

Brush Fire Sweeps Peninsula, Threatens Rockport

Election and Fund Campaign Back Fire Department Work

Heavy Favorable Vote Urged for New Equipment

No Increase in Taxes, Judge Fox Says In Backing Proposal

Aransas County will vote Saturday on the question of earmarking \$10,000 for the purchase of additional fire-fighting equipment. County and city officials, the Chamber of Commerce directors, and members of the fire department urged that it be approved and that the vote be heavy.

Anybody who pays taxes on any sort of property, either real or personal may vote.

"Brush fires, for the past 60 days" County Judge Fox said Wednesday, "have clearly demonstrated that the Aransas County Volunteer Emergency Corps is endeavoring to render service with very inadequate equipment.

"Your 'FOR' vote in Saturday's election will authorize the Commissioners Court to issue time warrants for the purchase of additional equipment for the corps.

It is to the interest of every property owner that this authorization be voted.

"Better protection of property will be afforded, and a demonstration given of appreciation of our fire and emergency corps. Please realize that the corps has rendered you service at all hours of the day or night, in all kinds of weather without remuneration. Give them the wherewithal to continue this service.

"Included in the plans of the corps is establishment of a branch station at Fulton.

"The purchase of this additional equipment will not entail any additional taxes as the time warrants will be on the general fund of the county and liquidated over a period of years.

Along The Waterfront



- DUCK EXPEDITION
- ALL GET LIMIT
- ALSO OF FISHING

DUCK-HUNTING TOOK OVER much of the spotlight from fishing this week, but many sportsmen were dividing their time, fishing after they had killed their bag of waterfowl. Others were just fishing without paying any attention to ducks except just to enjoy their company.

Wednesday morning what amounted to almost a flotilla started out from Palm Village for a two-day combined hunting and fishing expedition at Cedar Bayou. The party went in three boats, two cabin cruisers and a tunnel-stern boat, and towing a skiff. Skippers were William M. Blevins, E. J. Albin and R. B. Cowden.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. Blevins and a group of friends from the Blevins' home town of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Cowden, Mr. and Mrs. Don Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thomas and Mrs. E. I. Bailey, in addition to Albin and R. B. Cowden.

RONALD CAMPBELL OF Copano Courts and Jack Pyle of Corpus Christi were disgruntled Wednesday. They went out on Copano Bay Tuesday and got their bag (Continued on last page)

BULLETIN

Mrs. Fred A. Bracht, Thursday, accepted appointment from the Chamber of Commerce to lead the citizens' campaign for a special fire department fund with a goal of at least \$1000. Mrs. Bracht will form an organization of women and will get the campaign under way as soon as possible. Have your purses open and your checkbooks in hand.

\$29,153 Tax Sale Climaxes Drive For Collection

A record sale of tax-foreclosed lands Tuesday, brought another \$29,153 in folding money fluttering through the hands of Sheriff-Assessor-Collector A. R. Curry and brought satisfied smiles to the faces of officials.

The sale climaxed a drive on delinquent taxpayers which realized, roughly speaking, about 65 cents on the dollar for various units of government, on some \$40,000 of paper—and decidedly doubtful—assets.

Nearly \$15,000 was collected on these back taxes after Attorney Ross Terry of Austin began preparations to file suit on amounts due as far back, in some cases, as 1919. Terry took judgment in the remainder of the cases at the August term of district court and the sale was set for Tuesday.

Many of the tracts never got as far as the sheriff's auction, however. A number of tax payers telegraphed money as late as Monday afternoon.

When the properties were put up for sale at the east door of the courthouse Tuesday, a crowd of more than a hundred persons had assembled to compete in the bidding. Mayor Tom Miller of Austin, bidding against Chester Johnson of Rockport, paid the high prices of the sale for two tracts adjoining the still-smoking ruins of the Miller house at Fulton. For the two, Miller paid \$4100. Lowest price paid at the sale was \$10 for one lot of dubious value in Rockport.

Out of the 260 pieces of property put up for sale, about 240 were sold, a number for more than the amount of the court judgment.

Of the \$29,153 paid for the tracts, state and county will get \$8773.07 in back taxes; the city of Aransas Pass will receive \$1204.05; the city of Rockport, \$938.83; Aransas Pass schools (Continued on last page)

C. of C. Votes \$200 Moves to Guide Citizens' Drive

At Least \$1000 Needed To Meet Obligations From Weekend Fire

Grateful Rockport and Fulton citizens, at midweek, launched a campaign for a special fire department fund of at least \$1,000 to meet obligations incurred by the fire department during the weekend conflagration.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen appeared at The Pilot office on Monday morning with a volunteer contribution of \$10. Assistant Fire Chief Charles Ankele said that some other donations have come in, none large, "but all of them to the limit of the pocketbooks of the givers."

These donations were turned over directly to the fire department.

The Chamber of Commerce directors voted Tuesday night to contribute \$200 from that organization's treasury. This amount was the minimum believed necessary to underwrite bills for feeding the volunteers who swarmed in from other towns to help save Rockport and Fulton Beach.

The board accepted the responsibility of leading a citizen's drive and authorized President Roy Rogers to name a Rockport woman to head up a woman's organization to raise the fund. Members of the board stressed that they considered the move a citizens' affair, rather than being confined to the Chamber of Commerce.

Ankele said that much equipment was lost or destroyed, a substantial amount of it belonging to other departments, and that the local fire department is morally responsible for making the loss good. The firemen also feel that they should entertain those who actually responded from other fire departments and that some of that expense might be met from that fund raised.

Sacred Concert Nov. 15 At Fulton Church

The Corpus Christi Male Quartet will be the main feature of a sacred music concert to be given at the Fulton church, Nov. 15. Rev. Bob Cunningham announced this week. The concert is to be sponsored by the women of the church.

Rev. Truett Cunningham, pastor of the Rockport Baptist church will assist in the concert with his marimba.

No admission is to be charged, but an offering will be taken.

NIMRODS GET BIRD EARLY

Rockport Area Called Best Duck, Goose Hunting Spot

The Texas duck and goose season opened Tuesday at noon for a little less than two weeks of hunting, but those who came to Rockport found themselves in the best hunting spot on the coast.

The Game and Fish Department wildfowl census, when all figures were in, showed approximately 850,000 ducks and geese on the entire range of coast on October 26. While nearly half of those were along the Chambers and Jefferson County coast and only about 200,000 in this vicinity, hunters declared this area to be better because of the accessibility to game.

By noon Tuesday, when the hunting became legal, several thousand more ducks had drifted into the Rockport area. Last Saturday morning, with the first noticeable norther of the season, flock after flock swept down Aransas Bay.

