

Oyster Restoration Program Is Launched Here

Along The Waterfront



- ♦ SHRIMP ARE BASHFUL
- ♦ PERCH AND SMALL FRY
- ♦ ONE ON THE EDITOR
- ♦ VISITORS AND CATCHES

Shortage of bait threw a kink into the Rockport fish line during the past weeks, and fishermen turned heavily to lures.

Hugh Morrison said that dealers could have sold many times the amount of bait available.

The chief trouble was that the shrimp have totally failed to cooperate for the past ten days. Instead of presenting themselves as a public service to the fishing public, the little critters developed a strain of bear blood. They dug as deeply into the mud of the bay as possible and settled down to sleep out the cold spell—or whatever it is that shrimp do to pass the time in cold weather.

The bay shrimp weren't the only ones, either. The shrimp out in the Gulf were putting on an excellent imitation of the little man who wasn't there. Morrison related that one boat which went out into the Gulf in search of bait returned with only five and a half pounds.

Another boat, operating in the bay, brought in only two quarts to show for one trip. Others, less unlucky, netted from one to ten gallons for their trips, but none enough to pay for the gasoline used.

In the absence of shrimp, spoons were being most used. Artificial shrimp were being made to pinch-hit for the absent reality in some cases. Other lures which were meeting with some success were "the Killer" and the "May Wes".

The question arose this week along the waterfront as to who actually is the youngest member of the Rockport Perch Club.

The honors apparently went to Mary Lucille Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Jackson.

The question arose when The Pilot, last week, told of six-year-old Phil Albin falling into the basin. Phil was given the damp distinction of being the youngest member.

Mrs. Jackson, however, pointed out in a letter to the Pilot's editor, that Mary Lucille had the champ's crown firmly set on her pretty head and had beaten Master Phil by about fifty percent. She called attention to the fact that Mary Lucille tumbled into the basin early in 1946, just about two months after her third birthday.

Maybe Along the Waterfront is the place for the new editor to tell one on himself.

He came to Rockport on a short talking visit January 5. He also planned to get some fishing done. But on the morning of January 6, when the fishing seemed ripe and everybody else was dragging in catches of fabulous size, the new editor couldn't find his fishing rod. The editor's wife had put in everything else, so he forgave her and his son-in-law who had packed the

Deadline Near For Poll Tax

Deadline for the payment of poll taxes is drawing close and Anacleto Ayala, commander of the Rockport Post, American Legion warned those who have not yet paid that they may lose a vote during the coming year.

The same warning was sounded by A. R. Curry, county tax assessor-collector. Curry pointed out that little more than a week remains for those who are not exempt to beat the Jan. 31 deadline.

Veterans who have been out of service for more than 18 months are subject to the tax.

Chamber Hitches Belt For Year Of Intensive Work

Forty Attend Meeting To Greet New Secretary And Hear Outline

The Rockport Chamber of Commerce took a new hitch at its belt Wednesday night, rolled up its sleeves and got ready for an intensive year's work in town-building and the companion job of building Aransas County.

More than 40 persons turned out for the dinner meeting held at the Delmar Cafe to meet the new secretary-manager, Hugh V. Haddock, who came from Dallas and Grand Prairie this week to assume that job and the editorship of The Pilot.

President Ed Barnard, presiding, admitted that many of the plans in the mind of the chamber officers involve long range planning, but he assured the membership that the organization would launch into the first stages of the program within a short time.

"Before we can get the job done as we want to do it, however," Barnard said, "we need the co-operation of every man and woman in Rockport. We need them as members of the chamber of commerce, and there is hardly a person in town who cannot afford the low dues of a chamber membership."

Membership Drive Next

He outlined a membership campaign as one of the necessary preliminaries to any working program.

"Rockport needs more business, enough to make the town self-sustaining," Barnard told his audience, "We need a bakery, a laundry, another doctor—at the express request of our present physician—a dentist. We need a small hospital and a community hall. We need a golf and county club with a shooting range, a bathing pavilion, a recreation park for tennis and softball."

These projects, some of which already are in the advanced planning stage, will be included in the agenda of the chamber during the coming months, Barnard said.

Although an election of officers and directors is scheduled for the next meeting, Barnard forecast that there would be little change in the over-all objectives and no lessening of intensity in the campaign to achieve them.

Election Feb. 12

The chamber president announced the election for a general membership meeting to be held at the courthouse February 12. Three directors are to be chosen and the board in turn will elect a president, two vice presidents and a treasurer.

Barnard appointed Roy V. Rogero, R. Roy Woods and Jack Blackwell as a nominating committee to prepare a slate of director nominees, but emphasized that nominations also may be made from the floor of the meeting.

One combination windfall and headache was laid before Wednesday night's meeting by Jack F. Horton, owner of Oleander Courts.

Horton said that Frank Farley, president of Southern Engraving Co. at Houston desired to bring 150 or more state school men to Rockport in June for an outing provided accommodations can be obtained and arrangements made for their entertainment.

At Haddock's suggestion, President Barnard referred the matter to the board of directors for further exploration and study.

Navy Dance Band to Play for Rockport March of Dimes Fete

Plans were being completed this week for the big event of Rockport's winter season—the March of Dimes dance at Club 35 on Friday night, Jan. 31.

To make it so, Clark Bailey and Jimmy Sorenson, co-chairmen of the dance committee announced that:

A 12-piece dance band from the main naval station at Corpus Christi will play for the dancers from 9 p.m. until midnight, guaranteeing first class music. The band's services will be cost free.

K. Theodore, owner of Club 35 has donated the club for the night.

Admission will be \$2 a couple and all of the proceeds will be used by the Aransas County Chapter of the National Foundation for

"SCOUTS OF THE WORLD BUILDING FOR TOMORROW"



BOY SCOUT WEEK

Nearly 2,000,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts will observe the 37th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7th to 13th. Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America have given \$116,464.36 to help Boy Scouts overseas rebuild their organizations. During the first year of their "Shirts-Off-Our-Backs" project more than 400 cases—or twenty tons—of Scout uniforms and equipment collected from Scouts were contributed to Scouts in 13 nations. Scouting has always been an active force in promoting better understanding and mutual goodwill among the nations. Above is the official poster marking the event.

Huge Damage to Fish In Laguna Tempered By Nature's System

Wonderment at Nature's bounty and her ability to quickly adjust a balance mingled with chagrin this week as officials of the state Game, Fish and Oyster department surveyed Laguna Madre and the damage wrought there by the recent freeze.

The full effect of the freeze on the fish in the Laguna did not become apparent until Monday. Then reports reached the marine laboratory in Rockport that the 90-mile shoreline was littered with fish throughout its length and that more were floating ashore as the carcasses came to surface.

Flying Game Warden Bob Tanner and Jack Blackwell, of Rockport, surveyed the area by plane and made photographs. Returning to Rockport, they estimated that there were 500 edible size fish to every 100 feet of shoreline for the entire district. On that basis, they estimated that at least 5,000,000 pounds of edible fish had died from the cold and drifted ashore, and that the die-off might reach as

much as 10,000,000 pounds. J. L. Baughman, head marine biologist for the coast south from Houston, left Tuesday to make an inspection and report, and Tanner continued his survey. Both conceded, however, that there was little to be done about the situation now. Baughman added that it might be several days before the full scope of the loss became apparent.

The die-off, on the basis of the most recent population figures would have given every man, woman and child in the state of Texas at least one pound of edible fish. By way of contrast, it was pointed out that commercial fishermen may only net about 2,000,000 pounds of fish in the Laguna annually.

Some comfort remained in the situation, however, for those who feared for the quality of the fishing in the coming months in that area. That was where Nature's method of restoring a balance came in. Several persons pointed to the fact that, although almost as many fish have died in recent summers from excess salinity of the water in the Laguna, Nature apparently had conducted her own vast restocking project and replaced the earlier losses.

While Blackwell and Tanner estimated that nearly 80 per cent of the new die-off were trout and many of the remainder big redfish and drum, there appeared one other ray of hope. Fishermen said that the cold apparently had not affected the fish spawn already in the Laguna and that the new hatch would help restore the balance and restock.

David Herring Gets 2nd Appointment

David Herring, 18-year-old son of County Clerk J. C. Herring, this week foresaw the gates of the nation's military academy swinging open for him at last.

He received his second appointment to West Point from Congressman John H. Lyle and this time hoped to be able to take advantage of the honor.

David, who graduated from the Rockport High School last year, received his first appointment a year ago and passed all his examinations. Then he found himself rejected because of faulty teeth. He said this week that the dental trouble has been corrected sufficiently, he believes, to permit his entrance. He will receive his physical examination in March and, if he passes, will leave for West Point in July.

All the money collected in the nation-wide drive is used to fight the spread of the disease and for the relief of those who have contracted it. Part of the funds go to national work, part are applied in each state as needed.

County Bidding For Tax Dollars On Tidal Lands

Entire Coast Joins New Development In Oil Lands Controversy

The controversy over the tidal oil lands, which has reached the United States Supreme Court and the halls of Congress, took a new turn this week with a move which promises ultimately to put jingling tax dollars in the Aransas County treasury.

Other counties along the coast also stand to benefit if the move works out as it has promise of doing.

While the State of Texas and other states have been demanding legislation which would keep the tidal lands, now owned in this state by Texas public schools, the counties along the coast have given state officials a demand for their share.

