give them for, in the fierce competition necessary to make a living today, the untrained man or woman is at a disadvantage. If then, we do not provide as good a school as we possibly can in order that our children may obtain that training, we are remiss in our duty and are not giving them the chance that they should have. So let's pass that school bond issue.

Pennsylvania is not named in honor of its founder, William Penn. Penn's own account of the name is that he suggested "Sylvania" and the king added the "Penn" in honor of the founder's father, Admiral Sir William Penn.



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Doings of People You Know In Aransas County

CHRISTMAS THEME PREVAILS AT SHOWER-TEA MISS DIXIE TOWNSEND, BRIDE-ELECT

Entertaining with a shower-tea in honor of Miss Dixie Townsend, bride-elect of Charles Roe Jr., were Mrs. Roy Hinton and Mrs. Charles Roe, at the Hinton home last Friday from four to six-thirty o'clock.

The Christmas theme prevailed in the house decorations; a large silver tree, bells and colored lights adorned the living room, while the music room in which the gifts were displayed held a small white tree laden with red berries and small lights. A gumdrop tree, and a large paper bell 37 years old added to the reception hall decorations. The dining room featured white, green and silver decorations.

The table, spread with a crocheted cloth over green was centered with an arrangement of white carnations, ball chrysanthemums, gladiolus, silver berries and foliage, and was flanked by green and white tapers in silver candelabra.

Mrs. Eugene Albin and Mrs. Roscoe Johnson served cake squares iced in green and red poinsettias, and Mrs. Harry Mills and Mrs. Harold Picton presided at the coffee service.

Miss Iris Sorenson and Mrs. B. C. Gregory greeted the guests at the door and directed them to the receiving line, composed of Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. Charles Roe, Miss Dixie Townsend and Mrs. Townsend, mother of the honoree.

Loretta and Iletta Townsend had charge of the register while Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. Roy Lee Hart and Mrs. Lois Rozzelle assisted in the music room. Soft music was played during the receiving hours.

Registered guests were Mrs. Frances Rouquette, Mrs. Joe Collins, Mrs. Roy Rogero, Mrs. Roy Woods, Mrs. D. L. Touchstone, Mrs. W. H. Schuster, Miss Floy Kennedy, Mesdames Carolyn C. Hooper, Urban Hemmi, Leslie Sparks, A. R. Curry, Leonard LeBlanc, Arley Shivers, B. W. Hamblin, T. H. Pollard, Hemie E. Rich, Jack Sparks, Richard Fox, Henry Ballou, C. L. Roberts, C. C. Hayden, Raymond Morris, James B. Jackson, Jay Johnson, Norvell Jackson, S. F. Jackson, T. D. Picton, E. C. Townsend, Bonnie Townsend, Fannie Townsend, J. D. Haseman, John Ramseur, Jess F. Harbin, Geo. Walton, Harold Hilderbrand, Harry Mills, Herbert Mills, Otis Yeats, C. D. Prophet, Ed Barnard, Chas. Ankele, C. F. Rozelle, Paul Sorenson, John Sorenson, Charlyne Hunt, S. L. Sorenson, Bertha Harper, Clyde Townsend, Stierly Rozzelle; Misses Katie Lee Clarke, Ruth Lipscomb, Velma Picton, Vivian Picton, Fannie Oertling, Minnie Oertling.

CUB SCOUTS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Cub Scouts held a regular den meeting last week at the home of Mrs. V. C. Ammons and plans were made for the Christmas part yto be held Friday night, December 19, at the Ammons home. Gifts will be exchanged.

The other two dens will meet with Mrs. Eugene Townsend and Mrs. Jordan Weber for a Christmas party.

All dens will meet at the school house for a pack meeting the first Tuesday in January.

Col. Raymond Morris, of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, will arrive in Rockport today to spend Christmas vacation with his family.

ODAKA GROUP ENJOYS PARTY AT HINTON HOME

Mrs. Roy Hinton entertained the Odaka group of Camp Fire girls with a party at her home Monday evening. Mrs. Hinton was assisted by Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, Mrs. Charles Roe and Mrs. Charlyne Hunt. Each Camp Fire girl invited a guest and the group assembled to enjoy games and dancing.

Joe Earl Hunt played Santa Claus and distributed small gifts from the Christmas tree to each guest. In the dining room Joy Roe served angel food squares and Jane Robison served punch. Favors were small metalic angels and Santa Claus boots. The surprise of the evening was the presentation of gifts to Mrs. Hinton from the Odaka girls.

Guests were Tommy Shults, Johnny Atwood, Don Brown, Arthur Brown, Gloria Dye, Carolyn Cecil. Iva Lee Haynes, Phyllis Perkins, Tommy Cron, Charles Smith, Gerald Huffman, Lola Jean Ballou, Jo Ann Smith, Frances Deason, Clydene Sparks, Oscar Stelzig, Joe Herring, Kenneth Jay, Sandra Court, Virginia Gwynn, Carole Simpson, Mildred Davis, Charlie Garrett, Bill Harmon, Shirley Harrell, Joe Earl Hunt, Carol Sparks, J. D. Spencer, Joy Roe, Nancy Hayden, Jimmy Cloberdants, Leo Prophet, Jane Robinson and Shirley Rivers.

VICKREY-CRAWFORD NUPTIALS READ IN CORPUS CHRISTI

Vick G. Vickrey and Miss Wanda Lurline Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Crawford, were united in holy matrimony on Friday, December 5 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. G. Greer, in Corpus Christi.

Rev. Louis S. Cole performed the ceremony and remained with Mrs. Cole for the informal reception which followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickrey are spending their honeymoon in San Antonio.

15th BIRTHDAY HONORED AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shults honored their daughter, Berta Gene, on her fifteenth birthday last Thursday night with a party.

The living room and dining room of the Shults home were colorfully decorated, carrying out the Christmas theme. The table was centered with a Christmas tree cake with burning candles. Birthday gifts were placed around it.

Numerous game sand contests were played and prizes were awarded Kathryn Atwood, Daisy Prophet, Joyce Nell Townsend, and Mary Ann Close.

Refreshments were served buffet style. They consisted of congealed salad, wafers spread with cheese, olives, Christmas candies, cake and cold drinks. Bubble gum in fancy dress served as favors.

Those present were: Misses Bettie Lou Garrett, Mary Ann Close, Joyce Nell Townsend, Loyce Mae Shults, Elsie Blackwell, Ruby Casey, Kathryn Atwood, Daisy Prophet, Margaret Patrick, Ruby Mae Wilkinson, Sheena Currie, Kathryn Jean May, Jewel Murphy, Velma Sue Brundrett, Thelda Haynes, Dolly Lee Hart, Vaunda Smith, the honoree, Berta Gene Shults, and her brother, Wayne Shults. Mrs. Tom Shults assisted Mrs. Shults in serving.

CHAT & CHEW HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chat and Chew Club met for it annual Christmas party Tuesday night, at the home of Mrs. F. G. Huffman, in Copano Village. At the beginning of the evening a salad course was served. Decorations were of the holiday theme, chrysanthemums and candles served as table decorations.

Members of the club present were Mrs. Alma Ratliff, Mrs. Amy Simmons, Mrs. Lillian Armstrong, Mrs. J. M. Sparks, Mrs. Mary Ellen Court, Mrs. Bertha Harper, Mrs. Charlyne Hunt, and Mrs. Lillian Sorenson.

COTTON QUIZ



FATHER KELLY DELIVERS ADDRESS TO P. T.- A.

Members of the Parents-Teachers Association gathered in the school auditorium Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 for the annual Christmas program.

Reverend J. H. Kelly was the principal speaker for the afternoon. The subject for his talk was "Foundation for peace." Mr. Hugh Morrison, secretary of the school board, explained to the members the reason for holding the bond election December 20, what the money will be used for and how it will benefit the school.

An attendance prize was awarded 1A and 1B of the second grade.

The teachers wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation received from the members in helping to put on the program which was given by the first and second grade pupils.

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EASTERN STAR HOLDS PARTY AT JACKSON HOME

Rockport Chapter 479, Order of The Eastern Star, held their Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

The Jackson home was profusely decorated with Christmas greens in the living, dining room and music room, while a lighted tree adorned the living room. An arrangement of various colors of chrysanthemums decorated the mantle. A center piece of poinsettias with red candles in double holders on either side beautified the table.

Bronze chrysanthemums were placed on the buffet with green candles on either side in crystal holders. A sugar plum tree decorated the corner table.

Mrs. Ruth Hayden, junior past matron, served the salad plate, the drink of hot spiced apple juice was poured by Mrs. Lulu Mae Pollard, worthy matron. Those on the refreshment committee were Mrs. Doris Ramseur, Mrs. Lucretia Diederich, Mrs. Blanche Kuhns, Mrs. Alma Ratliff and Mrs. Myra Allen.

