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Best Days of 1945 Bring Best Hunting and Fishing

Business Record High for Year

Industry Holds Promise for Better Year in New Year

Year 1945 is retiring after doing what it had to offer Rockport and Aransas County. The tragedies that no year can be without and enough activity for a full 24 hours a day, what they brought.

The fishing industry had one of the worst years of its history, with the winds and bad weather preventing work week after week. In other business, on the other hand, at its peak with cottages full nearly all times. Business as a whole was good.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

The year came in with the installation of county officers. Emory Spencer went into the office of county attorney and Joe Smith returned to his post as justice of the peace. Roy Hinton leased the Capt. H. S. Drive Inn that first week.

Bank deposits were also at a record high of \$1,119,645.84. Postal receipts were also 10 per cent higher than in the corresponding quarter of 1944. The year's first tragedy was the death of Capt. Charles A. Davis resulting from an accident.

The middle of January, Sparks Colony and Rockport Independent School Districts were consolidated. Travis Johnson, Jr., was wounded fighting in the Belgian "Bulge," and Edgar Walter Kingsley died at his home here.

Judge B. S. Fox began work on the farm to market road designation. Charles Pieton was appointed head of the Red Cross Drive and Jesus Solis was wounded at Belgium.

PROGRAM STARTED

A Game, Fish and Oyster Commission program of rehabilitating oyster reefs was announced. Stanley B. Daggett replaced Herman Hildenbrand as chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board. Lt. Jack Sanders had his left hand blown off in an explosion at North Carolina. Mrs. Vavara C. Burks and Richard Bailey Brown were killed in an accident and negligent homicide charges were filed against Julius Benavides.

David Rockport Serivner was awarded a 50-year veteran pin by the Knights of Pythian. The first week of February was the opening of a city and county drive to clean up food handling establishments. Mrs. S. A. Marie opened a beauty shop in Rockport.

Bennie Hunt received the Silver Star Medal when he was wounded giving first aid under fire on Peleliu Island. Joel Hedgpeth placed Dr. Gordon Gunter as marine biologist for the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

The Chamber of Commerce offered \$60 in prizes for Tarpon catches. Walter Paugh was appointed constable of Prec. 1. The middle of February, Omer McLead died at his home here.

COLE DROWNED

The first of March, R. R. Cole was drowned when the tug Orion capsized in the Corpus Christi channel. Fred Bracht Jr., received minor injuries in hand to hand combat at Manila. Willie Close brought in 6,000 pounds of sheephead in a single catch.

Marshall Anderson was named on the Navigation Commission to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Fred Buchanan. Mrs. Eula Mae Johnson died at Fulton. The Woodsboro-Gregory farm to market road was designated.

The woman's Wedding at Fulton was a lighter touch for the month. Six Cub Scout Dens were organized. Rockport voted 123 to 18 to build a \$30,000 gymnasium. Mrs. R. H. Dickens was re-elected president of the Parent-Teacher association the same week that her husband sold his Machine shop.

Emory Spencer purchased a Rockport Abstract plant from Mrs. Fancher Archer. Jessie Johnson was reported missing in action. Schools took seven days off at tennis tournament. Calallen and Okinawa.

David Prophet was burned to death at Laredo. The Rev. Fred A. Banks came to Rockport as minister of the Methodist church. The stock law became effective in Aransas county July 1.

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The City Council authorized a general clean-up of weeds and trash in the downtown area. The \$39,000 project of lighting Rockport Airfield was completed. Clyde Armstrong resigned as alderman on the city council.

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GIVEN BEACH LEASE

C. A. Duck and F. S. Simpson received a lease on bayfront land on the beach to build a drive-in and bath house. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roberts purchased Palm Courts from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stefka. A full truck-load of old clothes were collected for shipment to countries abroad. Heldenfels blanket permit for dredging was cancelled and another issued for dredging on Grass Island reefs only.

Charles P. Steffler opened Midway Inn on the highway. Staff Sergeant Edward Hunt was freed from German Prison camp. The operetta "Sunbonnet Girl" was produced at the high school. Elmer McLester and Harris Pollard were named honor students of the graduating class.

Rockport responded quietly and with prayer services to the announcement of the fall of Germany. A bill passed to close Copano bay to commercial fishermen.

The middle of May, the Rockport Chamber of Commerce was reorganized and the Rev. J. H. Kelly named president. A contract was awarded Heldenfels to sod the airfield. Eight students graduated from Rockport high school. Paul Berthelot caught the first tarpon to win contest money. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock purchased McKinley courts from Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Franklin.

Rick-Richardson Boat Company announced plans to handle Higgins boats in this part of the country. Staff Sgt. James W. Pentecost was seriously injured in an automobile accident at California. F. S. Simpson was named veteran's service officer for the county.

