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Along The  
**Waterfront**



Fishermen have been hitting the jackpot during the past week. Large reds are being caught in Copano Bay and trout fishing has been good at Allyn's Bight.

Lawrence Giles, Ralph Davenport, Roy Hardy and Les Askey of San Antonio and Robert Hardy, Lonnie Hardy and L. A. Hardy of Beeville caught 72 trout and redfish while fishing in Copano Bay Sunday and Monday.

H. C. Floyd, Herb Floyd and G. G. Gilson landed 20 trout which weighed about 2 pounds each Monday while fishing at Allyn's Bight.

Col. Raymond Morris, Major and Mrs. Pickard fished at Allyn's Bight over the week-end. The total number caught was 85 trout.

Chas. E. Carter and E. M. Carter of Oklahoma City fished with Harry Mills on the Sonata last Friday. They landed 14 large reds and two rat reds. The fish dressed out at 60 pounds.

R. S. Ohar Sr., R. S. Ohar Jr., and D. C. Stoke of San Antonio caught a nice bunch of trout while fishing with Jack Lawler last Friday.

Raymond Perdue and J. C. Payne of Houston went out with Herb Mills on the Sonata Saturday and hooked a large number of fish. They fished with Herb again Sunday and returned with 50 trout.

Johnnie Ley of Corpus Christi fished at Cedar Bayou Saturday and brought in 11 trout, 5 reds and 1 drum.

M. H. Vordenbaum of San Antonio went out with Jack Lawler on the Fisherman and caught 56 trout and 2 gafftops.

Leon Dennis of San Antonio fished with Harry Mills Monday. He caught 13 large reds, 4 rat reds and 3 trout which dressed at 41 1/2 pounds.

L. E. Lockhart of San Antonio brought in 5 large reds, 7 trout, 1 drum and 2 flounder, one of which weighed 5 1/2 pounds, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carsey of Houston, caught 16 large reds, 9 drum, 4 rat reds, 2 trout and 1 flounder while fishing with Harry Mills Wednesday. The total catch weighed 75 pounds.

A shrimp boat, the Rita, from Sabine, ran aground at the Beach Club in an attempt to enter Little Bay Tuesday about 9:00 p.m. The boat, owned by Fred Beard of Sabine, was enroute from Sabine to Aransas Pass. The party of three men, one woman and a dog got lost while trying to find the entrance to the Rockport yacht basin and headed for the red light at Del Camino Court, believing the light to be the entrance to the harbor. A boat from the marine laboratory rescued the party Wednesday morning. The shrimp was filled with water from the heavy seas but was not badly damaged, according to Preston Paul who released the boat from its position this morning. The party was on its way to Aransas Pass where they planned to make their headquarters for bay and Gulf shrimping.

**Gov't. Spending Is Discussed at Area Chamber Meeting**

The national government was reprimanded for its 20 year-long spending spree at a meeting of Chambers of Commerce members in Corpus Christi Wednesday night, which was attended by representatives from many South Texas towns. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rice and Col. and Mrs. C. M. Davis attended the meeting from Rockport.

Speakers and audience took turns at asking for cuts in the national debt and in decreased taxes at the meeting attended by about 70 persons on the White Plaza Hotel Deck.

The conference was aimed to advise the National Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The committees in towns throughout the United States attempt to keep the populace correctly informed on occurrences and trends which have a nationwide scope, Tom V. Watson, an advisor with the Southwestern Division of the Chamber of Commerce, said.

John A. Mobley, local attorney and keynote speaker at the meeting, chided the government for increasing the national per capita debt from \$35 in 1928 to \$250 in 1948. He asked that C of C officials cooperate in a movement of operating the national government as a person would conduct his own business.

An open forum was conducted by H. J. Dollinger, assistant manager of the Southwestern Division of the national chamber. Persons in the audience echoed statements of Watson and Mobley that Washington bureaus should be decentralized, with more power being put in state hands.

"Texans can get more good from their tax-dollar if it is given to the state government rather than going to the national treasury," Watson said. The Chamber (Continued on last page)

**Staff Begins Plans On 'The Pirate'**

The staff of The Pirate, high school annual, met at the high school last week to make plans for the publication.

An annual will be given away to the student that turns in the largest number of snap shots which appear in the annual.

Pictures will be taken for the publication Oct. 11, 12 and 13 by Dan Durant of Bryant, Tex. Boys will wear ties and coats or jackets; girls will wear white or light blues, to insure uniform pictures.

Barbara Ann Freeman is editor of The Pirate this year. Lois Mae Townsend is assistant editor. Tim Haynes and John Albert Ratliff are business managers. Jean Faye Johnson will be art editor, Yvonne Wiggington, sports editor, and Mildred Wilkinson, typist.

**Committee Appointed To Recommend Books**

The executive board of the Parent-Teacher Association met last week to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the purchasing of reference books with the donation received from the Cardinal softball team for that purpose.

Those appointed were Mrs. Ernest Silberisen, Mrs. Jack Davis, Mrs. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Jas. Herring, Mr. Owen James and Supt. J. F. Harbin. They will make their report to the P-T. A. at the next meeting to be held Oct. 19. This will be the Founder's Day program.

**High School Students Organize Camera Club**

A camera club was organized at the high school this week to develop interest among students in taking and developing pictures. The club will meet once a month and plans are to have a speaker at each meeting to discuss photography with the group.

Tim Haynes was named president of the club. Other officers are John Albert Ratliff, vice-president; Lois Townsend, secretary; Mildred Wilkinson, treasurer and Jean Faye Johnson, reporter. Other charter members are Barbara Ann Freeman, Yvonne Wiggington and faculty members Owen James, Mrs. Raymond Morris and Supt. J. F. Harbin.

**WEEK'S NEWS**



**FIVE-YEAR-OLD MASTER**—Marion Tiernan, five-year-old Australian girl, cannot read nor write, but she can play Brahms and Beethoven on a piano like a veteran, and passed London College of Music primary with a score of 90 out of 100.



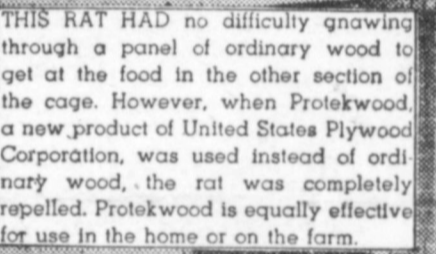
**DIG FOR PEACE**—First shovel of ground broken for new United Nations headquarters in New York City is held by Benjamin Cohen, acting secretary of UN, with Mayor William O'Dwyer looking on. Headquarters buildings will cost \$65,000,000.00.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**—Grand national senior winner in the 1948 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild competition is Harvey Whitman of Jackson, Mich. Whitman's beautiful model which won for him a \$4,000 scholarship is pictured as a futuristic conception against a background of old cars dating back to 1900.