Mrs. Mamie Hooper was in charge of the program. The Christmas story from the gospel of St. Matthew was read by Sara Brundrett. Selected passages from the gospel of St. Luke were read by Mrs. Hooper. The song "At Christmas time" from Song of Norway was rendered by Mrs. Norvell Jackson. Mrs. Mamie Hooper read the Manger Song of Mary, an unpublished poem by Markham.

After the program the group sang carols and Christmas games were conducted. Prizes were won by Mrs. Norvell Jackson, Mrs. Rosilee Mullinax, C. C. Hayden and Jim Jackson.

Santa Claus burst in the door with a pack on his back and distributed gifts to everyone.

Fifty members and guests were present. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Hertzman from Denver, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, new residents of Rockport.

SOPHOMORE CLASS HOLDS PARTY

The sophomore class held a party at the high school Saturday night with 23 students present.

Room B was decorated with red and green crepe paper and a lighted Christmas tree. Games were played under the supervision of Billy Frances Kane.

Refreshments of cokes, potato salad and ritz crackers were served.

Sponsors were room mothers, Mrs. C. M. Brundrett, Mrs. Orien May and Mrs. Hugh Morrison.

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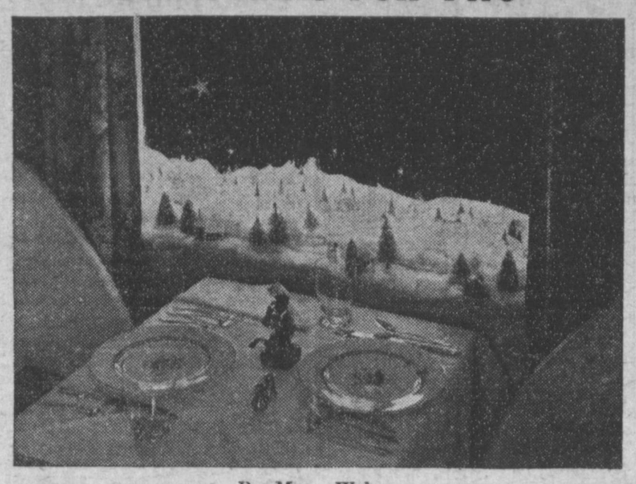
RED RIVER DAVE TO BROADCAST NEW PROGRAM

SAN ANTONIO, —(Spl)—Beginning December 20, late listeners can hear Red River Dave, WOAI's cowboy singing star, warble the western ballads that have made him nationally famous.

In addition to his morning programs through the week, Dave will broadcast from 10:45 to 11:00 p.m each Saturday over WOAI and stations of the Texas Quality Network.

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CHRISTMAS FOR TWO



By Mary Weber
General Electric Lighting Specialist

Turn Christmas-for-two into triumph by setting your table against a "winter landscaped window."

The miniature snow scene pictured above makes a perfect backdrop for a small holiday table. Best of all, it eliminates the need for a centerpiece on a tiny table.

The scene may easily be duplicated with spun glass, whiting, glue, artificial trees, stars and a few small houses. Here are the simple steps worked out by General Electric Home Lighting Specialists in creating the table shown above.

First, paint a wide, uneven snow line on your window with whiting. (This powder is available at most hardware stores and should be mixed with water and a little glue until the consistency of cream.)

Let dry thoroughly. Then, paste small cut-outs of paper trees on the upper background. If the trees in the foreground are larger than those in back, you create an illusion of depth.

Now, cover the window sill with a bank of artificial snow and build a tiny village and light the houses with Christmas tree lamps. Another string of tree lamps was fastened along the edge of the window sill to add further light to the window. Plastic stars were clamped to each bulb to shield it. Plant artificial trees in the foreground and sprinkle stars on the upper half of the window.

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Bag Wardrobes Make Big Hits In 45 States

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(Spl)— The thirty complete wardrobes made from cotton bag material are traveling a 45-state circuit to acquaint the women of America with the beautiful garments which can be made from ordinary cotton feed and flour sacks.

In constant demand for fashion shows before club groups, at state fairs and other gatherings, the cotton bag wardrobes are the result of a rather timorous experiment launched several years ago by the National Cotton Council.

Believing that garment displays demonstrating the thrifty beauty so readily available in empty cotton feed and flour sacks would be welcomed widely, the Cotton Council started three wardrobes on carefully selected trial runs. Then it awaited results. Requests for the wardrobes began to pour into the Council offices.

REQUESTS SNOWBALLED

The result resembled a snowball going downhill! Leaders of womens' groups who heard that the wardrobes had been shown in adjoining centers promptly wrote the Council to ask when they could schedule bag fashion shows on their club programs.

First the number of units was jumped to six, then to 18, and at last to 30. Now the Council has a rather distracted young lady who does nothing at all except try to keep up with the whereabouts of the bag wardrobes.

That task is all one frail woman can handle, says she. And quizzed about why she has only 45 states on her bag wardrobe travel chart, she's apt to reply that if people would leave her alone she would open the rest of her mail—and then maybe her wardrobes would be traveling a 48-state circuit.

Periodically the units are scheduled for washing, pressing and replacement of missing buttons and straps. Then they are sent back out on their far-flung circuits.

SHOWED DURABILITY

It wasn't the Council's primary idea to demonstrate the durability of garments made from cotton bag material, but some of the original wardrobes passed the acid test of showings in 25 cities without any signs of wear.

The early wardrobes might be whizzing around the country to this day were it not for a feminine foible called—fashion. During one inspection of a returned veteran of the road, the Council's bag lady noticed the skirts of the dresses weren't quite in line with the latest fashionable levels.

Regretfully she scheduled the wardrobe for its last stop—reconversion to some other use in which the sturdy material wouldn't be handicapped by being out of style.

DECEMBER IS DEADLINE FOR REINSTATING GI INSURANCE

Washington, D. C.—(Spl.)—The Veterans Administration has announced that December 31, 1947 will be the final deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance policies without a physical examination.

After December 31, a policy holder must pass a physical examination if his insurance has lapsed more than three months, VA officials stated.



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LET YOUR HOME REFLECT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH LIGHT



By Mary Webber
General Electric Home Lighting Specialist

One of the important virtues that makes America truly great is our desire to share what good we have with others. The custom of decorating our homes for the holiday season is fast becoming a cherished American tradition. It is our way of sharing our "peace-on-earth, goodwill toward men" spirit with our friends and neighbors.

Let your home reflect your joy and holiday happiness both indoors and out this holiday season. Decorations need not be elaborate or expensive to be effective. No matter how much you intend to do, it's not too early to begin the planning for your outdoor decorating for your own home.

If your house has graceful lines, try festooning the front with evergreen rope and colored outdoor lights as shown in the upper left-hand photograph. Holly wreaths in each window are accented with light from electric candles which may be purchased ready to use.

Another interesting treatment is to frame a front window with a giant outline of a Christmas tree. As shown in the photograph at the lower-right, the outline tree is made of laurel rope and strings of colored bulbs, fastened to the house in the shape of a pine tree.

For a touch of fantasy that appeals to adults as well as children, why not have a snowman family on your front lown. The charming trio pictured in the upper right hand photograph are simply cutouts of construction board, painted white to resemble snowmen. All three are lighted by an outdoor Projector Floodlight (which has a built in reflector) concealed in a nearby bit of shrubbery.

No matter how simple or how elaborate your out door decorations, plan to give special emphasis to your front entrance. Light helps extend your holiday hospitality, so use it with a lavish hand.

The generously bedecked holiday doorway pictured at the lower left bids welcome to each guest who enters. Tall plywood candles (lighted from behind with rows of colored lamps) light not only the doorway but the handsome holly wreath and the overhanging evergreens.

There will be no cotton marketing quotas and no acreage allotments for the 1948 cotton crop, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

During the five-year period 1942-47, American homes saved and turned in over 600 million pounds of fat.

Cows bred in December and January should calve next September and October. This means more milk next fall and winter.



