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# Legislature Asked For Oyster Work Continuation Sixty-Dollars Cash Offered In Rockport Tarpon Contest

Now a Major



Captain James H. Sorenson, Jr., was promoted to the rank of hungry soon, if not now. Major in the U.S. Army on February 15. He is now serving as spring winds to blow yet, but that Chief Training Liasion Officer in will not discourage a Tarpon fishthe Army Air Forces, Training erman very much, especially for Liaison Office, with headquarters Aransas Bay, because the best Tar-

1942 he was commissioned as a yacht basin, for that matter. second leiutenant at the Officer Nor is bait such an awful prob-Tebessa he was wounded and re- take a try at it. received the Purple Heart. He The rules of the contest are as was returned to duty in the confollows: Fishing Grounds: Bounded ment Group, has been awarded a

# Piloting

Fishing, both commercial and sports is one of those between the season doldrums. The bait situation is bad, and there "just ain't many fish to catch.'

An exception to the rule, and there is always one, was a landing of 65 pounds of trout by A. O. Freeman, local contractor. He made his catches in the yacht basin, or "fish bowl" as we would prefer to call it.

That blue sail boat with the yellow mast down there by the basin belongs to Tom O'Connor. It will probably be in the water soon.

Fishing or no fishing, though things are going on at the bayfront just the same.

John Peres is building himself and Johnny Chupe two of the prettiest work boats that have been built around here in a long time. They will be about 42 feet long, with model hulls, and will have Caterpiller Diesels for power. Let us know when the launchings come off, boys.

Down at Jackson's ways we saw Phil Hart hard at work repairing Morrison's 28-foot shrimper, the "Louise". Hugh just launched the "Julia" after a general repair job.

Also at the Jackson ways, Tim Haynes had his "Skipper", another nice shrimper, out of the water for

Will Frandolig is still working patiently, in the old Frandolig tradition, on his two jobs for Travis Johnson. The gossip has it that there is a big bet on to see if Will is going to beat John Peres to the

Alvin Brundrett is chief engineer and doctor at Jackson's ways

Over at Johnson's fish house, Somer Smith has everybody and the dog and cats helping him hang his new 200-fathoms of trammel net. + + +

fishing supplies are coming in is now constable. The appoint- three brothers: O. P. of San An- of Rockport, and Mrs. Patsy Sigbetter now, but he "just can't git ment runs for two years. tonio, J. B. of Freeport, and M. A. mund of Corpus Christi. The sons no lumber for shelves" to put them There were no announced candi- of Houston. The three sisters are: are: Homer,, Frank and Bill, all -(Continued on Page 4) in failed to alify.

## **Prizes Offered** For First and **Biggest Tarpon**

Chamber of Commerce Sponsored Contest Open Now, Closes Labor Day

The old man at the corner cast his weather eye upward and said that there would be an early spring. The Rockport Chamber of Commerce agrees and announces the first Tarpon Contest to be staged by this city, offering \$60 in cash

The contest opens this day, February 22, and its anybody's chase until 6 p. m. on Labor day. There should be lots of Tarpon caught between now and then. They have already been seen in Aransas Bay, and no doubt will be very, very

There are lots of those strong pon fishing can be had in these Captain Sorenson enlisted in the protected waters. Large Tarpon Army October 27th, 1941. In April nave been caught right in the

Candidate Training School in Mi- lem either, for believe it or not, ami, Fla.. In September, 1942 he the Trout Fishermen have all had went overseas with the 12th Air their artificial lures carried away Force and participated in the Afri- by this King of game fish. So why can Invasion. In the Battle of not put a lure on a Tarpon rig and

tinental U.S. after nineteen months on the South by an East and West line throught the southern tip of Mud Island; and bounded on the North by a line running East and west through the center of Dunham's Island.

Registration: Any tarpon caught can be registered either at Mill's Wharf or Morrison's Boat Houses. To be registered the fish must be photographed by a staff photographer from the local newspaper.

Prizes: For the first Tarpon four feet in length or over there Third Air division, which was cited will be a cash prize of \$25.00. For the largest Tarpon registered

for the duration of the contest there of messerschmitt aircraft factories will be a cash prize of \$35.00. So, there it is Tarpon men, go in what is considered the tougness and get 'em and come and get It.

#### More Help Needed **Un Red Cross Emergency Sewing**

The local Red Cross Chapter needs more help in completing its assignment of 300 emergency replacement bags. Only a short while Ruth Jackson lives at Rockport, remains to meet the deadline and Texas. Lt. Abrahams entered the cases disposed of were the followthose who will take one or more of Army Air Forces in July 1942. ing: the bags to make are requested to He had graduated from the Kansas go to the Red Cross rooms or call State College at Mahatten, Kansas, and render aid, dismissed on state's Mrs. John C. Sorenson at 3081. before entering the service.

New Constable

WALTER PAUGH

... Appointed by Court

of the County Commissioners Court

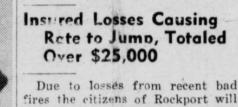
constable of Prec. 1 at a meeting son, and Miss Lois Sparkmon.

