

Firemen to Give County-wide Christmas Party

Colored Lights Will Adorn Christmas Tree, Austin St.

Santa Claus Will Pass Out Bags of Candy To Children at Yuletide Party Wednesday Night

Members of the Fire Department have arranged a county-wide Christmas party for children and adults to be held around the Christmas tree at the city hall Wednesday night at 7 p. m. Dec. 22.

Santa Claus will be on hand to pass out bags of candy and fruit to all children under 12 years of age. Adults are invited to attend the party and enjoy the singing of Christmas carols which will be led by the school choir, directed by Bill McGrath.

Colored lights will be put up on Austin Street from Market Street to the post office this weekend. The Chamber of Commerce has arranged for the Christmas decorations. DeWilton Jeffries is in charge of the committee appointed to put up the decorations. He will be assisted by B. T. Hardeman and B. W. Hamblin. The lights will be put up over the week-end and the firemen will decorate the Christmas tree Sunday.

This is the first time in the history of Rockport that children from all over the county have been given a Christmas party and that decorations have been put up in the town for the observance of the Yuletide season.

Previously the firemen have delivered baskets of food to families. Instead of preparing baskets of food for distribution this year, they have planned the county-wide Christmas party for children.

Money dropped into the milk bottles which have been placed in the business houses will be used for the Christmas party.

However, Rockport can expect more colorful Christmases to come as after the initial purchase of lights and light fixtures, the equipment will be on hand in the future.

Students To Enjoy Two Weeks Holiday

Students at the Rockport school will be dismissed for a two week holiday Friday following a morning of festivity.

High school and junior high students will report to the auditorium when school convenes Friday morning for a Christmas program. Following the program parties will be enjoyed in the home rooms after which school will be dismissed.

Students in the lower grades will enjoy Christmas parties in their respective rooms. Home room mothers have arranged for bags of candy and fruit to be presented to the youngsters.

School will take up again on Monday, January 3.

Presbytery Group Will Give Annual Joy Gift Program Sunday Night

The Presbyterian Joy Gift program for ministerial relief will be presented at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30, Dec. 19.

A play, "Something Special," story of the Weldon family at Christmas time and how they convey the true Christmas spirit to two young college friends who spend the holiday with them, will be given.

The play will close with a program of Christmas songs to be presented by the young people of the church under the direction of Bill McGrath.

Characters in the play are Nancy Juergens, Bob Morrison, Chas. Smith, Shirley Faye Harrell, Mildred Wilkinson, Ruby Wilkinson, Bob Little, and Jimmy Hayden. Directors of the play are Mrs. E. J. Albin, Mrs. Henry Juergens and Mrs. J. B. Jackson.

A Joy Gift offering will be taken. The public is invited to attend the affair.

YOU ARE INVITED

Mrs. Birdie S. Cole and guest, to see "Adventures of Robin Hood," Sunday or Monday, December 19 or 20.

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

WEEK'S NEWS



DOG-TIRED — Sanka Clauses Jack Carson and Dave Willock, dog-tired from their gift-giving and Friday night stint on CBS' "The Jack Carson Show," take a nap after a nip of "The Coffee with the Werry Taken Out."



STEER WINS JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP — Bob Schmidt (right), 18, of Delmar, Iowa, shakes hands with A. D. Weber, judge of the International Livestock show, Chicago. Schmidt's Aberdeen Angus won top award in the junior grand championship steer competition.



EVACUATES FLOOD REFUGEES — In hip-deep water, a Red Cross team evacuates family and belongings from flooded house in Roswell Road section, Atlanta, after historic Peachtree Creek overflowed its banks.



WIDE COLLAR EFFECTIVE — Phyllis Calvert, star of "My Own True Love," models this coat which has a wonderful wide collar that can be worn flat or buttoned up to give it a completely different look.



FIVE PICTURES PER SECOND — The new Foton, reported to be the world's finest still camera, shoots five pictures per second, is the result of ten years of development at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. Showing the 35mm B & H Foton to moviegoers' Margaret O'Brien is J. H. McNabb, president of Bell and Howell Company, its manufacturer.

Atlantic Makes Location For Fourth Well

Atlantic Refining Company No. 4, State Tract 71 is rigging up with T. G. & M. Drilling Company having the contract. It is 660 feet from the north line and 467 feet from the east line of State Tract 71 and is between Atlantic's No. 1, State Tract 71 and Standolind's No. 1, State Tract 70, Copano Bay.

Western Natural Gas Company St. Charles No. 10 on the St. Charles Peninsula set 13 3/8 inch casing at 2,676 and is now drilling at 4,500, with contract depth at 12,000 feet. It is 1,000 feet northeast of No. 5, a dry hole, and 2,549 feet northwest of No. 2, completed at 8,046 as a gas well.

