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Water Runs On Rockport Streets . . .

Storm Slams Area With 12 Inches Of Rain

Many Rockportians were late to work and others never made it out of their houses Wednesday as a storm swept the city bringing high tides, winds and more than eight inches of rain before 10 a.m. Rockport police barricaded Austin Street as water ran from a foot and a half to two or three feet deep through Rockport's downtown area.

Other streets made impassable by the heavy rains included aptly-named Water Street—which was also littered with debris—Omohondro from Linden to Cherry, North Street from Ann to Highway 35.

City Secretary Herman Johnson estimated that 75 per cent of Rockport's streets were impassable Wednesday, and added that streets in the south part of town such as Magnolia and Live Oak were still under water Thursday.

"The tide was so high that runoff was slowed," Johnson said, adding that the floodwaters "created a lot of problems" for the city in terms of flooded businesses. He said between two and

two and a half million gallons of water passed through Rockport's sewer plant, the result of excessive floodwaters.

Throughout the city Wednesday, fountains of water bubbled from under manhole covers.

Johnson said the sewer treatment plant was overloaded Wednesday though it was "back to normal" Thursday, and the flooding hadn't



SINGING IN THE RAIN?

City, County Officials Taking Damage Reports

Businesses in Rockport and Aransas County that have suffered damages as a result of Wednesday's floods are being asked to call Rockport City Hall, 729-2213, or the County Judge's Office, 729-2403, to report the damage.

City Secretary Herman Johnson said officials are trying to get the city as well as the county declared a disaster area, and both the Small Business Administration and the Governor's Office needs the damage reports.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

Complete Pictorial Report On September 19 Flood On Pages 5-8

Governor Approves Criminal Justice Grants

AUSTIN—Governor William P. Clements, Jr., has approved three criminal justice grants affecting Aransas County.

A radio project grant of \$4,814 to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments includes the purchase of special equipment for the Rockport Police Department.

A \$12,850 grant will provide local residential facilities as alternatives to the placement of adjudicated juveniles with the Texas Youth Council. The grant will serve the entire 36th Judicial District which includes Aransas, Bee, San Patricio, Live Oak and McMullen. (See GRANTS, page 12)



HEATHER ANN WAUGH coming home to Rockport, along with her new parents, MR. and MRS. DWIGHT MILLER. . . RICHARD BECK, JIM FOWLER, RIP SLACUM and ESTELLE STAIR checking out water damages to their downtown businesses after Wednesday's flood. . . BILL AGEY graciously providing a ride through the flood waters for downtown workers. . .

DWAYNE WALLS, STEVE ARKELL and RAYMOND RAMERO doing some outstanding work for the eighth grade football team against Refugio. . . DAVID CRAWFORD getting change for a five dollar bill, mostly in small coins. . . JOHN HOIT reciting "Star Wars" dialogue. . . CAROLINE BEHEE doing some lunchtime shopping. . .



AND LOOK AT THIS

Mabel and Bee Bracht pore over scrapbook they've kept of family, Rockport history. (Pilot Photo by Pat Blair)

Bee And Mabel Bracht Have Lots Of Memories

By Pat Blair

They remember playing hopscotch in the street as children. . . and the dances at the Del Mar Hotel. . . and the man who had one of the first cars in Rockport. . .

Their home at 1021 Broadway is filled with furniture and bric-a-brac they grew up with, and they have a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings and photos.

"They" are Genevieve (Bee) and Mabel Bracht, sisters—now in their 80s—who were born in Rockport, granddaughters of Viktor Bracht, a pioneer resident and the city's first postmaster. Their mother, Clara Fryday, was also born in Rockport—in 1870, Bee said—and she and their father, Leopold Bracht, were married in 1890.

Mabel is the oldest of the sisters, a 1911 graduate of

Rockport High School—which put her in the school's fourth graduating class.

Bee graduated from Rockport High in 1916. She was born, she added, in 1898—in a house her father bought from the man who tried, unsuccessfully, to establish the "Oklahoma Community."

That was back in the 1880's, apparently, when F.C. Finney, formerly of Oklahoma City, came to this area and bought some land about three miles south of Rockport. He tried to get a community going—which he named "Oklahoma"—but the project folded.

Leopold Bracht bought the two-story house that Finney had built for himself and brought it into Rockport.

This was the Old Bracht Home, located at 902 Cornwell. Originally, the structure had a mansard roof, but in 1909 that was replaced with a new roof and cupola, the sisters said.

Mabel recalled that "Freddie (their brother, the late Fred Bracht Sr.) had a gymnasium in the top of the house."

As children, the sisters recall playing hopscotch in the streets, and Bee remembers one day they got "real mad because the garbage man came 'round with his cart and mule" and messed up their game.

She also recalled "Mr. Wells, who had one of the first cars in Rockport. He was a terrible driver! He just scared us to death! We all got bikes for Christmas one year, and when we'd hear him coming, we'd get out of his way!" she laughed.

Asked about her nickname, Bee said all the children in the family had trouble pronouncing "Genevieve." "They called me Genebee," she said, "so we shortened it to 'Bee'."

Mabel and Bee were two of seven children in their family (there were two children who died in infancy, they said). The late Fred Bracht was the oldest child, and Mabel the oldest girl. There are three other sisters. (See BRACHT, page 12)

County Clerk Ruby Hart Enjoys 'Personal' Office

By Sarah L. Durdin

She probably knows all about you, although she might not recognize you if

you bumped carts at the grocery store. Part of her information is found in the county records she presides

over, and the rest is the instinctive interest of Ruby Hart, Aransas County Clerk. With over 20 years

of experience in the County Clerk's office, Mrs. Hart has plenty of evidence to back up her claim that "the county clerk's office is the most personal office, because we follow a person from birth to death. We carry the birth certificates, drivers licenses, marriage licenses, property sales, wills, and mortgages, right on up to the death certificate."

Mrs. Hart worked her way up through the ranks of the Aransas County Clerks office. She started out as an office worker, and went on to become the chief deputy for both the county and the district (the offices were split in 1971), and was also court clerk during that time. She was appointed county clerk in 1971, when W.E. Beasley retired from the position.

"I went through three bosses while I was here, I just wore them out," she said, between chuckles. "My first boss was James Herring, and when he retired Mrs. Herring took the job, and then Mr. Beasley was clerk until 1971."

On the wall of her office is a painting of the old courthouse, and she pointed to one of the first floor windows, saying "I typed away my life in that office. Each time the

fire bell rang we'd all run up to the cupola at the top of the building and watch to see where the firetrucks went. You could see for miles up there, and we never had to worry about stopping to lock the doors when we went running up the stairs."

But county work wasn't Mrs. Hart's original ambition; teaching held first place. A Rockport native, the daughter of Grover and Mable Smith attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville and took extension courses through Del Mar College in order to get a teaching degree.

Finding a teaching job was easier said than done, however, and after a year of working at the Refugio County Clerks office she quit work to marry Roy Lee Hart. During the interview Mr. Hart called his wife to ask her to join him in a coffee break. After she hung up, Mrs. Hart explained with a coquettish smile "my husband still dates me." They have one daughter, Dolly Lee Close, who lives with her husband in Houston, "and four beautiful, beautiful grandchildren."

Mrs. Hart went back to work nine years later, and this time she was working as

a teacher. She spent two years with fourth-graders, and eight years at the junior high.

"I really wanted to teach (See CLERK, page 12)



City Council To Meet

Rockport's City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 24, in City Hall.

PEO To Meet

Chapter EO, P.E.O., will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, in the home of Mrs. W.M. (Pearl) Denny, 2003 Cochran. Mrs. Leland (Gertrude) Fisher will present a program on travel.

Ducks Unlimited

Members of Ducks Unlimited will be raffling off a 1979 Jeep, with the winning ticket to be announced at their annual banquet on September 29 at the Paws and Taws Building. Tickets for the Jeep are selling for \$25 each, and there are approximately 60 of the 500 tickets left. Tickets can be bought from any member of Ducks Unlimited at First National Bank or from D&C Sporting Goods Store.

Boys Leader Needed

Anyone interested in acting as leader for the Boy Scout Webelos should contact Jim Friebele, 729-5676, for more information.



RUBY HART

Rockport Sales Continue To Grow

Rockport is due a check for \$30,588.49 from State Comptroller Bob Bullock this month, the city's one-per cent share of sales tax collections for August.

This brings Rockport's total sales tax collections for 1979 to date to \$151,891.05.

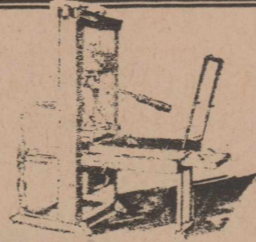
The August figures were down by about \$3,000 from the sales tax collected for the same period last year, but overall tax collections are up from last year's by more than \$20,000—a 15 per cent increase.

This compares favorably with other Coastal Bend cities. Sales tax collections for Portland for the year were up 11 per cent over last year's totals; for Gregory, up one per cent; for Refugio, six per cent; for Aransas Pass, 22 per cent; for Corpus Christi, 16 per cent.

City sales tax is collected by merchants along with the state sales tax and is rebated by the Comptroller's office.

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Features

Tides Of The Mind

by Sarah L. Durdin

There are some things you just don't believe until you have lived through them. Wednesday's flood was one of those happenings.

I've lived through Dallas ice and Austin drizzle, but no one ever told me I'd spend my working days wading through something out of a Charlton Heston Biblical film.

Of course, I should have known better than to expect something merely wet Wednesday morning, especially after it poured all night Tuesday. Not even realizing what lay in store for me, I merrily slogged out to the car Wednesday morning, and slid in the pop-top door. (I have a VERY small car. It runs on a power from a wind-up knob.)

Once I hit Austin Street I realized the only mistake I'd made so far was in forgetting to bring the oars. Still, as long as the doors were closed, and the windows were shut, it was sort of interesting watching the little fishies swim up and look in the car. I found out that doing my very best fish impression made no impression on them, as they turned a part of their anatomy distinctly lacking in grace towards me, and swam away.

Being ever the enthusiastic, ambitious, loyal combination of employee and reporter that I am, I nevertheless went to work. As soon as it was possible, Shortstuff (my wordy colleague across the desk) and I sloshed out to the street, armed with cameras and film.

In the course of our ad-

School Menus

BREAKFAST

Served at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Monday, September 24:
Applesauce, cinnamon toast, milk.

Tuesday, September 25:
Orange juice, assorted cereals, milk.

Wednesday, September 26:
Apple juice, honey buns, sausage links, milk.

Thursday, September 27:
Banana half, cornflakes, milk.

Friday, September 28:
Fruit juice, egg-potato taco, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, September 24:
Hot dogs, relishes, baked beans, seasoned mixed greens, buns, forty-niner bars, milk.

Tuesday, September 25:
Swiss steaks, gravy, mashed potatoes, 1000 island dressing, bread, iced cake squares, milk.

Wednesday, September 26:
Lasagne, seasoned green beans, cole slaw, bread, butterscotch pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday, September 27:
Roast beef, gravy, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, hot rolls, butter, fruit cups, milk.

Friday, September 28:
Beef pot pie, whole kernel corn, tossed green salad, bread, gingerbread with orange glaze, milk.

Note: These menus are subject to change without notice, depending upon availability and delivery of foods.

Entries Still Open For Seafair Gumbo Cook Off

Entries are now being accepted for the fifth annual Rockport Seafair World's Championship Gumbo Cook Off on October 6 and 7.

Trophies will be awarded for first place gumbo, second place gumbo and behind place gumbo each day, in addition to first, second and third place showmanship award each day.

