

## Along The Waterfront

Duck hunting has picked up a great deal since a few days before Christmas when the tide receded. Most of the hunting guides say that the ducks were hard to find prior to that because the high tide caused them to stay back in the brush and flats. However, now they are coming in to the bay and most of the hunting parties since that time have been bringing in their limits.

Henry Ballou took Harry Kuhns and party of Houston out a couple of days before Christmas and everyone in the party got their limit of ducks.

On the 27th, Ballou took a party of seven hunters out and returned with seven limits. Again on the 28th, he took eight men out and they brought in eight limits.

L. Brannan, Sr., Mike Kilpatrick, L. Brannan, Jr., all of Houston; Clyde Flowers of Fort Worth; Harold Swanson and Elvin Swanson of Swea City, Iowa, were guests at Hunt's Courts on December 27th and 28th and between them caught thirty large trout and several medium size trout.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sipes have been having good catches of trout the past week. They also caught and landed two tarpons—one forty inches—one thirty-six inches. They caught the two tarpons in the bay while fishing from a skiff and reported that they enjoyed the fight since these were their first tarpons.

Leon Lowery of Galveston and Joe Lowery of Corpus Christi went out with Henry Ballou Thursday and brought back three hundred trout and small redfish.

Chester Scott of San Antonio, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ketchum during the holidays, brought in a limit of ducks and had some pretty good trout catches while here. He is attending Trinity University in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alexander and her brother, Emmett Poling all of Collinsville, Oklahoma, spent two weeks at the Ketchum's Trailer Park. The last two days they were here they caught 66 large redfish and 43 trout at the old ship yards.

The following letter was printed in the St. Paul Pioneer Press and was contributed by one of their staff writers, T. Glenn Harrison, who is spending the winter in Rockport:

Dear Lyt: Baron Munchausen was credited with being a monumental liar just because he told of his discovery of many marvelous things.

Rather than be classified along with the estimable baron I will leave many things untold, just because you folks up there wouldn't believe me.

But here is what I will tell. This little town of Rockport, Texas 31 miles north of Corpus Christi is a sportsman's paradise. It is where guys like yourself, who would rather fish and hunt than eat, want to go when they die.

Here in one day my landlord killed a buck deer, his limit of ducks, caught a beautiful string of sea trout and then ended the day boasting about what a wonderful place to fish and hunt this locality USED TO BE.

It is nothing unusual to see a yee of geese, more than 200 in the flock, gabbling their way to some good feeding ground. Ducks raft up here in the harbor, sometimes more than 1,000 in the group.

If one want a bout with bigger fish the 30 mile trip out through Aransas Pass to the deep reefs is just a lovely ride.

In season there a guy can, and usually does get a tarpon that will make the fisherman work harder than he ever has labored before.

When the tarpon are not running the redfish up to 50 pounds make the average man yell for from his guide to get the a-gui into the boat.

At 40 miles to the north is Aransas Game refuge. There I found a few of the almost Whooping Cranes. I am there in January to spend days in a blind and see if I can get a picture of one.

Enough for the sports end. Now for the few stories of bringing materials down here.

Imp, such as you never have before, are brought into the

## Club 35 Opened On Christmas Night; Capacity Crowd

K. Theodore announced that on the opening night of the Club 35 they had a capacity crowd and have had good crowds each night since. On New Year's Eve, the crowd was fairly small due to the bad weather, but Theodore says that those who did attend had a really nice time.

On the tenth of January, there will be a dance for the benefit of the patients in the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi. All proceeds will go to provide birthday presents for the patients there.

Then one day next week, the Fire Department will have a dance at the Club 35. Also on January 31st the club will be turned over to a representative of the Warm Springs Foundation for the benefit of the victims of polio. Every cent taken that night will be given to this fund. Plans for these events will be announced later.

## Picton - Rouquette Wedding Held On December 26th

Harold Picton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Picton, and Kathryn Jeanette Rouquette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette, were married Thursday, December 26th, at the Sacred Heart Church in Rockport at 7:00 p.m. with Father J. A. Kelly officiating.

Charles Picton was the best man and Miss Mary Beth Picton was the maid of honor. Miss Mabel Bracht played the wedding march. The bride wore a blue suit with black accessories and carried an orchid and carnation bouquet. Miss Picton wore brown with brown accessories and had a talisman rose bouquet.

After the ceremonies, the couple left for Monterrey, Mexico, for their wedding trip. They are now at home at the Forst Park Cottages.

## Jack Sanders Bags Ten Point Buck With A Pistol

Jack Sanders brought down a ten point, hundred and ten pound buck with one shot from a forty-five pistol at a hundred and fifty yards Sunday, while on a hunting trip in Edwards County with his brother, George, and their father, L. E. Sanders.

George Sanders brought back a six pointer to make the short hunting trip a successful one for both of the sons.

Jack said that he carried along a twenty-two pistol for turkey but didn't have a chance to use it.

docks here every day. Big luscious shrimp, five to eight inches long, with the heads on the shoveled out of the ice laden holds of the shrimp boats within just a few hours of being netted.

May I let you in on a secret, Lyt? The big ones are sold the easiest but for a real gustatory treat nibble at the little ones. They really hold the flavor.

But none of the shrimp one gets up North has the taste of the catch when dumped into boiling water within a few minutes after being removed from the ocean.

That is what My Girl and I do when we get a chance. We ride a shrimp boat out to the grounds and grab a couple of handfuls when the net comes in. Then, with the water boiling on one burner of the gasoline stove and a pot of coffee on the other we proceed to make hawks of ourselves.

Oysters here can be harvested (did you know you harvest oysters?) by just wading in the gulf waters. But opening them is a something else again. After jabbing myself with the knife the oyster men use I have adopted a much simpler method. I take a hatchet and just bang—out of the shell until it gives. It is messy but very efficient.

I have discovered something else. Texans are not Southerners. Neither are they Westerners. They are Texans and that is that.

I like them. They are not trying to sucker the visitor all the time. They seem to honestly like the tourist.

They have adopted us and so ah must jes say in closing that this little ol' trip is a wonderful thing.