Sullivan and Garnett No. 1 United North and South Development Company (formerly carried as Jas. B. Heard, et al) in the Lamar Field was drilling at 6,825 feet.

In Copano Bay Field Phillips Petroleum Company have built derrick and are rigging up for their second well. It is to be a directional hole and is to be drilled from the platform, which has been added to, at the location of (Continued on Page 6)

Census Shows 500 Tourists In Area

Nearly 500 persons are vacationing in Rockport and vicinity this week according to a survey taken by the Chamber of Commerce.

Compilation of figures turned in by the tourist courts show that there are 153 families staying at tourist courts.

There are 74 trailers in Rockport. This figure shows trailer camps to be nearly 75 percent full as there is space at the various camps for about 110 trailers.

Tourist courts have about 278 units available for tourists. Of this number, 153 units are occupied by tourists. Some of the courts have units rented to permanent and working people who are not included in these figures as they are not classified as tourists.

Eight of the 23 court owners believe that the tourist business has improved over last year as their business has been better. Many of these have been filled to capacity during the months of October and November, which are considered to be dull months.

Six of the court owners report that they believe business to be the same—no better and no worse than last year. Two court owners believe that the season has not been as good as last year. The other court owners could form no opinion as they are operating the courts for the first year and have no figures on which to base their opinion.

However, many business men in Rockport report that they have had an increase in business this fall, which they attribute to the tourist business.

Many families left Rockport this week as duck season closed and others wanted to be home for Christmas. The census was taken at what could be determined a seasonal slump. Court owners expect an influx of tourists in January as the months after Christmas have been proved to be the best for the winter tourist business in the past.

Rotarians Start Attendance Contest

The Rotary Club has started an attendance contest which will end March 15. Team Captains are Bob Heibson and Dudley Bracht, with Rotarians divided equally between the two teams.

The losing team will entertain the winners and Rotary Anns at a Rotary Ann party the fifth Wednesday in March.

Jack Horton gave a talk on "Government Spending", at the weekly meeting held Wednesday.

Visiting Rotarians were W. E. Brown of Corpus Christi and Guy Hagia of Cordell, Okla. Other visitors were B. J. Hicks and Cliff Springer of Corpus Christi and C. A. Royer of Eldorado, Ark.

Joe Gibson Hit By Car Friday

Joe Gibson, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Gibson, is in an Aransas Pass hospital recovering from injuries received when he was struck by a car said to be driven by Valle Cole Jr., on Highway 35 Friday night about 10 o'clock.

Gibson was on his way home from a school social with his twin brother. The boys were carrying a flashlight. As they were going around the curve beyond the Rockport Fish and Oyster Co., it was said, a car headed toward Aransas Pass, swerved directly across the road from the right, hitting Joe who was walking along the left side. It was also stated that the car skidded, hit the bank and flipped over on the side. Cole and Wm. Tackett, riding in the car with Cole, received minor injuries. Gibson suffered several torn ligaments and possible internal injuries. He was taken to the Aransas Pass hospital via ambulance.

Sheriff A. R. Curry was called to the scene of the accident. Two charges were filed against Cole by the sheriff, one for aggravated assault with a motor vehicle, the other for driving while intoxicated. Cole appeared before Justice of the Peace Joe Smith Saturday and made an appearance bond of \$500 to appear in county court on Monday at 10 a. m., at which time County Judge Emory M. Spencer postponed the hearing until Monday, Dec. 20 at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Allen of Lytle, Texas, and Billy Allen and Joan Collins, students at A & I College, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins.

Mrs. Carrie Belle Hooper visited at the home of Mrs. Pat Hooper over the week-end.

Pirate Quintet to Play Taft Friday

The Rockport Pirates were humbled 61-42 by Aransas Pass in the season opener for the local cagers. The Rockport team looked like an entirely different group of players than has been used in previous seasons. The defeat was not a bad one and considering the fact that it marked Aransas Pass' fifth encounter and the Pirates' first, there is plenty of room for optimism for the Pirates.

With the elimination of several mistakes that were made against the Panthers, the Rockport boys will be strong contenders throughout the season. The Pirates' backboard play was not as good as it should have been and the passing was still a bit faulty. Coach Roe promises work on these mistakes and says the Pirates will have more confidence next Friday when they meet the Greyhounds of Taft high school.

Again there will be two games—the first one starting at 7 p. m.

Gene Smith led the local cagers in point making by sinking 12 points Monday night. Jim Morrison, Camilo Delgado and Frederick Close were standouts for the Pirates with their defensive skill. Morrison and Smith were about (Continued on Page 6)

Radio To Be Given Away Next Thursday

The Women's Civic Club will give away a Westinghouse 8-tube radio-phonograph with FM at the fire station Thursday, December 23, at 5 p. m.