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# Rockport Loses Good Fire Record Credit \$50,000 Sought

**Policy Holders** Decorated To Pay \$12,000 More In 5 Years



fires the citizens of Rockport will pay 46 per cent more for their fire insurance policies for the next five years than they have for the past five year period. The new rates go into effect March 1, as announced by the State Fire Insurance Com-This rate is based on a differen-

tial between premiums collected and benefits paid within the corporate limits of Rockport. The insured losses which caused the rate jump amounted to \$25,400. This figure covers the Smith Boat House fire and the school fire.

A. C. Glass, local insurance representative, estimated that fire insurance representative estimated that fire insurance policy holders will pay a total of about \$12,000 in premiums for the next five years over what they would have paid if fire losses could have been held An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England. - Lieutenant down.

LT. M. L. ABRAHAMS

... Gets 3rd Oak Cluster

Conn., group commander.

theatre of aerial warrare, he has

helped his bomber fight its way

His wife, the former Miss Anne

tonio at the age of 84.

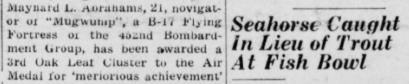
Mrs. Mamie Rachal.

Sparkman operated the paper

under the name of ROCKPORT

store here. Gaffney operated the

leaving Rockport he became in-



while taking part in Eighth Air W. A. Nelson was conscientious-Force bombing attacks on vital ly fishing for trout on February German industrail targets, and on 12, in the Yacht Basin, and while Nazi military strong points, in so doing caught a Seahorse. A Seasupport of advances by Allied horse is a bizarre looking little ground forces. The presentation animal whose head looks like a was made by Lieucenant Colnel horse and whose tail is like that of Burnham L. Batson of Manchester, a monkey. With all that, it is classed technically as a fish.

Nelson reeled in his line and Mr. Lt. Abrahams is a member of the Seahorse was hanging onto the lead with that curly tail of his. On by the President for its historic coming out of the water the sea-Enguand-to-Airca shuttle bombing horse was caught on the hook in such a way that it was not injured. at Regensburg, Germany, Flying

The seahorse was still living Wednesday in a jar at Morrison's Boat House. It can be seen any

#### through severe enemy opposition to attack such objectives as aero engine plants at Berlin, synthetic District Court on refineries at Merseburg and the Closes Session marshalling yards at Cologne, Ger-For February

District court closed its February session here this week. Among

Trinidad Reyes, failure to stop

J. E. Moore and Pete Ramirez, suit for damages against H. F. Borders. Judgement for \$600 awarded Moore and \$900 awarded Ramirez.

C. K. Thornton vs. United Fidelity and Guaranty Co., damages Judgement for plaintiff for \$1,000. Traders and General Insurance The gears of fate meshed strangely this week when two old Co. vs. Edric Deason, damages. skippers of the PILOT expired Judgement awarding Deason \$600. within four days of each other. The day in Victoria, at the age of 64, ors of the estate of W. H. Baldwin, The second, James Sumner Spark- deceased, vs. John H. Wood and man, died at his home in San An- Viggo Kohler, et al, trespass to

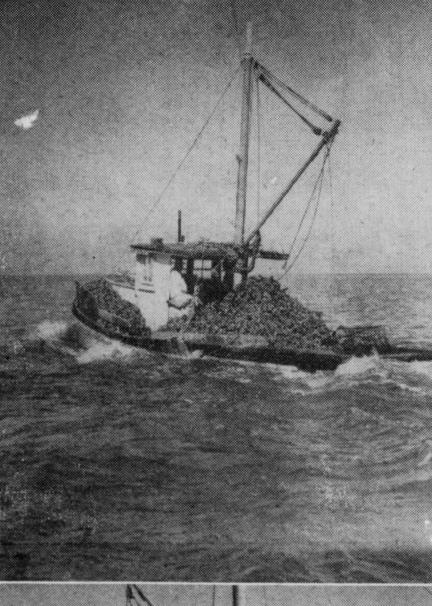
try title and damages. Judgement

#### ENTERPRISE. At the same time Funeral Held he was interested in a dry goods Wednesday For paper under the name of ROCK- Omer McLead

for plaintiff.

PORT REGISTER PILOT. After Omer McLead died at the age of 67 in his home here last Monday. terested in ranching around Vic-He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and the first World Sparkman is survived by his War. Services were held Wedneswife, son, and four daughters. The day morning at 10:00 at the First son: R. E. Sparkman, the daugh- Baptist Church with Reverend ters: Mrs. May Lightburn, Mrs. E. J. Meyers officiating. Burial was Walter Paugh was appointed as J. R. Bourland, Mrs. H. L. Thomp- in the Rockport Cemetery.