## Patients In Hospital In Corpus Extend Thanks For Gifts

Bill Gray, Commander of the Stewart Wendell Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars says that the patients in the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi were very grateful for the many nice gifts sent them by the citizens of Rockport and have asked him to extend their most sincere appreciation to everyone who sent a present to them for Christmas.

## Mrs. B. S. Fox In John Sealey Hospital For Treatment

Mrs. B. S. Fox, wife of the County Judge, has been in John Sealey Hospital in Galveston since December 24th for treatment; however Judge Fox reports that she is doing nicely now.

When she first went to the hospital, they were expecting her to undergo a major operation; however, her doctor says that she will only have to undergo some treatment and there will be no necessity for an operation.

Judge Fox left today for Galveston to spend the week-end with her.

## Motor Vehicle License Plates Will Go On Sale February 15th

A. R. Curry, County Tax Assessor-Collector, announces this week that the 1947 license plates for automobiles and trucks will be ready for sale around February 15th.

He said that wanted to make this announcement due to the number of inquiries his office has been receiving as to when these license plates will be available for distribution.

## Duck Inn Will Be Reopened Early This Month

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duck have announced that they will reopen the Aransas Drive Inn under the name of Duck Inn sometime early in January.

Duck Inn is the first drive-in on the left as you enter Aransas Pass from Rockport. They will specialize in seafood and fried chicken. They will also have curb and dining room service.

Daimler of Germany is credited with building in 1898 the first automobiles with engines under the hood.

## W. B. Allen Meets His Match At Fishing - Hunting

C. B. Lee, of Cotulla, Texas, spent a few days in Rockport on a fishing trip and took about 75 pounds of redfish and trout back home with him. He was visiting W. B. Allen and was very pleased that he proved to Allen that he was a better fisherman.

When Lee returned to Cotulla, Allen went with him for a deer hunt. Lee says that Allen almost as poor a hunter as he is a fisherman. Allen got one deer—an eleven pointer—weighing 123 pounds—but he had a shot at a standing buck about fifty feet away and overshot him.

Lee told Allen, "I'll stuff a deer and tie him up to a tree about a week before the season opens next year and let you get in some practice, then maybe you will be able to get your limit."

Lee, of course, got his limit.

## Navy Man Formerly Stationed Here Is Back For Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Askey and sons, Billy and Joe, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, are visiting in Rockport for a few weeks after about a year's absence.

Askey was stationed at the Naval Auxiliary Field north of town during the war and says he is planning to make Rockport his permanent home, since he liked so well while here before.

He drove a naval ambulance during the war and was discharged from the service in December 1945 at Corpus Christi.

## Schools To Reopen Monday Jan. 6

The Rockport schools will reopen next Monday, January 6th, and the students will get back into the swing of studying and the teachers start their work again after sixteen days of furlough.

During those sixteen days the students and teachers went on visiting trips to various parts of the state, greeted Santa Claus, ushered out the old year, and welcomed in the New Year in various ways. The period of play is over and a lot of hard work will ensue before they again get off on a long vacation.

## January 31st Last Date To Pay County And City Taxes Without Penalty

A. R. Curry, County Tax Assessor-Collector, stated this week that January 31st is the last date that county taxes may be paid without incurring a penalty for late payment. He said that a large percent of all county taxes have been paid early by property owners in order to avail themselves of the deductions allowed for early payment.

Curry said he would like to remind those persons who have not yet paid their taxes that all county taxes are due and payable by the thirty-first of January in the full amount and beginning on the first of February penalties will be assessed against those who have failed to pay by that date.

Mrs. Jean Cope, City Secretary, announced that the same conditions apply to all property owners within the city. She stated that most of the taxes due have been collected but that those who have not paid as yet will have to do so by the thirty-first of January to avoid any penalties.

Both Curry and Mrs. Cope announced that 1946 has been the best year for tax collections in many years for both the city and county.

## Joe Earl Hunt Was Given Party At Recreation Hall New Year's Day

Joe Earl Hunt was entertained by his mother, Mrs. Charlyne Hunt on his eleventh birthday, January 1, at the Recreation Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.

Several games were enjoyed and Gary Smith won the prize for finding the most words in the words "New Year's Day."

Refreshments of hot chocolate, sandwiches and the birthday cake and favors of candy were served to the following:

Alma Jean Ratliff, Dorothy Baker, Ro Jean Mikel, Catherine Freeman, Leo Prophet, Cloyce Hayden, Johnny Jo Atwood, James Darrell Spencer, Gary Smith, Isborn McElveen, Gerald Huffman, Kenneth Rundlett, Gordon and Patrick Gunter and Joe Earl Hunt. Mrs. Gunter and Mrs. S. L. Sorenson assisted Mrs. Hunt during the evening.

## Johnson - King Wedding Vows Exchanged In Harlingen Tuesday

T. J. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, of Rockport and Miss Jean King of Lyford were married in Harlingen, at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Howard Anderson, December 31st.

## Personal Items of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders and son, Jackie, returned to San Antonio Thursday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan and daughters of Alamo are guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rouquette this week.

Quenton Druzer left for Shafter Texas, Thursday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson.

Miss Shirley Johnson left for Austin Thursday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson.

Mr. Billy Leo Wollert left Wednesday after spending the holidays, with Mr and Mrs. F. M. Bracht.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley J. Moss had as their guests, December 22, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rentz and son and daughter of Sinton, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hearn and son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard and son and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howard and daughter of Potett, and Mr. R. M. Moss of Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moss of Freer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuttle and son of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Moss and daughters of Kingsville and Mr. R. M. Moss of Rockport were guests in the W. J. Moss home on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gotthardt of San Antonio spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bolser.

W. T. Crawford has been quite ill for some time at his home here; however, he is improving a great deal lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wheeler were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl entertained with a New Year's dinner at the home of the Bruhls. They had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laws and Mrs. Gibson and sons, Charles and David of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and sons Mike and Joe, Jr. spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Miller of Sinton.

Mrs. Kenneth Bissett, Miss Annette Bissett, and Mr. and Mrs. Daulton Bissett of Kingsville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett Thursday. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Bissett and family of Beeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koehler and family visited relatives in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Stanley Bissett, Miss Dorothy Bissett of Los Angeles, Calif. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart and daughter Dolly Lee Hart of Mission, spent Sunday in Refugio as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woods of Corpus Christi were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton.