Tickets can be obtained from members of the club.

A locked box will be placed at the city hall from 1 to 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon and members have been asked to drop the stubs to the tickets which they have sold in the box if they have not turned them in prior to that time.

Fulton Lions Receive Charter At Banquet Wed.

District Governor of Lions International, Jack Wiech, presented Arthur Bracht, president of the recently organized Lions Club in Fulton, with the charter for the club at the banquet held at the Fulton school house Wednesday night.

Wiech told the club members and their guests that the club must render unselfish service in the community which will benefit the community as a whole to justify its existence.

He pointed out that the Fulton club is the 110th club to be organized in District 2A which is the largest district in the area, having the largest number of clubs. He said that District 2A is the fastest growing district of the fastest growing service organization which has 187 districts throughout the world.

Lions International was organized in 1917 and was the first International service organization to be organized.

Ernest Falgout, Lions president at Aransas Pass, complimented the Fulton Club on the work which they have accomplished to date, namely in providing a community house for the Fulton community. The Aransas Pass Lions Club sponsored the organization of the Fulton Club. They presented the Fulton Club with a gong and a gavel.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Lion Tamer B. F. Rippey. Preceding the seafood dinner, music was provided by Sally Weatherly, Jean Fay Johnson and Ruby Wilkinson, Rockport high school students.

W. A. Clampitt, Deputy Governor of the District, John Stevens of Refugio, zone chairman, J. A. Baird, president of the Beeville Club and Artevino Trevino, president of the Altavesta Club, were introduced as distinguished guests. Other visiting Lions included Hal Parks and R. P. Park, who were recently presented with 20 year chevrons for their service in the Aransas Pass Club.

Governor Wiech outlined the duties of the officers of the Fulton Club, telling the members what could be expected of them throughout the year.

Laughs were provided by Tail Twister Jas. H. Sorenson, Sr., fun maker who assessed and collected fines from local and visiting Lions.

Miss Ruth Francisco of Aransas Pass rendered a vocal solo. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. G. E. Cooke.

The program was ended with everyone singing "God Bless America", and "Silent Night".

Nearly 100 persons attended the banquet. The dinner was prepared and served by the Fulton P.-T.A.

Party For Tourists At School Gym Tonight

The Tourist Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce met at the fire hall Tuesday night and made final arrangements for the first tourist party scheduled for tonight, December 16.

Winter visitors are invited to attend the party at the gymnasium which will begin at 7:30 p. m. Tourists can obtain tickets of admission free of charge at the tourist court at which they are staying.

There will be a Christmas tree, door prizes, favors and refreshments. The evening will be spent playing games which will be varied to suit the visitors' choice.

Mrs. Ethel Chase Is Buried Here Today

Funeral services were held at the Cage Funeral home at 10 o'clock this morning for Mrs. Ethel J. Chase, 40. Burial was in the Rockport cemetery. The Rev. Bob Willis, pastor at the Assembly of God church in Aransas Pass officiated.

Mrs. Chase died in a Corpus Christi hospital Tuesday afternoon at 1:40 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase moved to Rockport about 3 months ago to take over the operation of Skeet's Cafe on Highway 35.

Survivors are her husband, Chas. L. Chase and one son, Charles Jr.

Along The Waterfront



SAM WARREN, veteran fisherman from Minnesota who decided to make his home in Rockport permanently, reports that fishing is getting bigger and better here. Last winter Sam could be found fishing around the basin nearly every day and always had a few fish and many times large ones and lots of them. Saturday while Sam was fishing at the old ship yard he discovered a group of fish and cast out to get them. When he pulled his line in he had 7 trout on his hook. Apparently someone had lost their string and Sam retrieved it. But we really wouldn't be surprised if Sam did catch 7 trout at once.

JULIUS MALCHAR and HENRY CAMEHL hit the jack pot again on their week-end fishing trip. Malchar and Camehl fished in the Cedar Bayou area Saturday evening and Sunday and brought in 230 pounds of fish.

S. H. EVANS and GEORGE BROCK of Dallas caught 128 trout while fishing in Copano Bay Sunday.

L. E. RACKLEY and L. HAYDEN of Dallas brought in 87 trout after fishing in Copano Bay Monday.

ALTON BRUER of Houston went out with Shorty Townsend Friday night. They returned Saturday with 150 pounds of redfish and flounder. Bruer shipped about 100 pounds to Houston.

MRS. C. M. SPIRES of Sharon Springs, Kans. landed two 6-pound reds while fishing in Copano Bay Monday.

