

## School, Community Center Campaign Launched

### Bracht Accepts Leadership Of All-out Drive to Raise \$3000 Needed for Building

EVERY ROCKPORT RESIDENT TO BE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTION; PLAN ACCLAIMED BY MINISTER AND OTHER CIVIC LEADERS AS ANSWER TO URGENT PROBLEMS.

Rockport rolled up its sleeves this week and braced itself to tackle a job labelled, "MUST". That was the job of raising the last \$3,000 to bring here the big Harlingen Air Base gymnasium building for a High School gymnasium, badly needed class rooms, and an equally needed Community Center building.

### State Official Applauds Plan, To Visit Here

Rockport school and the town as well had the personal as well as official blessing of high state authorities this week in the plan to acquire the big Harlingen Air Base gymnasium for school and community purposes.

T. M. Trimble, first assistant state superintendent of schools, wrote Hugh Haddock, Pilot editor and Chamber of Commerce secretary, voicing his approval.

Almost at the same time, Trimble informed School Superintendent J. F. Harbin that he will be in Rockport for a two or three-day visit around the middle of next week. The state superintendent's office is strongly interested in the local board of education's plans for creating a county high school district centered on Rockport.

As to the big gymnasium building, Trimble wrote Haddock: "Dear Hugh:

"I see by the Rockport Pilot that the Rockport School District has received a building from the government that can easily be converted into a gymnasium and classrooms.

"I must congratulate you, your Chamber of Commerce, and your school officials for the energy you have put forth in looking after the interests of your city and school district."

### Hope Seen For City's Credit

The City's hope for a credit rating rose at mid-week with word that the Texas House of Representatives has given preliminary approval to an appropriation of more than \$897,000 for the benefit of tax remission counties and cities.

Part of that would be used to defray some \$12,000 of payment due on Rockport's waterfront bonds. Failure of the state Automatic Tax Board to set a general fund levy this year prevented the city from collecting money to meet the obligation, and it had appeared that Rockport must default.

The House passed the bill to engrossment on second reading by a vote of 74 to 57. Once engrossed the bill must again pass a House test and then clear opposition in the Senate.

Word of the legislative action came from two sources, press wire dispatches and a telegram from Rep. Harvey Shell to Mayor Bruhl. Shell had reached the legislature just in time to take part in the action, having been sworn in on Monday. He is the author of the measures which set up tax remission for Rockport's improvements.

Late last week, Shell visited Rockport when it was clear that he had beaten W. W. Brown, of Sinton by 51 votes for the seat made vacant by the death of Rep. H. L. Atkinson last March. He conferred with Roy Hinton, who backed Shell's campaign in this county and elsewhere, and with other supporters here.

Fred A. Bracht, who has steered other major civic campaigns to victory, agreed Monday to accept the chairmanship of the drive for the money. But everybody must get behind him and help.

Mr. Bracht was laid up at home, suffering with lumbago and unable to go to his store when he took the extra job. But a Community Center such as this building would provide has been one of his chief wishes for Rockport and some time ago he assured friends that he would co-operate in every possible way to obtain such a Center.

Mrs. Bracht expressed the same sentiment Monday.

### FIRST CONTRIBUTION

The campaign for the big gymnasium fund had only \$2998 to go as the Pilot went to press. Mrs. Harold E. Nichols, living out side the Rockport city limits, brought \$2 to the Pilot office to open subscriptions.

"Our own children are out of school," Mrs. Bracht said. "They are past the place where a Community Center is vital to them. But when I think of all the other young people growing up and the children who will soon be of an age to use such a building, it seems to me that Rockport must have this building.

"One thing you can be sure of. The women of Rockport feel generally as I do. The women won't let the young people down. They'll work until the last."

Mr. Bracht stressed one important point: The campaign to raise the necessary \$3,000 is not a school program. It is not a chamber of commerce campaign. It is not a church campaign. It is a combined Rockport effort.

"We'll call on every person and every organization in Rockport to give and work," he said. "That means every man, woman, and young person."

NEED MONEY, WORKERS Plans for the drive were not complete when The Pilot went to press. But this much was clear: the Chamber of Commerce will be asked to put its shoulder to the wheel. The Parent-Teacher Association and the High School Alumni Association will be asked to work. Veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries will be called upon. Even the students will be asked to help.

Two needs were apparent. The first and biggest, of course, is money. The second is for workers who are willing to spend time in soliciting funds.

Business men in Rockport have been asked in the past to finance major improvements. They will be asked to contribute substantially to this effort. But the goal is to get a contribution from every family in town. At least half of the fund should be raised in small gifts of from \$10 down to \$1.

APPROVAL VOICED Superintendent Harbin, who has his heart set on getting the building for Rockport feels that everybody interested in the town and its (Continued on last page)

### City and Navigation Board Settle Waterfront Dispute

#### Rockport Must Have Vision (AN EDITORIAL)

Let's talk plainly. Rockport needs many things. But the biggest need is the need for the exercise of vision. We have the opportunity now to demonstrate that we do have it and that we do know how to build constructively for the future.

Rockport can go no place but backward without vision to follow far-sighted leadership. We, ourselves must be able to look a few months beyond our immediate noses. If we can, Rockport has a brilliant future.

Our immediate opportunity lies in getting the big Harlingen Air Base gymnasium here for the high school and a community center. A comparatively insignificant amount of money is required to complete the job. Rockport must have the vision to raise the necessary \$3,000.

Fred Bracht has demonstrated on many occasions that he is a leader possessed of vision. His acceptance of the general chairmanship of the campaign to raise that money is a testimonial to the soundness of the project.

Rockport can do no less than throw its civic weight behind him.

Not again for years—perhaps never—will Rockport have such opportunity at such small outlay.

Everybody has agreed that the outstanding need of this town from a civic standpoint is a community center.

Everybody agrees that our outstanding school needs are additional classrooms and a gymnasium.

The building which the school authorities have obtained for a mere song satisfies all of the requirements.

Unfortunately, some of us have fallen into the habit of expecting time to take care of all things and some real life Santa Claus to catch up any loose ends.

Unfortunately, too, a great many of us have been drugged by the feverish business rush of war time and the months since the war. It is a dangerous drug and one which can leave a disastrous hangover. When people no longer thrust business upon us, we are inclined to sadly shake our heads and complain that times have gone completely to the bow-wows.

That attitude has been demonstrated in some personal conversations the past couple of days. A few have thought that "now is not the time" for Rockport to raise money to build for the future.

Then, in Heaven's name, when is the time? Certainly not after our opportunity has passed. The farmer doesn't wait until harvest time to start planting his crop. He plants in the dreary damp and chill of an early spring in the full knowledge that summer sun and rain will bring him his return in the autumn.

Admittedly there is a small business recession already on up-country. But there is business for those who will go after it. Tulsa, Okla., proved that during the Harding depression of the 1920's. Its civic leaders dug down in their pockets and started a civic improvement campaign that paid millions in dividends when the resurgence came.

Rockport has a destiny. But it is not an inescapable one. This town and this peninsula are due to double their population within the next five years or less. Already more than a million dollars in building is under way in this area. But Rockport can hide its head in the sand, sit on its pocketbook and refuse to profit. It can let the tide of development flow past and wash it out.

Aransas Pass is setting an example. Woodsboro set it a couple of weeks ago. The editor has seen no figures on the money Woodsboro raised to put on the Lions Club carnival. But a good look around the town square indicated that it must have been upwards of \$1000 or more. Aransas Pass has already underwritten a three-day Memorial Day rodeo for \$8,000 and guaranteed a show \$5,500. The show itself will leave little or no money in Aransas Pass. But it will certainly bring money there, many fold above what it may cost.

Too many people have taken the attitude and still take the attitude that "the tourists will come here, anyway." Let's not kid ourselves. The tourist will NOT come here "anyway". They will go to Corpus Christi. They will go to Port Aransas, and Aransas Pass, and other resort spots unless Rockport decides to come alive.

Rockport's destiny isn't as a manufacturing or industrial town. Economically, there is no reason for Rockport's existence. From a pleasure and vacation spot, as a pleasant place to live, there is monumental reason not only for Rockport's growth.

In an investment in the gymnasium and community center building, Rockport will be making an investment for the future as well as giving its present citizens and their children a better break immediately.

Rockport must not fail this effort!

### City Gets Beach, Drops Claim to Lower Frontage

#### Agreement Clears Way For Development As Lawsuit Dies

Rockport city authorities and the Navigation Board joined Wednesday to clear the way for development of the city's waterfront.

The two groups settled their long-standing dispute by a carefully worked out compromise, Mayor Bruhl announced.

Legal details of the agreement and a check of the statutes to make sure that the plan meets all requirements of law were being left to the attorneys for both sides, Victor Bouldin of Houston for the Navigation Board and City Attorney Clifford Swearingen. Meanwhile, the good faith of both sides to the controversy was demonstrated by passing trial of a suit docketed to be heard in district court this week, and by preparations to drop the expensive litigation.

That suit was an action by the Navigation Board to entirely oust the city from any control of the waterfront. The city's defense was to have been an effort to oust the Navigation board from that same control.

AGREEMENT TERMS Under the broad terms of the agreement, the city will probably get a long term lease—25 to 50 years—to the beach and the Beach Club and to the two triangle areas for park development. The city will be given any revenue which may spring from these properties, but will not permit liquor or beer to be sold on any of the property.

The Navigation Board had previously offered to help bear the expense of developing these park areas and of lighting them.

In return, the city agreed to acknowledge the board's title to the filled land along the waterfront, including a tract on which E. J. Albin has erected his fisherman's center, and to other properties necessary to the development of navigation and business dependent upon navigation.