BUYS WELLS COURTS

Early in June, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cornelius Sr. purchased Wells Courts at Lamar from Mr. and Mrs. James Heard and Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Gwynn bought 1,322 acres of pasture land for a hunting and fishing club.

Both William D. Ward and Joseph I. Shults died at their homes here. Mayor Roy Self of Corpus Christi addressed the Chamber of Commerce membership barbecue. Food shortages were at their worst in June. The Rev. R. R. Ghormley left the pastorate of the Methodist church. Clyde C. Hayden was elected Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge.

U. S. Engineers were requested by the Chamber of Commerce to change the alternate route of the Intracoastal Canal to enter at the Cove instead of Turtle Bayou. Janie Branstetter went into the Army as a second lieutenant in the nurses corps.

The first fish and shrimp ever shipped out of Rockport by air left Castleline Fish Company late in June. Dudley Bracht's car was stolen by two escapees from an Army brig.

CHILD DROWNED

In one of the greatest tragedies of the year, three year old Charles Marion was drowned on Rockport beach. Kenneth E. Bowland and Okinawa.

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HURRICANE HITS

A \$500,000 worth of damage arrived August 27 in the form of a hurricane that bent houses in the shape of traditional Rockport liveoak trees. Governor Stevenson arrived to survey the damages and offered state assistance in rehabilitation work.

An experiment of national significance was conducted here when DDT was sprayed by plane to prevent epidemic from mosquitoes. Fire did \$5000 worth of damage to the Rio Theatre projection room. John Ramseur came to Rockport High School as football coach.

George M. Karalis and George P. Stamatis purchased the Drive Inn from Roy Hinton. Elwood Weber was named Red Cross chairman of the County disaster committee.

David Herring was elected president of the senior class of the high school and of the student council. George Frandolig died at his home. School registration totaled 464 students.

Typhoid inoculations were given hundreds of adults and children. Billy Joe Roberts died at a Corpus Christi hospital. The announcement was made late in September that Charles Roe and A. R. Strily would build a locker plant and meat market. Lt. Dick Pittinger was relieved of his command at the Rockport Airfield and Lt. (jg) F. D. Dodgen assumed the duties.

COUNCIL RESIGNS

J. D. Osborne was liberated from a Jap prison camp. Two Corpus Christi boys, Morris Dan Reeves and Daniel Misseldine, were drowned while fishing in the bay. Mayor Jack Blackwell and Aldermen Morgan C. Wheeler, Fred Hunt and B. W. Hamblin resigned from the council. At a special election, Albert Collier went in as mayor and Leonard LeBlanc, Arley Shivers, W. B. Allen and S. B. Daggett as aldermen.

John Ramseur was named Scoutmaster to succeed C. J. Landrum. The Aransas County War Price and Rationing Board was closed down in October as one of the first signs of peace. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stefka bought the Oak Shore Apartments and Cottages from Mr. and Mrs. Earl Owens.

By October, servicemen have begun returning in large numbers from overseas and receiving discharges. Sixty six had been discharged and returned to the county by that time.

Hunting season opened with capacity crowds in the county. Mrs. Jim Atchley was injured when her car dived off Copano Causeway. Power lines were run to Sparks Colony and Copano Village.

The electrical ordinance was repealed by the new city council after a year of trouble with the bill boards banned in the ordinance requiring electrical permits.

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1946 Needs No Introduction

It will soon be next year. And, that's not like tomorrow; It always comes.

Perhaps no year in this generation has started with as much uncertainty. What do the people of Rockport and Fulton think the year will bring? They don't know. They only hope that this will happen and that that won't. They know some of the possibilities and some of the threats.

No person questioned by the Pilot reporter considered the prospects through rose or even pale pink glasses. All agreed that understanding and unselfishness will have to make a lot more progress than they have shown since the war ended if world affairs are to shape into security during the year.

Narrowing the picture to Aransas County, predictors are more cheerful. If peace continues and strikes do not make too deep a cut in supplies, Rockport and Fulton should grow and improve in 1946.

There has been promise of new business buildings and new fronts on some existing buildings. If materials are to be had, Rockport should take on a cleaner, neater appearance.

Already certain food items, ranging from chocolate cookies to whipping cream, are sometimes to be found. They are expected to be more plentiful during the year.

Not too much relief is seen soon in articles of clothing made of light material. As the year progresses there may be times when most needed articles can be bought.

With two new fish houses in operation, the industry is growing both at Rockport and Fulton. As no one can predict the weather, success in the industry, expanded or contracted, will have to be seen when the time comes.

If real estate remains as active as it has been for several months, realtors believe property will continue to gain in value. But, there is little hope that any number of homes can be built during the year.

There is little doubt that tourist business will be good. Men returning from overseas, resting and vacationing with their families will probably occupy many of Rockport's tourist courts during the year. If the top-rate Fourth of July celebration is put across, the town will benefit greatly.