MAX MILLER of Houston and party of 5 fished at Cedar Bayou with Harry Mills Saturday. They landed 300 fish which weighed from 2 to 4 pounds each. They returned to the area Sunday and brought in close to the same number of fish. It was quite a sight to see the fish strung out which covered over half of the ramp at Mills Wharf.

RALPH MATERN and party of Three Rivers went out with Jack Lawler Sunday. They landed 68 reds.

E. S. MEYERS, R. H. HOLMAN, J. R. ROWAN and H. RHODES caught 158 reds and several large trout while fishing Tuesday.

A few fish are being caught in the basin but to be sure of getting them it has been necessary to go to Cedar Bayou during the past week. At times fishing has been good in the Copano Bay area.

Fulton School To Give Christmas Program Sat.

The pupils of the Fulton school will present a Christmas program Saturday night at 7:30, December 18, at the school.

The program will consist of a pageant, "The Christmas Dream", by Mrs. C. O. Lowery's department, and "Santa Claus Workshop", by Mrs. John Haynes' department.

The public is invited to attend.

WEATHER REPORT

Instruments are read at the marine laboratory each day at 3:50 p. m.

Sunday: Max. 73, min. 51. Barometric pressure 29.88.

Monday: Max. 74, min. 64. Barometric pressure 29.92.

Tuesday: Max. 70, min. 66. Barometric pressure 29.83.

Wednesday: Max. 70, min. 68. Barometric pressure 29.79. Tide 2.0 feet.

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Building Permits Decline in October

Austin, Tex.—Building permits issued in Texas for October declined 15 per cent from September, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Buildings permits in 51 Texas cities totaled \$29,047,706 in October, a decrease of 12 per cent when compared with a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, the bureau's index of building permits fell 31 per cent from the September level to stand at 471 per cent of the prewar (1935-30) base period.

Permits issued in Edinburg, Gainesville, Pampa, Texarkana, and Tyler more than doubled from September to October. Other substantial gains during the month were made by El Paso, 90 per cent; Denton, 63 per cent; and Temple, 51 per cent.

Declines from September were turned in by Texas City, 92 per cent; Childress, 77 per cent; Lubbock, 76 per cent; and San Angelo, 75 per cent.

In comparison with October 1947, permits more than doubled at Lamesa, Pampa, Kenedy, El Paso, Del Rio, and Paris.

Houston permits totaled \$7,329,700 in October for the greatest amount of permits issued in the state, followed by Dallas, El Paso, San Antonio, and Austin, in that order.

A Letter to Santa Claus:

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bauer, Aransas Pass, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: We thought we would write you now since it is only 9 days until Christmas. We would like to have a toaster so we can have toast for our breakfast in the mornings.

Now, we know everything is high these days, so any kind will do. We've been a very good girl and boy and we think we deserve these things, so will you please do what you can?

If you can't make it with the toaster, anything for our kitchen will do. Example: waffle iron, mix master or a silverware set.

Thank you.
Yours,
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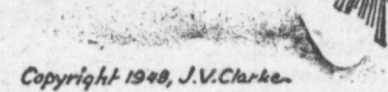
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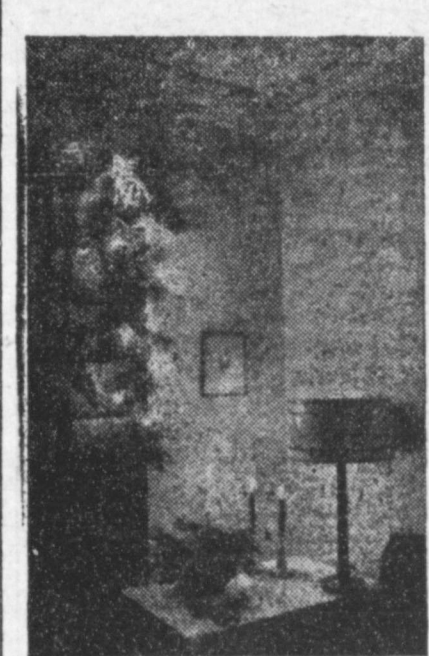
THE TOOTHPICK, BANNED BY MODERNS, WAS FASHIONABLE AT ROMAN FEASTS. VERY LONG PISTACHIO TWIGS WERE FAVORED.



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Feathery sprays of Christmas greens, fastened high on the corner of a window, will add a festive holiday note without taking up precious floor space required by a tree in the small room or apartment.

As shown in the above photograph, a single strand of Christmas tree lights woven through a

Workers Conference Held at Baptist Church

The monthly Workers Conference of the Blanco Baptist Association was held at the Baptist Church here Tuesday.

The general theme of the meeting was "Neglected Doctrines." The devotional was given by W. C. Binford of Beeville at 10 a. m. After the devotional J. W. Burns of Refugio presented the "Baptist Position on Holiness." Fifteen 2-minute talks were given from the floor. A sermon on the "Second Coming of Christ" was delivered at 11:30 by Claude Bridges of Goliad.

