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Let's Try to Keep Our Face Clean

Just before the last freeze, DeWilton Jeffries instigated a street cleaning project. One afternoon he hooked his trailer behind his car and shovel in hand, started removing many months' collection of sand and rubbish from the street in front of his Auto Supply store.

Instead of waiting for the city or some organization to provide labor to have the work done, Jeffries believed the streets could be kept in good order if each merchant cleaned up his own front yard.

Prompted by Jeffries, The Pilot removed the debris in front of their office and was followed in quick succession down the line by Fred M. Hunt and Joe Johnson, who won for themselves the reputation of having the cleanest block in town, for the time being anyway.

Early this week, B. W. Hamblin was out with his little red truck, scoop shovel and helper to start the clean up on the other side of the street.

Wednesday morning Ed Barnard started digging out in front of the theater. By noon he had so completely lost himself in his work, that he had the debris removed on down the block, clear to Market Street. Not satisfied with having cleaned the street, he took the shovel and cleaned the sidewalk in front of the vacant lot next to the theater.

Tom Shults, city water superintendent, aided the clean-up this week by providing the city truck with a helper to carry on with the work.

It is not practicable for the city to provide for the work to be done. We must agree that men could be hired to clean the main street once a month and the day after the work was completed, a southeaster, such as we experienced Monday, could blow what appeared to be all the rubbish from every vacant lot in town back in the gutter.

This same south wind makes the business men reluctant to "chip in" and hire men to keep the streets cleaned. The only practicable way seems to be for each one to clean the small space in front of his own place of business. If this is done frequently by all concerned, it would take but a few minutes each time after the initial clean up and the appearance of the streets would be benefited 100 per cent.

The initial clean up is the difficult one, according to the boys with the experience. Sand and dirt is washed up in the gutters and has to be dug loose and removed with a shovel. If the cleaning were to be done at regular intervals, only rubbish would have to be removed.

Many home owners have begun their spring yard clean up. A dirty street is just as great an eye sore as dead shrubs among sprouting plants.

If we can't remove the trash from the back lots, let's at least try to keep our face clean.

COTTON TALKS



It's a far cry from holding the seeds that burst forth into fluffy white fibers to incising the parts of a radio that bursts into song or speech at the flip of a wrist, but that's just what cottonseed hulls are doing now. University of Tennessee freshman Shirley Schroll shows one of cotton's new products, a mahogany-colored radio cabinet made of cottonseed hull plastic.

Stray Dog Principal Source of Rabies

The recent death of a child in south Texas from rabies emphasizes the danger of this disease and its importance to public health.

According to a statement just released by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, there were 1,099 rabid animals discovered by laboratory examination in Texas last year. There were undoubtedly many more rabid animals running loose which were never examined. Since most of these animals were dogs, children are especially vulnerable to this dreaded disease.

"All dogs should be vaccinated annually as a rabies control measure," Dr. Cox said. "When a child is bitten by an infected dog, the dog should be penned up for observation for 10 days. If he shows no signs of illness in that time, he is not rabid, but if he sickens, he should be killed in such a manner as not to injure the brain. The brain should be packed immediately in ice and sent to the State Health Department for examination. If rabies is shown to be present there is still time to begin anti-rabies treatment on the child."

Cities and towns should take firm steps to control the presence of stray and ownerless dogs since they remain unvaccinated and are usually the principal source of rabies.

Annual Meeting of State Mineral Soc. of Texas To Be Held In Austin

The State Mineral Society of Texas has completed final arrangements for a state-wide mineralogical show to be held in Austin, Texas, April 17 and 18, 1948.

This Society has for its sole purpose the encouragement of the development of the mineral resources of Texas and the stimulating of rock collecting, grinding, and polishing as a suitable hobby. Of course, many of those that take up the polishing of rocks as a hobby eventually turn their hobby into a profitable vocation making beautiful stones and setting them into rings, pendants and brooches.

Texas is indeed fortunate that practically the entire length of the Rio Grande has many agate beds which furnish desirable material for polishing into beautiful stones. Again, over the entire State of Texas many rocks are found which fluoresce under ultraviolet lights, such as Mineralight, Radarlight, and others. Just drab looking rocks oftentimes will shine at night under the stimulating influence of these lights just like a live coal of fire, while others will show many various bright colors.

The Colonial Room at the Driskill Hotel has been set aside for the exhibition of the fluorescent rocks. In the Maximilian Room at the Driskill Hotel will be displayed the various exhibits from the various dealers and hobbyists all over the state.

Texas produces some of the most beautiful selenite that can be found in the United States and also produces a few rocks that can scarcely be found any where else in the United States, such as the so-called llanoite or opaline rock found in Llano County. In the Alpine area some of the finest plume agate that can be found in the United States covers many acres, and noted persons from all over the United States are often to be seen in the Big Bend section of the state gathering moss agate for the stones in their jewelry manufacturing business.

Anyone desiring to enter an exhibit should notify the President of the Society, J. J. Brown, of his intention to bring an exhibit in order that suitable tables, show cases, etc. will be in readiness. There will be no registration charge and no charge for space for the exhibitors which means that there should be an excellent show this coming April.

Judge B. S. Fox Announces Candidacy For Re-election

The Pilot is authorized to announce the candidacy of B. S. Fox for re-election as County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.



