

## Explosion Demolishes A. L. Bracht Food Store

## City Council To Ask Commissioners Court For Joint Tax Session

### Jarring Blast Shatters Windows Over Wide Area

#### Explosion Felt For Miles, Believed Caused By Faulty Gas Line

Bracht Bros. Grocery was flattened Monday night by a terrific explosion that shattered windows in buildings four to five blocks away. Flying debris from the jarring blast short-circuited high voltage power lines and threw the city into darkness for nearly an hour.

Tremors and concussion of blast felt for miles around, the accompanying glaring flash as a huge ball of fire literally rolled down the shored power lines, and then complete darkness brought excitement and confusion to almost every home in the city.

The small, but heavily stocked grocery store, was demolished by the blast. Fire blazed brightly for a short time after the detonation, but the fire department responded promptly and the blaze was brought under control.

Across the street to the east the Urban Hemmi's Humble Station caught full force of the blast. Large plate glass windows were knocked out, ceiling of the driveway roof was ripped open, and cans of oil and other merchandise was blown off shelves. Thompson's Spa, across the street to the north, also suffered heavy glass damage. Some fifty window panes were shattered in property across the street to the north of the wrecked store.

At the A. O. Freeman residence four blocks away, two windows were knocked out by the concussion. Glass was also broken at the home of Mrs. Nannie Dean near the school house. The home of A. L. Bracht, owner of the store, a block away had one window broken.

A. L. Bracht estimated the damage to his store and stock at approximately \$10,000. He said he had a total of \$2,750 insurance, including that on stock and building.

No one was injured by the explosion, which fortunately occurred after everyone had left the store and filling station across the street, and no one was passing along the street or highway.

Luckiest person involved in the explosion was perhaps Tom W. Brown, who was asleep in his trailer house only 50 feet to the rear of the store. Brown was momentarily stunned by the blast, but was unhurt. The trailer house was not damaged, but a huge piece of plaster landed only a few feet from one corner of the trailer. Mrs. Brown was in Victoria at the time.

"It did something to me," Brown said. "It seemed like I was asleep and couldn't wake up. I have never been in that shape before."

Brown said that when he looked out the window of his trailer the store was blazing and the gas tank outside was spouting fire.

Harry Mills, city fire marshal, made an investigation Tuesday morning.

"I don't know how — for sure — but the store evidently became filled with gas," Mills said. "As near as I could figure out, they had moved a stove during the day. The stove had a bad hose. It may have leaked badly, or the cock could have been left open."

The fire marshal said he believed the blast occurred when a spark from the electric refrigerator motor ignited the gas.

People at Mills Wharf across the bay 7 miles north, reported feeling the jar of the explosion, as did others at the Jolly Roger Camp on the far end of the peninsula.

First person to arrive at the scene of the explosion was George Lilly. He had arrived at his home in the west part of town, when he saw the flash and heard the detonation. He got back into his truck and drove directly to the scene. A few seconds later Bill

### SUNDAY SPEAKER



Marshall C. Dendy

Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Florida, will be the speaker on The Presbyterian Hour next Sunday morning, March 31, at 7:30 a. m., over an independent network of southern radio stations.

Dr. Dendy is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Presbyterian College of South Carolina. After completing his ministerial training at Columbia Theological Seminary, he became superintendent of Home Missions in Augusta, Georgia, and later became pastor of the Aveligh Presbyterian Church of Newberry, South Carolina. After a pastorate of 7 years in the First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Georgia, he went to the Fifth Avenue Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, and from there to his present pastorate several years ago.

The subject of Dr. Dendy's next Sunday morning will be, "Man's First Quest."

This radio broadcast was heard in Rockport over radio station KWBU Corpus Christi, WOA San Antonio, KPRC Houston or WFAA Dallas.

Hudson and Bill McGrath, who have rooms at the Wheeler residence little more than a block away, raved up.

"I was about to bail out of my bedroom window when I finally got awake enough to realize that there had been an explosion and that the Russians were not attacking," said Hudson, who has been back home only a few months after making regular bombing raids over Germany.

Mrs. Eunice Piper, who had just arrived home in Rockport from California state, thought she had brought a California earthquake home with her.

Mrs. J. O. Blackwell, who lives near a highway curve and less than a block from the Bracht store site, thought an auto had crashed into her house. The explosion jarred a glass light fixture from the ceiling in a hallway. She made her way barefooted to the telephone in the darkness, through the glass, but did not get a cut.