Lunch was served at 12:15 by the Rockport church. The executive board and the W.M.U. met in the afternoon.

Twenty-two churches are in the association.

graceful spray of pine will give sparkle to the room and cast interesting shadow patterns across the drapery and wall.

General Electric lighting specialists who worked out this holiday arrangement topped it off with a glowing star made of tracing cloth. Notice how the greens have been repeated in the low bowl on the end table and the entire setting balanced with a pair of candles.

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BRACHT-CARTER WEDDING CEREMONY IN SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. Blanche Carter, of San Antonio, and A. L. Bracht, of Rockport, were united in marriage at a Nuptial Mass held in St. Gerard's Catholic Church in San Antonio at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 11. The ceremony was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Monsig. John Dubourel, of San Antonio, formerly pastor of the Sacred Heart church in Rockport.

Attendants were Mrs. Ruth Janacek, daughter of the groom, and Mr. Robert Weitzel, son-in-law of the bride. Only relatives and close friends of the family were present.

The bride wore a beautiful royal blue crepe costume with a pink rosebud corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weitzel entertained the wedding party with a dinner at their home in San Antonio. The wedding cake was beautifully decorated in spun roses.

Those who attended the wedding were: Mrs. Ruth Janacek and children of Corpus Christi, Mrs. W. J. Douglass, cousin of the bride from Miami, Fla., Mrs. Ernest Silberstein of Rockport, Mrs. R. P. Bracht, sister of the bride, Mrs. Wm. Morton and wife, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Morin, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Haberman, all of San Antonio.

The couple arrived in Rockport Sunday night and will make their home in this city where they both have a large number of relatives and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Landgraf are the parents of a son weighing 8 pounds and 15 ounces. He was born Saturday morning at an Aransas Pass hospital.

Rev. G. T. Cunningham will leave Thursday for Waco, Texas, where he will furnish marimba music at the Columbus Avenue Baptist church.

ODAKA GROUP HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

In appreciation of the work done by the girls, Mrs. Roy Hinton honored her OdaKa Camp Fire group with a Christmas tree and party at her home Monday afternoon.

Two former meetings were devoted to making gifts, wrapping and decorating them.

A white Christmas tree in the music room held exchange gifts for all and after singing Christmas carols the girls were ushered into the dining room. The table was spread with a poinsettia crepe paper cover, on which was arranged a forest of trees, a church and houses, and a Santa Claus driving through with sleigh and reindeer. Small electric lights surrounded the scene.

Mrs. Roy Hinton served cakes, candy and salted nuts and Mrs. Glenn Miller poured the punch. Favors were small red and white canes and Santa Claus heads with red caps and white beards.

The OdaKa Christmas dance will be given on Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Hinton. Assisting Mrs. Hinton is Mrs. Glenn Miller.

Those present at the party were Shirley Fay Harrell, Gloria Dye, Nancy Hayden, Frances Lee Deason, Jo Helen May, Mildred Davis, Sandra Court, Clydene Sparks, Betty Lue Morris, Jerry Dean Morgan, Wanda Mundine, Carol Simpson, June Kathryn Greniwalt, Ivala Haynes, Virginia Gwynn, Anna Lee Small, Delia Knippa, Sue Blevins, Iva Ann Shaver and Jean Mullinax.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Hilderbrand of Goliad spent the weekend visiting friends in Rockport.

Mrs. Beulah Schwager and Mrs. Claude Johnson returned Monday from a week's visit in San Antonio and Medina Lake, Mrs. Schwager's former home.

Mrs. Arthur Kane and sons, Bill and Grady, of Corpus Christi, spent Tuesday here with Mr. Kane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Kane.

STUDENTS PLAN CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The student council has planned a Christmas social for high school and college students to be held at the gym Wednesday night, December 22.

Refreshments will be furnished by a group of mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith will be the sponsors present at the social.

The evening will be spent dancing. Music will be provided by a juke box.

Betty Garrett is chairman in charge of the affair.

CHURCHES WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTIES NEXT THURSDAY

A Christmas pageant will be presented by the young people and intermediate groups of the Baptist church next Thursday night at the annual Christmas party.

Following the program Santa Claus will pass out bags of candy.

The Presbyterian church Christmas party will also be held Thursday night, December 23. Members from each Sunday school class will take part in the program. Bags of candy and fruit will be passed out to the youngsters.

FULTON P.-T.A. HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The Fulton P.-T.A. held its regular business meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8. A new president, Mrs. J. R. DeForest, was elected, due to the resignation of Mrs. Horace Hooks, who is moving to Tyler. Mrs. M. W. Cochran was elected treasurer to succeed Mrs. J. R. DeForest. Plans were made for the Christmas program to be held at the Fulton school on Saturday, December 18.