McLead is survived by his wife, Gaffney is survived by three two daughters, and five sons. The Henry Camehl says boat and last Friday. He has qualified and brothers and three sisters. The daughters are: Mrs. Lonnie Wright





MOVING OYSTERS TO NEW LOCATION-Above is pictured well and grow thickly in brackish one of the contract boats moving a big load of seed oysters from waters, thus crowding and starving Copano Bay to Aransas Bay where they are being replanted under the State's oyster rehabilitation program. Bottom picture shows the oysters crowding is less or non-existent." being scattered on an approved reef. There they will have room to grow and within a year or so will be number one oysters and find their are planted wll be closed for at way to the tables of many throughout the country.

#### **Old-Fashioned** Box Supper Set Friday Night

Miss Mona Ruth Butcher.

An old-fashioned Box Supper is slated on the calendar for Friday night at 7:30 o'clock sharp and is open to the entire public. Mem-Guaranty Title and Trust Co., bers of the Junior Class are giving first, J. F. Gaffney died last Fri- trustees and Independent Execut- the affair at the school auditorium B. Hunt this week announce the under the direction of their sponsor

> Each lady attending is to bring underway March 1 in Rockport. a box decorated with paper, ribbons and bows and filled with her favorite sandwiches, cakes, etc. A prize will be given for the prettiest Booth, chairman, Mrs. Henry, Baltioned off with the men doing the Bailey, Mrs. A. C. Shivers, Mrs. bidding. The men will have the Chas. T. Picton, Miss Vivien Picprivilege of sharing their boxes ton, Miss Mabel Bracht. with the ladies preparing them.

After supper, entertainment will be forty-two, dominoes, card games,

and dancing. Money derived from the raffling will go to the Junior Class and will be used to help pay for the Junior-Senior Banquet held each year before school is dismissed.

CORRECTION In a picture of the Thompson tacky party the name of one of the

# **City Workers Named for Red**

Mrs. Fred Booth and Mrs. Fred names of their co-workers in the ceed with the planting program Red Cross War Fund Drive to get which can be run in conjunction

Those to canvass the north section of the city are: Mrs. Fred box. Then the boxes will be auc- lou, Mrs. Jack Davis, Mrs. Travis an absolute necessity in planning a

South section workers are: Mrs. Fred B. Hunt, chairman, Mrs. J. lated to oyster production decline be provided for everyone. There will P. Hanway, Mrs. Hugh Morrison, must also serve as a background Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. S. F. Jackson and Mrs. Richard Fox.

> Miss Lola Steck and Miss Lucille Kreuger of Belleville returned home lating to the Texas Oyster indus-Wednesday after spending a few try should be ascertained and ordays here in the home of Mr. and ganized with respect to each other. Mrs. Chas. L. Landrum. Miss For example, the past history of

on. That's okey, Henry, just dates for constable at the last Mrs. J. B. Shore, Mrs. Camilla of whom are in the armed forces; orchestra members was given as doing something wrong, a TAX is statistics of past production and stack 'em on the floor and whistle. election and those elected by write Finnigan both of San Antonio, and and Norman and Charles of Rock- Lee Lico, It should have been Lee the same for doing something the ways of handling oysters.

# To Carry On **Oyster Program**

Game Commission Now **Doing Rehabilitation** Work In Aransas Bay

Legislative aid is being sought to bring oysters back into peak production along the Texas coast to bolster a big money industry that has been on a decline for many

J. B. Arnold, coastal director of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, said that an appropriation of \$50,000 was being sought to carry on the oyster rehabilitation program that is now underway.

Reports of the Commission show that oyster production in 1944 was nearly 40,000 pounds under the previous year. Years ago the oyster crop produced many hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash for the thousands of persons involved in the industry. Statistics show that the oyster crop has fallen off 75 per cent within the past 40

Work to rebuild the beds has been started by the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission with funds from that commission, but to carry out the rehabilitation program an appropriation is needed.

Dr. Gordon Gunter, former marine biologist for the commission, did much of the preliminary work ingetting rehabilitation started. He is now affilliated with the University of Texas, but is giving his assistance in the program.

The rehabilitation program, designed to bring a greater volume of better oysters in this area, will be under the direction of Joel Hedgpeth, a new marine biologist, replacing Dr. Gunter.

According to a schedule laid out by Dr. Gunter, four reeis in Aransas Bay will be replanted with stock taken from prescribed areas in Copano Bay.

Transplanting of the live oysters from one location to another is to be done during the cooler months, and during the warm months, when oysters are spawning, shells are to be planted on the reefs to provide attachment for the young oysters.

About the transplanting of the live oysters, Dr. Gunter says in a memo to the Drector of the Coastat Division:

"It will be conducted in a way that takes advantage of the general knowledge that oysters reproduce each other, but grow well where the

The reefs on which the oysters least one year, and perhaps longer depending on the progress and health of the oysters.

"As outlined here," Dr. Gunter continued, "the planting program is not broad enough to answer the serious questions concerning oyster reproduction that now confront the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission. It is not a complete program. However, since all of the necessary information has not been gathered and the need for action is immediate, it is necessary to prowith a research program and at a

saving in expense. "Knowledge of what factor or factors have been resposible for the decline in oyster production are program of action for stopping the decline and starting it on the upgrade. Other facts, part of them of a biological nature, not directly refor a program of action. The following outline explaining how this

basic information must be gathered. "All known important facts re-Steck is a sister to Mrs. Landrum. | the oyster industry should be reviewed carefully. This should in-A FINE is an assessment for clude a complete survey of the

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#### Costume Ball Is Slated For

Taking the spotlight on the social calendar for things to come is the Costume Dance slated for Friday night, March 2nd, at the high school. The student council will play host for the affair and to attend.