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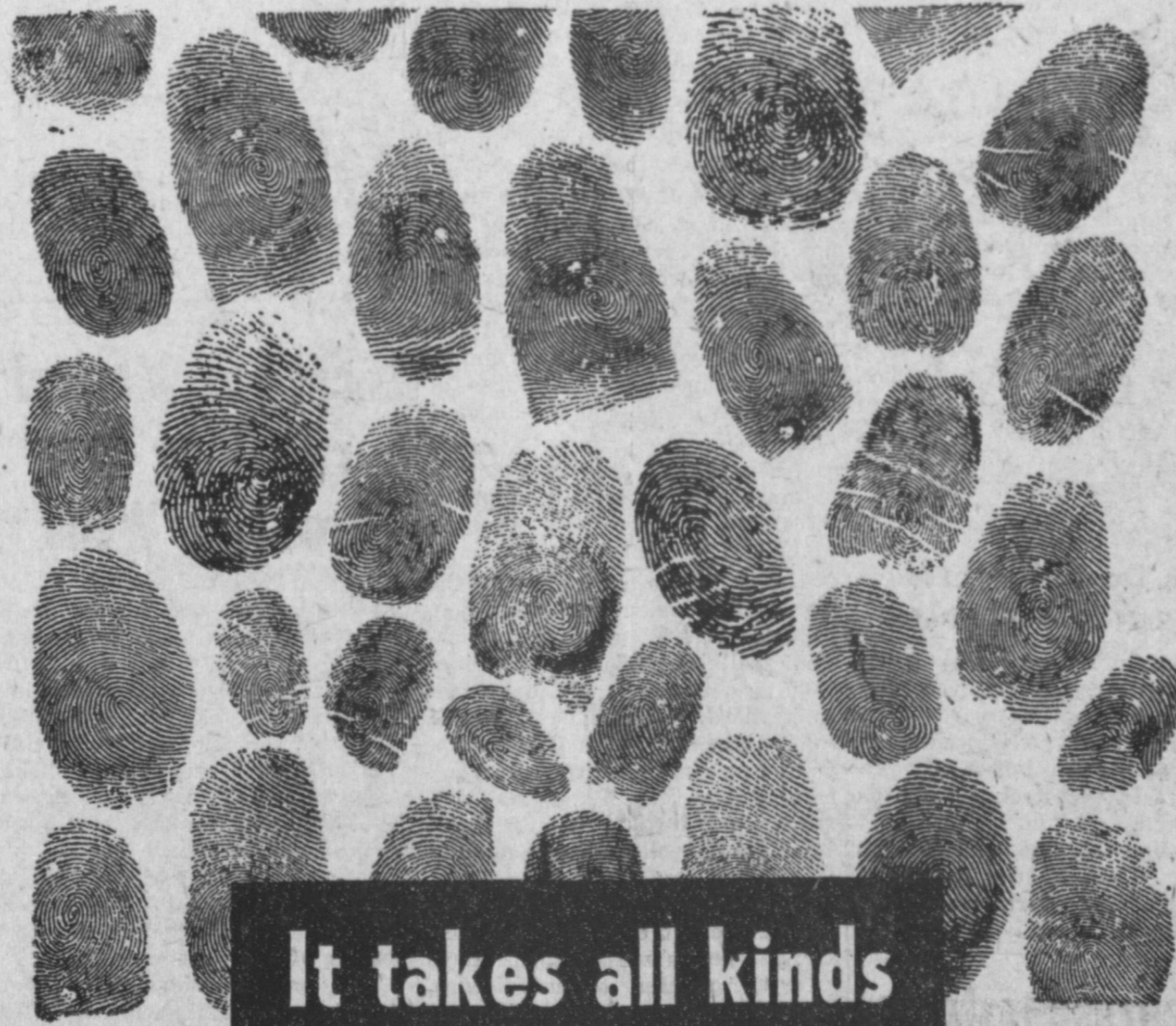
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Some folks might have tried to stop him. But not Pete. He even advanced Bud carfare for the trip . . . figured that when he'd had a good look around, he'd come back where he belonged.

And what happened? After seven days of big-town bustle and excitement, Bud was back behind the

wheel of a tractor, with color in his cheeks again. And he'd traded the night life of the city for a quiet glass of beer with Dad.

From where I sit, that's how it goes. Try to prevent some one from getting what he thinks he wants—and he'll go on wanting it. But give him his head, and he'll settle for the sensible thing—whether it's country life, or a temperate glass of beer!

Joe Marshall

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Quaint Easter Customs Circle The World

Strange and colorful customs are observed in many foreign lands at Easter time. Bonfires, torchlight parades, and folk dances celebrate both Christ's resurrection and the coming of Spring.

Everywhere, of course, people begin the day by donning new spring clothes and attending church services.

Perhaps the most colorful American custom is the exchange of Easter greeting cards depicting gay springtime flowers and inspiring scenes from the Scriptures—our way of wishing one another Easter happiness. Easter cards are also sent in England, Northern France, and Germany.

In some Italian cities, the Easter candle is blessed with traditional rites and then used to light a huge fire of sticks in front of the church. Good fortune is assured church-goers who take a blazing stick home to light their household fires.

Dutch children parade through the streets on Easter Eve with lighted Chinese lanterns bobbing on sticks, then gather in the market place for dancing. A popular figure on early French and Belgian Easter cards was a hare dancing on his hind legs and clashing a pair of cymbals.

