

County Attorney Issues Warning to Law Violators

Retiring Attorney



EVELYN LINCOLN ARCHER

Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln Archer, above, is the retiring county attorney of Aransas county, leaving the office officially at the close of 1944. She will continue her private law practice here, as well as operation of the Rockport Abstract Co. Her husband is Captain Fancher Archer, who was an attorney here before going into the service of the country.

New County Attorney

EMORY M. SPENCER
... Goes Back Into Office

Emory M. Spencer was sworn into office as county attorney on January 1, to start serving his third term as the county's attorney. He served two terms prior to 1943. After taking office this week he issued a public warning to law violators.

Justice of the Peace

JOE SMITH
... New Peace Justice

Returning to the justice of the peace office after an absence of four years from the office is Joe Smith, who prior to 1940 served six years in that office. He was succeeded by the late W. B. Priddy, who died in 1943. Priddy was succeeded by Donald C. McBride, who was defeated by Smith in the last election.

EIGHT MILLION HUNTERS TOOK TO FIELD IN 1944

More than a million \$1 duck stamps were sold for the sixth straight year in 1944, government figures reveal. It estimated that eight million persons participated in hunting and fishing during the past year. Equipment for these sports will be less in 1945.

County Officers Sworn-In Monday For 2-Year Terms

Spencer and Smith Only New Officials to Take Office

Ten men elected in November to county offices were sworn in at the court house on New Year's Day. Two of them went back into office after being out of public service and eight of them went back in after re-election to successive terms.

The new officers were Emory Spencer, county attorney, and Joe Smith, justice of the peace. Spencer served two terms ending Dec. 31, 1942. The past two years he was out of public office. Smith served three terms, ending Dec. 31, 1939, when he was succeeded by Wm. B. Priddy, who died in office in 1943. D. C. McBride was appointed to fill Priddy's unexpired term and was defeated by Smith at the last election.

Dean of all public office holders in Aransas County is David Rockport Scrivner, first male child born in Rockport, and elected to the office of county treasurer in 1898. He has been re-elected to the office ever since and went back into office on January first to begin his 47th year.

Next in point of public service is County and District Clerk J. M. Sparks, who went into public office as county commissioner 22 years ago. He served four years as commissioner, then 8 years as tax assessor, followed by ten years in the clerk's office.

L. V. McLester is beginning his 19th year as county commissioner, J. H. Mills his 17th year as county commissioner, T. E. DeForest his 9th year as commissioner, and Charlie Townsend begins his second successive term. Townsend previously served two terms as commissioner.

County Judge B. S. Fox, who also is county school superintendent, is beginning his 13th year in that office.

Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln Archer, the retiring county attorney, and Donald C. McBride, the retiring justice of the peace, had never held public office before their past tenures which ended Dec. 31.

Texas Division Commended By Corps Commander

With the 36th "Texas" Division of the Seventh Army in France.—The 36th "Texas" Division has been commended by Major General Edward H. Brooks, Commanding General, VI Corps, for its part in the fighting through the Vosges Mountains in Eastern France. His commendatory message, addressed to Major General John E. Dahlquist, Commanding General of the 36th "Texas" Division, reads:

"As you pass to another command I want to express to you my deep appreciation for the part played by the 36th Infantry Division in clearing the enemy from his strong positions in the Vosges Mountains.

"Your sagacious handling of the troops at your disposal, spread over an extended front, and their constant pressure and aggressive attitude for several days prior to the Corps attack, held the attention of the enemy and forced him to commit local reserves which later were not available to oppose the main thrust of the VI Corps.

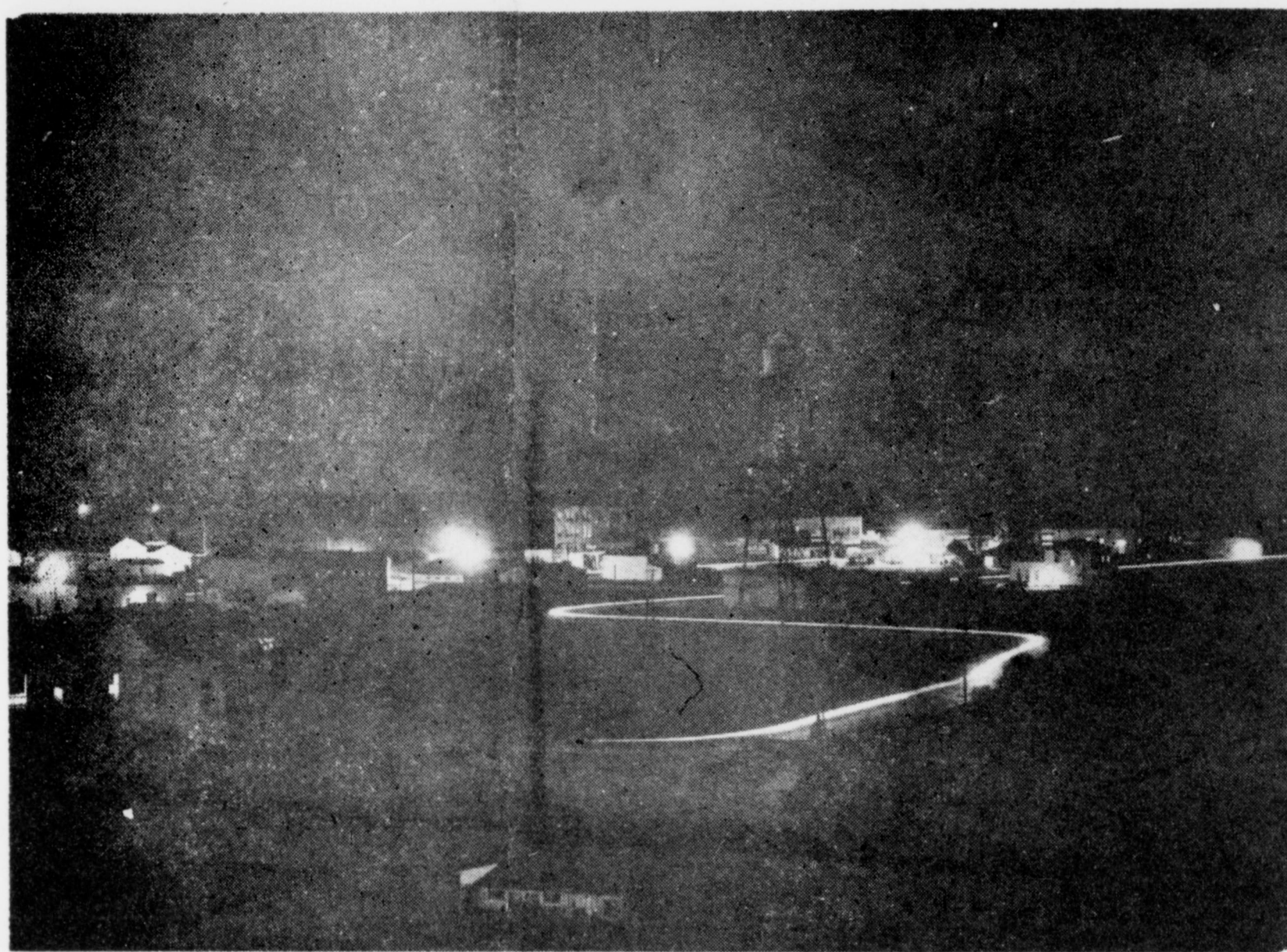
"The capture by the 36th Infantry Division of the St. Marie Pass and its continued attacks, culminating in the debouchment into the Alsatian Plain near Ribeauville, not only blocked the enemy on the right but forces him to fight