The short season and the limited bag of birds, coupled with a restricted possession limit discouraged some hunters. In spite

of these drawbacks, however, nearly all tourist courts were fairly well booked up by duck hunters. A number also gathered at St. Charles Bay Club on Monday night. Hunters are allowed four ducks a day and four geese. Possession limit is eight ducks and four geese. Nearly all hunters out on Tuesday and Wednesday reported that they obtained their bag limits in less than an hour of actual hunting.

Boat Capt. M. B. (Pug) Mullinax reported the arrest and fining of seven game law violators who were arrested in the back bays Tuesday. All but one were from Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi. Most flagrant case was that of one man who had 12 geese in possession, Mullinax said.

Who's Seeing Double?



Nobody, because they're twins—Jean and Jane King (left to right) of Memphis, Tenn., the first entrants in the 1948 Maid of Cotton contest. National Cotton Council staff members thought they were seeing double when the pretty Southwestern college co-eds submitted their applications. Though not identical twins they're startlingly alike in height, weight, personality and appearance—don't you think?

NEW BATTLE ON DISEASE

310 Grade School Students Given Test For Diphtheria

The greater portion of students in the Rockport and Fulton grade schools, and their parents, co-operated Monday in the first step of a county-wide battle against diphtheria, childhood's most deadly disease.

Some 310 pupils from the first to the eighth grades, inclusive, lined up and took the Schick test to see if they are susceptible to diphtheria. If it is found that they are, they will be given the diphtheria anti-toxin without cost.

The diphtheria clinic is the second stage of a Parent-Teacher Association push to eliminate disease before it attacks, and, like the first, is carried out with the full co-operation of State Health Department which furnishes the anti-toxin.

Unlike the clinics at which children were immunized against typhoid and smallpox just before the start of school, this clinic is being conducted entirely by local personnel.

Dr. Harold Hilderbrand is handling both the tests and the anti-toxin administration. Mrs. W. L. Patrick, association president; Mrs. L. E. Casterline, president of the Fulton Parent-Teacher group; Mrs. Charles Garrett, Mrs. Albert Collier, and Mrs. A. McLester, assisted the teachers in marshaling the children Monday.

Mostly the kids took it all as a kind of lark. In but a very few cases, the sponsors reported, were any reluctant. Only the youngsters whose parents had given written permission were tested. These were marched to the Home Economics Cottage and worked through between 1 and 3 p.m.

Formal Application for Harbor Work Is Filled

Formal application for permits to make extensive harbor and waterfront improvements at Palm Village has been filed with the Army Engineers at Galveston by William M. Blevins and E. J. Albin, owners.

The application covers plans announced when the two partners purchased the property in late summer.

The deadline for any protests passed on Oct. 31.

Mrs. Ratliff Undergoes Operation at Spohn

Mrs. T. H. Ratliff was reported improving at midweek from a major operation which she underwent at Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi on Monday.

Fred M. Hunt and Edward Barnard donated blood for a needed transfusion following the surgery.

Stanolind Pays Record Price

Stanolind Oil Co. paid a record price for oil leases in the Rockport vicinity Tuesday when it bid a total of \$256,000 for two tracts in the state sale of submerged oil lands.

The two tracts, one of which brought the common school fund \$145,000, and the other \$111,000, lie just offshore in Copano Bay, bordering the new Fulton Beach Oil field.

H. L. Hunt, developer of the field bid on 19 tracts, but was awarded only ten. None lay close to the new field which he joined in developing.

Meanwhile, Wednesday, the fourth well in the Fulton Beach field was coring at around 7350 feet.

Early development of some of the offshore submerged land leases was forecast by prices paid in the sealed sale which took place in Austin. Despite the threat of possible attempts by the federal government to obtain control, the lands brought high bids totaling \$12,295,459.

Highest individual bid was \$345,348, and was made by Superior Oil Co. and Pure Oil Co. on a Laguna Madre tract of 942 acres.

Tuesday Armistice Day, But Little Planned Here

Tuesday will be Armistice Day, but it will pass quietly in Rockport, in accordance with the custom, which has grown up the past half dozen years, elsewhere in the country. World War II, in the public eye, cancelled out the significance of the day.

Cecil V. (Bill) Gray, V.F.W. Post commander, said Thursday that his organization plans no program. No general closing of business houses has been planned, either, although a few may close for a few hours.

19 New Telephones At Copano Village

Nineteen new telephones were working this week at Copano Village. All were connected for service after last week's issue of The Pilot went to press.

The telephones had been installed for nearly two weeks, awaiting the completion of lines to that area.

Heroic Work Saves Fulton With Loss of Nine Houses And Holds Down Other Toll

BLAZE ROARS UNCONTROLLED FROM COPANO BAY TO JUMP HIGHWAY UNDER HIGH NORTH WIND; FIREMEN FROM 7 OTHER TOWNS HELP IN BATTLING TWO-DAY CONFLAGRATION

Heroic work by upwards of 500 volunteer fire fighters, aided by property owners who made a score of last ditch stands on their own or their neighbor's doorsteps, cheating a raging brush fire of its expected toll last Saturday and Sunday and held damage to an estimated \$50,000.

'Bring Back My Bonnet to Me,' Firemen Sing

Much Other Equipment Also Missing; All Is Badly Needed

The firemen's song at midweek was "Bring Back My Bonnet to Me," and if you ask Fire Chief Lloyd Lassiter, there's nothing funny about it. In fact, it's all pretty serious to everybody in town, especially if another major fire should break out.

Much badly needed equipment disappeared during Saturday's and Sunday's fire. It included firemen's helmets, lanterns, flashlights, shovels, and even fire hose. Some of it belonged to the fire department. Some of it was borrowed or commandeered from various jobs or from visiting fire departments.

One thing sure, though. Lost items will be charged up against the department or its members for replacement, expense that the smoke-eaters can't afford to stand. "Some of the stuff probably was taken home by persons who didn't know what else to do with it," Lassiter said in asking a bring-back-the-missing-articles-week for Rockport. "A lot of it may have been dropped and let lie. But whatever happened, it is vital for the future safety of life and property in Rockport and Fulton that it be returned.

Special Duck-Hunters' Masses Are Scheduled

A special schedule of Sunday masses to accommodate duck hunters during the duck season was announced this week by Father J. H. Kelly for Sacred Heart Church. Masses will be held at 5 a.m., 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SIDELIGHTS ON FIRE

Triumphant Phone Man Beats Second Threat to Bell Line

You can count among those who had fire troubles Saturday and Sunday the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., and, more specifically Charles Record, the company's supervising construction foreman from Corpus Christi. The fact that more people didn't have more troubles longer is largely due to Record's ingenuity.

The story is one of dozen striking oddities that turned up during the 36-hour battle against the brush fire which swept the north end of the Live Oak Peninsula.