Mrs. Mary Moore Hostess to Circles

Both circles of the W.M.U. met light." with Mrs. Mary Moore for a Bible Study Monday afternoon. The Stu-

J. Roden, Mrs. E. C. Morgan, Mrs. Baptist; Mrs. John Paul Reese and J. H. May, Mrs. Tom Wright, Mrs. Mrs. Kate Ezell, Episcopalians; E. J. Meyers and the hostess.

about his "culture" you can be Church, Mrs. Tipton from the Bappretty sure he doesn't have any. tist Church and Mrs. Jack Hagar Mrs. Conger Hagar Boyce House.

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#### Churches Join In World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Preyer sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, was observed Friday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church.

"Church Universal" was the topic Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches. The theme was "That ye motif. should show fourth the praises of him who hath called you out of the darkness into his marvelous

Mrs. W. H. Morrison of the Pres- Haynes. byterian Church was the leader of dy was led by Mrs. Mabel Bryant. the day and was assisted by Mrs. Mrs. T .H. Pollard, Presbyterians.

Solos were presented by Ernes-When you hear a man talking tine Gordan of the Methodist Mary Else Rowe and Bonnie Cron. of the Presbyterian Church.

The Episcopalians presented the causes to which the offering goes. The causes are for work with Migrants and sharecroppers, Religious, Christian Literature and Union Christian Colleges.

Miss Iris Sorenson played the organ and Rev. T. H. Pollard gave the closing prayer and dedicated hitherto unknown in Texas. the offering which amounted to about \$28,00.

#### **Junior Class Benefit** Dance Held Friday

Fifty dancers were present Friday night at the Pirate Cave when members of the Junior Class put on a Benefit Dance. Wister Stevenson and his Rythm Ranchers fur- Mrs. Lathrop Hostess to nished the music.

During the evening, the juniors sold sandwiches and drinks. Charcharge of the dance and was assisted in selling sandwiches and Cole, and David Herring. Charlotte Cron took up the tickets at the her subject.

Butcher.

From the affair, the Juniors present. cleared \$13.14 which will go to their Junior-Senior Banquet Fund. Mrs. Leonard Casterline, Mrs. T.

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#### **Bonnie Cron Bridge Hostess** Monday Night

A spring theme was featured in the decorations and appointments entertained with two tables of bridge at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Cron.

Narcissuses were placed about all high school students are invited of the program presented by re- the rooms and gay flowers were presentatives from the Methodist, printed on the napkins, tallies and

> Mary Elsie Rowe received the high score prize Charlotte Cron was awarded second high and the low score prize was given Lucille

A delicious refreshment course of pineapple upside-down cake topped Shults, Mrs. Mabel Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Meyers and Mrs. Tom Shults, olives, candy and punch were serv-

Smith, Patti Ballou, Lucille Haynes Mary Lou McLester, Charlotte Cron

## Gets Another 'First'

Another new bird record for Texas was authenticated as being made in Rockport this week. Mrs. Hager! Rockport on January 17, and at citations.

land, Ohio.

tablished the first authoritative the Texas Coast.

### Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. James Lathrop was hostess lyne Davis, social chairman, had Thursday afternoon to members of Circle 2 of the Presbyterian Auxiliary. An interesting program on drinks by Inez Pearson, Russell "Stewardship" was led by Mrs. Rowe, Margaret Steward, Ruby James Hooper, who used songs, poems and prayers to emphasize Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. tions to participate in the County

After a business meeting, a social Wheeler, Owen James and the Ju- cakes iced in white and trimmed in led the devotional. nior class sponsor, Miss Mona Ruth | pink were served with coffee to the

ten members and four visitors fee were served to Mrs. Fannie mation, extemporanious speech, Visitors were Mrs. Mabel Bryant, S. Kingsley and Mrs. W. I. Miller Charles Keefer, Mrs. John Weber Presbyterian Young of Fort Worth.

Eliker are the proud parents of a the morning.-Boyce House. son, Hadley Bruce, born February 15th at the Spohn hospital in Corpus Christi. Major Eliker has been in Italy for approximately four months. He is a pilot of a P-51 fighter, and is with the 15th Air Force. Mrs. Eliker is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hildenbrand of the Sea Gull Cottages, for the duration.

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### Large Crowd Attends Parent-Teacher Association Founders Day Program

Menday night when Bonnie Cron the Parent-Teacher Asociation's Friday night from San Antonio Founder Day program at the high school Tuesday night.

Opening the program the audience sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and Rev. E. J. Meyers gave a prayer. Mrs. Manch Brunplates, further reflecting the Spring drett traced the history of the Rockport P-TA and then the program was turned over to the sixth grade and their teachers, Mrs. Bill Cavitt and Mrs. Fred James.