One stipulation of the Navigation Board slowed negotiations, insistence that beer and liquor not be sold. City officials decided that settlement of the dispute was so essential to Rockport's welfare and development that they could not let such a relatively minor item stand in the way.

#### DECISION HAILED

The broad fact that the two conflicting authorities had been willing to submerge difference for the good of the town brought much favorable comment as the news spread. General sentiment echoed Mayor Bruhl's expression:

"After all, both authorities are Rockport people and want to work in Rockport's interest. It's to everybody's advantage that we get together. I'm very happy."

### GRANDDAUGHTERS OF COL. FULTON RE-UNITED HERE

A number of years ago, four granddaughters of Col. Fulton who built the Fulton mansion left this area one by one. Miss Jewel Fulton alone remained here. This week three of the four were back in Rockport and the fourth at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Elinor Fulton Rieber has sold her properties in California and has returned to Rockport. Misses Harriet and Nana Holden have returned from Cincinnati. All have apartments at Mrs. Mabel Bryan's where Miss Jewel Fulton has resided.

Mrs. R. J. Beaman, the fourth to return, has moved with her husband from Tennessee to Corpus Christi.

### V.F.W. Poppy Girl



Margaret O'Brien, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie star, who is the official Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy Girl for 1947, flashes the impish smile which helped to skyrocket her to the heights of motion picture fame.

### Commissioners Order Vote On Harbor Bonds

County Commissioners Court, on Wednesday, by a 3-2 vote approved the application of Fulton Beach citizens for an election on a proposed \$30,000 bond issue.

Residents of the northern stretch of the peninsula are asking the issue in order to improve the harbor and yacht basin recently completed at Fulton.

The vote authorizing the election was on a strictly north-south division, with County Judge B. S. Fox casting the deciding ballot. Commissioners W. B. Allen and Jack Sparks voted against submitting the proposal at an election. Commissioners J. H. Mills and Arthur Davis voted for it.

"I felt that, since a substantial number of citizens have asked for an election, it was our place to submit the proposition and let the people of the county decide," Judge Fox said.

No date for the election was set, pending receipt of the latest instructions from Austin, but Judge Fox said it will not be far distant.

The bonds would be a county issue, but they would not raise the present tax rate, Judge Fox said. He explained that money being levied to cover other issues can be spread through shaving the original funds.

Work to be covered by the \$30,000 would include deepening of the new Fulton Beach harbor to a uniform nine-foot depth and closing the north end of the basin created by the seawall which was completed early this spring.

The proposal for closing calls for construction of a wooden cribbing from shore out to the seawall with an earthen fill behind it, both for protection of boats and to allow fishermen to reach the seawall.

### Contractor Here For Laboratory

W. D. Anderson, prime contractor on the \$77,000 state marine laboratory, arrived in Rockport Wednesday to begin preparations for construction.

He immediately began negotiations for a sub-contractor to handle excavation work at the site on the breakwater and indicated to Biologist Jack Baughman that work will start as soon as equipment can be brought here. Anderson said that he will employ as many local workers as are obtainable.

### Baseball Game Set

The first organized baseball game to be played here by non-school teams in seven years is scheduled for 3 p. m. Sunday. The announcement was made this week by C. C. Boone, manager of a newly-organized team, which grew from calls put out by Constancio Solis.

### Along The Waterfront



- CAPT. THOMAS TO CHINA
- MOORE BOATS
- FISH BITING WELL

ROCKPORT'S HOPE FOR A first class party boat for the summer received a set-back this week, but it was a cloud with a gold-plated lining for Capt. Kingdon Thomas.

Capt. Thomas, who came here from Houston with his "Dominique You" in April has accepted a position as assistant marine superintendent for the President Steamship Lines at Shanghai, China.

Capt. Thomas has an unlimited master's license and commanded large ships in the merchant marine. The "Dominique You", waterfront report said, will be offered for sale.

ROBBIE COLE HAS LAUNCHED his rebuilt "Georgia", a 42-foot shrimp boat which was damaged a couple of years ago by fire. He is employed by Rouquette and Wendell.

SHORTY TOWNSEND HAS purchased an additional boat in getting ready for the tourist season. He bought the 26-foot cruiser, "It", which was built by the Rockport Boat Works.

Shorty plans to continue handling his other boat, the "Snooks", himself, and has engaged W. B. Allen to operate the "It".

SHORTY HAS BEEN KIND OF reluctant the past week to talk about the fishing, the winds being what they are, but he admitted that the folks he took out had fun and that they did get some fish as well.

On Tuesday, Shorty and Lloyd Lassiter went out and came back with 123 trout and a number of topgrass cats to show for the morning. What was more, dropped by the Pilot office with the makings of fine fish dinners for the Pilot's publishers and editor.

Wednesday, in spite of wind, Townsend took a small party from Palm Courts and came back with 43 trout and several of the long-finned cats.

HENRY BAILLOU DID HIS best fish-catching on Monday. He took out Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin of Wharton, Texas, and came back with a catch of 54 trout.

THERE WAS PLENTY OF talk about shrimp along the waterfront this week. In the first place, there was the big run down at Port Isabel. Cecil Casterline said one of his boats brought in 4900 pounds, another 6000 pounds, and that all the fleet was going strong.

### Presbyterian Church Aids Texas City

The Presbyterian church, last Sunday, launched its own movement to aid disaster-stricken Texas City, as part of a state wide denominational effort.

Rev. T. H. Pollard, Rockport pastor, announced a collection for the benefit of the Texas City Presbyterian church and nearly \$40 was contributed at the Sunday service.

### Changes Visiting Day

Mrs. Lenae Weave, Sinton, field worker for the State Department of Public Welfare will change Aransas County "intake" day from the fourth Monday of each month to the first Tuesday.

Mrs. Weaver was in Rockport this Monday. In getting on the new schedule, she will return next Tuesday, May 6. She will not return for another routine visit until June 3.



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## Tax Remission No Answer

The present statewide mess which has resulted from failure of the automatic tax board to set a state general fund levy this year has demonstrated one fact clearly. That is that tax remission is not the sound answer to questions of financing public improvements.

Tax remission was an early day plan, conceived to fit the needs of a by-gone era. It worked then, partly because public improvements were largely a matter of local choice, partly because they were considered chiefly of local benefit.

That idea has pretty well passed from the public mind. Thinking people in Dallas realize that a seawall at Rockport, a levee on the Guadalupe, or an erosion control program in the Rio Grande Valley is as vital to the over-all welfare of the state as a relief for Trinity River overflow. Rockport residents can see, equally, that work to prevent Trinity River floods is essential to their welfare as part of the state's program of preservation and betterment.

The courts have taken the position that counties, cities and navigation districts are instruments of the state in carrying out these improvements and are, in effect, disbursing agents of the state in paying out tax remission money for them. Common sense, then, would dictate that the same basis of financing and of payment be employed universally.

Yet such is not the case. Counties assess on various bases and at various percentages of actual value. Citizens in different sections of the state, thus, bear different proportions of the cost of such improvements.

Now, in the situation presented by the tax board's error, non-remission counties decide they have no responsibility in the matter at all. Counties and cities where the improvements are located must pay the bill or suffer loss of credit.

Clearly, this is hit-and-miss government and hit-and-miss taxation at its worst.

If public improvements are state concern and matters for state financing, plain business practice and common sense would dictate that they be made state matters, financed by state money, levied on the same basis throughout the state, and approved by a central state authority.

This is the practice of other states. Why do we not work it in Texas?

## Gasoline For 3,000 Years

If it is possible to imagine a state of affairs in which all of America's petroleum and natural gas reserves were exhausted, the country could still get all the high quality gasoline it would need for 3,000 years from only half of our estimated coal reserves. This remarkable announcement is contained in the current issue of The Lamp, which is published by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The story points out that the highest estimate of domestic gasoline consumption yet made, that for 1965, is slightly more than 1,000,000,000 barrels a year. Our commercial reserves of all grades of coal amount to nearly 3,200,000,000,000 (trillion) tons. Assuming that but half of that would be available for synthesis into motor fuel, coal represents a potential gasoline reserve of 3,700,000,000,000 barrels.

For commercial reasons, The Lamp says, synthesis from coal has so far been a long range project. Synthesis from natural gas is farther advanced at the present time, and the quality of the product is equal to premium-grade conventional gasolines. And the process also provides a cheap source of a variety of industrial alcohols such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl and amyl.

Small boy writing answers to an anatomy test: "Your legs is what if you ain't got two pretty good ones you can't get to first base, and neither can your sister."

Definition of an Optimist: A guy who thinks his wife has quit cigarettes when he finds cigar, butts around the house.

## Flying Army Medics Prepare to "Hit the Silk"



Static lines hooked, an air-borne medical team is ready to leap into the sky with its life-giving plasma, drugs and modern surgical aids. These skilled teams jump in every air-borne operation. A place in the new air-borne training program is open to qualified men who enlist in the new Regular Army.

## Health Officer Urges Clean-Up

AUSTIN, Tex.—A good old fashioned spring house cleaning in every city and community in Texas would do a great deal toward furthering good health in this state, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

Dr. Cox said in Austin this week: "From a practical standpoint the old adage that 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' is still well worth emphasizing."

A general clean-up program of statewide proportions with the objective of bettering health conditions for our citizenship should include the surface cleaning of streets and alleys, proper drainage or fill-in of low areas, cleaning all parks and playgrounds and the clearing of weeds and rubbish off vacant lots.

"The destruction of mosquito breeding places and rat harborage, the proper disposal of garbage and trash and the general cleaning up

of all premises will be" said Dr. Cox, "of inestimable value in helping to keep down summer health hazards such as dysentery, typhoid, and poliomyelitis.