Many people in the vicinity of the blast scrambled out of bed as glass shattered to the floor, only to find that the lights wouldn't go on when they located switches.

Scores of people were on hand today to help Bracht and his family sort usable merchandise from the snarled debris. He had planned to sell out soon and retire, after many years in the grocery business here.

Bracht did not announce his future plans immediately. Hardeman Does Quick Work In Restoring Lights

While firemen were still playing water on the burning wreckage of the Bracht store, B. T. Hardeman, C.P.L. manager, was swinging from the top of a high line pole removing sheet iron that had short-circuited the line and plunged the city into darkness. Less than an hour after the explosion that put the lights out, Hardeman had them burning again.

## City Election Ballot May Be Blank

### City Jobs May Be Anybody's Thru Write-Ins

#### Present Council And Mayor Indicate They Will Accept if Elected

With the city's election ballot for next Tuesday still a blank and a lack-of-interest light vote likely, anybody could be elected to the three vacancies as aldermen and mayor. It is possible, however, for candidates to file, or petitions be presented to place names on the ballot.

Members of the council up for re-election at this time have indicated they would accept the places they now hold if re-elected. Those include Mayor Albert Collier and Aldermen Arley Shivers and W. D. Allen, however, none of them have filed or made public statement to the effect they would be candidates for re-election. They may do so, or their names may be placed on the ballot by petition.

Unless there are names printed on the ballot to guide voters, then it may be anybody's race.

Joe Johnson appears likely as a good bet for election as mayor in a blank-ballot election — even though he has said definitely that he would not accept the job if elected. Johnson's "candidacy" started last week — unbeknownst to him, and to his discomfiture — when overnight the main street was placarded with hand-drawn caricatures and wording urging people to "vote for Johnson for Mayor," because he was for "pensions, a barbecue pit in every yard, prohibition, and a diplomat."

Johnson was a bit puzzled about the whole thing, but one thing was certain, he said: "I wouldn't take the job — positively."

"If they elect me they are just going to have the expense of another election, because I wouldn't have the job," Johnson emphasized.

Johnson's statement, however, probably won't prevent his "backers" from waggishly carrying on his "campaign", especially if the election ballot is blank.

Mayor Albert Collier, who last week said that he would not be a candidate for re-election and could not take the post again, has indicated that if elected he would continue in office if the old council stayed on.

### Beach Club Will Open Twice Weekly

The Beach Club will be open for two nights weekly until May 1. Don Hawes, who played at the Club Wednesday will play again Saturday from nine until one.

## Texas Marine Resources Committee To Meet Here Wednesday, April 3

The Texas Committee of Marine Resources will meet in Rockport April 3 to discuss reorganization and to possibly change the name of the organization. Members of the committee are registering this week with the Chamber of Commerce for reservations.

Rockport's Mayor Albert Collier and H. H. Stanley of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce are on the program committee for the one day meeting. Organization, adoption of a set of laws and by-laws, ways of attaining better publicity, and how to attract a wider range of interest to the work of the committee will be among the topics under discussion at the meeting.

Collier has arranged for the meeting to occur in the district court room. The last meeting was held at College Station, and the primary consideration was the establishment of courses on marine biology and fisheries in the curriculum of A. & M. College.

### FRED BRACHT DOESN'T HAVE FIRST INTER-COM

H. H. Roberts inter-com at Palm Courts labeled the "first communications system in Aransas County" by the Pilot proved to be the second last week when Fred Bracht owner of Modal grocery called attention to the fact that he had an inter-communications system since 1943.

This week finds the "first" dropped to third because Mrs. J. P. Hanway has had such a system since 1940. Mrs. Hanway has a three-way system running from her backdoor to front door and from her apartment to her husband's shop.

## Lloyd Lassiter Is Named New Fire Chief

At the city council meeting Tuesday night Lloyd Lassiter, who was a charter member of the Rockport fire department when it was formed in 1935, was appointed fire chief to succeed Robert Key who has moved to Houston.

Lassiter was assistant fire chief in 1938, 1939, and 1940 under Francis Smith, then chief. In 1940 both men resigned to take jobs with the army fire department at Camp Hewland in Palacios. Lassiter stayed at Camp Hewland for six months and then returned to Rockport to again become an active member of the fire department.

Although Lassiter joined the department out of duty and with no experience in fire fighting, he stayed on because he became interested in the work, and on going into the Navy in 1944 he was stationed at the Naval Air Base in Corpus in the fire department there.