In remote parts of Russia during the week after Easter, peasants still celebrate the festival of Kranaya Gorka, "the bright little hill." It features a circling dance about a woman singer who holds in her hand a round loaf and a red egg—each an emblem of the returning sun.

Christian children in Mesopotamia string colored hard-boiled eggs on cords and strike them together in collision contests, much as American youngsters crack horse-chestnuts against one another. Broken eggs become forfeit to the winner. What with the price of eggs today, the game isn't very likely to become very popular in this country.

An old German superstition holds that if a woman strings colored Easter eggs and hangs them from a tree, she will have a baby before the following Easter.

Even oriental countries hold Springtime festivals equivalent to our Easter celebration. As the land begins to blossom again, people everywhere "spruce up" their personal appearance and life takes on a quicker tempo. Friends exchange greetings and gifts, and wish one another happiness in the year ahead.

A. & I. Grigger Awarded Gold Star by Navy

Kingsville—Bob Stevens, Texas A and I. Javelina halfback from Floresville, has been awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Air Medal, according to Eighth Naval District headquarters.

A veteran of 16 months' overseas service, Stevens received the award, the Navy said, for "Meritorious acts" while an air-crew member of the Navy patrol plane in missions in the Aleutian area in 1943.

Andrew Johnson is the only American president against whom impeachment charges have been brought.

King Richard I was popularly known as Richard the Lion Hearted.



Texas A & I Royalty

Louise Scott of Harlingen (center) will become the 19th Lantana Queen of Texas A&I College at Coronation ceremonies to be held in Javelina Stadium, Kingsville, at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20. In her court will be six Lantana La-

dies, who also were elected by the students last fall. In the left row, from the top are Ladies Dorothy Isaacks of Gregory, Jeanine McCaskill of El Campo, and Betty Jo Wheeler of Brownsville. In the right, from the top, Virginia Frels

of Mathis, Marian McConico of Gregory, and Marion White of Carrizo Springs. Forty one campus organizations and nearly as many South Texas high schools will have representatives in the Coronation, most important social event of the year at A&I.

Leo F. Forbstein, 56 Music Director For Movie Studio, Dies

Hollywood—Death has closed the musical career of Leo F. Forbstein, 56.

For 22 years he was musical director of Warner studios. He was stricken last Monday while working on the score for Saturday night's academy awards show and died Tuesday.

Forbstein brought many famous composers to the screen—Jerome Kern, Sigmund Romberg, Oscar Hammerstein, Oscar Straus and Max Steiner. He began playing the violin when he was 4 years old in St. Louis, was conductor of his high school symphony orchestra when he was 16 years old.

He came to Hollywood in 1923 and conducted the pit orchestras at Grauman's Egyptian and other theatres during the last days of silent films. Among pictures he scored in recent years were "This Is the Army", "Night and Day" "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Humoresque."

His wife and daughter survive.

Air Force Reaches Enlisted Ceiling

Washington—The air force is having no trouble getting all the men it needs.

It reported Tuesday it has reached the 312,000 enlisted strength ceiling set by the current budget. It is accepting recruits "no faster than it loses men through normal separations and terminations of enlistment," the Air Force announced.

Trade Winds are those blowing continually towards the thermal equator and deflected westward by the rotation of the earth.

Seeking Rockport

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Pilot received a letter this week from an old time resident of Rockport. Since we understand that Rockport was for a short time known as Aransas Pass, we believe that it was here Mrs. Oglesby used to live. We will print excerpts from her letter for those who would remember her.

Dear Friends, Being very much interested in your city I am writing to inquire if this is the Aransas Pass that is sometimes called Rockport.

As a girl I lived at Rockport but we also called it Aransas Pass. There was an Aransas Pass down at the pass between St. Josephs Island and I believe the other island was San Patricia.

My maiden name was Maggie Opel, but of course, now it is changed and no one there would know me as Mrs. M. Oglesby. I knew in those days Sam Smith's family, the Herring's, Ballou's Seward's, Bruner's, Mathis, Hooper, Sorenson and many others but these were more established there.

There was a place close to Rockport called Aransas Harbor so do not know if in all these years if your town is the one I lived at. I surely loved it and the bay with its lovely sail boats.

Mrs. Margaret Oglesby 3078 So. Lincoln Englewood, Colo.

The youngest age at which one may be married in the U. S. is 14 for men and 12 for women.

Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, when told that the poor had not bread, said "Let them eat cake."

Nutrient Value Of Margarine Claimed To Equal Butter

CHICAGO, Ill.—A survey conducted over a two-year period shows that margarine fortified with Vitamin A and butter have equal nutritional value, the Journal of the American Medical Association announced recently.

The test was conducted at the University of Illinois by Dr. Anton J. Carlson, dean of American physiologists, Dr. Harry Leichtenberger, and Dr. George Eisenberg.

Two groups of children were observed in the study. One group, consisting of 160 children from three to 16 years who were orphans or children from broken homes ate standard brands of margarine during the two-year period. They were given margarine on bread, in vegetables, in pastry, and in fried foods.

The butter group included 107 children of approximately the same age in another institution ten miles away.

