

CITY RESPONDS CALMLY TO GERMANS' FALL

McLESTER AND POLLARD NAMED HONOR STUDENTS

May 18 Ceremony To Graduate Eight From High School

31 Eighth Graders Receive Certificates Here Next Thursday

Elmer McLester and Harris Pollard will be honor graduates of the Senior Class of Rockport High School when the eight students received their diplomas on the stage of the auditorium at 8:15 o'clock Friday night, May 18.

Baccalaureate Services Sunday night and Eighth Grade graduation Thursday night will proceed the final ceremony of the school year. Supt. Morgan C. Wheeler said for the first time in a number of years, two boys held top honors in the class. McLester graduates as valedictorian with an average of 88.17 and Pollard as salutatorian with an average of 86.32. High among girls in the class is Mildred Schleider with an 85.88 average.

Commencement exercises will follow the theme, "Unity Among the People." Diplomas will be presented by T. C. Kelly, school board president, to the following seniors, each of whom will speak on the program: Lucy Delgado, Corine Evans, Everett Perry, Harris Pollard, Otis Mundine, Elmer McLester, Mildred Schleider and Wister Stevenson.

The Rev. T. H. Pollard will give the address at Baccalaureate services at 8:15 o'clock Sunday night. The processional, "Pomp and Circumstances" by Edgar will open the program followed by an invocation by the Rev. R. R. Gormley. The seniors and Choral Club will sing "Dedication" by Hardy, and with the band, "The end of a Perfect Day" by Bond. Father J. H. Kelly will give the benediction.

Mrs. W. F. Harmon is senior sponsor and Mrs. Gordon Gunter is sponsor of the eighth grade.

Eighth grade graduation ceremonies will begin at 8:15 o'clock next Thursday night. Principal address will be by the Rev. Frank Walker.

Frederick Close will give the invocation and Glenn Owens the toast. Mildred Wilkinson will read the class history and Sam James the class prophecy.

Receiving certificates of graduation will be Alex Stewart, Mildred Wilkinson, Barbara Dickens, Dixie Mundine, Theodore Dupnik, Mary Jane Dupnik, Elizabeth Dye, Glenn Owens, Paula Driver, Billy Joe Hunt, Clifton Evans, LaVerne Thompson, Doris Casey, Thelma Shaver, Melba Gwynn, Barbara Ann Freeman, Lynelle Smith, William Steward, Jimmy Hayden, Anita Guzman, John Arthur Ballou, Helen Clark, Sam James, Shirley Jones, Bertha Vay McElwee, Bobby Landrum, Lois Mae Townsend, Betty Jean Kring, Freda Jo Marshall, Dorothy Lee Silberstein and Phyllis Walker.

Honor student of the class is LaVerne Thompson who has been on the honor roll each term this year.

Mrs. John Hamblin Buried In Houston

Mrs. Emma Laura Hamblin, 77, of Rockport, died at a Corpus Christi hospital Saturday morning. Funeral services were held in Houston Sunday afternoon with burial in South Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Hamblin, who would have celebrated her 58th wedding anniversary July 2, came to Texas from Pennsylvania with her husband about 40 years ago. She had lived in Corpus Christi and San Antonio until moving here a short time ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

She is survived by her husband, John G. Hamblin of Rockport; four daughters, Mrs. Hazel Abernathy of Houston, Mr. R. F. Devlin of New Orleans, La., Mrs. Madeline Creighton of Corpus and Mrs. Laura Barrow of San Antonio; five sons: Ralph Hamblin and C. A. Hamblin of Los Angeles and Kenneth Hamblin of Corpus Christi; 22 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Seventh War Bond Drive Opens Monday

STUDENT ACTORS PUT ACROSS OPERETTA WITH GOOD GRACES

Excellent stage presence and a spontaneous enjoyment of their work brought response from the audience at the Choral Club operetta, "Sunbonnet Girl" Friday night.

Characters scaled the obstacles of every amateur show with ready grins and a lack of footlight fright which carried the show through without a hitch. Several good voices put over the lyrics and the chorus in its entirety gave successful background music.

Miss Mona Ruth Butcher played accompaniment during the show and with the assistance of Owen James, directed the production. The one-night stand in the school auditorium was played to almost a full house.

Fox Returns After Three Years On Pacific Island

Tech. Sgt. Bernard Fox, son of Judge and Mrs. B. S. Fox of Rockport, returned to Rockport this week for his first furlough at home for three years. Since April 1942 he has been with the Army transportation corps in the South Pacific.

One of the first large groups of men to land on an island supply base, he was moved up four times. His work was disposition of indentured laborers who handled loading and unloading of supplies. These laborers were brought in from different sections of island by the French government as they had been before the war to work the plantations. They were guaranteed a certain amount of money in a certain number of years work.

All dialects and religions were to be found among the natives and those of one district could not be worked with those of another. There was no active trouble if a man was moved into a gang in which he did not belong. He simply stood still and did nothing until put with his own men.

Fox first home in the Pacific was a floorless tent. Later there were floors in the tents and gasoline lanterns and much later, screens and electricity.

He learned to know the natives well and found them friendly. Most of them spoke English with a very formal British accent. Fox brought back samples of the clothes they wore. The women who went barefooted, wore dresses hanging from a yoke or straight from the shoulder like a nightshirt. The men wore a sarong over khaki or GI shorts. The sarong was used for all purposes, as a towel, turban or rolled up for bathing trunks.

The soldiers uniform was a khaki sarong with pockets and a scolloped hem. In the men's bushy hair they put garlands of flowers and colored paper.

Whenever there is a moment's rest a song starts. Fox said the voices are beautiful and harmony unusually good.

The Rockport man who was employed by American Liberty Pipe Lines, Dallas, before he went in service in Sept. 25, 1941, will report to Hot Springs for reassignment May 30.