"Good community housekeeping and ordinary sanitary measures require the prompt removal of all waste matter in and around yards and homes in order to abate the danger of such diseases, and insure good health protection throughout the State."

Dr. Cox stressed the fact that many dangerous diseases are filthborne, and the only possible way to control them is to eliminate the insanitary conditions responsible for their spread.

### WOO-WOO, FELLOWS!

At one time it was the man who worried most about his head-dress. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica men did not wear short hair until the fifth century. Some of the popular styles before that time included hair hanging in loose ringlets, or braided in two plaits wound around the head.

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## Miss Iris Sorenson to Red Cross Meeting

Miss Iris Sorenson, home service chairman in Aransas County for the American Red Cross, was attending a Red Cross meeting in Corpus Christi, Thursday and Friday, as representatives of this area studied changed routines in filing of veterans' claims.

A check-up of Red Cross activities in this county from January 1 to the end of April showed that Miss Sorenson had completed 40

cases of assistance to veterans and their families.

In five of the cases, a total of \$23.71 financial assistance was given.

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Telephone users are hearing the "buzz, buzz, buzz" of the busy signal oftener than they used to. Why? There are more telephones and more people calling than ever before. That makes telephones and telephone lines busier than ever.

Sometimes there are so many calls going through the dial equipment in the telephone office that it can't handle any more. That, too, means more work for the busy signal.

Some folks have asked if the busy signal ever means a telephone is out of order. Almost never! It simply means that the dial equipment or the line or the telephone is busy, and asks you to please hang up and try your call again a little later.

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A Bell for Adano by John Hersey

THE STORY THUS FAR: The American troops arrived at Adano, with Major Joppolo, the Amgot officer in charge. Sergeant Borth was in charge of security. It was the hope of the Major to build confidence and replace the town bell stolen by the Nazis.

CHAPTER XI

One morning Tomasino the fisherman called on Major Joppolo at the Palazzo. As he entered the building, and even as he walked into the Major's office, he looked like an American sight-seer.

Major Joppolo was pleased to see him and said cheerfully: "Good morning, Tomasino."

But Tomasino's face changed from curious to sullen, and he said: "I did not want to do it."

"Do what, Tomasino?" "Come to the place of authority, this Palazzo. I have never done it in my life. My wife made me do it."

"Why? What did she want?" "She said that if you had lowered yourself to come and see me on my fish-boat, I could lower myself to go and see you in the Palazzo. She wanted me to invite you to come to our house tonight to help eat some tortone which my daughter Tina made. My wife is a difficult woman. I hate her. She thinks she is the authority in my house."

Major Joppolo said: "Please be so good as to tell your wife that even though her husband was so reluctant in the delivery of her message, the Major would be delighted to accept."

Tomasino said: "I am of half a mind not to tell her. I hate her." Promptly at nine o'clock Major Joppolo knocked on the door at 9 Via Vittorio Emanuele. Tomasino opened the door, but did not show the slightest pleasure at having a visitor.

"Come in," he grumbled. The Major stepped in and tried to shake his hand but could not find it in the dark.

"We have to climb many stairs," Tomasino complained. As a matter of fact, there was only one flight. At the top of it they turned into a brightly lighted hallway. Tomasino led the Major through the hallway to a narrow parlor. This parlor belied the unsociability of Tomasino, for its furniture consisted almost exclusively of chairs—a sure sign, in Adano, of frequent and numerous guests.

Besides the chairs there were only a large Italian radio in one corner and a round table in the center. The room was so narrow that from the chairs on either side one could reach whatever was on the table.

Two guests had arrived before the Major, and their identity surprised him. "Hi, Major," said Captain Purvis, who looked as if he had been into a couple of bottles of wine, "Giuseppe told me the old fish-hound here had a couple of pretty daughters. I was getting kinda lonesome. Giuseppe here told me he'd bring me up. Good old Giuseppe."

"Good night, a boss," said Giuseppe. He was much embarrassed; he had had no idea that the Major would show up.

The Major was just as embarrassed as Giuseppe. He was thinking of those sentences from the Amgot notebook: "Don't play favorites. . . . Be careful about invitations. . . ."

"Why, hello," the Major said. "Haven't seen the quail yet," Captain Purvis said. "The old lady's out in the kitchen. She's a honey."

The Major sat down stiffly. Captain Purvis said: "Say, I didn't know you were an old hand around here, you dog. Why don't you tell me about these good things? You old bum, I thought you never did anything but work. Tell me, how are these chickens?"

Major Joppolo said weakly: "I haven't seen the girls, except one of them in church. This is my first time here."

Captain Purvis, who was unquestionably tipsy, said: "Hey, speaking of chickens, I heard one the other day. You remember where Hoover said once that he was going to fix it so there would be a chicken in every pot? Well, I heard the other day that after the U.S. Army was around these Italian towns for a while there was going to be a chicken on every lap."

The Captain roared with laughter. Giuseppe, although he had no idea what the point was, laughed politely. The Major was horrified. Tomasino sat in depressed silence, understanding nothing.

Tomasino's wife came in from the kitchen with a platter of tortone and saved the day. She must have weighed two hundred and fifty pounds. She put the candy down.

Giuseppe jumped to his feet and introduced the Major to Tomasino's wife. Her name was Rosa.

She said in her husky fat lady's voice: "I am delighted to see you here, Mister Major. That wet stone"—she pointed at Tomasino—"almost refused to go and ask you."

Captain Purvis said: "Where are these pretty mackerel the old fish-hound is supposed to have? Say, Major, we got to make a deal here. Giuseppe here says he thinks I'd like the dark one best."

Giuseppe put in a word for his loyalty: "I'm a save a blonde for you, boss."

Major Joppolo really didn't know what to say. Giuseppe said quickly to the fat Rosa, "Where are the girls?"

The mother said: "If you think you can hurry two pretty girls trying to make themselves prettier, you'll find them in the bedroom."

Major Joppolo was alarmed to see Giuseppe get up and go into the bedroom. He wondered what kind of girls these were, anyhow.

But in a few moments Giuseppe came back, leading a girl by each hand. He had apparently explained the situation to the girls, because Tina went directly to Major Joppolo, shook his hand, and sat down beside him, and the dark one, Francesca, went straight to Captain Purvis, shook his hand, and sat down by him.

"Mmm," said Captain Purvis, "not bad." He felt secure in the certainty that the girls did not speak English.

"Take it easy," Major Joppolo said. Tina said in Italian: "I heard you breathing in church last Sunday."

Rosa understood from his gestures what he meant, and she stood up laughing. The tipsy Captain and his huge partner careened around the room. After a couple of turns Rosa collapsed into a chair.

Then Captain Purvis danced with Francesca, and Major Joppolo with Tina. They stamped and laughed and talked above the music until Tomasino said glumly: "You are making too much noise. You will wake the girls."

Tina ran over and toned the radio down a little. "The girls?" the Major said. Tina blushed. She said: "My sister's daughters."

"Francesca's?" "Oh, no, of my sister who is in Rome."

Major Joppolo did not think to ask why the daughters were in Adano and the mother in Rome; or why Tina blushed; or why she did not seem very anxious to talk any more about the sleeping girls.

"Let's dance some more," she said. So they danced until they were both sweating in the midsummer heat.

It was Tina who said: "Some fresh air, Mister Major?" He said: "That would be a good idea."

Tina said: "We can go right out here." She slipped out through wooden shutter doors onto a narrow balcony over the dark street, and the Major followed her.

Tina closed the shutter doors behind the Major. The two stood against the cool iron of the balcony railing and looked up at the dark stars. Tina said: "Do you like it here?"

Major Joppolo said: "I've never been so happy in my life." "That seems strange," Tina said, "when you're so far from home."

"I'm not so far from home, in a way. Florence is almost a home to me. My father and mother were from a little town near Florence."

"Where are you from, in America I mean?" "The Bronx, Tina." "Where is that, the Bronx?" "New York."

"The Bronx is part of New York City?" "Sometimes I think New York City is part of the Bronx."

"Oh, I should love to go there. Is the Bronx beautiful? Is it beautiful for Florentines in the Bronx? How would it be for someone from Adano?"

"For my Florentine parents, I think it is beautiful, yes, it is beautiful. In Italy they were just poor peasants, and you know it is not very beautiful for most of the peasants here. There my father is a waiter. He has a very good job, in the University Club, it is a very nice atmosphere, all the chairs are leather like in the Palazzo and the walls are all paneled. My mother has a washing machine. Father has a car. It is very beautiful for them, I think. For me, it was not always so beautiful."

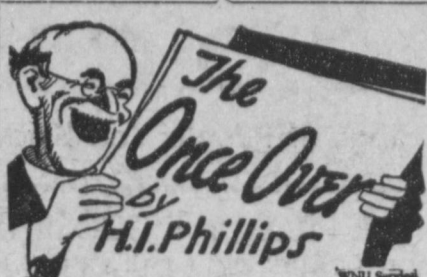
"Why not, Mister Major?" "Well, it's hard to explain. You see, I grew up in America. I could see that the Bronx was not the most beautiful place in America. I always wanted a little more than we had. I don't know, it's hard to explain."

"No," said Tina, "you don't have to explain. I know what it is to be restless. That's why my hair is blonde, I guess."

Major Joppolo made up his mind that Tina's hair was dyed. But he didn't expect her to talk about it.

Tina sensed his embarrassment. "Oh, my hair is not natural, Mister Major. I dyed it because I was not satisfied. My dark hair was my Bronx. Every one had dark hair. I wanted something different."