Conclusions reached by the investigation indicated that there is no apparent nutritional difference when the source of supplementary table fat is margarine rather than butter. "The children in the margarine group experienced a high degree of good health during the study, and in comparing their health to that of the butter group it appears to have been much higher," the doctors said. "Many other variables must also be considered, however, in accounting for the superior health of the margarine group," they added.

A government, under the right of eminent domain, can take private property after making compensation to the owner.



A deed that you might consider so light a thing that by tomorrow you will have forgotten it may yet have untold effect on the whole life of some youth.

When I was attending high school in Memphis, Tenn., the Memphis Press published a "feature story" about a young tax assessor out west who had unusual ideas on taxation. I wrote him a letter and he replied, making a suggestion which, indirectly, led to my becoming a "cub reporter" on the Commercial Appeal and to a career as a newspaperman.

So when my newest book "Cub Reporter" was published, I wanted to present a copy to my benefactor of so many years before—if he was still living. I recalled that his name was Knapp and that he lived in Pueblo, Colo. So I wrote to Lloyd Wilson (who used to be manager of the Waco Chamber of Commerce and before that at Vernon); he's manager of the Pueblo C of C and he enlisted the aid of the Pueblo Chieftain.

After the news item appeared, Knapp wrote me. Oddly enough, he had moved away from that city about the time I was entering newspaper work and he lived in Utah, Iowa, Minnesota, Arizona and Missouri (engaging in newspaper work himself) and then had returned to his old home city.

And so a copy of "Cub Reporter", suitably inscribed, was sent to the man who, by answering a schoolboy's letter, helped to shape an individual's destiny.

Austin is a sea-port—at least, you can take a voyage there. You go out to Lake Austin, board a luxurious motor-boat (almost a yacht) and glide on the moonlit waters up the lake and across to the Cliff House, where you climb a flight of rock stairs to the building on top of the hill and there you enjoy an excellent dinner, then make a return voyage and take your car from the landing on back into the city.

The world laughed at Edison, Fulton and Bell. I wonder who wrote their lines.

Jefferson Davis was the president of the Confederate States of America.

Leningrad has formerly been called both Petrograd and St. Petersburg.

Political Announcements

All Political Announcements Cash in Advance

The Pilot is authorized to announce the following candidates for the respective offices named subject to the Democratic primaries:

For State Senator 18th Senatorial District: JOHN J. BELL (re-election)

For County Judge: B. S. FOX, (Re-election)

FOR: District and County Clerk: JAS. C. HERRING (re-election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector: A. R. CURRY, (Re-election) ROY HINTON

For County Treasurer: J. ED MOORE, (Re-election)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: W. B. ALLEN (Re-election) G. A. SMITH

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: H. C. MULLINAX E. B. (BERT) CRAWFORD J. M. (JACK) SPARKS, JR. (Re-election)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: J. H. MILLS, (Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 4: ARTHUR L. DAVIS, (Re-election)

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1: R. R. ROBERTS

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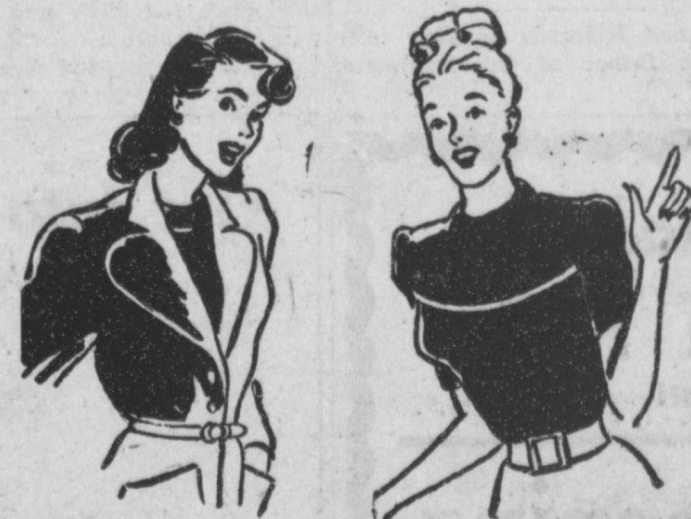
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COLONIAL HOME IN ROCKPORT FEATURES EARLY VICTORIAN STYLE FURNISHINGS

Last week Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fowler moved from Corpus Christi into their new home in Rockport. Rockport residents know the home as "the old Mathis place," but when they step inside the only aspect of age would be the lovely early Victorian furniture enhanced with antique chandeliers and vases.

Last August the Fowlers purchased the home from Walter Henschaw and have been remodeling ever since.

Highlights of the home, which is an asset to Rockport, include two chandeliers, one in the entrance hall and one in the living room, which came from an old church in Alabama. The aqua blue lamps, with daintily inscribed deep red roses, hung in the church which Mr. Fowler attended as a boy. A few years back Mrs. Fowler saw them when she visited the church and was able to obtain them. The lamps blend perfectly with the rest of the living room which is in shades of wine, green and an off shade pink.

The inside trim of the home, built on a foundation of brick, is hard cypress with all the flooring of heart pine.

In one bedroom we found a bedroom suite which originally graced the old Cudahy home in Chicago; in another the early Victorian suite features a dresser with horse shoe shaped mirror. The only other mirror of this shape, to Mr. Fowler's knowledge, belonged to John Barrymore. In the third bedroom we found an old canopy style bed, with fireplace completing the setting.

