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GOOD HUNTING EXPECTED ALONG COAST

ARANSAS COUNTY ASSIGNED \$2,200 WAR CHEST QUOTA

Campaign For Chest Funds to Start Soon

Chairman Pat Mixon Will Make Radio Talk At Victoria October 13

A quota of \$2,200 has been set as the Aransas County goal for the United War Chest of Texas, the committee announced today. This will amount to a per capita donation of less than one dollar for each man, woman and child in the county to push the drive over its quota.

Members of the committee will assemble within the next few days for their organization meeting. At that time they will name workers for the drive and announce the date for its opening in the county.

The committee includes: Pat Mixon, Mayor Travis Johnson, Charles T. Picton, Rob Roy Rice, Jack Blackwell and Judge B. S. Fox.

Aransas County has been grouped with seven other counties in Region 9-N by the state organization for the drive. The eight-county quota is \$63,600.

The regional campaign will begin next Monday, although some counties are planning to postpone the opening until October 18. Joseph Wearden, regional chairman announced from Victoria last night.

Among the regional speakers selected to give radio addresses from station KVIC at Victoria, next week, Pat Mixon will be heard on Wednesday night from 7 to 7:15 p. m. Gov. Coke R. Stevenson will be the opening radio speaker Sunday at 8:30 p. m. over the Texas Quality Network.

The United War Chest of Texas is combining the work of 17 relief agencies on the home front and the war front. The single campaign has been planned to finance the work of all units which for the past few years have attempted singly to carry out their own separate activities.

Fancher Archer Gets Commission As 1st Lieutenant

Fancher Archer has been promoted from the rank of second to first lieutenant recently, according to word received here this week by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Archer.

Lieut. Archer is stationed at Childress.

Rev. T. H. Pollard Attends Meeting Of Presbytery

Rev. T. H. Pollard left Tuesday to attend the fall meeting of the Presbytery of Western Texas in Corpus Christi at the First Presbyterian church. The meeting was due to close today at noon.

Ration Book 4 Arrives Here for Distribution

War Ration Book has arrived in Rockport in sufficient numbers to go around and distribution will be made some time between Oct. 20 and 30. Arrangements are being made for distribution through the schools. Details will be announced later.

Jack Kaufman Goes to Houston for Operation

Jack Kaufman, manager of Kaufman's Department Store, left this week for Houston, where he will undergo a throat operation this week-end. He will be absent from the store for a week or so.

Mrs. D. H. Caspary and Kay Bynum of Corpus Christi went to San Antonio last week for several days. While there they were joined by Delo Caspary, and attended the Texas Tech-A. and M. football game.

Pirates Meet Flour Bluff Team Here Fri.

Bond Sales Total Reaches \$136,649.75 In Third War Loan Drive Conducted Here

Coast Guardsman Joins Rockport Perch Club

Bos'n Mate George V. Hart, U. S. Coast Guard, stationed in Rockport as an assistant to the captain of the port, became a member of Rockport's Perch Club Wednesday.

Membership in the exclusive club is gained only by an involuntary dunking in the "fish bowl" and adjacent waters.

Hart qualified for full-fledged membership when he dropped his cap and tried to retrieve it.

Bert McElveen Home From Pacific On Furlough

Bert McElveen, FC 3-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McElveen arrived here Monday on a furlough visit to home folks. He enlisted in the Navy in May of 1942 and has been on duty in the Southwest Pacific.

Last March Bert had the pleasure of meeting his brother, Pvt. Marion McElveen on Guadalcanal. Another of the McElveen brothers, is Clinton (Buddy) S 2-c, who is now stationed in Kingsville.

Pvt. Thomas Winslow Has Visit With Relatives On Training Flight

Pvt. Thomas Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Winslow and brother to Mrs. Dudley Bracht, who is stationed at Liberal Airfield in Kansas as a radio operator had an unexpected visit with relatives here last Friday.

Winslow was on a plane for a cross country training hop which landed in Corpus Christi. He was allowed a few hours off to visit with his relatives. Dudley Bracht, and Sgt. Floyd Rouquette met Winslow in Corpus Christi.