**NEW BEAUTY**—Gale Robbins, above, is newest of luscious beauties to grace the screen.



**THIS RAT HAD** no difficulty gnawing through a panel of ordinary wood to get at the food in the other section of the cage. However, when Protokwood, a new product of United States Plywood Corporation, was used instead of ordinary wood, the rat was completely repelled. Protokwood is equally effective for use in the home or on the farm.

**Tiny Tots Style Review Next Week**

The "Tiny Tots Style Review" will be presented by first and second grade students and pre-school age children at the school auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Oct. 14. The program will be under the direction of the teachers of the two grades and the mothers of the children.

An admission of 25 cents per person will be charged to enable the primary grades to purchase rhythm band instruments and school supplies.

The style review will feature Models of Today, Styles of Long Ago, bathing beauties, a floor show with chorus girls, and youngsters modeling school clothes, dress clothes and evening dress.

**Stamp Club to Start Students On Collection**

The Trade Wind Stamp Club held their second meeting at the home of Mrs. Pat Hooper Tuesday night.

Plans were made to organize a junior stamp club. The adult club will purchase stamp assortments to assist interested students in getting started on their collection. J. L. Baughman is in charge of the junior project.

The constitution and by-laws for the club were accepted. Visitors attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Hall Logan of the Corpus Christi Sea Gull Stamp Club, Mrs. Judy Collier and Mrs. Fred Buckley and grandson.

**County to Carry Out Weed Cutting Program**

The county has arranged to spend 18 to 20 days cutting weeds throughout the county this month. The weed cutting program is being carried out in the interest of health, according to County Judge Emory M. Spencer. Weeds will be cut along streets in Rockport and Fulton and roadsides and parks will be mowed.

**Pirates Out to Upset Mustangs**

The Rockport Pirates are working hard in preparing to face one of the strongest Class B teams in the state, the Ingleside Mustangs, this Friday night. They will use a new offense and defense against the Mustangs and will be out to upset the team which is untied and unbeaten so far this season.

The Mustangs will start a team weighing an average of 168 pounds while the Pirates starting lineup will probably be about 150 pounds. The Pirates are pointing hard for the Ponies and the coach promises a bang-up good ball game. Kick-off time is 8 o'clock on the home field.

The Pirates lost a ragged game to the Woodsboro Eagles 6-0, last Friday afternoon on the Woodsboro field. This was the Pirates first conference game.

The Rockport team muffed a couple of good scoring chances early in the game and were on the march as the game ended. The Eagles were playing inspired ball and with most of the breaks, were constantly driving hard for the score they made late in the last quarter. Benny Cruz, the outstanding back of the day, scored on an off-tackle play for the Eagles only minutes before the game ended.

It was a tough ball game to lose and was one that the Pirates should have won. The loss suffered to Woodsboro has the team with their backs to the wall and working hard to prepare for the game Friday.

The Eagles made 10 first downs to the Pirates nine; gained 170 yards in rushing to the Pirates 261; were penalized 15 yards to the Pirates 55; completed eight out of 17 passes attempted while the Eagles failed to complete any out of three tried.

A good crowd has been following the Pirates to their out-of-town games and a large crowd is expected at the game Friday night. Fans are asked to stay behind the wire at the field.

**Father Kelly Dies In Missouri**

Word was received in Rockport last week that Rev. Father James H. Kelly, 58, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church here until recently, died as a result of a heart attack at the home of friends in Harrisonville, Mo., Sept. 29, where he was visiting.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 9:30 a. m., Oct. 2, at the Sacred Heart Church in Kansas City, Mo. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 10 a. m. by the Right Reverend Msgr. Clarence R. Mullen of Corpus Christi. Special Mass was said for him here Sunday at the Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in the Priests Lot at Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Sam Denny, Loveland, Colo.; a brother, John G. Kelly, Hanna, Wyo.; three nephews, Jack, James and Patrick Kelly and three nieces, Mrs. Connie Robinson, Mrs. Theresa Haugen, and Mrs. Petrinilla Jackson; a cousin, Jim Kelly of Parsons, Kan.

Father Kelly was born in Lingo, Mo., Aug. 6, 1890. For years he was with the Christian Brothers and was one of their teachers. He studied at Kendrick Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and was ordained to the priesthood at the Catholic Cathedral there by the late Bishop Thomas F. Lillis, May 15, 1921.

He was stationed in St. Mary's Church, Kansas City, Mo., as assistant pastor. He then moved to Belleville, Ill., where he built a new church. He left Belleville to go to Mexico for a rest, after which he took over the pastorate of the Skidmore Catholic Church where he remained for two years.

Father Kelly assumed the pastorate of the Sacred Heart Church here March 4, 1936, with Aransas Pass and Port Aransas as missions. Later he was assigned assistants who took over the Aransas Pass and Port Aransas area under his supervision. He remained in charge until the past year, when Aransas Pass became a separate parish.

Father Kelly was Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He was one of the directors of the Diocesan Clergy Relief.

He took an active part in civic affairs. During the war he served as president of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce and also served as a director in that organization. He left Rockport in June because of ill health, going to the midwest where he visited with friends and relatives.

**Community Invited To Enjoy Barbecue At Sanders Home**

Aransas County residents are urged to make reservations with Mrs. L. E. Sanders at 3708 or Mrs. Baker at 3911 to attend the barbecue being sponsored by the Women's Civic Club Sunday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 3 p. m. The barbecue will be held on the lawn of the Sanders home on Fulton Beach.

Mrs. Sanders has requested that as many persons as possible notify her of their intentions to attend by Oct. 14, so that she will have an idea of how much food to prepare. However she pointed out that it is not necessary to have a reservation to attend. Adults and children are invited to enjoy their Sunday dinner on the spacious lawn of the Sanders home with or without reservations.

The barbecue will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12 years of age. Donations of food from merchants will be appreciated, according to the committee in charge. Mrs. Sanders would like to be notified by those desiring to donate by Oct. 14.

This is the first project to be sponsored by the Women's Club during the fall season in their effort to raise funds to build the proposed community hall. During the summer season they raised \$1,100.

**Women's Club to Sell Tickets On Radio**

Tickets will go on sale this weekend for a Westinghouse 8-tube radio phonograph combination complete with FM. Members of the Women's Civic Club will sell the tickets for \$1.00 each. They will award the radio Dec. 23.

**Mayor Tells C. of C. Adequate Water and Gas Supply is Necessary To Interest New Business In Area**

Mayor Travis Bailey told members of the Chamber of Commerce at the dinner meeting held Wednesday night at the Del Mar Grill that a good water supply is a necessity to interest new businesses and factories in an area. He cited instances in South Texas where new business interests were lost because of inadequate water supply. Mr. Bailey said that Rockport has a good water supply and could have a

better one. While he stated that he is against bond issues for anything and everything, under proper circumstances he could see that Rockport could benefit from an issue to increase the water supply if it was properly financed.