In the remodeling, a sun porch was added. This lounging room is paneled with Chinese matting and knotty pine. Off the sun room, is the kitchen also completed in knotty pine.

Closets and two bathrooms were added to the old home, which was constructed back in 1870. Fire places were repaired and re-arranged throughout the home in the living room, bedroom and sun-room.

Mr. Fowler, who is a contractor, is busy getting the lawn in shape. He plans more building for Rockport in the future.

WASHABLE



Miss America of 1947, Barbara Jo Walker of Memphis, models a washable evening gown of ballerina pink chintz at a recent meeting of laundryowners. The material is a new washable fabric marvel developed through co-operative efforts of manufacturers and the laundry industry.

CHURCH GROUP HOLD CIRCLE MEETING

Presbyterian Church Circle No. 1 met at the home of Miss Lillie Fahr last Thursday afternoon for their regular meeting. Mrs. J. B. Jackson has charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Carl Osborn. The subject was "Do I Mean It."

Two guests, Mrs. Fred B. Hunt and Mrs. Margaret Fahr, were present. Six members attended.

Light refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Hunt.

TOWNSEND TWINS HEAR NELSON EDDY

Loretta and Hetta Townsend returned from Houston Sunday, where they had been visiting their sister, Mrs. George Crook.

Thursday night, the girls went to the Nelson Eddy concert where, they report, they were able to obtain the autograph of the famous singer.

The twins are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Townsend and are seniors in the Rockport high school.

ALTAR SOC. MEETS AT RECTORY

Members of the Altar Society of the Catholic Church met at the rectory Tuesday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting.

Members present were Miss Mabel Bracht, Mrs. Arthur Curry, Mrs. Chas. Picton, Mrs. Amos Adolphus, Mrs. Lena Cole, Mrs. Stanley Bissett, Mrs. W. F. Close, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Miss Vivian Picton, Mrs. Urban Hemmi and Mrs. Elva Mullinax.

TANDA GROUP ENTERTAINS P.T.A. ON SIXTH BIRTHDAY

E. E. Mireless, coordinator of Spanish for the Corpus Christi Public Schools and author of Spanish textbooks used by the Texas public school system, addressed the Parent-Teacher Association Wednesday afternoon at the high school auditorium. Mireless subject for discussion was "Intolerance." He pointed out that it would take a better informed United States and Latin and South America to promote understanding among the countries. He elaborated with practical illustrations how ignorance of facts is the basis for misunderstandings which frequently arise.

The Odaka group of the Camp Fire Girls, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Lee Hart, presented a skit, "Camp Fire Girls in a Nut Shell." Accompaniment for the songs was provided by Mrs. Charlyne Hunt at the piano. Jane Robison was the announcer. A history of the Camp Fire Girls was given by Carol Townsend.

Owen James, high school principal, presented certificates of award to three Camp Fire Girls, who were original members when the group was organized six years ago. Carol Townsend, Joyce Nell Townsend and Dolly Lee Hart are the only girls who were charter members and remained active in the group for the entire six years.

After the P.T.A. meeting the TANDA group of the Camp Fire Girls invited their mothers and the P.T.A. members to their sixth birthday party in the home economics building.

The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of Easter eggs and rabbits, flanked with tall red candles. Credit goes to Mrs. Chas. Roe Sr. who was in charge of the decorations.

Individual red, white and blue angel food squares, centered with a lighted candle, were served to the guests. Dolly Lee Hart and Mary Ann Close presided at the punch bowl. Carol Townsend and Joyce Nell Townsend served the cakes. The older girls in the TANDA group stood in the receiving line.

CUB SCOUTS GIVE WEINER ROAST FOR PARENTS

Saturday night the weiner roast planned by the Cub Scouts went off as scheduled. The Cubs built a fire on the school ground where roasted weiners and soft drinks were enjoyed. After the feed the 18 Cubs with their fathers and mothers, as guests, went into the gym for games.

V. C. Ammons, Cub Scout Master, reports there was lack of competition in the games because of lack of parents. Only six of the parents of the 18 Cubs turned out for the party arranged in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reagen of Corpus Christi were guests. Mr. Reagen is Scout field executive.

Parents who enjoyed the outing planned by the Scouts were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Ammons, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills, Mr. Hugh Morrison and Mrs. Weber. Hugh Morrison was in charge of the games.

SLEEPY TIME GAL



The 22 lucky finalists in the Maid of Cotton contest are sleepy-time gals now that they've received gifts of dreamy Tommiecoats designed by Harry Berger. Tailored pajamas and matching Tommiecoats of soft cotton chambray were presented to the Southern belles at the contest finals in Memphis.

Mr. R. H. Clark returned to Houston Monday after visiting several days with his daughters, Miss Ruby Mae Clark, Mrs. W. G. Bardwell, Jr. and Mrs. W. H. Dakin, all of Rockport.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Iva Hague is wearing an engagement ring which she acquired over the week-end. The lucky man is a Gonzales building contractor and the wedding is scheduled for May 1.

Clyde Armstrong has recommended that Floyd Huffman grow a mustache to cure the sty on his eye.

One of Fred M. Hunt's customers didn't quite believe he is a barber. Last week a man walked in the shop and found Don Vance busy and Hunt operating a press in the tailor shop. Hunt left the press and asked the customer if he could help him. The perplexed customer asked Hunt if he were a barber. Hunt, being the modest type, replied that he cut a little hair once in awhile. The doubting customer decided to wait for Vance and Hunt went back to operating the press.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Sorenson returned to Houston this week after a stay of several weeks in Rockport. They made their home here with Mrs. Walter Davis.

PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLE GROUP ENDS YEAR WITH ST. PATRICK PARTY

The members of Circle No. 2 of the Womens Auxiliary of the Presbytery, entertained their husbands with a year end party on Tuesday night, in the Sunday school building of the Presbyterian Church.

The evening was spent playing parlor games. Mrs. Ted Little and Mrs. T. H. Pollard were in charge of the entertainment.

SEVEN MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Seven marriage licenses have been issued at the county court house this month. Couples applying for them were:

Jas. Franklin Howery and Mary Jaunita Davis; Francis E. Synder and Mildred A. Mannone; Guinn Binford Sullivan and Glyn Dene Lewis; Wayne Wilson Tate and Ermine Melvina Harbison; Barney Lee Bingham and Mrs. Eulah Sanders; Clyde R. Wilson and Mrs. Mellie Allen Elder of Corpus Christi, and R. H. Frantschi and Betty Gamblin from Port Arthur.

cup cakes with green frosting and green punch were served to those present. St. Patrick's napkins and favors of shamrocks carried out the St. Patrick's Day theme. Mrs. Somer Smith and Mrs. Chas. Cron made up the refreshment committee.

Those attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mrs. James Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Little, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Somer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Mrs. John Haseman, Mrs. H. S. Woods, Mrs. G. M. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Chas. F. Cron and one guest, Mrs. Thomas.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingersoll, Sr. during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingersoll and daughter, Mrs. Alvisett and daughter of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Prove of Lockhart.

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ASKS CONGRESS FOR DOG STAMP

Legislation in Honor of "Man's Best Friend" Sought by Dog-Lovers

The United States may soon issue a postage stamp honoring "Man's Best Friend," if the efforts being put forth by dog-lovers throughout the country prove fruitful.

Spearheading the movement is Harry Miller, director of the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York, who has appealed to Congressman Harry Phillips of California, himself a long-time champion of the dog, to introduce the necessary legislation providing for the issuance of such a stamp.

In a letter to Congressman Phillips, Mr. Miller points out that the United States at the present time has more dogs than any country is ever known to have owned before—one in every three American families owns one or more dogs—and that certainly the dog's contributions of heroism, loyalty and intelligence are worthy of honoring in this manner.

He further states that to date 13 countries have issued postage stamps which either show dogs as the principal point of their designs or have included dogs as an incidental to the composition. The only U.S. stamp which shows the likeness of a dog is one of 30-cent value issued in connection with the Columbian Exposition of 1893. This stamp shows Columbus with a globe demonstrating to a group of listeners his theories of geography and navigation, while a dog, which appears to be of a large Mastiff type, is shown lying on the floor in the foreground. Mr. Miller feels very strongly that with the country's dog population at the 20,000,000 mark, "Man's Best Friend" is now deserving of a postage stamp of his own and merits more than the incidental



SPRING'S IN THE AIR

It doesn't take a weatherman to predict that spring's just around the corner, for violets are in bloom again and spring's in the air, says this romantic formal gown created by Emma Domb. Though the air may be a bit nippy and Jack Frost still at work, there's no scarcity of violets on this charming young lady's enchanting dress and flowing scarf of Fluegelman's "Her Ladyship" cloquy organdy.

Livestock Show Opens This Week At Victoria

VICTORIA—More than 90 head of fat steers, pure-bred beef and dairy cattle will compete here this week in the Victoria Livestock Show, along with a heavy listing of swine, sheep and poultry.

The show, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and to be housed under two circus tents at York Softball Park, has several new features this year, including a division for adult beef and dairy cattle and turkey breeders, a carcass-grading contest, and night wrestling matches to be held on each of the show days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The show's big event, the auction sale of FFA and 4-H Club entries, will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, with heated bidding expected for the 28 calves. Among the other 4-H and FFA stock to be offered will be 15 high-quality Brahman bulls, from the herds of such breeders as Henry C. Koontz and McDaniel and Wadsworth of Inez and B. B. Gayle of Goliah.

Judges will be H. A. Fitzhugh of San Antonio, manager of the Straus Medina Hereford Ranch, beef cattle; Louis A. Gilbreath, Jim Wells County agent, Brahmans; Henry Knolle of Sandia dairy cattle; J. V. Lindsey, Lavaca County agent, sheep and swine; C. L. Cook, Wilson County agent, poultry; and William B. Howell of San Antonio, Swift & Co. beef grader, carcass content. This event will be held on Wednesday following the show.

The show tents were borrowed from the Daly Brothers Circus, which winters at Gonzales.

Among the featured stock will be a truckload of registered Jerseys from the Knolle Jersey Farms.

A lodestone is a magnetic stone.



Humble's New Mobile Medical Unit

Humble Oil & Refining Company's new mobile medical unit departs a field camp after completing physical examinations for employees there. The big trailer is divided into three sections—laboratory, X-ray room, and doctor's examining room. It is staffed by a doctor and an X-ray technician and is accompanied by Humble field nurses.