(TO BE CONTINUED)



The Once Over by H.I. Phillips

It's All Done by Mirrors

Every day more business men join those calling for a cut in prices or else. For which they get a cheer from the consumer who is today just a fellow out to have his pockets vacuumed.

The death of O.P.A. turned out to be merely a signal to remove the roof and take away the life nets. And in some quarters a complaint now brings the reply, "Doncher know there's a PEACE on?"

You can get a boy's suit today for what it used to cost to clothe a male quartette, including extra pants. An adult's vest costs more than a spring wardrobe used to cost. If you go forth for hats, shoes and underwear you need to take along a financial agent.

The loaf of bread brings what strawberry shortcake used to command. Fancy bakers get \$1.50 for a pie. The man who used to give Junior a couple of cookies now puts a padlock on the cookie barrel at the approach of juvenile life. Our butcher charged us the other day for a lump of suet to throw to the birds!

A soup bunch now costs so much one often wonders whether a few orchids wouldn't be a better buy. If you are thinking of buying a cigar, hold everything! Thirty cents buys a stogie that the old-time nickel cigar maker wouldn't have used in an election campaign. They are even charging for those little packets of matches.

The \$10,000 that once built a substantial three-story house with plenty of nails, no chiseling on the cement and banisters that didn't come off in your hand, now gets you a bungalow that needs anchors to windward. You can put up a one-car garage for what a one-family house used to cost, with a barn in the rear.

If you want a new automobile the dealer makes it harder by a trade-in racket where he compels you to trade in your old car at a price that guarantees you a loss and him an extra profit. Gasoline is up to an all-time high. Nobody will wash a fiver for less than \$2.50, even if you bring your own water.

It strikes this department that the Ultimate Consumer is in greater need of protection than Canadian geese, American songbirds and wild life in general.

Depression? Bring it on! Prosperity is too complicated.

The latest horse movie is called "Stallion Road." There will, of course, be a "Son of Stallion Road." It is getting so a horse won't do a thing for a man these days unless the man can promise, "I can get you into pictures."

VERDICT The trouble with the world today is too much baloney, and too much baloney, I say, is a zipper for each Bazoos. Tom, the office cat.

Nylons now are being made from corn cobs, and U. S. M. wants to know if they are the kind that make legs look like pipstems.

The Old Routine The draft has ended. We hear that General Hershey, the head man, will take a vacation, spending it playing the numbers game, looking at goldfish bowls in store windows, etc.

Listening to many of the radio comedians' scripts for the past couple of months leads to but one conclusion: The writers are enjoying a big laugh at the expense of the performers.

We have a couple of new names for the United Nations headquarters in New York. Hopeful Heights, for one. And how about Peace or Else Manor?

We know a fellow who made so much money easy that it is said he must have been born with a ticket to a radio jackpot program in his mouth.

"Screen Writers Ask More Money."—headline. Just in case their clients sue 'em for damages.

Four Base Hit Coming Babe Ruth is to appear in a movie written around his life. The script obviously will have to have socko.

We understand that the Ruth appearance in film will not be called "The Bat."

The Journal of American Dentistry charges that the army dental corps was unfairly handled by brass hats. You couldn't get anywhere without a pull.

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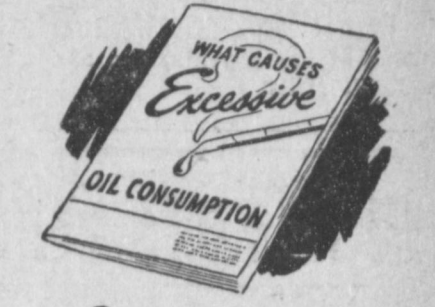


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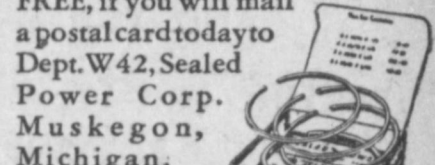
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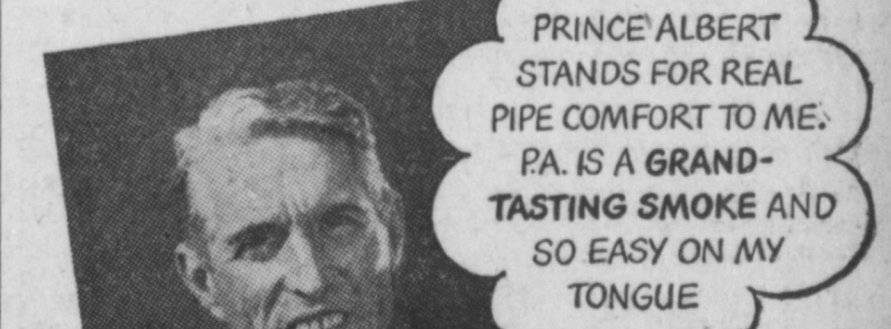
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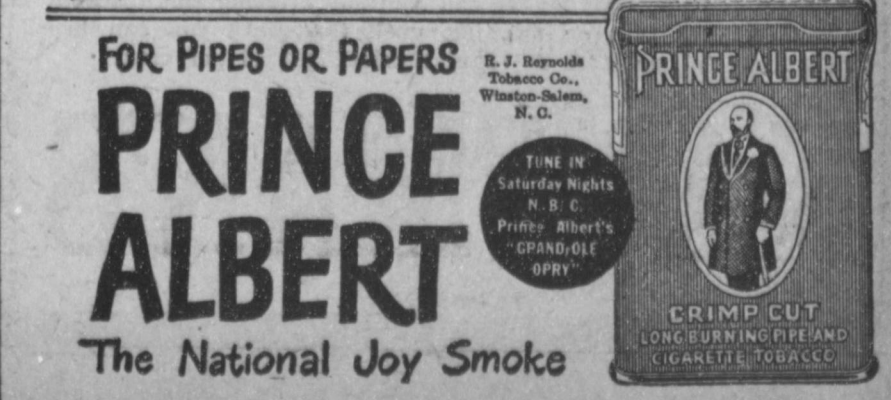
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**V.F.W. AUXILIARY INITIATES ONE**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars initiated Mrs. Aloise Russell as a member and Mrs. Ruth McShan, president, promptly appointed her one of four color bearers at the Auxiliary meeting Monday night.

Other color bearers appointed were Mrs. Rosa Mullinax, Mrs. Cleo Townsend, and Mrs. Georgia Haynes. Mrs. Romaine Ammons was appointed musician.

Fourteen women were present including seven officers. The group presented Mrs. McShan with gifts of linen, honoring her birthday.

Mrs. Chester Johnson of Port Lavaca and her daughter, Sue Ann, spent several days last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills.

**PARISH SURPRISES NEW PRIEST HERE**

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic church gathered at the rectory, Friday night following services for a surprise reception for their new pastor, Father Ordner.

Nearly 50 persons attended. Refreshments of cookies and cold drinks were enjoyed.

**MAY 7 SET AS DATE FOR BENEFIT PARTY**

The Altar Society of Sacred Heart Catholic church has set May 7 as the date for its benefit card party at Catholic Hall, Mrs. Urban Hemmi announced this week. Mrs. Hemmi said that admission will be 50 cents per person and that all are invited. Play will start at 8 p. m.

**Society**

Doings of People You Know In Aransas County

**SENIOR PROM AT GOOSE ISLAND PARK TO HIGHLIGHT GRADUATION SEASON EVENTS NEXT WEEK; JUNIORS ENJOY OUTING**

The Senior Prom, to be held next Thursday night, will highlight the graduation season event for Rockport High School students this coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson will be hosts to the class and will be assisted by other Senior Class mothers. Mrs. Johnson is class home room mother.

The affair will be held at the concession hall at Goose Island State Park, and dancing to recorded music will start at 8. Mrs. Johnson plans to serve the young people with punch and cookies and for the decoration of the hall to be carried out in the class colors, maroon and gold, and the class flower, gladioli.

This week on Thursday night, the Junior Class enjoyed a weiner roast at Goose Island, followed by games around the fire and dancing later at the concession hall. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John Ramseur, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamblin and Mrs. Roy Hinton. The student committee in charge of arrangements is Wilber Hamblin, Jean Hinton and Norman McLead.

On Saturday night the Future Homemakers of America will hold a teen-agers' dance at the Beach Club especially for High School students. Shirley Ratisseau is chairman. The class advisory board, mothers of class members, and their husbands will assist at the door. The board consists of Mesdames, Charles F. Cron, J. W. Wilkinson, Clyde Townsend, L. V. McLester, Henry Ballou, John Haynes, B. W. Hamblin.

Mrs. S. F. Jackson is visiting in Ingleside in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Evans Corbin, who is ill.

**EIGHTH GRADE HAS BANQUET AND PARTY AT H. E. COTTAGE**

Students of the eighth grade in Rockport school celebrated their grade school graduation season last Friday night with a formal banquet and party at the Home Economics cottage at the school grounds.

Decorations of both the room and the tables carried out the Hawaiian theme. The same theme was carried out in the costumes of the four seventh grade girls who served as waitresses, Norma Lou Rowe, Dorothy Baker, Rosa Faye Hamblin, and Carol Townsend.

The menu included pineapple juice, roast turkey with cranberry sauce and dressing, buttered peas, Waldorf salad, pickles and olives, ice cream with chocolate sauce, angel food squares, and iced tea.