Winslow enlisted in the Army last year and was formerly employed at Rice Bros. Shipyard.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Knapp of Aransas Pass left the past week for New Orleans, where Dr. Knapp will take a postgraduate course in surgery at Tulane University. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Aransas County Exceeds Bond Quota By More Than 10 Per Cent

Aransas county's total bond sales for the 3rd War Loan Drive reached \$136,649.75, more than ten per cent above the quota of \$18,000 set for the county.

Chairman Fred Bracht and Mrs. Fred Booth, women's chairman, wish to express thanks to their co-workers and to the general public for good work and fine response.

Chairman Bracht this week received the following congratulatory telegram from F. Bert Smith, assistant Regional Manager of the drive in the San Antonio region:

"Dear Friend: Your unofficial sales tabulation as of October 2, shows you have exceeded your quota by better than ten per cent. The distribution you have obtained on the different types of bonds is indeed commendable and evidences hard work put forth by you and your committees. This is indeed a marvelous job which you have accomplished and of which to be justly proud. Your fine and splendid spirit of cooperation is greatly appreciated."

Mike Townsend Home After Ship Is Torpedoed

Mike Townsend, son of Mrs. J. W. Townsend, arrived home last Friday on a furlough while his ship is being repaired after being torpedoed in the Mediterranean by an enemy vessel. Townsend entered the Merchant Marine last April and left Houston some time ago on a tanker to help shuttle supplies at the battle front in Europe.

The convoy was attacked in the Mediterranean just after dark while Townsend was on watch. One torpedo hit his ship, he said, and the shock was so terrific he was stunned for a time. He said he saw two ships go down, but his ship was only crippled and was brought back to New York recently for repairs.

Townsend is now visiting in Louisiana.

Mrs. Bill Wendell slipped on a downtown sidewalk last Friday night and sprained her ankle. She is now able to be out with the use of crutches.

Football Game On Pirate Field Set for 5 P. M.

Late Starting Time Set for Game to Allow Workers Opportunity to Attend

A bunch of green kids at the start of the season, the Rockport Pirates, now developed into a well trained aerial circus which completed 10 passes out of 12 tries last time out, will take on the Flour Bluff eleven from Corpus Christi starting at 5 o'clock on the home field tomorrow afternoon.

The starting time was selected to give shipyard workers a chance to see the game and to permit Naval Air Training Center employees time to drive over with their team.

Harris Pollard, spunky little center for the Pirates, is out for the season, having suffered a cracked rib in last Friday's game at Mathis but Coach Wheeler has his boys in fine physical shape otherwise.

Harris took a Mathis punt deep in his own territory and made a good runback through a broken field before he was brought down hard by a couple of opposing huskies. He was hurt on the play and subsequent examination disclosed the broken rib.

The Pirates are confident of breaking into the win column this week, having shown consistent improvement with each of their three previous outings. Their scoreless tie with Mathis was a moral victory against the heavier, more experienced opponents and their 7-6 defeat at Odem was a break that could have gone either way.

Brilliant running by Cole, Mundine and Lassiter featured the Mathis game and showed the beginnings of a solid ground game to complement the passing attack around the pitching of Bill McLeod.

Wheeler will start the line with John Barber, James Bracht, Albert Hunt, Elmer McLester, Russell Howe and Alva Freeman, all of whom showed some fine charging in opening up wide holes through the Mathis fore wall. These boys are steamed up to present a stiff defense to the Flour Bluff attack.

The boys are not underrating their opponents of this week.

Wheeler declared, but they are hungry for their first win and intend to tear their way through the Navy youngsters from the opening whistle.

Open House Set for Saturday Evening



The new servicemen's recreation center, located adjacent to the Methodist church as shown in the above picture will be the scene of an open house Saturday evening beginning at 7 o'clock.

Wiring has been completed and the building has been at the disposal of servicemen for the past week. The building is only partially completed, but steps are being taken to secure USO assistance in completing the project and for

maintaining a program here for servicemen.

The building now has a pool table, nine card tables, numbers of games, dominoes, and a ping pong table, in addition to chairs and other furniture. A supply of magazines and books are on hand, but more are needed.

The general public and service men are invited to attend the open house Saturday evening. Light refreshments will be served.