All gumbo chefs and gumbo cook off teams, experienced or not, are

ventures we taught each other new expressions of profanity, made promises concerning religious meccas if we were allowed to live, hitched a ride in an LTD, a city sanitation truck, and a flatbed loader, devoured the package of devils food cookies we had taken along "in case we get stuck and need nutrition," and somehow managed to survive to tell the tale of the Great Flood of '79.

Wet and bedraggled as we were/are, this is our report as shown in the driver's log book.

"Blair, I have a very small car, so be careful. We may be going into dangerous territory, and we can't take any chances. Lock your door, roll up your window and quit crushing the cookies."

"I can't help it. I've never ridden in a soup can before. You might at least have told me about this ride before you bought the tickets."

"All right, all right, I'm sorry. Look, let's just take some pictures as long as we're out here. There's a good one over there."

"Geez, I didn't know they could make saddles for trout that size."

"You mean that really is a fish? I thought it was a shetland pony."

"Yeah, and watch how you splash him with this thing you call a car. I think he eats trespassers. By the way, where are we?"

"According to my navigation charts, and judging by the position of where the sun should be if it ever comes out again, and supposing..."

"You don't know where we are, do you?"

"No idea at all. You?"

"I think we're still in Rockport."

"Sounds close enough for me. Maybe we can recognize the top of a building and figure out where we

are. Do you see any buildings?"

"No. You know, we really should have brought along some cane poles and some bait, considering how well your car floats."

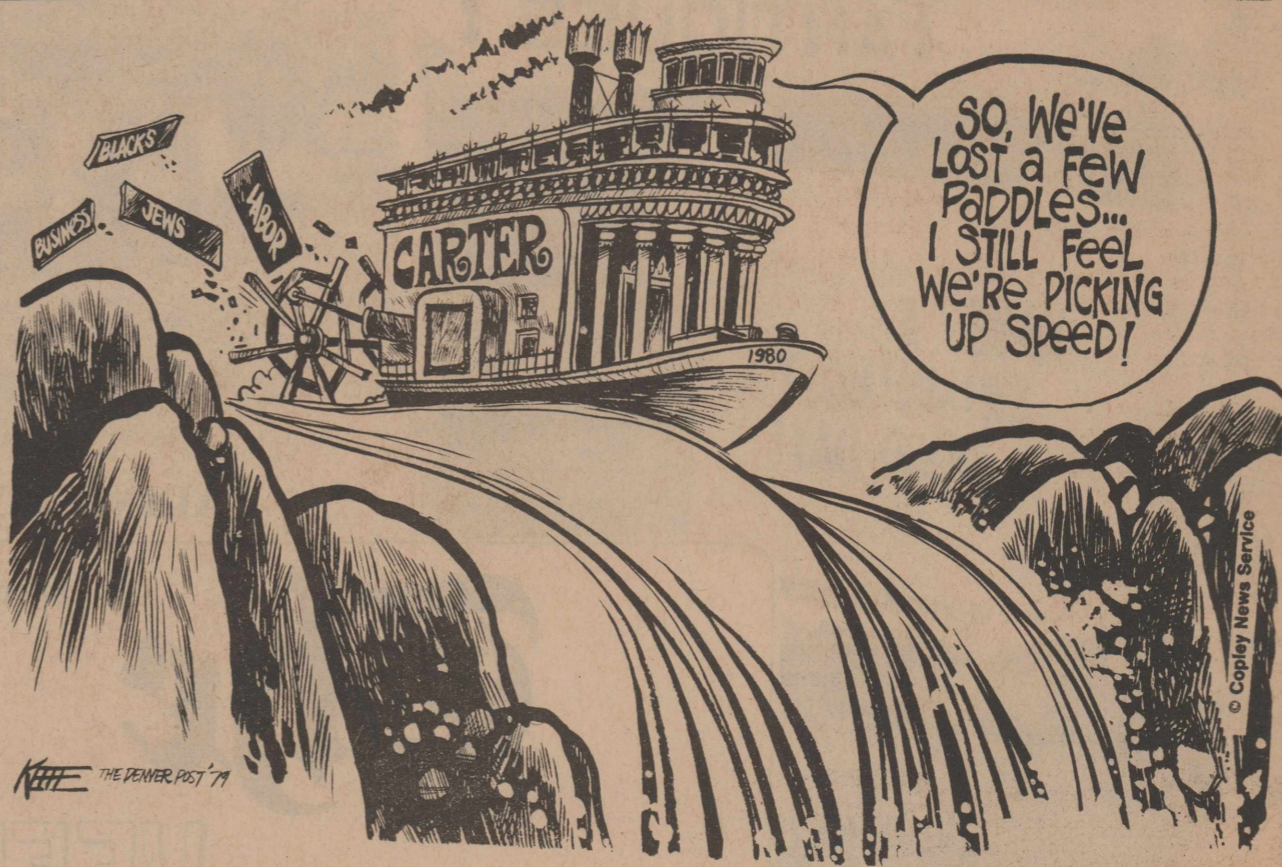
"Most soup cans do float well."

"Oh, hey! I'm sorry about that! Listen, actually it's sort of peaceful out here. Just the gulls and us and the water and... and why is that shrimp boat tailgating us, I'd like to know!"

The driver's log book ends there, but we did find out (A) that you can swim in a Ford, (B) you never know enough profanity and (C) the song "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" is a protest song. More bulletins as they occur.

Bentsen Urges Action To Ease Rail Car Shortage

Washington, D.C.--Senator Lloyd Bentsen on Monday urged a House subcommittee to approve legislation that would ease the rail car shortage in this country by suspending a tariff on cars imported from Mexico.



Blair's Corner

By Pat Blair

I first realized Something Was Wrong With The Car Door that day in Corpus Christi.

It had been raining--something like what we've had here in Rockport the past several days (or is it months?)--and there was a Stop sign. I braked...and I heard "it."

The slosh. That's all it was--just a sloshing noise, like water--a lot of water--moving around somewhere.

I spent an uneasy moment looking around the car, wondering what it was getting ready to do to me now, but I didn't see any water (except what was trickling down the inside of the windshield, but that's another matter). So I drove on. In silence.

Until I hit a red light. Then--slosh.

Finally, the noise was traced to the door on the passenger side. It leaks--well, no, that's an inaccuracy. It fills. With every rainfall. If Rockport should have half an inch of rain, I wind up with six or seven inches of it in my car door.

I take it philosophically, though. (What else can you do when you drive down the street sounding like a four-cylinder aquarium?) Of all the cars I've owned or driven, this one (knock on wood) has given me the fewest problems (so far...)

In the beginning there was my father's big black Ford. I sort of liked that car. I took my driver's examination in it (the only time in my life I have ever voluntarily parallel parked between two stationary objects). I got some good miles out of it until someone ran into it while it was parked and put more pleats in it than you used to see in those skirts in the '50s.

After the Ford, there was the blue and white Chevrolet which taught me about transmissions. Specifically, it taught me what happens when you drive a car with an automatic transmission but without transmission fluid...

Then there was the Dodge Dart that taught me everything else about a car. It was the first car I drove

that was actually Mine, and it was eight years old and had 90,000 miles on it when I bought it (which should have told me something).

I learned a lot about the inner workings of cars from that Dart, mostly because I had to replace so many parts. I learned, for example, that if the voltage regulator is defective, it won't help to replace the battery (I went through four of them)... that replacing a master cylinder is expensive... that if you replace eight-year-old brake shoes but don't replace the eight-year-old brake linings, said linings will rupture and you wind up with tires full of brake fluid...

Then the car learned a new trick. I'd be driving up a hill (this was in Tyler, the rolling hills of East Texas) and the engine would die halfway to the top. Sometimes it wouldn't even wait til I was at the halfway point to conk out. This, on a busy four-lane street with a tailgater behind you, can be disconcerting.

I finally limped it to a garage where a mechanic informed me the gas filter was clogged. It was, he said, "vapor-locking"--the gasoline was evaporating before it could get into the carburetor. The solution, he said, was simple: he just took the gas filter off, threw it away and plugged the gas line directly into the carburetor.

Hesitantly (I was much younger then), I asked him, didn't I need the gas filter? (If it wasn't necessary, why put it on the car in the first place?) Nope, he assured me. It was just on there to trap any leaves or dirt that might enter the gasoline tank at the service station. The odds for any gas or dirt getting into the carburetor really weren't that great, he assured me.

Not terribly assured but not wanting to push the matter, I got into my car minus gas filter--and drove away. As it turned out, I really didn't need the filter--the rest of the car fell apart not too long after that. I remember the day well: the car had quit running, so I had it towed to a service station where, I was told, it needed a tuneup. When I went to pick it up that afternoon, the station owner--a good friend of the family--said, "I sure am sorry. I gave that car a tuneup before I found out the rest of what was wrong with it. I owe you an apology."

I knew that my love-hate relationship with the Dart had come to an end.

From the Dart I went to a Nova, also used but a little younger and in a lot better condition than the Dart had been. The lessons I learned from it were relatively minor: what happens when

a fan belt breaks, what to do when the brakes fail and you're going downhill, little things like that...

But when I finally traded it on my present model (a '76 Colt) it was ready to go. Rust (the bane of this area) had begun to set in, and the door on the driver's side bore mute testimony to the day I pulled into a parking space at my apartment just a little bit too close to a pole...

The biggest problem with the Nova was the trunk. It leaked--or filled, depending on viewpoint. After even a moderate rain, there was always enough water in the trunk to support a flotilla. At least a top one.

And now there's the Colt. The trunk doesn't leak, but the door does. And the windshield does.

But I suppose I shouldn't complain. It gets me where I'm going--most of the time--with reasonable reliability. It's there when I need it, and I can come to terms with the door problem.

I'm thinking about buying goldfish...

"Low Down"

By JOE CRUMP

REPRESENTATIVE RON PAUL (Texas)...Congress should know that this administration is setting up collective farms in the south...

ISRAELI EXPERTS TO HELP START U.S. KIBBUTZIM

Washington--The Carter administration is planning to import Israeli agricultural experts to set up kibbutz-like farms in the rural South, Agriculture Department sources said Thursday.

It is an effort to stop the growth of large corporate farms and retain land for the rural poor, the sources said. The chief beneficiaries of the experimental program would be black sharecroppers and tenant farmers in Florida, Louisiana and Alabama.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland soon will call together officials from four federal agencies and two private foundations to sign the necessary contracts to launch the program, sources said. That ceremony is expected within the next few days.

Known as a "Family Farm Cooperative," the program would establish an unspecified number of farm collectives similar to the Israeli Kibbutz. The Israeli government and farm association

"The Mexicans attach considerable importance to this legislation. They see it as an opportunity to determine whether our two countries can find ways to cooperate to

our mutual advantage. I sincerely believe that passage of this legislation would have a positive impact on US-Mexico relations," he added.

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plan to send experts to train the farmers in cooperative management practices, the sources said. In addition to the federal agencies, the Ford Foundation, the Israeli Center for

International Agricultural Cooperative, the Israeli Association of International Cooperation and the Southern (U.S.) Development Foundation will participate in the experimental project.

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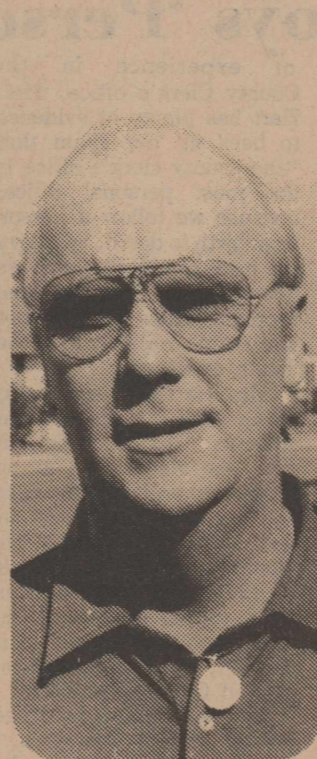
How do you think the drainage system in Aransas County could be improved?