The two most serious fires of Rockport in Lassiter's experience were the Drive-In Cafe fire and the Boathouse fire. He was in the Navy when the Boathouse burned, but he happened to be in town. He was also in town but in the Navy when the school burned. He helped to extinguish both fires.

### Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued this week: Jose Pena, and F. Evangeline Resendez; Delbert Cole and Ruby Yardley; Pete Perez and Guadalupe Meza.

### Albert Kelly To Be Discharged Soon

Albert Kelly, Marine corporal, veteran of sixteen and one-half months at Bougainville, the Philippines, and China, is in Rockport on leave before reporting to San Diego for discharge.

Cpl. Kelly wears the Presidential Unit Citation, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with one star, and the Victory ribbon. He was on a maintenance crew serving with the First Marine Aircraft Wing while in China stationed at Tientsin some ninety miles north of Peking.

Both Cpl. Kelly and his brother, Sterling, recently discharged from the Navy, plan to go into business with their father, T. C. Kelly, and live in Rockport.

## Rockport Area Compared To Florida as Year-Round Playground

Rockport's warm climate suitable to all types of vacation sports was compared to Southern Florida by Look magazine this week in a three page spread featuring Rockport and neighboring towns.

Look gave national publicity to Coastal Texans hope that the almost year-round fishing, hunting, swimming, and sunbathing of the area will someday make it a playground of national importance. In December when the travel editor and photographer came down to take the pictures, they thought that the story would run next September to play this part of the coast up as a fall resort. But the pictures appeared this month, third in a series called Look at

America. Inez Sterling, daughter of Col. Bill Sterling, and Columbus O'Donnell, ART student from Ward Island, were featured in the article with Rockport, Fulton, and Taft residents making up the other models in the party. They were Wilma and Kathryn Rouquette, Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Sparks, Clark Bailey, and Loretta McCann.

The scenes of tarpon fishing, duck hunting, seining, frying oysters, sunbathing, and swimming are typical of Rockport despite the fact that the swimming in December mentioned was done in 50 degree weather and the sailor shown duck hunting could not really row a boat.

### Casterline Will Not Be Board Candidate Due to Illness

Cecil Casterline, whose term as school trustee in Fulton ends this year, will not be a candidate for re-election because of severe illness.

Thus far there is no candidate for the trusteeship so there will be a write-in campaign. Election will be held May 6.

### Rockport Places In Four Of Tennis Finals

Jimmy Morrison and Woody Hunt won the Junior high boys' Tennis Finals at the meet played in Ingleside Tuesday afternoon, and places in three other contest were held by Rockport students.

Robert Morrison tied for third place in the Senior high boys' singles. Jim Little and Bobby Hewitt won second in the doubles for the same age. Bonnie Cron won second in the senior high girls' singles.

Other students from Rockport who played in the matches were Tynelle Smith, Patricia Wallace, Barbara Freeman, Patti Ballou, and Mary Ruth Dervage.

## City Building Permits Go Over \$22,000 For Week

Over \$22,000 will be spent soon in improving Rockport's business district according to building transactions filed at the City Hall during the past two weeks. Lloyd Lassiter is building a new tailor shop, Edward Barnard is improving his theater, W. R. Rundlett will build nine summer cottages, Leonard LeBlanc will build a lumber shed, and Henry Schmidt is improving a building for the new Pilot office.

There will also be a number of improvements made on residences. Herman Hildebrand will spend \$100 on house improvements; Mrs. L. D. Lowther will spend \$1,500 in improving her property; \$2,000 will be used in improving W. L. Mikel's home; Violet Percival will make \$150 repairs on her home; and J. R. Tomerson will spend \$1,000 in repairing his house.

Lassiter's new cleaning and pressing shop is listed as being built on Lot S 1/2, Block 2, D and M Division. Rundlett's cottages will be built on Lots 1, 2, 6 and 7 and S of 3, Block Q, Hotel Reserve. He will also build a private home, garage, and workshop. LeBlanc's shed for the new lumber yard is listed on Ann and North Streets, R. R. Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Lowery Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howery, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goff, all of Corpus Christi were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holstein at Palm Courts last Sunday for a fish dinner.

## Delinquent Taxes To Be Subject Of Conference

### Policy For Re-Assessment of taxes discussed at Council Meeting

Mayor Albert Collier was instructed by the City Council at a meeting Tuesday night to arrange for a joint session of the County Commissioners Court and the council for the purpose of discussing problems of delinquent tax collection.