Miss Margaret Jane Woods and Nancy Carens are guests of Miss Jean Hinton this week.

Roy Lee Hart arrived in Rockport from Mission New Year's Eve and returned to Mission Wednesday taking Mrs. Hart and their daughter Dolly Lee, with him.

Miss Bernice and Miss Kathleen Mathis of Fort Worth were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duck.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Townsend and family are visiting relatives in Ingram this week.

Mrs. Ona Snelling of Corpus Christi spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duck.

William Harmen of Hobbs, New Mexico, is visiting his brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duck. He will be here several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrell and daughters, Sue and Judy are spending a week here as guests of her mother Mrs. W. D. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis of Austin are guests in the S. F. Jackson home and are also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis.

Mrs. Frances Roe of Victoria is spending the holidays as guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roe. Their son, Charles Roe, Jr., is also home for the holidays.

Delo Caspary, student of Texas University, is at home for the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Trudie Caspary.

Don (Buck) Hawes has accepted a position with Dixie Playboys of Victoria. He was formerly with the Rhythmairs.

## New County Officials Given Oath Of Office On Wednesday, January First To Begin New Terms

### Slight Damage Done By Fire At Julio Pena's Thursday Morning

A short in the electric wiring of the Julio Pena's home started a fire which caused very slight damage due to the alertness of one of his neighbors, Cuni Farrias, who grabbed a garden hose and put the fire out before it got well started.

The Fire Department rushed out but found that the fire had already been extinguished by Farrias and other neighbors of Pena. They carried practically everything out of the house leaving only a stove and table to stand on to reach the fire in the ceiling.

Chief Lloyd Lassiter said that a short in the electric wiring evidently started the fire, but he stated that he could not understand why the fuse had failed to blow out.

## Methodist Youths Have Dinner At Parsonage Monday

The Methodist Youth Fellowship enjoyed a four-course dinner at the Methodist Parsonage Monday night.

They played several games and went over to Mrs. Charlyne Hunt's home for a song-fest.

Their dinner consisted of fruit cocktail, roast beef, mashed potatoes, english peas and carrots, cranberry sauce and fruit salad. They also had for dessert several kinds of delicious pies and coffee.

There were twenty-five guests present.

## Rattlesnake Killed By W. J. Moss At His Home Monday Afternoon

W. J. Moss reported that he killed a large rattlesnake at his home Monday afternoon. It had fourteen rattles and a button.

He said it was one of the largest rattlesnakes that he has seen in a long time.

## Tommy Key Honored With Birthday Party Mon.

Mrs. Robert Key entertained with a stag party in honor of her son, Tommy, on his fourth birthday Monday afternoon at his home.

Tommy opened the gifts as the guests came in and they played games for about an hour then gathered around the dining room table and sang "Happy Birthday Tommy" as he blew out the four candles on his cake.

Mrs. Key was assisted by Miss Norma Lynne Key in serving cake, ice cream and punch to the following guests: John Urban Hemmi, Glenn Blackwell, Broadus Caffall, Jr., Jerome Jones and Billy Johnson.

As the guests were leaving, Tommy presented each of them with a package of favors.

## Dr. Cron's Home Scene Of Christmas Party

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Cron entertained with a formal Christmas party in honor of their daughters, Charlotte and Bonnie, Saturday night at their home.

The house was decorated in the traditional Christmas motif. The dining room was laid with a lace cloth and had a center piece which consisted of mixed flowers placed on a mirror with pine cones around the mirror. At each end of the table were silver candelabra with red tapers.

Miss Wilburn Hamblin presided over the punch bowl and served sandwiches, cookies, cake, olives, pickles, nuts, and candies to about fifty guests.

## Miss Jean Hinton Entertains With A New Year's Eve Party

Miss Jean Hinton entertained with a New Year's Eve party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton.

The guests enjoyed dancing and also played various games. The hostess served hot chocolate, cookies and candy to 87 guests.

District, county and precinct officers took oaths of office yesterday, Wednesday, January first, for new terms at the county court house and their terms began at that time.

Four of the officials taking the oath of office were continuing in office while eight others were taking the oaths for the first time. County Judge B. S. Fox, County Tax Assessor-Collector and Sheriff A. R. Curry, County Commissioner J. H. Mills, and Justice of the Peace Joe Smith were all re-elected and were starting new terms yesterday.

County Attorney Joe Caldwell, County and District Clerk James C. Herring, County Treasurer J. Ed Moore, County Surveyor Fred Percival, County Commissioners W. B. Allen, Jack Sparks, and Arthur Davis and Justice of the Peace F. J. Hansen are all beginning their first term in these offices.

All county, district and precinct Constable A. H. Bolser took the oath of office yesterday. His bond was not ready; therefore, Judge Fox said that he will be given the oath soon at a commissioners meeting.

## A & I Acquires Air Field For Housing Facilities For Men Students

Texas A & I College has announced that the college has acquired the Kingsville Naval Auxiliary Air Field for additional housing facilities for male students, thus providing housing for an additional 500 men next semester.

This housing will not be barracks, but will be former officer and cadet quarters. In most cases there are two men to the dormitory style room; in a few of the larger rooms there are as many as three. Room and board for the semester is \$137.50.

Prospective students may obtain additional information by writing the Registrar, Texas A & I College, Kingsville.

## T. J. Johnson Honored With Egg Nog Party Sunday Night

Fred Bracht Jr., and James Bracht honored T. J. Johnson with an egg nog party at their home last Sunday night with about thirty guests present.

Miss Mabel Bracht and Mrs. Mary Jo Bracht served the guests with egg nog, cake and coffee. The house was decorated in the Christmas theme with all the traditional red and green trimmings and with poinsettias.

## Roy Hinton's Hold Open House Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton entertained on Christmas Evening with an open house at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. B. C. Gregory greeted the guests at the door.

The house was decorated with the Christmas motif with a tree and evergreens around the rooms.

Mrs. Roy Lee Hart was in charge of the refreshment table and Miss Dorothy Bissett of Los Angeles, California, registered the guests. About one hundred guests attended.