Another benefit which is now available to the area, he said, is the cheap gas. Mr. Bailey said that inquiries have been received from parties interested in establishing new businesses here. However he believes that the area would receive greater benefits from several small businesses or factories than from one large concern, as he pointed out, if this one concern should leave there is nothing left.

Mayor Bailey told the chamber group that the organization can best serve the people in Aransas County by putting emphasis on the tourist business. Though the fishing industry is the basis of the economy here, he pointed out that this is a natural resource and will take care of itself; fishermen will continue to bring in the shrimp and fish as long as they are in the bays. While the tourist business, ranking a close second to the fishing industry, is on a competitive basis with the rest of the Gulf Coast area and will take a great deal of publicity and advertising to develop it to its fullest extent.

He said that a poor winter season is due to lack of publicity rather than to lack of interest on the part of the tourist seeking a winter vacation spot and that continued advertising in the proper places should remedy this. Mayor Bailey told the Chamber of Commerce group that the aim of the city council this year is to pay off the remaining \$12,000 still due on a \$30,000 bond issue voted in 1931. He revealed that the City of Rockport has paid out \$80,000 dollars in the last 57 years on this issue and are still paying 6 per cent interest with \$12,000 to go on the principal.

Another hitch in the city finances which will have to be faced during the coming year is the \$8,600 which will have to be paid by the city on the Rockport harbor. Since the state failed to levy the ad valorem tax earmarked for this purpose, it will fall on the shoulders of the city to pay it this year. As a result 75 cents of each \$1.50 paid in taxes will go to pay off old bonds.

In spite of these handicaps the mayor said that the city's financial condition has been slowly improving since 1939. He warned, however, against issuing bonds in the future without thoroughly investigating the necessity for them and the method by which they would be financed.

**Two Oil Wells Being Completed**

Placid-Graham-Spencer No. 1 Unitized and Standolind No. 1, State Tract 71 are still in the process of being completed. Standolind No. 1 has been re-activated.

Spencer-Kent-Crane No. 10 is coring at 5,250 feet. The well is 600 feet east of the Sternberger line and 660 feet south of Copano Drive.

The T. G. & M. Drilling Co. is rigging up on Atlantic No. 3, State Tract 70.

Atlantic's V. G. Gwynn No. 1 has run a Schlumberger at 9,500 feet and is drilling ahead.

Phillips Petroleum Co. is driving piling for their first directional hole on State Tract 34. These pilings are approximately 90 feet in length and came from the west coast.

Western Natural Gas Company's No. 9 St. Charles Ranch, was making drill stem test on perforations in the 11,400 foot area Saturday. The well has 5 1/2-inch liner set from 11,075 feet to total depth of 12,020 feet.

Sullivan and Garnett No. 2 George Shelley, second well for the new Lamar Field has taken potential test. On 1/8 inch choke, it made 50 barrels of oil with 450 pounds pressure on casing and 1,750 pounds on tubing, from 24 shot perforations at 7,290-300 feet. The No. 3 Shelley was drilling at 2,179 feet yesterday.

**Scout Cake Sale Saturday**

The Cub Scouts will hold a cake sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Oct. 9, at the Red and White grocery store in Rockport.

**Two Pay Fines For Using Illegal Nets In Copano Bay**

Tom Webb and J. F. Evans, operating commercial shrimping boats, were apprehended Tuesday morning while operating shrimp trawls larger than the legal size in closed waters at Copano Bay.

The men were taken before Justice of the Peace Joe Smith and fined \$25 plus \$11 costs each on a plea of guilty. Arrests were made by Game Warden M. B. Mullinax and Donald Cole.

According to Mr. Mullinax only a bait trawl, which is 10 feet wide at the mouth and 25 feet in length, is permissible for use in Copano Bay.

**You Are Invited—**

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hanks to be the guests of the Rio Theatre to see "I Remember Mama," Thursday or Friday, October 7 or 8.

This notice clipped from The Pilot will serve as your pass.

**WEATHER REPORT**

The instruments are read at the marine laboratory each day at 3:30 p. m.  
Sunday—Max. temp. 90, min. 64. Barometric pressure 30.02 inches.  
Monday—Max. temp. 81, min. 64. Barometric pressure 29.91 inches.  
Tuesday—Max. temp. 81, min. 64. Barometric pressure 29.92 inches.  
Thursday—(10 o'clock) Max. temp. 71, min. 68. Barometric pressure 29.86 inches. Tide 2.8 feet.

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## An Editorial

The Rockport city officials are to be commended for their foresight in having the city's financial statement for the year published.

For the first time in years the taxpayers were given an opportunity to see exactly where their tax money is going and has gone.

Favorable comment has poured into the city hall and The Pilot office, which disputes the belief that taxpayers do not read the statement when it is published. Property owners who have been paying tax money into the city coffers for a number of years ARE interested in seeing what has been done with the funds.

Those who have praised the city for publication of their financial statement are wondering why the county does not do the same. The financial status of the county has changed during the last few years and tax payers are just as curious as to where their county taxes have been spent as they were about the city taxes.

Since it has been a number of years since a financial statement has been published by the county, it has been suggested that they, too might benefit by publishing a statement this year.

It is not enough to say that the "county funds are in excellent condition," or that "the city cannot provide proper roads and drainage because of lack of funds." The taxpayer is interested in seeing the figures from which they can draw their own deductions.

## Dear Community

Within the next few days, the annual campaign for funds for the support of the Boy Scout work in our community will be made. Simultaneously, campaigns will be made in some forty other communities of the Gulf Coast Council of which we are a part. The funds raised in this campaign will take care of all financial needs of the Scout Movement for the coming year, except those of individual scout units which are supplied by the sponsoring institutions.

Principal items in the Scout budget, which for 1949 will total some \$63,000.00 includes: badges and awards for Scouts and Cubs, program material and helps for Scout and Cub leaders, maintenance of the council office, salaries of employed personnel—executive and office staff, and maintenance of year-around camping facilities. Without these and other services which the council provides, it would be impossible for our local Scout program to operate.

The workers who will call upon you are busy people like yourself. To save their time as well as your own, we ask that you be prepared to contribute promptly and generously. Your contribution should be considered not as a donation, but as an "Investment" which will pay dividends in character and citizenship."

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# Texas Shrimp Producers Report 1947-48 Season Third Largest Year In History

### Aransas Gulf and Bay Area Led In Amount Of Shrimp Produced On Texas Gulf Coast

Texas shrimp producers had the third largest year in their history during the season of 1947-48.