One of the topics of the tax session will be a policy in the matter of acting on reassessment of taxes in the case of delinquencies. Confronted with an increasing number of requests for reassessments of property by owners who are delinquent in tax payments. Both the county and city are faced with the same problem, it was pointed out in discussions at the council meeting Tuesday night.

Clifford Swearingen, attorney for the city, pointed out to the council that legally each case must be handled individually on the basis of whether the council found that past assessments of such property had been excessive. He was in favor, however, of meeting with the commissioners to discuss as a matter of policy the attitude each of the taxing units would have toward reassessments, so that if possible they could work in co-operation to improve the delinquent tax situation.

## Poch's Courts Sold Twice In Two Days

The Poch Tourist Courts were sold twice in two days last week-end when A. W. Poch sold the courts to E. R. Blaylock on Friday and Blaylock sold them to Mrs. M. D. Whitten on Saturday.

County records show the consideration for the first transaction to be \$15,000, and it is reported that the consideration in the second transaction was \$18,000.

Other recent land transactions includes the sale of a twenty acre tract in the Lucas sub-division on the back Aransas Pass road by J. L. Wilson to G. M. Harrell for \$3,000. F. G. Huffman sold lot No. 68 in Copano Village to Mrs. Gertrude Allemany for \$1,000.

In Fulton, lots 12-16, block 47 were sold by J. C. Kiefer to Floyd L. Brown for \$2,000.

### Mills Wharf Parties Report Good Catches

H. H. Roberts, owner of Palm Courts and members of his fishing party last Saturday can testify that the report of good fishing over the week-end was true because the three men caught forty-eight trout that day.

Besides Roberts there were Arthur Biard and Murray Winn of San Antonio. The party left from Mills Wharf with Harry Mills as guide.

Another fishing party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. O'Donnell and Sgt. and Mrs. W. W. Patterson went out from Palm Courts Sunday, and they caught ten large trout.

Fishing was reported still good the first of the week.

### Car Registrations Showing Increase Over Last Year

A total of 139 vehicles more than last year had been registered in Aransas county up to the night of March 27. Greatest increase was in passenger cars, eighty-six more than last year.

Totals registered for the various types of vehicles were 448 passenger cars, 112 trucks, 19 farm trucks, and 36 trailers. Last year the totals were 362 passenger cars, 81 trucks, 15 farm trucks, and 18 trailers.

## Red Cross Quota Still Not Met

There are only four days left to make your Red Cross contributions. On Wednesday Aransas county still needed \$160 to meet the 1946 quota.

The \$1,020 which makes up the quota the people of Aransas County must meet is small compared to the \$13,000 spent here by the Red Cross in 1942 and 1945 to relieve the suffering caused by hurricanes.

### Mrs. Vallie Cole New President of Fulton P.T.A.

Mrs. Vallie Cole was elected new president of the Fulton P.T.A. in a regular meeting Wednesday; and in addition to election of other officers and regular business, plans were made by the P.T.A. to sponsor a play.

Other officers are Mrs. John Cole, first vice-president; Mrs. O. B. Reed, second vice-president; Mrs. G. E. DeForest, third vice-president; Mrs. Will Madden, secretary; and Mrs. Bobby DeForest, treasurer.

The play will be presented at the school on March 29.

### Ballou Boy Goes To Hospital With Eye Injury

James Ballou, who was hit in the eye with a sling shot last Wednesday and seriously hurt, will return to the hospital in ten or fourteen days for further treatment, Dr. Charles F. Cron said.

James was only in the hospital for twenty-four hours when the injury first occurred, but a recurring hemorrhage in the right eye makes it necessary for him to return. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ballou.

### FATHER DISNEY NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR HERE

Father William Patrick Disney will return to Rockport as assistant at the Sacred Heart Church and in charge of the missions of Aransas Pass and Port Aransas.

The Rev. G. J. O'Doherty, who has been assistant to Father J. H. Kelly for the past year, was transferred to the Corpus Christi Cathedral this week.

Mrs. H. T. Doan left Wednesday night for Goose Creek, where was to accompany her niece, Mrs. Coy Sandefer to a hospital in Galveston. Mrs. Doan expects to return home this week-end.

