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All poetry, obituaries, and resolutions will be charged for at the rate of one cent per word.

Travis Owens is back home, having recently been discharged from the Navy on points. He was with a Ship Building and Repair Unit and spent 13 months at Pearl Harbor. He plans on resuming his old job at the shipyard.

Deluxe Washer On Display At Rockport Electric

Housewives of Rockport now have an opportunity to view a new Maytag washing machine, deluxe model, at the Rockport Electric Company. Bob Hamblin, owner-manager of the company, made the announcement along with a cordial invitation to all housewives of the city to come in and look over the features which this model has to offer in doing that Monday morning chore.

Orders are being taken for these machines, according to Hamblin, because of the still limited supply in stocking show windows in this section of the country.

Albert T. Oertling was a business visitor in Bay City Monday.

Nada Jean Chitwood Married To Billy Murle Huddleston

Miss Nada Jean Chitwood became the bride of Billy Murle Huddleston in a marriage ceremony at the Methodist church here Saturday night. The Rev. F. A. Banks, pastor of the church performed the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. B. L. Sparks of Rockport. She attended school here and at Sinton and for the past year has been employed at the Liquefied Gas Co. office. Huddleston is an aviation machinist's mate, second class, and is stationed at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi. His mother, Mrs. C. F. Montgomery resides at Houston, and his father, Eugene Huddleston, lives at Greenville, Texas. Before entering the Navy, the groom attended school in Houston and Dallas.

The bride wore a light blue gardenia dressmaker suit. Her accessories were in black and she wore a corsage of fuchsia orchids. Her only attendant was Mrs. L. G. Woodahl, who wore a grey and fuchsia crepe dress with black accessories, and a gardenia corsage.

M. A. Ragusin, A.M.M. 2-c, stationed at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, was the best man. The bride's mother dressed in

black and wore a gardenia corsage. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. F. May. A three-tiered cake, decorated with the traditional manure bride and groom, was served by Mrs. Arthur Ahl of Corpus Christi.

The guests included Miss Catherine Joseph of Sinton, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ewart, T. H. Lackey, A.M.M. 2-c; V. St. Peter, A.M.M. 1-c; O. V. McNamee, A.M.M. 1-c; L. B. Hancock, A.M. 2-c; all of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Woodahl and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sparks of Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston are at home at 1653 16th street, Corpus Christi.

'Back to School Night' Will Be Held October 16

Tuesday night, October 16, it is announced, will be the date for a "back to school" meeting to be held for parents and teachers.

Supt. Morgan Wheeler stated that this will be the night set aside for parents to visit teachers of all grades in their respective class rooms, and get acquainted with each other. "Too, said Wheeler, it will give parents a good chance to learn the school's policies and program for the year. A better understanding among parents and teachers, he continued, is essential in that both work with students every day and it will enable a more cooperative spirit between teachers, parents and students alike."

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium for instructions. From there parents will disperse to class rooms for a 10-minute explanation by teachers of the years work. Afterwards, all present will congregate again in the auditorium for refreshments and business meetings.

A cordial invitation is extended all parents to this meeting and it is hoped that a goodly number will be represented from homes in Rockport for the advancement and good will that the meeting is designed to give.

Cloyce Hayden Honored On Tenth Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayden entertained Sunday afternoon from three until five o'clock in honor of their son Cloyce's tenth birthday. A large number of the honoree's friends attended and all enjoyed playing "Cootie."

Charles Hammond Smith won high score and Jimmie Ben Cloberdants the low score prize. After the games open face sandwiches, cheesecake, punch and cake were served.

Guests included Charles Hammond Smith, Jimmie Ben Cloberdants, Joe Earl Hunt, Weldon Haynes, Oscar Stelzig, Gerald Huffman, Johnny Joe Atwood, Joe Her-ring, Culley Roberts, Jimmy Hayden, Shirley Rivers, Patsy Dunlap, Alma Jean Ratliff, Dora Belle Lester, Elizabeth Lassiter, Nancy Hayden and Bonnie McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Somer Smith, Mrs. Fred Cloberdants and Miss Katie Lee Clarke.