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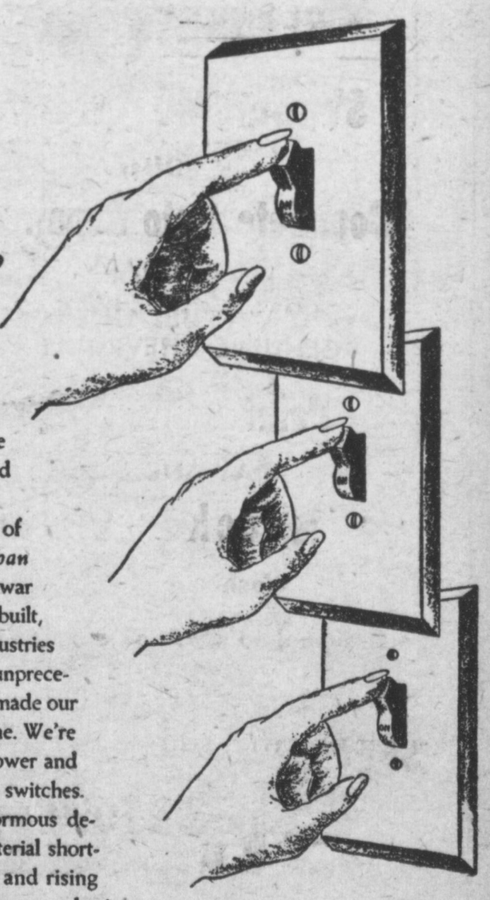
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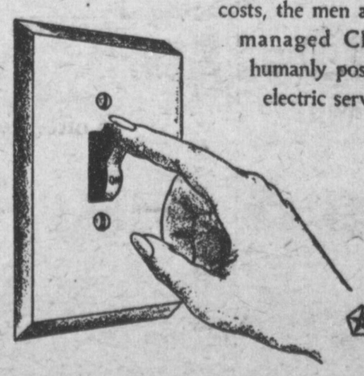
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The Pilot is anxious for news about the parties, weddings, goings and comings of Rockport people. The editor appreciates your calls with these items.

You can help make the handling of these items much easier and much more satisfactory if you will telephone them as early as possible.

Wednesday is a rush day and space in the paper is beginning to—run out. Will you help still further, please, by telephoning on Monday and Tuesday with events that have happened before those days? Thanks.

U. of Texas Changes Freshman Admission Standards

AUSTIN, Tex. —(Spl—University of Texas Regents have approved a faculty-proposed change in admission standards for freshmen entering from the third and fourth quarters of their high school graduating classes.

Effective in September, 1949, all freshmen in the third and fourth quartiles will be admitted to the University on probation.

The present regulation admits on probation only those who graduate in the fourth quarter.

All entering freshmen are required to take either an official aptitude test or a pre-engineering inventory test, and those ranking in the upper half of the group taking either test will escape scholastic probation under the new rule.

The new rule in no way affects the right of a student to admission in the University. Its effect will be to bring those of inferior scholastic standing more quickly to the attention of a dean, and make possible more prompt advising and assistance.

President Painter explained that the new rule was proposed by the faculty because University records indicate a considerable difference in the scholastic performance in the freshman year between students admitted from the upper and lower half of high school graduating classes.

Mr. L. A. Mann returned to Dallas this week after spending two weeks fishing in the Bay area.

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J. L. Baughman, W. S. Heit, and Byron Baker attended the Texas Academy of Science Convention in Austin last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Two tons of good quality hay or one ton of hay and three tons of silage should be in storage for each cow in the dairy herd.

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Sausage From Venison

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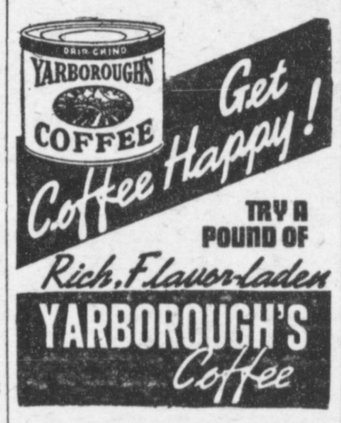
Roy Snyder, extension meat specialist and in charge of the animal husbandry meats laboratory for Texas A. & M. College, says that for many years most hunters discarded the tougher parts of the deer—that's the front shanks, lower part of the hind shanks, the neck and lower parts of the ribs—since they didn't make good roasts or steaks.

A few years ago, the laboratory started processing these tough pieces into sausage. People liked it. And this season, Snyder says, every hunter that has brought in a deer to him for processing and storing has asked for the sausage.

If the sausage is seasoned with sage, it's a lot like pork sausage, but when the sage is omitted, it's like hamburger and can be used in dishes calling for ground meat.

Snyder says for seasoning they use one pound of salt, three ounces of black pepper and three ounces of sage for 50 pounds of meat. The sage, of course, can be left out. A pound of pork fat is added for every pound of deer meat, and it is ground through the largest grinder plate first, then through the hamburger plate. He says grinding twice mixes the fat and lean and makes a more uniform seasonel product.

The amount of sausage, of course, depends on the size of the deer and the condition of the carcass. A badly shot up animal, or one that has been improperly handled in the field, will yield less edible meat, whether, steak, roast or sausage.



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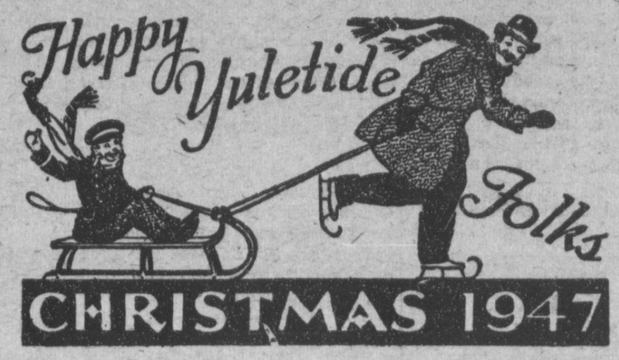
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Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

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In view of this fact, Reba Staggs, well-known home economist, suggests that homemakers revise their ideas on cookie making. Instead of making one kind at a time, Miss Staggs advocates devoting one morning to baking cookies and preparing several kinds at once. This way, a variety of cookies is available for all occasions.

As a simple means of varying cookies, one of each of the basic kinds might be made. These include bar cookies baked in a layer cake pan, drop cookies, or rolled cookies. A roll of refrigerator cookie dough prepared at the same time provides a constant source of supply for cookies that can be baked at a moments notice.

Cookies made with lard have higher keeping qualities than the other kinds, the food authority continues. Therefore, the supply will keep fresh several days. In addition, these cookies have better flavor and are more economical to make.

To add further variety, part of the cookies may be topped with a simple icing made with confectioners' sugar, milk and a flavoring that blends with the cookie. The decorators' touch is often used to pipe simple designs on some of the cookies. This especially appropriate during holiday seasons, or for children's parties.

Thin crisp oatmeal cookies form party sandwiches when a rich date or fig filling is sandwiched between two cookie layers. The same is true of two halves of favorite brownies filled with a green-tinted peppermint icing.

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Robstown Sale Shows Increasing Demand for Cattle and hogs

Thursday's sale shows an increasing demand for both cattle and hogs with choice butcher stock bringing premiums. Choicest calf topped the market at $25.10 and hogs reached $26.45. Some of the larger sellers were John Hansard, Robstown; Caldwell and Caldwell, Corpus Christi; and Mrs. R. E. Cowles, of Chapman Ranch. The total was 400 cattle and 180 hogs sold.

Fat calves,	$22.00 to $24.00
Fair to good calves	20.00 to 22.00
Fat Cows	14.00 to 17.00
Cutter cows	11.00 to 13.00
Canner cows	7.00 to 11.00
Fat bulls	14.00 to 16.00

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To: Frank D. Hawes, F. D. Hawes, Mrs. L. C. Mathews, L. C. Mathews, R. J. Carroll, and J. E. Carroll, Sr., if living, and if any of the above named persons be dead, the unknown heirs, administrators, executors, and/or legal representatives of each or all of the said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in plaintiff's petition filed in this cause, and all persons owning or claiming an interest in and to said land Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Aransas County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of January A.D. 1948, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of December A.D. 1947, in this cause, numbered 2603 on the docket of said court and styled R. E. Britt, Plaintiff vs. Frank D. Hawes, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

An action in Trespass to Try Title as well as for damages to the following described tract of land lying in Aransas County, Texas, to-wit:

BEING Lots Number THREE (3), ELEVEN (11), TWELVE (12), THIRTEEN (13) and FOURTEEN, in Block Number THIRTY-THREE (33), of the Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the Paul McCombs map of said Block Number THIRTY-THREE (33), of the Doughty and Mathis Division thereof, of record in Volume "E", pages 272-273, of the Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas, reference to which is here made for more complete description of said land.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this the 13th day of December A. D., 1947.

Attest:
JAS. C. HERRING, Clerk,
District Court, Aransas
County, Texas c38

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of Rockport, Texas will be held in the Bank's Office at Rockport, Texas at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday January 13th, 1948 for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and for any other Legal Purpose that may be brought before said Meeting.

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● Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.

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TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

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Prizes Offered In Texas History Writing Contest For Young People

AUSTIN, (Spl.)—The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of $100 for the winner of the 1947-48 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling $420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, Editor of the **Junior Historian**, the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the **Junior Historian**, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Dr. Cox Warns Protect Your Eyes

One of your most valued assets is good eyes. Many people thoughtlessly abuse the eyes and think little about it until trouble comes, declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

What can you do to protect you eyes? First, it is important to take care of your general health. If bodies are tired, naturally the eyes are tired too. If there is infection in the body from teeth, kidneys, or other sources, the eyes will probably be affected.