Shrimp production for the entire year amounted to 18,262,358 pounds, a figure that has been surpassed only twice in our history. In 1946-47 we produced 19,011,820 pounds for our second largest year, and in 1942-43, reached an all time high of 19,022,873 pounds. Other years have varied, but in all of them production has been considerably smaller.

The Aransas area led all the rest of Texas in shrimp production, producing 5,883,921 pounds of Gulf shrimp and 8,269,462 pounds from bay areas. The Galveston-Freepoort-Port Arthur section of the coast produced 5,836,642 pounds from the Gulf and 234,436 pounds from the bays; the Matagorda area produced 1,333,453 pounds of Gulf shrimp and 2,111,394 pounds from the bays; and Port Isabel only 615,039 pounds altogether. The total production of 18,279,658 pounds was, however, a little over three quarters of a million pounds less than last year.

The red snapper fishery, which declined rapidly during the war, has now become the second ranking fishery in the state, producing 1,119,217 pounds during the past year. This is a rise of 311,742 pounds over 1946-47, and is partially accounted for by increased landings in the Rockport-Aransas area. Landings here in 1946-47 were only 13,151, but during the past year this took a sharp upswing to 67,348 pounds, a good deal of which was caught while boats were awaiting the outcome of an early season shrimp strike. Port Isabel landings were up to 160,486 pounds against last year's 119,938 and the Galveston catch of 891,383 exceeded last year's catch in that area by 217,000 pounds. As a matter of fact, Galveston alone produced more red snapper in 1947-48 than did all of Texas the preceding year.

#### Trout Fishing Drops

The fishery for trout, redfish and drum was off tremendously over 1945-46, our last normal year, and the effects of the disastrous cold weather in January 1947 on the bay fish crop is still readily apparent. Redfish declined 31,664 pounds over 1946-47, producing only 494,899 pounds; trout dropped 72,994 pounds to 491,388; the drum declined from 674,961 pounds in 1946-47 to 459,857 pounds in 1947-48. These totals are matched in recent years only by those of the year 1940-41 when the coast suffered another spell of exceedingly cold weather. In that year the redfish catch was only 119,445 pounds and drum was down to 447,327. Part of this decline is due to an increased emphasis on shrimp, fishermen being unwilling to fish for finfish other than snapper.

Flounder, whiting and gafftops all showed a decided rise in poundage over last year's catch. Flounder went from 103,056 in 1946-47 to 108,305 pounds in 1947-48; whiting produced 48,351 pounds last year, and 76,104 pounds this year; gafftops produced 54,158 pounds, a 17,686 pound advance over last season. The great proportion of the gafftops catch came from the Rockport-Aransas area.

Sheepshead, pike and kingfish all declined. Sheepshead dropped from 15,471 to 10,132 pounds, a

loss of 5,339 pounds. Pike which produced 62 pounds last year, produced none at all this year, while the kingfish production went from 2,668 pounds in 1946-47 to none at all in 1947-48.

This kingfish production is odd, considering the fact that Florida can, and will, readily absorb from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 pounds of this fish annually, if it can be obtained and that Florida operators such as Max Swartz, of Miami, have expressed their willingness to take any amount up to that figure. The kingfish population of Texas offshore waters is at times very heavy, but, except during the war, this fish has been little utilized.

Groupers, warsaw and jewfish all showed increased poundage this season. Jewfish went up 438 pounds for a total of 3,550; warsaw advanced 8,065 pounds to 22,703; and groupers rose from 75,684 pounds last year to 94,616 this. As usual the Aransas area produced the most jewfish, the jetties at Port Aransas being a favorite spot to catch them, and almost the only place where many of them are taken. 2,678 pounds came from there and 872 pounds from Port Isabel.

Part of the 8,000 pound advance in warsaw poundage was accounted for at Galveston, where boats took 14,569 pounds against last year's 12,559; but by far the greatest advance came from the Rockport-Aransas area. As we mentioned earlier, an early season shrimp strike sent several of the boats from this area into the Gulf for snapper, with the result that 54,197 pounds more snapper were landed there this year than last. Along with the increased snapper landings the warsaw catch went up some 3,000 pounds. The Port Isabel catch was 4,783 pounds, or 2,986 pounds more than last year.

The increased grouper catch of 94,116 pounds (or 18,932 pounds above last year) was mainly accounted for by the Galveston snapper fleet, which brought in a total of 92,534 pounds. This is 17,500 more than came from that area last year. Minor catches were 902 pounds from Port Isabel and 1,186 pounds in the Rockport-Aransas area.

#### Mullet On Upswing

The Texas mullet fishery has always been an uncertain proposition, not because there were no mullet, nor because there was no market for mullet after they were caught, but because it was difficult to get any of our Texas fishermen to catch them. However, during the war, under the intensive efforts of Carlton Crawford, at Palacios, considerable quantities of this fish were taken. The 1941-42 catch was 6,570 pounds. In 1942-43, production ran to 50,000 pounds; in 1943-44, 61,521 pounds were produced and in the following year, 1944-45, an all time high of 95,000 pounds was reached. However, once the impetus of the war was over, the Alabama fishermen (who had been operating from the Crawford plant) returned to their homes, and as our Texans lacked knowledge of how to fish for mullet, the fishery declined until only 3,189 pounds were produced in 1946-47.

However, during the past year, mullet production is again on the upswing. Florida, which, before the red tide hit, produced some 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 pounds of

mullet annually, is now producing only about 25,000,000 pounds, and mullet operators in Florida badly needed new sources of supply. As a result one of the largest operators, Bob Combs, of Naples, Florida, in connection with Ray Waite, of the Southern Fish Company, at Port Isabel, have recently established a rapidly growing mullet fishery in the Laguna Madre. Because of this, Texas mullet production is up this year to 38,392 pounds, a rise of 35,703 pounds over last year. This is only a very small amount, however, compared to a probable potential production of around 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 pounds.

The Spanish mackerel fishery, like the mullet, has always been neglected by Texas fishermen. In 1946-47 for instance only 1697 pounds were marketed here, despite the fact that in Florida this has for year been one of their main fisheries. The drop in supply occasioned by the red tide made serious inroads on Florida production, and has left a ready market for Spanish mackerel production from Texas. That some of our fishermen were aware of the opportunity is shown by the fact that 11,289 pounds of these fish were caught here in 1947-48, the bulk of the production coming from the Rockport-Aransas area, where 8,617 pounds were produced. 1,744 pounds came from Port Isabel.

Flounder production was up slightly, from 103,056 pounds to 108,305, a rise of 5,249 pounds.

While there are no menhaden boats operating in Texas waters, nevertheless, the Quinn Menhaden Fisheries have established an extensive plant at Port Arthur, Tex., for the processing of these fish. This plant has operated throughout the entire summer, and bids fair to become the basis of another sizable Texas fishery.