In a candleliught service the five aims of the PTA were presented. Five girls, Joyce Nell Townsend, Mary Ann Close Berta Gene Those attending were Mrs. Tom J. W. Townsend, Methodist; Mrs. with whipped cream, sandwiches, Shults, Vonda Smith and Katherine Atwood, came out on the stage and each lighted a tall white taper Those enjoying the hospitality placed on a table. The tapers burn-W. I. Miller of Fort Worth, Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Cloberdants and were Wilbern Hamblin, Colleen ed throughout the program. Peggy Joyce Owens did the announcing.

> Then a pageant was presented titled: "Flags of the Allies." Mrs. James played the accompanying music and thirty different nations were represented by flags. The two readers for the pageant were Charlotte Ann Gunter and Betty Lou Garrett.

In memory of George Washingsaw a pair of Harlequin Ducks on ington's birthday, Jimmy Simmons one of her regular trips around and Joyce Nell Townsend gave re- tending the University of Texas,

the time recognized them as birds After the program, a business days with her mother, Mrs. Pete meeting was held. The eighth grade Richardson. The record was authenticated by room received the attendance prize, Dr. Harry C. Oberholser on the the PTA agreed to sponsor the basis of Mrs. Hagar's observation. Blue Birds, and a nominating com-Dr. Oberholser is Curator of the mittee was named on the commit- Mrs. Clyde Christopher and daugh-Natural History Muesum in Cleve- tee to elect officers for the coming ter, Marion, Miss Louise Bettley In July, 1943 Mrs. Hagar es- Wilkinson, and Mrs. Lloyd Smith. Christophers visited with Mrs.

grade students. Refreshments of at A. and I., visited with her parcherry pie and coffee, cookies and ents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith. punch were served.

#### Fulton Bible Study **Enjoys Afternoon**

Frank Walker. Mrs. Walker gave Meet. the lesson on the fourth chapter Chaperons were Supt. M. C. hour was enjoyed. Little heart of "Exodus" and Mrs. John Weber track have been busy for quite some Duck.

rad Day, Mrs. Vallie Cole, Mrs. Golden Rowe, Mrs. John Cole, Mrs. and Mrs. Walker.

There was a fellow, by the way, who got into trouble by opening a Major and Mrs. Hadley Burres bank. He opened it at 3 o'clock in



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#### Over hundred people attended Mrs. J. P. Hanway returned home where she has been visiting two weeks with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Terry. Mrs. Terry accompanied her home and visited here until

Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Roy Lee Hart and daughter Dolly Lee, spent the week-end with Roy Lee Hart in Raymondville.

Mrs. Stanley Bissett spent Thursday afternoon in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Maynard Abrahams visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Corbin and sons, in Ingleside over the week-end.

Harold Picton is coming in today from the University of Texas to remain with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Picton, until he is called into the Merchant Marine Cadet Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Picton and Miss Mary Beth Picton spent the week-end in Sinton visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson,

Mrs. James Bannahan, who is atwill spend the between term holi-

Returning to Kingsville after spending the week-end here were year are Mrs. Somer Smith, Mrs. and Miss Bonnie Jean Smith. The A social hour was then enjoyed. John Brundrett, Miss Bettley spent record of a true Flamingo visiting Mrs. T. H. Pollard, social chair- the week-end with her brother and man, was assisted by Mrs. T. H. sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ratliff and several mothers of 6th Bettley and Miss Smith, a student

#### Students Busy On **Exams and County Meet**

taking their regular six-week ex- where he was to report for duty. The Fulton Bible Study met aminations and making prepara-

Those going out for tennis and time and now the students are al-Refreshments of cookies and cof- so concentrating on debate, decla-Mars, Mrs. Fred Weber, Mrs. Con- typing, shorthand and one-act

## People Meet At Manse

Members of the Presbyterian Young People's Association met March 4th with her parents, Mr. at the Manse Wednesday night for and Mrs. Travis Johnson. their regular meeting. The "Gospel of Luke" was studied.

John Cron and Travis Smith versity of Texas who will be here acted as hosts for the social hour.

There was the marine who was Mrs. W. M. Ferres. so tough he used his tooth brush to comb-the hair between his teeth.



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#### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Turner a children were guests of Mr. a Mrs. Lloyd Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Manch Brundrett returned home Friday after a visit in Rock Spring and San Antonio. On her way back, she stopped off at Taft to spend Thursday night with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Meyers, who brought her home.

Mrs. Don Alger attended the District Cachier's Meeting for the Central Power and Light in Sinton

A week-end guest in the Stanley Bissett home was their daughter, Miss Dorothy Bissett of Corpus

day to spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brundrett

Norman Bissett was here Thurs-

were in Corpus Christi Wednesday afternoon. E FUNERAL HOME Ambulance Service

Gentry Reynolds G. O. Hitchcock Mrs. Fancher Archer visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Rogers of Corpus Christi over the week-end.