Eye strain begins when you need to use too much effort to focus clearly. If you have normal eyes, you don't need to use the focusing muscles to see clearly in the distance; and when you look at something close, like reading matter, you need to focus only a little. If you are far-sighted your eyes have to focus, even when you look far away; and when you read, you have to focus a lot more than a person with normal eyes.

Children have strong focusing muscles, and their eyes do not tire easily or usually need glasses unless they have a large amount of far-sightedness. Then they need glasses to do the focusing and give their eyes rest. Older people have weaker focusing muscles and usually need glasses for reading when they are about 45 years old. For other specific eye difficulties, glasses may be needed.

Accessories Made Without A Stitch

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(Spl.)—In this modern age, sewing no longer requires needle and thread. A girl can put away those old-fashioned implements of the sewing craft and whip up attractive accessories without even a stitch.

From the mending basket comes hot iron mending tape to serve in place of needle and thread in making a gay matching hat and purse.

With one yard of cotton material—a laundered bakery flour bag does nicely—nine packages of hot iron mending tape, and a little effort, the lady is brightly bedecked with an eye catching hat and purse for an afternoon outing. The hat is laced up the back to make laundering easy, and the purse takes a sudsing by simply removing the drawstrings.

To make a similar hat and purse ensemble, any favorite patterns may be used, the National Cotton Council says. After the material is cut, the decorative seams are quickly done by pressing the tape onto the cotton cloth with a hot iron and allowing each seam to cool for a few minutes. All the edges and seams are finished with a half-width of tape. Button holes are made by pressing ovals of the mending tape on right and wrong sides of the fabric, stretching it taut over an ordinary drinking glass and slitting through all with a razor blade.

The accessory pair gets off to a fresh start after every washing because the cotton material launders easily and continues to look starchy and bright.

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Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

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ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to each and every one

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WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

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ON THIS, OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY IN ROCKPORT,
THE ABOVE SENTIMENT IS TRULY OUR WISH
FOR OUR MANY FRIENDS



● Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.

● In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

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ROCKPORT, TEXAS



WISHES A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL

Of Course you believe in Santy!...
But even if you don't right now, the chances are ten to one that at one time in your career — the short pants or long curls stage — there was no doubt in your mind that there was a Santa Claus. You not only believed in him but you were in awe of him!

Santa Claus was a short roly-poly gentleman habitually clad in red with flowing white beard. He drove through the world Christmas Eve in a heavily-laden sleigh drawn by eight dashing reindeer.

It's a beautiful old myth — as much a part of the joyous Christmas season as is our annual wish for a Merry Yuletide for you and yours!

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Your Week

DECEMBER 15-21

By Quinby



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Guests At Bay Shore Cottages

Tourist guests at the Bay Shore Cottages last week included: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heitzman, and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lowrey, Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eckert, Sulphur Springs, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hubbell, Glenwood, Iowa; and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rogers, Corpus Christi.

Chief Electricians mate, W. R. Graham, Mrs. Graham and two children left Rockport Tuesday for San Antonio, after visiting here since November 28, with Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh V. Haddock. After visiting in San Antonio a few days, Mr. and Mrs. Graham will return to Long Beach, California where Chief Graham has to report for duty December 21.

BUY USEFUL
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT
ROCKPORT ELECTRIC

Major and Mrs. Brownie, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Tyson of San Antonio, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Nichols of Rockport. The party took home a nice bunch of fish which they caught in Aransas Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and Mrs. Fay Weber of Enid, Oklahoma, spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Denny and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bachman.

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The guest list at "The Cedars" last week included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yarrell Jr., Belton, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. John Wine, and Mr. C. M. Taylor and party of San Antonio; the Dodson brothers, of Dallas; Dr. Davis, Dr. Beeson and Mr. Robison, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Durham, and Mr. Chas. Wayne Adams, Sulphur, Okla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grimsman, Mr. Hope, Kansas.

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Mr. Wm. Johnson returned this week from a business trip to Milwaukee, Wis. He returned by way of Rockford, Ill., where he visited Mr. and Mrs. Robey Carleton and family.

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Guests At Del Camino Court

In spite of the unfavorable weather of last week-end, the Del Camino Courts report many out of town guests. These include Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Miller of Alliance, Nebraska, who have arrived in Rockport to spend the winter. The Millers spent last winter here, and have decided this is the best fishing spot in the country.

After spending a week in Rockport during the first half of the hunting season, Mr. J. W. Blunt of San Antonio, arrived for another weeks' hunt during the second half of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. West of Meode, Kansas have arrived in Rockport for an indefinte stay.

Mr. C. T. Grubbs and Fred Austin of Houston were among the first hunters to arrive in Rockport for the opening of the hunting season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baker of Quinton, Oklahoma, are spending a few days here trying their luck at fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pickens of Columbus, Ohio, stopped in Rockport on their winter tour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morrow of Shawnee, Oklahoma, arrived for a bit of fishing.

Other visitors here for the purpose of fishing are Mr. F. S. Donoghue of Ft. Worth, Mr. C. B. Hinton, Houston, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bettison, Castroville, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kirtley of Denver, Colorado, and M. M. King from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl spent Sunday and Monday in Corpus Christi, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles Gibson.

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It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

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To you and yours this Yuletide season,
we extend our sincere good wishes
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A Christmas of joy and contentment;
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Of thirty-two players of the Trinity university football team announced as lettermen by Coach Jack Sanders, three are Rockport boys.

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The team will be honored with a banquet in January.

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To W. E. Pyne and T. E. Bush, if living, and if either or both of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs, administrators, executors, and/or legal representatives of each or all of the above named persons who may be dead; and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in Plaintiff's Petition and all persons owning or claiming any interest in and to the land described in Plaintiff's Petition, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court 36th Judicial District of Aransas County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of February A. D. 1948, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 8th day of December A. D. 1947, in this cause, numbered 2601 on the docket of said court and styled Harry E. Dickinson Plaintiff, vs. W. E. Pyne, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A suit in trespass to try title, for title and possession as well as for damages of the following described property, to-wit:

All of Farm Lots one (1), two (2), and three (3) in the C. H. Moore's Subdivision of a part of the Joseph Fessenden Survey in Aransas County, Texas, according to the official map or plat thereof on page 22 of Volume 1 of the map or plat record of Aransas County, Texas, Plaintiff relying upon a special plea of title supported by the Ten Year Statute of Limitation of the State of Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas, this the 15th day of December A. D. 1947.

Attest:
JAS. C. HERRING, Clerk,
District Court, Aransas
(seal) County, Texas. c38

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By C. M. CUTLER

General Electric Lighting Specialist

This unusual and attractive mantle arrangement will not only enhance your holiday home, but also will be a gentle reminder to all who see it of the deeper significance of Christmas.

Framed in a wreath of evergreens, the small Della Robbia plaque of the Child whose birth was heralded by a star, becomes almost life-like when illuminated.

The wreath is accented with light from a 25-watt inside-frosted bulb hidden behind a mound of angel's hair. Another small candelabra base lamp was imbedded in the bottom of the wreath to make the plaque luminous. Tiny choir boy figures flank each side of the snow mound.

Although you may not see it in the picture above, the wreath is fashioned with the same careful detail of the ornamental Della Robbia border.

Miniature fruits, tiny kumquats, berries and cherries, mingle with the evergreen in true Robbia manner. (They are fastened to the greens with thin wire.) Make the wreath yourself or, if you lack time and patience, buy one from your local garden center. (General Electric Lighting Specialists who worked out the unusual arrangement, found that many Garden Clubs make these wreaths for sale during the holidays.

For a finishing touch, add candles in graduated sizes, angle's hair and evergreen to each side of the mantle.

Provide abundant supplies of fresh and clean water for dairy cows. Insufficient water reduces production, increases costs and wastes feed.

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ROCKPORT RADIO SHOP

AND MAY THE SEASON'S RICHEST BLESSINGS BE YOURS!