Oyster production in Texas for 1947-48 dropped to a low of 38,515 gallons, or about 25,600 barrels. This is mainly the result of heavy overfishing of the reefs, with no attempt on the part of producers to cultivate or replenish the crop. This was not unexpected. A year ago, J. L. Baughman, chief marine biologist of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, estimated that this decline would show up under the present wasteful methods of fishing. Although oystermen felt at the time that he might be unduly pessimistic, events of the past year have borne him out.

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Notary Public

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## Melchoir Appears With Corpus Christi Symphony

Lauritz Melchoir, famous tenor star of MGM pictures, Metropolitan opera and radio, will appear in concert with the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra Oct. 18 and 19 in Corpus Christi.

Melchoir will sing "Because" and other numbers he has done in



motion pictures, together with two selections from his reknown opera roles.

C. Burdette Wolfe will conduct the 65-piece orchestra which will accompany Mr. Melchoir as well as play several selections.

Tickets may be obtained now at all Corpus Christi music stores or by writing or calling Del Mar College in Corpus. All seats are reserved.

Admission to the Melchoir concert is \$3.30. A season ticket may be purchased for \$9.90 which will admit the holder to the Melchoir program and five others including Iturbi, the opera "La Traviata," and an evening of ballet. Some student season tickets are still available at \$5.40.

Each concert this season will be presented on both Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Mrs. Evans Corbin and children of Ingleside, spent the weekend with Mrs. Corbin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

## Political Announcements

All Political Announcements Cash in Advance

The Pilot is authorized to announce the following candidates for the respective offices named

For State Senator

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

For State Representative, 70th District:  
HARVEY SHELL, (Re-election)

For District Attorney 36th Judicial District:  
JOHN H. MILLER (re-election)

For County Judge:  
D. R. SIMMONS

For County Attorney:  
WELDON CABANISS

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

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

For County Treasurer:  
CHARLEY K. TATUM

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

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
J. M. (JACK) SPARKS, JR. (Re-election)

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

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:  
ARTHUR L. DAVIS, (Re-election)

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1:  
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# HAPPY LANDINGS

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ARANSAS COUNTY AIRPORT

The first emergency landing to take place at the Aransas County Airport since night lighting facilities were provided by the C.A.A. two weeks ago, came in Monday night at 12:15 a. m. when an AT6 belonging to the U. S. Air Force landed at the airport. 1st Lt. R. L. Hausmann reported that the plane was short on fuel and that they had lost their way while enroute from Shreveport, La., to their home base in San Marcos. The C.A.A. provided the lights for just such an emergency as this. The plane was refueled and the pilot

## Chas. Davis On KWBU

Charles Marvin Davis, son of Mrs. Mollye Davis, sang over radio station KWBU in Corpus Christi Wednesday morning with Bill Barr and the Sons of Texas. Charles Marvin will sing on the program each Wednesday morning at 6:45.

Connecticut is called the Nutmeg State.

In England, automobile drivers keep to the left instead of the right.

got his bearings. The county airport rendered aid to prevent what might have been a disastrous accident.

Lt. Col. Elikor stopped in Rockport Sunday enroute from California to his home base in Panama City, Fla., to visit with Mrs. Elikor. Lt. Col. Elikor is with the U. S. Air Force and was in a D-25 with a crew of four and three passengers.

During the past week W. C. McBride of San Antonio flew to Rockport in his plane, a Navion, with two passengers, M. Becker and Carl Vickers. M. R. Lane piloted his Stinson in twice during the past week. He was accompanied by Sam Rogers and Mr. McMicken. All were from Houston. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stafford landed at the airfield in a Swift plane. The couple were from Houston.

E. A. Brown Jr. of Brown Aviation in Corpus Christi flew to Rockport with G. V. Hansen last week in an Aeronica. Ben Branson piloting a Gruman Mallard belonging to the Tex-O-Kan Flour Mills stopped at the airport Saturday. Representatives of the Haliburton Oil Co. flew down from Duncan, Okla., in a twin Beech during the past week. W. B. Osborn, Jr. flew to Rockport in his Beech D17 from San Antonio. Dr. G. D. Mahon, Jr. of Dallas piloted his Stinson in during the past week.

## Log of the S. S. Rusty on Which The Rotarians Took a Day at Sea

The Rockport Rotary Club had another novel and interesting meeting Wednesday. Rob Rice, ever a grand host, entertained the local club with a cruise in place of their regular dinner club meeting.

Promptly at 11:30 the members began to invade the boat yard and the crew, as lusty a band of pirates and cut throats that ever walked a deck—good Rotarians all—was quickly mugged and filed aboard. The craft well provisioned for any possible emergency slipped her moorings and was shortly outward bound.

The maritime union should hear about this, never has a boat been so heavily and unably manned. Deck hands were five deep in every position; pilots, co-pilots and captains of the head, sea lawyers, teachers, butchers and volunteer navigators a dime a dozen.

With Captain Blythe (Bob) Rice at the wheel several assistant helmsmen breathing down his neck and with hardly elbow room to spin the wheel, the good ship shook her stern and headed for the green water.

Sailing along at a spritely clip our good ship took her course about as follows outward bound: The Shell Bank, around Catfish Bend, Aransas Pass, circled Conn Brown Basin. Homeward bound: Main channel to Port Aransas, down the Intracoastal Canal to Rockport.

A brief meeting was called to order and President Gene Albin and as many as could be crowded into the tiny cabin for a picture of the opening and closing of the session. This promptly over—another bong of the gong announced mess. That in itself is a story. Enough fine food was taken along to take care of the old Bounty's crew and what good food it was too. Just to mention a few items on the menu—country fried chicken, creamed gibbet gravy, dumplings, butter beans, potato salad, macaroni, and cold drinks. If any one aboard was suffering from a tinge of sea sickness it didn't show at this point. All hands dug in and stowed away this fine food with great gusto. Dudley Bracht was among the best in catch-as-catch-can no holds barred class and he had plenty of competition at that. From time to time some one thought of the man at the wheel—Skipper Blythe Rice and would toss him a select piece of chicken, a pie or two to munch on until some hardy soul could relieve him. Mr. Christian (Jack Horton) allowed being an ex-navy man would be the logical choice to relieve the

wheel. A loud yell of alarm greeted this proposal and several souls ventured to state that they had rather get out and thumb their way to shore. Later on, being a persistent cuss, and everyone too full of good food to care, Jack took over spilling Gene Albin who steered a rolling wobbly course for awhile, "the better to settle our dinners," says he.

J. C. Harris, Houston, who was sort of shanghaied on this trip while trying to make up a meeting. He mentioned the fact casually to Fred Bracht and in less time than it takes to tell it he was aboard. He says, "this is great, this food, this boat, this bay, what a day—man o' man what a meeting." It sure was a pleasant way to make up a meeting.