## Urban Hemmis Give Watch Party Tues.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Hemmi entertained with a Watch Party on New Year's Eve to watch the old year go out and the new one come in.

The house was decorated with the Christmas theme with the tree and all the trimmings. The dining table was laid with a lace cloth and had crystal candelabra with red tapers with a center piece of a bowl of fruit.

They played buncie and Mrs. George Kenyon won the high prize. Mrs. Hemmi served chicken salad on lettuce, open faced sandwiches, potato chips, olives, fruit cake and coffee to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. George Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mullinax, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Key, Alex Stewart, Mrs. George Keller, Luther Davis, and Miss Eva Mae Davis.

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## Lets Keep Up the Good Work in '47

Rockport progressed a great deal during 1946 in spite of the many shortages in materials and labor. There were quite a few new businesses put into operation, new buildings were constructed for businesses, and new homes were built. The turning basin or "Fish Bowl" got a large number of new piers, the beach was given a new coat of sand when the basin was dredged and temporary boardwalks were placed over the oyster shells on the beach to prevent injury to swimmers.

Both the City and County collected a large amount of delinquent taxes and the city tax rolls were very thoroughly gone over and brought up to date to facilitate the collection of taxes. A large number of streets were improved with mud-shell while others were paved, the drainage system was improved. The committee for roadside improvement made Rockport conscious of some of its eye-sores.

All of these things and many more were accomplished and other improvements were either started or at least discussed. The local Chamber of Commerce was at least made aware of a great number of the needs of Rockport in the line of civic improvement.

Let's see that they stay aware of these needs and keep working, talking, and attempting to get these things done that will improve our town for ourselves and our visitors. Let's be sure to keep the gains we have made and keep working on others. As one of our visitors has said, "I like them (Texans). They are not trying to sucker the visitor all the time. They seem honestly to like the tourist."

He was only one of the many who visited Rockport during 1946 and had some mighty nice things to say of it and its people. Let's keep them saying these things about us. It is the best advertising we can get. But at the same time, let's keep on working to improve the facilities for our visitors—particularly recreational facilities for them in addition to fishing, boating and hunting.

Let's support the Chamber of Commerce in its attempts to improve Rockport and let's not hesitate to make suggestions to the Chamber when we think something should be done. Since the chamber is the only civic organization in Rockport, let's try to build it up by becoming members and working with the other members to further their work.

During 1947 Rockport will have a great deal of room for improvement and with the beginning that was made during 1946 there will be untold opportunities for the citizens of our town to help it progress. Let's carry our ideas and suggestions not only to the chamber but also to the City and County officials who can be of aid to the chamber in accomplishing these goals.

Let's make Rockport the most popular resort town on the Texas coast. It certainly has all the advantages of position, and climate and is a natural playground. There are few of our visitors now who do not want to return, but let's make sure that every one of them likes it so well here they will all return time and again and bring their friends.

This can be done during the coming year if every one of us will do our very best to improve Rockport and by doing so we will be doing ourselves a great big favor. However, it will require that we work together and not at cross purposes. Let's all get on the team.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: A. J. McDaniel, N. R. McDaniel, H. R. Hearne, W. D. Tally, T. E. Bush, C. H. Moore, W. A. Shreve and W. E. Pyne, if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs, administrators, executors, and/or legal representatives of each or all of the above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in Plaintiff's Petition and all persons owning or claiming any interest in and to the land described in Plaintiff's Petition, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court 36th Judicial District 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 20th day of January A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 4th day of December A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 2411 on the docket of said court and styled W. B. Friend, Plaintiff, vs. A. J. McDaniel, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit in trespass to try title, for title and possession as well as for damages on the following described property, to-wit: All of Block No. One Hundred Eleven (111), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. All of Fractional Block No. Seventy-nine (79), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of

### Kelly Family Holds Reunion First Since Christmas Of 1942

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kelly had all their children and grandchildren home with them last Sunday for their first family reunion since Christmas of 1942.

Mrs. Kelly prepared and served a Mexican dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wills and children of Oklahoma City, Mrs. H. D. Ainley and children of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelly, Carl Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Sport Gray of Mathis.

A newly discovered benzene derivative called m-propoxy is 4,000 times sweeter than sugar.

Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

All of Lot No. Seven (7), Block No. Two (2), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

All of Block No. Eighty-seven (87), Smith and Wood Division City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

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 4th day of December A. D. 1946.

Attest: (Seal) J. M. SPARKS, Clerk, District Court, Aransas County, Texas 30c36

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN DELINQUENT TAX SUIT STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ARANSAS

The unknown owners and owner of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives whose names and places of residence are unknown, and all other persons owning, having, or claiming any interest or lien in the property hereinafter described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND COMMANDED to appear and defend at the first day of the next regular term of the 36th District Court of Aransas County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof in the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, at or before ten o'clock A. M., on the Second Monday in February, A. D. 1947, the same being the 10th day of February, A. D. 1947, then and there to answer a petition in a delinquent tax suit filed in said court on the 20 day of December, A. D. 1946, in a suit numbered 2414, styled The City of Rockport, Texas, vs. T. A. Ballou and Unknown owners and claimants of the real property below described, on the docket of said court in which THE CITY OF ROCKPORT is plaintiff, and The State of Texas, The County of Aransas, The Aransas County School District and the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 are impleaded party defendants, and T. A. Ballou and the unknown owners and owner of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives whose names and places of residence are unknown, and all other persons owning, having or claiming any interest or lien in the property hereinafter described are defendants, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said hereinafter property and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, penalties, interests, and costs of suit.

Said suit is a suit to collect taxes, interest, penalties, and cost on the following described property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 306, of S & W Subdivision, a Subdivision of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof of record in the office of the County Clerk of Aransas County, Texas

The amount of taxes alleged to be delinquent, due, owing, and unpaid for the respective years and in the respective amounts for each of said plaintiffs, intervenors, and impleaded party defendants, taxing units, on the above described property is as follows:

Plaintiffs, Impleaded Party Defendants, and Intervenor That Are Taxing Units: City of Rockport; Taxes Due: \$90.95; Years Delinquent: 1919-1945; To Whom Assessed: T. A. Ballou together with interest, penalties, cost, charges, and expenses of suit, which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

Each party to this suit shall take notice of, and plead, and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file or thereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

Plaintiffs, intervenors, and defendants that are taxing units also seek the establishment and foreclosure of the lien securing payment of such taxes as provided by law.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF MY OFFICE in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, this the 20 day of December, A. D. 1946.