Fred Brachts Entertain War Bond Drive Workers With Tea Sunday

Volunteer war bond workers and committee members, who put Aransas county's 3rd War Loan Drive over the top by a ten per cent margin, were honored last Sunday afternoon with a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bracht.

Mr. Bracht, general chairman of the bond drive, and Mrs. Fred Booth, chairman of the women's division, greeted the guests as they arrived. They expressed appreciation for the fine work done by all volunteer workers in putting the bond quota over.

The living room of the home was decorated with beautiful yellow and white flowers. Cake and punch were served in the dining room, where the table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a bowl of queens crown. Miss Mabel Bracht presided at the punch bowl.

The guests included:

Miss Mabel Bracht, Miss Genevieve Bracht, Miss Vivian Picton, Miss Velma Picton, Miss Iris Sorenson, Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mrs. James Hooper, Mrs. Mabel Bryant, Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mrs. Chester Johnston, Mrs. Fred Cloberdants, Mrs. E. G. Cooke, Mrs. W. O. Young, Mrs. Jim Barber, Mrs. A. L. Bruhl, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. Herbert Mills, Mrs. Richard Fox, Mrs. Ed Barnard, Mrs. Travis Bailey, Mrs. Bruce Preckwinkle, Mrs. Jack Bruce, Mrs. L. V. McLester, Mrs. Sherman Mundine, Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. J. Ed Moore, Mrs. Tom DeForest, Mrs. Carroll Sanders, Mrs. Rob DeForest, Mrs. Fred Booth, Mrs. Fred Bracht, and the Rockport School Faculty.

Mr. Bracht and Mrs. Booth expressed their appreciation of the help given them by Morgan Wheeler, school superintendent., and H. P. Butler, school music director, as well as the entire school faculty.

Rockport's First National Bank Rounds 53 Years Of Uninterrupted Service

If the calendar could be turned back 90 years and Charles Dickens were again to launch on a tour of the United States, he would find little difference between the interior of Rockport's First National Bank and the counting house he minutely described in his day.

He would find an institution dominated by the personality of one man. He would see and hear an old pendulum clock ticking quietly on the wall; maps and calendars flapping in the breeze and the door of a great safe off in a corner. And the heavy wooden floor gives slightly under the tread of banking customers.

The old three-story building housing the bank was built in 1897. Its site at that time was the center of the town, what with saloons on the three corners. But today all are gone and the dunes from Aransas Bay have washed away the outline of the streets that made corners there 50 years ago.

The bank stands aloof from the business area of Rockport but not from the business. It is the only financial institution in all of Aransas County and functions as depository not only for city but for county funds. But it's a solid old bank. It never has been closed; never reorganized; and has never called for aid to continue operations. In its 53 years of continuous

operation, it has paid out \$117,598 in dividends to stockholders.

Back in July 28, 1890, a group of nine businessmen landholders and financiers formed a syndicate, pooled \$60,000 and filed application with the U. S. Comptroller General for a charter as the First National Bank of Aransas Pass. The charter was granted on September 30 of that year and on the following day the bank opened in a small frame building of 20x30-foot dimensions on the site now occupied by the Sparks Cafe on Austin Street, the main business thoroughfare.

The charter was granted at a time when there was considerable talk of creating a deep water port on Aransas Bay and a channel through the pass between Mustang and St. Joseph Island was believed imminent. There was no townsite where Aransas Pass now lies and the original name of Rockport had been changed to Aransas Pass in the belief the name might be an inducement which would direct those outlining the course of the channel to the city of Rockport, which name was eventually restored.

All along the lower Gulf Coast rivalry had been keen for ultimate designation of the deep water port. Corpus Christi, then a sleepy fishing village, was enjoying its own

Ropes Boom and was considerable activity there looking towards creation of a deep water port.

Eventually, the boom era passed from all these Gulf towns and not for many years was the deep water channel finally to run into Corpus Christi. But while the boom lasted, many men of wealth had been attracted to this region from the interior and these were among the incorporators of the bank who joined with the local men of means and vision.

The copy of the original charter, now in possession of Arthur C. Glass, cashier of the bank since April 1922, lists the following incorporators: H. K. Hoxie, E. B. Harrold, John E. Elgin, George W. Fulton, Jr., L. B. Randall, Viggo Kohler, R. H. Wood, James C. Fulton, and J. M. Hoopes.