Awarded Purple Heart

Pfc. Gene Kennemer, serving with the Infantry in Germany, was recently awarded the Purple Heart medal. No information about the Rockport soldier's injury was released by the War Department.

Taken To Hospital

Charlotte Anne Gunter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gunter of Rockport, was taken to Spohn Hospital at Corpus Christi Tuesday for treatment of a mastoid infection.

Mrs. Booth Names Committees To Fill Applications

Tables to Be Placed In Local Stores Six Days of Next Week

With only one war to fight and only one aim—to win it—American opens the Seventh War Bond Drive Monday and Aransas County will open a push to raise the largest quota assigned here, \$125,000 in bonds with \$60,000 in E bonds.

In Rockport, applications for bonds will be made at booths in local stores. The applications will be filled out on a house to house canvass in Fulton. Whenever a person turned in an application blank for a bond at the bank, a picture show pass will be given. The passes will be good during the month of the drive.

Mrs. F. L. Booth yesterday announced the women who are handling the applications and the days they will work.

The schedule is Mrs. Richard Fox and Mrs. Henry Ballou at Joe Johnson's Drug Store Monday; Mrs. A. C. Shivers and Bruhs Drug Store Tuesday; Mrs. Velma Picton at Sorensens' Wednesday; Mrs. Travis Bailey at Hoopers Thursday; Mrs. J. P. Hanway at Kelly's Friday; and Mrs. Hays Atwood at Red and White Store Saturday.

Workers at Fulton will be Mrs. E. G. Cook, Mrs. Carroll Sanders, Mrs. T. E. DeForest, At Mills Wharf, Mrs. J. H. Mills will be in charge.

The drive will continue during the entire month but workers will be in the booths only for the one week.

Fred Bracht, county chairman said he felt this drive would be the most successful held here because it is beginning so soon after the victory in Europe.

"With encouragement of the downfall of one dictator, I believe everyone is more determined than ever to push the Japanese war to the quickest conclusion possible and to be in the best possible financial condition for the readjustment to peace which will come," he said. "The purchase of a bond is like sending a delegate to the peace table, helping to meet every difficult problem."

Guests at Rectory

Dr. William Brennan, president of Saint John's Seminary at San Antonio, and Doctor Dolan, director of students there, spent Monday night as guests of the Rev. J. H. Kelly at Sacred Heart Rectory.

Fishermen Get In Two Days Shrimping Before Wind Stops Operations Again

Commercial fishermen got in one or two days of shrimping last week but catches were not heavy and strong winds kept them off of the water the rest of the week. Sports Fishing was also held to a minimum by the blows.

At Roubquette and Wendell four boats were still out of the water for clean-ups after late oystering. Trawls were being repaired and a new 18 foot net skiff being built. Four net fishermen were having fair success.

W. W. Wilson, a Cecil Casterline fisherman, was having an 18-foot motor skiff built by Capt. C. Jacobsen. The boat with a six horse power Briggs-Stratton motor can be used to work nets five or six miles from the fishing boat.

At Casterline's, the best shrimp catch of the week was 1,400 pounds. Fulton Fish Company's best load in two-day of shrimping was 1,600 pounds. William Johnson said the "Rodney J" has been cleaned up and repainted, and the fishhouse is now being enlarged.

DOWDY RISKS LIFE AT FRONT THEN GIVES BLOOD FOR OTHERS

Pvt. Loyal D. Dowdy, son of Mrs. Dulis Dowdy of Rockport, has been giving his blood for fellow soldiers as well as risking his life on duty in Europe.

He had followed combat planes through two countries with the job of helping to keep them in the air. A need for blood for immediate transfusions was announced, and Dowdy was one of those who volunteered at the hospital to enable medics to load 1,000 pints of whole blood on planes before nightfall.

Dowdy was an engineer with the Texas State Highway Department before entering service.

Ground Broken for First Building of Seawall Project

Ground was broken Tuesday on the first unit of the new public beach concessions to be built on the north corner of Rockport seawall.

The 20 by 30 foot concrete building that is the first of three to go up will be the service room for the outdoor waterfront dining room. Here food and drinks will be prepared and served under a large awning at tables or to customers in automobiles.

C. A. Duck and F. C. Simpson last week signed a 10-year lease with the City of Rockport to use the land for the building of the food concession, a bath house and a dance pavilion. All facilities will revert to city ownership at expiration of the lease.

The city council approved the plans and specifications for the first unit put before them and work on the foundation began Tuesday. Materials were being delivered to the lot.

Duck said he hoped to have the building completed within 30 days and to have the entire waterfront project in operation by the end of July.

Reports for Reassignment

First Sgt. R. W. Thompson of Rockport has reported to the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Fort Sam Houston. He will be given a physical examination and check-up before reassignment. Sergeant Thompson recently spent at 21-day furlough here with his father, R. Thompson.

Fishermen Get In Two Days Shrimping Before Wind Stops Operations Again

Jackson Fish Company totaled about 10,000 pounds in two days of shrimping. Best catch of 1,375 was made by Angelo Flores on the Elaine. The shrimp were jumbo size and brought 11 cents a pound for the fishermen.

Two Jackson boats back in the water this week after repainting jobs were "Ginger" and "Mary Virginia." A boat and two barges belonging to the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission are now on the ways for clean-ups.

Johnny Peres, a Johnson fisherman, has almost completed the 40-foot boat he is building for himself.

Three Houston fishermen made one of the best sports catches of the week in Back Bay near the old cau-eway. Paul Bovard, B. F. Worley and Gene McCullough landed 28 speckled trout, the largest of which was about 2½ pounds.

Shipments of seafood out of Rockport were light, with \$9,100 worth moving during the week, \$6,100 worth of that Saturday and Sunday.