This newcomer, 1946, arrives without recommendations. He will introduce himself and welcomed or not, make himself the most important part of the community, the present and everything it holds.

San Marcos Editor Says Rockport Is Favorite Spot

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The following is a column "Folks and Facts," written by Walter Buckner, editor of the San Marcos Record. The column is a widely read weekly feature of the record and the following appeared in last week's issue of the Record. Walter and his brother Addison, are regular visitors to Rockport—and two of this section's most ardent boosters, because they like it here. Thanks, Walter, for expressing your kindly sentiments regarding us).

Rockport has long been my favorite vacation spot—and this week it is my good fortune to be down here with duck hunters and fishermen. The wife, our son, Bud, and I have a cottage at Fulton which lies two miles north of Rockport in the edge of those famous wind-blown liveoaks which have been pictured countless times as one of the most unique features of the coastline of Texas. For here, at Rockport, is the only place on the Texas coast where the liveoaks grow down to the beach.

No vacancy is the information that greets the visitor as he stops at any one of the scores of camp cottages which line the bayshore in the Rockport area. Never before the war was it like this, and it seems that fully half of all the people occupying the countless cottages in the area are men just out of the service. Only last night a young officer and his wife drove up to the Harris Cottages office and we heard him say, "Now don't tell me you have no cottage for us; we have driven all the way from California just to stay for a week at Rockport." He was out of the Army and was looking forward to a week's fishing and duck hunting at Rockport.

This little town was once a thriving little city. That was 30 or 40 years ago. It was the end of the rail line. It once boasted the biggest frame hotel in the world. Then the lean years set in. Its business life began a recession. It ceased to be a resort town. People moved away. It was a sort of ghost town.

A few strong men who had a lot of vision and faith in this this section and building good will toward the tourists. Pioneers in the tourist camp business came in and built the first modern camps. They had a good business through the summer; then closed down for the winter. Some of these stayed throughout the winter months and told the story to their neighbors who came down the next year for the winter—and out of this business has grown a year-round resort business which makes this town about as lively in January as in July.

Oysters and Shrimp have become one of the big industries here. Substantial fish and oyster fleets lie along the shoreline. Large fleets of fast shrimp boats make the trips to the Gulf every day and feed the seafood houses with their hauls of fine Texas bull shrimp. With oysters selling at \$5 to \$6 a gallon wholesale and shrimp at 30c to 40c per pound, Rockport has begun to realize that its fishing industry has again come into its own.

Mrs. Thompson's Spa is open for business again and it was our good fortune to go there for supper Friday night. Several years ago we discovered this delightful eating place and it has always been a highlight in our search for a "different" eating place to dine. Her spotless dining room opens at five and closes at eight and is nearly always full. Her dinner, consisting of sea food, with a choice of fried shrimp, flounder or trout, or oysters, as the main food item, also has three salads and the best pan fried potatoes ever tasted; then the meal is capped off with homemade mince meat pies and good coffee. Her own recipe of crisp sweet cucumber pickles, served as an appetizer at the beginning of the meal, is a subtle introduction to the excellence of the meal this is to follow. Mrs. Thompson personally supervises every item that goes to make up the menu and sees that each plate is served just right. It's worth a trip from San Marcos to eat one of her dinners.

Rockport has two or two ultra-modern conveniences, probably a dial telephone.

Ninety-Seven Rockport Students On Honor Roll

Ninety-seven students of Rockport schools were named on the honor roll for the second week released yesterday.

They were as follows: Twelfth grade: David Albert Hunt, Tommy Blac, Charlype Davis, Rowena Bufrasia Castro, Betty Charlotte Cron, Margaret art.

Eleventh grade: Wilmaquette, Bert Haney, Juanita r. sheke, Lucille Haynes, Collee Smith, Ella Mae Green and Jo Johnson, Jr.

Tenth Grade: Patti Ballou, Bonnie Cron, Roberta Crossman, Mar Ruth Dervage, Elizabeth Freeman Wilbert Hamblin, Jimmie Little, Robert Morrison, Mary Lou M Lester, Shirley Ratisseau, Ma Elsie Rowe, Winola Stewart, Pe Sprinkle, Pauline Waller, Ilet Townsend and Loretta Townsend.

Ninth Grade: Alex Stewa, Frederick Close, Glenn Owen Theodore Dupnik, LeVerne The son.

Eighth grade: Camilo Delg Ruby Mae Wilkinson, Loyce Shulte, June Ann Dupnik, Frances Kane, Jewel Murphy, en Landrum, Geneva Stewart Gene Smith.