Building Permits Jump This Year

AUSTIN—Texas building permits pumped 54 per cent from December to January, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

January permits in 48 cities were valued at \$45,186,320 compared to \$29,378,209 in December. Outstanding percentage gains occurred in Childress with a 12-fold increase, Del Rio, 714 per cent, Port Arthur 544 per cent, and Pampa 300 per cent. Cleburne led in percentage declines with 90-per cent fall, Texas City was next with 80 per cent, and Victoria with 70 per cent.

Twelve-month increases in general were greater than monthly gains. Average advance for the year for the 48 cities was 113 per cent. Del Rio had a phenomenal twenty-fold increase while Cleburne held the low position with an 89-per cent drop.

Dollar value of Houston building permits, \$15,027,950, was almost twice that of the runner-up Dallas, with \$7,861,172.

The seasonally-adjusted permits index reached 494 in January, from 459 in December and 389 in January 1947. (Base 1935-39 equals 100.)

Fifty six men signed the Declaration of Independence.

There Is Still Time For Spring Landscaping.

"If you have not made all the changes which you plan in your landscape, there's still time to get it done before the growing season starts," Sadie Hatfield, extension landscape gardening specialist of Texas A. & M. College points out.

If shrubs around the house are crowded, some of them can be moved to a border or used for screening out-buildings, she says. Or go to nurseries and select the plants which will fit into the home landscape, as they can be successfully transplanted now.

Other jobs which can be done to the home landscape now are listed by Miss Hatfield. Flower beds for late spring or summer plantings can be prepared, as barnyard fertilizer will have about six weeks to decay before planting seeds. Order rose bushes from reliable source and set them out in soil where only grass has grown for the past five years. That will insure healthy plants and many blooms.

Evergreens which have grown too large and are crowding other plants can be pruned. Do not prune early blooming shrubs, such as spirea, flowering peach and Forsythia until they finish blooming, she warns. Shrubs which have not begun to bud can be sprayed with oil emulsion to control scale. If the spray emulsion has been frozen or if the oil has separated, it's a good idea to get fresh material and follow directions exactly so the plants won't be injured.

As a final job, Miss Hatfield says, remove and burn all diseased plants, diseased and dead limbs and take out unhealthy plants. The general appearance of the landscape will be improved.

'Mr. U. S. A.' Gets Movie Chance

Hollywood—Clancey Ross, newly crowned "Mr. U.S.A." from Alameda, Calif., flexed his 19-inch-biceps Monday and said he was ready for the chance to ripple his muscles in technicolor.

Ross is 24, with curly brown hair, brown eyes, and a physique that took him eight years of exercise and weight-lifting to get.

He won the title of "the most beautiful man" from the field of 16 bronzed supermen. With it goes a four-foot solid gold trophy and \$1,000 cash.

He also won a separate contest for "Mr. Sampson" which guarantees him a screen test with DeMille for his "Sampson and Delilah" movie.



Typical dog stamps of other lands.
(Courtesy C. E. Pelander)

recognition given him on a stamp issued 55 years ago.

"There are several well-known breeds, truly American dogs, which would be eligible to represent the dog family on United States postage," Mr. Miller wrote. "The Chesapeake Bay Retriever, the American Cocker Spaniel, the American Water Spaniel, the Alaskan Malamute, the Boston Terrier and the Black and Tan Coonhound are all pure-breds of undeniably American origin which have been brought to their present perfection by American breeders and dog-owners. If dogs besides native American ones were to be featured on stamps, the breeds which served so gallantly in the K-9 Corps during World War II are entitled to the glory."

Since time immemorial the dog has been a favored model for artists and sculptors, according to Mr. Miller. The cave drawings of pre-historic man depicted dogs, and dogs frequently appear in the hieroglyphic picture-writing found in Egyptian tombs. Pottery figures of dogs have been discovered in the burial places of the ancient Chinese dynasties. The great masters of European painting often included in their portrayals the pet dog or favorite hunting dog of their subjects.

Newfoundland Stamp First

A collection of stamps displaying dogs would show the portrayal of several different breeds and types. The first dog picture to grace the design of a postage stamp was the head of a Newfoundland, which was shown on a one-half cent stamp issued in 1887 by the country from which the Newfoundland derives his name. A Canadian stamp issued in 1927 shows a team of sled dogs, which can be identified either as Alaskan Malamutes or Siberian Huskies. Sled dogs are also shown in 1891 and 1893 Newfoundland issues, and in a series of Russian stamps issued in 1935 and 1938. Another dog sled team is shown on a 1932 issue of St. Pierre and Miquelon, but, rather than displaying the erect ears and curled up tail characteristic of the Arctic breeds, these dogs resemble Newfoundland, St. Bernards or Bernese Mountain Dogs in type. A conventionalized pair of Greyhounds are incorporated in the design of a 1905 issue of Crete. In 1942 the principality of Liechtenstein issued two elaborately designed stamps showing Great Danes as part of their composition. A Great Dane is also part of the design of a 1938 Spanish Loyalist Government issue. A St. Bernard carrying the traditional brandy keg on his collar embellishes the tab se-tenant attached to a 1906 Italian stamp. One of the most appealing stamps featuring a dog is a 1926 Saar issue which shows a German Shepherd leading a blinded war veteran. The dog wears the emblem of the Red Cross on his harness. The association of dogs with famous explorers is again emphasized in a 1916 Panama stamp which portrays Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific, standing on a rugged mountain peak with a large dog crouched beside him, Mr. Miller concludes.