Saturday's fire was bad enough. The Bell company had just gotten matters to where it could supply Fulton Beach and the Copano Village area with telephone service. Stan Bell, Corpus Christi district manager had promised telephone service to everybody who needs it in this section.

When the fire roared across the Bell lines, it took out about three-quarters of a mile of scarce and expensive cable that had been put

This fact became astoundingly apparent as authorities and private agencies alike check up Monday and Tuesday.

Most of Fulton appeared doomed Saturday afternoon, and Rockport, itself, was threatened both on Saturday and Sunday.

When the score was finally counted, however, the destruction of tangible property was found to have included nine buildings, only five of which could be counted as homes; about a mile of Bell Telephone toll and cable lines, and a small amount of Central Power and Light installations. One tourist unit at Oak Shore Apartments also was damaged when embers blew through an open window and set a bed afire.

Less tangible, but probably more costly, was damage to the widely-advertised live oak groves and thickets which are a considerable tourist attraction, and to palm trees and other carefully tended landscaping. No definite figure could be set on these.

About 15 or 16 square miles of the Live Oak Peninsula was burned over, from the region of Copano Bay, through a section of Fulton and west almost to Spark's Colony, to the outskirts of Rockport.

HERE'S PROPERTY LOSS
The summer home of Mayor Tom Miller of Austin just north of Oak Shore Apartments.

The home of Col. C. M. Davis, retired, and Mrs. Davis. Col. Davis was Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell's adjutant and walked out of Burma with Stillwell in the retreat which followed the first heavy Jap onslaught and victories. Col. Davis was released from Brooks General Hospital at San Antonio only a short time ago.

Two houses belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bob DeForest, one of which they occupied.

The old Weber home, recently sold to Alford Poch of Little Rock, Ark.

Two servants' quarters at the rear of Oak Shore Apartments.

One small house at the rear of Forest Park Cottages.

One small house back of the Dennis O'Connor home.

Fire Chief Lloyd Lassiter said (Continued on last page)

up recently, and another three-quarters of a mile of open wire lines, 16 all-copper circuits. A number of poles were burned.

Bell declined to estimate the loss but didn't dispute an estimate of \$10,000 to \$15,000. What was worse, from a service point of view, 70 telephones were knocked out of service, 70 telephones that might be needed urgently on a moment's notice.

Southwestern Bell dispatched seven crews to make repairs and by Sunday most of the telephones were working again. New cable had been strung as the flames (Continued on last page)

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Vote That Fire Truck

After Saturday's and Sunday's experience, there should not be a dissenting vote cast at next Saturday's election to authorize county purchase of a new fire truck. But that is not enough.

Every qualified voter should turn out and vote for the proposition, if for no other reason than as a testimonial to the fire department.

When the menace of the week-end's disastrous brush fire was recognized, Chief Lassiter and his men found themselves badly handicapped. Only one of the two fire trucks was in commission. The other was being worked on in an effort to keep it serviceable.

The fire department turned out and the work the men did was little short of miraculous. But a line of men's bodies and the sweat of their brows is poor substitute for adequate equipment. That they did not have the equipment is no reflection on any person. Fire trucks aren't conjured up out of the earth, nor purchase from depleted treasuries. On the other hand, the fact that county officials had already called next Saturday's vote as soon as this year's revenues were apparent reflects credit on their foresight.

It is entirely possible that, given an additional truck, the firemen would have still been unable to check such a fire as last Saturday's without the assistance that finally reached them. Circumstances and the forces of Nature would hold the key to such a possibility. But they would have had an immeasurably better chance, especially under the set-up which would station one truck at Fulton.

We can rest assured of certain things. One is that, in the Aransas County Emergency Corps, we have a volunteer fire department of which we can well be proud. Another is that we can take our choice. We can pay for the new fire truck on our insurance premiums—and still not have anything to show for the money. Or we can buy the truck and such additional equipment as is needed, get the benefit of its use, and ultimately see insurance rates go down with less risk to life and property.

The surprising thing about the weekend fire is not the loss. It is the fact that the loss was not immeasurably greater. Purchase of an additional fire truck will not necessitate a bond issue. It will not increase taxes. It will save property and maybe even lives.

Go to the polls Saturday and back your fire department with your vote.

The Editor Regrets

The editor sincerely regrets the construction placed on his resignation from the Pilot and the Chamber of Commerce by a Corpus Christi newspaper last Thursday.

The editor believes there is little to be gained by a cry of "misquotation" and a resultant controversy in print. No man can recall precisely words used, even a few hours after they are spoken. For that matter, words frequently appear much different in print, than when spoken, especially if they be lifted out of qualifying context.

Of one thing the editor is sure. He made pretty clear that the separation was entirely friendly. The story in The Pilot reflected his true feeling.

Shocked by the tenor of the Corpus Christi story, the editor telephoned the newspaper last Thursday night, immediately after reading the account. He asked that his position be set right in the next morning's newspaper. The man who answered the telephone promised vaguely to see what he could do. No correction was made, but the story was deleted.

There is no point in pouring fire on the reporter who wrote the story. That it was a rather inept piece of reporting on a delicate matter goes without saying, but there always remains the possibility that the situation was not entirely within the ken of those who do not know Rockport, the editor and his friends.

The editor recalls that, a few times, in his own younger days, he innocently embroiled people in rather similar fashion, through inexperience and lack of background. It can fittingly be said that he who lives by the sword shouldn't squawk too loudly about a few jabs in his own carcass.

So, to those who have supported him loyally, as well as to those who have been too pre-occupied with private affairs to take the part publicly which they would like to take, the editor simply says again that he regrets the construction placed on his action and words.

Cuero Festival November 7-11

CUERO, Tex. (Spl) —The stage is finally set for Cuero's gigantic tenth Turkey Trot which gets under way on the afternoon of November 7 and continues through November 11.

Some 500 committeemen who for weeks have been working day and night are now putting finishing touches on their many tasks.

Everything points to one of the most colorful celebrations ever staged in Cuero.

The undertaking, due to the spectacle and expense of this year's affair, has been much bigger than anticipated.

The five day extravaganza opens on the afternoon of Friday, November 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Cuero High school stadium where the Texas University Shorthorns are scheduled to clash with the Baylor Cubs.

Heading the list of celebrities participating in the Turkey Trot formal opening ceremonies which precede the game will be General Jonathan M. Wainwright who will crown his Majesty Sultan Yekrut 10th. Identity of the Sultan will remain secret until the actual crowning by General Wainwright.

At 8 p.m. the Cuero Gobblers are scheduled to clash with the Karnes City Badgers, the football game to be followed at 10 p.m. by a dance featuring the music of Tee Tiemann and his orchestra. This dance will be held at the Municipal Park clubhouse.

Saturday's program is packed with entertainment.