Cpl. Roscoe Johnson Arrives In Italy

15th AAF IN ITALY.—Cpl. Roscoe S. Johnson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Johnson, Box 267, Rockport, Texas, has arrived in Italy and taken up his duties in a 15th AAF heavy bomber group.

Trained as a tail turret gunner for a Liberator bomber, Cpl. Johnson has been assigned to a veteran organization which is past the 150-

Rockport Business Section At Midnight



Above is a ten-minute study of the lights and shadows that made up a camera view of the Rockport business section from the court house tower from midnight to 12:10 Tuesday morning. The brightest lights are street lights. The small bright spots at the extreme left are the red lights of the navy tower, and the small white dots beyond in the water are beacon lights. The little streaks in the sky are caused by moving stars. At left in the foreground is the Archer and Archer office and the L. M. Bracht home, while in the right foreground is the Baldwin cottage and home and further along near the right hand edge of the foreground is the Walter Bell home. The path of a car that started moving shortly before 12:10 can be traced by the streaks left by its headlights. The car went west for a block on Market street then turned north, came alongside the fire house, turned west at Kelly's store, north across the railroad, stopped in the vicinity of the Bell home for a few seconds then turned east at the next street.

Drive-In Cafe Is Now Under New Management

Roy Hinton of Corpus Christi has leased the Capt. Davis Drive-In Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Davis and expects to re-open the business within the next few days. The lease was effective January 1.

Hinton, who will move his family here within the next few weeks, has resided in Corpus Christi for a number of years. He was in business there and was deputy sheriff for several years. He ran for sheriff at the last election and was second in the race.

"I believe Rockport has more to offer than any other place on the coast," Hinton said. "There is a lot of development to be done, but I believe the future will bring it to us. When the war is over the people of Rockport will be lucky if they can take care of the business they will have."

Hinton said that he intended to operate a first class cafe—"a place that Rockport can be proud of."

He said that the cafe would be kept open for business 24 hours a day and that by summer he hoped to be able to re-establish drive-in service.

Mrs. Hinton will assist in the operation of the business. They have a young daughter and the family will occupy the cottage on the premises.

mission mark. Commanded by Col. H. K. Mooney of New Orleans, La., they were recently awarded a Distinguished Unit Badge for their precision bombing of a German aircraft factory at Bad Voslau, Austria.

Cpl. Johnson is a graduate of Rockport high school and entered the Air Corps Jan. 19, 1944. He received aerial gunnery at Laredo Army Air Field, Tex.

Never Doubt a Woman's Intuition

KILGORE, Tex., Jan. 3.—(UP)—Woman's intuition worked again. Friends of Mrs. Byron Sherman simply couldn't persuade her to leave home one night because she "just had a feeling" that her husband might be getting into the states and would call her.

Sure enough, during the evening the Major called her from Florida to say that he was on his way home for Christmas. He had been in the Caribbean area for a year and a half.

Sacred Heart School Opens Mid-Winter Term January 8

According to a statement made public today by Rev. J. H. Kelly, the Sacred Heart Parochial School will open January 8th for the mid-winter and spring term.

Staff Sgt. Leon Bullington is ill in a hospital at Foster Field, where he has been for two weeks. He was formerly with the game department here and has been in the army for two years.

"HERE'S HOW WE GROW 'EM"



"Here's How We Grow 'Em," a caption frequently used in advertising gigantic jack-rabbits of West Texas and other Texas products, can literally be used in regard to the mustard leaf pictured above. The single leaf, which would make quite a bait of mustard greens, measured 36 inches long and 23 inches wide, is of the Chinese smooth leaf variety and was raised by W. R. Stephens near Rockport on the old Tedford place. Shown holding the leaf is Mrs. W. H. Dakin.

Seven Leave Wednesday for Induction

Seven Aransas County men left Wednesday for Fort Sam Houston where they will be inducted into the Army. They were: Raymond C. Solis, Frank McLead, J. T. Barker, William J. Barber, James W. Wright, Eugene D. Townsend, J. R. Warden.

Houston Man Victim of Glib Tongue, Loses \$65

HOUSTON, Tex.—(UP)—W. Gray was one of those men who "see no evil, hear no evil, and believe no evil."

So when a smooth-talking stranger stuck up a conversation with him, he had no suspicions. After the conversation was ended, however, he discovered himself minus \$65.

Hardly believing it, W. Gray, nevertheless, found the stranger and had him arrested.

Before filing charges, he got into conversation with the man again.

The man was terribly sorry. It must have been an accident, but to prove his good faith, he would not only refund Gray the \$65 but would add an extra \$40.