Recent visitors in the I. E. Alle-mang home where Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor and daughters Janet, Kathryn, Mrs. G. Y. Rogers and son, Jerry, all of Corpus Christi. Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Joe New and daughter Judy, of Ingleside, Mr. J. E. Bailey and Mrs. Wilson of Houston.

Lamar's Letters Show W. Roberts Was First Representative from Here

GULF COAST SCHOOL MEN WILL HOLD MEET AT A & I OCTOBER 15

The Gulf Coast School Executives will hold their first 1945-46 meeting at Kingsville October 15, it has been announced by its president, Morgan C. Wheeler, Superintendent of Rockport Schools.

A discussion of "In Service Training of Teachers" will be led by Dr. George P. Mechem, Director of Field Service in Education of Texas Technological College. This subject is very pertinent to all school executives now and a discussion should prove both interesting and worthwhile.

Music will be under the direction of Mr. James Holt, Head of the Music Department, Sinton Schools and formerly of Rockport.

The Executive organization covers twenty-eight counties on the Gulf Coast.

Billye Irwin Married To William Blount

Miss Billye Irwin of Gregory was married here last Saturday night to William Blount, who is stationed at the Laredo Army Airfield.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Joe Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Owens were the only attendants.

Mrs. Blount is well-known in Rockport, having been employed during the past year at Johnson's Drug Store.

The first representative of what is now Aransas County to the Congress of the Republic of Texas was a man named W. Roberts, Harry Traylor, historian, discovered in a copy of a letter written by Roberts in the papers of President Mirabeau Lamar found in the San Antonio Public Library.

Aransas County was at that time Refugio County, and Roberts lived at the town of Aransas at the point of the Peninsula, a town later depopulated.

The letter indicates little about Roberts' legislative duties, but does tell something about life in Aransas County in 1838.

The body of the letter follows:

"Hon. M. B. Lamar, Houston, Texas, Dear Mirabeau:-

"By Dr. Carter I embrace the opportunity of sending you a line communicating the present state of affairs at this time and place. I have got my horse up and n finished. I find this a most pleasant summer residence. The air is lightful, the water good, the bathing luxurious. The fish turtle most abundant, and oysters all around us for picking up. Little negroes go out and get what they want, and we all eat and drink. What comes our way without the fear of fever or sickness of any kind. It is indeed the airy region of health.

"The only annoyance we have is the droid of an incursion of Mexicans and Comanche Indians. A large party of the latter is reported this morning to be on Aransas River, between Goliad and this place. The bearer of this news is a Mr. Gray, who in company with two Mexicans, set out from Labardee to this place by the Isthmus. On arrival at Aransas River, they discovered a large number of pack horses and Indians dressed in red skins when they knew to be Comanches. They changed their course and came directly to Copano, and Gray had just come over here this morning, confirming the news of about forty whites being killed on the San Antonio river and its tributary waters.

Business Booms
"Still this place wears somewhat the appearance of business. Three schooners have arrived since we landed with lumber and merchandise, and now while I am writing, another, the Alexander from New Orleans with the families who formerly lived at the Mission. They will however think it most prudent to stop here I suppose for the present. This vessel reports another schooner near the bar called the Empress from Mobile, probably Col. Plumbers. She will be up this evening. Although we consider ourselves somewhat threatened with invasion, we feel pretty confident as our strength is increasing daily.
"How goes on the canvas? I hope you have no cause of alarm. Indeed in this quarter it is scarcely known that you have any opposition; there is not a dissenting voice in the quarter so far as I have heard, I am sure there will be none.

"The people here insist upon my being returned as their representative to the next Congress. What think you of it? I wish you would advise me particularly on this subject. Write me generally upon matters and things. If any circumstances has transpired or is likely to happen requiring a different arrangement for the accommodation of my family next winter I will let you know. If you could spend a few weeks here this summer you will find it very pleasant, and we would do what we could for your accommodation.

"W. Roberts, Aransas, June 2, 1838."