Monday's program is elaborate. Standouts of the day's offering will be the Turkey Show at the airport, the Sultan's Tea Dance and the brilliant Coronation spectacle and ball which follows.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARSHALL T. ANDERSON, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Marshall T. Anderson, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 18th day of October, 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 1534 Welch Street, Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas.

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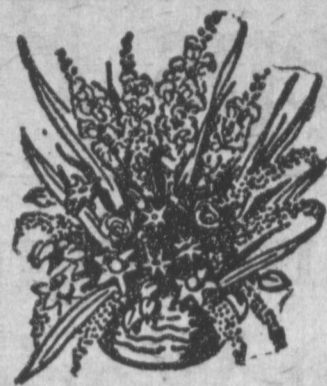
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Fulton School Posts First Honor Roll

Fulton School this week posted its first honor roll for the school year. Mrs. C. O. Lowery and Mrs. Golda Jacobs listed the following students:

- First grade: Jeanie Dietrich.
- Second grade: Karen Casterline, Stephen Weber, Loretta Wilson.
- Third grade: Sue James.
- Fourth grade: Cecil Casterline.
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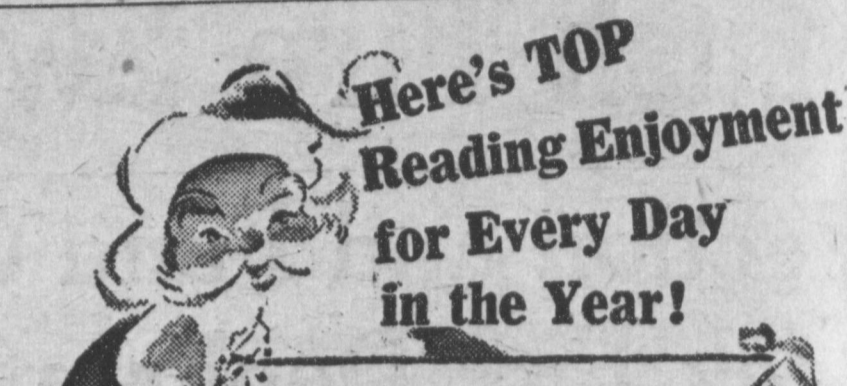
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LUNCHEON MEETING ENDS OBSERVANCE

A luncheon meeting at the Presbyterian manse last Friday brought to an end the week of self-denial for home missions which had been observed by the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Manch Brundrett was chairman of the observance.

About 25 women attended the luncheon and the meeting which followed. Mrs. Herbert Mills, social chairman, had charge of the luncheon. Mrs. Norvell F. Jackson auxiliary president, led the devotional program and Mrs. Hugh V. Haddock gave a review of the book, "Flying Chips", which treats of Presbyterian Mexican missions.

The luncheon was a Mexican meal, carrying out the theme of the meeting, and was served indoors.

GUILD MEETING AT SORENSON HOME

The Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal Church met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Paul Sorenson. Roll call was answered by the members with a verse of scripture.

Following the meeting Miss Jewell Fulton, Mrs. W. B. Cabanis, and Miss Violet Percival assisted the hostess in serving fruit, custard, cake and coffee.

Others attending included: Dean Walton, Mrs. John Sorenson, Mrs. Paul Reese, Mrs. Delmar Taylor, Mrs. Will Stevenson, Mrs. Blanche Kuhns, Mrs. Bowne, Mrs. Lura Kennerly, Mrs. Sam Prophet, Mrs. Rickey, Mrs. Don McBride, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Albert Collier.

BRIDGE CLUB PLAYS AT ROGERO HOME

The Young Matrons' Bridge Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Roy Rogero for four tables of bridge. The house was decorated with chrysanthemums and roses and the hostess served pecan pie and coffee at the close of play.

Mrs. Norvel F. Jackson won high prize and Mrs. Fred L. Booth second high.

Other players were Mesdames Edward Barnard, DeWilton Jeffries, James B. Jackson, Arley Shivers, Joe Johnson, Harry Mills, Charles Ankele, Herbert Mills, T. J. Johnson, T. D. Picton, Roy Woods, Travis Johnson and Joe Collins and Miss Mary Beth Picton. Mrs. Roy Hinton and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart were tea guests.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY FOR THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Clyde Armstrong, Mrs. Floyd Huffman and Mrs. Bertha Harper entertained the third grade pupils at a Halloween party at the schoolhouse Friday.

The room was decorated with black cats, witches, bats, and bright orange-colored pumpkins in the traditional Halloween motif. Appropriate games entertained the youngsters, and first prize was won by Yolando Scorza. Booby prize went to Joyce Ann Barber.

The hostesses served chicken sandwiches, cake and orange soda to the 36 pupils in the grade and little baskets of candy were given as favors to all.

TWO COUPLES HOSTS ON HALLOWE'EN EVE 'TREASURE HUNT'

A Halloween Eve "treasure hunt", at which Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Picton were 'ghosts and ghostesses' provided a high spot of fun for last Thursday night.

Invitations were sent out, bearing this legend: "Witches are having a treasure hunt.

On October's sunny day, And you're invited to join them. If you would enjoy such play."

This group of guests responded: Mr. and Mrs. James B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell F. Jackson, Mrs. Mamie Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. Arley Shivers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogero, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson, Miss Shirley Johnson, Mrs. Albert Collier, Mr. Leonard LeBlanc, Mr. James Sorenson, Jr., Miss Mary Beth Picton, Miss Jean Wright of Venezuela, Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, Mrs. Roy Hinton.

The party gathered at the Picton home, then drew for cars. After that, the various cars started out, following clues given the group as to the location of the "treasure", a box filled with fruit and small favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Rogero and Mr. Sorenson comprised the lucky party which discovered the "treasure".

At the end of the hunt the guests reassembled at the Joe Johnson home where they were served an autumn supper of hot dogs, chili, pickles, doughnuts and coffee on the spacious lawn.

WE CONGRATULATE

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc upon the birth of a daughter, weight seven pounds, 12 ounces, Monday morning at Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Symphony Opens Winter Season

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—(Spl)—The San Antonio Symphony, with Max Reiter its conductor and founder, on the podium will open its 1947-48 season—the ninth—at Municipal Auditorium here Saturday night. Tossy Spivakovsky, noted Russian-born violinist, will be soloist.

The orchestra, in the first of its 15 subscription concerts, will offer Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony as the principal program feature. Also listed are the little-known "Il Viaggio a Reims" overture by Rossini and the first San Antonio performance of Aram Khatchaturian's "Masquerade" Suite.

Spivakovsky, the vanguard of 14 guest soloists, will perform the Mendelssohn E minor Concerto, as part of the Mendelssohn Centennial observance.