Remarks: Gene Albin: Gosh, I'm afraid to go home, I've been away so long Helen (the wife) is all alone. This will cost me a full days shopping in Corpus sure—With that he took another helping of butter beans and sighed with contentment.

Our local school superintendent, J. F. Harbin, enjoyed himself thoroughly and was seen busily engaged with a plate piled high with chicken and dumplings.

There was hardly a spot along the trip that did not bring back memories to some one aboard—the favorite spots for bagging duck and geese, the secret fishing haunts where the reds run big and the trout strings heavy, each cove, point, or dune, blind and rotted piers could each tell a tale.

Homeward bound the men felt like old sea dogs, some of them were stretched out napping, others enjoying themselves as only men can on a boat with congenial companions. Passing the wreck of the S. S. Worthington, a freighter torpedoed during the late war, lay a rusting pile of steel—a grim reminder of what lay only a few short years behind us—we could only surmise what may lay yet ahead in these troubled times.

Small talk of the world series—Cleveland will defeat Boston and, or maybe it was the other way around. . . . Time to get one's duck blinds up . . . ought to be plentiful this year. . . . Geese also coming in large flights. . . . Looks like a good hunting season what little there is of it.

Jack Horton has the wheel at long last. . . . no one cares now. We are all sprawled about enjoying the air, the sun and the utter freedom from cares and worries for the moment. . . . A few little

## The Fifth Horseman

The official poster for this year's Fire Prevention Week—which will run from October 8-9—shows, in the background, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—war, famine, pestilence, and death. In the foreground, carrying a flaming brand, is the Fifth Horseman—fire.

That makes a dramatic and thought-provoking picture. Fire is one of the most consistent killers. Its ravage is especially great among small children. And, on top of that, it disfigures and cripples thousands of people each year. Then, for good measure, it destroys well over \$50,000,000 worth of property every month.

Can fire be prevented? The experts say that 90 per cent of all fires, great and small are unnecessary. Of all fire's allies, human carelessness is by far the most effective. Our collective failure to follow the rudiments of fire safety is the basic reason why fire waste continues to grow. When fire is fought intensively, it always loses. As a recent example, the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks has been carrying on a major fire prevention campaign. In the first quarter of this year alone fire damage to its installations were cut by nearly \$1,500,000.

When you see the Fire Prevention Week poster, study it closely. Keep its message in mind. Learn the simple rules of fire safety and follow them. Then, and only then, the Fifth Horsemen can be put to flight.

A trapezium is a geometrical figure with four sides, no two of which are parallel.

discussions are born but die quickly, it's too nice to just lay around and not even think. . . Here these notes end for a time as the stow-away just went to sleep.

There is a commotion in the cabin. . . Jack Horton has turned the wheel over to the Skipper and we're heading in to the dock. "All ashore that's going ashore" is yelled—a grand cruise—and our thanks to the good "Skipper" Rice for a fine time.

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## Prison Rodeo Begins Oct. 3

Huntsville.—The second session of try-outs for the 17th Annual Texas Prison Rodeo were held at Prison Stadium this week furnishing all of the thrills and excitement of the big show to be held here beginning next Sunday, Oct. 3rd, and continuing each Sunday throughout the month, with an extra meet on Wednesday Oct. 18.

Many fine riders reported for qualification rides, including numerous new faces so far as this shindig is concerned. Prisoners were allowed to come in to Huntsville for the try-outs from all Texas Prison System farms, and from all indications, Rodeo Manager, Albert Moore's main problem, will be that of thinning out the list of contestants. At the present time, there are several hundred good riders at the Walls, all looking for jobs. Out of this group, about 80 men will be selected.

Monday, spills were frequent as inmate riders attempted to get acquainted with wild outlaws of stockdom. Many of the riders were of the comic variety, to all but the unfortunate convict seated on the hurricane deck of some particularly vicious mount.

The stock seen by your correspondent, was the wildest, roughest lot he had ever witnessed, and most of the old hands agreed that the spectators are in for a real treat at this year's Prison Rodeo. The Texas Prison Rodeo is the

largest attraction of any penal event in the United States. Last year almost 100,000 persons paid their way into the Prison Stadium. Several performances were complete sell-outs and hundreds were turned away.

The State of Texas does not appropriate any money toward athletics, movies, or entertainment of any kind for the men and women in its penal institutions, nor are State funds available for such things as eye glasses, false teeth, artificial limbs, etc. The prisoner's own fund, into which go all proceeds from the rodeo and the prison commissaries, called the E. & R. Fund (Education and Recreation,) takes care of all this.

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## F.H.A. GIRLS HOLD FORMAL INITIATION

Incoming officers for the Future Homemakers of America were initiated at an impressive formal ceremony held in the school auditorium Monday night.

The initiation took place on the stage where incoming and outgoing officers stood behind a table laid with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of red roses. Seven red and white candles, which stood for the seven purposes of FHA, flanked the centerpiece. The table was bordered with fern.

After the officers of last year relinquished their duties to the incoming officers, the group sang the FHA prayer song. The new president, Ruby Casey, presented the officers with a red rose after which all repeated the FHA creed. Owen James, high school principal, outlined the purposes of the club. The program closed by singing "America the Beautiful."

Following the initiation a social hour was held in the home economics building. Mothers of the girls were honor guests. Refreshments were served by the girls.

This week the girls are undergoing informal initiation. Each is required to wear an apron, hair in braids, carry a dust cloth or dish cloth and to refrain from using make-up.

## WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS

The Women's Civic Club will hold their regular monthly meeting at the fire hall Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, Oct. 12. All members are urged to be present.

In French history May 31, 1793 to July 27, 1794, is known as the "Reign of Terror."

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES ATTEND DIST. MEET

Mrs. Hugh Morrison, Mrs. U. M. Albin, Mrs. Henry Juergens, Mrs. Manch Brundrett, Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Mrs. W. H. Morrison attended an all-day meeting of District Two of the Women of the Presbytery of West Texas, which was held at the new Presbyterian church in Sinton last Thursday. One hundred and sixteen ladies attended from various towns in the district.

A luncheon was served at noon by the ladies of the Sinton church.

Speakers during the day included Mrs. Paul Hanna of Falfurrias, chairman of the district; Mrs. D. H. Allen, president of the Presbytery; Mrs. Mary Foulkes, instructor at Austin College which is a Presbyterian school; Mrs. Garland Lassiter, Falfurrias, secretary of Foreign Missions; and Rev. Herff Applewhite of Corpus Christi.

## GULF COAST IOOF HAS MEETING HERE

The Gulf Coast I.O.O.F. Association met with the local lodge last Thursday night. Twenty members from Corpus Christi, Portland, Sinton, Ingleside and Aransas Pass were present. After the meeting refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The association will meet in Aransas Pass Oct. 18, for their next meeting.