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Aransas Pass, Texas



In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It's natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

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Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

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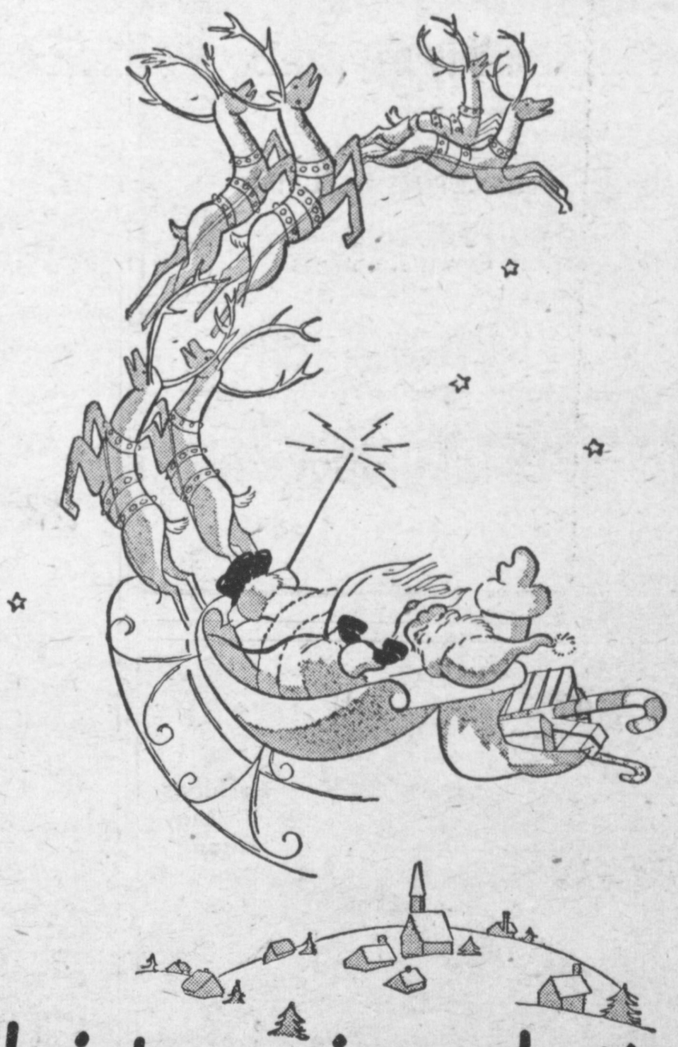
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to you Merriest
CHRISTMAS

In Colonial times Christmastide was the gayest and happiest season of the year . . . and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Christmas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

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Christmas is rush time for Long Distance, too

Thousands of people like to make long distance calls at Christmas time and we like to do everything we can to help.

Lines will be crowded and there will be delays. But if you'd like to call someone, we'll do our very best to get the call through.

Long Distance will be on the job as usual over the holidays.

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What! Alligators in Texas? Think Before You Say No

by J. L. BAUGHMAN

Old settlers claim that, in former years, alligators were found clear up to the sources of the Brazos, and there is an Indian tradition to the effect that the big reptiles were driven out of northwest Texas by a long continued drought.

Certainly they were once found far west of their present range, for Major Long, one of the country's early explorers, encountered a party of Kaskaia Indians on what may have been that branch of the upper Canadian that is now called Major Long's Creek. Of this encounter he says, "This band of Kaskaias occupy the country about the sources of the Platte, Arkansa, and Rio del Norte, and extend their hunting excursions to the Red River and the sources of the Brases (Brazos). The great number of images of the alligator, which they wear either as ornaments or as amulets for the cure or prevention of disease and misfortune, afford sufficient proof of their extending rambles to districts inhabited by that reptile".

Mearns states that an alligator was once taken about twenty miles south of Fort Clark, Kenney County, Texas, thus extending its known range west of the 100th meridan. Within recent years a record from Brownwood, Brown County, Texas, while not so far west as Mearn's specimen, is still farther than the range commonly assigned to the great reptile today. Another early record is that given by Roemer (1849) who received as a gift an eleven-foot specimen which had been shot in Comal Creek, near New Braunfels. He says:-"In the course of the summer, eight more of varying sizes were shot." In the stomach of the large specimen were found "bones and hoofs of a deer which had seemingly been there a long time, for they had become flexible and gristly through the action of the gastric juices which had dissolved the lime; a half-digested wild-turkey; the bones o fa squirrel; several stones and a piece of wood, each as large as a fist; a green pulp, seemingly composed of half-digested vegetable matter. Alligators also live in the clear water of the Guadalupe and Comal Springs. They do not cause the colonists much damage, only occasionally devouring a few ducks or a dog which ventures into the water."

Other alligator occurences are shown by place names, and there are a number of small streams in the eastern, southeastern and central sections of the state which were called after these saurians. The Spanish word for the alligator is **lagarto**, a name also used for large lizards. However, it is unlikely that Largarto Creek and Arroyo Largarto in Live Oak, McMullen and Jim Wells counties were named after any other than the great amphibious reptile once so numerous in that locality. Alligator Bayou in Jefferson county; Alligator creeks in Falls, Robertson, Leon, Freestone, McLennan, Williamson and Milam counties; and Lagarto water hole on Ramiremia creek in Live Oak all attest the presence of alligators at one time or another.

Of course there were alligators in Buffalo Bayou, too, even though it is named after a buffalo instead of an alligator, and in "The Book of Texas" there is a napocryphal tale to the effect that, on the first steamboat ever to travel the upper reaches of Buffalo Bayou, the negro cook fell overboard and was eaten by an alligator. This is illustrated by the accompanying print from an old book of the period.

However little credence we may place in the story, there are two other instances in the literature of early Texas that deserve more serious consideration.

Noah Smithwick, an early pioneer, speaks of a company of emigrants encamped at the mouth of the Brazos River. Awakened one night by piercing screams, upon rushing to the place from when they proceeded, a huge alligator was found, making for the river, dragging a 14-year-old negro slave girl by the arm. Upon being attacked, the beast relinquished its hold and escaped into the river.

The second instance, also given by Smithwick, is that of a small boy who, attacked while wading in a pond, was rescued by his older brother.

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The spray pictured above is easy to put together. General Electric Lighting Specialists used several branches of long-needle pine (with cones) to fashion a long graceful spray. Candelabra socket type tree lights were twined through the spray and sockets placed inside red and silver celophane bells.

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WOAI TO BROADCAST WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—(Spl.)—The traditional ceremony attending the lighting of the brilliantly decorated Christmas tree on the south lawn of the White House will be broadcast by WOAI from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 24. This special NBC program will replace the regularly scheduled dramatic serials "When a Girl Marries" and "Portia Faces Life."

Texans Are Grateful

COLLEGE STATION—(Spl)—A recent state-wide poll showed that five out of 10 Texas families say "grace" or a blessing before each meal.

A national organization polled families on this and other religious habits not long ago. The percentage of families in the country as a whole that say grace before each meal is four out of 10.

Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, extension family life education specialist for Texas A. & M. College, says that families tend to do in their own homes what they learned as children. One-half of the people who do not offer thanks before meals said that the custom had not been observed in their homes when they were children, while 84 out of 100 Texans who offer thanks reported that this was a family custom as they grew up.

Grace before each meal does more than give spiritual satisfaction, Mrs. Johnson says. The beauty and dinity of the blessing adds as much to the atmosphere of the meal as flowers, colorful linen or attractive china. The few moments of quiet before eating calms emotions and consequently the digestive system is in much better working order. This is particularly true for small children, but adults also benefit from the short respite from worry,

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The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 100 persons will die, 2,870 persons will be injured, from accidents on our streets and highways during the eleven day period, December 20-31. It is expected that the final 1947 traffic death toll will reach 2,100 the worst toll in Texas history.

These predicted deaths and injuries are not inevitable. They can and must be prevented. Such sickening slaughter and suffering would be a stark negation of the Christmas message of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Governor Beauford H. Jester urges each citizen to impose upon himself such discipline and a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others that his acts behind-the-wheel may not lead to death or injury of his fellow man.

The governor calls upon the Texas Safety Association to coordinate public support effort with the official safety work of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the State Highway Department, the State Department of Education, and other official agencies with traffic responsibilities. A concerted and intensified campaign may bring about an accident free Christmas season for all the people of our State.

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Mr. Anthony, What Shall I Buy For Christmas?

The odds are great that many of our local populace are busy chewing their nails and pulling their hair as a result of putting off Christmas shopping or mauling over in their minds what to buy for their favorite people. As a matter of reassurance let it be known that the merchants right here in Rockport have plenty of items that can put your mind at ease.

A mere glance through the stores of Rockport showed a variety of prospective gifts ranging from electrical appliances to toys for the children.

You can find on display at Jeffries Auto Supply, Motorola radios, fishing reels, pressure cookers, and he still has some lights for the Christmas tree.

Or you can take your problem to Joe Johnson at Johnson's Drug Store. Perhaps such items as costume jewelry, Jewelite nylon brush sets, ladies purses, Cara Nome Cosmetic sets or Parker pen and pencil sets are what you have been searching for. And Mr. Johnson can supply you with a Hallmark card to put with your gift.

Robert's Electric Shop still has a few General Electric toastmasters and Mutual waffle irons which should delight any homemaker. Mr. Roberts also has in stock telechron elecrtic alarm clocks which make a nice little surprise under anyone's Christmas tree.