Navy Continues Practice Bombing In Aransas Bay

Refuses Request Of Fishermen to Move To Copano Bay Area

The Naval Air Training Bases at Corpus Christi this week refused the request of the Texas Fishermen's Association to discontinue practice bombing in Aransas Bay, saying they did not believe the type of bomb now being used resulted in damage to fishing interests.

W. D. McMillan, president of the fishermen, requested last week that the practice target be moved to Copano Bay because trawls and other fishing equipment which could not be replaced were being torn by half buried bombs lodged in Aransas Bay after the practices.

Capt. J. B. Dunn, chief of staff of the NATB, replied that he regretted the hazard to commercial fishermen caused by the practice bombing. He added that he believed the hazard was caused by the dropping of a type of bomb, no longer in use here.

"The type now being used is a very small visual marker which expels smoke and disintegrates when jettisoned," the captain wrote. "It is the opinion of the command that no damage to fishing interests can result from the use of this marker."

"Due to concentrated training of an entirely different variety, it is not possible at this time to shift to Copano Bay the training involving the dropping of the small visual markers in Aransas Bay."

Local fishermen had said the bombs were hindering their efforts to provide vital footstuffs called for in the war program.

Lt. M. Abrahams Awarded DFC for German Flights

Lt. Maynard L. Abrahams, navigator on a B-17, Flying Fortress who returned to the States April 13th after completing thirty missions, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, according to an announcement from the Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England.

Lt. and Mrs. Abrahams have just completed a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson and have gone to Miami where he will receive his reassignment.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded "For extraordinary achievement while serving as lead navigator of squadron formation on heavy bombardment missions against the enemy. Lt. Abrahams demonstrated exceptional proficiency in guiding his formation to the assigned targets in devastating attacks against Hamburg, Germany Jan. Dec., 1944; Hanan, Germany, 5 Jan. 1945; and Cottbus, Germany, Feb. 15, 1945, despite heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire on each occasion."

"The outstanding navigational skill displayed by Lt. Abrahams materially contributed to the success of these important operations. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States," Harbold announced.

Lt. Abrahams also received the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters for "meritorious achievement" in aerial combat as a member of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of a Messerschmitt aircraft factory at Regensburg, Germany.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph K. Rolls and Mildred Morrison.

Rockport's Only German Prisoner Freed from Camp

No Direct Word Received from Much Decorated Sergeant

Rockport's only German prisoner of war, Staff Sgt. Edward E. Hunt has been liberated, his wife, Mrs. Mae Hunt, learned on V-E Day.

She has received no direct communication from him but read in a press association notice that he had been freed from a camp at Halle, Germany, a week ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunt of Rockport.

The aerial gunner on a B-17 went overseas in August, 1943. On his first mission, he downed a German Messerschmitt. Operating from an English base, the 23-year-old sergeant earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and three oak leaf clusters.

Jan. 11, 1944, he went down over Germany and in February his family was notified that he was a prisoner of Germany. Until D-Day they received word from him about every two weeks, but since that time have had only three communications, the last letter written Nov. 17.

Hunt assisted his father in the tailor shop he owns here until he went into service seven years ago.

The only other Rockport boy believed to be a prisoner of war is S. L. Baker, who was on Wake Island with the Marine Corps when they were attacked there. His sister, Mrs. E. W. Townsend, who is no longer living in Rockport, received word he was a prisoner of the Japanese in May 1942. No recent news of him has been received here.

Bill Passes To Close Copano Bay to Fishermen

Over the objections of the War Food Administration and Commercial Fishing Interests, House Bill No. 678 prohibiting the use of a seine, strike net, shrimp trawl, gill net or trammel net in the waters of Copano Bay was passed by the Senate and became law last Thursday.

Fred Mauritz, senator from this district, was not present for the vote.

When the bill was passed in the House through the efforts of Refuge County interests desiring the bay for sports fishing, a number of delegations were sent to Austin to protest.

Washington sent a marine biologist who said the bay had produced more than 125,000 pounds of fish in 1944, needed as a food supply. The coordinator of Fisheries and the Fish and Wildlife Service also objected, saying the bill was not consistent with good management and sound conservation practices.

A local delegation of fishing interests also appeared before a committee in Austin.

The bill was declared an emergency by the Senate and passed without reading on the third day. It allows only fishing with a pole and line, rod and reel, trot line and minnow seine not over 20 feet long.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullinax Purchase Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. Elva Mullinax have purchased a home in the North part of Rockport and will move into it after school is dismissed. The four-room cottage will be redecorated before that time.

The house was previously owned by W. W. Wilkinson, Jr., now living in Corpus Christi. It has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler this winter.

Consideration in the transaction handled by Emory Spencer was \$4,000.

Services of Prayer And Thanksgiving Held At Churches

Sounding of Fire Siren Is Only Excitement Following Announcement

Almost every radio in Rockport was turned on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock to hear the message that carried personal significance to each home, Germany had surrendered.

The response was quiet, and when President Harry Truman and Winston Churchill had completed their talks, the daily routine here went on with only slight confusion.

For a few minutes there was indecision over whether local stores would close, but business owners decided to follow the president's guide of "work, work, work" and opened their doors as usual. Many delivery trucks and supply men did not arrive on schedule as most other cities of the section were closed for the day.

Another question which arose was whether the flag should fly at half mast. It was decided that it would remain as it had been since the death of the president.

The one bit of excitement came when Joe Johnson, druggist, touched off the fire siren and volunteers came from all directions. W. B. Friend, city secretary, explained that "The fire is under control. It was burning in Germany."

Slim Haynes, city marshal, carried the fun a little further when he remembered a threat made by John Sorenson that when Germany fell he was going to pull Haynes' gun out of the holster and shoot it into the air. Haynes led a short parade to Sorenson's and presented him with the gun, but Sorenson declined to set it off.