An attorney general's opinion has held that any wells developed off-shore within the three marine league control claimed by the state may be taxed by the state. But they may not be taxed by the county.

No Help to Counties

"In other words," County Judge B. S. Fox points out, "the oil companies move their workers into the coastal countries. The new people use our schools, our governmental services, our highways.

The oil companies move equipment over our highways and county roads with all the damage that such equipment can do. Yet, under the present law, the counties can't tax any wells developed offshore. Where the development is expected, the county taxing power ends at the water line, and the counties reap no benefit."

The ruling has not made either the county governments or the oil companies happy. The counties believe that if the state can collect taxes off the oil properties developed on submerged lands, they should also.

The oil companies are not admitting that they should be subject to a county tax, but several

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Albin Opening Set For Feb. 1

E. J. Albin announced this week that he plans an official opening of his new fishermen's center for February 1.

An all day open house, with free coffee and doughnuts and demonstration rides in the new Reynolds aluminum boats will mark the event.

Albin was putting the finishing touches this week to his new 40 by 20 foot building, a block east of The Pilot office on the waterfront and getting his merchandise stocks in shape.

The establishment will carry a full line of fishing tackle and bait and will offer boats of all kinds and motors for rent or sale. It will also provide a marine service station and plans call for construction of 160 feet of piers.

Albin said he already has ordered 1000 maps of the waters around Rockport, indicating each fishing hole and the kind of fish expected to bite there, and will furnish one with each boat rental.

He is an overseas veteran of World War II and before moving to Rockport last June was with the Naval Redistribution Center at Corpus Christi.

Emergency Landing For Harlingen Man

L. T. Wilkinson, Harlingen, Tex., was an involuntary user of the Rockport Naval airport facilities Wednesday.

His three-passenger Rearwind cabin monoplane developed serious engine trouble and Wilkinson made an emergency landing with a dead motor. He was flying alone.

LEGION PLANS DANCE

Rockport Post of the American Legion will sponsor a dance Saturday night at Covarrubia Hall. Announcement was made by Anacleto Ayala, commander.

Dealers and State Join In First Coast Co-op Project

Nearly Seven Acres Of Aransas Bay Already Re-seeded As Shucked-out Shell Is Spread To Replenish Reefs

The first co-operative oyster farming project in Texas coastal history was well under way this week in the Rockport area. It is a program in which the state Game, Fish and Oyster Commission and the oysters dealers are uniting to restore the dwindling reefs which have meant payrolls and prosperity as well as food for the nation's tables.

The program was revealed by J. L. Baughman, marine biologist and head of the Rockport marine laboratory for the commission.

Work got under way shortly after January 1, and was already showing substantial progress this week.

Simplified, the program amounts to a life saving plan and a housing project for millions of homeless baby oysters which previously have been discarded to die on the shucked-out shells of the larger oysters.

Baughman pointed out that the two factors have operated to cut down the once large oyster yield of this coastal region. The first is the fact that many of the best reefs have been pretty well worked out. So there is no place for young oysters to lodge and set up their life-time homes.

The newspaper editors accept the fact that persons able to vacation at a resort are important people in their home towns and often in a wider area. Hence their activities are news.

Haddock pointed out that repetition of a town's name in the public prints is the most effective form of civic advertising. He pointed out, however, that the press of other duties may prevent the regular check which he would like to make of all tourist courts in the vicinity, and asked that court operators co-operate in obtaining this free and extremely valuable publicity.

The chamber of commerce secretary asked that court operators telephone the Pilot office—twice weekly, if possible—with the names and addresses of out-of-town guests.

These not only will be printed in The Pilot as previously, but also supplied to major newspapers desiring them.

In a few cases, of course, some important guests will have come to Rockport to rest and escape lime-light. In such instances, the chamber secretary is anxious to abide by their wishes. But in the majority of cases guests will be not only willing, but glad, to see their vacations recorded in their home city newspapers.

News of good or unusual fish catches by visitors also is desired.

Laboratory Men To Fish Parley

Two marine biologists from the Rockport laboratory of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, are to appear early in February on the program of the 12th annual North American Wildlife conference to be held in San Antonio.

The conference is the first national meeting of the kind ever held in the Southwest. It will be in session Feb. 3-5, and will be held under the sponsorship of the Wildlife Management Institute.

J. L. Baughman, head of the Rockport laboratory, will serve as vice chairman of the Wild Life and Business session to be held the last day of the conference.

Dr. Joel Hedgpeth will present a paper, on February 4, presenting the Marine Fisheries and Ocean Areas a discussion from the viewpoint of the state Game, Fish and Oyster Commission on the probable effects of a hydraulic fill causeway across Laguna Madre at Corpus Christi.

More than 2,000 delegates from all states of the union, Canada and Mexico are expected to attend the conference.

Tax Payments Highest In Three Year Period; Penalties On Feb. 1

Tax payments have been made by Aransas County citizens with better promptitude this year than in any other time over a three-year period, A. R. Curry, sheriff and assessor-collector said this week.

"For the first time since I have been in office," Curry grinned hopefully, "I'll probably make the full amount of salary allowed me by law—\$3,000."

He warned, however, that penalties and interest start February 1 and urged those who have not yet paid this year's taxes to do so and save the extra charges which the law imposes.

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THE NEW EDITOR SAYS "HOWDY"

With this issue of The Pilot the new editor says, "Howdy folks" to Rockport and Aransas county.

He makes his bow not only as editor of the paper, but as secretary-manager of the Rockport chamber of commerce. And he would like to add that it certainly is a pleasure to be here.

The new editor is not a native Texan. Rather, you might say he is naturalized. Rather than being in Texas by accident of birth, he and his wife came to Texas because they like Texas and wanted to live in the state.

They came to Rockport because they liked Rockport best of all they had seen in Texas—and that takes in a considerable amount of territory.

Both believe that it is a privilege to live in Texas, and an especial privilege to live in Rockport.

The new editor is anxious to serve you, to serve Rockport, Fulton Beach and the rest of Aransas county. He believes that the objectives of a good newspaper man and a good chamber of commerce man are essentially the same—to build the town and its surrounding community and to increase their prosperity.

No one person can accomplish that alone. The new editor would not accept a position where such was necessary. But fortunately it is not necessary in Rockport. This community has a substantial group of progressive and straight-thinking business men. It has a solid and straight-thinking citizenry. The new editor hopes only to translate their ideas into action and co-operate with them for everybody's good.

We undoubtedly will not always think alike. A variety of ideas and of thought is essential to any town that amounts to a hill of beans. But the new editor believes that we can, and will, all unite on worthwhile projects.

The new editor doesn't expect to get rich, not overnight at all events. But he does believe that Rockport and this section of the coast offer opportunities he has not seen since the early days of the Oklahoma and Texas oil booms. He believes the possibilities are almost unlimited for people of vision and willingness to carry out their vision. He and Mrs. Haddock hope to make it their home from now on. They like the climate and they like the people.

What's that? Does the new editor like to fish? What the heck did you think was the other reason that made him want to live in Rockport?

HE WINS IF HE LOSES

Young David Herring bounced into The Pilot office this week with a new triumph—and a text for a sermon which he didn't preach, himself.

It was a sermon on picking a goal and sticking to it, something a lot of the older generation need as much as the younger.

It was pretty much a sermon, too, on what constitutes an honored career, public service, and a bang-up good job in these days.

David had set his heart on going to West Point. The tradition of arms is an honored Texas tradition of public service since the earliest days. But when he seemed about to realize his ambition a year ago, he failed through a minor disability which he had not realized.

His friends know what a bitter disappointment it was for him. But instead of moping, David turned and did something about it. Now he is ready to try again and has his second appointment.

There's no absolute surety that David will make it this time. A hundred things could happen—although they probably will not. But whether he wins or whether he loses, he has gained in stature in his own eyes and the eyes of his friends by refusing to be whipped by one reverse. He has already won, even if he should lose.

David Herring deserves credit on another score, too. He has voluntarily courted the stern discipline of the Army service at the time that a lot of us are dodging discipline. He has moreover recognized the economic advantages offered by his country's service as well as his patriotic sentiments.

David Herring is not the only young man in Aransas County with these qualities. There are many others and will be many more. David is simply singled out—probably to his own great embarrassment—because he happened to fall under an editor's eye. He was singled out as one of a type.

More power to the young fellows who have that kind of sturdy stuff in them. The country needs them, both in civilian and military life.

Pirates Come Back To Defeat Gregory Basketeers 35-21

The Rockport High School Pirates came back the tough way last Friday night by beating Gregory High School at basketball 35-21 on Gregory's home court. The score was sweet revenge.

One week before the Gregory team had trounced Coach Rameur's lads 37-19 on the same floor.

In making the comeback, Gene Lassiter was the high scorer for the Pirates with a total of 22 points, but in piling them up, Lassiter split the credit three ways in a smooth-working combination.

Rangy Pete Sprinkle, catching the rebounds, passed to Russell Rowe. Rowe shot the ball to Lassiter and Lassiter dropped it through the hoop. Just like that.

Building Gets New Addition

Travis Bailey began construction this week on a sales display room and front shop on the Bailey Motor Co. building for expansion of the firm in which he and his son, Clark Bailey are partners.

The new addition will be constructed with a structural steel framework, brick and concrete walls, and a glass front.