Attending the Civic Music Association's program in Corpus Christi Wednesday night was Mrs. Fancher Archer.

Mrs. Mary Adolphus, Mrs. Arley Shivers and daughter, Mary Martha went to Corpus Christi Monday.

Mrs. Chester Johnson came in Sunday from Newport, Rhode Island to visit her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Mills. On her way down

she stopped off in Bay City to visit her husband's relatives. Chief Petty Officer Chester Johnson came Students were busy this week with her as far as New Orleans

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ayres and two little sons, Roger and Bob, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Miss Mary Virginia Jackson, student at the University of Texas, is expected home Saturday to spend the Spring Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson. Miss Shirley Johnson will com

in Saturday from Austin where she is attending the University of Texas She will remain here until Another student from the Uni-

between semesters is Billy Ferris.

He will visit his parents, Mr. and

Cpl. George Lee Brundrett flew from Corpus Christi to Jacksonville, Florida after his visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brundrett. Since he got to Jacksonville earlier than he expected, he got in two days of sightseeing in St. Augustine and Daytona Beach before going on to

Tampa where he is stationed. CAGEFUNERALHOME Ambulance Service Gentry Reynolds G. O. Hitchcock

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mixon, Justyne Mixon and Mrs. Bill Cavitt were in Corpus Christi Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Haynes, who was taken to the Memorial hospital last Friday with a broken hip; was brought home Monday afternoon. She is getting along as well as can

be expected.

Among those attending the basket ball game in Gregory last Saturday were Patti and Dickie Ballou.

An ash tray is something to put igarette butts in when the room doesn't have a floor.

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# \$50,000 Sought to Carry Out Oyster Program On Texas Coast

### **Aransas Bay Scene of First Oyster Work**

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"Information on where, when and how the oysters were taken and how these methods changed throughout the years should be gathered. The date that hand dredges, power dredges and power boats were introduced should be considered in relation to the changes in production statistics. The annual production statistics should also be examined in connection with drought years, flood years, improvements in transportation, rise and fall in prices and other factors.

"Changes in seasonal flow of Texas rivers and their influence breakwaters and dykes and their influence on reeis and the amount of reefs destroyed in their construction should be determined whereever possible. The history of industrial and municipal wastes put in the bays and their effects should be summarized.

"From these facts, it should be possible to derive certain valid conclusions relating to the declinof oyster production on the Texas gical facts about the Texas oyster to the facts ascertained above for Feb. 21. the purpose of planning what further facts are needed for the reall portinent facts in the litera-

"Furthermore, the unrecorded experience of oyster growers in other states, especially Louisiana, should be utilized to the fullest possible ter planting work will be a piece- of American citizens to make agree-

"A survey of all reefs and a comparison of their condition with the marine biologist to analyze and and the right to choose with whom the condition and extent of the experiment as we go along. The such agreements will be made and reefs in the past, so far as this is known, should be made. In con- case of success or failure we will United States decision against the nection with this, a geological sur- not be able to show why. Therefore, present white primary held, in afvey of the extent and depth of mud- the complete program will be the fect, that so long as the state has shell deposits would be of interest cheapest in the long run and it laws governing political parties and value to various industrial en- should be started at the earliest that citizens are not free to choose terprises. This is a large program within itself and should be carried on by a geologist.

"A laboratory and a boat with a crew of two men and two biologists working full time on this program alone and with no other extraneous duties will be needed to carry it out. The boat, the crew and one biologist are already available, working in connection with the oyster planting program. A laboratory can be constructed for approximately \$5,000. Additional expenses of \$5,000 a year for salary of the second biologist, his travel expense and laboratory expenses will be needed if the research is carried on in connection with the planting

"With this staff and working failities, a thorough oyster program signed to answer the questions solve the most important problems of oyster rehabilitation in Texas could be carried on in connection with the oyster planting program and completed in approxi-

mately five years at a cost of \$30,000, in addition to the money expended on the rehabilitation program as it is now planned. "If this research were carried on

alone and there were no planting program, much of the work would duplicate what is to be done in the program already started, and the total expense for a five-year period would be in the neighborhood of \$60,000

"The research work plus the planting work, as it is now planned, amounts to a total program. Without the research program the oys-

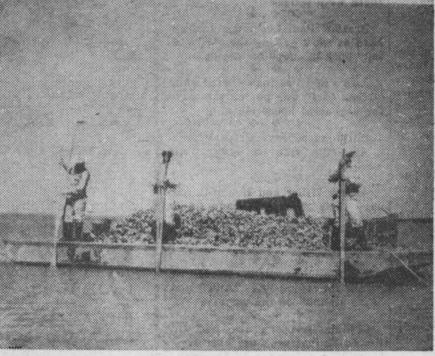


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TONGING OYSTERS-Some of the oysters are in water too on the salinities and silting of the shallow to be reached by a boat capable of operating a dridge. In this bays should be ascertained. The case the oysters must be taken up with tongs. Oyster tongs are simply history of canals, ship channels, two rakes crossed to work like a pair of scissors. The oysters are worked up into small heaps by feel with the tongs, and then the tongs are closed under them and the whole lifted out of the water onto the barge. This barge and its tow boat belong to the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission and were fitted out especially for this work.