Question



Kathleen Turpin

"I don't know just what, but something has to be done. We need some deeper holes and more drains along the streets." --Kathleen Turpin, Port Avenue.



B.H. Sours

"We need to change the curvature of the streets so that the water will drain to the storm sewers. More road maintenance would help, and cleaning the storm sewers more often would help the water drain faster." --B.H. Sours, Ivy Lane.



Buzz Sanders

"Short of putting three feet of dirt on top of everything, I don't know what could be done." --Buzz Sanders, Rockport.



Charlene Miller

"Make more levees with bridges for the low-lying areas." --Charlene Miller, Palm Harbor.



Harold Stapper

"There's not enough drainage under the railroad crossings, and they end up washing out. There's not enough culverts to take care of the overflow either." --Harold Stapper, Young.

Commissioners Name Tax System Nominees

By Sarah L. Durdin
Two nominees to serve on a uniform tax appraisal systems board were approved by Aransas County Commissioners during their September 19 meeting, with County Judge John Wendell presiding over the meeting. Erie Eller, vacationing out of state, was the only commissioner not present at the meeting.
James W. Hunt and Harold Shirey were nominated to serve as the county's two choices for the November 15 election of board members for the new system.
Defined by State Senate Bill 621, the system allows for three members to be nominated by the school board, and two from the county commissioners court. The purpose of the board is to provide for more equitable taxes through uniformity of taxing systems.
The tax valuations will be based on 100 percent market values, although

the tax rate to be used is not yet known. County and school officials have stated that the tax rate is expected to go down, and have added that state laws prohibit more than a three percent raise in taxes.
Commissioners joined the uniform tax system in previous meeting, before the September 15 deadline, despite the fact that they would have automatically become part of the system next year when it becomes part of the state taxing procedures. By joining before the deadline, county commissioners will be able to participate in the system in Aransas County by their nominations.
A letter from Dr. C.M. Patterson was read to commissioners, stating that he would decline to enter into a contract to lease the military mess hall at the county airport. Patterson had originally requested permission to lease the building for his business, manufacturing machinery parts.
In his letter, Patterson

stated that he was not satisfied with the terms of the lease, and added that he had since found another building in the county more suited to his needs.
Commissioners dis-

cussed a letter from L.E. Casterline, mayor of Fulton, requesting emergency road maintenance. Commissioners agreed to study the matter further if they were given a contract

listing the streets in need of work.
Gary Dean Smith was approved by commissioners as a deputy for the Aransas County Sheriff's office.

Smith began his deputy duties August 29.
Commissioner Raymond Owens invited other commissioners to attend a luncheon given by the

Small Business Administration to discuss the oil spill. The luncheon was set for the same day, in Corpus Christi.
Bills totalling \$16,511.91 were read and approved, as were monthly reports from William G. Walston,

Justice of the Peace for precinct three, and Ellis Clark, Justice of the Peace for precinct two.
The next meeting of the Aransas County Commissioners will be held at 9 a.m. September 26, at the county courthouse.



GIVE IT BACK, DOG!

That seems to be the feeling of Michael Gove McConnell, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McConnell of Copano Cove. It seems the McConnells were visiting Mike's grandparents, John M. and Lois Gove, at 2012 Cochran Lane.

Mike was playing ball and Teddy -- the dog -- decided to join in the fun. But Teddy's idea of fun -- taking the ball -- didn't appeal to Mike, who wanted his property back! And that's when the action started. [Pilot Photo by Pat Blair]

Commission Recommends Few Changes In Proposed City Charter

Rockport's proposed city charter will go to the City Council Monday, September 24, essentially as it was presented in public hearing earlier this month--but with some changes in Article VI dealing with initiative, referendum and recall.
The final decision on the charter was made in a three-hour session of the charter commission at 7 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.
Among changes in Article VI were provisions dealing with recall of officials in elective offices.
As originally worded, the charter would permit any group of people to form a petitioners committee to recall an official from office.

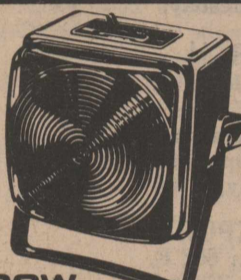
This would mean, for example, that voters in Ward one would be able to petition for removal of a councilman elected to represent Ward two.
Wednesday voted to change the wording so that only those persons qualified to vote for an elective official could petition for his removal from office.
This would mean, for example, that only voters in Ward two could form a petitioners committee to recall a councilman elected to represent that ward.
Another change to Article VI was in the percentage numbers of signatures that are required on petitions of recall, initiative and referendum.
As originally approved by the commission, the charter would require a petition for initiative, referendum or recall to be signed by a number equal to at least 25 per cent of the votes cast in the last general municipal election.
As changed Wednesday, the charter would require the signatures on initiative and referendum petitions to equal at least 15 per cent of those registered to vote in the last municipal election.
For recall elections, the signatures on the petition must equal at least 20 per cent of the registered voters qualified to vote for the official in question.
Also approved Wednesday was deletion of the grounds for removal of an elective official. These were originally set down as "incompetency, noncompliance with this Charter, misconduct or malfeasance in office."
The section of the charter dealing with this now says merely that "the qualified voters of the City shall have power to remove any official serving in an elective office."
Upon a comment from commission member Walter Clark that "this seems terribly broad," commission member Bill Walston said, "None of the other (city) charters specify reasons."
The charter commission did not adopt a suggestion that the number of people constituting a petitioners committee be dropped from 10 to five.
Another change approved was to Article V to clarify the wording of the residence requirement for city council-

men.
The new wording provides that a candidate for elective office "shall have resided within the corporate limits of the City, or recently annexed territory, for at least 12 months prior to the filing deadline."
The commission approved wording that would allow the city council to make amendments to the city budget on only one reading. The charter already stated that the budget should be adopted on one reading.
The commission discussed possible changes to Article X, dealing with the city master plan and planning commission, but did not make any significant changes.
As written, Article X mandates preparation of a master plan which is to be presented to the city council. If the council does not accept or reject the plan within 60 days, the charter provides the plan automatically approved.
Commission members debated whether to change the wording so that if the council did not act, the plan would automatically fail, but the final vote was unanimous to have Article X essentially as it was written.
The one major point of contention during the evening was over salaries for members of the city council. Commission members again debated whether council members should receive salaries in addition to the expense reimbursement provided in the charter.
The vote was 7-5 to leave this charter as written, providing for the council members to serve without salary but with reimbursement for actual expenses incurred.
The commission considered rewording Article one, section three, on annexation to prohibit skips and voids"

such as presently exist in the city where an unannexed parcel of land will lie between two annexed portions.
Commission members concluded however that this is covered under State laws and will not be a problem if Rockport becomes a Home Rule city.
The charter commission will ask Rockport's city council to set November 6 as charter election date.

True Value
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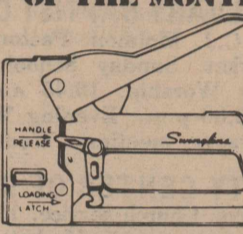


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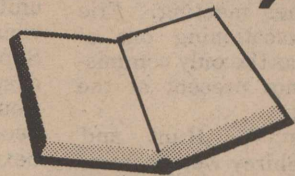
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(Continued from page 1) caused too many sewer problems.

There were complaints from people on septic systems as water turned streets into rivers and yards into lakes.

Rockport schoolchildren got an unexpected holiday as the heavy rains forced closing of city schools, and after the rainfall stopped, youngsters turned out en masse in boats, on bicycles or on foot for a good time.

Adults were less enthusiastic as cars stalled out and the combination, in the early morning, of falling rain and water splashing up from the pavement reduced visibility.

Assistant Fire Marshall Leslie Crawford said the Emergency Corps worked "all day" Wednesday, helping people who were stranded by the rapidly-rising waters. "I was stranded for half the day myself," he added.

Rockport Volunteer Fire Chief Ed Truelove added that most of the assistance was for "stalled cars and people needing help to get out of ditches."

He and Crawford both said there were no fire calls Wednesday.

Rockport Police Chief James Craigmile reported his department didn't have too much trouble Wednesday. The biggest problems, he said, was the "sight-seers", and they didn't cause any major difficulties.

Police also reported no traffic accidents Wednesday. Residents throughout the area reported problems with

telephone service. "Most people could call in but couldn't call out," Johnson said, adding he didn't know what caused the difficulty. He added he didn't get his own phone service back until Wednesday evening.

Doyle Bryant with Central Power & Light said there were isolated cases of disrupted power in the city Wednesday, but added that most of these were caused by Tuesday night's high winds rather than Wednesday's rains.

"Overall, we came out pretty well," he added.

Johnson added that Thursday, breaks in water lines were reported in parts of the city including Little Bay Shores and Harbor Oaks. "This always happen," he added.

In Key Allegro, rain and high tides brought channel water up over the docks and at least one capsized boat and one sunken boat were reported.

Along Rockport beach, picnic tables were under water.

Johnson said 8.10 inches of rain fell from 4 p.m. Tuesday until 10 a.m. Wednesday. Added to Tuesday's rainfall, he continued, this gave Rockport some 12 inches of rain in a two-day period.

The storm was caused by a depression with a core of cool air left over from a front that moved through the area Sunday. The Rockport area was reported one of those hardest-hit by the storm which also caused damage in Aransas Pass, Ingleside and Corpus Christi.



LAUNDRY, ANYONE? THE SCENE IN FULTON



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Wet Clothes, Roads Reported In Fulton

Fulton had no major problems, "just lots of water," Mayor L.E. Casterline said of Wednesday's high tides and rainfall that flooded Aransas County.

"We've had septic tank problems, water in houses, wet clothes and wet bedding," he said.

Parts of Highway 35 North through Fulton were under high water Wednesday, as were several city streets. Floodwaters spilled over into low-lying land areas making it hard to distinguish between public right-of-way and private property.

High tides and rainfall pushed water up over Fulton Beach Road in places and damaged piers along the beach.

The Sea Foam Motel was one of those that lost a pier to the storm. Mrs. Jo Ann Cory said most of the pier will have to be replaced. The motel also got some wind and rain in some of

the units, she added, but damage was "primarily to the pier."

A door was blown in and some rain got into the small room on one side of Charlotte Plummer's Sea Fare Restaurant, and some of the employees didn't make it to work Wednesday, but there was no real damage, said employee Julie Clifton. In fact, she said, "We had a pretty good business."

Fulton youngsters, released from school, had a field day playing in flooded yards and streets, but their parents were having problems with high water and stalled cars.

By Thursday afternoon, Mayor Casterline said the Fulton Beach Road South was passable, but he hadn't driven the northern section so he didn't know if it was clear yet.