Mr. Bailey declined to announce any plans for the structure saying that they were not complete beyond the occupancy.

HOUSTON FOSTER TAKES PART IN NEW PROGRAM

Houston Foster, principal of Rockport grade school, took part Thursday in an Audio-Video program at Corpus Christi, Supt. J. F. Harbin announced. Audio-Video is a new development in education through the employment of pictures and sound.

Mr. Foster heads up the visual education department of the Rockport schools.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFER RECORDINGS AVERAGE TWO DAILY FOR WEEK

Real estate transactions recorded by County Clerk J. C. Herring picked up to average nearly two for each business day during the past week.

Following are the deeds filed for recording. The address of persons concerned is Rockport unless otherwise noted. The transactions:

Mrs. Mary L. McDonald, executrix of the estate of W. R. McDonald, deceased, (Bexar County) to Jesse T. Kyle, Bexar County—east half of tract 6, land block 227, Burton and Danforth Farm Tracts; \$10 and other consideration.

Andrew and Oleta Jackson to Truett W. Craven—lot 3, block 20, townsite of Fulton; \$265 consideration.

F. G. Huffman and wife, Doris, to Viola Ella Jones, Jackson County, Tex.—lot 28, Copano Village; \$1000 consideration.

V. H. Baker, formerly of Aransas Pass but now of Tolar, Tex., to A. O. Burton and wife, Alice of Aransas Pass—surface rights only on five tracts comprising approximately 9 1/4 acres as follows: 4 1/4 in Elizabeth Barber tract, J. H. Phillips survey; 3 1/4 acres in three tracts from the George L. and Betty Ives homestead, 5 miles southwest of Rockport; one acre in another tract formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sanders; \$1500 consideration.

Hal Parks and wife, Lucy, San Patricio County, to J. E. Fanning and wife, Brownie—two tracts from the George L. and Betty Ives homestead comprising 4 1/2 acres; \$475 consideration.

F. W. Heldenfels to R. Y. Ayers, Jr. — lot 6, block J, Live Oak Heights addition to Rockport; \$250 consideration.

Judge B. S. Fox for the Commissioners' Court to Ross W. Haynes at public sale—the north Perrenot Block, Doughty and Mathis Division, Rockport; \$300 consideration.

Florence Harriet to Lynwood Eller—lots 7, 8, 15, and 16, block 124, Doughty and Mathis Division, Rockport; \$10 and other consideration.

Fulbert W. Cheaney and wife, Evelyn, of San Patricio County, to J. A. Hande—lot 5, J. D. Wheeler subdivision; \$10 and other consideration.

J. C. Hoffman and wife, Grace, Bexar County, to E. H. Krauss, Tarrant County—Lot 1, block 520, town of Aransas Pass; \$10 and other consideration.

The first municipal water works in America were begun in Philadelphia in 1799, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The first water was sent through wood pipes on January 27, 1801.

NOTICE
 Bids or proposals to act as depositories for County and School Funds of Aransas County, Texas, for a two year period beginning in February 1947 will be considered by the Commissioners' Court of said County in their regular meeting place at their regular February term in the County Courthouse at 10 A. M. Monday, February 10, 1947.
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Rockport Teachers To Hear Leader In Child Study

Miss Virginia Huffstедler, nationally known for her work in the teachers' child study program, will come to Rockport Feb. 21 for an afternoon speaking engagement as part of the Rockport teachers' training-in-service program.

The announcement was made this week by Supt. J. F. Harbin, who said that, through friendship with Mrs. Helen S. Albin, Miss Huffstедler will waive the substantial fees which she can command for such appearances, and ask only her traveling expenses.

Miss Huffstедler is guidance director and director of the child study movement in the Corpus Christi school system.

She will speak to the teachers at 3:15 p.m. on the day of her visit at the high school auditorium to acquaint them with new methods in child study which have been developed by the University of Chicago.

Superintendent Harbin explained that the training-in-service program is an outgrowth of a conscientious effort by Rockport teachers to improve themselves and increase their qualifications, and is financed by them.

Plans are being laid for entertainment of Miss Huffstедler following her lecture.


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By PEGGY DERN

W.N.U. RELEASE

THE STORY THUS FAR: Jim MacFavish admits to Meg that Alicia had led him on and made a fool of him.

right where he said the 'ghost' stood. Doesn't that prove that it isn't entirely a tall tale?"

"Oh, now, see here, Bob—be reasonable," Larry snapped. "If Amos had hidden the knife there, would he have told about it? Look, fella, I know Amos. He would never voluntarily go near a place like that, at night—especially with a murder on his mind."

CHAPTER XIV

Annie chuckled richly. "Effen y'all had seed him w'en he come bustin' into de house dat night, Mist' Larry, y'all would a'knowed right den he'd seed plenty!"

He turned to Megan as Annie padded away. "It was a knife," he answered the look of questioning in her eyes.

She did not speak, but her eyes pleaded with him and Laurence went on quietly, "There's not much possibility of fingerprints. The knife was buried halfway up the hilt, and it rained later on that night, and of course, the dew's every heavy this time of the year."

Megan was conscious that she was breathing a little more easily. She said hurriedly, lest Laurence should notice that, "Then—you aren't much better off than you were before so far as identification. Have you any suspects?"

Laurence grinned. "You should have heard Ma Stuart at the inquest," he said dryly. "According to her, there wasn't a man, woman or child in Pleasant Grove who didn't have a motive for wanting the Stevenson woman out of the way."

Megan touched dry lips with her tongue and steadied her voice to ask faintly, "Who—are the ones who couldn't manage an alibi?"

"Well, the Teasley boy and his wife and baby seemed to have excellent reason for disliking Mrs. Stevenson," said Laurence reluctantly. "It seems, according to Ma Stuart, that Mrs. Stevenson made a remark that tended to discredit the legitimacy of the Teasley baby, and that Will Teasley publicly slapped her face in front of the Mercantile a week ago."

"I remember that," said Megan. "Do you?" asked Laurence quickly. "Do you remember how Mrs. Stevenson took it?"

"Well, it was pretty unpleasant, of course—but Will Teasley's a Pleasant Grove boy, and his wife has lived here all her life, except for the year she worked in town, so everybody sided with Will," Megan remembered aloud.

Laurence nodded. "That checks with Ma Stuart's testimony," he admitted.

"And finding the knife doesn't help a bit?" asked Megan. "Afraid not," admitted Laurence frankly. "Though if we can get any sort of description out of Amos, about the so-called 'ghost' it might help."

He grinned at her and said, "Notice I said 'we'? I'm sort of unofficial assistant to Bob—because I know the town and the people," he explained.

A little later Bob came in, greeted Megan pleasantly, and lifted his shoulders and spread his hands palm upward in a gesture of discouragement and futility.

"I can't get anything out of that old man to save my life," he admitted. "He goes on saying 'hit wuz 'bout eight feet tall, boss—an' hit wuz all white and jes' floated 'long—and had big glaring yaller eyes like a cat—dat's all I know.'"

"I wonder what Amos had been drinking," Laurence said lightly. "Some of that 'white mule' they brew up over at Frogtown would make a fellow see pink cows and green elephants."

"That's the darndest thing of all—the swears he hadn't had a drink, and Annie backs him up," exploded Bob furiously. "I could understand his telling such a tall tale if he'd had a few shots—"



"Now, see here, Miss MacTavish, you're not going to tell me you believe in ghosts?" he protested.

in ghosts, yet I can't picture a human being eight feet tall, wrapped in a white sheet and with glaring yellow eyes doing a murder and then picking that spot to hide the weapon. In fact, I can't picture a human being eight feet tall—period!

Laurence shook his head. "It's got me licked," he admitted.

"Miss MacTavish?" suggested Bob and she had to steady herself and tell herself that she was a fool to be frightened of that question in his eyes.

"I don't believe in ghosts—but I do believe Amos' story," was all she could manage.

Bob sighed, ran his fingers through his hair, leaving it standing on end, and said helplessly. "Well, I think we're licked, too. Though we'll keep slugging away at the case, of course, hoping that something will turn up—"

"You couldn't be persuaded, of course, to accept Ma Stuart's suggestion that you just drop the whole matter, with the thought that whoever did it, did Pleasant Grove a great service?" suggested Laurence wryly.

Megan gasped. "Oh, no, Larry—did she really say that?"

"She did!" said Bob laughing. "Boy, what a character! She gave the department a going over that it hasn't had since they drafted our captain for a job in the Marine Training Camp! I would like to know that lady better—under, of course, pleasanter circumstances."

"She's really a grand person," Megan said eagerly. "Everybody loves her."

Megan hesitated and colored. "Well—Alicia liked to—stir things up," she admitted reluctantly. "I think she was very bored here, and she admitted frankly that she only came here to live because her income had shrunk, and because her money went farther here. And to keep things stirred up gave her—well, something to relieve her boredom, I suppose. She did not lie, that is, not to any great extent. She simply had a way of digging out truths that people wanted hidden and dropped them publicly where they would be most certain to stir up trouble."

"The sounds like a lady who was a self-elected candidate for a murder, at that," Bob commented. Annie appeared at the door behind him, unobtrusively, yet obviously excited. Her eyes were rolling and her voice was high as she answered Megan's questioning look, "Dey's a lady yah, Miss Meggie—hit's Mist' Fallon's sisteh."