W. G. Cline of Jackson, Miss. spent last week visiting his mother, Mrs. W. G. Cline, Sr. and sister, Mrs. Herbert Dare. They spent the week-end in Yoakum, guests of friend.



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**Campfire Girls Choose Name And New Officers**

Campfire Girls, Group II, met last Friday and chose the Indian name O-da-ka, meaning friendship, for the organization, and each girl was given an Indian name.

O-da-ka, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Gilstrap, is for girls of the fourth and fifth grade. Officers elected at the meeting were Shirley Rivers, president; Carol Simpson, vice-president; Virginia Ann Mundine, secretary; Bonnie McGregor, treasurer; and Alma Jean Ratliff, reporter. Dues were also collected at the meeting and afterwards the members did folk-dances.

The other group of Campfire girls, Tanda, met Wednesday. Mothers of Tanda will have a meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Roe Monday April 1 at 4 o'clock, and all mothers are urged to attend.

**Linda Mills And Dale Barnard Have 4th Birthday**

Linda Mills and Dale Barnard were given a theater party in honor of their fourth birthday by their mothers, Mrs. Ed Barnard and Mrs. Herb Mills, on Tuesday afternoon at the Rio Theater.

The children were shown four cartoons and afterwards were served ice cream and cake at the theater.

Guests of Linda and Dale at the party were Mary Sue Lassiter, Verna Anne Haysman, Mary Lucille Jackson, Montey Roquet, Jimmy and Terry Ankle, Robbie Boquet, Robert and Mary Martha Shivers, Nancy Court, Judith and Jane Collier, Roger and Buddie Ayers, James Richard Fox, Charles and Frances Adel LaBlanc, Billy Johnson, Rodney and Marilee Johnson, Jimmy Mills, Linda Beth Deason, Mike Johnson, DeWilton Jeffries, Jr., Jackie Sanders, Glenn Blackwell, and Wayne Shults.

Mothers of the guests attended and also Grace Smith, Mrs. Fred Brundich, Mrs. G. L. Brundich, Mrs. W. L. Kane, and Mrs. J. H. Mills.

Mrs. Gordon Terry from San Antonio visited Mrs. C. E. Ankle last week-end.

**Birthday Party Given For Kathryn Atwood**

Kathryn Atwood, who celebrated her thirteenth birthday March 22, was given a birthday party by her mother, Mrs. Hayes Atwood. Her aunt, Mrs. John Warden, helped serve the refreshments of cake, punch, and tune fish salad sandwiches.

The guests played games, and winners of contest prizes were Jimmy Morrison, first prize; Johnny Charles Rowe, second prize; and Tommy Shults, booby prize. Guests at the party were Lois Mae Shults, Berta Gene Shults, Billie Frances Kane, Ruby Mae Wilkerson, Charlotte Anne Gunter, Nancy Ingersoll, Adele Doan, Barbara Warden, Betty Joyce Warden, Thelda Haynes, Betty Lee Gaskin, Johnny Charles Rowe, Travis Smith, Gene Smith, Stephen Atwood, Jonny Joe Atwood, Jimmy Morrison, Robert Ehler, Tommy Shults, John Freeman, and Hayes Warden.

Mary Ann Close, Betty Lou Garrett, Herbert Janicek, Helen Theodore, and Geneva Stewart were invited but unable to attend.

**Annual Spring Flower Show in San Antonio April 13 and 14**

"A Fairyland Fantasy" is the theme of the flower show which will be held in San Antonio at the Witje Museum, Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.

An exhibit is being prepared and sponsored by each of the federated garden clubs of San Antonio. Names of the various exhibits are, "The Nightingale," "Garden of the Snow Queen," "Thumblina," "Little Ida's Flowers," "Aladdin's Garden," "King Midas Garden," "Little Mermaids," and "The Love-liest Rose in the World". Admission to the show is 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children and servicemen.

Since this is the first victory Easter season the San Antonio Flower Show Association is planning one the largest shows in their history.

**Rebekahs Enjoy Social After Meet**

A party followed the regular session of the Rockport chapter of the Rebekah Lodge Tuesday night with table decorations and amusements carrying out a St. Patrick's Day motif.

Refreshments served were hot chocolate, with whipped cream and cake squares iced in green and white. On the entertainment committee for the social were Mrs. Sallie Beetley, Mrs. C. Jacobsen, Mrs. T. C. Kelly, and Mrs. Louis Mikel.

Mrs. C. Jacobsen, Past Noble Grand, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Charles Gipson and her son, David, from Corpus Christi are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl for a few days.