The first service of thanksgiving held in Rockport during the day was conducted by the Rev. George S. Walton at Saint Peters Episcopal Church at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 7:30 o'clock that night a union service was held at the First Baptist church. The Rev. T. H. Pollard led the devotional, the Rev. R. R. Gormley gave the invocation and the Rev. E. John Meyers led the songs and prayer. The church was almost filled for the service.

Special services will also be held Sunday, proclaimed by the president as a day of prayer. At Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, high mass will be said at 7 o'clock in the morning by the Rev. J. H. Kelly. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue all day and Benediction will be at 7:45 o'clock at night. At Saint Peter's, a service of prayer and praise will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning. The Rev. John Walker will conduct special prayers at the Fulton Community church at the 11 o'clock service.

Recalling the day in 1918 when the announcement came that Germany had fallen, residents of Rockport at that time said there was not a great deal more celebration then. A few shipyard workers spoke in the streets, they said. As there were no radios, word came by Western Union and was quickly passed on from one person to another. Not as many families were directly affected as fewer men from this area were in service in the last war.

Capt. James Sledge Is Battery Commander

Capt. James H. Sledge is serving as a battery commander in the 403rd anti-aircraft artillery gun battalion whose 90 millimeter weapons have been knocking out German targets in Italy's Po Valley. His wife, granddaughter of Mrs. Manch Brundrett of Rockport, is living in Palestine.

Credited with more than 550 days in combat, the battalion has fired 115,000 rounds in the Italian campaign along. The pioneering outfit has brought down eight German planes this winter, as well as firing trucks, troop headquarters and Jerry units.

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Bible Study Meets With Mrs. Weber

Mrs. John Weber was hostess Tuesday afternoon to members of the Fulton Bible Study. The devotional was given by Mrs. Ruth Weber and Mrs. Frank Walker conducted the lesson.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served to Mrs. Fannie Mars, Mrs. Will Madden, Mrs. Frank Casterline, Mrs. Arthur Davis, Mrs. Ruth Weber, Mrs. E. B. McHaley, Mrs. Valle Cole, Mrs. Allen Johnson, Miss Hettie Weber, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Weber and the hostess.

LAWN PARTY MARKS BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church entertained Thursday night with a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hagar, the occasion being the 23rd birthday anniversary of the organization.

Mrs. Pete Richardson, Mrs. Ted Little and Mrs. J. P. Hanway had charge of the social hour and refreshment course and Mrs. Jim Hooper had charge of the birthday program.

The Rev. W. H. Morrison gave the invocation and then each Sunday School class in the primary department responded to roll call by repeating a Bible verse and singing a song. The Adults responded to roll call by repeating a verse from the scripture and the ladies of the choir sang the consecration song "Others."

Mrs. Clara Seaton gave the "Origin of the Birthday Gift" and eight members of the auxiliary, representing the eight principal missions in the Congo, presented the Christian Flag to each mission.

The men of the church sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and before the missionary offering was taken. Mrs. Pete Richardson read a poem, "Dedication" and Rev. T. H. Pollard gave the dedication prayer. Mrs. Pollard responded

with an expression of gratitude from the Congo Missionaries. The group sang "I Am Thine O Lord" and "Must and I Go Empty Handed" and the program was closed with the mizpah benediction. During the social hour, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Hanway served slices of the large pink birthday cake and fruit punch. About forty-five were present for the annual party.

Mrs. Johnson Entertains Young Matron's Club

The sun porch at the Joe Johnson home was the scene for a bridge party Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Johnson entertained members of the Young Matron's Bridge Club.

Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc won the high score prize and Mrs. Edward Barnard received the second high award.

Pineapple chiffon pie topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mrs. Herbert Mills, Mrs. Charlie Ankele, Mrs. Edward Barnard, Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mrs. Clara Louise Schmeling, Miss Mary Beth Picton, Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries and Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Hickey Receives High Score Prize

Members of the Gulf Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Arlis Young last Wednesday for their semi-monthly social. Mrs. S. W. Hickey received the high score prize and Mrs. Clyde Lowe received the travelling prize.

Refreshments of home made ice cream and cookies were served to two guests, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Roger Williams and the following members: Mrs. M. D. Wickerham, Mrs. S. W. Hickey, Mrs. Bill Walker, Mrs. Bill Crawford, Mrs. Paul Berthelot, Mrs. Don Wallace and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison left this week to visit her sons at Midland, Texas, and Santa Rosa, New Mexico. Before returning to Rockport, she will visit her sister at Topeka, Kansas.

Room Mothers Give Lawn Supper For May Graduates

Mrs. T. H. Pollard and Mrs. L. V. McLester, Senior class room mothers, entertained members of the Senior Class and the sponsor, Mrs. W. F. Harmon, with fried chicken supper on the Pollard lawn Tuesday night.

Before the supper, members of the class enjoyed a swim. Tables were laid on the lawn for the supper of fried chicken, salads, hot muffins, cake, pie and cold drinks.

Following the supper, guests attended Thanksgiving Services at the Baptist church to give thanks for Victory in Europe.

Culley Roberts Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Raymond Roberts entertained last Wednesday afternoon with a party for her son, Culley, the occasion being his 10th birthday anniversary.

Cake and ice cream were served to the children and coffee and cake to the adults.

Those helping to celebrate the day were Mary Ann Close, Charles Frances Adele LeBlanc, Joe Herling, Clydeene and Bettie Mae Armstrong, Mrs. Mary Adolphus, Mrs. W. F. Close, Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mrs. Arthur Curry, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Spinney of Aransas Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and the honoree.

Elementary Grades Enjoy Picnics

This is picnic week for the elementary grades of the Rockport School. Fourth graders and fifth graders enjoyed class picnics during the noon hour Wednesday and the third grade room will have its noon hour picnic Friday.

Mrs. R. L. Hart took her fourth graders to the waterworks area for their picnic and Miss Katie Lee Clarke's fifth graders enjoyed their picnic on the school grounds. Each student brought his own lunch and cold drinks were served. Mrs. Bertha Harper is the teacher for the third graders who are anticipating their picnic Friday.