Gray was satisfied—he didn't really think the stranger could be a bad man, so he took his check for \$105.

Now he is in possession of a hot check and the knowledge that "here are villains in the world. Also the knowledge that he is not the only innocent who has met that particular villain. The police of several cities are also looking for him.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hardeman left Wednesday for Wichita Falls where Mrs. Hardeman's sister is ill.

Spencer Charges Laxity In Law Enforcement

Warning Is Issued In "Fairness" to All Law Violators

Charging "laxity" in law enforcement during the past two years and "flagrant" violations, Emory Spencer, who on the first day of the year was sworn into office as county attorney, issued a warning that he would "prosecute law violations coming under my jurisdiction, without fear or favor."

Spencer formerly held the office until two years ago, when he made an unsuccessful race for county judge. Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln Archer held the office of county attorney during the past two years and was defeated by Spencer in a race for re-election last July.

In a letter dated January 2 and addressed to the people of Aransas County, Spencer said:

"On taking office as attorney for Aransas County for the term, 1945-1949, the following statement, people of Aransas County, request you to publish.

"I am under the impression that a large part of those people who elected me to the above office did so with the feeling that I would prosecute law violations in Aransas County coming under my jurisdiction, without fear or favor, and I do not intend to disappoint those people.

"However, during the past two years there has been such a laxity of law enforcement and certain laws have been so flagrantly violated that I am of the opinion that in all fairness and justice to those that have been violating these laws, that some notice, such as this, is due them.

"I shall specially enforce the law, by prosecution of violations, pertaining to the arraignment of persons accused of crime before taking them to jail, the law pertaining to the use of ONLY REASONABLE FORCE in the making of an arrest, and the law assuring every person accused of a crime of a PUBLIC TRIAL.

"I shall specially enforce laws pertaining to health and cleanliness in cafes, eating and drinking establishments, and establishments handling food.

"I shall specially enforce by prosecution of violations the Texas Liquor Control Act giving ample attention to the violations of sale to minors, sales to drunks and breaches of the peace on premises. Needless to say I shall enforce the gaming laws.

"After a short time I shall have an office at the Courthouse at which the business of the County Attorney will be transacted, and I shall keep my office on Market Street at which place my business other than that of the County Attorney will be transacted. The Justice of the Peace will have an office at the Courthouse also.

"I am calling upon the law abiding citizens of Aransas County and law enforcement officers of Aransas County for their co-operation in the enforcement of the law in Aransas County, and by doing so, I believe that we shall make our community a better place in which to live."

"Stamford Bomb" One of First Dropped On Tokyo

STAMFORD, Tex., Jan. 3.—(UP)—One of the first bombs dropped on Tokyo at the beginning of the B-39 raids was inscribed "With the compliments of the people of Stamford, Texas, U.S.A." according to a letter recently received by Stamford friends of Capt. William W. Canada, who was stationed at the Stamford Flying School for about two years.

Captain Canada was the pilot of a B-29, and when he first went over Tokyo, he wrote the inscription on one of his bombs.

Mrs. C. L. Grant has returned to Pascagoula where she will rejoin her husband, Chief Grant of the Coast Guard. Mrs. Grant has been here on a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Casteline.

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Mrs. Stevenson Hostess to Woman's Guild

Mrs. Will Stevenson was hostess to the members of the Woman's Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Tuesday afternoon. Routine business was conducted with Mrs. John C. Sorenson presiding over the meeting and a social hour enjoyed by Mrs. James C. Herring, Mrs. Paul Reese, Mrs. Sam T. Prophet, Mrs. Kate Ezell, the Rev. G. W. Walton and Mrs. Sorenson. A Mexican lunch was served from a table where Christmas greens mingled with the Mexican national colors of red and green.

Lt. Edward Stumberg Back In States

Friends here have received word that Lt. Edward Stumberg, who was recently wounded in action in France, has been returned to the States and is now in a hospital on the Eastern Coast.

Young People Here for Holidays Return to Colleges

After the usual holiday season spent with home folk and friends, the following young people have returned to their respective colleges and universities: Miss Dixie Townsend, TSCW at Denton; Miss Bonnie Jean Smith, A & I College, Kingsville; Alva Freeman, Baylor University, Waco; Eddie Pat Mixon, Sul Ross College, Alpine; Claude A. Roberts and James Bracht, Schriener Institute, Kerrville; Miss Shirley Johnson, Miss Mary Virginia Jackson, Mrs. J. O. Bannahan, Harold Picton and Billy Ferris, University of Texas, Austin.

Firemen's Benefit Ball Attracts Large Crowd

Climaxing the Christmas holiday season was the Firemen's Ball which was held at the Catholic Hall, last Saturday night. The room decorations reflected the Christmas theme and throughout the evening, coffee and sandwiches were served to a large crowd of the high school students, college set and older citizens, all of whom enjoyed the opportunity of getting together for a festive occasion and for rendering financial assistance to the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, sponsor of the affair.

The sum of \$53 was realized from the evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Simmons Hosts At Sunday Afternoon Coffee

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Simmons were hosts for a coffee Sunday afternoon at their home at Triple Oaks. The guests called between the hours of three and six and were ushered into the spacious living room which was decorated with arrangements of poinsettias, turks cap, yupon and a lighted tree.

The huge white mantel held a miniature Christmas tree surrounded with reindeer and offset with blue and red candles. The lights from the tree shed a soft glow over the room and the coffee table which was centered with an arrangement of blue and white blossoms in a crystal bowl.

Alternating at the coffee service were Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Mrs. Houston Ratliff and Misses Eloise and Lucille Young served the orange delight, cocoa and cake.

The guest list included Judge and Mrs. B. S. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McNatt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Little, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Seburn Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bracht, Mr. and Mrs. John Young, Major and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Mrs. Bertha Lassiter, Mrs. James G. Hooper, Mrs. Mabel K. Bryant, Miss Iris Sorenson, Rev. and Mrs. E. John Meyers, Jimmie Reid Simmons, Mrs. Bertha Simmons of Robstown and Mrs. Dora Robinson of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Goforth and children and Miss Marjorie Prescott, all of Refugio spent last week end here in the home of Mrs. Bert Ballou and Mrs. Henry Ballou and family.