WE CONGRATULATE

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Elliot are the proud parents of a son born Thursday afternoon at the Osteopathic hospital in Corpus Christi. The infant weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces at birth. He has been named Roger Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cruz Solis announce the birth of a daughter born Dec. 8, in an Aransas Pass hospital. The baby weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces at birth. She has been named Virginia Anne.

TABLE TENNIS ACES



LA GRANGE, ILL.—Training for the All American Table Tennis championships to be held in Chicago next April 16 are these pretty 16-year-old twins, Joan, left, and Caryl Van De Houten. Joan is last year's champion in the women's division; Caryl won third place in the intermediate girls' division. District championships in various age groups will be held throughout the country prior to the national finals. The national winner will be awarded a trip to Dublin, Ireland, where the world's championship will be decided. Juniors in La Grange High school, the twins play in the band and orchestra and are active in swimming, track and lawn tennis.

Rockport Girl Runner-up In U. C. C. Election

Eight University of Corpus Christi campus favorites were selected by the student body through Australian ballot Tuesday. The contest is the second annual affair sponsored by the Silver King (UCC annual) staff, and favorites will be featured in the 1949 edition of the Silver King.

Elizabeth Freeman was runner-up for the best all-around girl. Hugh Delle Manahan of Houston was elected.

PARTY HONORS SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Sonny Brundrett celebrated his seventh birthday with a party Saturday afternoon. The party was given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brundrett.

The children played the donkey game and Hank Schleider won first prize. Tiny Smith won the booby prize.

After the gifts were opened, refreshments of cake and punch were served. Ornamental Santa Claus with a tiny bag of candy were given as favors.

Those who attended the party were Roger and Buddy Ayers, Hank Schleider, Kathleen Ann Raymond, Pamela Landgraf, Tiny Smith, Pauline Bocquet, Dale and Barbara Barnard, Linda Mills, Sonny and Glenda Brundrett, James Fox and Bubba Court sent gifts but were unable to attend.

Mrs. Bob Ayers assisted Mrs. Brundrett with the serving of refreshments.

BRIDE CLUB ENTERTAINED WED.

Mrs. Jas. H. Sorenson Sr. entertained members and guests of the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Decorations were carried out in the Christmas motif.

Mrs. J. H. Mills won the high score and second high was claimed by Mrs. Fred Bracht.

Those playing were Mrs. Fred Christilles, Mrs. Joe Collins, Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mrs. F. B. Hunt, Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Mrs. I. C. Thurman, Mrs. A. R. Curry, Mrs. C. A. Hopkins, Mrs. C. C. Fowler and Mrs. C. F. Rozzell.

Tea guests were Mrs. Arthur Bracht, Mrs. Jas. G. Hooper, Mrs. Jas. Jarboe and Mrs. Chas. Roe, Sr.

Refreshments of fruit cake, cookies and coffee were served.

Miss Evelyn Townsend of Corpus Christi spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Agler and Mrs. C. M. Wilson and baby left Monday for Warren, Ohio, where they will visit with relatives during the holidays.

About 1.7 billions of dollars in war bonds were sold to Naval personnel in the Navy's war bond program from September, 1941, to July, 1947.

BLOOMERALLS!



In case you're in doubt, this outfit is called "bloomeralls." This fashion is a direct descendent of pantaloons. Made of colorful plaid cotton, bloomeralls can be worn at the ankle, below or above the knee. The National Cotton Council reports that they're designed by Trude to be worn with matching dresses or with a tee shirt for play.

Couples From North Arrive For Winter

New arrivals at the Shady Grove Trailer Park include Mr. and Mrs. Herringshaw, McComb, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Crosthwait, Clainda, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carr, Goven, Saskatchewan, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Reinke, Puposky, Minn.; Mr. Sam Rach, Truman, Minn.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith, Red Oak, Iowa.

A. & I. COLLEGE WILL DISMISS CLASSES DEC. 21 FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Kingsville, Tex.—Classes at Texas A. & I. College will be dismissed at 5 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, for Christmas and will be resumed at 8 a. m. Monday, Jan. 3.

Joe Johnson, Jr., student at A & M College, spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson.

ALTAR SOCIETY PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Sacred Heart church will enjoy a Christmas party at the Catholic school building Friday night at 8 o'clock, December 17.

Everyone has been asked to bring a gift and names will be drawn for the gift exchange at the party.

Decorations at the hall will be centered around the Christmas tree.

Members of the Altar Society are arranging the party. Mrs. Urban Hemmi is chairman. She will be assisted with decorations by Mrs. Stanley Bissett, Mrs. Lena Cole, Mrs. Arlie Shivers and Mrs. J. F. Harbin.