Hoxie lived in Belton and operated in Fort Worth financial circles. He had been attracted to Rockport by the boom and was a leading advocate of the deep water port. Harrold, too, had come from the interior.

Elgin was a local attorney who later moved to San Antonio where he died less than six years ago. George and James Fulton were brothers who were perhaps the biggest landowners in the South Texas region north of the Nueces River.

George owned lands extending to Sinton and Calallen and later sold the present site of the Taft Ranch to David Sinton, Sinton, father-in-law of Charles P. Taft, a brother of the late president. His brother James was builder of the famed Fulton Mansion, still a landmark in Rockport despite its manifest age.

Kohler had lived in Beeville and Hebbronville. In the former city a hotel still bears his name, while he is remembered in the latter as a big ranching man. In Rockport he was partner in the Kohler-Heldefels Co.

Wood at one time ran cattle on his ranch along St. Joseph's Island, while Hoopes was the first cashier of the bank and father of Fred Hoopes, now vice president of the Mercantile National Bank in Dallas. The young Hoopes got his first banking training in the Rockport institution.

Hoopes remained as cashier for the first dozen or 15 years and was succeeded by Tom Mathis, who in turn gave up the post to his brother, Arthur. The brothers now live in San Antonio where Arthur conducts an insurance business.

E. B. Zachry, a cousin of H. B. Zachry the widely known road contractor, was the fourth cashier and in April 1922, Glass moved from the bank at Angleton, coun-

ty seat of Brazoria County, to take over. During Zachry's tenure, the hurricane of 1919 struck Rockport washing out a portion of the east wall.

Sea water inundated the bank to a depth of nearly four feet, seeped into the safe and soaked currency and many of the old records. For days the staff separated bills of various denominations and watched over them to dry as masons repaired the damaged wall.

The city had hardly recovered from its hurricane effects when Glass came on the scene. At that time, Rockport had been reduced to a fishing and farming community with annual deposits of \$80,000 and a few hundred accounts. Today the bank has more than a thousand accounts and deposits of \$1,015,276.34.

At the Rockport Bank, the cashier has always been the guiding genius. Informality is the keynote and the prospective borrower presents his case through a cage window or across a wooden table inside the cage to the cigar-smoking cashier.

Glass knows at once the merits of the applicant. He needs no the moral hazards of the risk and the knows the capacity and business (Continued on Last Page)

War Limitations To Hit Sportsmen Only Lightly

Ducks, Geese Reported Migrating Early, But Ammunition Limited

Ducks and geese are arriving in these parts early this year and indications are that at least a moderate number of hunters—despite war time restrictions and inconveniences—will be on hand when the season opens November 2 to have a try at getting unrated meat with rationed shells.

Tourist cottages report numbers of reservations already made here for the hunting season.

This indicates that many hunters remain undaunted by war-time impositions and will try to get to the coast for shooting during the season. Most of the hunters will have to do their own "guiding" this season with the limited supply of ammunition available will have to make every shot count to get their limits in ducks and geese.

"We will be able to provide blinds to two hunters to their stands, but beyond that we can't promise anything," is the way J. H. Mills of Mills Wharf summed up the situation at present.

"We don't want anybody to come down expecting the same service we have been able to give in the past," he added. He explained that it was going to be impossible to secure anything like a sufficient number of guides.

With cool weather coming early this year, and breeding places for ducks and geese having been ideal this year in the north, it is believed that there will be plenty of both ducks and geese. Ducks are already arriving in great numbers and there are a few early arrivals of geese.

The ammunition problem is going to be one that will require conservation and good shooting on the part of all. Many regular hunters have limited supplies of ammunition saved up for this season, and there is reported to be some black market ammunition traffic.

H. R. Jones, attorney for the Corpus Christi Hardware Co., has notified Mills that the WPB allotment to wholesalers will be 25 per cent of the 1940-41 purchases and that allotment to dealers by his company will be made accordingly.