"But you did see the knife there

Megan caught her breath and felt as though every drop of blood in her body had congealed about her heart. Her eyes were wide and frightened, and she was suddenly conscious that Bob Reynolds was watching her narrowly, an odd light in his eyes.

"Of course, Annie, I'll see her," she made herself say swiftly, then steadying her voice with an effort. "If you'll excuse me—"

But Bob Reynolds said casually, with a look in his eyes that was not at all casual, "Why not see her in here, Miss MacTavish?"

Megan looked sharply at him and said instantly, "But why? It's no doubt a personal matter—I mean it can't possibly have any connection—"

And behind Annie, Megan saw, with a feeling of shock, Martha Fallon, short, stocky, commonplace looking. Her neat dark percale dress and the smoothness of her hair that was streaked with gray only emphasized the look of barely restrained terror in her eyes; just as the inept daubs of rouge and the powder that was not quite smooth only emphasized the pallor of her drawn face.

She came into the room and Annie faded out of the doorway. But Megan knew subconsciously that Annie had only slipped back a little into the shadows and that she was listening with almost visibly distended ears.

Miss Martha nodded to Megan and addressed herself to Bob, after giving Laurence a steady, straight look.

"You're the detective-fellow?" she asked Bob curtly.

"Yes, Miss Fallon—my name's Reynolds," answered Bob.

Martha nodded and said, "Well, my name's not Fallon. I'm Tom Fallon's sister-in-law, not his sister. My name's Evans—Martha Evans."

Laurence unobtrusively turned a chair towards her and she nodded her thanks and sank into it with a movement that was almost of collapse, as though her knees were shaking violently, and she was very glad of the support the chair gave her.

"So you found it," she said when she had drawn a deep hard breath and Megan, sick with pity and bewilderment, saw the work-roughened hands gripped so tightly together that the knuckles were small white mounds.

Bob said gently, "Found what, Miss Evans?"

She looked up at him so sharply that the sunlight fell harshly on the round lenses of her old-fashioned spectacles and she made a sound that was half a snort, half a sniff of contempt.

"The knife, of course," she answered curtly.

Bob made a short, swiftly controlled movement, but his face was guarded, so that only if you had been watching him closely could you have noticed that involuntary start of surprise.

"Suppose you tell us about the knife, Miss Evans," Bob said gently.

Miss Martha nodded. "What else do you think I came here for?" she sniffed, and abruptly she added, "Only the Stevenson woman wasn't killed with that knife, young man."

"No?" asked Bob very swiftly, very politely, almost as though his interest had been too casual to make the statement of any importance.

"No!" the word came explosively. "Then why was it necessary to hide it so—er—melodramatically?" wondered Bob aloud.

Miss Martha breathed deeply and with difficulty.

"Because," she told him—and Megan's eyes were thick with tears for the stark agony that shone so clearly in the tired, faded eyes behind those old-fashioned spectacles—"because—my sister is a—mental case," she managed at last.

Laurence was very still, watching Miss Martha, his arms folded across his chest, leaning against the big old-fashioned rollopp desk where Megan kept her accounts and books.

Megan was on the very edge of her chair, her body tense and still, almost rigid, as she watched Miss Martha; and so deep, so intense was her pity and her sympathy that her own body felt some of the suffering that stood forth so starkly in Miss Martha's tired eyes.

"You mean," said Bob, after a moment designed to give Miss Martha a respite so that she could breathe again, "that your sister was not accountable for her actions—"

"I mean, young man, that my sister—had periods of lucidity," she said harshly. "But Tom, her husband, didn't know that those periods were coming less frequently and lasting for shorter periods of time. I couldn't bear to tell him; he thought, poor soul, that she was getting better—that there was hope for her. But I didn't deceive myself. Even if I had wanted to—her attack on me one night—"

Her voice broke and her face worked convulsively, but she did not lower her head, nor make any effort to hide her face from them.

Megan said quietly, "That night you fell and hurt your ankle?"

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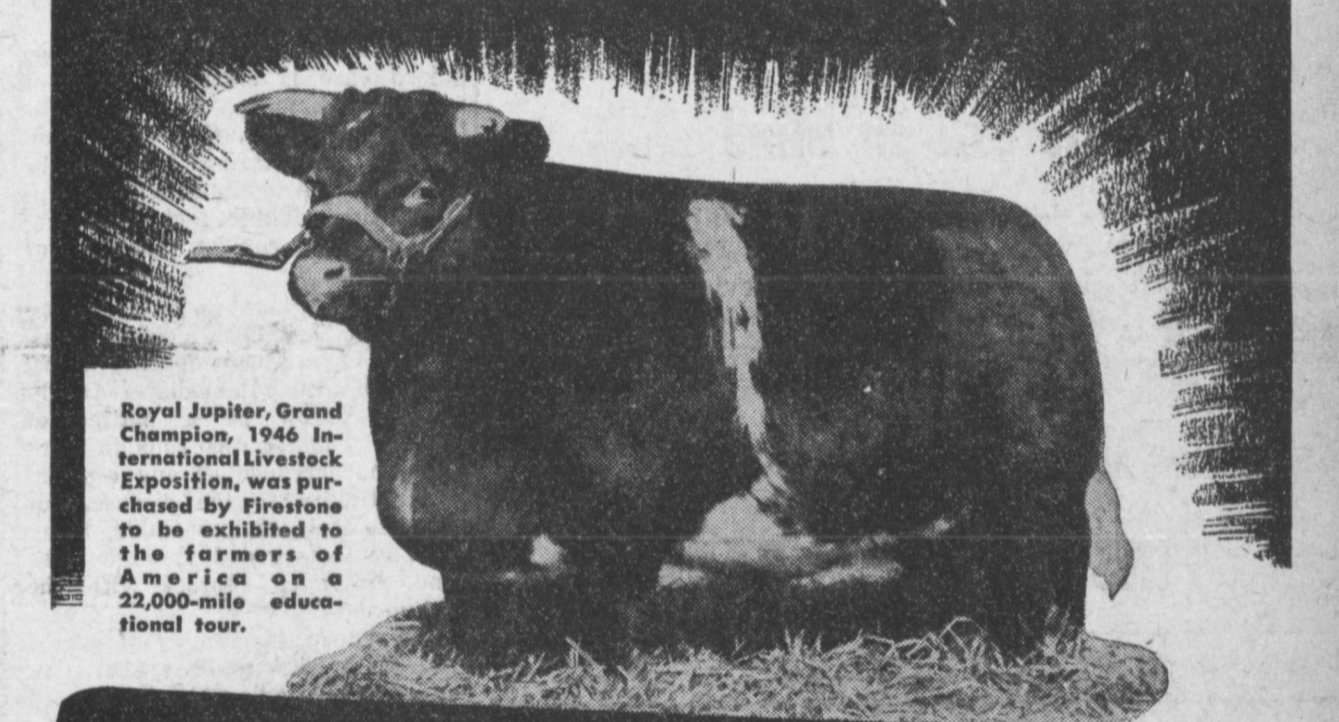
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One ancient form of pipe smoking was to insert two horns of a Y-shaped pipe into the nostrils and inhale the smoke directly through the nose, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Publisher Proves Truth in Adage About Perseverance

Roy Woods, co-publisher of The Pilot, has always heard that perseverance will pay off at last. This week he proved it. For three weeks, Woods fished and fished, using every lure and bait he could lay hands on. But nary a fish did he get.

Until Wednesday, that is. On Wednesday, Woods caught two fish. Both were perch, about four inches long.

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The federal government wasn't naming any names this week, but it appeared probable that at least some Aransas county residents would come in for payment of a 60-year-old debt.

The claims, numbering 462, are the outgrowth of old Mexican cattle raids on the south Texas ranches, and arose in the period between 1860 and 1875 when an organized system of cattle theft was based south of the Rio Grande, and operated as far north as Aransas and Refugio counties.

The American-Mexican Claims Commission, which has been studying the claims, officially announced, however, that somebody had figured up too strongly and that the claims, which total more than \$53,000,000, will be settled off for a little more than \$3,000,000.

The reason lies in the fact that claimants not only asked for the value of the cattle stolen, but the value of all the sons and daughters

and their sons and daughters of the cattle stolen.

The commission decided, in the first place, that one just can't sit down and figure how much the grand-daughter of a cow stolen in 1860 would have been worth in 1875 had she been born—which she probably wasn't. Anyhow, the commission approved claims only for the actual value of the cattle actually stolen.

Another factor in the case is the fact that the money will come from a total of \$40,000,000 which the Mexican government promised in 1941 to pay all claims against Mexico. A great many other claims for a great many other things must be paid out of the same money.

While the government has declined to name those whose claims will be settled, it did reveal that the money will be paid to the heirs of those who lost the cattle. None of the original claimants are now alive.

Pan Preparation

One of the small but important details for successful baking is the proper preparation of the pan. A lot of us are sometimes doubtful about whether to grease the pan, dust it with flour after greasing, or to line the pan with paper.

Miss Edith Lawrence, food preparation specialist of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service, explains that flouring the pan after greasing is added insurance against sticking, but it does have the disadvantage of forming a slight extra crust that many cooks dislike. As for greased paper, it protects breads and cakes against scorching or sticking to the pan, but unless it is pulled off immediately after baking, it may stick to the baked food. Paper scorches easily of course, and should be used only when baking is done in a slow oven.