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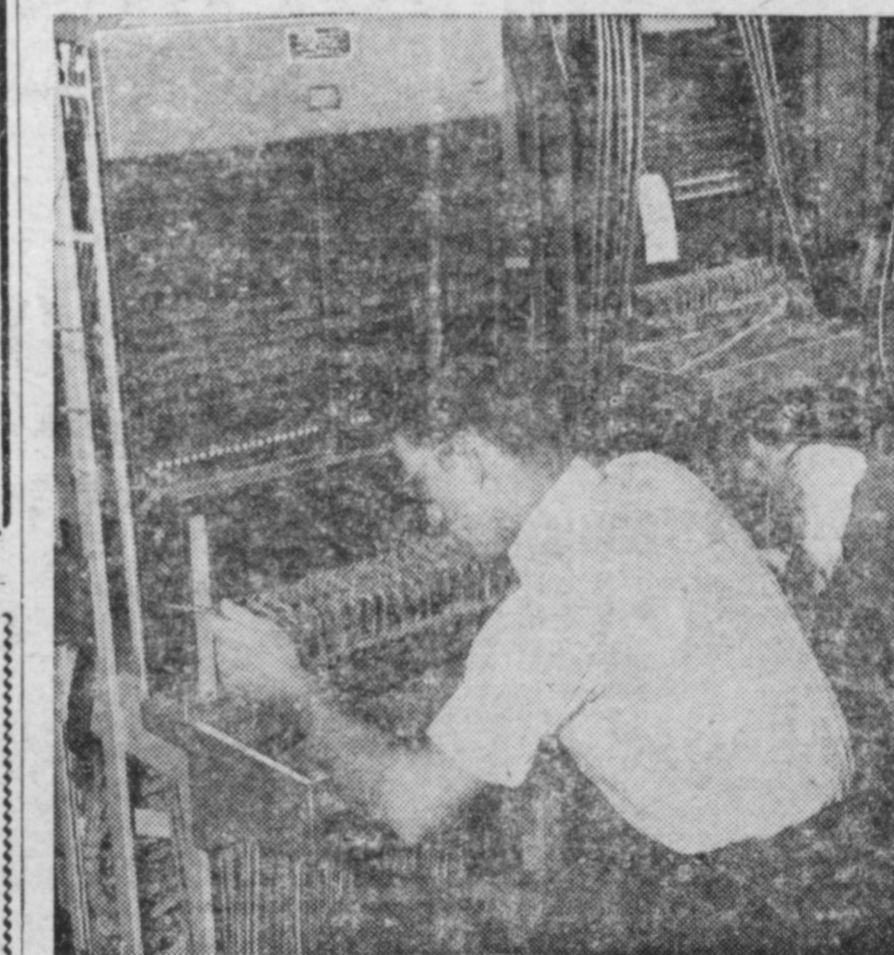
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in how a business was run and what problems would be faced. The best way to find out, they decided, was try it.

When school is out each day, they put themselves at the service of the public. They anticipate some old requests but each boy is confident that there will be an answer found to any difficulty. So far their time has been occupied in contractor's drawings for which their school courses have prepared them.

They are busy giving out their cards and hope they will find themselves busy at the end of the month writing on their blank statements.



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Bingham Is On Ship When Japs Surrender Islands

Barney Lee Bingham, seaman first class, brother of Mrs. O. B. Reed, has been in service 30 months and expected to return to the United States for discharge soon.

Bingham was on the USS Portland when the ship accepted surrender of all Japanese held islands under the command of senior Japanese Imperial Forces based at Truk Atoll, Caroline Islands.

The Japanese signatories boarded the ship from their motor launch that sailed out of a cove from the mysterious Truk. The launch was flying a white surrender flag and weapons, especially the samurai swords, were noticeably absent. After an explanation of the peace terms in Vice-Admiral George D. Murray's cabin, the signatories went to the quarter deck to sign the terms. All officers and men were assembled at general muster.

The ship has earned 15 battle stars and participated in 32 operations and engagements. She has for sinking two Japanese destroyers and damaging one battleship and one cruiser Nov. 13, 1942 in the Third Savo action. In the Battle of Leyte Gulf Oct. 25, 1944, she assisted in sinking two Japanese battleships, two destroyers and damaging one heavy cruiser. Her anti-aircraft batteries have shot down 21 planes and assisted in bringing down four others, a total of 25.

One incident listed as outstanding performance while in contact with the enemy. Nov. 13, 1942, the Portland, after a torpedo hit which inflicted major damage, demolishing two propellers and jamming a rudder, and while circling not under steering control, fired upon an enemy crippled battleship and sank a crippled enemy destroyer.