Spivakovsky has come to be recognized as one of this country's most important violinists since his debut with the New York Philharmonic Symphony five seasons ago. The ovation which greeted that performance of the difficult Bartok Concerto marked him for a successful career in U. S. music.

The young violinist is now on his second transcontinental tour, which opened—with President Truman in attendance—with Washington's National Symphony and which will continue with appearances with many of the other leading orchestras.

Tickets for this opening San Antonio concert are available at the Municipal Auditorium box office. Mail orders are accepted.

Lt. Col. James Wells and Maj. Claude Matchette flew from Fort Sill, Okla. and landed at the Aransas County Airport this past weekend to be with Col. Wells' mother, Mrs. D. N. Wells who is a guest at Oak Shore Apartments. Hobart Wells, another son, already was here. The occasion is the first time in 18 years that all have been together.

The USS North Carolina, first of the new battleships to get into action in this war and veteran of many victories in the Pacific, has been put in the reserve fleet to be kept against future emergencies.

Death is avoided in the protozoa, the tiny one-celled animal, by the division of the individual into two, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Thus, scientists have argued, the organism is in effect "immortal".

In the past Monday was humorously canonized as "St. Monday," the festival of cobblers. Cobblers were supposed not to know on which day the feast of St. Crispin, their patron saint, fell except that it should be a Monday. Thus they celebrated the patron's feast every Monday.

Hondo Man Waited 30 Years For This



Allen Tillotson of Hondo, left, waited 30 years for this thrill and got it when he came to Rockport. Guided by Henry Ballou, who holds up his end of the string at the right, Tillotson picked up this catch of reds and speckled trout. In less than three hours Tillotson snagged 44 fish which weighed a total of 130 pounds.

Championship Grid Battle On Air

All the excitement and mounting suspense of the Southwest Conference championship battle will be brought to radio listeners this Saturday, as Humble Oil & Refining Company broadcasts three headliner football games.

Humble's broadcast of the Texas Baylor match from Memorial Stadium in Austin goes on the air at 2:20 p.m. Kern Tips will describe grid play, assisted by Alec Chesler at the color mike. The game will be carried by stations KPRC, Houston; WOAI San, Antonio; WF AA-WBAP (820 kc) Dallas-Ft. Worth; KRIS, Corpus Christi, among others.

The game between S.M.U. and Texas A. & M. will be described by Charlie Jordan, with Jerry Doggett on the color assignment. The broadcast, heard from Kyle Field at College Station may be heard in Rockport, starting at 2:20 p.m. over stations KABC, San Antonio; and KXYZ, Houston.

Arkansas and Rice meet in the Owl's stadium for the Homecoming Day game with broadcast scheduled to go on the air at 2:20 p.m. Ves Box will handle play-by-play, with Fred Kincaid filling in on color, over stations WFAA-WBAP, (570 kc), San Antonio; KTSA; KTRH of Houston.

San Antonio Rites for George Schwager

Funeral services were to be held in San Antonio for George Schwager, 58, of Rockport, who died early Sunday in an Aransas Pass hospital.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Beulah Schwager of Rockport; his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Ingram of San Antonio; one brother, Ry and one sister, Mrs. August Kempf, both of San Antonio.

Cage Funeral Home took charge of the body.

Tourist Court Ads Placed

Newspaper advertisements, inviting tourists and winter vacationers from the north to spend the season in Rockport, were forwarded early this week to six metropolitan newspapers in the northern midwest.

The advertisements, two columns wide and three inches deep, are to appear in this Sunday's editions.

The Chamber of Commerce has appropriated \$300 for an advertising campaign in weekly papers, but the campaign has not yet been put under way.

Many business and professional men have contributed to the fund being expended by the tourist court group.

President Ronald Campbell and Secretary E. J. Albin said practically all persons who were solicited gave to the fund enthusiastically.

Jerry Wendell, Fred Buchanan and Russell Rowe spent the week end in Rockport. All are students at Trinity University at San Antonio, and all members of the football squad.

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COLLEGE STATION—(Spl)—The Fish and Game department, the Division of Wildlife Research of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Wildlife Management Specialist of the Extension Service, all of Texas A&M College, have been coordinated into a new department of Wildlife Management, it has been announced by Dean C. N. Shepardson of the school of agriculture.

Dr. W. B. Davis, former head of the Fish and Game department will head the department, with offices on the third floor in the rear section of the agricultural engineering building.

The coordination of this department is a part of the general program for coordination of teaching, research and extension activities by subject matter fields which was inaugurated last year.

Also included within this new department is the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Unit. This unit is sponsored jointly by the A&M College of Texas, the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster commission, the Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife of the United States Department of the Interior and the Wildlife Management Institute.

Dr. W. P. Taylor, leader of this unit, will continue in this capacity under the direction of Dr. Davis, who has also been designated as chairman of the coordinating committee for the unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Werhan, Tulare, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Callaway and daughter of Dill City, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira McShan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Werhan, this past week.

W. F. Bonnell, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Booth, and Ralph Grogran, both of Fort Worth, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Booth.

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MRS. LITTLE BETTER Mrs. O. D. Little returned home improved, Tuesday, from Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi after several days' treatment there.

Mrs. Henry Bailey left Tuesday for a month's stay in San Antonio where she will visit her sister.

Mrs. L. G. Woodahl and son, Gordon, left by plane Monday to join her husband in St. Louis, Mo.

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Well, we're all for progress, but that's one new idea we just don't cotton to. A round biscuit, spread nicely amidships with snappy country cheese, looks like a biscuit! And accompanied by a mellow glass of beer, it's a combination that you can't improve on!

So at the risk of being called old-fashioned, I'm voting for round biscuits, that fit a hungry man's mouth like no square imitation ever will... and for American beer served in the good old-fashioned way, in tall, cool mugs or ordinary glasses, with frosty sides and bubbles winking at the brim!

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Dancing Arrangement At Goose Island Park
 Arrangements have been completed for dancing seven evenings a week at Goose Island State Park, S. C. Armstrong, park manager, announced Wednesday. A juke box of the latest model has been installed at the refectory by Mr. Crews; formerly of Tivoli, who operates the concession.

Ducks and Geese Paid No Attention to Fire
 Ducks and geese in the Rockport area paid no attention to the week-end's brush fire, so far as anyone could see. At the height of the excitement, they were observed swimming about their own business, totally ignoring smoke clouds overhead.

Joe Johnson, Jr., who is a student at Texas A. & M. College at College Station was at home for the past week-end.



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New Washateria Opening Monday

The new Rockport Washateria, just west of the railroad tracks on Market Street, will open for business Monday, W. E. Hebisen, owner and builder, announced Thursday.

Construction on the building was started about 60 days ago, but slow arrival of equipment delayed the opening.