Bob Morrison was recently elected president of the Presbyterian group at Del Mar College, where he enrolled this year as a freshman.

## CHIC CORDUROY



Corduroy goes sophisticated in a chic ensemble for daytime and evening wear. The popular cotton fabric, long a favorite for sportswear, dons a new look this season in a streamlined costume by Mildred Orrick. Black cotton lace trims a décolleté gown and waist-length jacket for a stunning afternoon and evening dress.

## INCE-HILTMAN MARRIAGE RITES PERFORMED HERE

Mrs. Jo Hiltman and W. G. Ince were married at a quiet ceremony performed by the Rev. W. B. Wheeler Wednesday evening, Sept. 22, at the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hico of San Antonio were their only attendants. Mrs. Hico is a sister of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ince are making their home at Bill's Point near Rockport.

## REV. G. S. WALTON'S BIRTHDAY HONORED

The Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal Church met with Mrs. W. H. Wheeler Tuesday afternoon, with 14 members present.

The ladies presented the Very Rev. George S. Walton with a birthday basket full of good things in honor of his birthday which is later in the month.

Refreshments were served to those present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Don McBride.

## 'Godparents' Sought for 80,000 Children

Mrs. Paul Clark Sorenson has reported that many persons have shown interest in becoming godparents to children in Europe for the Christmas season as a result of the article which appeared in The Pilot last week on the Christmas party held by the Episcopal Guild, which was held to prepare Christmas boxes for the children.

This week Mrs. Sorenson received a letter from the Commission for Children's Relief, Inc., who are seeking godparents to send Christmas packages to more than 80,000 children.

The Commission reports that there are still more than 80,000 children in their files who have received nothing. Godparents are scarce and they are trying to bring Christmas to as many children as possible.

Clothing is still the most important item to send and a Christmas box could consist entirely of used garments. If you have sent away all you have or can collect, the box might contain items such as raisins, dates, figs, candy, cake mix, a simple toy, and a pencil or some crayons. A very small box will be sufficient and it can be inexpensive.

If you are interested, write to the Commission for Children's Relief, Inc., 122 East 82nd St., New York, N. Y. Mrs. Sorenson will be able to provide further details for those who desire information.

## GEORGE PHILLIPS MARRIED IN BERLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ballou received a cablegram Tuesday from George Phillips, their grandson, announcing his marriage to Miss Erika Heidemann Oct. 2, in Berlin, Germany. The marriage followed an engagement of one year.

Mr. Phillips has been stationed in Berlin for 27 months with the U. S. Army. The couple is looking forward to being home for Christmas.

George Phillips made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ballou for 12 years prior to going into the army.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ray and son, John Henry, returned Tuesday night from Grange, Tex., where they attended funeral services for John H. Morris. Mr. Morris died suddenly Sunday morning. He was Mr. Ray's uncle.

Mrs. J. O. Blackwell is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell, in Gonzales. Mr. Blackwell came to Rockport to take her to Gonzales last week.

Mrs. U. L. Kane went to Amarillo last week where she is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Cheshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wheeler spent the weekend with Mr. Wheeler's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Wheeler. The Wheelers are teachers in the Petronia school.

Mrs. H. C. Butler returned home this week after undergoing a major operation in an Aransas Pass hospital.

## New Stamps Available

Four new stamp issues are now available at the local postoffice. They are Gold Star Mothers, Clara Barton, Fort Kearny and Centennial of American Poultry Industry.

John Arthur Ballou is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ballou. He is a senior at Conroe high school.

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W.S.C.S. HOLDS STUDY MEETING

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held their first study meeting of the winter season at the home of Mrs. J. W. Townsend Tuesday afternoon. The organization holds study meetings three times a month during the fall and winter season.

The book review at the meeting was "On Our Own Doorstep," by Frank Mead.

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Texas Building Permits Decrease In August

Austin, Tex. — Texas building permits decreased 23 per cent in August, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Building permits totaling \$30,082,541 in 49 Texas cities were 6 per cent above August 1947, however.

Houston continued to hold first place, with permits totaling \$8,047,000. Dallas, totaling \$4,593,457, was second; San Antonio, Austin, and Fort Worth followed in that order.

After adjustment for seasonal variation, the bureau's index of building permits declined 35 per cent to 520 per cent of the pre-war (1935-39) base period.

Building permits more than doubled from July to August in New Braunfels, Lockhart, Big Spring, Bryan, and Seguin. July-August declines occurred in Texas City, Denison, Galveston, Brownsville, and El Paso.

Lockhart building permits increased 20-fold over August 1947. Pampa and Kenedy, five-fold; permits doubled in New Braunfels, Port Arthur, Del Rio, and Glade-water. During the August-to-August period, permits dropped sharply in Cleburne, Borger, Texas City, Jacksonville, and Edinburg.

Humble Broadcasts Six Games Sat.

Football fans will again enjoy a full schedule of Humble broadcasts Saturday afternoon and evening, with six games on the line-up.

At 1:50 p. m. the Texas University-Oklahoma U. game will be broadcast from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas with Kern Tips and Alec Chesser sharing the announcing jobs. Stations carrying the game will be KRLD, Dallas; KTRH, Houston; KABC, San Antonio.

The T.C.U.-Indiana U. game will also go on the air at 1:50 from Bloomington. Eddie Barker will give the play-by-play report with Hal Thompson handling color. Stations KTSA, San Antonio; KXYZ, Houston, will carry the game.

From Columbia, Mo., Charlie Jordan will start broadcast of the S.M.U.-Missouri game at 1:50 and the broadcast will be carried on WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; KRIS, Corpus Christi.

The Arkansas-Baylor clash at Fayetteville will have Ed Dittert and Fred Kincaid as announcers. Broadcast starts at 2:20 p. m. over KITE, San Antonio; KLEE, Houston and KWBU, Corpus Christi.

Broadcast of the Rice-University of Southern California game will come from Los Angeles, starting at 3:20 p. m. and will have Ves Box in the announcer's slot. Carrying the game will be KMCA, San Antonio; KTHH, Houston. 7:50 p. m. is time of the Texas A. & M.-L.S.U. broadcast by Bill Michaels and Bill Newkirk. It will come from New Orleans over stations KTRH, Houston; KABC, San Antonio; KEYS, Corpus Christi.

FOR REDISTRICTING



John Ben Shepperd, Gladewater attorney and former president of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, has accepted the chairmanship of the recently organized Texas Committee for Redistricting. The committee, which is non-political, seeks to assure fair representation in the Texas Legislature for all counties by urging voters to support Amendment Two on the general election ballot November 2. Passage of Amendment Two will permit redistricting in Texas for the first time in 27 years, Shepperd pointed out.