John Paul Reece was master of ceremonies and the invocation was given by Pete Ramirez. The program consisted of: a toast by Principal T. Houston Foster and a response by Jimmy Simmons; a song, "Hawaiian Moon," by Peggy Owens, Alice Bell, Leora Roope, Laverene Wright, Ernestine Jordan, Vanda Smith, Nancy Ingersoll, and Virginia Mendiola, accompanied by Majorie Hunt; class history by Kathryn Atwood; clarinet solo, "Ciribiribin," by Glenda McShan; class will by Laverene Wright; a song, "Cielito Lindo," by Manuela Castro, Bedelia Dominguez and Virginia Mendiola; class prophecy by Mary Ann Close; talks by Supt. J. F. Harbin and High School Principal Owen James. The class joined in singing "Aloha Oe," in unison.

The banquet was followed by a social period spent in dancing and in games.

Sponsors of the banquet were Mrs. Gordon Gunter and Mrs. Walton Rundlett, eighth grade home room teachers. Those attending were: Supt. and Mrs. Harbin, Mr.

**MRS. RICHARD FOX HONORS MISS SMITH**

Mrs. Richard Fox honored her niece, Miss Colleen Smith, a member of this year's High School graduating class, with a bridge party Friday night at her home.

Mrs. Fox was assisted by the honoree's mother, Mrs. Austin Smith, and Mrs. Henry Ballou.

The refreshment trays were centered with apples, porcupine with olives, and the hostess served tuna salad, cheese creams, potatoes Julienne, gold cake squares and Coca-Cola.

High score was held by Wilbern Hamblin, and second high by Wilma Rouquette. The traveling prize was won by Mary Lou McLester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox presented Miss Smith with a fitted make-up case as a graduation gift.

Guests present were Mary Elsie Rowe, Patti Ballou, Wilma Rouquette, Bonnie Cron, Lucille Haynes, Mary Lou McLester, Ruby Mae Wilkinson, Wilbern Hamblin, Mildred Wilkinson, Joan Collins, Jean Hinton and Miss Smith.

James, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Gunter, Mrs. Rundlett, Mrs. Hays Atwood, Mrs. W. F. Close, Mrs. Gene Shults, and these students:

Laverene Wright, Ernestine Jordan, Stephen Atwood, Lee Billings, David Evans, Max Keller, Milton McKinley, Wilbert Padier, Calton Saleh, Jimmy Simmons, Richard Simpson, James Small, Glafiro Solis, Gene Sprinkle, Wilford Stout, Leslie Young,

Leroy Bateman, Manuela Castro, Mary Ann Close, Bedelia Dominguez, Virginia Easter, Virginia Mendiola, Peggy Joyce Owens, Emilio Rinche, Alice Pearl Robinson, Leora Roope, Berta Gene Shults, Gene Sprinkle, Chris Rooke, Travis Barnett, Urban Chuper,

Robert Ehler, Gilbert Falcon, John Freeman, Duane Freeze, Daniel Garcia, Frank Garza, Carroll Jones, Bobby Little, John McBride, Pete Ramirez, Jr., John Paul Reese, Leon Thornton, Kathryn Atwood, Alice Bell, Ruby Mae Casey, Jo Ann Dupnik, Betty Lou Garrett, Charlotte Gunter, Marjorie Hunt, Nancy Ingersoll, Glenda McShan, Vaunda Smith, Joyce Nell Townsend.

T. C. Kelly, Cleveland Kelly, and Carl Kelly made a business trip to San Antonio Monday. Carl Kelly remained for a short visit with relatives there.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PLANS BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MAY 8**

Participating in a statewide anniversary observance, the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in Rockport will celebrate its 25th birthday May 8.

The "birthday party" will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson at 8 p. m.

Mrs. N. F. Jackson and Mrs. Fred Brundrett will assist as hostesses.

Guests will include the Auxiliary members and their husbands and some invited guests.

The devotional program will be presented by Mrs. T. H. Pollard and Mrs. Fred Clobberdants. Festivities will include a Maypole dance and spring songs by the children of the primary and beginners' Sunday school classes.

The two circles of the Auxiliary had completed reorganization this week. Circle No. 1 met at the home of its chairman, Mrs. Harry Mills, at Lamar Thursday. Mrs. Herbert Mills was the program leader. Mrs. James B. Jackson is co-chairman and Mrs. Otto B. Knippa is the newly elected secretary-treasurer.

Circle No. 2 met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Henry Bailey. Mrs. Hugh Morrison, chairman, presided. Mrs. Marshall Hunt, a new member, conducted the devotional and instructional program, and upon her suggestion the Circle adopted, as a project, the increasing attendance at Sunday night services this summer.

Mrs. Somer Smith was elected secretary - treasurer, and Mrs. Hugh V. Haddock, a new member, was elected reporter. Eighteen persons were present.

**CEMETERY GROUP IN MEMORIAL DAY PLAN**

The Rockport Cemetery Association laid preliminary plans for a Memorial Day service Monday afternoon at a meeting at the home of Misses Velma and Vivian Picton. Announcement of the details, however, will be withheld until fully worked out, said Mrs. S. F. Jackson, who reported the proceedings.

Mrs. Pat Hooper, grounds chairman, reported that a general clean-up of the cemetery is in progress with paid labor.

Mrs. John Sorenson, president of the association presided. One guest, Mrs. Doris Cloyd of Hereford, Tex., was present in addition to the members.

**SHOWER HONORS MRS. S. P. ROATEN**

Mrs. Tom Shults, Mrs. Robert Key and Mrs. Jack Blackwell honored Mrs. S. P. Roaten with a party and miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Shults Tuesday night.

The evening was spent in games and contests. The hostess served sandwiches, potato chips, cake, choice of coffee or tea, and after dinner mints.

Guests were Mesdames Mabel Bryant, Simon Lee Sorenson, Richard Fox, Reid Simmons, Iva Hague, Austin Smith, Lloyd Smith, C. N. Jones, W. E. Beasley, Ernest Russell, Urban Hemmi, A. O. Freeman, Hugh V. Haddock, L. W. Hunt, John McLester, Elbert Munday, H. C. Mullinax, J. M. Roden, and Miss Mollie Sparks.

**METHODISTS ATTEND CUERO MEETING**

Rev. W. B. Wheeler and three members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church from Rockport attended the district organization meeting of the society at Cuero last week.

Those making the trip in addition to Rev. Wheeler, were Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. C. C. Loveless and Mrs. Joe Smith.

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**This 10 Per Cent Discount On All Purchases Begins Friday, May 2nd**

This offer will continue at least until May 10th — and, we hope through the cooperation of our customers, wholesalers and distributors that we can continue these price reductions; and, perhaps, through this effort help bring about further reductions in the whole cost of living and a stabilized economy over our nation.

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1/4 teasp. pepper shrimp

Beat eggs with a fork. Add water, salt and pepper and mix well. Melt butter in a skillet (9 or 10 inches), add egg mixture and place over high heat. With a fork, lift the edges of the omelet so the uncooked egg runs to the bottom, occasionally shaking the skillet to keep the omelet from sticking. When bottom is cooked and lightly browned and top is still slightly soft, remove from the heat. Sprinkle shrimp over omelet, then fold the omelet out onto a hot platter, rolling the shrimp up inside. Serve at once with a vegetable salad for lunch or supper. This is a true French omelet. And its success depends on cooking and serving it quickly. Makes 6 servings.

**CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY**

W. A. Brundrett celebrated his eightieth birthday April 24 with a birthday dinner at his home in Ingleside. His granddaughters, Mrs. R. D. French of Corpus Christi and Mrs. D. S. Mills of Rockport, and their children Mary Lee, Judy, and Dick French and Roy, Rex, and Bob Mills helped him celebrate.

Mr. and Mrs. Brundrett celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 5.

**"Pyorrhea" May Follow Neglect**

Did you ever see an attractive person with irritated "GUMS"? Druggists refund money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to help. Ballard Drug Store, successor to A. L. Bruhl.

**500 CLUB MEETS AT LASSITER HOME**

The 500 Club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Lassiter. High score was tallied by Mrs. Henry Camehl and Mrs. Bruce Winkle. Mrs. Lyle Diederich was initiated as a new member. Others present were Mesdames Julius Malcher, Marvin Davis, Otis Yates, Jack Davis, Mollye Davis.

**YOUNG PEOPLE MEET**

The Presbyterian Young People gathered at the manse Wednesday evening for their study and social period. The program included a skit, "A Job For You—Working for a King," and a study of the theme for the coming year, a missionary year: "Here Am I; Send Me."

Mrs. J. W. Townsend returned home Saturday after spending a week in San Antonio.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: Mabel Shilling Collins, and Harry E. Collins, her husband, Carroll Shilling, Carroll Le Duque (otherwise known as Carroll La Duque) and Joe Anderson, defendants, greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Aransas County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of June A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 14th day of Dec. A. D. 1945, in this cause, numbered 2356 on the docket of said court and styled Rufus Shilling, et al Plaintiffs, vs. Mabel Shilling Collins, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiffs, Rufus Shilling and Aileen Caldwell, and the defendants herein named are all of the heirs of Mrs. C. H. Shilling, deceased, who, at the time of her death, owned Lot six (6) in Block Two Hundred Twenty-Five (225) in the City of Aransas Pass; Lot Nineteen (19), Block Three Hundred Eleven (311), City of Aransas Pass; Lot Fifteen (15), Block Six Hundred Thirty-One (631), City of Aransas Pass; Lot Sixteen (16), Block Seven Hundred Forty (740) City of Aransas Pass and Lot One (1), Block Two Hundred Eleven (211) Burton and Danforth Sub-division of San Patricio County and Aransas County, Texas. Such land is under lease and funds therefrom are deposited in State National Bank of Corpus Christi, Texas. No administration is pending on the estate of Mrs. C. H. Shilling, deceased. Plaintiffs have paid all funeral expenses and expenses of last illness, together with taxes due on such property and other lands totaling One Thousand One Hundred Fifteen (1,115.00) Dollars. Plaintiffs, claim a lien against such property for such funds and claim they are entitled to a division of such property. Plaintiffs pray for foreclosure of their lien, order of sale, and for division of the property remaining after such lien is satisfied, together with costs of suit and general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this the 26th day of April A. D. 1947.