**Dorothy Pollard Roscoe Adkins Will Marry**

The Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Pollard of Rockport announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Jane, to Roscoe C. Adkins, son of Mrs. Daisy Adkins of San Marcos.

Dorothy is teaching in San Marcos; and Adkins, recently discharged from the army, is attending Texas University preparatory to receiving his doctor's degree.

**Wilkinson and Dupnik Win Grammar School Declaration Finals**

Ruby Mae Wilkinson and June Ann Dupnik were winners of the Rockport Grammar School Declaration Finals held last Thursday morning in which twenty-three students participated. Ruby Mae won first place, and June Ann won second place.

The contest, under the direction of Miss Katie Lee Clarke, took place in the school auditorium. Miss Ruth Lipscomb, Mrs. Susan Butler, and Owen James were judges of the finals.

**Volunteer Knitters Needed By Red Cross**

All knitters get in touch with Mrs. Fred Booth because she has received the yarn for Red Cross Knitting. Volunteers will knit sweaters, both cardigans and pull-overs, and socks for the needy people of the world.

Call Mrs. Booth at 424 and make arrangements to help your Red Cross.

**John Atwood Celebrates 11th Birthday**

Mrs. Ted Atwood honored her son, Johnny, with a party on his eleventh birthday March 25. Central decoration on the lace covered refreshment table was a large pink cake iced in blue with pink lettering and blue candles.

Other decorations on the table included fern and pale blue iris. Throughout the house were bouquets of flame colored bush honey-suckle.

Refreshments of punch, cake, cookies, and sandwiches were served the guests. Parlor games were played and contest winners were Kathryn Atwood and Cloyce Hayden.

The guests were Kathryn and John Freeman, Gene Gary, Jo Anne Smith, Dave Davis, Richard and Carole Simpson, Kathryn Atwood, Lois and Tommy Shults, Charles Smith, Culley Roberts, Joe Herring, Jerry Wallace, Cloyce Hayden, Joe Earl Hunt, Shirley Harrell, Virginia Anne Mundine, Alma Jean Ratliff, Ro Jean Mikael, Jimmy Ben Cloberdants, Dora Bell McLester, and Stephen Atwood, Johnny's brother.

Johnny's teacher Miss Katy Lee Clark attended, and Mrs. Cloberdants was there.

**James Ince Home After Two Years**

James Ince, Marine Corporal, who was employed at the Rio Theater as operator, before entering the service came home Monday morning after spending ten months on Okinawa.

Corporal Ince will be discharged sometime after May 1, and he is considering attending a trade school in radio.

**NOTICE**

There will be an election held on Tuesday, April 2, 1946 at the fire station in the City of Rockport, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6 p. m. for the purpose of selecting a Mayor for the City of Rockport and one alderman from each of Ward Nos. 1 and 2 in said city with J. C. Herring, Judge of said election.  
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Personals

Mrs. Bill Cavitt was in Sinton to visit her husband over the week-end. Her sister, Mrs. Pat Mixon from Runge was with them in Sinton.

Betty Gaskin from Ingleside spent the week-end with Thelda Jean Haynes.

Mrs. W. D. Ward is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Harrell, of Houston.

R. L. Hart came from Falfurrias to visit his wife over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murphy visited Corpus Christi Sunday.

Mrs. Charlyne Hunt went to Corpus Christi this week-end. On the bus she saw Mrs. Clara Seaton of Fulton going to visit her son at Corpus.



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Mrs. Mollye Davis

Mrs. Reese Presents Magazine files to School

Mrs. Paul Reese presented files of standard magazines to the high school library this week. The files were needed and appreciated by the student body.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCorry of Corpus visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dupnik here this week-end.

Mrs. Eunice Piper visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Townsend, from Monday until Wednesday. Mrs. Piper has been living in California for several months, and her plans are indefinite as to where she will live after her marriage to take place in a few days.

Mrs. W. I. Miller of Fort Worth who has been visiting in Rockport since the first of the year returned home last week.

An eight pound, four ounce baby boy was born to the Bernard Webbs Monday.

Cecil Easter, victim of an automobile accident, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Atwood and their sons, Stephen and Johnnie, were in Tivola to visit Mrs. Atwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Schleider, last week-end.

Mrs. Emory Spencer and her children, J. D. and Sandra went to Harlingen to visit Mr. and Mrs. Max Holbert last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth have just returned to Rockport after spending a week in San Antonio.

