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God Helps Those

Tuesday's bad brush fire along the highway south could only impress watchers more than ever that "God helps those who help themselves."

There was no earthly reason why the blaze should have reached the size and peril that it finally attained. No reason, that is, except the fact that too many people decided the fire was the business of the fire department.

The fire department did its best. The firemen, at times, stopped just short of the miracle mark in saving houses and other property in the path of the blaze. Volunteer workers, not members of the department, who stood up beside them deserve equal credit. But waiting for the firemen to do the whole work was the height of folly.

It was apparent, for instance, early in the afternoon that the fire would work slowly back against the wind to the Market Street road unless checked. It also was apparent that there was plenty of time to do a little ax work and a little intelligent backfiring which would have stopped the blaze in that direction. But up to 4 p.m., nobody was making a single motion toward such a simple check of the blaze.

Yet calls were coming in for the firemen to hurry and protect property there while they were still desperately busy two or three miles southeast. And far into Tuesday night, when they should have been getting a bit of well-earned rest, the firemen were having to fight back the blaze from property which never should have been threatened at all, had private individuals acted.

It's about time we learned to do for ourselves a little more.

Men Wanted

Railroad Commissioner Olin Culberson gave Rockport and, for that matter, all of Texas much text for worthwhile thinking in his speech before the Chamber of Commerce last Saturday night. The high spots, quoted elsewhere in this issue of The Pilot, deserve careful reading and consideration.

One point which should strike home, and be remembered is that Rockport has possibilities for development far beyond most towns, but that such development will not come of itself. It requires money and it requires work, the work of more than a few men and women.

Now and then someone has been inclined to expect direct and immediate cash returns for money invested in civic work and civic organizations, forgetting that the results are seldom apparent from good civic work at the time the work is done. These people forget that over the years anything which builds a better town has profited them and their property far above the dollars which they have spent for membership.

On the whole, Rockport contributes generously with its money, though. The shortage is in the application of its manpower. Rockport has high ambitions, and that is excellent. The tasks it undertakes are worthy of a city the size of Waco or Brownsville or even Corpus Christi. But Rockport has not the population to finance those tasks in money.

There is only one substitute and that is hard work to supplement the money we have. A few people pitch in and work on every worthwhile project here. What the town needs is more people to lend a hand, to devote some hours of their time as well as dollars of their money.

Rockport ambitions hang out the "Men Wanted" sign. Fulfillment demands that manpower needs to be filled.

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Campbell Heads Court Owners

Ronald Campbell, owner of Copano Courts and Cottages, was named temporary chairman of the Live Oak Peninsula's tourist court owners' in a brief organization meeting at the high school, Thursday night.

E. J. Albin, manager and co-owner of Palm Courts, was named temporary vice-chairman and acting secretary.

The two men will serve during the initial stages of organization, after which permanent officers are to be elected. A name is yet to be selected for the association.

Jack Horton, owner of Oleander accepted chairmanship of a committee on constitution and by-laws and is to be assisted by A. Scott and M. Scott owners of Oak Shore apartments and R. L. Denny, whose recently-opened Live Oak Apartments has been an addition to the tourist accommodations at the northern end of Fulton Beach.

The idea for the organization originated in plans for court owners, as a group, to make themselves heard in the present controversy over seismograph exploration of Texas coastal waters. Conversation and exchange of ideas between those attending the initial meeting, however, rapidly developed other matters of vital importance to court owners with which such an association could fittingly and effectively deal. These included public sanitation, public health, advertising and publicity and even co-operative buying of linens and other supplies.

Members attending the first meeting planned to personally contact other court owners and made it plain that all tourist court owners and operators in the area are urged to join. A second organizational meeting was held Tuesday night at Oak Shore Apartments.

Class B Schools to Have Own Meet

AUSTIN, Tex. (Spl).—Conference B schools in the University of Texas Interscholastic League will have their own regional and state meets for the first time in 1948, Roy Bedichek, director announced. Dates for the state meet will be same for Conferences AA and A, and B—May 7 and 8 in Austin. Rockport is a Class B school.

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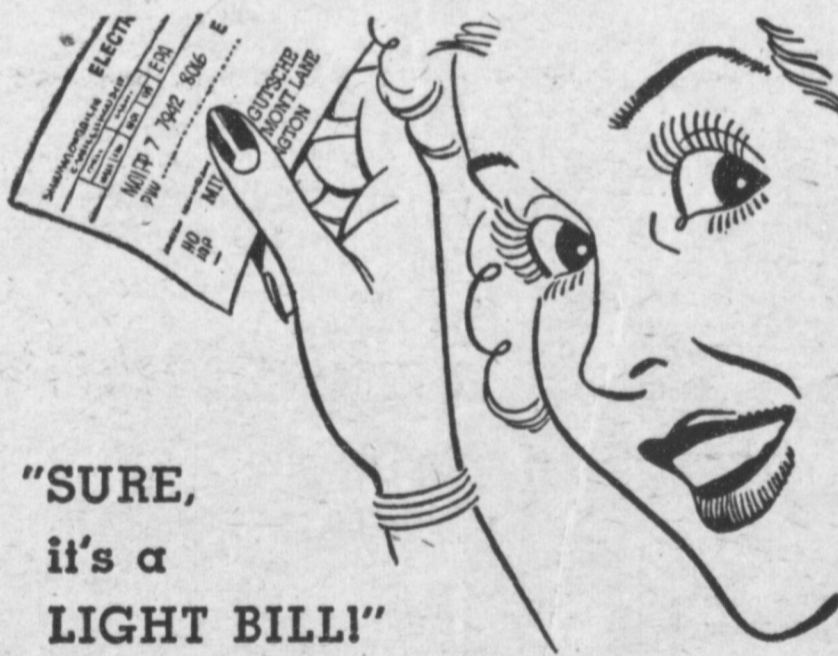
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Farm Meeting Slated For Corpus Christi