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JAS. C. HERRING, Clerk,  
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**DELEGATION GOES TO ARANSAS PASS**

A large delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Rockport attended the meeting of the Bluebonnet Association at Aransas Pass last Saturday. The local lodges were represented on the program with readings by Miss Nancy and Cloyde Hayden.

Attending from Rockport were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cloberdants, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. May; Mesdames Nannie Deane, Frances Harrist, Annie Evans, Corrine Zawadzky, Loretta Raulerson, Edith Baugh, Annie Jacobson, Gladys Kelly, Jennie Wright, Somerville Ballou, Will Rook, Floy Rook, Leora Young, Ina Posey; Misses Katie Lee Clarke, Gussie Deane, Patricia Evans, Hazel Lassiter, Nancy Hayden, Jo Helen May; Messrs Gene Baugh, Ben J. M. Cloberdants, Carl Kelly, Dan Gilstrap.

The Rebekah Lodge was entertained Tuesday night of this week with an "automobile party" where games and contests were concerned with automobiles. The party followed the regular session of the lodge, and three birthdays were celebrated by the affair—those of Mrs. Fannie Townsend, Mrs. Raulerson, and Mrs. Pearl Wright.

Ice cream and cake were served to 36 guests. In charge of arrangements was the following committee: Mrs. T. C. Kelly, Mrs. Ballou, Mrs. Guy Barber, Mrs. Romaine Ammons, Mrs. Bennie Earp, Fred Cloberdants and Robert Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Keefe and daughter, Kerie, of Dallas, and Johnnie Flores of San Antonio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Nichols at the last weekend and took nice strings of fish back home with them. Currently visiting the Nicholases is Miss Isabel Forster of San Antonio.

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**NEW YORK WRITER AND WIFE GUESTS**

George Scullin, New York writer and editor, Mrs. Scullin and their small son, Dean, were guests in Rockport over the week-end and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh V. Haddock at Sunday night dinner.

The table was laid about a centerpiece of marine shells and wild flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell joined the group following dinner.

Mr. Scullin has served variously as editor of True Magazine, Hillman Periodicals, True Detective Mysteries, Startling Detective Magazine and others and, as such, has had an extended literary association with the Haddocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Scullin left Rockport Monday for Houston. They expect to be back in New York shortly after May 1.

**BRIDGE CLUB AT PICTON HOME**

Mrs. Charles T. Picton was hostess this week to the Wednesday Bridge Club. Mrs. Fred B. Hunt made high score and Mrs. Dick Picton second high. The hostess served a salad course.

Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries was a guest and the following members played: Mesdames Howard Mills, A. L. Bruhl, Fred Booth, James Sorenson, L. M. Bracht, Travis Johnson, Dick Picton, Fred B. Hunt, A. R. Curry, L. E. Sanders and Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rintz and Rintz's mother, Mrs. W. J. Moss family of Sinton visited Mrs. of Rockport, Sunday.

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Man About Town:

Your Broadway and Mine: Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen discussing the finer points of philosophy with Ray, the parking lot attendant, opposite the Roxy. . . . Mary Pickford celebrating her birthday anniversary in New York for the first time since she became a Somebody. . . . Peggy Ann Garner, the film star, gets phone calls from Lord Anthony Furness from London. He's nearly 17. . . . J. Walter Thompson's messenger is John Walton of the Social Register. They are calling it Carnazi hall. . . . Billy Kenny's Ink Spots have a \$150,000 offer for a 10 weeks' tour of England. . . . Did you know the Patrolmen's Benevolent association has a neat investment in the swanky Hampshire House? So cops hear. . . . Vic Mature now is going to beddie by midnight. Says rest is more important than women. Silly bwoy! . . . Lip-Tric is the name of that amazing lip rouge stain remover. Men will buy it more than the other sex!

Weather reports by phone (discontinued because of the strike) forced folks to the inconvenience of looking out the window to see whether or not it would rain.

The Late Watch: Britain is waiting for the announcement of Princess Elizabeth's betrothal to Prince Phil of Greece. The inside on how that romance "broke": When Mountbatten (not thinking) mentioned it at a cocktail party of Fleet street bigheads. . . . British scientists are doing their darndest to keep close tab on a Russky scientist named Peter Kapitza. Said to be working on atom energy (via cosmic ray action) since 1935. Peter has "Our Brains Dept." plenty worried. . . . Big jewel job in Palm Beach will make messy headlines from the swanky East Side. . . . Two more liberal commentators are slated for the Shirer treatment before May 30. . . . Peter Rotonda (Stork Toscanini) has composed an ear-caresser publishers should grab. "Stork Club Blues," a pip.

Women's Wear reports department store sales ('46) were nine-billion - nine - hundred - million. 'Imagine what they'd be if you could buy what you want? . . . Signs of What Times? They say Saks sold a dozen \$500 men's overcoats in one day.

Sallies in Our Alley: Pixad, the new gimmick in technicolor (stop a roof in Times Square), is stopping traffic a la a New Year's Eve crush —it's that clever. . . . There's no biz like show biz item: The circus advertises "tickets admitting to everything (including seats)". . . . Seen lunching at Lindy's—Bob Sylvester, the drama editor, just after finishing a radio program called: "Luncheon at Sardi's". . . . The G-Men now have a gadget which they can tune in on your boudoir secrets and hear every whisper from parked cars half a mile from the scene. Unless you know how to "jam" it and cause static. . . . Swing street (52nd) isn't so swiny any more. Since the Onyx became Ruby's (a restaurant without horns) that street now has 11 eateries and 9 night clubs. . . . The war department nix'd Communist leader William Z. Foster's application for a jaunt through Germany—for the Daily Communist.

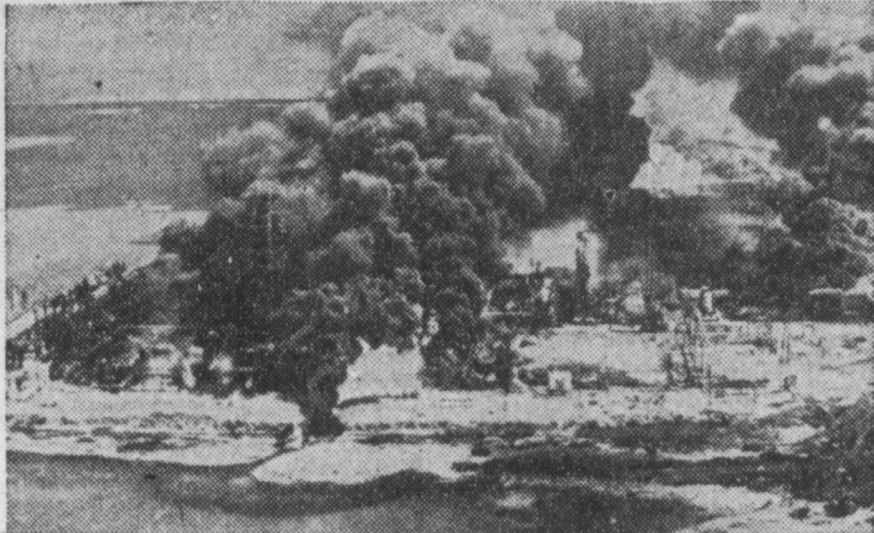
Ironical Item: While the cancer society was meeting in the Astor (with atom scientists) to discuss cancelling cancer, another meeting upstairs was held by casket manufacturers.

Congress is doing its usual sloppy thinking on outlawing the Communist party. . . . No legislation can stop a political belief; but the Communist agents (outside of Russia) are doing far more than acting as political sympathizers. . . . They are acting as spies and agents, and their objective is not conversion, but sabotage and destruction. . . . The Bill of Rights was not designed as protection for any foreign military spies. . . . Let's wake up. . . . Foreign agents are not a political question. . . . They are a military problem. . . . They are not engaged in planting the seeds of Communism in American minds. . . . They are much more interested in where to plant atom bombs in American cities.

Broadway Ballad for Don Wahn; (By Don Tooting): For years and years I've read your poignant verse. . . . You sure have had a most distressful time. . . . And, Kid, when matters got from bad to worse—you always put your sorrow into rhyme. . . . The faded rose—the Inns that are no more. . . . The Gentle Maid whose kisses haunt you still. . . . I do not state that you are Quite a Bore. . . . I merely think that you should take a pill. . . . If Inns are closed, then Inns are closed, Old Boy. . . . If Gals are Gone—you'll never get 'em back! . . . Now Spring has come and Spring should bring you joy. . . . But still you center on the same wet track. . . . Instead of mourning for these dizzy lasses. . . . Why don't you take some Sulphur & Molasses?

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS Explosion Kills Hundreds; New Trouble in Palestine; Moscow Meeting a Failure

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Thick black smoke gushed from burning chemicals in the Monsanto Chemical company plant in Texas City, Texas, one of the first factories to be demolished by explosion and fire in the devastated city.

TEXAS CITY BLAST: Chaos Prevails

The explosion of the French freighter Grandcamp in a slip in Galveston bay, Texas City, Tex., was followed in rather fast order by explosion of the freighter High Flyer, as well as other explosions. Both ships were laden with tons of ammonium nitrate.

It may be weeks before any reliable facts can be secured—even as to the origin of the first blast. Hundreds lost their lives, the injured may reach thousands and property damage of millions is certain. The loss to the Monsanto Chemical plant, in immediate vicinity of the initial explosion of the French vessel, will reach 20 million dollars.