Dealers may sell this limited supply of shells to hunters who qualified under WPB regulations as follows:

Orders must be placed between Sept. 30 and Nov. 16 and may not exceed fifty 22 calibre rim fire cartridges, plus 25 centerfire rifle cartridges, plus 25 shotgun shells. The purchaser of shells must sign the following:

"I am purchasing this ammunition for my own personal use for hunting predatory and destructive animals and birds and not for sale or gift and not for target shooting. My present stock of ammunition on hand from seller does not exceed one hundred .22 calibre rim fire cartridges; 20 center fire rifle cartridges, or 50 shotgun shells."

J. A. Dawson Dies In Fulton, Funeral at Cuero

Funeral services for Joseph Arthur Dawson, 77-year-old intendant piano dealer and tuner who died Friday Friday in Fulton, were held Monday from the Cage Funeral Home here. Burial was in Cuero where he was born.

Dawson was widely known in South Texas throughout a region he had traveled for more than 20 years dealing in second hand pianos. Often he had stopped off at Rockport and Fulton to spend brief vacation periods fishing.

Two years ago when he retired, he purchased a trailer and set himself up at the Charnley Trailer Camp where he was overtaken by a heart attack last week.

Survivors include a son, Curtis L. Dawson of Yoakum; a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Wheeler of Houston; and two brothers, Frank S. Dawson of Fulton, and K. J. Dawson of Aivin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pete Richardson, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. James Branhan, are in Sugarland on a business trip.

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Methodist Women Meet At New Servicemen's Center

The Methodist W.S.C.S. met last Thursday for an all-day gathering including a covered-dish dinner, at the new Servicemen's Building.

Besides have a delightful time, the accomplished a great deal, such as putting up shelves and painting the kitchen.

They find they still are in need of draperies for the windows of the main auditorium, which has five windows, and the library, which has three windows. Anyone having any curtains or drapes they would like to donate, can contact Rev. Jameson of Mrs. John Haynes. They are ready now to receive any donations of books and magazines.

Rockport Women Attend Church Meet in Corpus

A group of Rockport women went to Corpus Christi last Thursday to attend the semi-annual meeting of District Two of the Presbyterian churches, held in the Westminister church of Corpus Christi.

Those who spent the day at the meeting were: Mrs. T. H. Pollard who assisted with the conference hour, and Mrs. K. Eoff, Mrs. Carl Gentry, Mrs. Fortuno Saenz, Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. W. H. Morrison, and Mrs. Fred Cloberdants.

Faculty Club Entertains With Theatre Party

The Faculty Club entertained this week with a theatre party. This organization, formed at the beginning of the year, is new to the Rockport schools. Its primary purpose is to foster better and friendlier relations between the teachers. A social of some kind is held each month, for teachers and their husbands or wives.

The following enjoyed the theatre party: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mixon, Mrs. Gustava Cavitt, Mrs. Lacy Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Thompson, Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Mrs. Bertha Harper, Mrs. Lorraine Harmon, Mrs. Charlene Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Butler, Mrs. Cora Crozier and Mrs. Otis Henderson.

Playlet Feature Of P. T. A. Meet Wednesday

The Parent-Teacher Association met Wednesday afternoon in the School Auditorium at the new hour of 3:50. This is the regular meeting.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. H. B. Butler, program chairman, consisted of the following Song "God Bless America" by the assembly, followed by the reading of the PTA War Creed.

A playlet "The American Way" was presented by members of the sixth grade, sponsored by Mrs. Ethelyn McManus. This is in conjunction with the year theme of "For Every Child These Freedoms." Following this program, a business session was held, with reports from various committees.

Personals

H. W. Driesslein and Edgar Jacobsen of Central Power and Light Co. went to Corpus Christi Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. Sam Mundine and Isabel Edminson went to Corpus Christi last week.

Sherman Mundine and Slim Haynes went to Aransas Pass Monday on business.

Mrs. J. O. Lowry has returned from Galveston where she visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lowry, who are the parents of a new baby girl.

Byron Ince went to Houston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright of Oklahoma have arrived in Rockport for the winter, and are staying at Triple Oak Cottages. This is the fifth year the Wrights have come here to enjoy the fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan spent a few days in San Antonio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Manship were here the past week visiting friends and relatives.

Paul Dupuy is in Rockport with his family for an indefinite stay.

Miss Jennie Cox has moved from Rockport to Corpus Christi, where she has taken a position with the Telephone Company.