On her, Bingham has participated in the Gilbert Island operations, Marshall Island Operation, Asiatic-Pacific raids on Palau, Yap, Ulithi, Woleai, Truk, Satawan and Ponape, Western New Guinea operations, Western Caroline Islands operations and capture and occupation of the southern Palau Islands, Leyte operations, Luzon operations including the Mindoro Landings, Lingayen Gulf Landings and Bataan and Corregidor Landings and Okinawa Shima Assault. He has received eight battle stars for his 24 months on the ship.

Recently he wrote that in Lingayen Gulf he saw the USS Nevada hit and badly damaged. Mrs. Reed's husband's son, Hugh J. Reed, was on the Nevada but uninjured when she was hit.

Bingham's wife and daughter, Betty Jo, are living at Skidmore.

Mrs. M. Oertling had as visitors in her home Sunday, Mrs. Louisa Maley and son, Lt. Leslie E. Maley, Miss Tillie Brocter of Alice and Miss Carrie Brocter of Corpus Christi. Lt. Maley has just returned from England where he spent 21 months in the ETO.

Rockport Included On Texas Post Office Projects In Federal List

Manager of Social Security Board Visits Here

H. M. Cleveland, manager of the Corpus Christi office of the Social Security Board, was in Rockport on business this week.

There are fifteen counties in the Corpus Christi area, according to Mr. Cleveland, which are visited regularly each month by a Board Representative. The purpose of the visits is to give personal attention to employers and employees in connection with accounts and claims for payment of Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, which cannot be handled by mail.

Cleveland talked with a number of business men and claimants during his stay in Rockport. He was highly complimentary of the courtesy and cooperation of all those with whom he met in this area.

A new government building program which is now before Congress will, should the bill be approved, place Rockport eligible for inclusion of a new post office building at an estimated cost of \$85,000.

The bill is designed for four hundred and twenty-one Texas projects at a total cost of \$36,945,900. As we go to press we learn these facts: Only about one-fourth of the proposed projects can be constructed. There are 4,020 projects planned in the United States. Cost of the program would total \$774,795,000. Congress has been asked for only \$193,000,000.

Neighboring towns which are included on the list, to be benefitted, are: Ingleside, Port Lavaca, Refugio, Sinton and Taft.

Story How DDT Was Released To Public Told Pilot

From the advance release of the Department of interior came the story this week of how DDT worked in experiments and its release to the general public soon afterwards. As soon as DDT became available the Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the Department of Agriculture, began an investigation to devise safe and effective methods of using the insecticide in the fishery industries.

Dr. Leslie A. Sandholzer of the Fish and Wild Life Service was detailed to initiate the experiments and later A. W. Lindquist of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine and authority on DDT was also assigned to the project.

Using a crew of German prisoners of war, equipped with pressure sprayers every fisher establishment in Crisfield, Md., where the experiment was taken, was given a residual treatment of DDT on August 31, the report states. As a result, the fly population inside the plants was reduced by from 95 to 99 per cent. Since then, the continuing insecticidal activity of the DDT has kept the number of flies at the same low level obtained immediately after spraying.

DDT aerosol bombs were used in several retail fish stores. The complete elimination of flies in each establishment treated was accomplished within thirty minutes. The actual time required for spraying was not more than 30 seconds in any plant and it was not necessary to stop normal selling operations during the treatment.

Of interest here would be the information stating that the combined use of residual spraying and aerosol bomb treatments should result in the complete elimination of flies in food stores where screen doors are kept in good repair and are used.

Veterans To Have Special Spot Sale Of Surplus Goods

Hamilton Morton, Regional Director, office of Surplus Property, Department of Commerce, has announced that a 10 day sale of automotive equipment, exclusively for veterans, is being held in Region VII. The sale began October 2 and will continue through to October 12, Sunday October 7 excepted.

For the convenience of the veterans, the sale is being held simultaneously at five centrally located army camps: Camp Hood, Temple, Texas and Fort Bliss, El Paso are the two camps announced for Texas.