Seventh grade: Joyce Nell Toy send, Kathryn Atwood, Betty J Garrett, Glenda McShan, Ch Gunter and Berta Gene Shu

Sixth grade: Tommy Cron Smith, Bob Griffin and Lupe

Fifth grade: Johnny J wood, Cloyce Hayden, Joe Shirley Faye Harrell, Vir Mundine, Bonnie McGree, Belle McLester, Arna Jean, Shirley Rivers and Hazel

Fourth grade: Leon Kathryn Jones, Frances ce son, Nancy Hayden, Ivalae Haj Jo Ann Ballou, MinerVa Car Tommy Shults, Domingo R guez, Kane Lassiter, Charles ret, Jr., and Luciano Eslera.

Third grade: Delia Knippa, bara McAnally, Bill Buckley, my Mills, Gordon Gunter, John Winkelseth.

Second grade: Laddie Gib Winston Weber, Patsy Ann A Joy Gordon, Jeannie Mullira Barbara Warden.

First grade: Clydene Arms Joyce Ann Barber, Aline Doris Jean Huffman and James.

JUDGE FOX HAS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS NOW

Judge B. S. Fox is the main drag in the friendly soul town for a received a he say has

McGuire Disch. At Camp Wallace

Ray A. McGuire, 23, shi second class, whose mother Rockport, has received a at Camp Wallace.

McGuire entered in May, 19 months in the areas. McGuire invasions of Gu Friday, the Philippine of Okinawa.

the town boasted as being smallest town in the world automatic telephones. It a an automatic ice dispensing You put in your coin and ou a block of ice all tied v string so it can be lifted v car bumper. Jack Black newspaper friend, has ju ed out in his publication and has a new paper p Port Lavaca. The first off the press last weel full of big ads and news stories, and we with pictures. Jack has Rockport's most consi ers. He has served as secretary of the cham merce and is never stop and do a service or. But that's the atti of the people in R that's why this little ing such a phen

FLOY DROUQUETTE IS DISCHARGED

Floyd Rouquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette, has been discharged from service and returned to his home here.

Rouquette had been overseas a year and a half. He served as a private in the Field Artillery in Belgium, France and Germany.

He was working here at the shipyard before he went into service.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE SET FOR DISTRICT

Basketball District 73B was divided into a north and south zone and the schedule for the season set at a meeting at Odem Monday night.

If the schools are not divided into two districts by the Inter-scholastic League, the north zone will play by tournament and the south zone by round robin. Rockport plays in the south zone. The zones will play off a three game series February 13, 15 and 19 for district championship. The round robin will decide the championship if the districts are divided.

The following is the schedule for the south zone as announced by Coach John Ramseur, Rockport: January 8: Woodsboro at Ingleside; Gregory at Refugio.

January 11: Rockport at Gregory; Refugio at Woodsboro. January 15: Ingleside at Refugio; Rockport at Woodsboro. January 18: Rockport at Ingleside; Woodsboro at Gregory.

January 22: Rockport at Refugio and Gregory at Ingleside. January 25: Woodsboro at Ingleside; Gregory at Refugio. January 29: Rockport at Gregory; Refugio at Woodsboro.

February 1: Refugio at Ingleside; Rockport at Woodsboro. February 5: Rockport at Ingleside; Woodsboro at Gregory. February 8: Rockport at Refugio; Gregory at Ingleside.

All Rockport Games are played away from home as there is no gymnasium here.

DAY CELEBRATED

The town celebrated the first peacetime Thanksgiving with church services and family reunions. Six juveniles stole money and gasoline from Mundine's service station and led police in a merry chase.

Look magazine photographers were in Rockport early in December and pictured typical scenes. The Dietrich Brithers reopened their fish house at Fulton. Floyd Huffman applied for a permit to build an \$18,000 harbor at Copano Village. Thaddeus Bunker was burned to death in a garage fire at Aransas Pass. The Presbyterian Church announced that a new building would be built in 1946.

Albert Collier opened the Rockport Fish and Oyster Company and announced the beginning of an oyster cultivation program. Aransas County went over the top in the Victory Loan Drive and War Chest Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. McGill of Oklahoma purchased McKinley Courts from E. R. Blaylock. A juvenile was sent to reform school and four paroled for the robbery at Mundine's Service Station.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sparks and daughters of Vivian, La., arrived Sunday to visit Mrs. Bert Ballou and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sparks.

Miss Louise Beetley of Kingsville spent Sunday here with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs.

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CIRCLES MEET TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. T. H. Pollard gave the program and Bible Study at the meeting of the Presbyterian Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Harry Mill, Thursday. Both circles met together for the Christmas program. The subject was "Say So-Where First?"

After the business meeting, the guests played games and exchanged gifts under the tree. The house was decorated for Christmas, and the hostesses served sandwiches, cookies, olives and coffee.