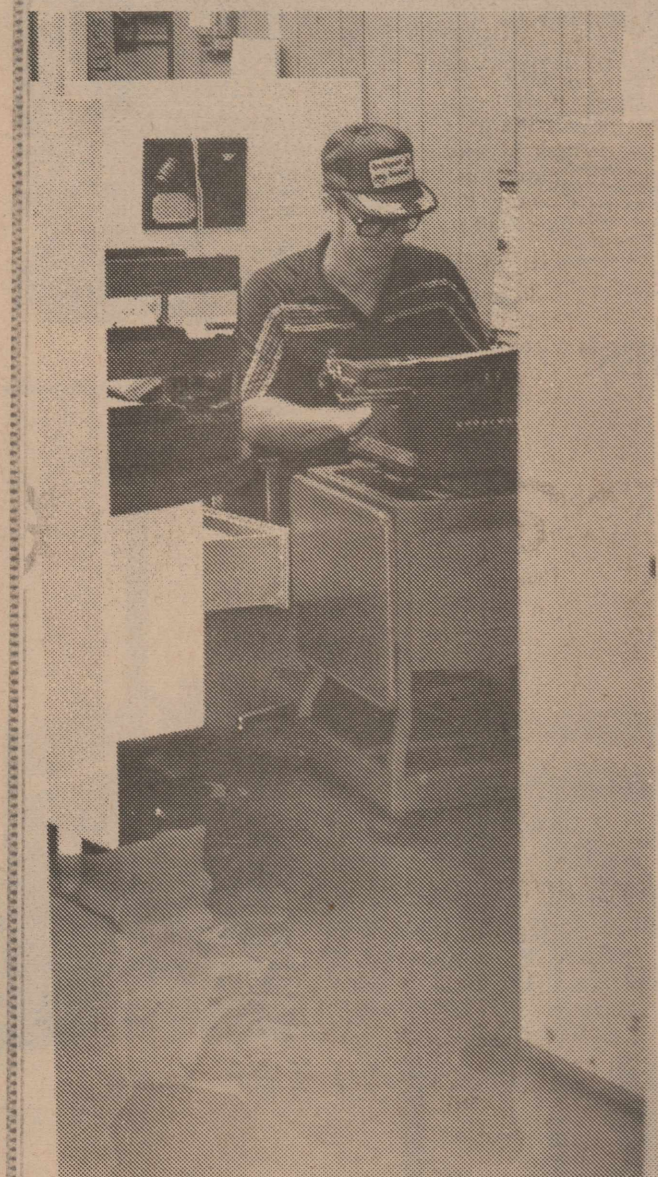
He said the tide was still high Thursday but he expected it to be "back to normal in a few days."



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Area Businesses Dry Out After Heavy Floods

High water wreaked havoc for businesses throughout the Rockport-Fulton area during Wednesday's storms.

Cleanup procedures were in full swing Thursday as area businessmen assessed damages and spread rain-soaked carpets out on parking lots to dry.

One of the harder hit businesses in Rockport was Prophet's Inc. on Highway 35 South where water from the highway and adjoining land areas flooded as deep as 28 inches.

Mrs. Dudley Prophet reported Thursday that water inside the building came up nearly to the windows.

"It's pretty bad dam-

age," she said, taking a break from cleanup operations to talk about it. "It's probably the worst in Rockport—I think we got all the water. Everything was under water—all of our tools," she added.

She said she couldn't begin to estimate the damage at that time. "It's at least in the thousands of dollars," she said. "A \$200 pump is shot, the loader is shot, so that's \$5,000—and to replace it today would cost \$15,000. The welding machine is gone... it's \$500 here and \$500 there."

Cabinets and desks in the office were under water, she continued, and typewriters were under water in the storage room. "All our

papers got soaked, and the air conditioners—water was way up over the wires, so we're not sure of those.

"There's no price on heartbreak," she added. Businesses all along Austin Street were flooded with anywhere from five to 13 inches of water during the floods that necessitated barricading the street. A spot check of businesses got the following:

Nancy Fisher of Fisher's Hairmasters reported: "We got eight inches in the front room and 13 inches in back. The floor is buckling and we'll have to replace the floors and paneling. We salvaged the equipment—dried it out—there's no loss of equipment now, but we

don't know what will happen in another month."

Richard Beck reported an estimated \$10,000 in damage to Roaten Drug Store, counting loss of merchandise and damage to store fixtures. The store got seven inches of water inside, he said.

At A Blossom Shop, Gayna Harrell measured the watermarks before reporting they got nine inches of water inside the building. She estimated damage to the carpet and shop at about \$2,000 "not counting the labor to clean things up." On Thursday afternoon, they were still cleaning up water, she said.

At the Moon Shell, there

were no carpets on the floor but there was matting instead, and it was "ruined throughout the store," according to Susan Mahnke. She said she "couldn't even begin to guess" the dollar amount of damage, but added that none of the store's merchandise was hurt.

Kline's Cafe was reported closed until Monday to clear out water and clean up after the flooding. Perfecto Garza, "one of the help," said he didn't know how much water got into the cafe but it was "quite a bit."

Garrett Schmidt at Ray Longino's Texaco station said there weren't too many problems there as a result

of Wednesday's floods—"just a lot of water." He said some water did get into the building, mostly in the bays. Water came up six or seven inches on the station's pumps, but Schmidt said none got into the gasoline storage tanks.

Some businesses along Austin fared better, like Dub and Shirley Farley's Sundial II.

Rising water almost came into the building, Mrs. Farley said, adding, "If it had rained another five minutes, we would have had water inside."

What caused the Sundial a problem, she added, was a leaky roof, but the only damage, she said, was "just a wet carpet."

At Western Auto, Lisa Lopez reported water ruined the street where the railroad track is, but didn't come into the store.

Central Power & Light reported five or six inches of water in the building—the plight of most of the businesses along Austin Wednesday—but no major problems.

At RYSCO, water came up to the first step on the front porch but didn't get into the office.

Robert Konvicka said there was high water in the yard and main building at RYSCO, but no real damage.

At Rockport Parts, 615 South Bronte, Danny

Harder said there was "a little bit of water in the building but no bad damage."

J.C. Harlan said Thursday the flooding hadn't created any problems for area shrimpers, but the high tide could. "If the tide runs out fast, the shrimping season is over with," he said.

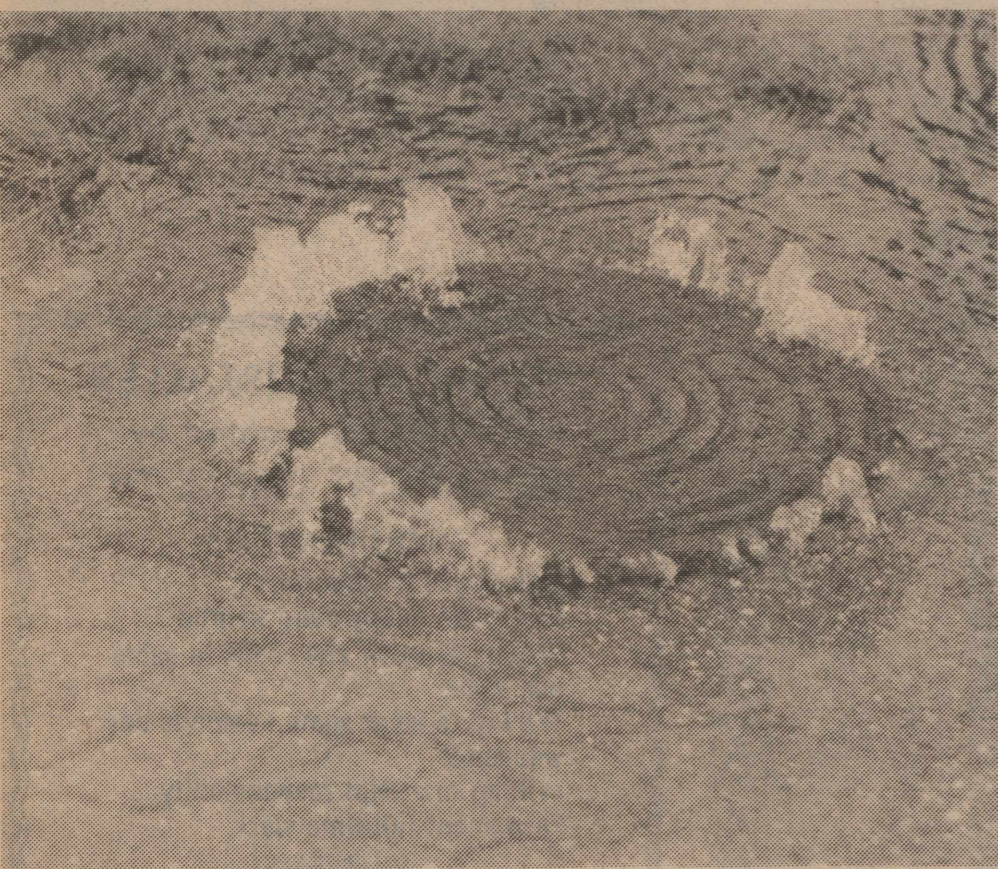
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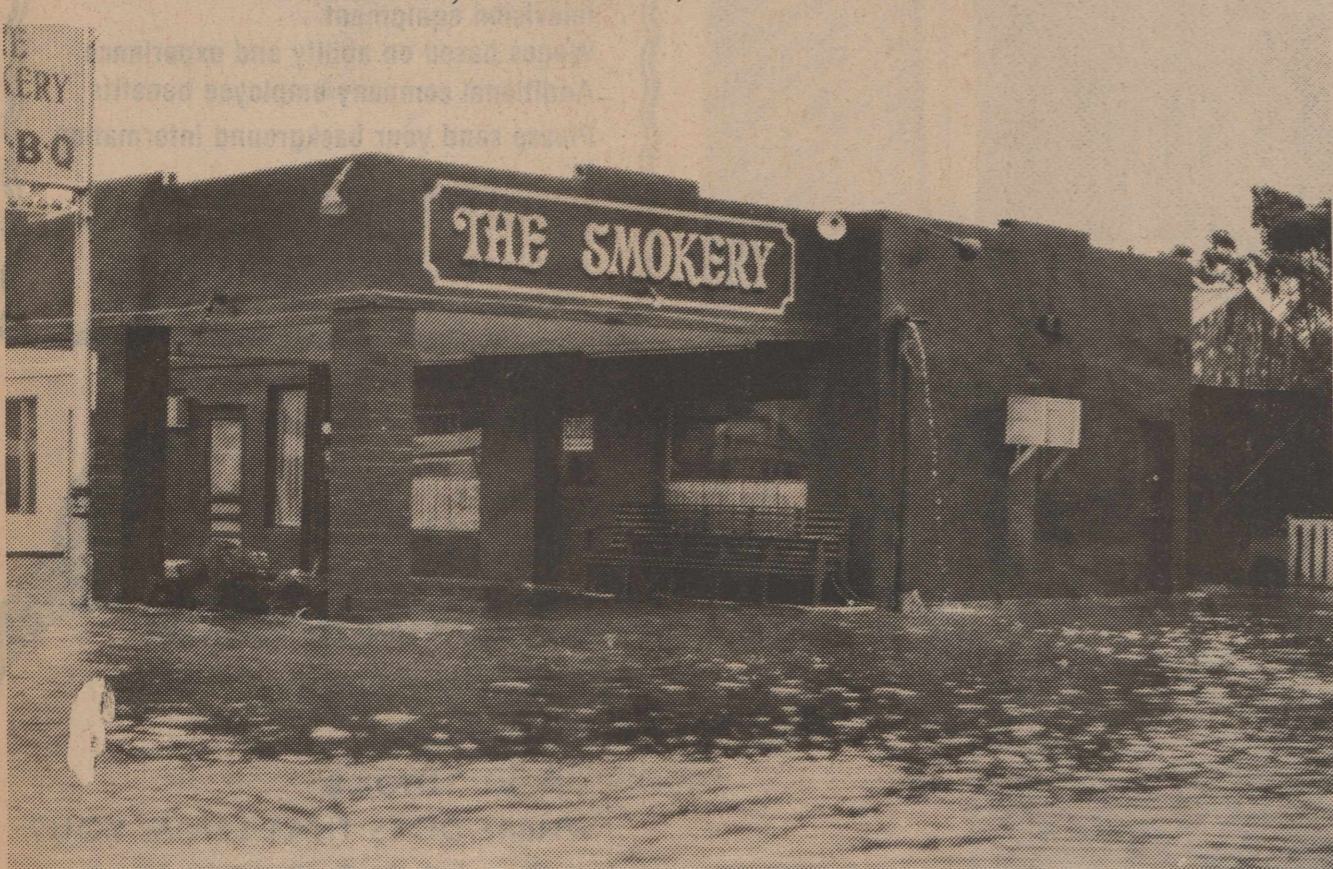
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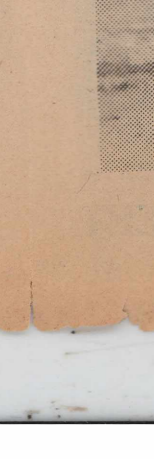
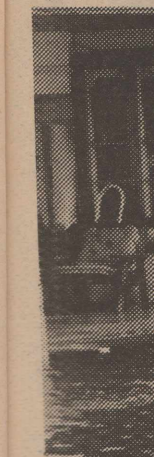
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Judge Estimates \$500,000 Flood Damage To Roads

"Roads were out all over Aransas County. I have a man out right now taking aerial photographs, and my own guess is that damages will be about \$500,000," said County Judge John Wendell, talking about flood damages to Aransas County.