The establishment contains ten washing machines and other equipment will be added as fast as it

New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Osborne, formerly of Van Wert, Ohio, are two more visitors to Rockport who have come back to stay. Mr. Osborne, a druggist, returned to Ohio following a summer visit, sold his drug store, and returned with Mrs. Osborne this week. They have purchased the Johnny Ketchum home on the south beach and plan to operate a trailer court and ultimately—they hope—a cottage court here.

becomes available, Hebisen said. The new washateria will feature a complete laundry service as well as self service.

Student Council To Match Jobs With Workers

Lady, do you want a baby sitter? Someone to help with that party next week? A neat seamstress to do that odd sewing or mending? Somebody to help with the housework? To type some letters? To wash some windows? To clean the yard? A companion for an invalid?

If you do, the Student Council at Rockport High School stood ready this week to solve your problems, just like that. ("That" indicates a quick and easy snap of the fingers.)

The kids have gotten down to business under the leadership of Principal Owen James, with the idea of solving the help problem for Rockport residents and the pocket money problems for themselves.

Tuesday, they perfected a student employment bureau with the idea of matching jobs with requests for help. If you need help, you simply call the High School, pass the word along to Glenn Owens, Student Council president, and he will dispatch the proper worker.

James says the kids are really in earnest about it all. This is the first time, so far as he knows, that a student employment bureau has been set up in a high school student organization. But after the idea had been talked through the student body, a canvass was taken and 36 girls and eight boys signified they would like part time and after-school jobs.

Of course, if a student misses classes in helping with a party or minding the baby, or in doing some other job, the missed school work will need to be made up in fashion similar, James said, to a correspondence course. But that can be handled in a pinch.

James said that the student council and the school will reserve the right to accept or reject work proffers, and to assign the proper students to the jobs offered. Rates of pay to be asked will be comparable to what is asked by other workers employed at similar tasks.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO CLARENCE R. TRUSS, DEFENDANT IN THE HEREINAFTER STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of Aransas County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse in the city of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock A. M. of Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1947, and answer to the Original Petition of Plaintiff, Fay Truss in Cause No. 2591, in which Fay Truss is Plaintiff, and Clarence R. Truss is defendant, filed in this court, on the 8th day of Sept., A. D. 1947, the nature of which suit is as follows:

Suit for divorce, alleging that defendant was guilty of such cruelty and mistreatment, and cruelty and misconduct, as to render their further living together insupportable, as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this cause and here referred to for full and complete description of Plaintiff's cause of action.

Witness, Jas. C. Herring of the District Court of Aransas County, Texas.

JAS. C. HERRING, Clerk of the District Court, Aransas County, Texas. by: Wretha B. Johnson, Deputy. Issued and given under my hand

Sunshine Special



What editor in his right mind would care about a couple of little northers when a picture of sun-loving Nancy Saunders modeling a play suit comes in the mail? After all, the sun is still shining and warm days will yet come. Anyhow, Nancy, vivacious and curvaceous Columbia actress likes this play suit of bright cotton shorts and jacket for outdoor idling. The novel Chinese-type socks give a novel touch to the costume.

and seal of said court of office, in the City of Rockport, Texas, this the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1947. (SEAL)

JAS. C. HERRING, Clerk of the District Court, Aransas County, Texas. by: Wretha B. Johnson, Deputy. c32

Cub Meeting Thursday

The first meeting of Rockport's Cub Scout pack, originally set for Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ceylon Ammons, was deferred until Thursday afternoon because of the illness of their son, Mitchell. The illness was found to be not serious.

Charles Roe Better

Charles Roe, who has been seriously ill as the result of a heart attack was much improved Wednesday, Mrs. Roe said. Mrs. Byron Baker, a registered nurse as well as being the wife of the marine biologist, is nursing Mr. Roe.

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Price Control Held No Answer

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Spl—A return to nation-wide government price control is not the solution to the nation's current economic pains, in the opinion of Tyrus R. Timm, economist of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service.

There is no quick solution, says Timm, that may be counted on in terms of days, weeks or maybe even months. It may be a matter of years.

The economist believes that the country, as an alternative, can go through the current transitional period and secure a more sound economic footing only by shrewd and frugal family use of household and business resources, and close cooperation of the public with the government on programs which present laws permit.

Timm, during a part of the war period, was on leave from the college to serve as agricultural relations advisor to Chester Bowles, then national administrator of the Office of Price Administration.

CHANGE THE SHOW

"You can't close down price control regulation as you would a theater and then re-open with the

same show," says Timm, explaining that price-cost relationships change swiftly and that the widely-talked price control return would call for long months of writing thousands of new regulations and making numerous new cost studies.

That phase of a new price control bill would, alone, be a time-consuming and costly headache, says Timm, that looms as a big point against price control revival.

There is also the question of getting a new control law through the Congress, the economist continues. How long, he asks, would it take to push a generally fair and equitable law through both the House and the Senate?

"Surely there is even less agreement today upon the provisions which should be included in a price control act," he said, "than the was in the war years, when, on one occasion, haggling was so long and drawn out that it took an airplane to get the President's signature in time to keep the law from lapsing."

EXPERTS UNAVAILABLE

Another drawback, says Timm, is the fact that it would be practically impossible to gather enough businessmen and others who have the "know-how" and who held key positions in the old price control program. Those men who served the government faithfully during the war period are now busy meeting the troublesome period problems of their own firms. Others who held responsible price control positions are now in key jobs in other fields.

"Price control may not be a science," says Timm, "but there is much for new-comers to learn before they can put up a fair and square price control program before the people."

He brings up the usually underestimated enforcement problem. To what degree would the program get compliance?

"A skeleton organization held over from the old price control system to handle important price emergencies on basic items might have been the answer, but that," the economist says, "is spilled milk and tears won't cure the ills."

What can folks do to lighten the shock of high prices and high costs during these months ahead?

PLANNING NEEDED

Timm says a lot of folks are in somewhat the same position as the average farmer from the depression right on up until the war broke out. They had to get along the best they could with what they had. It was tough, but they got by and kept their farms going.

There is still room in many individual households and businesses for better planning and fuller and more efficient use of all goods and

services at hand. This goes beyond efficient use to household supplies, transportation and financial resources.

As a partner in the inflation fight, the government, Timm believes, needs to be even more aggressive in getting larger farms and industrial production, in securing better distribution of present supplies of food and other goods, in correlating domestic emergencies and foreign shipments, in

keeping wages from getting out of line, and in using its fiscal and monetary powers.

Timm sounds a word of caution to American farm families. "Although there is no reason to expect abrupt farm price drop, it is probably that within the next few years that prices of the things farmers buy will go up higher, stay up longer and likely not drop as far as prices on things that the farmer sells."