A series of 23 Farm Bureau district meetings will be held in Texas as September 29 through October 14, it has been announced by J. Walter Hammond, president of the state organization.

One of the meetings will be held in the Nueces Hotel at Corpus Christi next Monday, Sept. 29. J. H. West of Bishop, Texas, state director will preside. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Texas Farm Bureau will attempt to get a cross-section on the thinking of farmers with reference to continuation of the national farm program, which is in jeopardy at this time, a farm-to-market road plan, and many other

critical issues. "Unless farmers make a determined fight for the retention of the farm program, it will be discontinued after 1948," President Hammond warns.

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Settlement Made In Injury Case

A compromise settlement of \$10,000 was made last Friday and entered in district court, in two suits totaling \$105,000. The actions grew out of a fatal bus crash at the highway "Y" at the northern edge of Aransas Pass May 2. Two men were killed, another

injured in the crash. Mrs. M. L. Griffin, widow of one dead man had asked \$55,000 on behalf of herself, minor children and her late husband's parents. Arthur L. Griffin, still in a hospital as the result of his injuries, had sued for \$50,000. Suits were filed against the Continental Bus System and Edgar Dotson, driver of the bus.

The plaintiffs charged that the bus was being operated at an excessive rate of speed and that, when the crash occurred, it was on the lefthand side of the highway.

Both actions were passed when they came up for trial two weeks ago in district court here.

Emory M. Spencer, one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs, said that a \$6,000 settlement was made with Mrs. Griffin and a \$4,000 settlement with Arthur Griffin.

Social Security (HOW IT WORKS)

INSURANCE PAYMENTS MUST BE APPLIED FOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the seventh of a series of nine explained the Federal Social Security law and its benefits.

None of the insurance payments under the Social Security Act are paid automatically.

To avoid lost payments an application must be filed promptly since back payments cannot be made for more than three months before a claim is filed. For this reason, a worker who is past 65 should apply for payments without delay when he is no longer working in covered employment, and the family of a deceased insured worker should never wait more than three months after the employee's death to file a claim with the Social Security Administration.

Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance works the same in all states, and offices of the Social Security Administration are located in the larger cities throughout the country. If you don't know the address of the office that serves your town, you can get the address from your post office.

It is not necessary to consult an attorney or to pay anyone to secure the insurance payments. A representative of the Social Security Administration will tell you whether you are eligible to receive the payments and he will assist you in filing your application upon request. Representatives make frequent trips through the area they serve for the purpose of giving such information and assistance, and, of course, there is no charge for their service.

Benefit payments, for any person, who is otherwise eligible to receive them, are suspended for every month in which a beneficiary works for \$15.00 or more in covered employment. That means that earnings of \$15.00 or more, in a month, not a week, and before deductions call for the suspension of payments during a period of employment. Earnings from work which is not covered by the Social Security Act, such as farm work, and any other income such as rents, dividends, or interest, do not affect the insurance payments in any way. If a beneficiary does take a Social Security job, he gives notice and the payments are stopped, and he notifies again when he quits working and the payments are started again.

Read the next article in this series for more interesting information about your Federal Old Age and Survivors insurance.

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Picture News of the Week



BIGGEST MOOSE is the claim of 384-pound George Stott, Washington, D. C. By arranging for a special seat in a truck, Stott was able to attend the Moose convention in Columbus, O.



HEMLINES are no problem for Vivian White, 18, who was just selected as "Miss North Carolina." If the men had a vote, hemlines would be as little trouble for fashion-conscious women.



NO MORE DOLLS. Thirteen-year-old mother, Mrs. Marion Goodson, holds son, Larry Lester, born recently in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Goodson left the 6th grade for marriage one year ago.

Hunt For 1948 Maid of Cotton Gets Underway

The glittering salons of America's fashion centers, and a thrilling six-month nation-wide tour, beckoned lovely daughters of the Cotton Belt this week as the National Cotton Council announced the opening of the 10th annual Maid of Cotton contest.

The girl who is chosen 1948 Maid of Cotton in contest finals at Memphis January 6, will travel 30,000 miles as good-will and fashion ambassador of the cotton industry, carrying a special greeting from King Cotton to high state and government officials.