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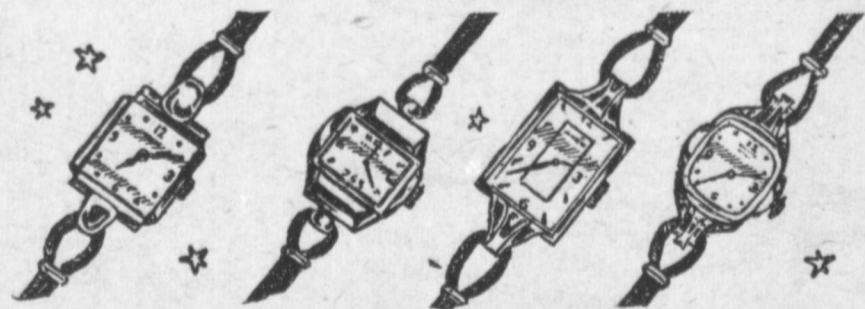
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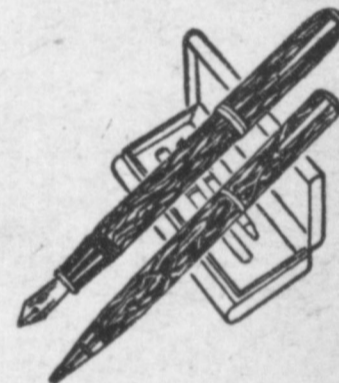
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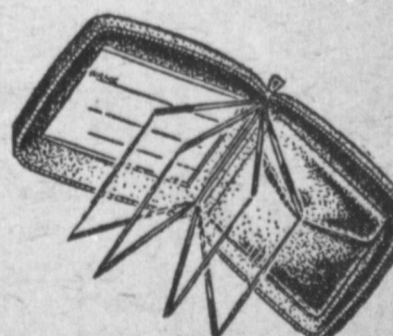
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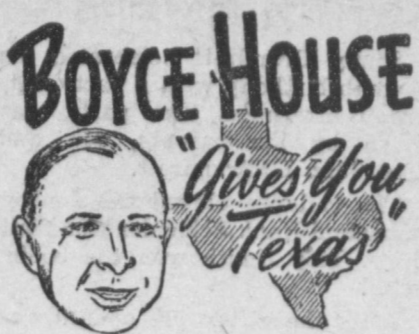
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An International Christmas



It's hands across the Christmas tree as a symbol of international good will during the Yuletide. That good will is expressed by members of the International Club of the YMCA Hotel of Chicago as they gather for the trimming of the tree. Representatives from all over the world are listed on the club roster. Members pictured are: (clockwise) Knud Kjellund, Copenhagen, Denmark; S.C. Li, Nanking, China; Vlasta Melo, Prague, Czechoslovakia; George Francis, Springfield, Mass.; Dorothy Schaub, Decatur, Ill.; and Dr. Jose Aponte, Caborojo, Puerto Rico.



One view is that Opportunity knocks only once at each man's door but Walter Malone, the poet, quotes Opportunity as saying: "Each morn, I bid you wake to rise and fight and win."

I. D. McEachern of Hale County agrees with this view—and the career of the wiry, little farmer is convincing.

After several successes in life, followed by reverses McEachern, a few years ago, found himself, at the age of 55, with just \$350 in cash.

But his blue eyes only sparkled with greater determination as he decided to make a comeback. He proposed to become a grower of certified seed—not cotton or corn but grain sorghum.

He went to one grower but was turned down because of shortage of supply. Undiscouraged, he went to another and, from him, obtained 12½ pounds on the promise to pay it back, four for one.

McEachern planted the seed on the farm of a friend in South Texas and harvested 1,700 pounds. He then had seed enough to plant on his own farm near Petersburg.

But rain wouldn't fall to get the seed started. One day, he and a friend visited the field and dug up a few of the seed. The visitor slowly shook his head and remarked, "You've got to have rain by Saturday night." What made his statement especially tragic was that it was then Saturday morning.

It didn't rain Saturday night but it did rain Sunday—and the seed did so well that McEachern sold his crop for \$20,000!—Besides paying back 50 pounds of seed for the 12½ pounds he had borrowed.

The old saying is that "it never rains but what it pours." And McEachern found to be true.