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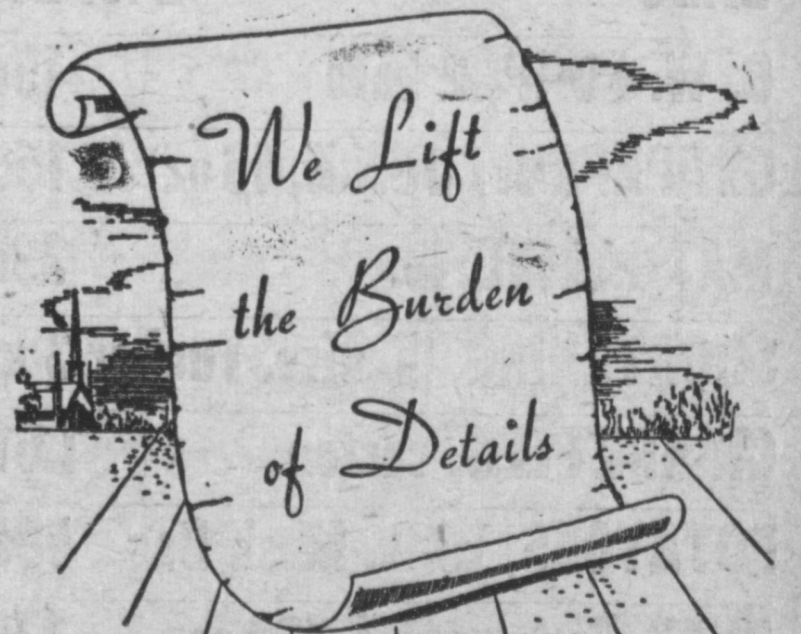
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Towns Threatened Fire Sidelights

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one house trailer also was burned and some smaller outbuildings here and there were reported destroyed. Despite published and broadcast accounts in other towns, however a careful check failed to disclose any isolated houses back in the brush which had been destroyed. As a matter of fact the brush area was practically uninhabited.

ALARM AT NOON

The first started back of Copano Village about 10:30 a. m. Saturday, and within a short time was roaring out of control through the dense thickets of live oak and sweet bay. A stiff and gusty north-northwest wind, blasted the flames from one tangle to the next. By about 11 a. m., the fire was sweeping over a sufficiently large area that the smoke cloud was easily visible from the waterway just south of Sundown Bay.

By noon it had swept practically to Highway 35 south of the airport and had bordered the Copano Village lane on its way to the airport. Several acres of grass were burned there later, but no damage done.

Fire Chief Lloyd Lassiter said that some anxious inquiries came in preceding noon but that no real alarm was called. At the noon hour he went out to reconnoiter the fire, then raced back to sound an alarm.

Before the fire department could reach the scene, however, the flames rolled up a rise near the turn-off lane to Live Oak Apartments. A gust of wind leveled the fire and it leaped the full width of the highway and caught grass and brush on the east side. Only a half dozen spectators were present then to fight it.

FIRE TRUCK TROUBLES

When Lassiter reached a telephone to sound the alarm, the fire was already beginning its march on Fulton Beach. What was even more serious, one of the fire trucks was dismantled in Rockport for repairs to its pumps. That truck was hurriedly reassembled, but the department's troubles still were not over. It was necessary to operate one truck from a battery after its generator burned out and once the truck had to be towed from one threatened spot to another.

Although only sparse minutes elapsed between the alarm and the arrival of the first truck, the firemen found the fire on the Fulton side out of control and the entire town threatened.

Lassiter circled into Fulton and telephoned both Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi for assistance. Sheriff A. R. Curry and Deputy Sherman Mundine hurried to the scene and also asked help from Corpus Christi. The appeal for aid soon got results. Aransas Pass sent one company. Corpus Christi sent two and Chief John Carlisle accompanied them. Later, additional equipment and men rolled in from Ingleside, Mathis and Odem. Portland and Port Lavaca fire department personnel also came. John Glazier, of the State Highway Department, summoned 18 workers of that organization and kept them on duty.

Meantime the threat to Fulton was becoming so acute that both shrimping and pleasure boats pulled away from the fish company docks and anchored well out in the bay. Practically all business closed as business men and employes joined the fire fighting.

FREAKISH BEHAVIOR

As the fire swept into Fulton, the firemen got their first break. They could pump water from Aransas Bay to supply their hose lines. But under the gusty wind, the flames became even more difficult, if anything, to fight. They leaped freakishly from tree to tree. Burning embers carried a block or more, set up new fires. The servants' quarters at the rear of Oak Shore Apartments caught after it was believed the menace had passed that point. The fire whipped back and cut across, igniting the Miller and Davis houses.

DeForrest, who is still suffering the effects of a recent stroke, and his wife, had elected to fight the fire almost at their doorstep. Mrs. DeForrest finally was driven to seek aid, but her husband held on until Curry and Mundine drove into the smoke and rescued him from his already lost battle, just ahead of the wall of fire.

MANY WILD RUMORS

Rumors of persons injured or trapped in the fire flew back and forth through the pall of smoke and crackling flames that overspread Fulton Beach. Investigation quickly disproved all, however. Frantic work in backfiring, wetting down of roofs, and standing pat with wet sacks in the fire's path saved house after house where bystanders remarked dismally that they "wouldn't give a dime for it."

Practically every rooftop bore one or more persons, while dozens of others beat at brush fires on the ground. Nobody asked whose house was whose. By dark the fire had been extinguished on the Ful-

ton side of the road except for coals and still smoldering trees that looked like left-over and badly-binged Halloween decorations. To spectators who streamed out from all surrounding towns to watch the tired and smoke-grimed fire fighters, it looked as if the fire were about under control by 7 p. m. Then the wind shifted around to the east and started the blaze again toward Spark's colony and the angry glow and smoke clouds leaped up the sky. At midnight, the fire was easily visible from just north of Portland.

THE CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT CO. LINES ESCAPED ALMOST UNHURT, DUE TO THE FREAKISH BEHAVIOR OF THE FIRE, MANAGER B. T. HARDEMAN RELATED.

One line, penetrating the brush country, was expected to go down. But as the fire reached the line, it drove across with such speed and intensity that not even the insulation on the wires was scorched.

THERE MAY BE NOTHING IN A NAME, BUT JOHN McLESTER HAS AN IDEA THAT ANYBODY NAMING A HOME MIGHT WELL CALL IT "ASBESTOS."

McLester recalled this week that the home of Col. C. M. Davis, which was destroyed, was the old Kenny home, which, for a number of years, belonged to Dr. J. M. Kenney.

"Dr. Kenney spent one summer at Kennebunkport, Maine," McLester related. "So, in a play on his own name, Dr. Kenney had a sign painted, naming his home 'Kennebunkport,' and hung the thing out in front. You might recall that Kennebunkport, Me., was one of the towns hard hit by the recent forest fires in New England."