LT. AND MRS. ABRAHAMS ARE HONOREES OF TEA AT JACKSON HOME SUNDAY

Outstanding in the society news this week was the reception given Sunday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson in honor of their daughter and son-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Maynard Abrahams. Lt. Abrahams has returned recently from eight months of overseas service as a navigator on a B-17.

The reception rooms were decorated with many bouquets of shasta daisies and the dining room held arrangements of pink and blue cornflowers, white feverfew with lace ferns and pink roses.

As the guests arrived, they were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Lt. and Mrs. Abrahams. Mrs. Clara Louise Schmeling and Miss Mary Frances Ferris alternated in presiding over the guest book.

The dining room table was laid with a lace cloth over pink and centered with a V arrangement of pink roses. From one end of the table, Mrs. Norvell Jackson and Mrs. Evans Corbin alternated in serving fruit punch from a crystal punch bowl and from the other end of the table Miss Mary Virginia Jackson and Miss Ruth Linda Herring alternated in serving squares of angel food cake. Members of the house party were formally attired.

Invited guests for the hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Picton, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hagar, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Close, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shivers, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Prophet, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Cron.

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Brundrett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brundrett, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Brach, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Diederich, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Casterline, S.F. 3-c and Mrs. Herbert Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cloberdants, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. Somer Smith, Judge and Mrs. B. S. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bushart, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mixon, Major and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Lt. and Mrs. R. M. Pittenger, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Armstrong, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rundell, Mrs. James G. Hooper, Mrs. Mabel K. Bryant, Mrs. Paul Reese, Mrs. M. Oertling, Mrs. Bertha Harper, Mrs. George W. Walton, Mrs. James A. Lathrop, Mrs. E. S. Goghill, Miss Ruth Lipscomb, Mrs. Bertha Lasister, Mrs. J. W. Brundrett, Mrs. J. A. Brundrett, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Mary Adolphus, Mrs. Edward Barnard, Mrs. John Haseman.

Mrs. O. B. Williams, Mrs. H. T. Bailey, Mrs. Nannie Deane, Mrs. Clara Louise Schmeling, Miss Ethel Friend, Miss Minnie Friend, Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Miss Minnie Oertling, Miss Fannie Oertling, Miss Mary Frances Ferris, Miss Ruth Linda Herring, Miss Mary Beth Picton, Miss Grace Smith, Mrs. Vivien Picton, Miss Velma Picton, Miss Mable Bracht, Miss Genevieve Bracht, Miss Mary Augusta Deane, Miss Veronica Kleaser, Miss Iris Sorenson, Mrs. Sam Creelius, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collier, Mrs. Charles Garrett.

Miss Mary Jo Bracht, Miss Carolyn Ada Hooper, Mrs. L. M. Bracht, Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries, Mrs. Richard Happner, A. C. Glass, Charles Cleveland, John Kleaser.

Mrs. I. C. Thurmond, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schmidt, Taft; Mr. and Mrs. Evans Corbin and children, Ingleside; Mrs. Norvell Jackson and daughter, Austin; Miss Mary Virginia Jackson and Mrs. James O. Bannahan of the University of Texas.

Personals

Mrs. Tom Smith of Houston returned home after spending two weeks here visiting in the C. W. Armstrong home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Casterline and Mrs. Somer Smith were Corpus Christi visitors Tuesday.

Herbert Mills, S.F. 3-c returned to his repair base in San Diego, Calif. after spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills and with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Brundrett. Mrs. Mills and daughter, Linda, will remain here for two more weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Mills left Thursday for Galveston to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Chester Johnson.

CAGE FUNERAL HOME Ambulance Service

Gentry Reynolds G. O. Hitchcock

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ankele and daughter, Terry Lee, are leaving for Angleton Thursday afternoon to spend the week-end in the E. E. Ankele home. They will be accompanied home by their son, Jimmy, who has been making a visit in Angleton with his grandparents.

Lt. and Mrs. Maynard Abrahams left Tuesday night for Miami, Fla. where Lt. Abrahams is going for two weeks rest and reassignment. Mrs. Norvell Jackson and Mrs. John D. Haseman took them to Corpus Christi to catch the train.

Miss Ruth Linda Herring of Corpus Christi was here over the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Herring.

Mrs. Arley Shivers and children and Mrs. J. T. Truell of Corpus Christi are expected home today after a 10 day visit with relatives in Woodville.

Mrs. Herbert Mills and daughter, Linda, will leave this afternoon for Galveston to spend a few days with Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Chester Johnson.

Mrs. O. W. Williams and son Victor, left Wednesday night on the train for Houston to visit her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams.

J. D. Bramlett of the U. S. Employment Service of Sinton was in Rockport on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Corbin and sons of Ingleside visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Young and son, Grady, spent last week-end in Brownsville visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hockaday and son.

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Roy Lee Hart of Raymondville was here Sunday visiting his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wheeler spent the week-end in Yoakum visiting relatives and seeing her brother who has just returned from overseas.

Weiner Roast Planned

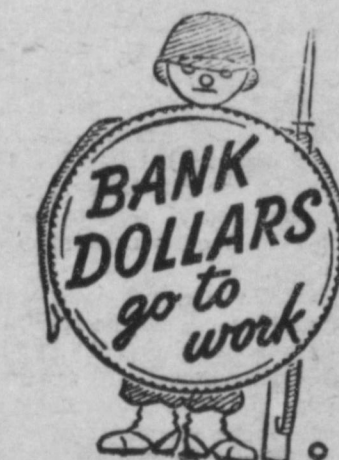
Members of the Bluebird Organization will go to the waterworks area Thursday afternoon for their weiner roast. Mrs. Elbert Mundine has charge of the arrangements and will act as chaperone for the affair.