Attending were Mrs. Ted Little, who presided; Mrs. Jack Hagar, Mrs. Charlie Roe, Mrs. Fred Cloward, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mrs. Leonard Casterline, Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Sam Lowe of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Jim Hooper, Mrs. George Lee Brundrett, Mrs. James Lathrop, Mrs. T. S. Kingsley, Mrs. Ted Little, Mrs. Norvell Jackson, Mrs. Herbert Mills, Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mrs. Hugh Morrison.

Staff Sgt. Victor A. Ammons of Kenedy, who recently returned from service with the Medical Corps in the European Theatre, was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Marie.



OUR HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES TO YOU ...

and every member of your family this New Year of 1946. Everything you want most dearly is our New Year wish for you

T. C. KELLY

And the following Employees:
S. E. Kelly J. H. Marshall Mrs. E. B Crawford
Kellie Mullen Henry McLester Gladys Mullen



FROM the joy and happiness of the Yule season we gain strength and fortitude to meet the problems of tomorrow. Our hope for you is that the New Year will bring no problems you cannot readily solve, and that all will be smooth sailing.

May your mind be brighter, your heart be lighter, and the road ahead easier! This is our wish for you this New Year of 1946.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

HUNT'S BARBER AND TAILOR SHOP



WISHES for the NEW YEAR

Step aside peer into the year ahead. We see much more hope than in 1945—a year of destiny. You see this, too. It is our hope that your heart will open for you to your most desired.

R'S



A good beginning for the New Year, we believe, is a good wish—and a good resolution. Our good wish is for you—more health, more happiness and prosperity! And our resolution—resolved to give you still better service in

1946

ROCKPORT ELECTRIC COMPANY



HAPPY NEW YEAR
Our Wish for You

EVERYONE

is included in our wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year—wishes which are drawn from the deep, pure wells of hope. You have helped make the past year a most pleasant one for us. Mindful of this, we have but one thought as we enter 1946... to be fully worthy of the confidence you have reposed in us.

Fulton Humble Service Station
Herbert Dares, Prop.

NEW HOPE
Sincere Good Wishes
1946



TEMPUS FUGIT

How time does fly! Here we are at the beginning of another new year. It was but yesterday, it seems, that we sent you our last New Year greetings, and now here we are again wishing you so much more and so much better of everything than you have ever had before.

As time does have wings, we hope that 1946 loses no time in bringing you all these good things we have in mind for you. And many thanks for past favors.

ROCKPORT BEACH CLUB



Everybody!

WE SALUTE YOU AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNS

Now, when the hopeful New Year is about to take its place on the world stage, we salute the brave men and women who have so splendidly guarded America's precious heritage of freedom. We salute you, too, good friends and neighbors. Ours is a debt of gratitude we can hardly repay. Better days are ahead for all of us, we are reasonably sure, and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your friendship.

South Texas Benefit and Social Association



WISHING YOU Happy New Year 1946

• In saying Happy New Year to you we are not only thinking of the 1946 New Year holiday, but of your future good fortune in the year to follow.

Your patronage has been highly appreciated by all of us, and we will do everything in our power to continue to deserve it.

Rockport Recreation Club



Best Wishes

AT THE STROKE OF 12—

• The midnight hour strikes—and, presto! We shed our worried old selves and enter a new world of light, merriment, good cheer and hope.

With firm faith in the future, we enter the year 1946 heartened by your constant consideration for us, and hoping that the New Year will be rich in good cheer and blessings for you.

SNYDER MOTOR ANY
Aransas Pass



Happy New Year to You—and You!

Homes aglow everywhere. It's New Year's, and the latch-string is out!

As we are about to turn over a new, and—we hope—much brighter page for 1946, we thank you for your generous support during the past year, with the hope that Divine Providence will bless your home in many unexpected ways. Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

N. F. JACKSON, Consignee
The Texas Company



★ Liberty has come down a long, hard and winding road since the Minute Man of Revolutionary times pledged his life to guard it, but the torch of liberty still burns brightly in this broad land of ours.

As we enter upon the New Year 1946 we wish for all our friends the manifold blessings which can only be enjoyed by free men. May this little greeting form another link in our friendship—a friendship upon which we have so firmly relied in the past and to which we look forward so hopefully now.

RED and WHITE MODEL CASH GROCERY



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

Exit 1945 . . . enter 1946! It's but a short trip across that stage—365 days—some long days and some short days, but whether short or long we hope that all will be happy days for you.

Among the happy memories of the past year is that of our pleasant relations with the people of this community. And as we say "Happy New Year" we add a word of sincere thanks for this friendship that has meant so much to us.

**BEST WISHES FROM
THEODORE'S CAFE**
K., Milton, and Steve Theodore



**NEW YEAR GREETINGS
1946**

★ The New Year is like a ship coming in, its hold crammed with a precious cargo from ports unknown.

It is our earnest hope that its arrival will mean for you much that was unexpected in both material and spiritual blessings.