W.M.U. Members Hear Program On State Missions

The W.M.U. of the Baptist church held their regular meeting Monday afternoon, for the Season of Prayer for State Missions with Mrs. Kim Haynes giving the Devotional.

Talks on different phases of State Mission Work were given by Mrs. L. W. Hunt, Mrs. A. O. Freeman, Mrs. C. F. McKinley, Mrs. L. A. Shuffield and Mrs. E. J. Meyers.

The Mary Hill Davis Offering was taken for state Missions. Present were Mrs. Roy Mullinax, Mrs. John Keller, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Maggie Haynes, Mrs. George Walton, Miss Fannie Oertling, Mrs. L. W. Hunt, Mrs. A. O. Freeman, Mrs. C. F. McKinley, Mrs. L. A. Shuffield and Mrs. E. J. Meyers.

Miss Margaret Barker of Waxahachie has returned home after a two-weeks visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. J. T. Barker.

Mrs. Henry Bailey has returned after an extended visit in San Antonio with her sister, Mrs. Percy Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perkins had as their guests over the week-end, Mrs. Perkins' brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coleman, and four children.

Mrs. Ingle Turner and children from Aransas Pass were here for a visit this week with Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

Mrs. J. H. Mills and Mrs. C. R. McHenry went to Victoria the past week for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McHenry of and will remain until after the beginning of the hunting season, business.

Mrs. Annie Wulff has returned after a two-weeks stay in Kingsville.

Mrs. W. C. Mider and Mrs. L. E. Mider and daughter Virginia Lee, were in Rockport Monday, visiting Mrs. Arthur Edminson.

Trans-Pacific Romance of Marine And Texas Girl Climaxed With Wedding Here

Visitor From Oregon Studies Birds Here

Mr. R. Seeley from Oregon has just returned home after a short stay with Mrs. Jack Hagar. Mrs. Seeley is a nature student, and she and Mrs. Hagar had several delightful outings, studying local birds and shrubs, and contrasting them with the birds and shrubs in Oregon.

Mrs. John Haynes, Mrs. Hugh Phagan, and Mrs. Earl Hunt went to Corpus Christi Saturday, on business.

Mrs. Henry Ballou went to Corpus Christi on business last Friday.

Mrs. Henry Ballou and children went to Lamar Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Johnson.

Mrs. Jim Hooper had as her guests over the week-end, her sister, Mrs. Will Schmidt, and daughter Willadene, of Taft.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Foster and family of San Antonio spent the week-end at the Poch Cottages in Fulton.

Mrs. Anna Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Weber and children spent Thursday afternoon in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. and Mrs. Leslie Darrah and son of Ft. Worth spent the week-end in Fulton, guests of Poch Cottages.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Denny of Enid, Oklahoma will arrive Sunday to spend several weeks in Fulton, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bachman.

William Servil and Ed Schroeder of San Antonio spent the week-end at the Oleander Court.

B. W. Hamblin spent the week-end in Rockport, with his family at Oleander Court. Mr. Hamblin is now connected with the Todd Shipyard in Galveston.

Mrs. Emma McDaniell of Corpus Christi spent the week-end in Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Blackman of Austin spent Wednesday and Thursday at Oleander Court.

Lt. (sg) K. V. Barbier, stationed at Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi spent part of last week in Rockport, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanway.

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Pfc. Autry Smith and Miss Joyce Fincher Married Sunday

In the early spring of this year Miss Joyce Fincher of Livingston, Texas, glimpsed a picture of Pfc. Autry Smith of the U. S. Marine Corps. She took a longer look at the picture, and sure enough, her suspicions were right—it was love at first sight.

Miss Fincher wrote a letter to Pfc. Smith, who was then in the midst of fighting in the South Pacific. She got a prompt reply. More letters winged their way by air-mail back and forth across the Pacific and her picture went to him.

Three weeks later Pfc. Smith became ill from malaria contracted during jungle fighting that included the battle of Guadalcanal and he was sent back to the United States for medical care. He had been cited for bravery and as one of the Marines that made initial landings on the Solomons, and was the only one of the original sixteen machine gunners to come through the battles alive.