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EIGHTH GRADERS CELEBRATE GRADUATION WITH FORMAL DINNER-DANCE AT HINTONS

Members of the eighth grade, to celebrate their coming graduation into high school, entertained with a formal dinner-dance at the Hinton Cafe Tuesday night.

Low crystal bowls of cape jasmynes and lace fern were placed at two points along the long T-shaped table. Double candelabra with red and white candles completed the table decorations.

Guests for the affair were Philis Walker, Mildred Wilkinson, Doris Casey, Helen Clark, Barbara Dickens, Mary Jane Dupnik, Elizabeth Joyce Dye, Barbara Ann Freeman, Anita Guzman, Melba Gwynn, Betty Jean Kring, Betty Lou McGregor, Birta Vay McElweel, Dixie Mundine, Thelma Shaner, Dorothy Lee Silberisen, LaNell Smith, LaVerne Thompson, Lois Mae Townsend, Shirley Jones, Mazie Driver, Paula Driver.

John Arthur Ballou, Frederick Close, Theodore Dupnik, Clifton Evans, Jimmy Hayden, Billy Jo Hunt, Bobby Landrum, Freddy Jo Marshall, William Steward, Sam James, Alex Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Owen James, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler.

Shrimp Supper Ends Herbert Mills' Week's Leave Here

A group of friends entertained at Mills' Wharf Wednesday night with a shrimp supper honoring Herbert Mills, Shipfitter third class, who was here last week on a leave from his repair base in San Diego, Calif.

The long banquet table was piled high with broiled shrimp, crabs, salads, crackers and cold drinks. Speeches were made by Mills, Frank Hopkins and Robert Vendetoli.

Those enjoying the hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beakman, Mrs. Molye Davis, Mrs. W. P. Amidon, Jo Ann Amidon, Tony Amidon, Uncle Billie Sontag, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins and son, Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Yeats, Mrs. Frieda Diederich, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Fireman 2-c and Mrs. Lloyd Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballou Oliver Brundrett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunt, George Lee Brundrett, Mrs. J. D. Haseman and Verna Anne, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills, Robert Vendetoli, G. O. Robinson, W. W. Markwood, C. L. Cannon, J. H. May, Houston Ratliff, Mrs. Edward Barnard, Mrs. O. W. Williams, Chief Boatwains Mate Arthur Kane, the honoree Mrs. Mills and Linda.

Baptist Announce Mother's Day Service

The Rev. E. John Meyers will speak on "An Old-Fashioned Mother" at a special Mother's Day service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the First Baptist church. Mrs. Hettie Tipton of Blytheville, Ark., will be soloist and the choir will sing "My Mother's Bible." The pulpit will be decorated by the T.E.L. class.

There will be no evening worship because of the baccalaureate service at the high school auditorium, and training unions will be dismissed 15 minutes early.

Legal Notice

Order of the County Judge, Ordering Election.

This, this 18th day of April, A. D. 1945 came on to be considered by the County Judge of Aransas County, Texas, the petition of more than one hundred free holders of Aransas County, Texas, for an order of election in each of the precincts of Aransas County, Texas, for the purposes of enabling the freeholders thereof to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large therein, and it appearing to the undersigned judge of such court that such petition was filed with the County Clerk of said County on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1945, and that the Commissioners' Court thereafter on the 13th day of April, A. D. 1945, heard and granted the same and ordered that such election be held on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1945, and that the Judge of the said County issue an order therefor and cause public notice thereof to be given as follows:

Public notice of this order shall be given as follows: Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me under such order and the law, I, B. S. Fox, County Judge of Aransas County, Texas, do hereby order that on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1945 in each precinct of Aransas County, Texas, an election shall be held for the purposes of enabling the freeholders of Aransas County, Texas, to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in Aransas County, Texas bounded by Nueces County, San Patricio County, Refugio County, Calhoun County, and The Gulf of Mexico.

That the polls shall be opened for such election at the regular voting places in each precinct more particularly described as follows: Voting Precinct 1, Box 1, Fire Station in Rockport, Voting Precinct 1, Box 2, Estes, Schoolhouse in Estes, Voting Precinct Two, the Courthouse in Rockport, Voting Precinct Three, Fulton Schoolhouse in Fulton, and Voting Precinct Four, Concession Hall in Lamar; Fred Diederich, Box 1, Voting Precinct One and Virgil Mullan, Box 2, Voting Precinct One, Will Rooke, Voting Precinct Two, W. J. Charnley, Voting Precinct Three, and Otto Key, Voting Precinct Four, being proper persons for such purposes and freeholders and qualified voters of Aransas County are hereby appointed as manager of said election, and they shall appoint their own clerks.

No person shall vote at such election unless he is a freeholder, and is also a qualified voter under the constitution and the laws of the State of Texas. All votes of such election shall be by ballot, and the voters desiring to

Alumni Association Plans Receptions For Graduates

Plans were made to entertain the 1945 graduates with a reception immediately following Commencement Exercises, May 18th, when members of the Alumni Association met Monday night at the Rockport High School. The reception will be given at the Pirate's Cave.

Mrs. R. L. Hart, president of the association, presided over the meeting and the following committee were appointed to carry out the plans for the reception: Decoration, Miss Katie Lee Clarke, chairman; Mrs. Don Algers, Lillian Casterline, Mrs. Albert Collier, Mrs. Sam Creelius, Mrs. Arley Shivers and Mrs. Robert Key. Hosts: Mrs. Travis Bailey, chairman; Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. Charles Garrett and Mrs. S. F. Jackson. Invitations: Miss Mary Augusta Deane, Mrs. Clara L. Schmeling and Miss Mary Beth Picton.