Representatives of the Smaller War Plants Corporation will be on hand at each location to assist the veterans. All veterans interested in purchasing surplus automotive equipment are required to file their preliminary applications for surplus goods at the nearest Smaller War Plant District Office prior to the sale. Offices are located in the following cities: 505 Merchandise Bank Building, Dallas, Texas; 1006 Electric Building, Houston, Texas; 1904 Transit Tower Building, San Antonio, Texas and 420 Caples building, El Paso.

PTA Carnival To Be Held Oct. 20

The Parent-Teacher Association of Rockport, chums, is getting ready to do it again. Yes, its annual Carnival being held at the high school for all who want an enjoyable evening of rollicking laughter, fun, eats and what have you. Its the time for all—young and old alike—to gather and have a grand time. Its the event of the year the kids have been waiting to come.

Announcement this week by the PTA committee has set the time as Saturday October 20 with a few of the following events scheduled to take place and named persons in charge of each event.

Grab bag, Mrs. Harper; Mexican Supper, Mrs. Cavitt; Cake Walk, Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Hart; Bingo, Mrs. Hayden and Katie Lee Clarke; Penny Throw, Mrs. Hunt; Wheel of Fortune, Mrs. Sorenson and Mrs. Roberts; Program, Mrs. James, Mr. James, Mrs. Butler; Food, Mrs. Kattini, (chairman).

Don't forget the time—Saturday October 20 . . . the place . . . Rockport high school.



"IS THAT IN THE RULE BOOK?"

Whether it's football or business, Americans expect fair play all down the line.

In football, the referee is there to see that the game is played according to the rules. But he's not supposed to run with the ball. In business, the referee is the government, which establishes regulations for fair practices.

But when government goes into business and competes with its own citizens, the American tradition of fair play is set aside. The referee then becomes a player, and he enjoys advantages that are denied to all the other players in the game.

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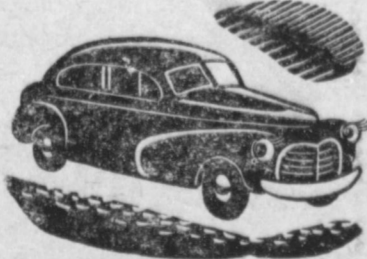
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These fats are vitally necessary to help speed greater supplies of soaps and hundreds of other things—like new cars, electric washers, irons, refrigerators and tires. Industry must have these fats . . . to help get to you more quickly the peacetime products you've been longing to have for years!

So skim and scrape and scoop just as you did so faithfully before V-J Day. To prove how important it is, your government has increased the point bonus. So help meet this nation's need by continuing to save used fats. If you can't find a store that accepts used fats, call Home Demonstration or County Agent.

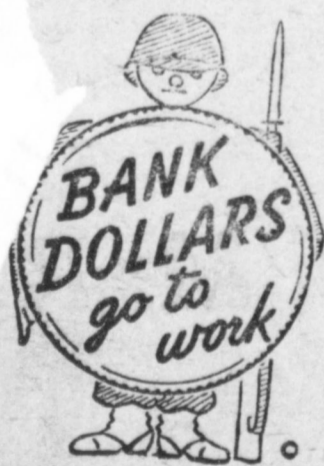


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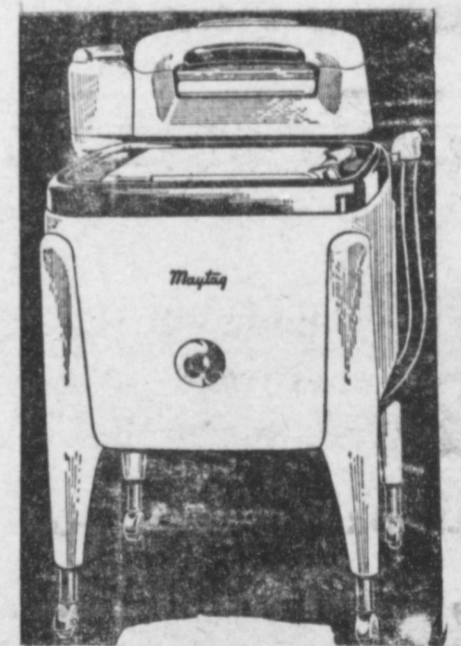


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