Mrs. R. L. Hart Hostess to Young Matrons Bridge Club

Mrs. R. L. Hart was hostess to the Young Matrons Bridge Club last Friday afternoon for the club's gathering of the Christmas-New holiday season. A lighted Christmas tree was the central theme of decorations and yule decorations were carried out at the playing tables.

Guests were Mrs. Richard Fox, who won high score, Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Shivers, Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mrs. Morgan Wheeler, Mrs. Clara Louise Schmeling, and Miss Mary Beth Picton.

Group Enjoy Coffee At Home of Veronica Kleaser

Miss Veronica Kleaser entertained with a coffee Sunday afternoon. Enjoying her hospitality were Mrs. L. M. Bracht, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, Judge and Mrs. B. S. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bracht, Miss Mabel Bracht, Miss Genevieve Bracht, Miss Mary Jo Bracht, John Kleaser, A. C. Glass and James Bracht.

Freshman Class Entertains with Party

The Freshman class of the Rockport high school had a Christmas party on Saturday night, Dec. 23 at the Pirate Cave. The group was chaperoned by Mrs. B. W. Hamblin and Mrs. Ted Little who also supervised the evening's entertainment of games and contests. Prizes were won by Shirley Rattisau and Bonnie Cron and refreshments of cookies and punch were served.

Personals

Miss Thelma Doughty, member of the faculty of the Corpus Christi public schools, was a week-end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Scrivner.

Capt. and Mrs. Carroll Sanders, Jr. and children of Altus, Okla., visited here in the home of Capt. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sanders Sr., on December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rooke have received word that their son, Sgt. Tommie Rooke is back in the United States after three years spent in Hawaii. He is expected to arrive home in the near future.

Mrs. Jack Sanders left Wednesday for Jacksonville, N. C., to visit here husband, Lt. Jack Sanders, who is stationed at nearby New River, N.C. Mrs. Sanders will spend several weeks there.

Mrs. A. C. Pancoast of San Antonio was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders at Fulton.

Mrs. L. E. Sanders has returned from spending the holidays with her son George Sanders and family in Dallas. On her way home, Mrs. Sanders stopped off at College Station for a visit with Mrs. C. C. Todd.

Miss Joy Johnson of Corpus Christi and Lt. (jg) Sherman Little of the NAS were dinner guests of Miss Shirley Johnson at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, Thursday night.

Mrs. H. D. Anderson of Austin was a week-end guest of Mrs. Maynard L. Abrahams.

Miss Dorothy Pollard left Monday for San Marcos after spending the holiday season in the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Pollard. Miss Pollard is a member of the faculty of the San Marcos schools.

Shirley Rattisau Honoree At Christmas Dance

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rattisau honored their daughter Shirley with a formal dance and turkey dinner on Dec. 21 at the Concession Hall, in Lamar. The spacious room was decorated with mistletoe and yupon and the glow from the huge fireplace and colorful lanterns about the hall, gave an air of festivity to the occasion which marked the beginning of the holiday season for the high school set who were the guests.

Chaperones for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler, Miss Mona Ruth Butcher, Owen D. James and Mrs. Claude Roberts.

Present were Miss Wilma Rouquette, Miss Inez Pearson, Miss Bonnie Blaylock, Miss Charlotte Cron, Miss Bonnie Cron, Miss Wilberna Hamblin, Miss Patti Ballou, Miss Lucille Haynes, Miss Sissie Rowe, Miss Coleen Smith, Miss Patsy Davis, Miss Betty Lee Haynes, Miss Mary Lou McLester, Miss Jean Marie Roberts, Miss Jo Ann Amidon, Miss Juanita Pitchke, Miss Dorothy Jones of Ingleside, Tommy Blackwell, Joe Johnson, Bill Buchanan, Elmer McLester, Ralph Hardeman, Roy Lassiter, David Herring, Edwin Mundine, Otis Mundine, Bert Haney Claude Roberts, Albert Lee Hunt, Dexter Wright, Bobby Joe Hewitt, Harris Pollard, Ronnie Williams and Jackie Dietrich.

Mrs. Don Alger and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Szymeczek spent New Years day in Brownsville, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P.

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Sgt. John Gormey, Wounded During Ploesti Oil Field Raid, Is Home

Local Soldier Given Presidential Citation For Rumanian Action

Tech. Sgt. John H. Gormey was here for the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gormey and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Gant. He has been in the service since June, 1940 and has been overseas for the past 18 months with the 8th Air Force.

Sgt. Gormey was a flight engineer on a bomber and completed 30 bombing missions over most of the countries of Europe, Middle East and Russia. He was wounded while bombing the Ploesti Oil Fields in Rumania.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Europe, Africa, Middle East Campaign Ribbon with three bronze stars, air medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Good Conduct ribbon.

Sgt. Gormey's citation read in part: "For the destruction of four enemy fighters while serving as a crewman on a bombardment mission over occupied Europe and successful operation against the Ploesti oil refineries of Rumania, flying through enemy flak, bursting bombs, flaming smoke from oil tanks and a balloon barrage. Bombing and strafing their objective with such satisfactory results as to destroy the source of more than one-third of the enemy's fuel."

He is reporting to Santa Ana, Calif., for a rest and reassignment.

Baptist W.M.U. Meets Monday At Church

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church met in regular session Monday afternoon, at the church. On the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. E. John Meyers, presided and the devotional was given by Mrs. Vivien Young. Following the business session, a social hour was enjoyed with the members of Lottie Moon Circle acting as hostesses to the members of Sallee Circle. Cocoa and cake were served to Mrs. Roy Mullinax, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. L. A. Shuffield, Mrs. Kim Haynes, Mrs. A. O. Freeman, Mrs. E. C. Morgan, Mrs. J. M. Roden, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. John Weber Hostess to Fulton Bible Class

Mrs. John Weber was hostess to the members of the Fulton Bible Class Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. A. F. Dervage gave the devotional and the lesson was conducted by Mrs. Frank Walker.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Mrs. Fannie Marrs. Following the program, refreshments were served to Mrs. Frank Casterline, Mrs. Fred Weber, Mrs. John Cole, Mrs. E. B. McHaley, Miss Hettie Weber, Mrs. Marrs, Mrs. Dervage, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. McElheney of Waco.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Walker and baby returned home the first of the week from Ft. Worth where they had spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. S. Coghill left Thursday morning for Galveston to visit in the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. E. S. Coghill, Jr.