Positions Open In Dept. of Public Welfare

The Merit System Council, which serves as a "clearing house" for positions in the State Department of Public Welfare, will hold open competitive examinations on November 13, 1948, for a number of positions now open in that agency, according to Chas. S. Gardiner, director of the Merit System Council.

Positions to be filled by the agency consist of Field Worker, Child Welfare Worker, Senior Child Welfare Worker, County Child Welfare Supervisor II, Junior Stenographer, and Clerk-Typist. Qualifications for these positions vary from high school graduation to college work and experience requirements.

Gardiner pointed out that application to take an examination must be made on an official application blank, which may be obtained by writing the Merit System Council, 808 Tribune Building, Austin, Texas, or from the Employment Commission and Department of Public Welfare local offices located throughout the state. "The closing date for submission of applications is Oct. 23, 1948, and applications postmarked after midnight on the closing date will not be considered," he added.

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Everyone who works on a job in business or industry should be certain that his employer has a record of his correct name and social security account number. To fail to do so may mean the loss of wage credits which are used to determine the amount of old-age and survivors insurance which is paid after retirement or death. The Corpus Christi office of the Social Security Administration is attempting to acquaint all employers and employees with this fact, according to H. M. Cleveland, manager of the Corpus Christi office.

"Although the percentage of incomplete or incorrect wage items to the total number of employees is not large, there are still altogether too many missing or wrong numbers," Cleveland says.

The problem can be completely eliminated without difficulty, and employers and employees will receive full value for their social security taxes by following one simple rule, he says.

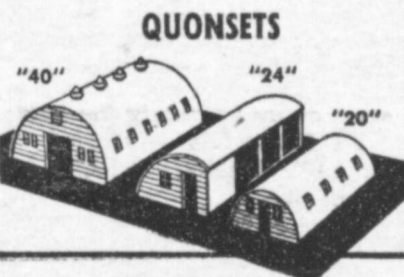
"Employers, or their supervisors, should copy the name and number from the social security card of each new worker at the time he starts to work or before he is paid off the first time," Cleveland advised.

"Every worker should show his social security card to the boss when he begins work on a new job."

Cleveland added that the people of this area generally have been so cooperative in the past that he expects the simple rules given here to be followed.

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Joe Marsh

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Mrs. Bert Smith returned to her home last week from an Aransas Pass hospital where she underwent a major operation recently.

There are six feet in a fathom.

Ingleside Scouts Camp Here for Weekend

Scout Troop 26 of Ingleside came to Rockport last weekend for an over-night camping trip. The scouts set up their tents down on the beach Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon A. C. Glass took the troop for a boat ride on Aransas Bay. They returned to Ingleside Sunday. Sixteen boys made the trip.

Evans Corbin, scoutmaster, and Bill Stinnett, assistant scoutmaster, accompanied the troop. The scouts camped on the beach here last year and enjoyed the outing so much that they decided to repeat the occasion.

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Recording of Warranty Deeds

Warranty deeds recorded at the court house during the last two weeks include:

Lot 4, block 53, Smith and Wood Division, from Santiago Rodriguez to Jose Rinche.

The south one-half of block 321 in the Manning Addition from Thomas Y. Banks to Karl F. Edmonds et al.

Tract No. 13 of the Live Oak Point tracts subdivision from A. C. Glass trustee to Gerald Staffel. Lots 10, 11, 12, block 22, North Rockport from Chas. G. Knippa to S. E. Ganit.

The south one-half of farm lot 4, land block No. 229 of the Burton and Danforth acreage subdivision from Mrs. Pearl Palmer to J. T. Kyle.

Lot No. 10, block 7, North Bellevue and lot No. 1, block 5, North Rockport from C. W. Bratton to Rice S. Bratton. All of outlot No. 100, Lamar townsite, from Mrs. Lola Johnson et al to S. F. Neblett.

Lot 47 of Copano Village Subdivision from Mrs. M. M. Landgraf to Max J. Landgraf.

Lot 5, block 434, Manning Addition, from John Hammond Stacey to W. A. Ridgeway.

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Government Spending- (Continued from Page 1)
of Commerce, he said, does not advocate lessening allotments for national defense or other items which are national in scope, but the C of C would like a halt in the taxpayer sending a dollar to Washington and getting about half that in return.
Watson told the group how to set up a local National Affairs Committee. The ideal group, composed of a representative cross-section of citizens, would stay well informed on national legislation, urge citizens to take a greater interest in congressional affairs, and take leadership in urging people to express their opinion on specific bills by corresponding with their legislators. he said.
Jeff Bell, of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, presided.

Methods to Prevent The Common Cold
Austin, Tex.-Sudden seasonal changes in the weather during the fall months often result in chilling, which in turn is usually followed by wide-spread incidence of the common cold. This disease always spreads rapidly because of the fact that very few people can live isolated lives and in any group or crowd of people, coughing, sneezing and spitting will scatter millions of cold germs among susceptible persons.
Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, says that there are countless ways of spreading a cold other than by coughing, sneezing and spitting. "For instance," the doctor said, "if a member of your family has a cold and the other members share a common drinking glass with him, you may expect the whole family to pick up the germs he leaves on the glass. Sometimes a person with a cold thoughtlessly touches his mouth or nostrils with his hand, and then shakes hands with another person. That person can, and very likely will contaminate his own mouth or nostrils with his hand, and the germs are transmitted into his system. A child with a cold may contaminate his toys, and the next child that picks them up and plays with them will certainly obtain the cold germs, along with the toys."
Children, as well as adults, who are suffering from a cold should be put to bed, and if complete rest, light food, and plenty of liquids do not improve his condition in a short time, the family physician should be called. Dr. Cox further advised that dressing properly for the weather, sensible eating, plenty of rest, and avoiding persons with colds can be helpful in preventing your own infection. Colds are costly in time, health, and money, the doctor said, and added, "prevent them if possible."
Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fowler were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Tolbert and daughter, Rosslyn, of Alice, Mrs. W. W. Duckworth, Mona Duckworth, Jeanne Duckworth, Bill Nicholas, Mrs. Archie Parr, Miss Carrie Allen, Mrs. R. H. McCampbell and Green Moffett, all of Corpus Christi.

Marriage Licenses Issued In County
Marriage licenses have been issued to the following persons recently at the county court house:
Simon George Michael and Mrs. Cecil Mae Fenner of Port Lavaca. Frank R. Williams and Doris Lorene Cox.
Ben Hollford and Dianne Autry of Aransas Pass.
Wm. Y. Ince and Mrs. Josephine Hiltman.
Trinidad Torres and Celia Benavidez.
Frank McLead and Mrs. Lonnie Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods spent the weekend vacationing in Monterrey, Mexico.

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