Thursday morning Wendell sent a telegram to Governor Bill Clements, asking that Aransas County be declared a flood disaster area. Heavy rains Tuesday and Wednesday caused all major highways into the Rockport-Fulton area to be impassable.

"I sent the telegram so we can get some federal aid in here for road repairs, and also to help pay for the damages that occurred. We might also be able to get help for businesses," he added.

Wendell stated that during emergencies, such as a flood, Aransas County does have temporary storm shelters, which are part of the county's civil defense

program. At least one of those shelters was available Tuesday night. Aransas County Sheriff Robert Hewes and his deputies had 19 persons seek shelter at the juvenile shelter. As of Thursday morning, eight were still there.

"We had lots of calls for stalled cars, mostly between Rockport and Aransas Pass," Hewes said. "We just went ahead and got them out of the way."

Hewes said he had all six of his patrol cars out on duty, and the department also made use of two additional trucks. Hewes also emphasized that he was especially grateful for help from the many volunteers, the fire departments in particular.

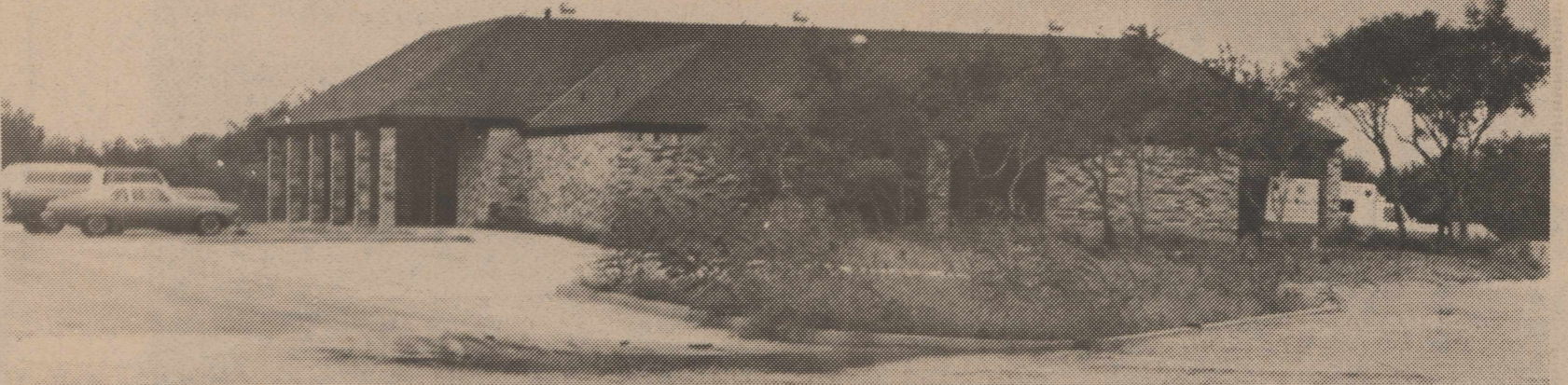
Bill Aston, director of the Aransas County Emergency Medical Services, Inc., reported that paramedics had a fairly easy day Wednesday.

"First of all, it happened on Wednesday, and that's

always a light traffic day, second, most people couldn't get out, and third, those who did get to their cars couldn't travel at high speeds for all the water," he explained.

The paramedics did treat two heart attack victims, and answered a sick call, but Aston said there were no water-related injuries reported.

However, one child was brought to the Enterprise Medical Center after cutting his foot while wading in the storm waters.



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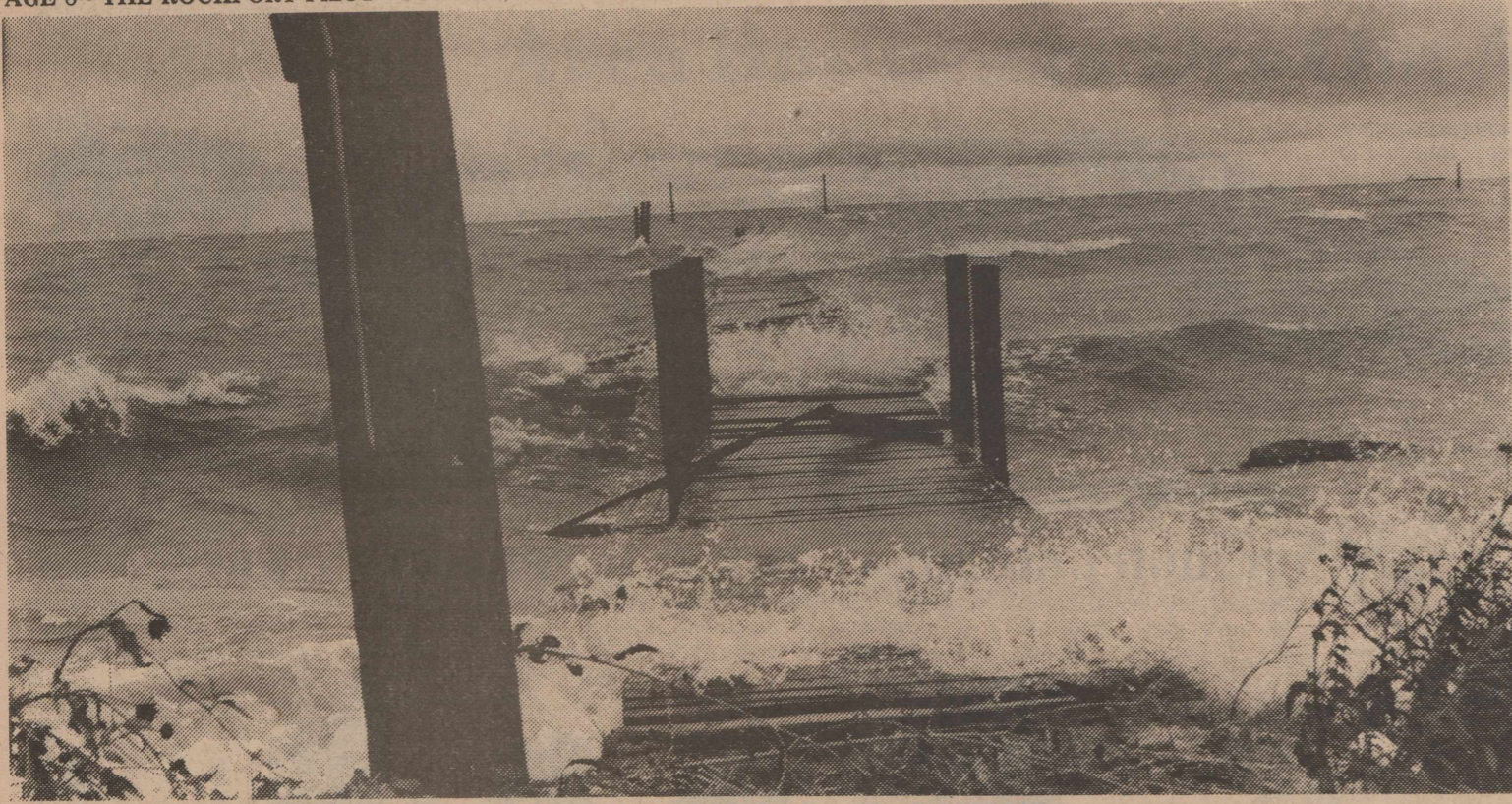
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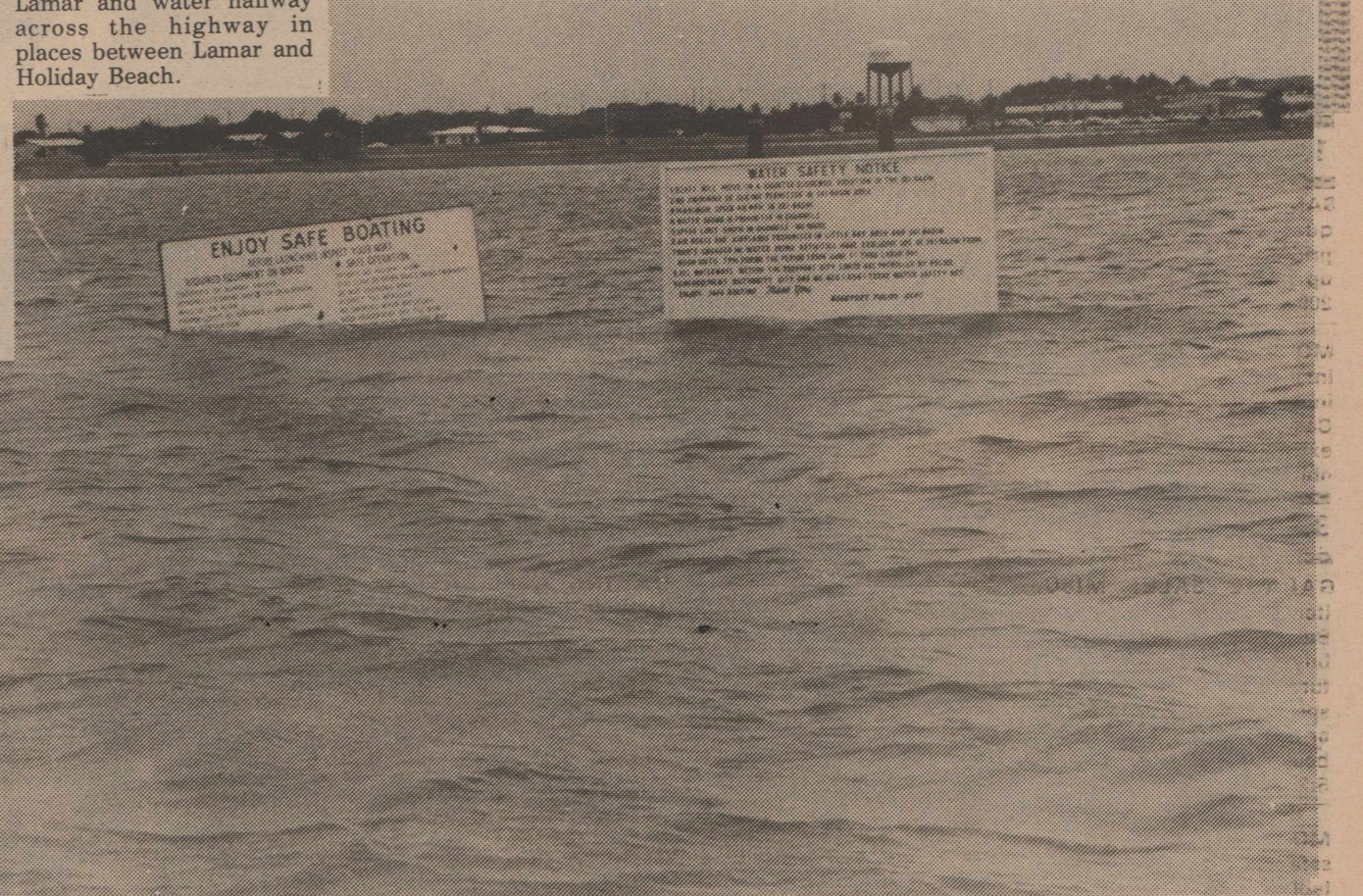
Residents at Holiday Beach had "a backup problem with the lake, but we're not that bad off," Freddie Lingner, member of the district water board, said Thursday.