We noticed a variety of prospective gifts in Ankele's Hardware such as an electric corn popper which should be a delight on some of these cold, windy evenings. And we also saw some electric vacuum cleaners and electric irons, so don't try to tell your wife these items are out of stock.

For personal items try Sparks Dry Goods. There you can find slips, gowns, shoes, hose, blouses, head scarfs and any number of other gift ideas for the women in your life.

Ballard's Drug Store still has plenty of trains and cars for children. You can also find Yardley shaving sets and Lucien Le Long cosmetics on display there.

Kaufman's are showing a wide selection of Hickok belts, men's robes and sweaters. There are a few toys left but they are going fast.

If it's an electric kitchen clock you're looking for, try the Rockport Electric Co. You can also pick up a Dormeyer electric mixer there if you hurry.

Terry's record shop should not be overlooked as any record lover will not be happy without a few additions to his collection ready to greet him Christmas morn. And Terry's has everything from the Strauss waltzes to the Mills Bros.

If your desires include a new radio try the Rockport Radio Shop. And let us mention that the music furnished on the street by the shop last Saturday afternoon was enjoyed by weary last-minute shoppers and local merchants and we will be listening for more this Saturday.

Helen White's Ready to Wear has a large selection of angora sweaters, in pastel colors and also some lovely lingerie to charm a woman of any age.

We have not and could not cover the opportunities offered by our stores but have merely tried to help you out if you happen to be in a pinch concerning your Christmas headache which need not be related to shopping.

Before we sign off let us remind you not to forget to order your turkey for the big feast. Rockport merchants report that last year's shortages of currants, etc., have long been in stock and except for such items as marshmallows and cocoanut, you shouldn't have any trouble finding exactly what you want on the shelves.

So don't be dismayed. Once you take a glimpse at the possibilities Rockport stores offer, your Christmas troubles will be solved.

Although black pepper is used only as a seasoning, the United States consumes 15,000 tons a year.

SANTA CAME EARLY



Santa Claus gave little eight-months-old Susan Boyd of Memphis, Tenn., a preview of what she can expect on her very first Christmas day. He left these soft, cuddly dolls a bit early. The elephants and clown are samples of delightful dolls made of cotton bags that will fill Santa's bag this year. Old St. Nick just goes to work on an empty flour or sugar sack, adds cotton stuffing, and comes up with gifts to gladden children's hearts.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. I have a baby sister now. Please bring her a pretty doll. Please try to come before I go to sleep.
Nancy Sue Sparks

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some darts and a target. I would like you to come to our Christmas play. Our teacher is nice. We are going to have a Christmas tree here at school and I would like you to give out the presents. I have been good. I go to Sunday School. I like you very much.
Your friend,
Hank Schleider

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. I want a baby doll. I have a little sister. She wants a doll for Christmas and I have a baby sister who wants a rattle for Christmas.
I want another baby sister.
Good bye Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Flossie Jane

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. I have a niece now. Please bring her a pretty doll. I should like a little kitten. Please try to come before I go to sleep.
Barbara Jean Schuster

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. I want a book. I have a big sister and she wants a baby bed for her baby. Her baby would like a toy doll. I have a big brother and he would like a game.
Marvine Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll. Jane wants a doll, too. I want Christmas to come. I will be asleep.
Love,
Judith

Dear Santa Claus,
I like to work. I would like a doll. I would like a toy.
Marilyn Ruth Morrison

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. I have been very good all this year, or most of it anyway. Please bring me a new doll baby, a cash register and a stove.
I have a little brother 18 months old. He would like for you to bring him a kitty car and a teddy bear.
Hoping to see you Christmas, I will close.
Marcia An Wetzel,
Rockport, Texas

P. S. My little brother's name is George.

High School Students Vote On Who's Who For the Year

Each year the Annual staff for the Pirate, high school publication, sponsors an election to find out "Who's Who" in the high school and eighth grade. Pictures of those selected appear in the annual which will be released in the spring.

School favorites this year include: From the high school at large, Most Beautiful Girl, Bonnie Cron, senior; Most Handsome Boy, Sam James, junior; Most Popular Boy, Leon Brundrett, senior; Most Popular Girl, Jean Hinton, senior; Most Athletic Boy, Vicente Corpus, sophomore; Most Vivacious Girl, Jo Ann Collins, senior.

Pete Sprinkle was chosen as senior boy most likely to succeed and Bonnie Cron was voted senior girl most likely to succeed.

Those voted as senior class favorites were Jo Ann Collins and Don Banning; junior class favorites are Laverne Thompson and Glenn Owens; sophomores gave the honors to Loyce Shults and Woody Hunt as their favorites; and freshman favorites were Alice Bell and Gene Sprinkle.

Eighth graders voted Carol Townsend as their most beautiful girl and Ozzie Williams as the most handsome boy. Most popular girl was voted to be Norma Lou Roe and most popular boy is Pat Smith.

The election was held last Thursday at the high school.

Mrs. A. L. Bruhl Receives Notice Of Aunt's Death

Mr. A. L. Bruhl received notice Sunday of the death of her aunt, Miss Sara Walton, Saturday morning in Nashville, Tennessee. At the time of her death Miss Walton was 88 years of age.

For many years she was Dean of Women at San Antonio Female College, which is now known as Trinity University.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Cornerville, Tennessee. Mourning Miss Walton's passing are J. E. Harrison, a nephew, of Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. A. L. Bruhl of Rockport and Miss Cora Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. T. Houston Foster, former grade school principal, visited in Rockport Tuesday night and was enthusiastically received by students and teachers alike. Mr. Foster is now teaching English in the Robstown high school.

The word "pencil" originally meant a small, fine-pointed brush used in painting. The finer camel's hair and sable brushes used by artists are still called "pencils," and the word is derived from a Latin term meaning "little tail."

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Christmas In U. S. Reflects Customs of Many Countries

"Christmas in the United States is composed of threads from many countries and reflects their customs in church and home," according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The traditional English Christmas calls for family reunions, gifts, carols, parties and a pantomime for the children in a season of general good will. Although many of the old and picturesque English customs have faded, they still contribute to the modern holiday through Christmas pageants, the designs of Christmas cards and the narratives in ballads and carols describing the festivities of the old days.

In Scandinavian countries, preparations and cooking are begun weeks in advance in order to stock the home for three weeks of hospitality and leisure during the holiday season. The celebration itself begins on Christmas Eve with an elaborate supper, followed by a tree with family worship and signing before the presents are distributed. Early church is attended by everyone on Christmas morning, because the shepherds, the first to worship the baby Jesus, came early and then returned to their work.

Traditionally Germany kept Christmas with much heartiness, including a home festival and attendance at church.

The observance centers around the Christmas tree with the presents not on it, but piled under it and on nearby tables, their distribution preceded by the singing of carols including "O Tannenbaum" and "Stille Nacht."

Children in the Netherlands leave their wooden shoes, filled with hay for St. Nicholas' white horse on which he jumps from roof to roof, leaving toys and sweets. In the Netherlands and Belgium December 6 is the children's holiday. December 25 is reserved for the religious holiday.

The religious features are prominent in France, especially the creche in churches and homes, and the midnight mass followed by Christmas supper, with family dinners and reunions on Christmas Day. In Normandy where old customs are kept, the children go out on Epiphany Eve to meet the Three Kings on the highway.

The manger is also prepared in Mexican homes, ready for the "Posadas." This means "resting place" and commemorates the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

The "Posadas" begin on December 16, and groups of nine families hold one every night before Christmas Eve, meeting in the different homes. Carrying candles and following an image of the Virgin and Joseph, they re-enact the search for shelter, stopping at the door of each room and pleading in a Latin chant for entry. In the last room they are admitted, and there sing their thanks.

Christmas in Brazil, south of the equator, is a summer festival with fireworks, picnics, fiestas and boating excursions. However, in spite of the summer weather Papa Noel comes dressed as Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh.

Pecan nuts are North America's greatest contribution to the world's net market, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Although the species has been introduced into many foreign countries, production is not important outside of the United States and northern Mexico.



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PICTURE NEWS OF THE WEEK



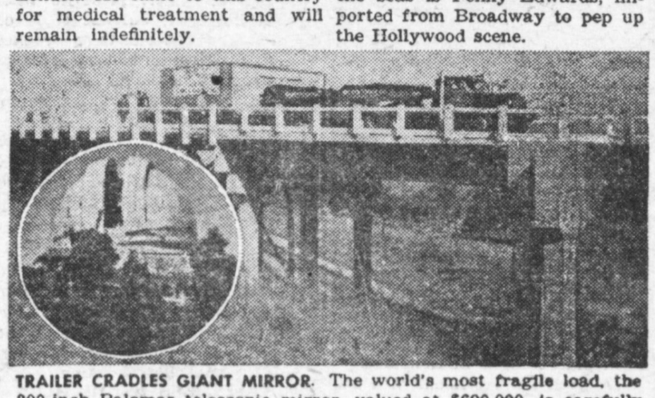
THREE GENERATIONS and Grandma is only 28. Mrs. Tillie Heredia, left, is shown with her daughter, 14-year-old Mrs. Alfonso Ortis and baby daughter Terry.