Lt. Theresa McKnight of Brooks Field, San Antonio, the Rev. C. R. Mullen from St. Patrick's church in Corpus Christi and Miss Betty Disney, also of Corpus Christi, were New Years day guests of Rev. J. H. Kelly and Rev. William P. Disney at the Sacred Heart Rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lowery and children of Galveston are visiting in the homes of Mrs. C. O. Lowery and Mrs. Myrtle Dietrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton, A. S. Sartor Jr. and Jack O'Neal, all of Pasadena, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamblin and family during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. D. G. Dean of Galveston is visiting her brother, Charles Cleveland.



TECH. SGT. GORMEY
... Downs 4 Nazi Planes

Joe Johnsons Hosts for New Year Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson were at home to a group of their friends Sunday evening to celebrate the close of the old year and usher in the new year. Games of Bingo were the evening's diversion and a buffet supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collier, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shivers, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ankele, Mrs. DeWilton Jefferies, Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, Mrs. Helen Jane Sloan, Mrs. Clara Louise Schmeling, Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mrs. Ed. Barnard, Miss Mary Beth Picton and Mrs. J. E. Miller of Tyler.

James Sorensons Entertain with New Year Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sorenson were hosts for a New Years dinner Monday, having as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sorenson of Victoria, Mrs. Royce Miller of Hallettsville, Mrs. I. C. Thurmond of Amarillo, Mrs. James G. Hooper, and Mrs. Sallie Sorenson. On the same day, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc were hosts for a six o'clock dinner, having as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Curry, Mrs. W. L. McBride, Mrs. I. C. Thurmond and Charles Cleveland.

Church Watch Services Usher In New Year

The New Year was ushered in with large crowds attending services at the various churches Sunday night and Monday morning.

The Rev. J. H. Kelly conducted special services early on Sunday evening at the Sacred Heart Church.

At the First Baptist Church, a Watch Service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. John Meyers, with hymns and devotionals throughout the evening, climaxed by a social hour after midnight and the serving of refreshments in the recreation room.

A watch service was also held at the Manse Sunday night. After an evening of song, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. T. H. Pollard, gave the devotional and the group formed a circle and sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." Refreshments were served.

Monday morning, the Rev. Geo. W. Walton delivered a New Year's message to his congregation at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.



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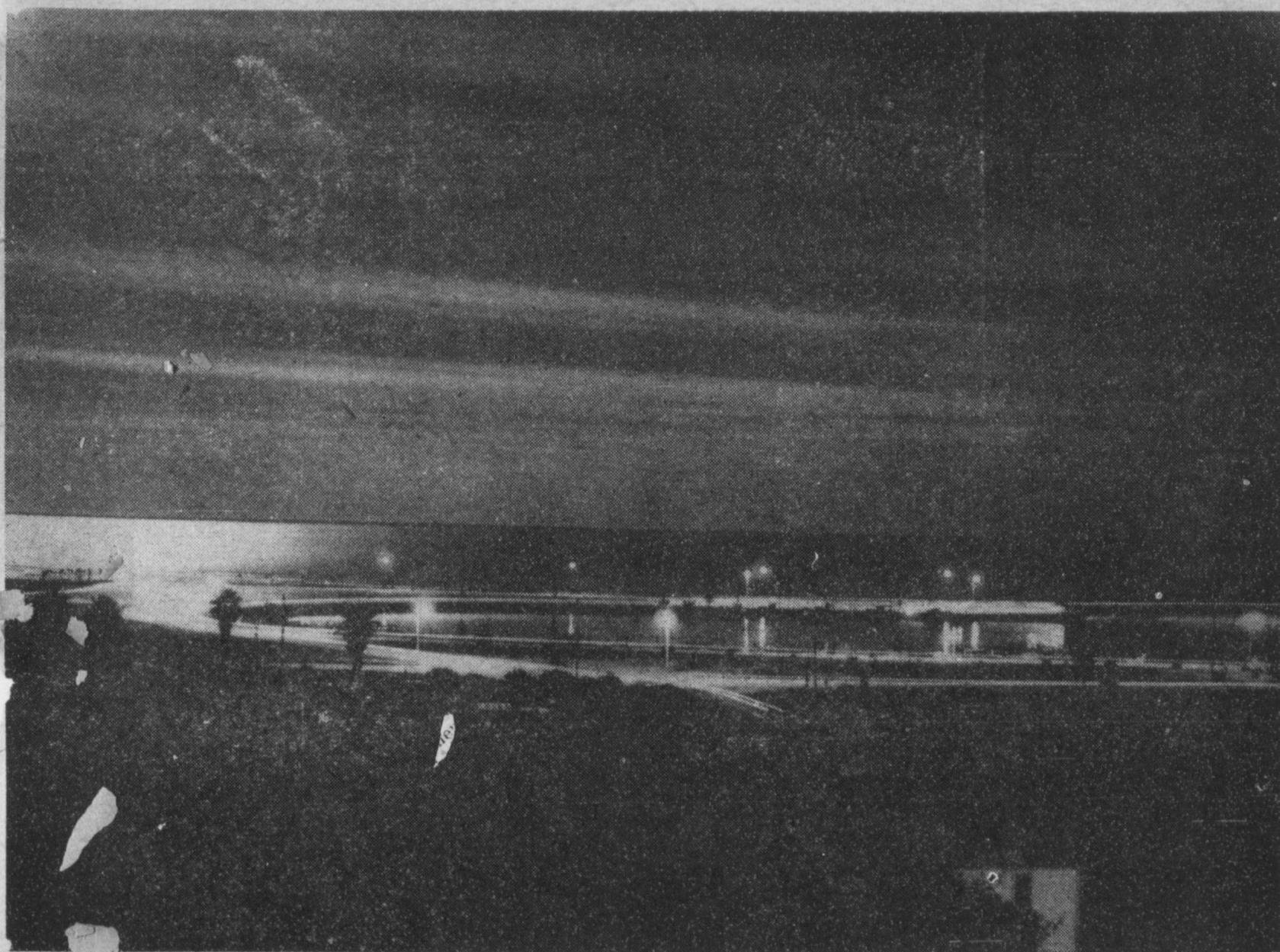
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A Clear Night - - A Bright Moon - - And Aransas Bay