Either plain greasing, or greasing plus dusting with flour, may be used for mixtures like cakes and cookies that contain both fat and sugar. Greased pans and no paper are recommended for quick breads—like loaves and muffins, and for yeast breads which bake at high temperature.

On the other hand, heavy unglazed paper can be used successfully in baking macaroons which contain a high percentage of egg white and bake at a low heat. This same type of paper, if greased, may be used for rich mixtures like fruit cake, which burn easily and need long, slow, baking.

But sponge cakes and angel food are sometimes different. They are baked in plain pans, with no greasing, no flouring, and no paper, because sticking is no problem with these cakes.

When baking cakes, grease only the bottom of the pan, and leave the sides plain so the batter can cling as it rises. This helps keep the cake light in texture.

Dorlene M. Underwood,
County Home Dem. Agent

The world's largest refracting telescope is the 40-inch instrument of the University of Chicago, located in Yerkes Observatory, William Bay, Wis.

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Tuberculosis Spread Laid To Carelessness, Lack Of Education

Warning that the spread of tuberculosis is due more to carelessness and ignorance than to any other causes came from Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer at Austin this week.

"In spite of the knowledge about the cause and spread of the disease and of curative measures, tuberculosis is still a very serious problem in Texas," Dr. Cox stated.

"It is true that tuberculosis no longer is first on the list of killing diseases, as it was formerly," Dr. Cox continued, "but despite having been reduced to fifth place in Texas, it still is responsible for more deaths between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease. And this fact exists even though the majority of tuberculosis patients could have their condition arrested if it were recognized early and proper treatment applied."

"Treatment of the early recognized case is essential. It is of equal importance, from a public health viewpoint, that the spread of this devastating infection be prevented. A more intelligent appreciation of this fact would result in the saving of thousands of lives."

"When a diagnosis of active tuberculosis has been made, examination of all of the other members of the immediate family should follow as a matter of course. Tuberculosis runs in families, not because of any special susceptibility to the disease, but because it is communicable, being usually transmitted through close and prolonged contact with the active case."

To reduce the number of deaths caused by tuberculosis, Dr. Cox suggests periodic examination of

O.E.S. Picks Two To Fill Vacancies

Two new officers were installed to fill vacancies by Rockport chapter No. 479, Order of the Eastern Star, at the chapter's regular monthly meeting Monday night in the Masonic Hall.

Mrs. T. H. Pollard was installed as associate worthy matron to fill the office left vacant by the removal of Mrs. Tessie Wheeler to Beeville. Mrs. Mamie Hooper was installed as chaplain.

Mrs. S. F. Jackson acted as installing officer, Mrs. Bernice Collins as installing marshal, and Mrs. Fred Brundrett as installing chaplain.

Worthy Matron Ruth Hayden and Worthy Patron Clyde Hayden presided during the regular session. A letter was read from Mrs. Etta Lee Finley, district deputy, telling of a school of instruction to be held at Corpus Christi, Feb. 4. Several members announced their intention of attending.

Animals living in cold regions have smaller ears and tails than those dwelling in warm or moderate regions, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Lipstick stains on napkins may be easily removed with a mixture made of equal parts of ammonia and the regular household solution of hydrogen peroxide, using quick, short strokes with a small cloth saturated with the mixture.

all adults, a check-up by physicians of the known active cases and contacts, regular examinations of high school children, isolation or hospitalization of the active tuberculosis case, and a more intelligent application of hygienic living principles.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Willie Goes to School at 23

Everybody's joshing Willie Wells about going back to school. They remember when Willie would hide out in the woodshed—scared to bring his report card home to Pa. But under the G.I. Bill of Rights, Willie (who has a wife and baby) is getting a free education at the Agricultural College. And Uncle Sam is giving him a fine report: "Department, excellent; Progress, above average."

That goes for all those undergraduate veterans. Like Willie, they appreciate an education more than

ever now. They're industrious and well-behaved—their favorite beverage is milk, or a temperate glass of beer. For them the "three R's" seem to mean: Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Restraint.

From where I sit, cynical folks who thought veterans wouldn't want to return to school—wouldn't stick to steady habits of work and moderation—have their answer in "undergraduates" like Willie.

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From out of Texas—Mr. and Mrs. George Smiggen, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Reid, Miami, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Baylor, Nevis, Minn.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin have returned to their home in Lubbock after several weeks' stay.

STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS DANCE

The Rockport school Student Council sponsored a school dance in Room A of the school last Friday night. About 60 young people attended.
Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Somer Smith, Mr. Houston Foster and Mr. Owen James.

MRS. H. C. MULLINAX HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. George Keller and Mrs. H. C. Mullinax were hostesses at a surprise party honoring Mrs. M. B. Mullinax last Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Keller's home.
Tuna fish sandwiches, potato chips, cake and coffee were served to:
Mesdames Jim Barber, Elvie Mullinax, Robert Key, Ernest Russell, Noble Evans, Luther Davis, and Urban Hemmi.

GALVESTON COUPLE WED AT COURTHOUSE

Mr. John Mills Marlatt and Mrs. Opal Smith, both of Galveston, were married Monday by County Judge B. S. Fox in his office at the courthouse.
Their license was the only one reported during the week.

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GIRLS GIVE DANCE AT TRIANGLE CAFE

The Tanda group of Campfire Girls entertained with a dance on Wednesday night at the Triangle Cafe, the use of which was donated to them by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brundrett, the operators.
Cookies and cold drinks were served.

Girls attending were: Norma Lou Roe, Ruth Mullinax, Rosa Faye Hamblin, Dorothy Baker, Mary Lee Koehler, Bill Marie Mullinax, Oma Jean Sweetser, Elsie Blackwell, Fayenelle Cole, Berta Gene Shults, Joyce Townsend, Peggy Joyce Owens, Marjorie Hunt, Vanda Smith, Alice Bell, Ruth Ann Davis, Carol Jeanette Townsend, Joyce Olene West, Ruby Mae Wilkinson, Mary Ann Close.

Boys in attendance were: Dudley Prophet, Tommie Cron, Jimmy Simmons, Cyrus Davis, George Jordan, Bobby Landrum, Denny Smith, Jo Alan Utz, Cecil Cole, Pat Smith, Don Banning, Jimmy Hayden, M. F. Keller, Tim Haynes, Woodie Hunt and Leo Prophet.

Mrs. H. C. Mullinax, Mrs. Roy Hinton, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Charles Roe assisted.

REBEKAHS INSTALL, FETE NEW OFFICERS AFTER CEREMONY

The Rockport Rebekah Lodge formally installed officers Tuesday night in a social event enjoyed by 43 local members of the lodge and seven visitors from Aransas Pass. The installation followed the regular meeting.

A pastel color scheme was carried out in the refreshments and napkins. Sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served.

The new officers are: Mrs. Clyde Hayden, noble grand; Mrs. Mary Augusta Deane, vice grand; Mrs. Sigmund Zwadki, secretary; Mrs. Bruce Evans, treasurer.

FULTON BIBLE CLASS IN TUESDAY MEETING

The Fulton Bible Class met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Casterline with Deut. 30 as the lesson.

Mrs. Fred Weber gave the devotional and Mrs. Bob Cunningham the lesson.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served to the members: Mesdames Cunningham, Weber, Bert Johnson, Fannie Mars, L. E. Casterline, Cecil Casterline, Vallie Cole and Miss Edith Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson had as their guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Gordon and daughter, Sallie, from Sinton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams and son, Victor, from Houston, are visiting her mother, Mrs. V. L. Kane.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. (Jack) Sanders have had as their guests for the past few days, Mr. Grady Blanchard and Mr. George Sanders from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitzpatrick and family from Santa Rosa, Cal. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey last week.

Miss Mary Beth Picton returned Wednesday night from Detroit, Michigan where she has been visiting for a few days.

Miss Wanda Hayden left Rockport last Saturday for Wetumka, Okla., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hayden and other relatives.

Society

Doings of People You Know In Aransas County

ANNA MAE THEODORE HONORED AT PARTY AT NEW CLUB 35

The new Club 35 was the scene of a birthday party and dance honoring the twentieth birthday of Miss Anna Mae Theodore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Theodore, Saturday night.

The club was gaily decorated with pink and blue crepe paper. Tiny flower baskets of pink and blue were filled with assorted candies and placed on each table. The birthday cake was decorated with white and pink icing and twenty pink candles shone brightly over the cake.

Miss Theodore received the guests as they registered.

Entertainment was provided by Eddie Burke, of Beaumont, Tex., who had the crowd jubilant with his boogie-woogie specials. He also sang.

Those attending included: Walter Lassiter, Billy Joe Hunt, W. D. Hawes, Gene Lassiter, Joe Adolphus, E. L. Jordan, Walter T. Gray, Clifton Evans, Ronnie Williams, Bobbie Landrum, Shirley Jones, Bonnie Cron, Wilbern Hamblin, Bobby Hewitt, Jean Hinton, Ruby May Clark, Frank McLead, Wilma Rouquette, Joe Johnson, Sissie Rowe, Russell Rowe, Glenn DeForest, Shirley Ratisseau, David Herring, James Bracht, Patsy Davis, Leslie Sparks, Molly Sparks Johnny Ray, Norman McLead, James Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Alger.