She will wear a cotton wardrobe designed exclusively for her by the world's leading style creators, and will appear as the principal model in fashion shows to be conducted in virtually every major city in the country.

FOUR-MONTH SEARCH

Her career as the 1948 Maid will begin at the climactic moment when her triumph is announced at Memphis, ending a four-month search across the Cotton Belt for the one girl best qualified for the unique assignment as King Cotton's ambassador.

Immediately following the announcement of the 1948 Maid, she will fly to New York for a month of training for her appearances as a featured fashion model. During this time she will be fitted for her all-cotton wardrobe.

The tour of the 1948 Maid will enlarge upon even the record-breaking journey of the 1947 Maid, brunette Hilma Seay of Memphis, for in addition to following the 1947 schedule the 1948 Maid of Cotton will visit the Northwest for the first time since the war.

GROWING RESPONSE

Growing national and then international response to the Maid

of Cotton campaign has resulted in steady extension of the program since it was launched in 1939 to stimulate interest in cotton.

Official application forms for entering the contest may be obtained from the National Cotton Council, Post Office Box 18, Memphis 1, Tennessee. All entries must be postmarked not later than December 1, 1947.

The contest is limited to girls who are natives of a cotton-producing state, unmarried, and between the ages of 19 and 25, inclusive. Entrants should be at least five feet three inches tall and not weigh over 125 pounds.

Good health and even temper are important assets of Maid of Cotton contestants, as well as the background, pleasant personality and appearance necessary for an ambassador of King Cotton.

Nine girls have worn the title of Maid of Cotton since the National Cotton Council conducted the first contest in 1939 to select an ambassador for the cotton industry.

The Maids and the years in which they served are: Alice Hall of Memphis, Tenn., 1939; Mary Nell Porter of Memphis, Tenn., 1940; Alice Earle Beasley of LaGrange, Tenn., 1941; Camille Anderson of Memphis, Tenn., 1942; Bonnie Beth Byler of Lepanto, Ark., 1943; Linwood Gisclard of Donaldsonville, La., 1944; Jennie Erle Cox of West Point, Miss., 1945; Gwin Barnwell of Gastonia, N. C., 1946; and Hilma Seay of Memphis, Tenn., 1947.

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Ray Strube Dies In San Antonio

Ray Strube, who had spent most of his adult life catering to the entertainment desires of the American public, died in San Antonio last Friday as the result of a chronic heart ailment.

Strube, who had spent much of his recent years in Rockport, reportedly had said that he was "living on borrowed time."

The body was sent to Garber, Iowa for funeral services and burial.

Strube first came to Rockport about six or seven years ago, Hugh Morrison recalled this week. He set up a small rod and reel repair shop at Morrison's boat house. Later, he opened up the Rockport Bargain Mart, then sold the business.

He was known in Rockport as an enthusiastic fisherman and a booster for this area wherever he

TEXAS BULL SUPERIOR

COLLEGE STATION—Draconis Royal Gem, a registered bull owned by Herman F. Heep of Buda has been announced as a superior sire under the qualifications of the American Jersey Cattle Club.

Friends also knew that he had spent years in the show and carnival business and had operated resorts in the northern states, but Strube's references to such experience was nearly always in the nature of anecdote and reminiscence and never pinned down to dates or the dullness of a chronological narrative.

Death came as he was returning from Florida where he had spent several weeks. Friends here believed that he had driven too hard and overtaxed his ailing heart in trying to move ahead of last week's hurricane. They learned that he retired to his room at San Antonio to rest, and that he was found dead a half hour later.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO Priscilla Wells and if married, the husband of Priscilla Wells, B. S. Conerway and wife, Mattie Conerway, if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs, administrators, executors and/or legal representatives of each or all of the above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown owner or owners of the land described in Plaintiffs' Petition and all persons owning or claiming any interest in and to the land described in Plaintiffs' Petition, Defendants, Greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court 36th Judicial District of Aransas County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of October A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiffs' Petition filed in said Court, on the 12th day of September A. D. 1947, in this cause numbered 2593 on the docket of said court and styled D. L. Donahoe and wife, Bessie Donahoe, Plaintiffs vs. Priscilla Wells, et al Defendants.
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
 A suit in trespass to try title, for title and possession as well as for damages of the following described property, to-wit:
 Tract No. 1: Lot No. Six (6) Block No. Thirty-four (34), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the official map or plat of record in Volume E, pages 272-273 of the Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas; Priscilla Wells being the record title owner of said lot.
 Tract No. 2: Lots Nos. Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block No. Thirty-four (34), Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the official map or plat of record in Volume E, pages 272-273 of the Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas; B. S. Conerway and wife Mattie Conerway, being the record title owner of said lots, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
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 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
 Suit for Divorce, alleging as grounds thereof, harsh and cruel treatment, stating that there are no children as issue of said marriage and no community property to be partitioned, 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 29 day of August A. D. 1947.
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