Prompt assistance by state officials, federal authorities and Red Cross units as well as Houston, Galveston and other Texas firefighters and police, the cooperation of air lines, railroads and doctors, nurses and ambulance workers, prevented the loss in life from reaching several hundred more.

PALESTINE: Reprisals Expected

Underground organizations have threatened reprisals for the hanging of four of their number as terrorists. Some four hundred thousand Jews are under house arrest in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. They are forced to remain indoors during the curfew period unless they have special permits. The Irgun Zvai Leumi organization has promised to hang 10 British for every Jew executed.

British military authorities are bracing themselves for trouble that is bound to come when the curfew is lifted. Jewish moderates are caught between the British mandated government, which they consider illegal, and the underground terrorist "government," also illegal.

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Wine Sales Dropping

Too high prices, too large inventories and declining buying power among the lower income groups have combined to cause a decided slump in retail wine sales, dealers say. From 15 to 75 per cent less wine is being bought in 12 representative cities. The price is the main objection, dealers admit. Those who used to pay \$1.50 a quart now refuse to pay more than 80 cents.

MOSCOW: No Agreement

The conference between U. S. Secretary of State Marshall and Premier Stalin has achieved little or nothing, in the opinion of American diplomats in Moscow. The deadlock between Russian and United States delegations in the Council of Foreign Ministers seems no nearer to solution. Basic disagreements on the German peace treaty are too great, it is thought, for any easy or rapid agreement.

This pessimistic view does not exclude the possibility that some minor concessions may be made by the Russians for propaganda purposes. It is not believed likely, however, that anything important will be achieved at this session. Hope that the Austrian treaty would be completed has pretty well faded.

Main stumbling block in all the treaty negotiations is the Russian demand for huge reparations. If the Russians would retreat somewhat from their position, some arrangement might be worked out, it is admitted.

While there is considerable justification for calling this conference a failure, American diplomats point out that certain fundamental issues have been aired, and that Secretary Marshall has had an opportunity to present American policy to Russia and the world.

JAPAN: War Dead, 2 Million

Official reports on Japanese military losses place the dead at more than two million. This is exclusive of 675,000 civilians killed on the home islands. Release of the figures comes as a shock to the Japs, who had no idea casualties would run so high.

A standard reference work gives 468,855 as the number killed in battle, scarcely a fourth of what now is considered the true toll. Jap army statistics admitted that 752,129 were killed. To this must be added an estimated 608,700 long missing, who are presumably dead, making the army's true loss 1,360,829 men. This latter figure is more than 30 per cent of the 4,418,971 men sent abroad. Nearly 300,000 more died in eight years of sporadic fighting in China.

Youthful Leader



Although only 40 years old, Sir Edwin Noel Plowden has been entrusted with the gigantic task of supervising Britain's recovery plans. He has been a successful business executive, and was in the ministry of economic warfare.

Atomic Control Possible Now

Article 51 of the United Nations charter provides a basis for possible compromise on an atomic energy control plan which bypasses the veto problem. "If it could be agreed that illicit production or storing of fissionable materials constitutes evidence of intent to commit armed attack, then nations could automatically, once a violation had been certified, proceed to take enforcement action without waiting for explicit Security Council approval," points out Dr. Fox.

HIGHER PRICES: Sloan Says So

Still higher prices are coming soon, according to one of the top flight business executives of the country—Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of General Motors corporation. In a speech before the Economic club of New York, Sloan blamed demands of union laborers for wage increases.

"It is clear a new national wage pattern is being formed, he said and that business cannot meet higher wages and make price reductions at the same time. He admitted that lowering of prices is a "badly needed" change. Any enterprise that can absorb wage boosts without raising prices should do so, he advocated, but he added that few could do so. Burdensome taxes also prevent substantial price reductions, he said.

It is the price level of farm produce, not of manufactured goods, that is most out of line, Sloan declared. In all likelihood, he predicted, consumer resistance to high price in the perishable goods lines, particularly foods, will bring "a more or less serious decline in general business volume before final adjustment is made."

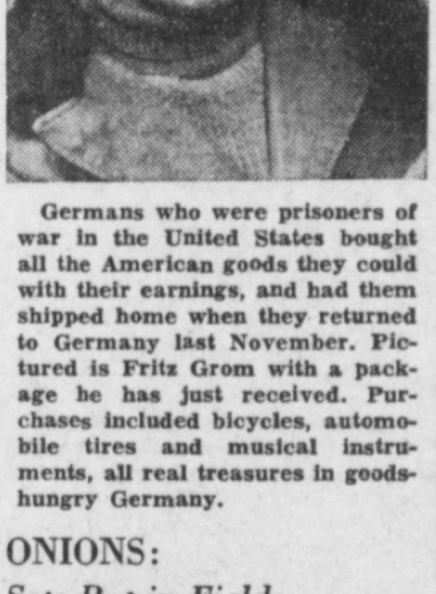
CHINA: New Premier

T. V. Soong's successor as premier of China is Gen. Chang Chun. On taking office he promised to continue his strong anti-Communist line, and to work toward development of the country by peaceful industrialization.

He has been active on two committees seeking to end the civil war. Besides his military duties, he was governor of Szechwan province. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, virtual dictator of China, has been grooming General Chang for at least a year for the high post he now holds.

The change of premiers has been expected for some time. Some factions have been demanding Soong's removal since the government-Communist truce. They claim Soong was partially responsible for failure of the treaty.

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Germans who were prisoners of war in the United States bought all the American goods they could with their earnings, and had them shipped home when they returned to Germany last November. Pictured is Fritz Grom with a package he has just received. Purchases included bicycles, automobile tires and musical instruments, all real treasures in goods-hungry Germany.

ONIONS: Sets Rot in Fields

Too high prices for onion sets are threatening the crop throughout the nation, according to members of the Tri-state Onion Set exchange. This cooperative sales organization handles business for nearly 90 per cent of the country's onion set raisers. Its members live in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

DEWEY IN '48: GOP's Favor Him

A poll among members of the Republican national committee, state committee chairmen and vice chairmen reveals that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is most popular choice as presidential candidate next year. Sen. Robert Taft came in second, Harold Stassen, third, and Senator Vandenberg, fourth.

The poll, which was conducted by the Chicago Daily News, was compared with votes at the Republican convention in 1944. Dewey is favored now in the same sections that he was then.

Baruch Urges 44-Hour Week

A five and a half day work week of 44 hours is advocated by Bernard Baruch, famous advisor to Presidents. He said in a recent speech that the world can "only get going if men work. If we expect to accept the challenge to preserve civilization, it means greater effort than we exerted during the war." Besides the longer work week, Baruch urged that there be no strikes nor layoffs before January 1, 1949, in order to increase production.

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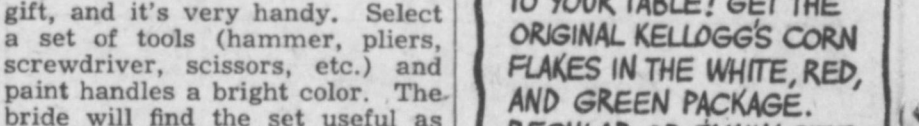
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### 18 Cases Communicable Diseases in County

Eighteen cases of communicable diseases were reported from Aransas County for the week ending April 19, the State Health Department's morbidity report shows. Of these, four were chickenpox and four were mumps. Influenza was reported in ten cases. These last, however, did not include the cases in which no physician was called.

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By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Aransas County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 18th day of February, 1947, in favor of J. M. Sparks against the defendants, John L. Sipes, C. C. Thomson and wife, Gladys Thomson, Ray W. Osterson and wife, Ida Belle Osterson, Henry S. Koehler, B. W. Hamblin doing business as Rockport Electric Company and Helen White's Ready-to-Wear, in the case of J. M. Sparks vs. John L. Sipes, et al, No. 2406 in such Court, I did on the 9th day of April, 1947 at 11:15 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Aransas, State of Texas, as the property of the said John L. Sipes, C. C. Thomson and wife, Gladys Thomson, Ray W. Osterson and wife, Ida Belle Osterson, Henry S. Koehler, B. W. Hamblin doing business as Rockport Electric Company and Helen White's Ready-to-Wear, to-wit: Lot No. Two (2), Block No. Nine (9), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the official map of record in Volume E, page 272 of the deed Records of Aransas County Texas, and on the 6th day of May, 1947, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said John L. Sipes, C. C. Thomson and wife, Gladys Thomson, Ray W. Osterson and wife, Ida Belle Osterson, Henry S. Koehler, B. W. Hamblin doing business as Rockport Electric Company and Helen White's Ready-to-Wear in and to said property.

DATED at Rockport, Texas, this 9th day of April, 1947.  
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### Texas City Expresses Thanks for Help

Thanks from Texas City for Rockport's gift of \$529 for disaster relief was expressed this week through the Veterans of Foreign Wars who motivated the gift.

Acting Commander Harvey McGinnis of the Texas City post, wrote F. C. Simpson, service officer of the Rockport post. Of the total, the V. F. W. gave \$100 from their treasury, and the remaining \$429 was contributed by other Rockport citizens.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY H. HALL, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Mary H. Hall, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned on the 7th day of April, 1947, by the County Court of Aransas County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and Post Office address are Rockport, County of Aransas, State of Texas.

A. C. GLASS,  
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### Warm Springs to Expand Work

Through the cooperation of the members of the Texas State Dental Society, the facilities and program of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children are being expanded to render even more comprehensive service to Texas polio victims, President Ross Boothe announced this week.