**Mills - Robinson
Hardware Co.**
Aransas Pass, Texas



**NEW YEAR
is here 1946!**

In wishing our friends a Happy New Year we want to add this thought:

We hope 1946 will be a year of many EXTRAS for you. Extra opportunities, extra good health, and extra happiness.

Drop in and see us any time. You are always welcome here.



**SORENSEN'S
GARAGE**

**TO WISH YOU
HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



NEW YEAR'S bells
are ringing—ringing out the old, ringing in the new. We look forward hopefully, to you, to the future, and wish you all the blessings the bright New Year can bring.

**JATSON
SEAFOOD CO.**

**THE SEASON'S BEST
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**

GREETINGS



Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and board the magic carpet for the Land of Better Days.

There are 365 of them "in the bag" for you in 1946—if we have our way about it—and every day will be better than the one preceding.

A thousand thanks for past favors—and **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!**

KAUFMAN'S DEPT. STORE

*Holiday Cheer
Throughout
The New Year*

When we say Happy New Year to you as 1946 is ushered in we say it not for just a day, but for 365 days. During most of these 365 days we will be completely at your service. We look forward hopefully to a renewal of our very pleasant relations.

**GULF SERVICE
STATION**



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

**..and Best Wishes
to Everyone**

★ We send you a good wish for the New Year, and for happiness and joy throughout the year. We hope you have been a very successful one, and a very happy one.

**CAR
REPAIR**

**HOLIDAY
GREETINGS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
1946**



Proclamation

We hereby proclaim that we are resolved to give our friends and patrons the superior kind of service that will keep them wearing a path to our door.

We furthermore proclaim that our friends are the finest in all the world, and we wish them loads of good luck, good cheer and good health for the year 1946.

TRAVEL SHOP



**Happy New Year
TO EVERYBODY
1946**

This year will celebrate New Year happy knowledge that one more year has been added to our long record of service to the people of this community.

Tooting our horns a bit, you say? Well, yes, you insist, but we just wanted to thank you.

Have a good time, enjoy the holiday to the utmost—a very Happy New Year to

MORRISON



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
TO ALL**

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Again glad bells are ringing out their message loud and clear: Best wishes, friends, to all of you, To all a bright New Year!



CLUB CAFE

Mr and Mrs H. Martin



Around the corner of the street
Who can say what waits for us?
—James Whitcomb Riley

And who can say what the New Year 1946 will bring? All we can do, of course, is hope for the best, and our hopes are for you, dear people of this community. It is in full appreciation of all the fine things you have done for us that we send you these Happy New Year greetings.

RIO THEATRE



As another year comes to a close and a New Year dawns we pause for a moment to look backward as well as forward. We are happy in the thought that we have made so many new friends in 1945 and retained so many old ones.

Looking forward to 1946, we pledge anew our determination to give you the best value and service possible.

WE SAY NOW, AS SO OFTEN BEFORE, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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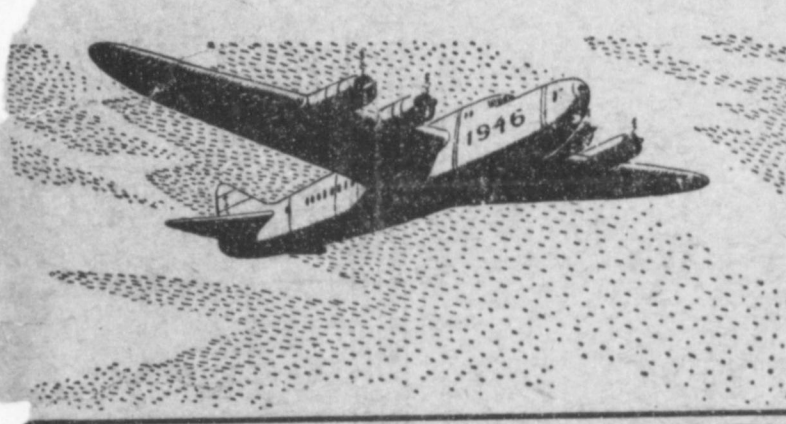
Best Wishes
NEW YEAR 1946

'Proclaim liberty throughout the world, unto all the inhabitants thereof.'

In this land of free men the merry tumult of new Year's is a traditional part of our national life. It does us all good to give the New Year a rousing welcome.

More power to New Year's and the principles of freedom upon which it rests. And more power to you, dear friends, every day of 1946! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served you, and we stand pledged to serve you still better in the year to come.

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When Grandpa Was a Boy

he spent most of a Saturday going to town and back in a buggy. We can pretty nearly span the continent in that time now. The horse and buggy are gone; the rail fence is gone, but human nature is still much the same. In these days, as in those, friend-ship counts in business.

... proud of our long list of friends on New Year of 1946—a list that has been steadily with the years—and want to express this word of thanks as we send you New Year greetings.