Silvery pathways across Aransas bay—brought by a bright moon and a clear sky—are thrilling spectacles of beauty that occur almost as frequently as full moons roll around the calendar. A part of this beauty was captured this week by a Pilot camera. The above picture was taken from the court house tower an hour after the moon was up. The camera picked up a vast amount of detail that was not visible to the eye, such as the tops of posts around the turning basin and the shadows on the basin water. Note also the streaks of light caused by moving automobile headlights that circled around the turning basin and beach during the time the exposure was being made. Fifteen minutes exposure was given in taking the picture. During this time the streaked effect of the clouds was made, caused by the clouds moving slowly across the sky.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

No. 2314
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
TO: The Heirs of John H. Wood, deceased, all being unknown, and to Viggo Kohler, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of Viggo Kohler, deceased; Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to be and appear in the District Court for the 36th Judicial District of Texas, in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to be held in the Court House of Aransas County, Texas, on the first Monday in February, 1945, at ten o'clock A. M. the same being more than forty-two (42) days after issuance of this citation, then and there to answer the suit of GUARANTY TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, as Trustees and Independent Executor of the Estate of W. H. Baldwin, deceased, versus John H. Wood, Et Al, same being Cause Numbered 2314 on the docket of the District Court of Aransas County, Texas, being filed on the 18th day of December, 1944.

The nature of Plaintiff's demands being substantially as follows, to-wit:

A Trespass to Try Title Suit, an action as well for damages as to Try title, to the following tract of land, to-wit:

Lands known as all of Lot Five (5), in Block Twelve (12), in Smith and Wood Division to Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, as shown on official map thereof recorded in Volume E, page 272, Aransas County Deed Records.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED and given under my hand at Rockport, Texas, this 18th day of December, 1944.

J. M. SPARKS, Clerk District Court, 36th Judicial District of Texas.

12-21 4t.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ARANSAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 13 day of Jan., 1945, at the Rockport School Building in Rockport Independent School District No. 1 of this County, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of that district desire to consolidate the said district with the Sparks Colony Common School District of Aransas County, thereby, forming the Rockport Consolidated Independent School District of Aransas County, Texas.

Alvin Brundrett has been appointed presiding officer for said election and she shall select two judges and two clerks to assist

her in holding the same, and she shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the Commissioners Court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident qualified voters in said District shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor the consolidation of the afore mentioned school districts shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR CONSOLIDATION."
And those opposed to such consolidation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "AGAINST CONSOLIDATION."

Dated the 21st day of Dec., 1944.
B. S. FOX, County Judge, of Aransas County, Texas

NOTICE OF ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ARANSAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 13 day of Jan., 1945, at the School House in Sparks Colony Common School District No. 2 of this County to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of that district desire to consolidate the said district with the Rockport Independent School District of Aransas County, thereby forming the Rockport Consolidated Independent School District of Aransas County, Texas.

Mrs. Fred Clobertants has been appointed presiding officer for said election and she shall select two judges and two clerks to assist her in holding the same, and she shall within five days after said elec-

tion has been held, make due return thereof, to the Commissioners Court of this County as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident qualified voters in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor the consolidation of the afore mentioned school districts shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR CONSOLIDATION."
And those opposed to such consolidation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "AGAINST CONSOLIDATION."
Dated the 21st day of Dec., 1944.
B. S. FOX, County Judge,

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of Rockport, Texas will be held at the Banks Office at Rockport Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, January 9th, 1945 for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing Year and for any other business that may be legally done at said meeting.

—A. C. GLASS, Cashier.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of publicly expressing our appreciation to our many friends who gave us assistance and consolation during the time that we received the sad news of our son, Bryant, being missing in action. Your every act of kindness will ever be remembered.

—Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sanders

Income Tax Returns for 1944

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ROCKPORT — TUESDAY and FRIDAY
ARANSAS PASS — WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY

Ration Reminders

Housewives are urged to destroy all food ration stamps that have been declared invalid, the Office of Price Administration said today. Use of these stamps by consumers, as well as acceptance of them by retailers, is a violation of rationing regulations, OPA said.

At the same time, OPA explained that red ration tokens continue good and housewives may use them for buying meats-fats. Grocers will continue to give them to housewives as exchange for red 10-point stamps.

Blue ration tokens, however, have not been good since October 1 and, therefore, cannot be used for canned fruits and vegetables. They are no longer needed as change for these items are set in multiples of ten.

Ration stamps which were invalidated as of 12:01 a. m., Tuesday, December 26, 1944, and which are not good for consumer use are:

RED STAMPS—A-8 through Z-8 and A5, through P5.
BLUE STAMPS—A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5.
SUGAR STAMPS—30, 31, 32, 33 and 40, along with all home canning coupons outstanding.
Stamps continuing to be good—

and those soon to be made good, are:

RED STAMPS—Q5, R5, and S5, became good Dec 3. In addition, five more red stamps T5, U5, V5, W5 and X5 became good on Sunday, December 31.

BLUE STAMPS—X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2. In addition, five more blue stamps, C2 D2, E2, F2 and G2, which became good on November 16. Another sugar stamp will become good on February 1, 1945.

Expiration dates have not been set for the stamps that still remain good.

GASOLINE—A14 coupons good for four gallons.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2, and 3, in book three, good indefinitely.

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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MYRTLE M. THOMPSON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Myrtle M. Thompson, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 27th day of November, 1944, by the county court of Aransas County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Rockport, in the County of Aransas, Texas.

JULIAN C. THOMPSON
Executor of the Estate of Myrtle M. Thompson, Deceased.

12-28 4t.