She said a "little bit of water" got into her office, Lingner Real Estate, and the recreation building Wednesday, but there was none in any of the houses.

She also reported water across Highway 35 North in the area of the Sea Gun in Lamar and water halfway across the highway in places between Lamar and Holiday Beach.



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Employment applications
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34. Sail Boats

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39. Business Opportunity

HAVE A HIGHLY PROFIT-able and beautiful Jean shop of your own. Featuring the latest in Jeans, Denims and Sportswear. \$15,500.00 includes beginning inventory, fixtures and training. You may have your store open in as little as 15 days. Call any time for Mr. Kosticky 612-432-0455.

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42. Acreage Sale

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

BY OWNER, ROCKPORT, 2 ea. 4 1/4 acres side by side, cleared, scattered trees, high ground, w/lake, \$3,500 per acre; w/o, \$3,000. Call for appointment, 729-7534.

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APPROX. TEN ACRES, 3 miles from Rockport, partially cleared with two man-made lakes stocked with fish. At \$2,800 an acre. This one won't last long. Phone 512-758-7551. Ask for Mike.

45. Lots for Sale

4 LOTS APPROXIMATELY 50 x 125 EA IN COPANO Cove, Rockport. Good investment. Call Sharon Greenaway at 643-5754 evenings. TOMPKINS-YOUNG 643-2581 or 758-7534.

46. Condos For Sale

ALLEGRO NORTH CONDO-By owner. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, upstairs, furnished/unfurnished. 729-6274, day. 729-7050 after 5 pm.

47. Houses for Sale

ASSUME LOAN ON 2 bdrm, Cedar house on stilts in Holiday Beach. Large cedar storage building. One lot. Newly carpeted. Call after 6 p.m. 729-3835.

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48. Mobile Homes

12 X 60 GUARDIAN, 3-bedroom trailer. Partly furnished. \$5,500 Snug Harbor Trailer Park, Hwy. 361 S. after 6 p.m. In Aransas Pass.

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48. Mobile Homes

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51. Power Boats

2 BERTRAM 25'S, FBSF & hard top, both twin Chrysler inboards w/hwy trailers. Chris Craft 57' & 38' beauties! Hatteras 41' & 34', both diesels. Stamas 23 w/new 330 engine. Alglas 25 inboard -- want offer! 27 Torjan cabin cruiser -- Kleen. Buck Bailey. 729-1000

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52. Trucks

1964 2-TON CHEVY truck. All good rubber with 16' moving box, 327 motor, Browning hi-low 2-speed. See at 1609 Jenkins St.

54. Automobiles

1976 BUICK SKYLARK CAN be seen at 509 N. Live Oak.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PER-sons HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALTA BOWMAN SPILLERS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamen-tary for the Estate of ALTA BOWMAN SPILLERS, Deceased, were issued on August 27, 1979, in Cause No. 1715, pending in the County Court at Law of Aransas County, Texas, to ERROL KENT SPILLERS.

The residence of such Executor is Harris County, Texas. The post office of such executor is:

Mr. Errol Kent Spillers
21103 Cimaron
Katy, Texas 77450

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 19th day of September, 1979.
S/Calvin W. Scholz, J.D.
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State Fair To Be Western Whing-Ding

Texans and Western whing-dings go together like cornbread and red beans. This year the State Fair of Texas, October 5-21, and Western whing-dings have that same great combination.

At the 94th edition of the nation's largest state fair, championship rodeo, cowboy history and country and western music will say "howdy" in a big way as the State Fair presents "A Salute To Good Neighbors".

More than 500 of the top cowboys in the United States will converge on the State Fair Coliseum October 6-14 for some of the roughest, toughest bull riding and bronc busting rodeo fans have ever seen.

The leading competitors of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association will be vying for over \$50,000 in prize money.

Rodeo producer Tommy Steiner will supply first-rate stock, and announcer Chuck Parkison will keep spectators informed and entertained.

Other attractions will include rodeo clown and bull-fighter Quail Dobbs and Leon and Vicki Adams with their trained Brahman bulls and Paint horse.

Action will begin nightly at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$4 for reserved seats and \$6 for box seats. A rodeo ticket will admit the holder to the Fairgrounds on the day of the performance.

Mail orders will be accepted now with a check made payable to: The State Fair of Texas, P.O. Box 26010, Dallas, TX 75226.

When people hear the work "cowboy" they may envision a rustic, hard-working man sauntering through the corral or herding cattle on the Plains. Yet, that probably isn't a totally accurate picture of today's cowboy.

Daily during the Fair,

"The Cowboy Heritage Festival" in the Texas Hall of State will take a candid look at the lifestyles of today's cowboys through films, lectures, photography exhibits, skills demonstrations, panel discussions and a Gene Autry movie.

All aspects of the program are designed to dispel the stereotyped notions of cowboy lifestyle as por-

trayed in the movies. Of course Big Tex, the nation's largest cowboy at 52 feet tall, will be on hand to greet Fair visitors.

The Texas-size symbol of the State Fair has a new wardrobe. His shirt was made from 125 yards red flannel and 4,800 yards red thread. The pants were sewn from 100 yards denim, 4,900 yards black

thread and 1,800 yards orange thread. Total time required to make the outfit was 364 1/2 hours.

Country and western music fans will clap, stomp and holler at the sounds of Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke and his rendition of "Cotton-eyed Joe", bluegrass music from the Cheyenne Mountain Band, progres-

sive country tunes from the Side of the Road Gang and humorous opra-style music from The Shoppe.

All the free musical entertainment is provided daily at the Coca Cola Big Tex Stage or Stage 7 (located near gate seven of the Cotton Bowl).

For one of the biggest Western whing-dings you'll ever see, come on over to the State Fair October 5-21 for some good ol' fashioned fun.

DPS Director Speir Retires

AUSTIN-Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has announced he will retire December 31, 1979, after a total of more than 43 years of public service.

He made the announce-ment during the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, of which he has served as president during the past year.

Speir, 62, was named director of the DPS by the Texas Public Safety Commission after the death of Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr. He had been assistant director since June 1, 1962. As director, he has commanded a diverse agency with over 4,500 enforcement and support personnel.

"It was a very difficult decision to make. But after 43 years of public service, including 38 years with the DPS, I felt the time had come to retire," Speir said.

partment of Public Safety on November 1, 1943, and was promoted to sergeant in 1951, and to captain in 1955.

Speir joined the U.S. Army in November, 1942 and served in the European Theatre during World War II and was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve as a captain in 1957.

On September 1, 1957, he was named regional commander of all DPS uniformed personnel in the large West Texas area and promoted to major with duty station at Midland. Appointed assistant director of the DPS on June 1, 1962, he moved to Austin, and was named acting director in May, 1968, before being appointed permanent director by the Texas Public Safety Commission on September 16, 1968.

Speir is a past-president of the Texas Police Association and has held vice-presi-

dential positions with the IACP prior to assuming the presidency of the worldwide organization.

He was named American Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 1971 by the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and presented the J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award.

He is a member of the Governor's Criminal Justice Council which provides state-wide criminal justice planning and administers federal grant programs to the various agencies in the criminal justice system.

He formerly served as co-chairman of the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council and is an ex-officio board member of the Texas Board of Private Investi-



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Sports

Pirates JV Takes 22-8 Loss To Speedy Refugio Bobcats

By Bob Crawford
Refugio used shifty feet and blinding speed to mount up 207 yards on the ground in Thursday night's 22-8 win over the Rockport-Fulton JV at Pirate Stadium. The loss leaves the Pirates with a 1-1-1 record going into an off week next week.

A penalty blotted the Pirates' hopes early in the game when David Kelly broke away for an apparent TD of 47 yards, but his running mate had been in motion to cancel the run. After that, the Pirate offense was shut down totally.

Rockport stopped a big drive by the Bobcats midway through the first period when Kevin Cosby pounced on a loose football to give the Pirates control. However, as was the case all evening, the Pirates could not capitalize on the mistake.

Refugio scored on their very next possession, using a three-yard run to claim the six points. The two points were picked up, making the score 8-0 in favor of the Cats.

Again on the next drive, Refugio did what it had to do, putting together a long drive for another score, this time a 2-yard run. At this point, the game seemed to be heading for a runaway. The Pirates pulled off their third successful kickoff return for a touchdown on the ensuing kickoff. As the Pirates clustered, Kelly

suddenly broke down the right sideline and sailed 75 yards for the TD. Kelly added the two points, and the gap had been narrowed to 14-8.

In the second half, the Cats began to roll again, but a fumble recovery by Eddie Naro stopped that

thrust. From that point on the game became a trade of the ball until the last few seconds when Refugio added another score to add insult to injury. The addition of the two points halted the evening's scoring at 22-8.

On defense, the Pirates

had a number of stickers, six Pirates getting in on at least 10 hits on defense: Scott McMillan, Tim Walker, Cosby, Naro, Todd Mokry and Bob Ayers.

Next week the Pirates will have an open date before taking on Sinton on October 4.



JV PIRATES CLOSE IN FOR KILL



McMILLAN AND McLAIN PROTECT AGAINST PASS

Entries Open For City Tourney

Entries are now open for Rockport's second annual City Tennis Tournament, scheduled for October 13 and 14 (Saturday and Sunday).

Sponsored by the Rockport Tennis Association, the tournament will feature adult and junior events.

All entrants must be full-time residents of Aransas County. Events will be limited to one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles.

Adult events will be divided into "Championship" and "A" divisions

with single elimination. Junior events will be "under 14" and "under 18" with a consolation round.

Entry forms are available at Key Allegro Tennis Club and Rockport Racquet

Club. They may be mailed to RTA, Box 794, Fulton, Texas 78358. Fees are \$4 per event for adults, \$3 per event for juniors.

Entry deadline is October 8.

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Breves Declaraciones Explicativas De Las ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS ELECCION ESPECIAL 6 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1979

PROPOSICION NO. 1 EN LA BOLETA (H.J.R. 108)

La Resolución Conjunta #108 de la Cámara de Representantes propone una enmienda en la constitución de Tejas referente al nombramiento y a los plazos de los notarios públicos.

La enmienda propuesta: —Requerirá que el Secretario de Estado nombre a un número conveniente de notarios públicos para el estado; y —autorizará para que los plazos oficiales para notarios públicos sean por no menos de dos años y por no más de cuatro años.