Out-of-town guests were Eddie Burke and Johnny Griffin of Beaumont; Sonny Ragland of San Antonio, and Wendell Watson, James Smith, Elton Redding, Gene Smith and Mildred Sanders, all of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McMillan were in Corpus Christi Monday to visit Kenneth Moore, who is in the Spohn Hospital.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS AT A. L. BRUHL HOME

Mrs. A. L. Bruhl and Mrs. F. M. Booth entertained the Young Matron's Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. Bruhl Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Mills held high score and Mrs. Roy Rogero second high. Refreshments were served buffet style from the table which was laid with a white cloth, centered with a bowl of beautiful spring flowers. Sandwiches, strawberry meringue pie and coffee were served.

Guests enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Harry Mills, Joe Johnson, Charles Ankele, DeWilton Jeffries, Jim Jackson, Leonard LeBlanc, Roy Rogero, T. D. Picton, Shelley Roaten, Charles Roe, Norvell Jackson, Albert Collier, Ed Barnard, Herbert Mills and Mrs. Gladys Gibson of Corpus Christi.

MR. AND MRS. BRACHT GIVE DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bracht were host and hostess at a delightful dinner party for ten last Monday evening at the Bracht home.

Others who enjoyed the repast and an evening of games and music afterwards were:

Miss Marilyn Brown, Miss Tony Adamson, Mrs. Bertha Lassiter, Miss Mary Jo Bracht, Leroy Young, Charles Dietrich, Fred Bracht Jr., and James Bracht.

Lawton Shults, of San Antonio, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. DeWitt. Mr. Shults is a former resident of Rockport.

Miss Alecia Sevilla, her mother and two sisters, of Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, were guests last Sunday of Mrs. A. R. Piercy and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills were in Corpus Christi last Friday and visited the LST-512 Navy Exhibition Landing Ship.

MRS. NANNIE DEANE HOSTESS TO CLUB

Mrs. Nannie Deane was hostess to the Chat and Chew club last Saturday afternoon.

Refreshments consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, potato salad, assorted pies and coffee were served to the following guests:

Mrs. Reid Simmons, Mrs. T. H. Ratliff, Mrs. Roy Court, Mrs. Jim Sparks, Mrs. Ernest Harrist, Mrs. Floyd Huffman, Mrs. William Beetley, Miss Katie Lee Clarke, Mrs. Clark Herring, Mrs. Saint, Mrs. E. B. Caffall and Miss Gussie Deane.

The club will meet next Saturday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Harrist.

Mrs. Henry Bailey left Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Percy Mitchell in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kriger of Fulton made a bus trip to Galveston over the week-end.

MRS. TRAVIS JOHNSON GIVES BRIDGE FOR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Mrs. Travis Johnson entertained with a delightful bridge party last Thursday afternoon in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. J. Johnson.

Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc won the prize for high score and Mrs. Norvell Jackson was awarded the low score prize. The honoree was presented with a box of candy.

Cherry pie topped with foamy whipped cream, coffee and assorted candies were served as refreshments by the hostess.

Guests included Mesdames Chas. Ankele, DeWilton Jeffries, Ed Barnard, Leonard LeBlanc, Roy Rogero, Joe Johnson, Herbert Mills, John Haseman, Norvell Jackson, Arley Shivers, Harry Mills, T. D. Picton, Steirly Rozzelle, T. J. Johnson and Jim Jackson, and Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht.

CHARLES LeBLANC'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc entertained friends of her young son, Charles, Tuesday in honor of his sixth birthday. There was a birthday cake with six blue candles to mark the anniversary. Games were played and refreshments consisting of ice cream and birthday cake were served.

Guests were Mary Martha, Robert, and Azalea Shivers, Wayne Shults, Mrs. A. R. Curry and Mrs. Arley Shivers.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ray Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davis, of O'Donnell, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armontrout and Mr. and Mrs. John Armontrout, of Tahoka, Texas, and Dr. Shepart, of Lamesa, Texas.

Mr. A. C. Pancoast from San Antonio is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. (Jack) Sanders.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS GOP Brandishes Payroll Axe; Move to Regulate Labor Unions; Marshall Steps Into No. 2 Spot

Released by Western Newspaper Union (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



With money comparatively plentiful and goods scarce, the back door black market thrives in Italy. With head covered to hide identity, illegal operator weighs spaghetti straw on hand scale. Open-mouthed child stands by, holding can of scarce milk.

CONGRESS:

Sharpen Payroll Axe

Economy-minded GOP house members, axe in hand, were eying the big federal payroll in their announced drive to scale U. S. expenditures 12 billion dollars under the 1946 budget of 41 billion dollars.

Declaring that there is hardly a government department that does not have twice as many employees as needed, Representative Taber (Rep., N. Y.), chairman of the house appropriations committee, asserted that 1,000,000 workers could be chopped off the payroll of 2,300,000 without seriously impairing services. Not more than 500,000 employees in all are needed, Taber said.

"We are going to cut down government expenditures to a point where the budget can be balanced, a payment made on the national debt, and we will still have room to reduce taxes," Taber snorted.

Labor Reforms

Sen. Joe Ball (Rep., Minn.) and Rep. George Case (Rep., S. D.) pushed labor reform in early sessions of the 80th congress, Ball proposing sweeping measures for corrective legislation.

First, Ball called for prohibition of secondary boycotts and making labor organizations liable for violating contracts.

Then, he introduced legislation to ban all union and closed shop agreements and maintenance of membership contracts.

Finally, Ball proposed to decentralize collective bargaining to prevent the tieup of an entire industry through general negotiations.

The new Case bill introduced in the house permits issuance of injunctions to prevent strikes impairing the public welfare; forbids unions to coerce employees, seize property in disputes, withdraw essential maintenance workers, or order walkouts with majority approval of members; and makes union liable for damages resulting from breach of contract. The bill also grants the states authority to ban the closed shop.

ITALY:

Seeks Aid

Leaving a hungry and discontented populace behind him, Premier Alcide de Gasperi hurried to Washington, D. C., to seek substantial financial assistance from the U. S. to prevent political and economic chaos in Italy.

Negotiations centered around a billion dollar loan first discussed between Italian and U. S. officials at the time of the Paris peace conference. Italy would not be permitted to apply the proceeds against its reparations bill of \$360,000,000 but would use the funds for food, raw material and industrial equipment.

A substantial loan would help Italy rebuild its once lucrative tourist trade. Italy's "biggest industry" before the war, the trade is severely crippled because of the destruction of hotels and their requisitioning for housing, lack of transport and an unfavorable exchange rate.

Call for Funds to Aid Polio Epidemic Victims

Fighting the ravaging polio epidemic of 1946, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has spent \$10,575,000 for medical and hospital care of patients, Basil O'Connor, foundation president, declared.

"That sum is only the first cost of the most devastating epidemic in foundation history," he said. "With the number of cases above the 25,000 mark and foundation funds at a low

BRITAIN:

Land Control

Proceeding along the path of increasing control of property to assure its widest possible use for public benefit, the Labor government of Britain moved to regulate the sale and use of real estate.

Under the town and country planning bill introduced in parliament and headed for passage despite conservative opposition, the government would compel the sale of undeveloped but prospectively valuable real estate at existing prices. Only in cases of hardship would prices above the prevailing market value be paid.

In addition, the government would control the use or reconversion of property to prevent industrial blight, preserve the countryside around cities and provide recreation grounds, and allow room "for breathing" in overcrowded areas. The government also would regulate the posting of billboards.

STATE DEPARTMENT:

Happy Day

"There are two happy days a man has in public life," former Secretary Byrnes told British Ambassador Kerr. "There is the day a man is elected to office. Then there is the day he quits."

January 7, 1947, therefore was a happy day for the dapper little South Carolinian when he stepped down from his high post in the Truman administration. It was a happy day, too—under the Byrnes standard—for General of the Army Marshall who was named to succeed him.

But as Byrnes implied, Marshall's cheer was destined to be short-lived as he took over direction of the nation's international affairs. Byrnes had a tough time tussling with the Russians over completion of peace treaties for the axis satellites and Marshall faced the even tougher job of framing pacts for Germany and Austria.

Although friendly with Russian leaders, Marshall is no admirer of Communism or Communist tactics. Just before being named to office, he blasted Chinese Reds for risking the welfare of their country to obtain power and resorting to untruths to tar the U. S.

Some observers also read in Marshall's appointment an effort by President Truman to build the general up as his successor in 1948. Should Marshall make a name for himself in the state department, his work there plus his prestige as the No. 1 military chief in World War II would give the Democrats a strong candidate to offset dissatisfaction with the Truman regime in the reconversion period.

ebb, a minimum of \$24,000,000 must be raised in the 1947 March of Dimes drive so that the unified attack against the disease can continue."

Average cost of each case of infantile paralysis is \$1,200. On this basis the 23 states badly hit by the epidemic face the stupendous cost of \$26,400,000 chargeable to the 1946 epidemic alone, national headquarters estimated.

Gems of Thought

MORE important than the things we do are the things we do not do; more influential than the things we say are those we do not say.

Something the heart must have to cherish. Must love, and joy, and sorrow learn.—Longfellow.

It's motive alone that gives character to the actions of men.—Bryere.

Business whets the appetite and gives a taste for pleasures as exercise does to food.—Lord Chesterfield.