Virginia Garrett of Corpus was a visitor in Rockport yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanway returned to Rockport Saturday after spending two weeks in Mexico where they went as far south as Tampico.

Mrs. J. F. Clobardants was the representative from the Rockport Rebekah Lodge to the Rebekah Assembly of Texas which met in Waco March 17-19.

Dorothy Jane Pollard and Roscoe C. Adkins visited in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Pollard last week-end, and Mrs. Pollard returned to San Marcos with them to visit Dorothy.

Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. Harry Mills, and Mrs. T. H. Pollard will be in San Antonio through Thursday to attend a meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary of the Presbytery of Western Texas.

Shirley Ratisseau In Ready Writers Contest

Shirley D. Ratisseau will represent Rockport high school in the Ready Writer's Contest in the district conference at Odem this week.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Mabel Shilling Collins, and Harry E. Collins, her husband, Carroll Shilling, Carroll Le Duque and Joe Anderson, Defendants, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Aransas County at

the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1946, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1945, in this cause, numbered 2356 on the docket of said court and styled Rufus Shilling, et al Plaintiffs, vs. Mabel Shilling Collins, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Plaintiffs, Rufus Shilling and Aileen Caldwell, and the defendants herein named are all of the heirs of Mrs. C. H. Shilling, deceased, who, at the time of her death, owned part of Lot one (1) Block Two Hundred Eleven (211) and all of Lot one (1), Block Two Hundred Twenty (220) of Burton and Danforth Subdivision of Aransas County, Texas. Such land is under lease and funds therefrom are deposited in State National Bank of Corpus Christi, Texas. No administration is pending on the estate of Mrs. C. H. Shilling, deceased. Plaintiffs have paid all funeral expenses and expenses of last illness, together with taxes

due on such property and other lands totaling One Thousand One Hundred Fifteen (\$1,115.00) Dollars. Plaintiffs claim a lien against such property for such funds and claim they are entitled to a division of such property. Plaintiffs pray for foreclosure of their lien, order of sale, and for division of the property remaining after such lien is satisfied, together with costs of suit and general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand

and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this the 13th day of March, A. D. 1946. Attest: J. M. Sparks, Clerk,

District Court, Aransas County, Texas. SEAL

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GEORGE: "Yes, I certainly would like to hear why you call that an old fashioned idea, Judge."

OLD JUDGE: "Glad to tell you, George. Until recently, a person known as an alcoholic was generally treated as a social outcast. Little if anything was done to understand him or help him. But, during the past few years, medical research and study has developed that alcoholics are really sick people... that there is usually a deep-rooted physical, social or emotional reason behind their behavior. That's why today so

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GEORGE: "How many folks are there like that, Judge?" OLD JUDGE: "Well, according to scientific research, 95% of the people who drink, drink sensibly. 5% do so unwisely, at times. Included in that 5% is the small percentage of the sick people I'm talking about." GEORGE: "That certainly gives me a clearer picture. It's the most sensible approach I've ever heard on the subject."

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MARCH

26 - Russian armies reach Romanian border, 1944.

27 - Japan withdraws from League of Nations, 1933.

28 - Stephen Leacock, famous Canadian author, dies, 1944.

29 - Pan-American Union is formed, 1890.

30 - 15th Amendment is ratified by Congress, 1870.

31 - Gen. Oshima becomes Japanese minister of war, 1916.

APRIL

1 - Telephone between London and Paris is opened, 1901.

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
MARCH 29 and 30

- PORK and BEANS, 15 oz can, 9c
- GRAPE JAM, 2 lb. jar 45c
- SALAD DRESSING 8 oz jar 15c
- GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, No. 2 can 12c
- CREAM of WHEAT, Small pkg. 14c
- GULF SPRAY, Pint can 18c
- WHEATIES, 8 oz package 10c
- COFFEE, R & W, drip or reg., lb 30c
- PUREX BLEACH, quart bottle 15c
- BABO, Grease cleaner 14 oz can 10c
- CHERRIOS, 7 oz package 11c
- COCOA, Hershey's, 8 oz pkg. 10c

## Red & White

### Dachshund Popularity In Sensational Gain

The lowly Dachshund is now up among the ten dog breeds which lead in the number of purebred registrations in this country, according to the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York City, which states that a lot of the credit for this achievement is due to the efforts of the Dachshund Club of America which this year celebrates the golden jubilee of its affiliation with the American Kennel Club.