#### Anti-Discrimination Hearing To Be Held Monday, Morch 5

committee hearing on the so-called Coast. The known important biolo- anti-discrimination bill by Franklin Sen. Weaver Moore, Houston. Spears of San Antonio will be held should be summarized and related Monday, March 5, not Wednesday,

The bill will make it unlawful to discriminate against persons of who may participate. habilatation program. This phase Mexican or Latin American origin

The public hearing March 5 will

lems in Texas are acute.

#### White Men's Primary Bill Introduced

AUSTIN, Feb. 21 .- A bill to permit retention of the white men's AUSTIN, Feb. 21 .- A Senate primary elections in Texas was filed in the state legislature today by

The bill seeks to repeal the numerous state laws, both civil and criminal, dealing with party primaries in so far as they relate to

Repeal would leave the matter tled entirely by party regulation.

A preamble recited the right meal attempt and with the present ments among themselves as to staff there will not be time for whom they will support for office result will be that either in the said that the supreme court of the possible time, for the oyster prob- with whom they will associate po-



# "My dad's calling me up tonight"



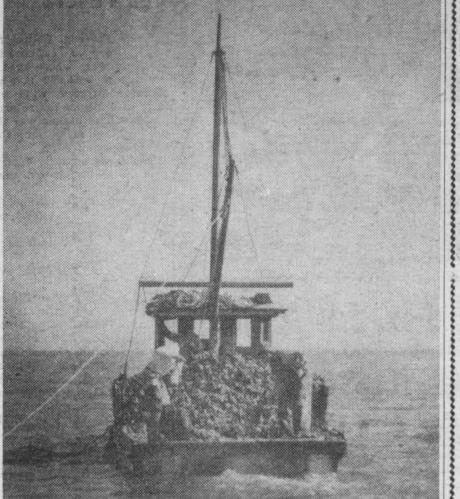
"I haven't seen him for some

"If you are not in the service, would you mind going easy on Long Distance between 7 and 10 tonight so his call can get through quicker?

> "Pop and I will be mighty grateful."

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DREDGING SEED OYSTERS IN COPANO BAY-This boat is working under contract on the State's oyster rehabilitation program. This work requires considerable skill in locating suitable oysters for transplanting. After the oysters are taken aboard the vessel all dead of the work involves a summary of in business catering to the pub- of party membership to be set- shell, mussels, conchs, seaweed, and debris are cleaned out and thrown of his Gettysburg Address. Two of lowed up its victory in the famous overboard. The large clusters of oysters are broken into small clusters them are on exhibition in the Con- Battle of Bull Run the Confeder-Senator Moore explained: "It's for planting purposes. Careful watch is kept for the possibility of gressional Librairy in Washington ates might have taken Washington be before the Senate State Affairs just a white primary bill that's transferring oyster pests to the new territory.

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CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY - A SELF-SUPPORTING, TAX-PAYING BUSINESS

Frank Scofield, Collector of In-

ternal Revenue, explained today

their 1944 income tax returns. Tax-

more must all make "long-form" re-

3. Make a "long-form" return on

but this method is permitted only

if the taxpayer's income was vir-

holding, a tax payer had more than

wages not subject to withholding,

or he had any income from any

Form 1040. If the Withholding Re-

ceipt is used, the collector will

figure the tax and give the tax-

payer credit for the tax he has al-

dental expenses, and other deduc-

tible items amount to more than

10 per cent of my income last

If the answer to this question is "yes", the taxpayer should make

If the answer is "no", the tax-

the middle of each bracket and

therefore the allowance is some-

what less than 10 per cent below

the middle of the bracket and some-

what higher than 10 per cent above

In most cases, Collector Scofield

last receipt received, but should be

sure to attach all their other With-

holding Receipts (keeping, of

ceipts to their Form 1040 returns. Taxpayers who wish to use Form

W-2 (Rev.) for the filing of their

return must file Form W-2 (Rev.)

on or before March 15, 1945. The

use of this form after March 15

located in the following cities:

Cameron, Corpus Christi, Del Rio,

Edinburg, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Fredericksburg, Galveston, Harlin-

Mr. Norman Hill of Harvard Uni-

At the same time Dr. Edward

**Bird Authorities** 

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ployer furnished two copies.)

the middle of the bracket.

the time he files his return.

\$100 of dividends, interest and

**Advice Given** 

For Income

Tax Payers

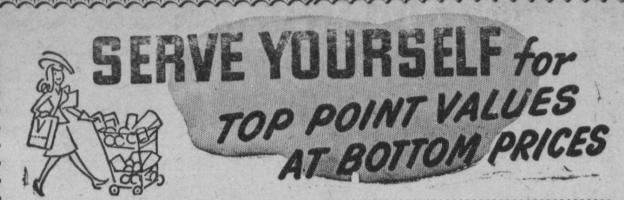
turns on Form 1040.