Be true to your word, your work and your friend.—John Boyle O'Reilly.

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Washington newsmen enjoy spinning this one: A group of them once accompanied FDR to a show. They thanked a secret service man for providing them with excellent seats.

"Don't mention it," the secret service man retorted. "Just notice the seating arrangement. You'll discover no one can take a shot at the President without hitting one or two reporters first!"

Quotation Marksmanship: T. Parker: Democracy means not "I am as good as you are," but "You are as good as I am." ... Maurois: Growing old is a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form. ... E. Brandeis: Sometimes you pay compliments and sometimes you pay for them. ... P. Davis: And so they were divorced and loved happily ever after. ... Ed Wynn: It was so cold my blankets fought to get on the bottom. ... M. Kornroff: What can you expect of a day that begins getting up in the morn.

Kidneys Must Work Well

For You To Feel Well 24 hours every day, 7 days every week, never stopping, the kidneys filter waste matter from the blood.

If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove surplus fluid, excess acids and other waste matter that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly.

Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warns that something is wrong. You may suffer nagging backache, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic pains, getting up at night, swelling.

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DOAN'S PILLS

Walter Winchell (WNU Service)

Man About Town:

Memos or a Midnighter: Insiders hear next year's flying time from N. Y. to Miami will be 200 minutes. . . . Many of the show gals are worried silly that their names will be dragged into the Alvin Paris football bribe scandal because they were Paris' dates. Paris hasn't had so much publicity since French postcards. . . . John Murray Anderson's chums hear he is experimenting with the Russian "youth" serum. He is in his 60s. . . . Bing will make close to a million dollars out of his platters this year, not including his many other chores. . . . Rodgers & Hammerstein are taking no risk with their gold mine, "Annie Get Your Gun." They are paying Mary Jane Walsh the highest wage yet for an understudy—just to stand by in the wings. \$750 per week. . . . Top loss to Moss Hart (whose apt. was burgled) was the gold ciggie case signed by the cast of "Winged Victory."

Broadway Ballad: (By Don Wahn): I do not blame the young for being sick. . . . Of giving alms to beggars of the past. . . . Why should they turn to watch a shabby trick? . . . Why should they care if terror joined the cast? . . . We had our roses, redolent of spring. . . . We had our nights of revelry and mirth. . . . We had the softest, loveliest songs to sing. . . . We had the shining rapture of the earth. . . . Yes, it is gone and shortly we will go. . . . The golden girls, the roses and the wine. . . . And never lads will find the nights aglow—with all the misty magic that was mine. . . . And when they find that love and beauty die. . . . I hope they leave—more gracefully than I.

The Broadway Lights: J. Durante, X. Cugat and the dice tables were the reason the new Flamingo (Las Vegas) attracted 28,000 patrons in the first three days. . . . Midtown hotels had their worst week in five years. One had 370 empty rooms, another 320 and another 300. . . . Buddy Kaye made so much coin out of the ditty, "Till the End of Time," that he is among the producers of the new Jerome Robbins show, "Look, Ma, I'm Dancing." . . . A short titled "The Last Bomb" comes across with atomic impact, particularly one episode wherein the camera slowly moves through the rows of graves at Iwo Jima. After viewing that, you'll cherish every moment of peace like it was the last minute of your life.

Broadway Story: The most valuable song copyright in the world is "White Christmas." . . . It was published in 1942 and sold over one million copies during its first four months. . . . On some days it sold over 50,000 copies. . . . Each year (since) it was purchased by 350,000 people. . . . The recordings totaled five million records—two million of which were Bing's version up to this year. . . . Decca says this year it out-sold any of the previous seasons—over 500,000 platters. . . . But this is why it is the most valuable copyright. . . . A copyright lasts 56 years. . . . It has over 50 years to go—and selling at the rate it is going—you can imagine how much richer the tax department will get.

Popular House Dress START your day with a song in a jiffy on house frock like the one illustrated. The popular key-hole neckline is set off with colorful ric rac trim, which also edges the pocket flaps. Ideal for afternoon wear too if you make it with the three-quarter sleeves provided in the pattern.

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BLACKWELL SCORES WITH PRODUCTION OF COLOR PICTURES

Jack Blackwell, already known widely over Texas for his photography, scored again this week when he successfully produced color prints in his new studio in Rockport.

No other photographer in this section has been able to carry through the difficult and highly technical processes necessary to such pictures.

The prints are made from color transparencies, the form in which most color pictures are preserved.

Blackwell's accomplishment was termed even more remarkable by persons acquainted with photography in view of the fact that the majority of big-city photographers do not attempt to make their own color prints from transparencies, but send the work on to the manufacturer.

Lightning strikes oak trees six times more frequently than smooth barked trees, such as beech.

Mrs. W. F. Close Will Head Altar Society Again This Year

Mrs. W. F. Close was re-elected president of the Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church Tuesday afternoon when the group held its regular monthly meeting at Sacred Heart School.

Mrs. Raymond Roberts was chosen secretary to succeed Mrs. Urban Hemmi as secretary and Miss Mabel Bracht treasurer to succeed Mrs. Edward Barnard.

The new officers will be installed at the next meeting, the third Tuesday in February.

Members present at Tuesday's meeting were: Mrs. Amos Adolphus, Miss Velma Picton, Miss Grace Smith, Mrs. Raymond Roberts, Miss Vivian Picton, Miss Mabel Bracht, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Lena Cole, Mrs. Jordan Weber, Mrs. Elva Mullinax, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. Charles Picton, Mrs. Edward Barnard, Mrs. W. F. Close and Mrs. Urban Hemmi.

"Acta Diurna" (Daily Events), a bulletin issued during the Roman Empire and posted in a public place, was the prototype of the modern newspaper. Copies were made by hand and dispatched by runners to subscribers in distant places.

O. E. S. Delegation To Aransas Pass

Twelve members of Rockport Chapter No. 479, Order of the Eastern Star attended a "Friendship Night" meeting of the Aransas Pass chapter Thursday night, Jan. 16, in response to an invitation to the entire chapter.

Mrs. Etta Lee Finley, district deputy from Woodsboro paid the Aransas chapter an official visit upon the occasion.

Attending from Rockport were Mr. and Mrs. William Beetley, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Mrs. Bernice Collins, Mrs. John Haynes, Mrs. John Ramseur, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Jessie Sontag and Mrs. Blanche Koonce.

Rockport To Draw Salute On Monday Radio Program

Mayor A. L. Bruhl and County Sheriff A. R. Curry will have special tunes dedicated to them on the "Parade of Texas Towns" program saluting Rockport, Monday. The program will be heard over KABC, on a radio dial setting of 680.

In addition to dedications to the leading citizens of the town, the program will feature a tune dedicated to the entire city and county, a description of the main points of interest and attractions of Rockport, and a description of an air view of the city broadcast from the mythical KABC airplane. Each Monday through Friday at 5:45 p. m., a Texas town is saluted in song and story.

JOE JOHNSON, JR. TO PRESIDE AT REFUGIO STUDENT MEETING

Joe Johnson, Jr., of Rockport, who was named president of the area High School Student Council on Jan. 13, had his first work-out Thursday night at Refugio.

He presided over the second of the important organizational meetings, in which a representative and sponsor from each school in the council met to work out a constitution.

Schools involved include Rockport, Corpus Christi, Beeville, Mathis, Flour Bluff, Sundee, Refugio and Aransas Pass.

Supt. J. F. Harbin of the Rockport schools revealed that the members of the council plan to attend a state meeting at Dallas February 7 and 8.

The Rockport council plans to send at least four members under the sponsorship of O. E. James, high school principal.

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Rev. C. N. Jones, Pastor
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Morning Worship: 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship: 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. T. H. Pollard, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 o'clock.
Morning Worship: 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship: 7:30 o'clock.
Young People's Service: Wednesday night, 7:00 o'clock.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
W. B. Wheeler, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 o'clock.
Worship Service: 11:00 o'clock.
Young People's Service: 6:30 o'clock.
Evening Worship: 7:45 o'clock.

Long-Dead Dog In Street Draws Citizens' Ire

A dead dog which has laid in Rockport's main street, just south of The Pilot office for nearly two weeks drew fire on the city administration from two sources this week.

The animal was killed on Saturday, Jan. 11. The carcass still lay in the street Thursday, Jan. 23, as The Pilot was going to press.

The criticism came from two sources: First was from 40 civic leaders who gathered in a Chamber of Commerce Meeting Wednesday night. The second was in a letter from a visitor to County Judge B. S. Fox.

Several chamber of commerce speakers condemned the laxness of the city officials responsible for the removal of dead animals and spoke of the serious health menace.

The most biting criticism, however, came from Mrs. A. D. Duffy, Houston, Texas, now visiting here and one of the many visitors who insure Rockport's prosperity.

"I am a tourist and come to your city every winter," Mrs. Duffy wrote Judge Fox. "I want to know how long tourists and your own citizens are going to be treated to the sight of a dead dog which has been lying on your Main street for two weeks."

"It's not a pleasant sight, and certainly does not say much for your city policeman. Let's have something done about it."

(Editor's note: Thank you, Mrs. Duffy. The editor heartily agrees.)

Fulton Local Option Election Is Reset By Commissioners Court

The local option election for Fulton, originally scheduled for Jan. 25, was reset Wednesday afternoon for February 15, Judge B. S. Fox announced.