The Texas State Dental Society, under the direction of its president, Dr. C. B. Lynn of Austin, is sponsoring the establishment of fully-equipped dental facilities at Texas' comprehensive center for the treatment of polio.

Individual members of the society and affiliated district societies are raising funds to construct quarters and provide the latest type of equipment for the dental room at the Foundation. In addition, the Society, through its Guadalupe Valley District, is pledged to provide the professional assistance in operating the clinic.

"We feel that this is an important addition to our program of services to Texas polio victims," President Boothe commented. "Many of our patients come from families unaccustomed to regular dental services and are in urgent need of dental attention at time of arrival. They remain at the Foundation for several months and often need dental service, which if not given, can retard response to the treatments.

The dental facilities will be located in the new 40-bed air-conditioned treatment building donated by the citizens of Fort Worth.

Currently under construction at the Foundation's Treatment Center, located adjacent to Gonzales-Highway 29, are three new build-Palmetto State Park just off ings representing an investment of approximately a half-million dollars.

The new units are the Fort Worth Unit, another 40-bed treatment unit donated by the citizens of Houston, and a wheelchair chapel, school and theatre unit donated by Margaret and Wilhelmina Cullen, daughters of H. R. Cullen, Houston oilman and philanthropist. All new units are completely air-conditioned and will increase the capacity of the Foundation to more than 450 patients a year.



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### Marvin Townsend to Have Bone Graft

Marvin Townsend of Palacios, son of Mrs. J. W. Townsend, is soon to undergo a bone graft in a Houston hospital as the result of an arm injury last September. Townsend, an employee of the Shell Oil Co., was hurt last September when his arm was twisted around a shaft and broken. Steel plates were used to splice the bone and the arm healed improperly. Doctors plan now to take a portion of his hip bone and graft into

### Vet Group in Korea Asks Legion Charter

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—An application has been received at National Headquarters for the charter of an American Legion post at Seoul, Korea. It was signed by 65 World War II veterans. Many of them are still in service. Others are civilian employees of the War Department.

the injured elbow. Townsend and his wife and two children visited with his mother here Sunday.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### We Got to the Fish Fry After All

That community fish fry was sure a great success. There were plenty of appetizing extras, and Will Dudley did a right wonderful job of frying the fish—soft and flaky inside—brown and crisp around the edges.

But we didn't get to go. The missus was tired after working in the yard, and we just didn't want to leave her.

Then how did we know the fish was so good? Because the folks didn't forget us. They sent Skippy Henderson over with two steam-

ing covered plates of fish, and a pitcher of cool, sparkling beer. And we finished them off in front of our own fire.

From where I sit, that's one of the things that makes our town so nice a place to live in: a spirit of share and share alike. That plate of fish and glass of beer weren't just great eating, they were symbols of the thoughtfulness that makes for better living!

Joe Marsh

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**Drive Launched For Gymnasium**

(Continued from page 1)

young people should have a part. "No matter what we call it," Harbin said, "this building will be dedicated to the service of the young people of this town. Every penny put into it will be an investment in Rockport."

Rev. T. H. Pollard, pastor of the Presbyterian church gave the plan his unqualified blessing. "Something of that type is essential for our young people," Rev. Pollard said, "and setting it up under supervision of the school is the ideal situation. It solves a lot of problems."

President T. C. Kelly of the Board of Education is another who feels strongly.

"The only thing that I asked myself when I looked at the building down at Harlingen—you know it's a huge structure — was how far our money would go toward getting it to Rockport and set up on the school ground," he said. He agreed with Board Member Hugh Morrison in declaring that "if Rockport can't swing this deal, it might as well fold up."

**WHAT WE GET**

The Rockport Board of Education, capitalizing on investigation done by Kelly and Supt. Harbin, managed to freeze out competing towns and obtain the big Harlingen Air Base gymnasium from the federal government for \$175.

For that money they got a building 99 by 160 feet, a structure as large as any in Rockport. The building is two stories high. It contains a hard maple floor, 60 by 110 feet, that would cost several thousand dollars in itself. The building has extra classrooms, showers, plumbing, its own heat-

ing plant. Estimated cost of duplicating the structure now is \$85,000.

**MANY USES**

Cost of moving and re-erection here raised the present need. That cost is approximately \$31,000, or some \$3,000 more than the school district has for the erection of a gymnasium.

The building will satisfy several urgent needs here.

It will provide classrooms to take next year's freshman class in high school, the largest freshman class in the history of Rockport. It will provide a gymnasium that the school must have to give proper physical education training and produce winning athletic teams. It will provide space for the school cafeteria and thus free other space for classrooms and similar school purposes.

Then it will provide the long-wanted Community Center. It will be available as a large auditorium. It will offer a spot for the young people of the town to have their dances and other social events. In summer-time it will serve a double purpose, first as a center for the civic and social activities of Rockport; second as a shelter for such gatherings as would have come here this summer from Houston had space been available.

**Ankele Expands; C.P.L. Moves**

Charles Ankele was completing expansion of his hardware and appliance business this week and, as a result, Central Power and Light Co. offices had moved around the corner.

The C. P. and L. move was completed at the last weekend to vacate the former office space which went into the store expansion.

**Kaufman Joins Price Parade**

Sam Kaufman, operator of department stores in both Rockport and Aransas Pass, joined the movement spreading across the country to slash prices this week.

What was more, he was buying advertising space to tell the world the fact that he is following the cue given by President Truman. Kaufman is following the Newburyport plan of slashing his retail prices a straight ten per cent across the board.

In doing so, he is the first major retailer in this area outside of Corpus Christi to make such a cut.

**Retired Cleric Buried Here**

Rev. Crompton Sowerbutts of Estes and formerly of Rockport retired Episcopal clergyman, was buried in Rockport cemetery Tuesday following graveside services. Main funeral services had previously been held at Galveston. Rev. George S. Walton conducted the Rockport services.

Rev. Sowerbutts died last Saturday at the age of 67 in John Sealy hospital, Galveston, following a major surgery. He had long been in ill health. He was a veteran of the first world war.

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FOR SALE: Twenty acres good land with good buildings and vineyard. W. M. Nelson, Ingleside, Texas. c5

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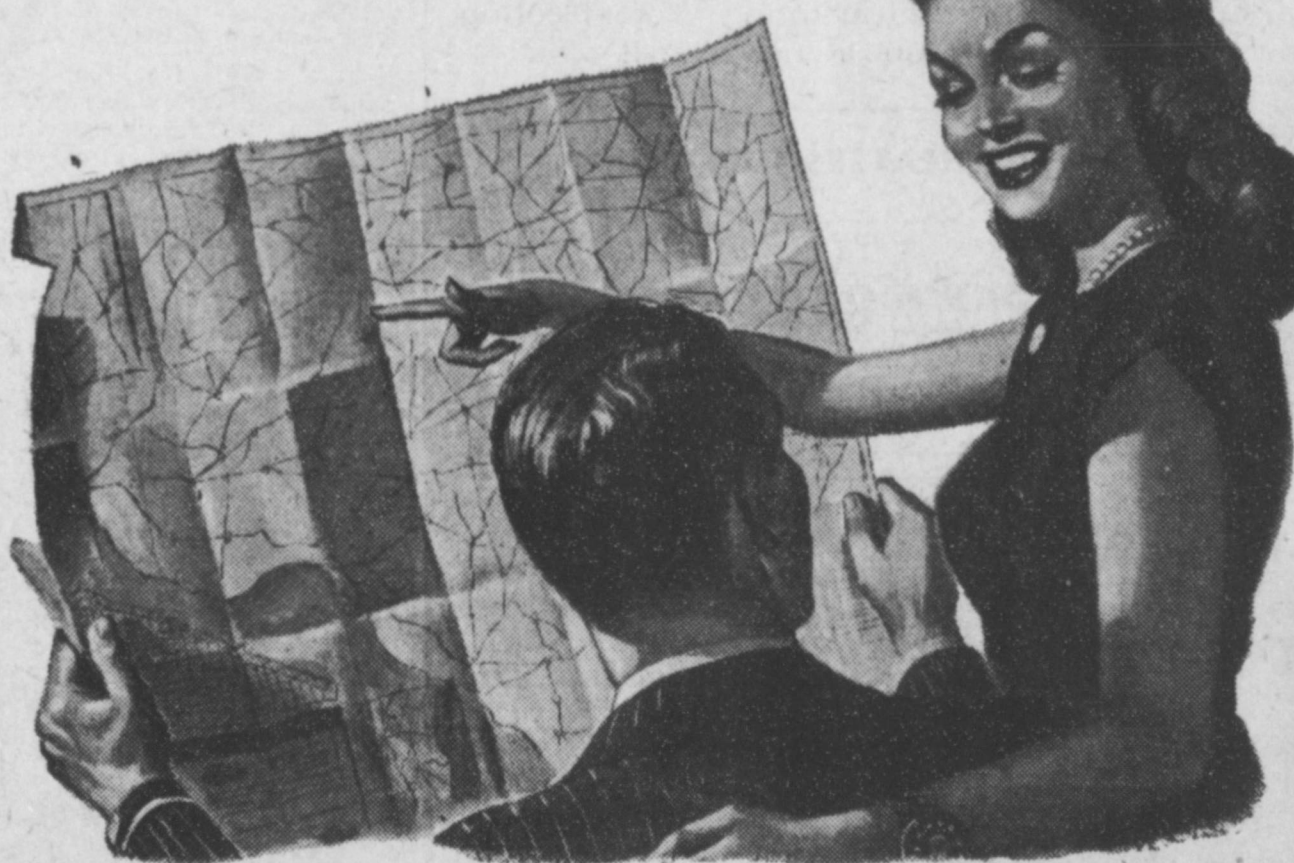
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