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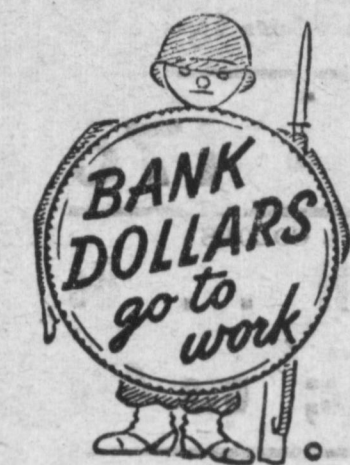
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For Information See
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Our store will be closed all day Thursday, Jan. 11, to prepare for the biggest store-wide sale Rockport and vicinity has ever seen. Plan now to attend this Sale and take advantage of the lowest prices you have seen in years on good merchandise.

Our Store will be closed from Wednesday night until 9 o'clock Friday morning, Jan. 12 when our doors will open on the greatest array of price-savings you have experienced in many years.

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 RED & WHITE — VAC-PACK JARS **COFFEE, pound . 30c**
 GOBLIN **FLAKY BAKE 10 Lb. Sk 25 Lb. Sk**
Pork & Beans, 2 cans 15c FLOUR, 25c; 1.15

GEBHART'S SMALL LARGE
Chili Powder 11c; 27c

OLD MARY'S PURE CANE **SYRUP, gal. size . 99c**
 APPLE JUICE, APPLEKEG OR **Kellogg's Pep, pkg. . 9c**
White House 1/2 gal jug 45c All Bran, sml 12c; lge 20c

70 PER CENT PINTS
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MINERAL OIL, pts. 29c SHOE POLISH . . 8c
 REGULAR 25c SIZE PRESERVED
MAVIS TALCUM, for 19c FIGS, pts, 25c; qts. 47c

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Tomato Puree - - - 5c

FRESH BLACK EYE CAN PEAS, No. 2 cans . 15c
 ALL KINDS OF COW FEED AND GRAINS

RED & WHITE

WE RESERVE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITY

TELEPHONE 241

Under the Dome At Austin

By GORDON K. SHEARER
AND TED READ

United Press Staff Correspondents

Two of the most important acts of the last Texas legislature still are waiting court "OK" as the new legislature prepares to meet two years later.

The so-called Anti-Loan Shark Act is pending before the state's Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin. It was submitted December 20, but not argued then.

The Manford Act regulating labor unions is pending before both state courts and the U. S. Supreme Court.

Final decision on both acts may become moot if the new legislature amends or repeals either statute.

Another hard-fought act of the last legislature—the Chiropractic Act—was knocked flatter than a pancake by decision of the State Court of Criminal Appeals, and a new measure to supplant it will probably cause one of the battles of the new session.

While the Chiropractic Act has been held invalid, it must not be confused with the Chiropractic Act. The foot treaters have their own board of examiners, which, incidentally, will hold a meeting in Fort Worth January 16 and 17, to conduct examinations for applicants for state licenses. Sessions will be at the Blackstone Hotel.

Texas State Police are steadily becoming a sort of "Scotland Yard" for Texas peace officers who are invited by Chief Homer Garrison Jr. to call on the state organization for help in solving crimes.

The department has a constantly growing fingerprint file, records of the methods used by noted criminals, forged and fictitious check files, besides numerous other records, and a complete crime-solving laboratory.

Among other services made available to local officers, without cost, is examination of organs for poison, examination of materials for blood or other badly stains or occupational debris and examination of bullets, shells, firearms, tools, handwriting, typing, paper or any document.

Photographs are made of crime scenes, prisoners or evidence on request. Investigators are furnished to go over crime scenes thoroughly for possibly latent fingerprints, to assist in autopsies, or to search for material evidence.

Pvt. Covarrubias Commander For Being 'Good Soldier'

From "Somewhere in France," a letter came to Mrs. Dominga Covarrubias written by Capt. Eugene D. Penner, her husband's commanding officer and commending Pvt. Abelardo Covarrubias for being "a soldier of the very best type." The letter follows:

"I am taking this opportunity to write you concerning your husband. Private Abelardo R. Covarrubias, who has been a member of my company for quite sometime. In watching these men go about their duties as soldiers, your husband has proven himself a soldier of the very best type. Even though we are not combat troops he is playing one of the most important roles in the army, that of supply to keep our vehicles rolling at the front. As we progress in our work he has not let up or failed to give his best at any time.

"I am very glad to inform you that he is in the very best of health and that we try to keep all worries of any nature from him. "Your husband is doing his part on this front and with the ones at home doing their part also, there is no doubt that the war will be over soon.

"I am very proud to have your husband as a member of my command.

"On behalf of myself, the officers and enlisted men of this organization we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

New Cast Iron Cooking Ware Must be Seasoned

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 3.—Cast iron cooking ware is on the market in large quantities now, but most of it is unseasoned and this job must be done in the kitchen.

This task is simple, even if it is new to most homemakers, says Bernice Claytor, specialist in home management for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Before the war, manufacturers seasoned practically all iron cooking ware at the factory, and it was ready for use as soon as it was washed. Failure to season utensils causes foods to stick to metal.

Mrs. Claytor recommends this procedure for seasoning iron utensils. First, rub the inside with some unsalted fat, such as vegetable oil, suet, or lard. Then heat it for several hours—either over low heat on top of the stove or in the oven. Rub off the fat with absorbent paper or a clean, dry cloth, and let the utensil cool. Do not wash it. Next day, the specialists advises,

Food Quality IS UNRATEDIONED

CHEESE SPREAD, Armours, lb. 35c
CLOTHES PINS, square, 30 for 10c
CATCLAW, Extracted Honey, 1 lb. jar 28c
HONEY, Catclaw Extracted, 2 lb. jar 55c
HONEY, Catclaw extracted, 5 lb. jar \$1.15
BARBECUE SAUCE, Derby, 1 gal 1.50
BARBECUE SAUCE, Derby, 5 oz., 2 for 25c
PEANUT BUTTER, quart jar 50c
PICKLED Pigs Feet, Raths, pt. jar 25c
KOTEX, 54 regular 95c
MODESS, 56 regular 75c
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FOR SALE.—Turkey eggs, "Baby Beef" Bronze from famous Luling Foundation Stock. One doz. \$3.50. Jolly Roger Hunting-Fishing Camp, Redfish Point, P. O. Box 183, Rockport.
 FOR SALE.—8 rabbit hutches, \$3.50 each, all for \$25.00. Iron bedstead, springs, mattress, reasonable. A. G. Collin, on Highway gate south line air field. 1-4 1tp