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It is the spirit of men and women who throw off the impediments of yesterday and determine to make a better start for today. As we enter the year 1946 we raise our hopes that each succeeding day will bring you nearer to coveted goals.

Happy New Year to you!

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THE spirit of 1946 is Progress. So let us all determine right now to do everything a little better than last year, to take advantage of every available opportunity for advancement, and in this way assure for ourselves a happier life. As for the year to come, we will leave no stone unturned to give you still better values and a still higher grade of service in the year to come. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. And join with you in giving a royal Welcome to 1946.

Humble Service Station



VICTORY does not only apply to nations at war. We can win victories over ourselves, too, and over the problems which lay in our path.

As 1946 sweeps in upon us we wish for each of you an unbroken series of victories over any and all circumstances that may tend to retard your progress towards every individual's cherished goals—health and happiness. Good luck to you every step of the way!

Aransas Gas and Hardware Co.

DOL OPERETTA HOLIDAY HERE

"Christmas B..." started the Christmas season with a note of cheer Thursday when school students sang and chatted their way through the entertainment.

Shirley Fay Harrell walked with plenty of applause with natural charm. Bert Haney's on the stage always helps a show to run smoothly and Bonnie with her braids and butchered fish did a good job on her part. My Reed Simmons was mean enough to make the whole audience...

Other leads who kept up their part of the show were Wilber Blin, Mildred Wilkinson, Col. Smith, Shirley Rattiseau, Lucille Haynes, John Paul Reese, Joe Johnson Jr., Bobby Joe Hewett and Belle Smith.

The setting was three booths of aazaar with a Christmas tree and decorations on the stage. A number of students and walk-ons, and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart's appeared in costume for the and finale. Jane Kane expertly angled tips on her toes.

An impressive pageant followed the operetta. Margaret Stewart sang Silent Night, while the manager scene was silently enacted.

Bill McGrath directed the show assisted by Owen James and Mrs. Fred James.

FULTON SCHOOL CHILDREN PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Children of the Fulton school met on Christmas program Friday afternoon sponsored by the PTA. Clara Seaton, teacher, directed the program.

A rhythm band, composed of children in the school, played "Up On the Housetop," "Star of the East," "Silent Night," and "Little Bells." James Boone sang "Christmas," and Sanya did a tap dance.

A Christmas pageant, the birth of Christ, was presented with Ira and Jeanne Hull reading "The Nativity." E. G. Cooke played carols for the pageant.

Stanley left Friday to spend two weeks at Galveston with her daughters, Mrs. Guynes, and at Galveston with her daughters, Mrs. Virginia and Mrs. S. T. Clark Jr.

Gift Program Held Sunday at Church

About 75 guests attended the gift program at the Presbyterian Church Sunday night. Mrs. T. Pollard directed the program.

The service was candlelight with Mrs. Harry Mills and Mrs. Herbert reading, the Rev. T. H. Pollard participating and Jimmy Little Bobby Morrison as candle-bearer.

Adult and young people's combined for the Christmas...

Members of the junior department handed out candies at the church. Each guest received a candle that was lighted at the service.

A collection was made as an offering to ministerial relief.

Cunningham Is Study Hostess

The Fulton Bible study met at the home of Mrs. Robert Cunningham Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Cunningham was the hostess.

Guests were Mrs. Marrs, Mrs. McHaley, Mrs. Clyde Weber, Mrs. John Weber, Mrs. George...

AND MRS YOUNG PRESENTS BABY DAUGHTER

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lonnie E. Young are the parents of a 9 1-2 pound baby born at Fulton Tuesday...

Ensign J. T. Crossman, stationed at Norfolk, Va., is spending part of his 30-day leave with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart here. He recently visited his parents in Minnesota.

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FORTY ATTEND ALL-SCHOOL PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

About 40 students and a few ex-students of Rockport high school attended the all-school party at the Concession hall Friday night.

Two contests were held. Harris Pollard, David Herring and Dexter Wright won the contest for caroling. Chosen as best dancers were Lucille Haynes and Harris Pollard and Wilma Rouquette and David Herring.

A program dance was held, then regular dancing. Afterward the guests went caroling.

The hall was decorated with a Christmas tree, moss, berries and various greens. A fire blazed in the grate.

Chaperones were Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler, Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden and Owen James.

SCHOOL CLOSES WITH PARTIES AND PROGRAM

Schools closed Friday with parties in all the rooms and a program in the auditorium.

Mrs. Roy Lee Hart's fourth grade put on a play, "Eight Little Elves." The children portrayed Santa's workshop.

Mrs. John Haynes' room gave part of the program. Of her students, Martin Pena recited "When Santa Was A Boy;" Lorenza Pena recited "The Christmas Story;" and Mary Alice Dominguez said "Christmas of 1945."

As a surprise package, Bert Haney, master of ceremonies, presented Tommy Blackwell as a pianist for a solo number.