(SEAL) J. M. SPARKS, Clerk, District Court Aransas County, Texas 81c38

### H. G. Smith Home Scene Of Christmas Reunion For The Family

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith had their family at home for the Yuletide season Christmas evening for reunion. They had a Christmas tree distributed gifts and had refreshments consisting of coffee, pie, cake, and soda-pop.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith; Miss Sarah Belle Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Diederich; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garrett and children, Bettie Lou, Charlie, Jimmy Lyle, and Janice Faye; Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Brundrett; Mrs. Lyle Diederich; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brundrett; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith and children, Natalie, Bonnie, Lynelle, Vanda, Jackie, and Carolyn Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith and children, Colleen, Gene, Gary, and Jo Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Casterline; Mr. and Mrs. Edric Deason and children, Frances Lee, Linda Beth, and Jackie Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Somer Smith and children, Travis Lee and Charles Hammond.

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**Over Billion Of World's Population Do Not Observe Christmas**

Next Wednesday is Christmas, but it will be just another day as far as most of the people in the world are concerned. Only an estimated 31 per cent of the world's population profess Christianity, leaving a billion and a half non-Christians who do not celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

About 285,000,000 Mohammedans commemorate instead the birth of Mohammed on the twelfth day of the third month on their

lunar calendar and the birthday of El-Hoseyn in the fourth month, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The chief festivals of Mohammedanism, as listed by the reference work, are 'Eed es-Sagheer, which lasts for three days, and 'Eed el-Kebeer, beginning on the tenth of Zu-I-Heggeh, the last months of the Mohammedan year, which goes on for three or four days.

The Mohammedans, who make up thirteen per cent of the globe's population also keep holy the first ten days of Moharram, the first month of the year, particularly the

lenth day, called Yom Ashoora. The anniversary of the prophet's miraculous ascension into heaven in the seventh months and one or two lesser anniversaries are also marked, the Britannica points out.

Another substantial proportion of the world's people are Hindus, who comprise 11 per cent, and celebrate Holi in the spring and Durga-puja at the time of the autumnal equinox, a ten day festival in honor of the victory of the goddess Durga over the buffalo-headed demon Mahishasura. This celebration ends after nine days of worship of Durga when the image

of the ten-armed goddess, holding a weapon in each hand, is cast into the water on the tenth day, known as Dasahara, as described by the Britannica.

Nearly 165,000,000 Buddhists, eight per cent of the world's population, observe the day when Buddha left his home, the anniversary of his birth and the day when he attained to perfection and entered Nirvana. Some Buddhists celebrate Trut, the festival of the close of the year, with visiting and playing. The new year is celebrated for three days, and other holidays occur throughout the year.

with presents made of cakes of new rice being exchanged on the last day of June, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Other large segments of non-Christian religious groups are made up of the Confucianists and Taoists of China, comprising 13 per cent of the world's population; primitive, animist, fetish and magic cults, nine per cent; Hebrews, one per cent; Shintoists in Japan, one per cent; Sikhs in India, one-fifth of one per cent; and Jains in India, one-twentieth of one per cent. The adherents of all other religious sects, including state religions, make up 12.75 per cent of the population of the world.

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**SAINT NICHOLAS DAY IN HOLLAND**

When Christmas rolls around in Holland, it is quietly and religiously observed: St. Nicholas Day December 6, is the day of gift-giving and jollification.

For weeks, life-sized figures of St. Nicholas have decorated shop windows and men dressed as Nicholas have stood in front of business establishments, and driven around in horse-drawn carts delivering parcels.

At last the great day arrives: If there are several children in the household, sometimes they are gathered together from neighboring households, Bishop Nicholas (dressed in full vestments and accompanied by his Moorish servant) attends the children's party and impresses them by his knowledge of their shortcomings and chides them fatherly before distributing the trinkets and gifts he has brought for them.

After the youngsters have had their fun, the grown-ups sit around a festive table and open their "surprises." Small gifts are baked in loaves of bread, packed in enormous crates, wrapped in bales of paper—each wrapper directing the present to a different person; the longer the donor and final recipient remain unknown, the greater the general jollification.

Indicative of the spirit of the season, packages containing gifts are often entrusted to strange passer-by who are instructed to leave the parcel on such and such a doorstep and ring the bell.—C. C. Press

Electric lighting in a poultry house can keep the laying flock on a 14-hour working day, thereby avoiding the winter laying slump.



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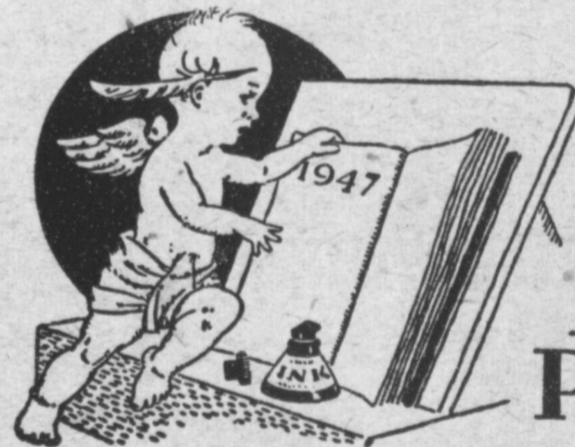
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**A NEW PAGE**

Write it in your heart that every day is the best day in the year

—EMERSON

The Sage of Concord had the right idea, good people. Let's set out to make this New Year of 1947 the best one yet, and every day thereafter the best we can make it.

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**Rep. Sweep Of Congress Rated Biggest News Story Of 1946**

Fort Worth, Dec. 24. — Biggest news story of 1946 was the Republican sweep of the off-year Congressional elections, say students in the Department of Journalism at Texas Christian University here. "The Republican victories put conservatism in the saddle for the first time in 14 years," commented one student. "The vote indicates that 'there'll be some changes made'!"

All but one of the 10 best stories had to do with the war in one way or another. The Heirans kidnapping-murder case was the lone exception.