It was agreed that 1945 dues be reduced to 25c per member and an additional 25c for each invited guest. Dues are to be paid before May 17th to any of the following members at the following place: Miss Iris Sorenson, Jno. C. Sorenson's Store; Miss Elouise Young Red and White Store and Elwood Weber, Mrs. Jack Sparks and Catherine Rouquette, Weber's Store in Fulton.

prevent the animals designated herein from running at large shall place upon their ballots the words, "For the Stock Law" and those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large, "Against the Stock Law."

On or before the tenth day after such election, the persons holding such election shall make due returns of all the votes cast at their respective voting places for and against said proposition to the County Judge of said County. be given for at least thirty days before the date of such election by publication thereof in the "Rockport Pilot", a newspaper published in said County of Aransas.

Witness the hand of the County Judge of Aransas County, Texas, this 17th day of April, A. D. 1945.

B. S. FOX, County Judge, Aransas County, Texas. 4-19 4t.

Family Gathers For Mothers Day

Mrs. Manch Brundrett celebrated Mother's Day last Sunday when most of the members of her family gathered at her home for Sunday dinner. After the dinner, the group went up to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith for a visit and coffee and cake.

Those from out-of-town, present for the celebration, were Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Raymond and daughter, Kathleen Ann, Mr. and Mrs. George Sorenson and daughter, J. H. Sledge all of Palacios, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mires and Patsy Jo of Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Turner and children of Refugio and Mrs. D. L. Kight of La Feria.

Mrs. Raymond and daughter and Mrs. Kight remained over for a visit of several days. They left Wednesday morning for Refugio to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Turner and family for a few days.

Special Services

Special Day of prayer and Thanksgiving at the Methodist church Sunday will be combined with a service honoring mothers, homes and members of the homes now in armed forces. The names of those gone from the homes will be called and the nearest of kin will place a flower on a white cross for each. Both the oldest and youngest and youngest mother present will be recognized.

MISS KITTY ANDERSON AND ROGER HEATH BRACHT ARE MARRIED IN VIRGINIA

The marriage of Miss Kitty Cantrell Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Anderson of Houston and Roger Heath Bracht, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bracht of Rockport, was solemnized at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon April 28 at the Presbyterian church at Fredericksburg, Va. with the Rev. Richard V. Landcaster officiating.

Mrs. Dale Norman was the brides only attendant and R. D. Bowden was best man.

The bride wore a chapel gown of candlelight satin designed with fitted bodice and long sleeves ending in callipy points over her wrists and full sweeping skirt. Chantilly lace enhanced the lines of the dress at the sleeves, hem and neckline. Her shoulder length veil was held by a Juliet cap of satin ivy leaf design.

A reception was held at the officers club following the ceremony.

The couple will live in Fredericksburg, until June when Bracht finishes training at Quanco Marine Base.

The bride attended Southwestern University where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. The groom attended the University of Texas and Southwestern University where he was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Alpha fraternities.

Farewell Dinner Honors Steele

In honor of her nephew, Robert Steel of Corpus Christi, Mrs. B. W. Hamblin entertained with a farewell dinner party Thursday night at the Oleander Courts.

After the dinner, guests went to the school auditorium to participate in dress rehearsals for the Operetta, "Sunbonnet Girl."

Robert left Friday night to be inducted into the Merchant Marines. He has assigned to Avalon, Calif. for training.

Those enjoying the dinner were Charlotte Cron, Wilbern Hamblin, Patti Ballou, Colleen Smith, Mary Lou McLester, Elmer McLester, Tommy Blackwell, David Herring, Jimmy Little, Ronnie Williams, Bobby Little, Rosa Faye Hamblin, and the honoree.



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Let there be joy . . . but let it be tempered with the realization that the war is not yet won.

Let there be prayers . . . thanksgiving for the victories given our arms . . . supplications for the safety of those who still fight.

Let there be a solemn pledge from each and every one of us . . . to double our efforts and end it quickly! Buy more bonds . . . give more blood . . . work harder . . . save more . . . do everything we can to save a life! One minute of war means many lives lost. TOTAL VICTORY AND WORLD PEACE ARE IN SIGHT . . . HELP FINISH THE FIGHT!

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... Early Life Brought Back By Land Transaction

The land on which Indians stood to fire on the three first mansions in this part of the country, on which the home of Texas' first provisional governor was built and which has given up relics worthy of archaeological surveys, is going modern.

Its brush and tree covered water front acres are for sale for the first time in history and may soon hold the foundations for summer homes and tourist colonies.

Stone historic markers dotted over the 1,214 acres forming the north end of Live Oak Peninsula tell only a part of the life that went on there not too long after buccaneers ceased to use Copano Bay on the east side of the peninsula as a hideaway.

Much of the rest of the story has been collected by Harry Traylor, San Antonio and Rockport historian who years ago found out what persons then alive could remember and filled in between the lines of formal legal documents.

In 1834 Col. James Power received a grant of land from the Mexican government and moved onto the land where the only other white settlers had been wandering Spaniards. What ever other part he may have had in the war two years later, it is known he was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

It is probable he lived in a cabin until 1838 when he received title to the land from the Republic of Texas and built a large home overlooking Copano Bay. The home was built by slaves whom Power had brought in.

Fortunately, as Power was never at peace with the Indians, he soon had a neighbor. Henry Smith, first provisional governor of Texas, came to Aransas County about 1838 and built a home near where the causeway on the Hug-the-Coast Highway now stands.

The third of the trio to build on the land which was to remain so securely within the family for 107 years was Col. George W. Fulton who married Smith's daughter, Harriet. Their home was built where the community of Fulton now stands on Aransas Bay.

Fulton was the man who brought peace to the land. He was friendly with the Indians and served as arbitrator between the tribes and Power. They trusted Fulton and within a few years, under his influence, they subsided their warlike activities.

During those years, Power has obtained several more large grants from the Republic of Texas and all of this passed to Smith and Fulton.

Power died and was buried near the house long before the Civil war. There are tales that some of his remains were moved away many years later but the place of his body is not definitely known. Governor Smith probably died here also.