Figures compiled by Joseph E. Balmer, Xenia, Ohio, show a sensational gain of Dachshund registrations in 1943 over the year 1926 of 5,789%. For the same years the Cocker Spaniel, the leader in registrations, showed a gain of 1,814% and Beagles a gain of 288%.

### ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

WE, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

The name or firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is The Aransas Butane Gas Company, Limited.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is the trade and business of butane gas sales and service, including butane gas, appliances and equipment.

The names of the general and special partner interested therein, distinguishing which is a general and which is a special partner, and their respective places of residence, follow:

W. H. Taylor, special partner, place of residence, Aransas Pass, San Patricio County, Texas;

W. L. Mikeal, general partner, place of residence, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

The amount of capital which said special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$3,000.00, all cash.

The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 8th day of March, 1946, and the period at which it is to terminate is the 8th day of March, 1951.

This 8 day of March, 1946.  
W. L. Mikeal, General Partner.  
W. H. Taylor, Special Partner.  
8t-3-28

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FOR SALE: — A five room home. Like new. And may consider selling furniture. Humble subdivision, Ingleside. — I. M. Smith at Ingleside.

FOR SALE: — Farley built boat, 23'x5", 1939 Chevrolet motor, just overhauled, many extras. See John Carfield, Percivals Cottages.

FOR SALE: A horse saddle and bridle. For \$50.00. Phone 436 or see A. R. Stewart.

FOR SALE: Heavey Bill Cash Register for \$35. Phone 3771.

LOST: — Shakespeare Rod and Reel, between Humble Station and Gwynn's Courts last Saturday. If found return to Earl Ward, 3791. Reward.

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### Two Discharges

Two discharges are filed this week at the County Clerk's office: Leslie Leonard Sparks, Marine corporal, received his discharge in San Diego, California on March 18; and George L. Brundrett, Jr., sergeant, Army Air Corps, was discharged from Ft. Sam Houston March 6.

## RIO THEATRE

### Program

Sunday and Monday  
March 31 and April 1  
**KISS AND TELL**  
Shirley Temple

Tuesday and Wednesday  
April 2 and 3  
**MAN ALIVE**  
Pat O'Brien, Ellen Drew

Thursday and Friday  
April 4 and 5  
**MILDRED PIERCE**  
Joan Crawford, Jack Carson

Saturday,  
April 6  
**HEART OF THE WEST**  
Chapter 7  
**Monster and Ape**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pilot is authorized to announce the following candidates for the respective offices named subject to the Democratic Primaries:

For District Attorney:  
JOHN H. MILLER

For State Representative:  
H. L. ATKINSON

## Announcement!

As soon as we have made an adjustment with the Insurance Agency we expect to have a large quantity of salvaged stock to offer our customers and the public at less than wholesale cost. All such merchandise will be guaranteed or money refunded and will be assorted and ready for inspection next week.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the work done by the Rockport Fire Department and volunteers who offered their services and for the kindly expressions of goodwill of our many patrons in the unfortunate loss of Your Neighborhood Grocery.

Our plans for the future are undertermined but we hope to offer our many patrons the hope that a new and larger and better establishment will be erected to supply the urgent need to accommodate the general public.

All we can say at this time is Thanks for your goodwishes and the liberal patronage extended us in our fifty five years serving this community. The future of our city is brighter at this time than it has ever been. Lets all work for its upbuilding in every way we can.

Sincerely A. L. Bracht.

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TROUT, . . . . .	.38	SOLE, Frozen, Fillets, lb.	60c
RED FISH, . . . . .	35	CRAB MEAT, white, lb.	\$1.75
DRUM, . . . . .	.18	CRAB MEAT, Dark, lb.	\$1.50

### — OYSTERS —

PINT . . . . .	65c	QUART . . . . .	\$1.25	GALLON . . . . .	\$5.00
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## HOLIDAY FOOD VALUES

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MARCH 29 and 30

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- BOY AR DEE DINNER 31c
- BETTY CROCKER SOUP, 2 for 17c
- RIO DO, two for 19c
- TOMATO JUICE, 46 oz 21c
- BEANS AND FRANKS, can 18c
- NOODLE SOUP, Phillip 15c
- ORANGES, 3 lbs. for 14c
- AVOCADOS, two for 19c
- SPUDS, Oregon Whites, 5 lbs. 26c

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