PRINCE MAHMOUD, youngest son of Ibn Saud, ruler of Saudi Arabia, arrives in New York from London. He came to this country for medical treatment and will remain indefinitely.



AS CUTE A GAL as ever breasted the seas is Penny Edwards, imported from Broadway to pep up the Hollywood scene.



TRAILER CRADLES GIANT MIRROR. The world's most fragile load, the 200-inch Palomar telescopic mirror, valued at $600,000, is carefully transported by truck-trailer on a 160-mile trip from the California Institute of Technology to the Palomar Observatory atop Mt. Palomar (inset). The mirror was packed in a special shockproof case and loaded on a 16-wheel Fruehauf Trailer. Combined weight of the mirror, case, truck and trailer was 60 tons.

Rockport Has A Boat Designer Tucked Away In A Vest Pocket

Rockport has its own boat designer in the person of A. C. Glass, cashier of the Rockport First National Bank. For 26 years he has lived in Rockport and for 20 of these years he has been designing everything from pleasure craft to shrimp boats. His first, a 23 footer, was for himself but this interest in pleasure boats was short lived as he found there was too much detail on them and the demand for shrimpers was greater.

His knowledge concerning boats and designing was picked up from observation and practical application of facts observed. The first shrimper planned by this designer was a 12 foot by 30 foot boat for Austin Smith, which is still in operation. His second attempt at designing on such a large scale emerged in the form of the Ginger, a Solice boat, and it is also still in the harbor.

Mr. Glass can not account for all the boats he has designed but states he has handled plans for 10 this year. Four of his boats are under construction now. Two of these are the largest he has designed which are 56 foot shrimpers and are being constructed in Aransas Pass. Another of these is the Mildred G., Mrs. C. L. Grant's boat. Alvin Brundrett is also working on a boat for which plans were set up by Mr. Glass.

Our designer states he can figure out details for the hull of a shrimper in one day while it takes a week to make plans for a pleasure boat. He makes it sound so simple that you wonder why you can't do it. Why all you need to do is find out from the prospective owner how much power he desires the boat to have, how much fuel, the size of the propeller, where the fuel tank and ice box are to be placed, and how much water he wants the boat to draw.

It is after these facts have been compiled and the hull drawn that complications can arise. At this time the owner may come along and move all the weight and as a result the boat won't sit right. Which explains why Mr. Glass prefers to plan boats for service rather than pleasure craft.

According to Glass, he is devoting too much time to what started out as a hobby. Any evening you can find him laboring over details for another boat. At present he is working on one for Mr. R. R. Rice.

None of his designs have been patented, all work is done by request, time permitting.

Christmas seals were invented by a Danish postal clerk, Anton Holmbee, in 1903, as a source of revenue for an anti-tuberculosis society, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Their use spread to the other Scandinavian countries and to the United States.

Life Story Of Coke Stevenson Told In New Book

Thousands of Texas men and women have written ex-Gov. Coke Stevenson of Junction, urging him to become a candidate for United States Senator in 1948, according to a biography published this week under the title, "Mister Texas: The Story of Coke Stevenson."

The illustrated book, by Booth Mooney of Dallas, traces Stevenson's public career from the time he became county attorney of Kimble County in 1914, through his service as county judge, legislator, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Lieutenant Governor and Governor. The biography also tells of his youth and early manhood, giving attention to his success as a conservative small-town business man as well as to his public service. A number of revealing anecdotes about Stevenson are included.

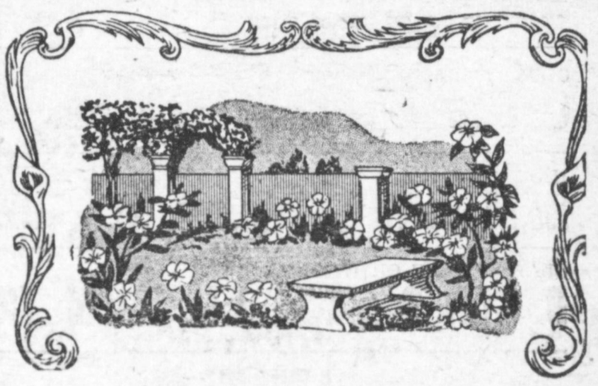
"In an age when showmanship seems often to have supplanted statesmanship as a prerequisite for attaining public office, he has steadfastly refused to be cast in the role of entertainer," Mooney writes of Stevenson. "He was born in a log cabin and he went to work for a living when he was a boy, but he was never allowed the story of his life to be presented in Algeresque trappings. He is a true son of the Hill County, but he has never set himself up as a hillbilly. He is a ranchman, born and bred, but no man has ever been able to get him to be picturesque for political purposes."

Stevenson has never been defeated for public office. The author of "Mister Texas" attributes this largely to the fact that the former Governor has held steadfastly to basic principles of sound government and has been successful in getting things done in accordanee with those principles. He is known as an authority on constitutional law. He has been as frugal with public funds as with his personal funds. Under his administration as Governor, a deficit of over 30 million dollars in the General Revenue Fund was liquidated, with no increase in taxes, and when he went out of office the Fund had a cash balance of over 35 million dollars. Other State funds, notably the highway fund, also had heavy balances.

The book returns no answer to the question of whether or not Stevenson will offer himself for the U. S. Senate next year. Mooney does point out, however, that there is a widespread demand from Texans that he become a candidate.

"They want the man on the ranch in Kimble County to become the Gentleman from Texas in Washington, D. C.," the book concludes.

The surface waters of the Atlantic Ocean are saltier than those in corresponding regions of the Pacific. Although the reason for this is not yet known, evaporation is probably less in the Pacific because of lower wind velocity, and rainfall is greater than in the Atlantic.



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ROAST, Loin-cut, lb. 47c
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Rockport Teachers Take Off For Holidays

The two week Christmas holiday Rockport teachers will be enjoying will be spent from Rockport to Chicago. A canvass of the teachers revealed tentative plans.

Mrs. John Haynes expects her daughter, Lucille, home from Southwestern.

Music Director McGrath will journey to Chicago, Illinois to visit with his mother and sister.

Mrs. Raymond Morris and daughter will go to Little Rock, Arkansas, and Seancy, Arkansas during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ramseur and sons will spend part of the vacation in Taylor and Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbin have plans to visit Refugio on the way to the valley.

Mrs. Trotter will go to her home in Edmond, Oklahoma, then on to Kerrville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden and children, Jimmy, Cloyce, and Nancy, plan to go to Wetumpka, Oklahoma as both of ther parents live there. This will be their first Christmas at home in ten years.

Mrs. Fallva Brown will leave after Christmas for Giddings, Texas, to visit with her mother and sister.

Mrs. Roy L. Hart will spend the holiday with her husband in Kingsville.

Mrs. Bertha Harper will be in Rockport and in Alice.

Miss Katie Lee Clarke will journey to West Columbia to visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. W. Clarke.

Miss Ruth Lipscomb will go to Houston for a few days after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lee Sorenson plan to visit in Gonzales.

Miss Dixis Townsend will be on her honeymoon.

Basket Ball Games

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STATISTICS FOR ROCKPORT-ROBSTOWN GAME

Rockport A Team:

Player	FG	F	TP
Delgado	2	0	4
J. Morrison	2	0	5
Sprinkle	1	0	2
Corpus	1	2	2
B. Morrison	2	0	4
Brundrett	1	4	2
Total Points			19

Robstown A Team:

Player	FG	F	TP
Lee	3	0	6
D. Stone	3	2	6
D. Twist	2	0	5
Baschal	2	2	4
Brothers	1	2	3
Hesfaad	1	0	2
Wheeler	2	0	4
Osborn	0	1	0
Total Points			30

The Robstown B team tromped over Rockport to the tune of 41 to 27.