000 are as follows:

from their employers.

on Form 1040.

Form 1040.



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5c

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area at this time of the year. The Stewart-Wendell Post Veterans of Foreign Wars holds regu- Fleisher of Brooklyn College was three miles from town. Phone 3541. lar meetings on each First and here with Mr. Ralph Freedman of Third Wednesday nights at 8 the University of New York City o'clock at I.O.O.F. Hall. Visiting with Mrs. Hagar and makmembers cordially invited. O. V. ing a field check on winter birdlife tires and motor. Ceiling price. tf. of this area.

-(Continued from Page1) Mr. Jackson says that the oyster tongers might do better if there were tongs.

Preston Paul has John Johnson hard at work getting the old "Viking" back in shape for sea again.

that taxpayers whose 1944 income Also in Preston's yard the was less than \$5,000 have a choice "Greek Girl" was put on the ways of three different ways of filing for a general house cleaning. payers whose income was \$5,000 or

Bill Johnson says Ernest Garcia is his high man on oysters this

The three methods open to persons whose income was under \$5,-Arthur Miller and Henry Garcia have their "Tomcat" ready to go 1. Fill out the Withholding Refishing after about two weeks of ceipt, Form W-2 (Rev.), received repair work. These men fish for Bill Johnson. 2. Make a "short-form" return

At the Bass Boat Works we found the runabouts "Ann" and 'Fish Hound" on the ways.

The easiest way to file is to fill \* \* \* in and mail a Withholding Reciept, Captain Jacobsen also had Dr. Blair's 38-foot schooner over from Corpus for repair. The Coast Guard tually all from wages from which has just returned her from its tax was withheld. If, in addition to his wages subject to with-

> Mr. Jackson says Frank Roope is doing very well trot lining for Red Fish these days.

other source, he would have to use Bass Boat Works is building a 20-foot runabout for T. Noah Smith. She will have a 90 h. p. Chris Craft Motor.

ready paid, and send either a bill Goldy Rowe takes the prize for or a refund for the difference. If haul-outs - in fact he's in the Form 1040 is used the taxpayer market for ways grease. Up until must figure his own tax and if he noon Wednesday he had hauled owes a balance it must be paid at out three times on Wednesday to remove, nets, ropes, and assorted In choosing which form to use derbris from his wheel. Maybe he (for incomes under \$5,000), Colought to try running in reverse. lector Scofield, said taxpayers

should ask themselves this question. Arthur Davis went out to get "Did my allowable deductions for rich tonging oysters. After two charitable contribution, interest, days he was in bed. taxes, casualty losses, medical and

> Cecil Casterline produced 1400 gallons of oysters last week. He is working nine boats, and is using oyster openers from Palacios.

#### a "long-form" return on Form 1040 Singing School so that he can itemize and claim the actual amount of his deduc- At Fulton Closes Saturday

payer should consider filing on his A two weeks singing school Withholding Receipt or on a "short that has been in progress at the form" Form 1040. Both these meth-Fulton Community church under ods of filing give the taxpayer a the auspices of the Aransas County Commence. standard allowance of about 10 per Singing Convention will close with cent of his income for the type of a big program Saturday night. deductions mentioned in the ques-Everybody is cordially invited to tion. The 10 per cent allowance is attend. made through a tax table. This

Those desiring transportation tax table is arranged according should meet in front of Sorenson's rackets of income; for instance, store at 7:45 Saturday night. They one line in the table is for incomes will be given rides to Fulton and from \$2,300 to \$2,325, another line back, according to Rev. Frank if You Need Help, See Me is for incomes from \$2,325 to \$2,-

#### explained that the 10 per cent Painter of Rockport standard allowance is figured at Landscapes Dies

Mrs. Florence Glyn-Wells Mac-Fadden, who recently died in her home in San Antonio was a well known part time resident of Fulton commented, taxpayers spend far and Rockport. For the past fifteen less than 10 per cent of their in- years she has been coming to Fulcome for deductible items, and ton for the summer, and two years therefore such taxpayers will bene- ago she built a home in Rockport.

In San Antonio, she was active fit by filing either a Withholding in the St. Mark's Auxiliary, the History Club of San Antonio, the Receipt or a short-form return on Conservation Society and the Gold Mr. Scofield added that persons who had more than one job during Star Mothers. She was a member and founder of the Pallette and 1944 and wish to file on Withholding Receipt need to fill out only the Chisel Club.

In Rockport she was active in the Guild of St Peter's, and was well known for her many paintings of scenes about Rockport.

course, the duplicate when the em-She was 78 at the time of her Also, the collector explained that if wage earners file form 1040, they need not fill in their Withholding Receipts but must attach their re-

death, was a native of London, England and lived in San Antonio for 44 years.

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1945, for filing a return is not per-TYPEWRITER SERVICE-For missible. All returns after that limited time only. Cleaning, Oiling date must be filed on a Form and Repairing. Will call. Write Box 82, Rockport, or call at Spencer Cabin No. 1, Samuel E. Gant. The Field Offices for the First Collection District of Texas are

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