Two weeks ago Miss Fincher and Pfc. Smith met here in Rockport. It didn't take them long to decide on a wedding date, and last Sunday they were married here in the Methodist parsonage. The Rev. Jameson performed the impressive double ring ceremony.

H. B. Butler played "I Love You Truly" as the wedding party marched into the living room.

The bride was dressed in a pale blue suit with tan accessories and wore a corsage of pink roses. Her attendant Mrs. Tracy Williams of Purcell, Oklahoma, sister of the groom, was dressed in a beige suit with a corsage of sweet peas.

The groom was attended by his brother, Floyd Smith of Rockport.

After the ceremony, an informal reception was held at the home of the grooms parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith. Punch and cake was served to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brymer of Corpus Christi, Mrs. J. York and son Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntire of Bay Side, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and son Pat, Mrs. Roy York, Rev. J. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Gillespie and children, Joan, Kenneth and Mary Alice of Bayside, Mrs. Jimmie DeForest, Jack Blackwell and the Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Jameson.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fincher of Livingston and until her marriage was employed in County Judge's office in Livingston. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of Rockport and before his enlistment in the U. S. Marines last year was employed by Rice Brothers and Company. After a trip to Livingston, they will reside in Corpus Christi where Mr. Smith will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wheeler accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris of Clarkwood to San Antonio last week-end.

Robert Sorenson of Victoria spent the week-end at Forest Park guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Sorenson.

From where I sit...



by Joe Marsh

One of the best-liked farmers in these parts is Bert Childers! And he has the best way of beatin' the man shortage, too.

Come husking time, Bert invites all of his farmer neighbors over to have a glass of beer. When they ask politely "Where's the beer?" Bert points to a bucket-full of frosty bottles in the middle of the field.

"All you got to do," he says, "is work your way out to it."

Well, Bert's idea has caught on all over the countryside.

Folks are pitching in to help their neighbors harvest grain, and fruit, and vegetables—and are taking their reward in sociability when the job's done.

And from where I sit, that's a mighty healthy picture of American life—people working together to get in the food this country needs—and afterwards, sittin' around like good friends, over a moderate glass of wholesome beer. I'm for it!

Joe Marsh

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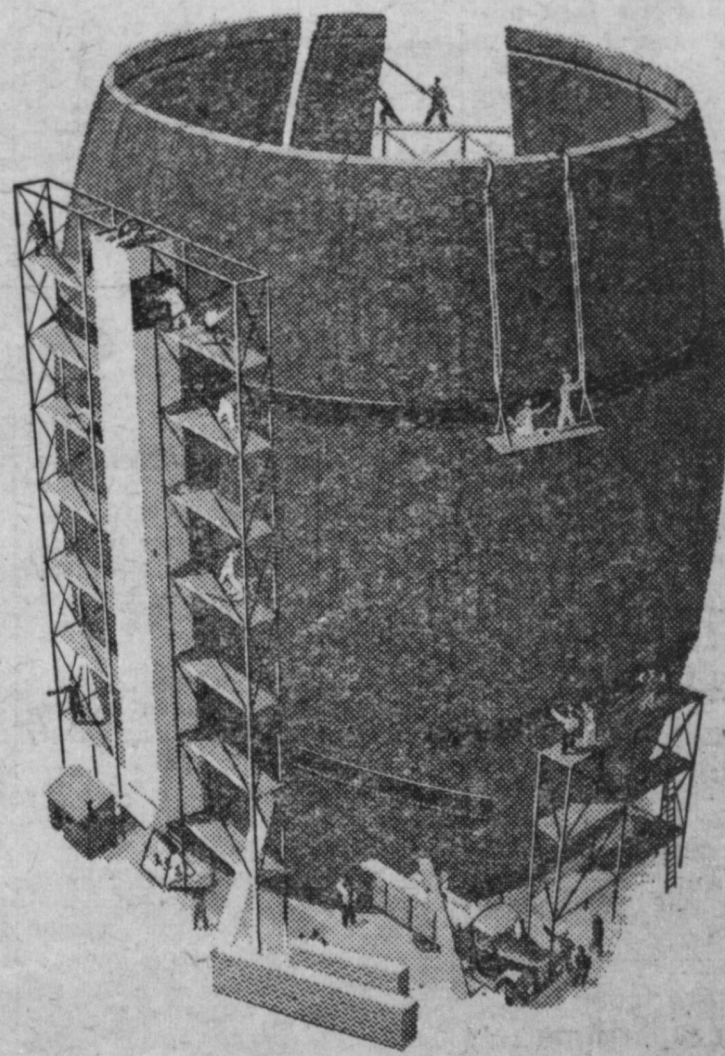
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 16
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Black Dragon
Frاندolig-Hart
Miss Ruth Frاندolig and Billy Hart were married here Wednesday by Justice of the Peace D. C. McBride. Hart is stationed with the U. S. Coast Guard in Port Aransas.