Besides the election story, rated No. 1, the "10 Best" include the following, listed with typical comment:

2. Nuremberg trials and executions. "Death and imprisonment come for Nazis who brought terrorism, destruction and death to millions of innocent people all over Europe."

3. Operation Crossroads. "The atom bomb test at Bikini marked the world at the crossroads. Which way will it turn?"

4. Coal strike. "The labor-management, brewing for years, comes to a head in one man—John L. Lewis."

5. End of OPA. "The end of OPA created the biggest domestic question of 1946: How soon can

**CANDIDATES WILL TAKE APTITUDE TEST JAN. 11**

Candidates for admission to the University of Texas Medical Branch, or to any other medical school in the fall of 1947 will take a professional aptitude test at the University January 11. Dr. H. T. Manuel, director of the Testing and Guidance Bureau, will administer the test for the Association of American Medical Colleges through the Graduate Record office of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

the U. S. successfully return to its historic free economic system?"

6. Heirans kidnapping-murder case. "Fans of crime news got everything—murder, mystery, solution."

7. Paris peace conference. "The world looked to its diplomats for peace, but all it heard was talk of another war!"

8. United Nations. "Now that the war is over, the most interesting news is peace, and the UN is the main hope for peace."

9. Meat Shortage. "Public opinion asserts itself as price controls kept dinner tables meatless while the ranges overflowed."

10. Housing shortage. "People try to make homes in tents, trailers, trees—anywhere for a place to live. A seemingly endless demand for a place to put one's family."



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As 1946 limps meekly out the back door and the advent of a bright new year is upon us, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your many courtesies during this past year. May you encounter only joy and happiness in the coming months, and may each day bring you closer to the fulfillment of your every dream for the future.

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## Exams For Positions In State Health Dept. Are Announced

Austin, Jan. 1.—Competitive examinations for positions in the Local Health Units and the State Department of Health have just been announced by the Merit System Council for the Texas State Department of Health. Examinations are for public health sanitation positions, and will consist of a written examination and an evaluation of training and experience. Veterans preference will be allowed applicants who have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces and who make a passing score on the examination.

All applications must be mailed before midnight January 18, 1947. Positions for which examinations will be held, and their entrance salaries are: Sanitarian (\$160) and Senior Sanitarian (\$210).

Application blanks may be obtained from Russell E. Shrader, Merit System Supervisor, Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas.

American dollars were worth 50 per cent more in 1926 than in 1920 when inflation of the first World War was at its zenith.

## Local Employers Commended For Accurate Records

Employers are reminded by H. M. Cleveland, Manager of the office of the Social Security Administration in Corpus Christi, that the regular quarterly Social Security tax returns and wage reports for the three months ending December 31, will be due in January.

The reports of most firms in the Rockport area are correctly completed when due; however, a few local firms have neglected to secure the correct name and social security number from all of their employees, according to Cleveland.

"The importance of securing correct identifying information from each worker cannot be over-emphasized," Cleveland said. "We strongly recommend that every employer copy the name and account number from the Social Security card of each new employee when he first starts to work."

"If all employers will follow this practice, they can eliminate the

## First Tropical Cruise Set For Naval Reserve

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Approximately 800 Naval Reservists from the Eighth Naval District will get their uniforms out of mothballs and prepare to shove off Jan. 27, in the cruiser USS MACON and the destroyer-minelayer USS SHANNON on the first two-week active duty training cruise to be offered for this district, Capt. Arthur A. Ageton, USN, District Director of Naval Reserve, announced today.

Foreign ports to be visited include Cristobal, Canal Zone, and Guantanamo, Cuba. The schedule for the cruise, Captain Ageton said includes "a well balanced program of instruction, gunnery, and liberty."

Notice is being sent to all Naval Reserves in the eight-state district Men desiring to try their sea legs again must return applications to District Reserve headquarters post-marked not later than Dec. 30.

Reservists attached to or associated with Organized Naval Reserve Divisions will make their applications through their command officers.

In selecting applicants for the cruise, preference will be given to Organized Reserves, while members of Organized Components of the Volunteer Reserve such as Electronics Warfare Companies, Civil Engineering Units, etc., will be selected next followed by Volunteer Reservists.

Billets will be available for 45 officers and 740 enlisted men. Transportation will be furnished from their homes to New Orleans, and return. They will also receive full pay and allowances.

Men will embark at New Orleans Jan. 26 and will be underway the next day. Ships are scheduled to arrive at Cristobal Jan. 31, departing Feb. 3. On February 4 and 5 they will have gunnery practice at Guantanamo and will return then to New Orleans on February 9.

Those not selected for this cruise will be given consideration for the next, Capt. Ageton said. It is tentatively planned to hold 14-day cruises every other two weeks after February 9 through September.

both of extra correspondence and calls, they can keep down administrative expense of the government, and they can be sure that their employees receive full credit for all wages earned. Workers and their families may lose retirement or survivors insurance benefits if the wages are not properly reported by their employers."

Cleveland expressed appreciation for the fine cooperation his office has received from local employers generally.

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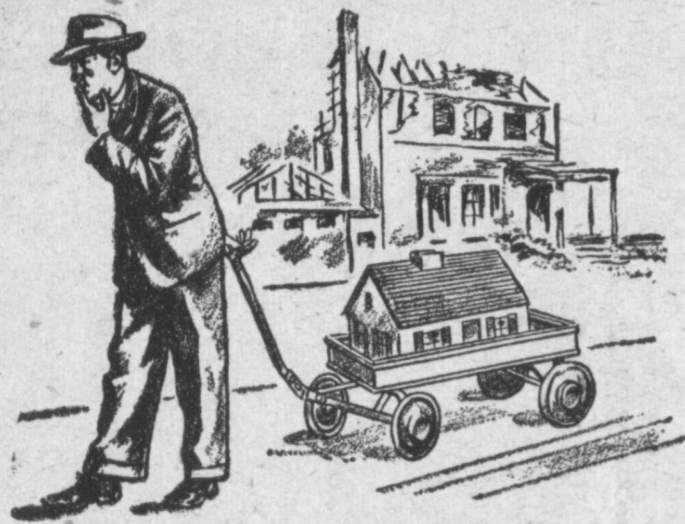


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**Hedgpeth - Warrens Vows Exchanged In Corpus Last Sunday Night**

Joel Hedgpeth of Rockport and Miss Frances Mary Warrens of San Francisco, California, were married last Sunday night at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Corpus Christi with the Rev. Benjamin Minifie officiating.