La provisión temporal de la enmienda constitucional propuesta declara que la enmienda entrará en vigor el 1° de enero de 1980; que cada persona que haya sido nombrada como notario público antes del 1° de enero de 1980 continuará ejerciendo como notario público hasta vencerse el plazo por el que fue nombrado; y que esta provisión temporal se vencerá el 1° de enero de 1982.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional para el nombramiento de notarios públicos para el estado para un plazo de no menos de dos años ni de más de cuatro años, según lo provisto por la ley."

PROPOSICION NO. 2 EN LA BOLETA (H.J.R. 133)

La Resolución Conjunta #133 de la Cámara de Representantes propone una enmienda en la constitución de Tejas para proveer una revisión del proceso reglamentario en las agencias del departamento ejecutivo. Esta enmienda propuesta permitirá a la Legislatura el decretar leyes:

- Para proveer una revisión legislativa del proceso reglamentario en las agencias del departamento ejecutivo;
- Para prescribir condiciones para que las leyes sean puestas en vigor;
- Para suspender, revocar o expirar las reglas;
- Para prescribir procedimientos; y
- Para delegar autoridad a cualquiera o a ambas cámaras, o a los comités de cualquiera o de ambas cámaras.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional para proveer una revisión legislativa del

proceso reglamentario en las agencias del departamento ejecutivo."

PROPOSICION NO. 3 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 13)

La Resolución Conjunta Senatorial #13 propone una enmienda en la constitución de Tejas para autorizar a la Legislatura para que provea una garantía de préstamos, a las personas calificadas, para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas. De esta manera, la enmienda propuesta podría permitir a la Legislatura el proveer, emitir y vender bonos de obligación general llamados "Farm and Ranch Loan Security Bonds" (Bonos de Seguridad Para Préstamos Agrícolas y Ganaderos) del Estado de Tejas, sin exceder la cantidad de \$10 millones de dólares. Todo dinero recibido de la venta de estos bonos sería depositado en un fondo diferente en la Tesorería Estatal y sería administrado por el comisionado de agricultura, sin más apropiaciones. Estos fondos garantizarían préstamos para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas. El comisionado de agricultura usaría estos fondos bajo las provisiones prescritas por la Legislatura, con el propósito de garantizar préstamos para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas; para adquirir hipotecas de bienes raíces o escrituras de bienes raíces compradas con préstamos garantizados. Estos fondos serían usados también para adelantar un porcentaje del principal y del interés debido en esos préstamos, a la persona que califique para el préstamo. La Legislatura también podría autorizar al comisionado de agricultura para que venda cualquier terreno adquirido mediante esta enmienda. El comisionado de agricultura requeriría al menos un 6 por ciento de interés en dichos préstamos. La enmienda propuesta apropiaría la cantidad suficiente para pagar el principal y el interés de los bonos que vayan adquiriendo más valor, o que se venzan durante el año fiscal, menos la cantidad del fondo de interés y amortización al final del año anterior.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la Legislatura para que provea una garantía de préstamos, a las personas calificadas, para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas. De esta manera, la enmienda propuesta podría permitir a la Legislatura el proveer, emitir y vender bonos de obligación general llamados "Farm and Ranch Loan Security Bonds" (Bonos de Seguridad Para Préstamos Agrícolas y Ganaderos) del Estado de Tejas, sin exceder la cantidad de \$10 millones de dólares. Todo dinero recibido de la venta de estos bonos sería depositado en un fondo diferente en la Tesorería Estatal y sería administrado por el comisionado de agricultura, sin más apropiaciones. Estos fondos garantizarían préstamos para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas. El comisionado de agricultura usaría estos fondos bajo las provisiones prescritas por la Legislatura, con el propósito de garantizar préstamos para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas; para adquirir hipotecas de bienes raíces o escrituras de bienes raíces compradas con préstamos garantizados. Estos fondos serían usados también para adelantar un porcentaje del principal y del interés debido en esos préstamos, a la persona que califique para el préstamo. La Legislatura también podría autorizar al comisionado de agricultura para que venda cualquier terreno adquirido mediante esta enmienda. El comisionado de agricultura requeriría al menos un 6 por ciento de interés en dichos préstamos. La enmienda propuesta apropiaría la cantidad suficiente para pagar el principal y el interés de los bonos que vayan adquiriendo más valor, o que se venzan durante el año fiscal, menos la cantidad del fondo de interés y amortización al final del año anterior. La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la Legislatura para que provea una garantía de préstamos, a las personas calificadas, para la compra de bienes raíces agrícolas y ganaderas."

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 1979

PROPOSICION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 108)

House Joint Resolution 108 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution relating to the appointment and terms of notaries public. The proposed amendment would: —Require the Secretary of State to appoint a convenient number of Notaries Public for the state; and —Authorize terms of office of Notaries Public of not less than two years nor more than four years.

A temporary provision of the proposed constitutional amendment provides that the amendment would take effect January 1, 1980; that each person who was appointed a notary public before January 1, 1980, would continue to serve as a notary public for the term for which the person was appointed; and that this temporary provision would expire January 1, 1982.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide for the appointment of notaries public for the state and for a term of not less than two years nor more than four years as provided by law."

PROPOSICION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 133)

House Joint Resolution 133 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to provide for legislative review of the process of rulemaking by agencies in the executive department. The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to enact laws:

- To provide for legislative review of the process of rulemaking by agencies in the executive department;
- To prescribe conditions for rules to take effect;
- To provide for suspension, repeal, or expiration of rules;
- To prescribe procedures; and
- To delegate powers to either or both houses or to committees of either or both houses.

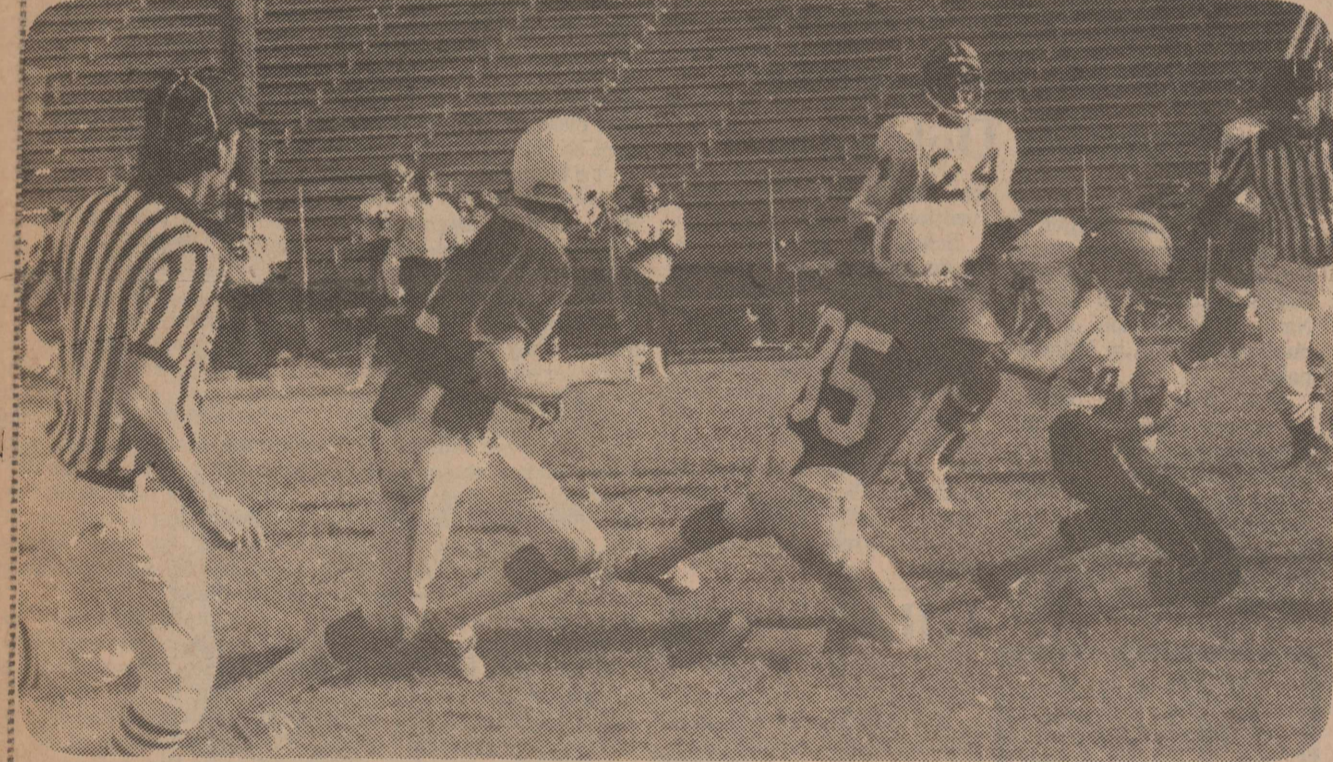
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide for legislative review of

the process of rulemaking by agencies in the executive department."

PROPOSICION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 13)

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to provide for the guarantee of loans used to purchase farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers. The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds called "Farm and Ranch Loan Security Bonds" of the State of Texas not to exceed 10 million dollars. All money received from the sale of such bonds would be deposited in a separate fund with the State Treasurer and administered by the commissioner of agriculture without further appropriations. These funds would be used to guarantee loans for the purchase of farm and ranch real estate. The commissioner of agriculture would use these funds, under provisions to be prescribed by the Legislature for the purpose of guaranteeing loans used for the purchase of farm and ranch real estate, to acquire real estate mortgages or deeds of trust on lands purchased with guaranteed loans. These funds would also be used to advance to the borrower a percentage of the principal and interest due. The Legislature may also authorize the commissioner of agriculture to sell at foreclosure any land acquired in the manner authorized by this amendment. The commissioner of agriculture would be required to charge at least 6 percent interest on such loans. The proposed amendment appropriates an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that mature or become due during the fiscal year less the amount in the interest and sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the guarantee of loans for purchase of farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers by the sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas."



DARRYL SMITH GRABS A BOBCAT

Strong 4th Period Pushes Bobcats Past R-F Freshmen 12-8

By Bob Crawford
A big comeback by the Refugio Bobcat Freshmen in the fourth period was enough to sink the Pirate Freshmen 12-8 Thursday night in Rockport. The Pirates had briefly gone ahead 8-6 before the Cats made their move.

The Pirates gave up a long pass play in the first period for a touchdown, and then settled down to play some defense until the final drive of the evening. The 68-yard TD pass and run came as a surprise to the Pirates, and a good job of running by the Bobcat back resulted in the score. Fumbles plagued the

Pirates for the second straight week. Twice in good field position, the Pirates coughed up the ball to the Bobcats. Add a couple of interceptions to top it off, and few teams will win turning the ball over that much.

One of the big plays that came up in the first half was a pass interception by Dominic Dominguez to stop a Cat threat at the Pirates' 20-yard line. Another fine defensive play came in the third period when a Refugio runner appeared gone for a score, but Aaron Commander hauled him down from behind. On the very next play, Joe Lara of the

Pirates recovered a Cat fumble to give the Pirates a chance.

A pair of big penalties gave the Pirates a big thrust into Bobcat territory, but the drive stalled when a receiver dropped a pass which hit him in the hands.

The Pirates finally put a scoring drive together covering 69 yards before Peter Nichols legged it in from 2 yards out to tie the score. Nichols then added the two point conversion and the Pirates led 8-6 with a bit more than six minutes remaining.