Balloting will take place at the Fulton school house.

The election was originally called on the strength of petitions, but the Commissioner's Court found that, because of many amendments to the original local option law, the date was illegal. The court reset the election on its own motion.

Judges who were appointed and have served at the general elections will officiate.

An electric roaster is an ideal appliance for homemakers living in temporary quarters who do not want to invest in a full size cooking range. Roasters may be had with broilers and frying pan units for those who are dependent upon a roaster for all cooking.

Knives should never be allowed to soak in water. Water will rust the blade, rot the wood and loosen the handle. Leaving the knife on a hot stove results in the temper of the blade being destroyed.

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AN ELECTION MAY BE CALLED ANY TIME

Make sure you will be qualified to vote in all elections called during 1947. Every election is important, affecting our lives and well-being to some degree. Unless you pay your poll tax, or apply for exemption, before Jan. 31, you will remain voteless throughout 1947.

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM POLL TAX?

If you are a newcomer to the state, will reach the age of 21 during 1947, or are over 60 years of age, you are not required to pay a poll tax. BUT you MUST apply to your County Tax Collector for an exemption certificate or renewal.

MUST VETERANS PAY POLL TAX?

Veterans will need a poll tax to vote in any election held after they have been discharged for 18 months. To be eligible to vote in an election during 1947, veterans must pay a poll tax before Jan. 31, unless they were discharged as recently as five or six months ago.

SPEAK UP ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
January 24 and 25

SUN SPUN
Salad Dressing, 8 oz. jar 17c

Green Beans, No. 2 can, cut 11c

5 MINUTE OR REGULAR
Cream of Wheat sm pkg 15c; lge 27c

ALKA SELTZER, 30c size pkg. 25c
ASPIRIN, St. Joseph, 10c size 8c, 100 bottle 27c

1 POUND BOX
Sunshine Krispy Crackers 22c

BRIMFULL DICED
Pears, large No. 2 1/2 can 45c

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PREMIER FANCY GREEN GAGE — In Heavy Syrup
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January 24 and 25

Polish, O'Cedar, 1 quart 69c

Preserves, Fig, 2 lbs. 69c

Shortening, 1 lb. pkg. 35c

Tamales, Derby in glass 16 oz 29c

Soups, Campbells Tomato 10c

Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

Grapefruit, 10 lbs. mesh bag 28c

Yams, La. Kiln Dried Pound 8c

Post Toasties, 18 oz pkg. 17c

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ALONG THE WATERFRONT—

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car. Under the wife's persuasion, he consented to buy himself an expensive new rod—and never mind how many fish he didn't catch.

The pay-off came when he returned to Grand Prairie, Tex., up near Dallas. He found the old rod up behind the car's back seat where he had missed it.

Anyhow, the new editor wanted a new rod.

Bert Snook, T. J. Bettis, E. W. Sly and Jack Strange, all of Houston, spent the last week-end in Rockport, catching up on their serious winter fishing as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sipe. The party caught 75 big trout, ranging up to four pounds each, out of the basin and went back to Houston well satisfied with their sport.

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Oyster Growth Project Begun

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where reefs have been almost entirely cleaned out.

Some objection to the plan has been voiced. One one hand, the program eliminates a large supply of cost-free road surfacing. On the other, some interested parties, Baughman said, have objected that a few dealers are taking oysters too small.

1900 Barrels Planted

"While that probably is true," the biologist said, "the return of the small oysters to the bay to act as seed promises to far outweigh in benefit the possible drawbacks. What is more, I feel sure that any oyster men who may not be fully co-operating with the program will fall into line."

At present, two boats, the Ada Lee and the K. T., and three barges are being employed in the work. Since the first replanting, January 6, more than 1900 barrels of shell have been replanted, with the spread amounting to about 300 barrels to the acre. Thus, at the beginning of the week, nearly 6 1/2 acres of bay bottom had been replanted.

The program was worked out by Baughman and submitted to Howard Dodge, executive secretary of the commission at Austin. Dodge approved, added a few touches and pledged the hearty cooperation of headquarters.

Rockport oyster men, in several instances, have expressed approval of the idea and optimism for its success.

First Move in Wide Plan

Baughman told this reporter that the plan was the first phase of a general plan for improving the sea food yield of the Texas gulf coast. He conceded that nobody can say in advance that the program will be an unqualified success because it depends upon so many varying conditions.

"But if it doesn't work out as well as we hope—and expect—I've another idea to try," he said. "If that one doesn't work, then we have another in sight." Meantime, he pointed out, the replanting program is costing very little.

Baughman's figures indicate that he is getting shell planted at between 35 cents and 40 cents a barrel. Records of the department show that previous plantings cost the state nearly three times as much—roughly \$1 a barrel.

Louisiana, where a similar program has paid off hugely, is replanting at a cost of about 45 cents a barrel of shell.

Baughman showed Louisiana reports and figures showing the returns on conservation and replanting work that have put the Pelican state well into the lead in value of sea food production.

Texas has done little in the past half century to cultivate this important revenue-producing resource.

Yet the Aransas Bay area alone produced \$150,000 worth of oysters in the state fiscal year ending August, 1946, the annual report of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission sets out.

"Oysters," Baughman commented, "are important. They can be important on this coast. They can bring in plenty of wages for working people and plenty of business for business people."



Program

Sunday and Monday
January 26-27

"Easy To Wed"

Esther Williams,
Van Johnson

Tuesday and Wednesday
January 28-29

"Little Giant"

Abbott & Costello

Thursday and Friday
January 30-31

"Two Sisters From Boston"

Jimmy Durante,
June Allyson

Saturday
February 1

"Moon Over Montana"

Jimmy Wakely,
Lee "Lasses" White

County Bidding For Tax Dollars

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of them shrewdly foresee the time when such claims will be pushed. Court judgments in later years might fall heavily on any company compelled to pay back taxes. Even if no back tax actions were to be filed, there still would be a strong chance of a successful development program getting socked for important money.

To Ask Legislation

So a number of the oil companies are anxious to have the question decided as soon as possible, thus clearing the way for the development which oil circles and the state land commissioner's office sees as a foregone conclusion for offshore areas.

That situation led, last Friday, to the formation of the Gulf Coast Counties Boundaries Association. The meeting, held at Houston, was attended by Judge Fox and representatives of all twelve coastal counties. County Judge Ben Wilson of Kleberg County was named chairman and W. C. Allen, assessor-collector of Nueces County was chosen secretary.

Plans were laid to frame legislation, to be introduced into the current 50th legislature, which would extend county lines to sea the full limit of state authority—or the 10.3 miles which was granted the state under its treaty of annexation with the Union.

State Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, within whose jurisdiction the tidal lands fall, has scheduled a meeting with Judge Wilson and other members of the association at Austin on Thursday. Judge Fox said that he will be unable to attend because of the press of other business, but he was optimistic over prospects.

Mrs. Helen S. Albin Honored With Bid From Education Group

Mrs. Helen S. Albin, first grade teacher in the Rockport school has been extended an invitation to become a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor fraternity in education.

The roll of the organization may not include more than one tenth of the teachers in any one school or town.

The invitation was given by Miss Muriel M. Buchanan, president on behalf of Beta Xi chapter at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Albin said she is not sure what prompted the invitation, but suggested it may have been an outgrowth of her three years of child study work as a teacher in Corpus Christi.

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Shortening, 4 lb. carton	1.40
Cheese, Kraft or Borden's American, lb.	55c
Fresh Guaranteed Eggs, doz.	50c
Black Pepper, whole, lb.	1.25
Sunshine Assorted Chocolates, lb. 65c, two	1.25
Rice, fancy Elco Patna 3 lb. pkg.	45c
Popcorn, yellow giant, 10 oz. cans	15c
Theme Paper, large 10c size, 3 pkgs.	25c
Steel Wool Pot Cleaners, 2 for	5c
Pickles, fresh cucumber, 24 oz. jar	20c
Garrett Sweet Snuff, 6 oz. glass 35c, three	1.00
Diaperwhite, 25c pkgs.	10c
Post 40% Bran Flakes	10c
Sunshine Wh. Wheat Toasted Wafers, 25c, 20c	
Marvine Soapless Suds, 2 lb. pkg	45c
Salt Boiling Bacon, lb.	30c
Breakfast Bacon Ends, 2 lbs.	75c
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Fats Shortage Will Continue, Experts Say

World shortage of fats and oils will become more severe during the first half of 1947 according to all experts interviewed for the American Fat Salvage Committee. The survey was conducted within the past two weeks to determine the outlook for 1947 supply and demand for fats and oils, for food and industrial use.

This survey, the most comprehensive since the American Fat Salvage Committee began its campaign four and one half years ago, covers official and semi-official sources.

The consensus of these agencies' experts is that the total supply of fats and oils available to the United States will fall short of demand by at least 150 million pounds and that industry could use 600 million pounds more than it probably will get during the first six months of 1947.

Little easement of the shortage in the United States is expected before next fall. Government experts imports increase constantly, but even so, the total amounts of fats and oils available in the U. S. for all purposes, food fats as well as industrial, for the first half of 1947 will be about 150 million pounds less than during the first six months of last year. In order to meet demand last year 355 million pounds of fats and oils were taken from reserve stocks.

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