Hedgpeth is a marine biologist with the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission. He received his degree from the University of California and is well known among scientists for his many articles on scientific subjects.

Miss Warrens graduated from the University of California in the same class with Hedgpeth and has taught for several years in the San Francisco high schools.

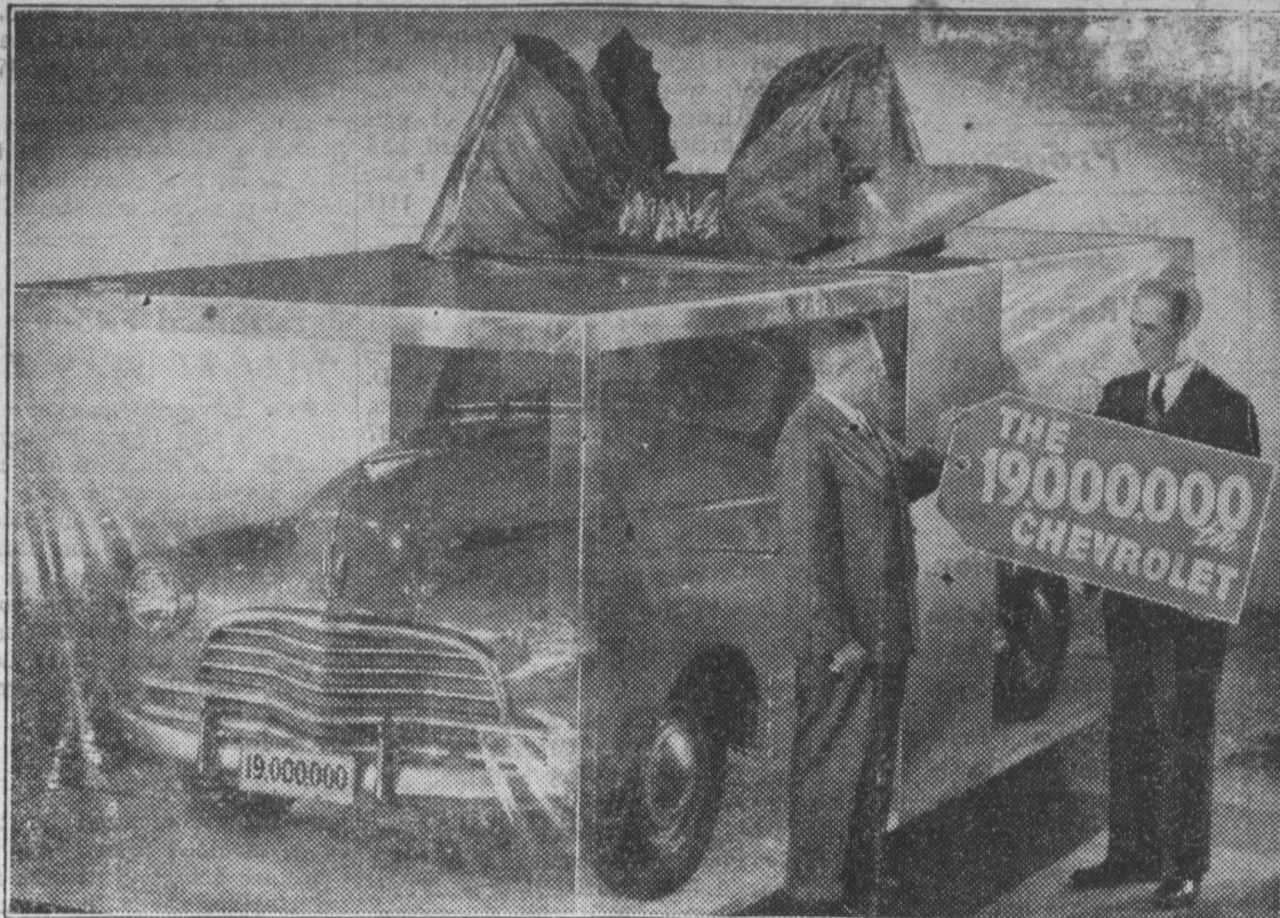
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**Bardwell - Clark Wedding Solemnized Christmas Eve In Rockport**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark was the scene of double festivities on Christmas Eve when the Yuletide and the wedding of Miss Helen Rachel Clark to William G. Bardwell, Jr., took place with the Rev. T. H. Pollard officiating at the wedding.

Due to the absence of the bride's father, Frank McLead gave the bride away. Mrs. Ruby Mae Wilson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Denzel Bardwell, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride wore a powder blue wool suit with black accessories

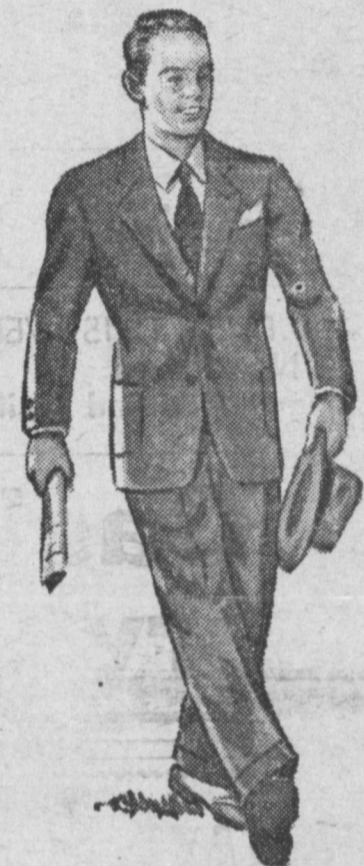
and carried white gloves. She also carried a white silk handkerchief painted by a Japanese artist which portrayed the best replica of the groom. Bardwell had previously sent it to Miss Clark while he was stationed at Yokohama, Japan, with the 1629th Engineer's Construction Battalion.