Students in all of the rooms exchanged gifts. Mrs. Haynes' students sang carols, gave recitations and each was given an apple and orange by the firemen.

Classes will not begin again until the Monday after New Years.

D. D. SNOW ADDRESSES PTA AT MEETING HERE

D. D. Snow Nueces county superintendent of schools, addressed the Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon.

As a part of the program, Mrs. Roy Hart's Fourth Grade room gave the Christmas play, "Eight Little Elves." The children were costumed as elves and fairies for the one act play set in Santas workshop.

Refreshments were served at the homemaking cottage. Mrs. Lloyd Smith and the hospitality committee served cup cakes, sandwiches and coffee.

EASTERN STAR HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MORGAN WHEELER HOME LAST WEEK

The Eastern Star entertained members and guests at a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Wheeler Monday night.

A regular meeting was held at the Lodge Hall first. Mrs. James Hooper was in charge of the games and contests at the Wheeler home.

After the singing of carols, the guests played a game of Santa opening his pack. Names were then handed out on slips of paper. Each person found his or her family by finding a combination of names that fitted. The families ate together.

Refreshments were served buffet style. Mrs. Clyde C. Hayden served the chicken salad and Mrs. S. F. Jackson the coffee and cocoa. Crackers, olives and fruit cake

were also on the table. Plate favors were gumdrop candle holders with mints as handles.

Mrs. Jackson assisted by Mrs. Mabel Bryant handed out the gifts under the lighted tree. Other Christmas decorations were in the rooms and the centerpiece for the service table was an arrangement of Christmas greens and crystal balls surrounding four white tapers.

On the refreshment committee were Mrs. T. H. Ratliff, Mrs. Fred Diedrich and Mrs. Albert Collier.

Members and guests attending were the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Brundrett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith and son Guy Mills, Mrs. Bertha Har-

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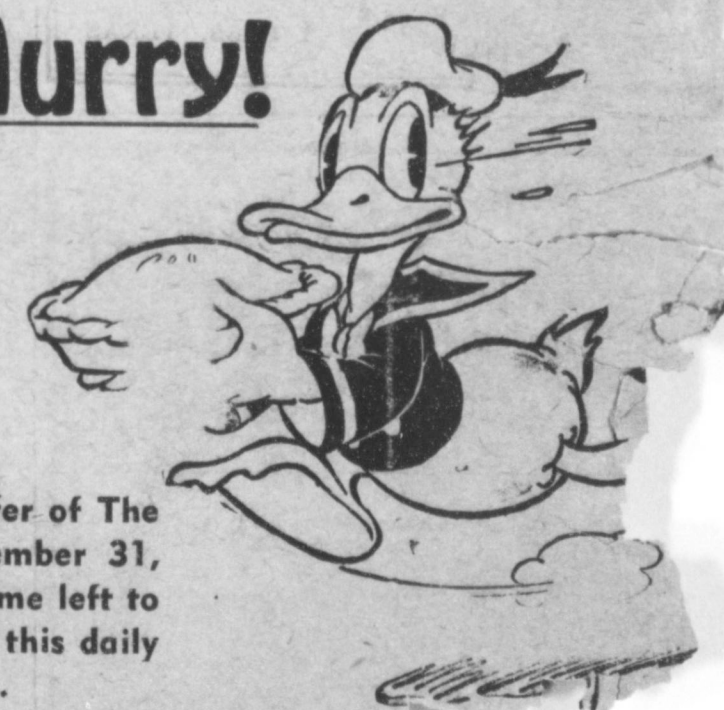
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Mundine, a technical sergeant and artillery mechanic, had been stationed in Hawaii for two years. He was discharged at Fort Bliss. Before going into service, his home was at Galveston.

Elmer McLester of A. & I. is spending the holidays here.

Mrs. Hemmi Gives Christmas Party

Mrs. Urban Hemmi was hostess Tuesday afternoon to a group of friends and neighbors at a Christmas party at her home.

Christmas decorations were worked out around the tree. Gifts were exchanged under the tree.

In a contest, Mrs. Robert Key won the prize for finding the most words out of the one word, Christmas.

Refreshments of tuna fish sandwiches, banana cream cake and hot chocolate were served to Mrs. George Keller, and Kenneth, Mrs. H. C. Mullinax, Mrs. George Lilly, Mrs. M. B. Mullinax, and Betty Sue, John Urban Hemmi, Tommy Key, Theresa Beth Hemmi, Norma Lynn Key and Mrs. Key. Christmas poems were recited by Theresa Beth Hemmi and Norma Lynn Key.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Rockport, Texas will be held at the bank's office at Rockport, Texas between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m., and 4 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 8th, 1946 for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1946 and any other business that may legally come before said meeting. 11-29-45 A. C. GLASS, Cashier

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