The Power home disappeared as completely as the owners' body but scientists make a good guess as to what happened to it. Its position was on the highest point in the area where the water washed against the bluff in front of it. The bluff is known to have eroded many feet in recent years. The house probably fell with the bluff a part at a time.

Archaeologists from the University of Texas took up the trail six years ago and found a few remains of the house and dishes that were pieced together for museum exhibit. These were of handmade Czechoslovakian china.

A large portion of the Smith home stood in its commanding position over Copano Bay until a few years ago. Now only the foundations and a few ruins stand. The large gushing spring of clear water which was one of the oddities of this coast has stopped flowing and only the spot of its origin marks the yard of the home.

The Fulton home stood at its original location on Aransas Bay until 1910 when it was moved to another location and is still occupied as it was rebuilt. The later Fulton mansion stands now a few miles from the first building.

Smith died prior to 1876 and was buried to his sons, John G. and James E. Smith and a daughter, Mrs. Harriet Fulton. Joseph Smith, Henry's half brother who operated with him in land deals here, has two great grand sons living in San Antonio, Joe and Arnold Sheldon.

Like many an estate, the five-miles of waterfront property with its growth of bent oaks and mesquite stood unoccupied year after year because clear title could not be gained for sale. William Kent, Sr., of California and C. R. Crane of Chicago, accomplished what no one else had succeeded in doing during the 107 years. They consolidated the undivided interests and shaped up the papers that Emory Spencer, local attorney, can carry on the history making sale. The acreage has been divided into four tracts, each to become a subdivision. The divisions have respectively 10,000 feet of waterfront, 3,500 feet, 7,500 feet and 5,000 feet.

Kent-Crane interests, spread all over the north American continent, control what is left to tell the tale of some of Texas' earliest history.

Dietrich Returns From the Pacific

J. B. Dietrich, ship fitter second class, returned to his home in Fulton this week after 24 months with the fleet in the Pacific. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Dietrich Sr.

Dietrich wears two combat stars and ribbons for the American Theatre of War, Asiatic-Pacific, and Philippine Liberation. He is not permitted to describe the nature of the work he was doing nor the type of ship on which he sailed in action in New Guinea and the Philippines.

He does not know his immediate future assignment but will report back to Galveston May 28. A little further in the future, he does have some plans. Dietrich may return to Australia to marry Shirley McDonald whom he has known there for two years, or may bring her to the United States as his wife. He said it was possible he might live in Australia after the war where he believes there will be plenty of opportunities.

Dietrich worked at Rice Bros. Shipyards before he went into service in Oct., 1942. He has one brother in the Navy, Charles Dietrich, seaman first class, stationed at San Diego.

Camp - Hospital Council Sponsors Two Drives Here

The Camp and Hospital Council Service of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a drive to collect money to enable servicemen in the station hospital at the Naval Air Station to call home on Mothers Day, Mrs. Travis Bailey, chairman of council service in Aransas County, announced.

Bottles have been placed in various places for contributions and will be picked up Thursday and sent on to Corpus Christi.

In addition to this drive, the service is also asking for gifts to be included in the recreation chests being made by the 4-H boys of Sinton to be sent to detached units in the overseas theaters. Each chest is to include the following articles: 2 packs of playing cards, 2 packs of pinocle cards, 1 small bingo game, 1 small monopoly game, 3 ocarinas, 3 harmonicas, 3 ponettes, books of instruction and music for the ocarinas and ponettes, soft ball, 2 tennis balls, book of cross word puzzles, 2 sets of chess, 2 sets of checkers, 4 small checker boards and 1 cribbage board.

Anyone who has any of the above articles to donate to the cause are asked to call Mrs. Bailey or Mrs. Travis Johnson, who is alternate chairman, or to take the articles to Judy's library.

The following magazines may be collected also for overseas shipment: Bluebook, National Geographic and True Story. These magazines may also be taken to Judy's Library or to Mrs. Bailey or Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Barnard Is Dinner Hostess

Cape jasmies decorated the interior of the Barnard home Thursday night when Mrs. Edward Barnard entertained with a small dinner party.

A delicious chicken dinner was served to Ship Fitter 2-c and Mrs. Herbert Mills and daughter, Linda Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ankele and Mrs. Barnard and children, Dale and Barbara.

Two Rockport Students On U T Honor Roll

Two Rockport Students were among the 600 enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas cited for their scholastic standing in the winter semester honor roll list. Annabelle Richardson made Summa Cum Laude and Mary Virginia Jackson made Cum Laude Amplia et Magna.

High School Set Picnics At Park

A picnic at the roadside park Sunday afternoon provided entertainment for six members of the high school set.

Those enjoying the outing were Lucille Haynes, Jean Marie Roberts, Colleen Smith, Harris Pollard, Albert Lee Hunt and Roy Lassiter.

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We wish to express our most sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended us during the illness and following the death of our loved one, Mrs. Emma Laura Hamblin. Your expressions of sympathy and beautiful flowers were deeply appreciated.

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Campfire Girls Plan Annual Formal

Campfire Girls and their guests are eagerly awaiting Saturday night and the organization's annual formal dance scheduled to come off in Pirate's Cave at the school.

Mrs. R. L. Hart, guardian, and Mrs. Charles Roe will act as chaperones for the affair. About sixty are expected to attend.

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The Young People of the Presbyterian church met at the Manse Wednesday night for their study of "Luke". Mrs. T. H. Pollard conducted the lesson.

Mrs. Pollard and Harris Pollard were in charge of the social hour. They served refreshment course of toasted cheese sandwiches, pop corn, cookies and punch.

Mothers Honored

"Dedication of children" will be a feature at the morning service at the Fulton Community church where mothers will be honored at a special service. At the evening service, the Rev. Frank Walker will speak on "Paul, the Evangelist."