After the ceremony, cake and coffee were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dakin, O. L. Dakin, Frank McLead, Mrs. Ruby Wilson, Denzel Bardwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bardwell, Mrs. R. H. Clark and the bride and groom. Following refreshments, Christmas gifts were distributed among the guests.

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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. J. O. Blackwell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Blackwell and Junior in Robstown over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burton of Port Lavaca spent Christmas in Fulton as guests of Mrs. Burton's family.

Norman Bissett and son, John Lee, of Matagorda visited this last week with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bissett.

Gene Carroll Blackwell of Robstown was a business visitor in Rockport Friday.

W. J. Stevenson, seaman 2 (Yeoman) visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stevenson a few days. Wister is at the Yeoman Training School at San Diego, Calif.

Mary Claire and Annie Carole Harcastle, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harcastle of Aransas Pass spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stevenson.

Pfc. James Allen Ketchum visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ketchum, for the holidays. He enlisted in the air corps last December and is now stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He spent the holidays hunting and fishing, and returned to his base by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rozell and son Steirley Reese were guests of Mrs. Mabel McConico in Port Lavaca during the Christmas holidays.

**Bracht's Hold Open House December 26**

Mrs. L. M. Bracht and daughters Misses Mabel and Genevieve entertained with open house, Thursday evening, December 26, from 8 to 10.

Greeting the guests in the living room were the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Fred Bracht. Alternating at the coffee service and egg nog bowl were Mrs. Travis Bailey, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Miss Vivian Picton, and Miss Mary Jo Bracht.

Red poinsettias, red and white carnations and fernery were used to decorate the living and dining rooms. The serving table was laid with a hand embroidered linen cloth. Centered with a reflected arrangement of a Christmas tree and candles.

During the social hour, Miss Grace Smith and Mrs. W. H. Wolterb furnished the music. About fifty guests called.

**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 on Tuesday, January 13th, 1947 between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of Electing Directors for the year 1947 and for any other lawful purpose.

A. C. GLASS, Cashier.

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**Chili Powder Lge bottle 30c; sm 12c**

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**Light Globes, (plus tax) 11c**

MRS. STEWART'S

**Bluing, 10c sz 8c; 10 oz. 15c**

LISTERINE

**Tooth Paste, 25c size 21c**

**Pink - Red Salmon and Tuna Fish—Fish Flakes**  
Franco American Spaghetti

BLUE AND WHITE

**Pork and Beans can 13c**

SUN SPUN

**Salad Dressing 8 ounce jar 23c**

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January 5-6

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January 7-8

**"Life With Blondie"**

Penny Singleton  
Arthur Lake

Thursday and Friday  
January 9-10

**"Mr. Ace"**

Geo. Raft  
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Saturday  
January 11

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One 6-91 Gray Marine 83 h.p.  
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rear fender 1929 Deluxe Ford;  
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Motor; Complete shoe shop equip-  
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Bucks and hutches, separate or to-  
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**Turkey Given**  
James Sorenson, Sr.,

James Sorenson, Sr. carried off  
the turkey which was given away  
by the Stewart Wendell Chapter of  
the Veterans of Foreign Wars on  
Monday, December 23rd.  
The turkey weighed thirty  
pounds and Sorenson said that he  
had to have a great deal of help  
to eat it all on Christmas.

**Mrs. Leonard Cook**  
Entertained Friday  
With A Bridge Party

Mrs. Leonard Cook entertained  
with a bridge party Friday after-  
noon in the home of her mother,  
Mrs. Raymond Roberts.

Miss Charlotte Cron held high  
score and Miss Wilma Rouquette  
held low score. The hostess served  
delicious lemon pie and cakes to  
the following guests: Misses Sissy  
Rowe, Bonnie Cron, Mary Lou Mc-  
Lester, Patti Ballou, Wilburn Ham-  
blin, Charlotte Cron and Wilma  
Rouquette.

To achieve economy in shipping  
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FOR SALE: 16 ft. Cypress skiff  
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Pure Lard, 4 lb. carton  
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Jasmine Fancy Sliced Bacon lb. 70c  
Jasmine Skinned Homs, Half or whole lb. 70c  
Valley Gold Ice Cream, pts. 20c

Libby's Sweetened Orange Juice No. 2 cans  
Texon Grapefruit Juice No. 2 cans 12 1/2  
Blend Orange-Grapefruit Juice No. 2 cans

Whitson; Schrock Mex. Sty. Beans No. 2 can 15c  
Thrft Mex. Style Beans No. 1 cans 10c  
Castle Cooked Spaghetti No. 1 can

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Cans 3 for 40c

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CITY OF ROCKPORT AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 1946

OUTSTANDING TAX BONDS

Seawall and Breakwater Bonds	\$111,000.00
Rockport Refunding Bonds	19,000.00
Street and School Refunding	13,500.00
Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Bonds	9,500.00
Total Outstanding Tax Bonds	\$153,000.00

OUTSTANDING REVENUE BONDS

Water System Bonds	\$45,000.00
Water System Note	900.00
Sewer System Bonds	23,500.00
Total Outstanding Revenue Obligation	\$69,400.00

BANK DEPOSITS

City of Rockport Refunding	\$7,359.92
Street And School Refunding	5,108.27
State Tax Remission	826.96
General Fund	2,755.59
Street Fund	3,516.38
Total Deposits Account Tax Funds	\$19,567.12

SINKING FUNDS

Deposit for payment of interest and re- tirement of Water System Bonds	\$4,335.00
Sewer System Tax Bonds	2,316.93

No sinking fund has been created for  
payment of Sewer Rev. Bonds and Inter-  
est. Seawall and Breakwater Bonds are  
paid from State Tax Remission.

NO past due accounts are owed by the City of Rockport and all  
bonded obligations are current as of this date.

Jeanne B. Cope,  
Secretary, City of Rockport

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**SOAP, Blue White, 2 pkge. 15c**

**PEACHES, Del Mon. No. 2 1/2 can 31c**

**PRUNES, Del Mon, Fcy. 2 1/2 lbs. 27c**

**CORN, Del Mon. Co. Gentlemen 19c**

**TAMALES, Derby 15 1/2 oz jar 31c**

**AVACADOS, 2 for 17c**

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**CRANBERRIES, lb. 33c**

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