Rockport B Team:

Player	FG	F	TP
Falcon	2	5	5
Travis	1	0	4
Haynes	2	0	4
Evans	0	2	2
Cron	4	2	8
G. Smith	1	0	2
Rowe	1	0	2
Total Points			27

Robstown B Team:

Player	FG	F	TP
Orsak	1	1	2
Stenve	0	1	6
Beckman	4	0	8
Gosset	3	2	6
Hestand	2	2	7
Broghers	2	2	7
Thompson	1	2	2
T8ony	3	0	6
Total Points			41

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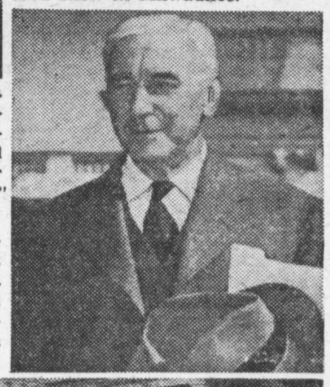
PICTURE NEWS OF THE WEEK



EYE POWER to spare has Lila Leeds, say optometrists who specialize in such matters. The newcomer to the movies has "the kind of eyes that make men lose their strength when they need it most."



ELUSIVE HOT DOG. Pretty little Ann Steuer has more than her share of troubles at the annual food show in Milwaukee.



WHEAT GROWER Tom Campbell tells President Truman that rise in wheat price to $3.50 a bushel from current $3.00 could solve wheat shortage by encouraging farmers to turn loose grain they are holding.



STAINLESS STEEL SLEIGH FOR KIDDIES TOYS. Each year Columbus Elks distribute toys so no little kiddies will be forgotten. Last Christmas Eve reindeer and sleigh were replaced with an International truck and Fruehauf stainless steel trailer manned by Elks in charge of the social welfare work. Bulging with toys this "giant sleigh" made the entire city circuit in one trip.

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Timely Suggestions Warn of Fire Hazards

If toyland is a stopping place on your shopping list, remember the tiny, tender hands that will hold your gift on Christmas morning, asks Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

"Adults should be careful to select toys that are fire safe," he said. "Those requiring alcohol, kerosene or gasoline lamps are very hazardous as they upset easily with disastrous results to children's clothing and the house itself."

A toy electric iron can be as dangerous as a real one, the Commissioner said. Left connected, while perhaps a doll is being dressed, they can overheat and cause a fire.

Hall classes cheap and substandard electric toys as unsafe, and says that all electric toys should be run under the supervision of adults, unless the children are old enough to understand how to use electricity.

"A child may get a dangerous shock if he touches a radiator or other ground while playing with an electric toy," the Commissioner stated. "Such toys, when lightly constructed, are apt to be defective. The transformers of many toys are now listed by Underwriters' Laboratories and are the safest kind to buy."

He warns that only safety film be used in a child's movie camera machine. Nitrocellulose films are a severe fire hazard and also give off deadly fumes as they burn.

Electric trains should not be run under or around the Christmas tree as a stray spark on one needle could easily cause the whole tree to go up in flame.

Care should be exercised to see that the connection of any electric toys does not overload a circuit, causing a fuse to blow out or a fire to start in the wiring in the wall.

Baptist Church Notes

Mrs. A. O. Freeman's Sunday School class will have a social Christmas eve at the Freeman home.

There will be no prayer meeting Wednesday evening, December 24.

The Lottie Moon Christmas mission offering will be left open until Christmas so that all that wish to have a part may do so.

Charicaturist Philip Cunningham, Kingsville, will entertain at the Baptist Youth Fellowship gathering Saturday night, December 20. This will be the occasion for the Christmas party and gifts will be exchanged.

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FOR SALE: Fill dirt, mud shell, sand gravel. J. D. Harrison, Dump Truck Service, Phone 3131. Rockport. ctf

FOR SALE: 2 Rayglow, six-radiant butane burners, $25.00 each. Water pump, Briggs-Stratton motor, 250 gal. capacity, $85.00 1 kitchen sink, 16x24in. drainboard 54 in. all trim, $35.00. W. C. Stevenson. ctf

FOR SALE: Two story 6 room furnished house on waterfront. 2 car concrete block garage. Close to business section. W. N. Purcell, Wharton, Texas. ctf

FOR SALE: Gentle saddle horse and saddle, $50.00. Telephone 440. ctf

FOR SALE: luggage trailer, steel single wheel, like new. $65.00 (Extra tire and tube); water pump, jack, motor and pipe, fittings etc., 16 foot skiff, 6 hp. Briggs and Stratton Motor, double bottom, cut under stern, reconditioned throughout, like new. Col. C. M. Davis, Palm Village, Rockport, Texas. ctf

FOR SALE: 16x16 Plywood Hutmants. Can be seen at corner of Highway 35 and Market Streets. $185.00 For information apply at Smith's Service Station. ctf

OFFICE SPACE for rent. Rockport Boat Works. ctf

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FOR SALE—Sportsman Model 16 ga. Remington automatic shotgun, practically new. Youth bed and mattress. Set copper gas tanks for boat. Bob Ayers, Rockport. ctf

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FOR RENT: Sleeping rooms for men, $5 per week, per person. Phone 570. ctf

LOST: 16-foot plywood skiff with Mercury outboard motor at Copano Village. $25 reward for information leading to recovery. Phone Rockport 3766. ctf

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FOR SALE: Trailer park and barbecue stand, call at Dakin's place, ½ mile north of city limits. Give me an offer. c38

PASTURAGE—Robert Kubena, Rockport, Rt. 1, Oak Grove School. Phone 3747. p37

FOR SALE: Good used upright piano. Phone 296. c36

FOR SALE: Five acres, two room house, butane gas, well water, cow, barn and lot. See P. M. Thornton, outlot No. 21. For information call at Smith Service Station p35

NOTICE: Those who will want whipping cream for the holidays please place orders early. J. A. Rogers. Dial 3546. c-35

FOR SALE: Good Jersey milch cows, William Beetley. Dial 3301. p35

WANTED TO BUY: Small unfurnished house. Sam Warren, General Delivery. p35

FOR SALE: 4-room house, 2 lots in Rockport, also other property. M. E. Nichols, on Highway 35 across from Midway Inn. p35

FOR RENT: 14 ft. mahogany skiff, 5½ hp. engine. All practically new. Phone 3717. p35

FOR RENT OR SALE: 6 room house with bath; 20 ft. house trailer; 1-14 ft. cypress skiff; two lots north of school. A. M. McNatt, Rockport. c-35

WE CONGRATULATE

Word was received in Rockport that a girl weighing seven pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Ballard December 8, at La Rocca's Hospital, Algiers, La. She has been named Dolores Mae. Mrs. Ballard will be remembered in Rockport as Bobby Morris who used to work in the Johnson Drug Store.

Holiday For Students From Dec. 19 to Jan. 5

Rockport students will report to the auditorium for a general assembly Friday morning, Dec. 19, at 9 o'clock for their annual Christmas program; to which all patrons and friends of the school are also invited. After the progrom students will report to their home rooms for parties and then school will be over for this year. Students will report back Jan. 5.

The Christmas program at the high school auditorium will consist of three songs to be given by the chorus, "Silent Night," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Oh Holy Night." A pantomime of the first Christmas will be given. Narrators will be Wilbern Hamblin, Betty Lou Garrett, Patti Ballou, and Daisy Prophet.

"Silent Night" in Spanish will be sung by a Latin-American group. Group singing will conclude the program.

Dairy Cows Like Cold Weather

COLLEGE STATION—(Spl.)—Dairy cows like cold weather— if they are properly fed and well housed.

Tight, dry dairy barns are about as good a substitute for grain in the winter time as any, G. G. Gibson, extension dairy husbandman at Texas A. & M. College points out.

Elaborate, expensive shelters are not necessary. But patching of roofs and walls with scrap lumber or tin will keep out rain and cut down cold drafts which lower milk production.

Cows which have to work their way through muddy lanes and feedlots use up energy which would otherwise have produced milk. That's where a slip or fresno comes in to make feed go further by draining off standing water and building up low spots.

Dairymen won't save any grain by cutting down on the milk cow's ration, Gibson says. The cow is going to take care of herself first and if her feed is cut, she'll cut the amount of milk she gives. Always give cows all the roughage that they will clean up daily and feed hay according to milk production to get maximum return.

Another little trick that will hold up milk production is to warm the drinking water in cold weather. Milk is approximately 87% water, and if the water is icy cold the cow won't drink as much as she needs. A simple way to warm water is to sink a half oil drum in the trough with rocks and start a fire in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden and Nancy visited in Victoria Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Q. J. Lowman. Mr. Lowman recently suffered a heart attack.

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Sunday & Monday
DECEMBER 21-22
Dear Ruth
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Tuesday & Wednesday
DECEMBER 23-24
Hit Parade of 1947
Eddie Albert
Constance Moore

Thursday & Friday
DECEMBER 25-26
Golden Earrings
Marlene Dietrich,
Ray Milland

Saturday
DECEMBER 27
Buffalo Bill Rides Again
Richard Arlen,
Jennifer Holt

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Desert Fury
That's My Gal
Neath Canadian Skies
It Happened in Brooklyn
Stagecoach to Denver
The Egg and I
The Locket
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