Destruction of the one-time Rockport "Kennebunkport" followed by only a few days.

VOLUNTEERS WHO FOUGHT BACK IN THE BRUSH HAD ONE THREAT TO WATCH FOR, ALSO—SNAKES.

In the early stages of the fire, the danger was negligible. But back along the old railroad embankment to the west, enough rattlers were sighted to make everybody watch where he put a foot next. Several of the snakes sighted, however, were in such a hurry to get away from the fire that they didn't have time to pay attention to human beings.

TREATS RENEWED

Fire fighters were deployed to the west and by dawn, it again appeared the fight had been won. Chief Lassiter, who had been on the run with his men since noon on Saturday went home for some sleep at 7 on Sunday morning. Assistant Chief Charles Ankele, who had been off briefly on Saturday evening, stood by with the crews until nearly 9 a. m.

The weary fire fighters had scarcely closed their eyes, however, when the north wind whipped up the fire once more, and started the grim merry-go-round all over again.

Once more Corpus Christi, Aransas Pass and Ingleside equipment answered calls for help. Volunteers from town swarmed out again. Three of four desperate stands kept the fire away from houses fronting Highway 35 and prevented it leaping the road for a second time toward Fulton. Then came another alarm from Sparks' Colony.

That time, the threat to Rockport became more pronounced. The county officials sent out a truckload of workers. Private trucks and tanks, which had done stout service on Saturday, were again put into service. Nevertheless, residents in the live oak thicket area in the northwest section of town could hear the crackle of flames and were already preparing to fight fire there before the spread of the blaze was checked.

The fire was finally under control by about 5 p. m. Sunday although embers came back to life sufficiently to occasion another alarm for a brief period Monday afternoon.

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Miss America



Lovely Barbara Jo Walker, 1947 Miss America, models to perfection a shimmering evening gown created for her recent trip to Mexico. The new everglaze cotton fabric has a satin-like finish which is permanent through washing or cleaning.

The Waterfront

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limits quickly. They went out again Wednesday morning.

"We got our limits—all of canvasback—within 20 minutes," Campbell said.

"It seemed that we hardly had our decoys out when we started picking them up again."

HARRY AND HERB MILLS related that 24 persons who went out from Mills' Wharf on Tuesday all got bag limits easily.

MRS. THELMA RATISSEAU reported that all guests at the Jolly Roger Camp got their limit on both Tuesday and Wednesday. The kill was mostly of pintail and redheads.

Among those shooting from Jolly Roger blinds were Harwood Kennedy and Dr. T. A. Kennedy, both of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copeland and Freddie Copeland, and N. F. Hoogenhuize, all of San Antonio; Mrs. J. J. Irvin, Houston, and Mrs. Jimmie Langan, wife of the Houston Chronicle sports writer; Capt. W. F. Karbach, J. A. Guidry, Dr. D. DuVigneaud, Dr. R. W. Sharp, all from the Corpus Christi Naval Hospital.

THE JOLLY ROGER'S GUESTS did right well on their fishing, too. Within the past few days these catches were reported: R. R. Parin and J. M. Kellett, Jr., Houston, 100 trout; W. E. Warthen and his son, Houston, 60 trout, with the largest weighing 3 1/4 pounds; Fred Barner, San Antonio, 30 trout; Mrs. Langan and party from Houston, 38 trout and one 18-pound drum.

DONALD COLE AND A. C. Wolk had the best fish story at the Jolly Roger. They were fishing near the radar target in Copano Bay, not far from the camp, when a big drum started off with Cole's hook. Cole was lighting a cigaret and holding his rod loosely. So the drum took the rod and reel right along with the bait.

Disgustedly, he sat back while Wolk cast a few times. Suddenly Wolk let out a yell and started reeling in. Instead of a drum, however, he had hooked Cole's reel and recovered the tackle. The fish had gotten loose and gone elsewhere.

HENRY BALLOU WILL TELL you that there are lots of fish, and all those of good size. If you don't catch them, it's simply because you and the fish don't have the same hanging-out place.

"The fish are big enough that we're tossing back those under 12 inches," Ballou said. "Everybody is getting plenty without taking the small ones."

Ballou demonstrated whereof he spoke last Wednesday and Friday. He took Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Taylor of Dallas fishing. The first day, they came in with 56 trout and three redfish. One of the reds weighed five pounds, the other about six. Then on Friday they picked up 76 nice ones: 52 reds of which five were in the five-to-six pound class, 22 trout, and two flounder.

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FOR SALE: 24 ft. Aluminum house trailer. Can be seen at old Fulton Mansion. p32

FOR SALE: New Truetone radio-victrola electric combination. Second house north of depot. Mrs. G. C. Wilson. p29

Last Conference Grid Game Friday

The Rockport High School Pirates will wind up their conference football schedule Friday with a game against Calallen, High School. The game is to be played at Calallen.

One more game remains on the schedule, a clash with Corpus Christi's "B" team, to be played on Nov. 14, but the result will not affect the conference standings. Thus far, the Pirates have won four conference games and lost only two. Other losses were non-conference.

The Pirates took the Gregory Wildcats 14-0 last Friday night on the Rockport gridiron in a hard-fought clash that followed a colorful ceremony in which Daisy Prophet was crowned as this year's football queen.

Vicente Corpus, laid up by injury for two weeks was back in the game and broke through for a 35-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Dudley Prophet plunged for the extra point. Corpus again scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter with Johnny Rowe going over for the conversion.

The ceremony of crowning the football queen took place on a special platform in front of the south bleachers. Miss Prophet was escorted to the platform by Capt. Clifton Evans and Co-Capt. Vicente Corpus. Evans crowned the queen and Corpus presented Her Majesty with the queen's bouquet.

Jean Faye Johnson, Bonnie Cron, Lois Shults, and Katherine Atwood attended the queen and were escorted by Pete Sprinkle, Jack Davis, Leon Brundrett and Bobby Morrison, members of the team.

Tax Sale

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\$956.92. Rockport schools will share in the state and county sum. Court costs represent \$1329.92, and \$5264.65 is excess paid above the amount of the court judgment and will be held in trust for former owners of the property or their heirs in event they appear and can prove ownership.

Fulton property brought the highest excess, \$3802.35 above the \$553.10 state and county tax bid against it, largely because of Miller's bidding.

Acreage property, consisting chiefly of tracts in Burton and Danforth Subdivision, and Swickheimer addition, between Rockport and Aransas Pass sold readily in the main, and partly because of the oil activity in that area.

Terry filed the suits under an arrangement with county officials through which he is legally entitled to 15 per cent of state and county collections in such cases. He does not participate in tax collections for other units of government, nor in excess. His fees are not included in the court costs.



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