First National Bank
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acumen of every man he deals with.
"There's a lot of people in the county I don't know," he asserts, but it sounds more like a boast than a confession. The impression holds that if he doesn't know them very few others do.
Glass was born in the little town of Waverly, Kans., 53 year ago. His parents took him to Brazoria when he was two and he remained there until shortly after he began primary school. At 14 his education was at a formal end in Angleton and from then on he worked for a living, "doing everything," as he recalls. He left his mother and two sisters in Angleton when he moved to Rockport and they live there still.
Banking is only a part of the daily work of Glass. He is the sole appeals agent for the county draft board; director of the Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Red Cross; bond sales chairman for the county; former chairman of the Navigation Board; and treasurer of Rockport Lodge No. 323, A. F. & A. M.
He and another clerk were the staff at the bank with the exception of part-time assistance until recent years. The staff now includes Pat Mixon, assistant cashier since 1926; Eddie Pat Mixon, his son; Mrs. E. L. Critcher and Ed Barnard.
F. W. Heldenfels is president of the bank, and Fred A. Bracht, vice-president. The directors include Glass, Heldenfels, Bracht, Mayor Travis Johnson and F. W. Heldenfels, Jr.
Boom times and war restrictions have added materially to the bank's place in the community. It handles ration coupon deposits for the business men and it accounts for 90 per cent of the monthly total of \$12,500 in war bonds sold in

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Loter are moving this week to Knoxville, Tenn., where Mr. Loter will take a position.
Eugene Bracht is now in Galveston where he is employed with a shipyard as an electrician. His wife will join him as soon as suitable living quarters can be located. Mrs. Bracht's mother, Mrs. H. J. Giddings, is here from Shreveport, to stay until Mrs. Bracht goes to Galveston to join Mr. Bracht.
Mrs. James Lathrop went to Corpus Christi last week to visit her daughter, Jane.
F. S. Nuggins of Texas City spent the week-end at Oleander Court.
Sheriff A. R. Curry and Will Close spent Tuesday in San Antonio on business.
Mrs. Tracy Williams of Purcell, Oklahoma, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams of Kingsville spent last week-end in Rockport.
Mrs. Hulda Branniest and children of Seguin spent the week with Chas. P. Steffler in Lamar.
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wheeler spent Saturday in Corpus Christi.
Mrs. Ira McShan visited Mrs. W. D. Hill in Ingleside last Friday.

Mrs. Stephen Bettley Leaving To Make Home In San Antonio

Mrs. Stephen Bettley, resident of Rockport for the past seven years, is leaving Friday for San Antonio where she will make her home.
Before coming to Rockport Mrs. Bettley resided in San Antonio and Beeville. Mr. Bettley passed away two years ago last April.
Mrs. Bettley will live with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Deutz in San Antonio. She also has two sons in San Antonio, Alfred S. Bettley and Capt. E. W. Bettley.
Mrs. Bettley owns property in Rockport including a group of cottages.

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PINTO BEAN, New Crop, 32 oz. bag, (4 pts) 20c
PINTO BEANS, New Crop, 16 oz. bag (1 pt) 10c
RICE, Fancy New Crop Blue Rose, 32 oz. 25c
TEXAS P. R. YAMS, 5 pounds 40c
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PEANUT BUTTER, Swift's, 8 oz. jar 18c
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Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roberts Move To Corpus Christi

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For the past two years they lived in Fulton where they had built their home. Roberts, a former partner in the Corp. Christi Electric Co., is understood to be planning a new business venture in that city.

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