NO. 357
 IN THE COUNTY COURT ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS
 IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF CECIL EUGENE BOONE, A MINOR.
 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CECIL EUGENE BOONE, A MINOR, GUARDIANSHIP PENDING IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE PROBATE DOCKET THEREOF:
 KNOW YE:

That I, Elmon E. Boone, Guardian of the Estate of Cecil Eugene Boone, a Minor, have on the 3rd day of January, 1945, filed in the County Court of Aransas County, Texas, an application to execute an oil, gas and mineral lease covering and undivided one sixteenth (1-16) interest, being all of the interest of said ward in and to the following described tract of land in Lavaca County, Texas, to-wit: Twenty Acres, more or less, in the Jas. May One-Fourth (1-4) League in Lavaca County, Texas, being all and the same land described in a deed from Sarah A. Hattenbach to Rosa Glowka, and others, recorded in Volume 100, page 37, of the Deed Records of Lavaca County, Texas, to which said deed and the record thereof reference is here made and had for all purposes, and that said application for authority to execute said oil, gas and mineral lease has been set down for hearing and will be heard by Honorable B. S. Fox, County Judge of Aransas County, Texas, at the Courthouse of Aransas County, Texas, at Rockport, Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1945.

ELMON E. BOONE
 Guardian of the Estate of Cecil Eugene Boone, a Minor.
 1-4 1tp

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my friends in Rockport who have been so kind to me during my recent illness by sending cards and flowers. Most especially I would like to thank Lois Vance, Marjorie Brundrett, Alice Davis, Betty Haynes, George R. Bloyd, Earl L. Watkins, Vernon Zephir, Myrtle Lee Bell, June Hunt, Mae Hunt, Francis Elliott, Don Vance, Lon Marshall and George Szymczek.

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CATSUP, IGA, 14 oz. . 18c
PREM, 12 oz. can . 31c
RICE, 2 pound box . 19c
Cane Syrup plantation best, 5 lb 44c
APPLES, Juicy Winesap, 1 lb. 11c
ONIONS, 2 pounds . 9c

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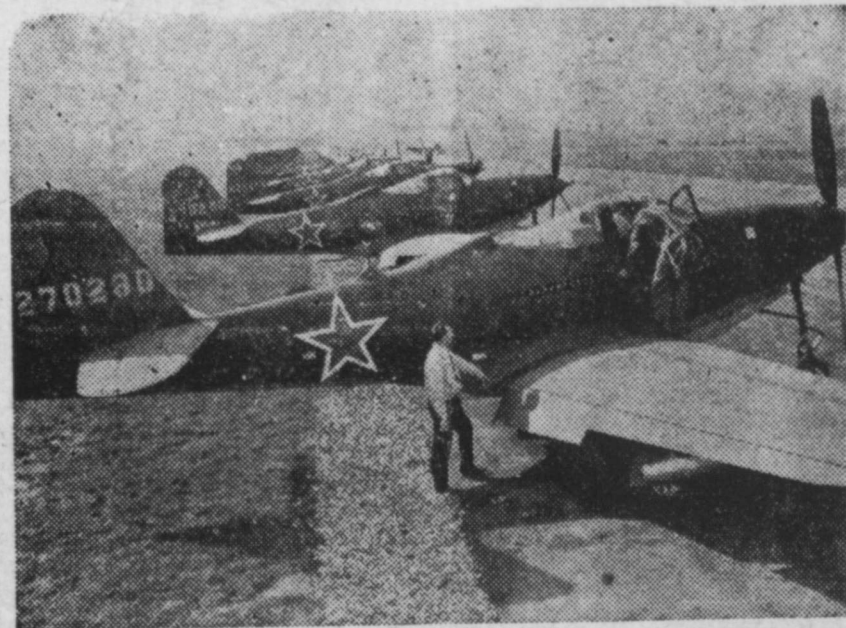
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The Stewart-Wendell Post Veterans of Foreign Wars holds regular meetings on each First and Third Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock at I.O.O.F. Hall. Visiting members cordially invited. O. V. Dye, Commander.

HEADING FOR SOVIET RUSSIA OVER NEW NORTHERN ROUTE



Cannon-carrying P-63 Kingcobras, bearing the insignia of the Red Air Force, are lined up at Bell Aircraft Corporation, Buffalo, N. Y., waiting to be ferried to Russia. These planes will be flown over the Northern Route to Fairbanks, Alaska, where they are turned over to Russian pilots who fly them across Siberia to air bases on the Eastern Front.

For two years, the United States has been feeding military aircraft in a ceaseless chain to its fighting ally, Soviet Russia. And more than half of those fighting and bombing planes have been flown over the famed Northern Route, which leads up through Canada and Alaska, across Siberia to Russia.

Although the temperature in the Klondike and Yukon territory has been known to drop as low as 67 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit) Army Air Forces engineers and the aviation industry have made tremendous strides in equipping planes to combat the severe cold.

Since early 1942, aircraft in excess of 10,000 units have been ferried from various sections in the United States to Great Falls, Montana, jumping off spot for Canada and points north. Edmonton, Alberta, is the next important section on the Northern Route and between there and Fairbanks, Alaska, emergency fields are situated at convenient intervals.

The Army Air Forces Air Transport Command handles the assignment of getting the planes to Fairbanks. Russian pilots carry on from there, making the 500-mile flight to Nome before cutting across the narrow Bering Strait into Siberia.

Fighter planes built by Bell Aircraft Corporation have constituted 50 percent of those flown over the route. Thousands of P-39 Airacobras, each bearing the red star of the Soviet Air Force, were ferried from Buffalo to Moscow over this route and when P-39 production was halted, Bell's higher and faster P-63 Kingcobra followed in the slipstream of the Airacobras.

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