On the next possession, penalties and a big sack on the quarterback put the

Bobcats in trouble. On a third-and-fifteen situation, the Pirates gave the Cats a 15-yard penalty for roughing the passer, and that seemed to stir up the sleeping Bobcats. They set a drive in gear which could not be denied. After the penalty, eight plays were used to grind the ball into the Pirates' territory before a four-yard run capped off the scoring. But that was enough. The Pirates' last hope ended in an interception.

On defense, only one player stood out for his tough hitting: Joe Cantu led the Pirates with six individual tackles.

Next week the Pirates are off.

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The additional marking of these areas will close to the use of nets a major portion of the waters within one mile of the shoreline of Aransas Bay and the creeks, lakes and inlets in the San Jose Island area. The closed area in Aransas County will extend continuously from Allyn's bight northward to Long Reef to Jay Bird Point, then northeast to Spaulding Bight, then to Cedar Bayou in Mesquite Bay.

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Heavy Traffic Is Reason Behind Decision To Widen SH 35 North

Some 6400 cars a day travel Highway 35 North through Rockport, James Johnson, supervising resident engineer for the State Highway Department in Sinton, told Rockport residents attending a public meeting at City Hall Tuesday, September 18.

This is one of the reasons for plans to make the

highway into a four-lane from Fulton Beach Road approximately 2.7 miles north, he continued, adding: "You're supposed to make it (a highway) a four-lane at 5,000 cars a day."

Another reason for the proposed widening project is that construction of the Highway 35 by-pass route

is some 10 to 20 years in the future for this area.

The highway will not be "widened" in the sense that the highway department will purchase additional right-of-way, Johnson explained to those present.

Instead, the existing shoulders alongside the two-lane will be leveled and overlaid, to become the third and fourth lanes.

When completed, the "new" highway structure will consist of four 11-foot wide lanes with no shoulders and without curb and gutter, Johnson said.

He added that a storm sewer system would have to be financed by the cities of Rockport and Fulton and by Aransas County and there are no plans for such facilities.

Total cost to the state for this project will be more than \$468,000. There will be no cost to the cities or county involved.

Gordon Stanley, owner of Palo Alto Trailer Park, and his "big concern" was drainage, and added, "I was hoping this project would be widening, which it isn't. You have two lanes and two shoulders; now you'll have four lanes. What is your reasoning?"

Johnson said, "To make it (Highway 35) a four-lane. You can't drive on the shoulder."

Stanley said, "They do." "You're not suppose to," Johnson said. He added the guideline for

determining whether a highway should be two lanes or four is traffic count. At 5000 cars a day, the highway should be four lanes, he explained.

In answer to another question, Johnson said individual property owners could offer to help the city and county pay for drainage facilities, but the State cannot take money directly from property owners to provide such facilities.

He said the cost to add storm sewers would be around \$132,800 and that does not include cost for purchasing necessary right-of-way.

Another question posed at Tuesday night's meeting was, without shoulders, what would happen if the driver needed to pull off the road?

James M. Jones, district design engineer for the Highway Department in Corpus Christi, said, "I think there's enough drive-ways, things like that, where you can pull off."

Johnson said the highway would not be torn up for proposed improvements. The work will be strictly overlay, he said.

In addition to the improvements to existing Highway 35 North, state highway department officials also presented plans for relocation of a proposed interchange on the Highway 35 by-pass project.

The interchange would be moved from 5th Street to 12th Street. James B. Opiela, supervising resident engineer for the highway department in Corpus

Christi, said the plans—originally approved in 1973—had to be changed when Aransas County closed 5th Street.

He said the Aransas County commissioners have accepted the 12th Street interchange as an alternative.

Jones also outlined two other highway department projects scheduled for this area within the next year.

He told those at the meeting that within the

next month, the highway department plan to seal coat the grade crossing where Main Street joins Highway 35 here in Rockport. This is being done both for maintenance—to seal existing cracks in the surface—and to make it easier for the highway department to repaint the lane markings.

Another project, scheduled for next summer, is to seal coat the

remainder of Highway 35 North from the point at which the four-lane will end (from 2.7 miles north of Fulton Beach Road) to the

Copano Causeway. Jones said this stretch of the highway would not be made into a four-lane at that time.



L. HAYES HOFF

Hoff Opens Sharpening Service In Rockport

Rockport Saws, a "complete sharpening service", has opened this week in Rockport.

As part of the opening celebration, owner L. Hayes Hoff is offering special prices on his services.

The shop is located behind his residence at 1111 South Bronte and will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Hoff says he will sharpen

chain and hand saws, scissors, knives and lawn mower blades.

Hoff's brother and sister-in-law, the D.K. Hoff's, are long-time residents of Rockport. Mrs. D.K. Hoff is sister of Hoff's wife, Mary. Hoff has lived in Rockport since March, and Mrs. Hoff moved here in June.

Hoff and his father had a saw sharpening business in Oklahoma in the 1940s. He was an employee of American Airlines for 23 years and owned a hobby shop in Oklahoma for 12 years.

Mary Hoff is an employee at Winn's.

Police Report

Gary Theodore Olson, 34, of 1509 West Terrace, Rockport, was taken to Enterprise Medical Center with reported minor injuries after his van flipped over and rolled down an embankment Monday evening.

The accident happened about 5:16 p.m. Monday, September 17, when Olson, northbound on Fulton Beach Road, started up the Harbor Oaks bridge.

The van went out of control, spun 180 degrees, a wheel struck the curb and the vehicle flipped and rolled.

Seafair Boat Parade Planned

Boat owners can start polishing up their seafair-worthy crafts in preparation for the annual Seafair boat parade, to be held October 7 in the Ski Basin.

For the 1979 Seafair four prizes will be awarded for decoration. Awards will be for "Most Unique" and "Best of Theme" for boats over 26 feet, and the same awards will be presented for boats under 26 feet.

At present the starting time of the parade has not been set, but it will be held during the afternoon. There are no size requirements,

and no entry fee. Persons interested should call Dorothy or John Lyons, 729-3412 or 729-0192, for more details concerning the boat parade.

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(Continued from page 1) the fourth grade, so every year I went to the school board and asked them to put me back, but they never did."

"I did a lot of the Tom Thumb Weddings for the PTA though, and even though we only had one rehearsal each year, they all turned out great. Oh! and the kids were all so cute," she said.

Her students have since gone into professions ranging from real estate sales, to service station owners, to cement dealers, and Mrs. Hart even admits one or two went to the penitentiary.

"I'd be in the courtroom as the court clerk, and once in a while one of my students would be on trial. And the judge would ask 'Did you go to school?' and the defendant would answer 'Yes, Mrs. Hart was my teacher'. Well, then everyone started asking me what I'd taught all those children' and the memory still makes her laugh.

One of her students, Ray Longino, is now county commissioner of precinct two and Mrs. Hart sees him each week when she takes the minutes as part of her duties as the ex officio clerk for the county.

"I tell Ray he can't get sassy with me because I'm still his teacher," she says with a merry grin that belies her serious tone.

A member of the Business and Professional Women's club since 1953, she was chosen as the groups first Outstanding Woman of the Year in 1976 when the program was started. The choice was based on her professionalism, leadership,

integrity, sincerity and charm, and she got high marks in every category.

Additional civic duties have included being one of the first co-chairmen of the Aransas County March of Dimes, being a member of the Salvation Army, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Rockport Chamber of Commerce, the County Clerks Association of Texas, the Rockport Cemetery Association, the Aransas County Democratic Women's Association, first chairwoman of the Aransas County United Fund and organizer of the first Camp Fire Girls troop in the county.

So with a list of activities like that, what does she do with the spare time she doesn't use to eat and check her calendar?

"Oh! I just love the beach. I think I'm one of the few natives that even go down there very much," she exclaimed. Mrs. Hart also said she's fond of needlepoint, and just recently finished doing a new set of seatcovers for her dining room chairs. And she sews her clothes.

"I've never been much of a TV watcher, but when I do turn the set on I usually have something in my hands to work on, so that I end up not watching television at all."

"I've really enjoyed my life. I've met a lot of nice people, and I've had a lot of good times," she said. "I wouldn't trade places with anyone."

And it's not hard at all to believe she's sincere when she throws in a smile as big as Aransas County.

BRACHT

(Continued from page 1) ters still living: Louisa, Lola and Kitty.

"Kitty (the youngest of the sisters, now a resident of Kerrville) fixed a family tree once," Bee said. "There are over 100 descendants of Leopold Bracht."

After graduating from Rockport High School, Mabel went to St. Mary's in San Antonio for a year. "But I was real homesick," she recalled. "I took the train -- left in September and didn't come home until December."

For some 45 years -- since she was 18 or 19, Mabel said -- she played the organ for Sacred Heart Catholic Church. "There were three services a week in those days," she said, "and I never missed one. I played at every funeral, every wedding..."

For a while after the 1919 hurricane, the Bracht family lived above the family store on Austin Street, and Mabel recalled that customers in the store "would send up and ask me to play the organ for them."

The store -- located across the street from where Kline's is now, they said -- was then known as Rockport Mercantile, and both sisters worked in it for a while.

"Louisa worked in it first," Bee said, "then I worked for a while." She thinks she quit about 1928 when Mabel took over. Mabel worked until 1942 when Fred Bracht Sr. took over and opened the Model Cash Grocery in the same block.

The 1919 storm washed the store away, the sisters recalled, and some of the merchandise was found "way up in Fulton." After the storm, the store was rebuilt.

"We had over 50 people in our house in the 1919 storm," Mabel said, adding "some of them swam there. There was water up to the floor but it didn't get into the house. We'd see people come, by floating on mattresses."

The two sisters and their mother moved to their present home on Broadway in 1946, and the sisters have lived there alone since their mother's death in 1953.

They haven't worked since they left the store. "Church work and the store took up our lives for years," Bee said. These days, they enjoy other activities, such as playing bridge.

And they "work big" with the Cemetery Association, they said. Mabel added, "I was treasurer for years."

They used to do the house over "every four or five years," Mabel said. Bee put in, "We can't think of doing anything now."

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With Our Military

Chief Master Sergeant James D. Gillum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis R. Owens of 705 North Wood, Rockport, has arrived for duty at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma.

Chief Gillum, a communications-electronic systems manager, was previously assigned to RAF Uxbridge, England, and is now serving with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

He is a 1956 graduate of Luling High School in Luling.

Staff Sergeant Ronald D. Wilcox, son of Mrs. Nathan Wright of Fulton, has arrived at Anderson Air Force Base for duty.

A special weapons technician. Sergeant Wilcox was previously assigned at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and is serving with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

He is a 1973 graduate of Rockport-Fulton High School. He is married to the former Pamela Mace of Hillsville. His father, R. Dale Wilcox, is a resident of Wichita, Kansas.

William J. Kopecky, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Suttles, Rockport, entered the United States Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program on 10 September 79, according to Sergeant Jim Gore, the Air Force Recruiter in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Airman Kopecky selected the Aircrew Life Support area for job training and will attend a six week Basic Military Training Course at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, beginning October 3. Airman Kopecky is a 1978 graduate of Rockport-Fulton High School.

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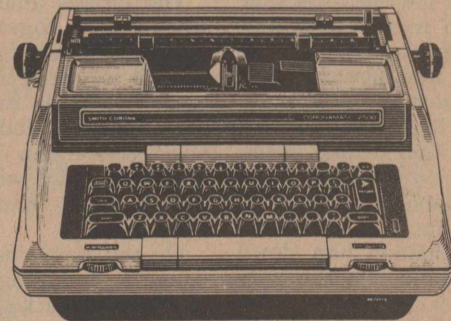
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