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Wednesday is a rush day and space in the paper is beginning to run out. Will you help still further, please, by telephoning on Monday and Tuesday with events that have happened before those days? Thanks.

New Stamp To Be Issued In April

Miss Ethel Friend, postmistress, announced this week that the post office department will issue a three cent stamp through the Natchez, Miss., post office, on April 7, 1948, commemorating the one-hundred fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Mississippi Territory.

The central design of the stamp is an outline map showing the Mississippi Territory and its growth from 1798 to 1812, the left portion of which a dark tone denoting the State of Mississippi as it is today.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Natchez, Miss., with postal note or money-order remittance to cover the cost of stamps to be affixed. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment. Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. An outside envelope must not be sent for return of first-day covers. The envelope to the Postmaster at Natchez, Miss., should be endorsed "First Day Covers." Collectors should refrain from requesting hand-cancellations since covers will be machine-cancelled so far as practicable. Orders for first-day covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

Biologist Enumerates Advantages Of Cultured Oysters Over Public Reefs

by J. L. BAUGHMAN

No matter what laws we pass, or how well they are enforced, the Texas oyster industry is definitely on a down grade and will continue to be on a down grade until such a time as we shall be able to encourage and develop oyster culture.

Culture has a number of advantages over public reefs. In the first place, the land on which it is carried on is the private property of an individual, and common sense and the dictates of his pocket book will make him care for this land and for the oysters on it as he would not care for them on the public reefs. Second, it will have the effect, if the laws are wise, of rehabilitating reefs which would otherwise be stripped. Third it would have the effect of bringing into production a number of reefs which at present produce no marketable oysters, principally because of overcrowding. Fourth, it would bring into bearing bottoms which now support no oysters. Fifth, it would enable the growers to utilize the abundant natural seed which is wasted at present, both to plant new ground and to utilize on fattening beds.

Texas is peculiarly favored for oyster production inasmuch as its short growing season, comparative lack of pests and abundant seed remove many of the difficulties faced by growers in other sections. However, we cannot expect to attain any degree of prominence as oyster cultivators until we have put through some radical changes in those laws which govern the leasing of bottoms in the State.

Natural Reef May Not Be Leased As it now is, a natural reef (which is defined by law as having not less than 5 barrels per acre upon it) may not be leased. These reefs may be denuded, without any shell on which spat may light, or any mature stock to furnish spawn, and may be better off in the hands of a man who will replant and care for them, yet it is impossible to allow this to be done. This puts some of the best oyster areas in the state at the mercy of the commercial fishermen, and the reefs have, as a result, very little chance of being rehabilitated. Once a natural reef is no longer productive, because it has been stripped and does not possess enough stock to rehabilitate itself, it should be thrown open to lease by lot. Moreover, there should be a provision in the lease that, as a part of the rental, the lessee should return to the reef each year at least 200 barrels per acre of dry, clean shell. If on experimentation this should not prove desirable on a reef that had been brought back to production, then for every acre of his oyster lease that is in production he should have to plant, either on the unproductive portions of this bottom or on designated public bottoms, the shell that he would have otherwise planted on

the productive portions of his own reef.

Under our present law no more than 100 acres of oyster bottom may be owned or controlled by any individual or company. Theoretically this is an excellent law, designed to prevent promotional schemes similar to the old Matagorda Bay oyster farms. However, in actual practice it has the effect of deterring the larger operators in other sections from attempting a similar operation in Texas.

Lease Non-Transferable

Likewise, a second provision in the law, also designed to prevent promotional schemes, defeats any effort to cultivate oysters. This is the section of the law that says a lease is non-transferable. Suppose a man spends many thousands of dollars in planting and caring for a lease and then dies. Under our present law his heirs have no right to inherit this lease and it reverts to the State. Suppose again that legitimate oyster grower has worked his beds until they are worth some 3 or 4 thousand dollars per acre. This is not an impossible figure at all. Nevertheless, should his health become bad, should it become necessary for him to move elsewhere or should any one of two dozen things happen that would make it impossible for him to continue his business, then all the time, money and effort that he had expended would become a total loss.

Certainly some way should be provided so that a man legitimately in the oyster business should not be faced with such a contingency.

Distinguished Texas Graduates To Receive Military Awards

Austin, Tex.—The University of Texas will recognize 'distinguished military graduates' and 'distinguished military students' by annual awards of gold and silver medals.

Approval has been given by the Board of Regents, and the medals will bear the University seal.

The distinguished military graduates will be offered regular Army or Air Force commissions. Appointment of the distinguished military students will be made from the cadet class finishing its junior year. A silver medal will be given those students.

Eligibility for the distinguished military graduate gold medal and regular commission will require previous designation of a student as a distinguished student.

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Houston Co. Proposes To Construct Wharf

Peden Iron and Steel Co. of Houston, Texas, has applied to the Department of the Army in this Engineer District for a permit to construct a timber wharf four feet wide and 1,000 feet long at Copano Bay, on the south shore, at a location in Italian Bend, approximately four miles west from Rockport.

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Women May Be Drafted

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Librarian to Japan

Austin, Tex.—Lloyd McCameron, a University of Texas biology librarian, has gone to Japan to become a reference librarian in a United States-sponsored library. He plans to spend two years there, then return to the University for work in the Graduate School of Library Science.

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