Four years before, he had decided to build a two-row ensilage harvester. As an inventor, he had one slight drawback—he had never invented anything before, but that didn't deter him. All he had to work with was a cold chisel, a hammer and a punch and he pro-

4-H Club Members Meet Santa



CHICAGO—Mildred Candy (left) 16, Church Hill, Md., and Phyllis Dangler (right) 15, Seward, Alaska, in Chicago to attend the 27th annual 4-H Club Congress, visit Marshall Field & Company's store to see the gigantic Christmas tree, 45 feet high, in the store's Walnut Tearoom. Sixteen persons, standing on scaffolding, spent 10 hours trimming the tree. More than 1,000 ornaments, designed and built to scale in the store's display department, decorate it. More than 1,000 man hours were spent in making the ornaments.

ceeded to build a machine.

Then he applied for a patent. The application dragged along for four years and at last was granted.

Then one of the biggest farm implement manufacturing concerns offered him \$500 for his rights. He refused, so the company sent a representative down and the visitor asked, "What will you take?"

"Oh," replied McEachern in an unconcerned tone, "ten thousand dollars."

The company took him up on the proposition. So, along about the time that he sold \$20,000 worth of certified grain sorghum seed, here came a check for the invention and he used it to buy his present farm—a half section; and there in a modern home with a yard that looks like a park—so bright are flowers and so trim the trees and so green the lawn—he and his wife live.

They have nine children—all grown—eight sons and a daughter.

Last year, McEachern sold 12,000 sacks of Plainsman grain sorghum. County Agent Manuel W. Ayers says the market price was around \$4.75 to \$5.00, which would figure out something like \$57,000. McEachern keeps adding to his holdings. "My wife won't let me buy but a quarter section a year," he says, with a grin. He has added 816 acres to the original half-section, 10 miles west of Plainview,

and has seven irrigation wells.

Not bad, not bad at all for a farmer who, four years before, at the age of 55 was "down" but refused to quit.

Eight Marriage Licenses Issued This Month

Eight marriage licenses were issued to the following persons at the court house this month:

Keith A. Pruden and Mrs. Charlene Kollenborn of Corpus Christi were married by Justice of the Peace Joe Smith, Dec. 12.

Rosemary Spears and Harold Upton were married in Aransas Pass Dec. 1.

J. S. Garrett and Bernice Huebschen of San Antonio were married by Rev. W. B. Wheeler Dec. 11.

Jake Tucker and Goldie Mae Green were married in Aransas Pass Dec. 9.

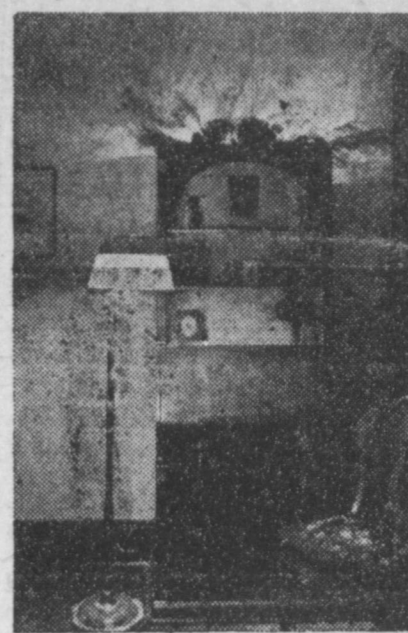
A. L. Bracht and Mrs. Blanche L. Carter were married in San Antonio Dec. 11.

Tommy W. Shafer and Patsy Davis were married by Justice of the Peace Smith, Dec. 10.

John Wesley Johnson and Mrs. Lois Giddens Bracht were married at the First Methodist Church in Aransas Pass by the Rev. A. D. Jameson Dec. 12.

Louis Harmon and Gladys Steindorf were also issued a marriage license.

Spread Christmas Cheer In Every Room



Don't confine your indoor Christmas decorating to the family tree. Instead, spread it throughout your rooms to create a bewitching holiday atmosphere. A secretary, for instance, provides the perfect spot for an attractive Yuletide setting.

As shown in the picture above, long needle pine boughs are banked with large cones on the top of a secretary. Hidden within is a string of Christmas tree lights (or, you can use a single bulb) which add sparkle and mystery to the arrangement.

General Electric lighting specialists point out that each bulb is carefully arranged so that its light will cast long graceful shadows on the wall behind. Notice how the small bridge lamp is also bedecked with Christmas greens.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP

If you have a large window at the front of your house, plan to feature it as part of your holiday decorations. An attractive snowflake window can be fashioned in a few moments simply by cutting interesting snowflake designs from paper doilies and pasting them on the inside of the window. General Electric lighting specialists suggest that the Christmas tree be placed in front of the window so that its lights may twinkle through the delicate patterns of the snowflakes.

Unusual Meet Seasonings

Stews, pot-roasts, and meat pies are all better for a bit of celery or parsley flavor. Celery leaves are often used fresh, or dry them by placing on a baking sheet on top of the oven until crisp and crumbly. Store in air-tight jars, then use liberally in your favorite meat dishes.

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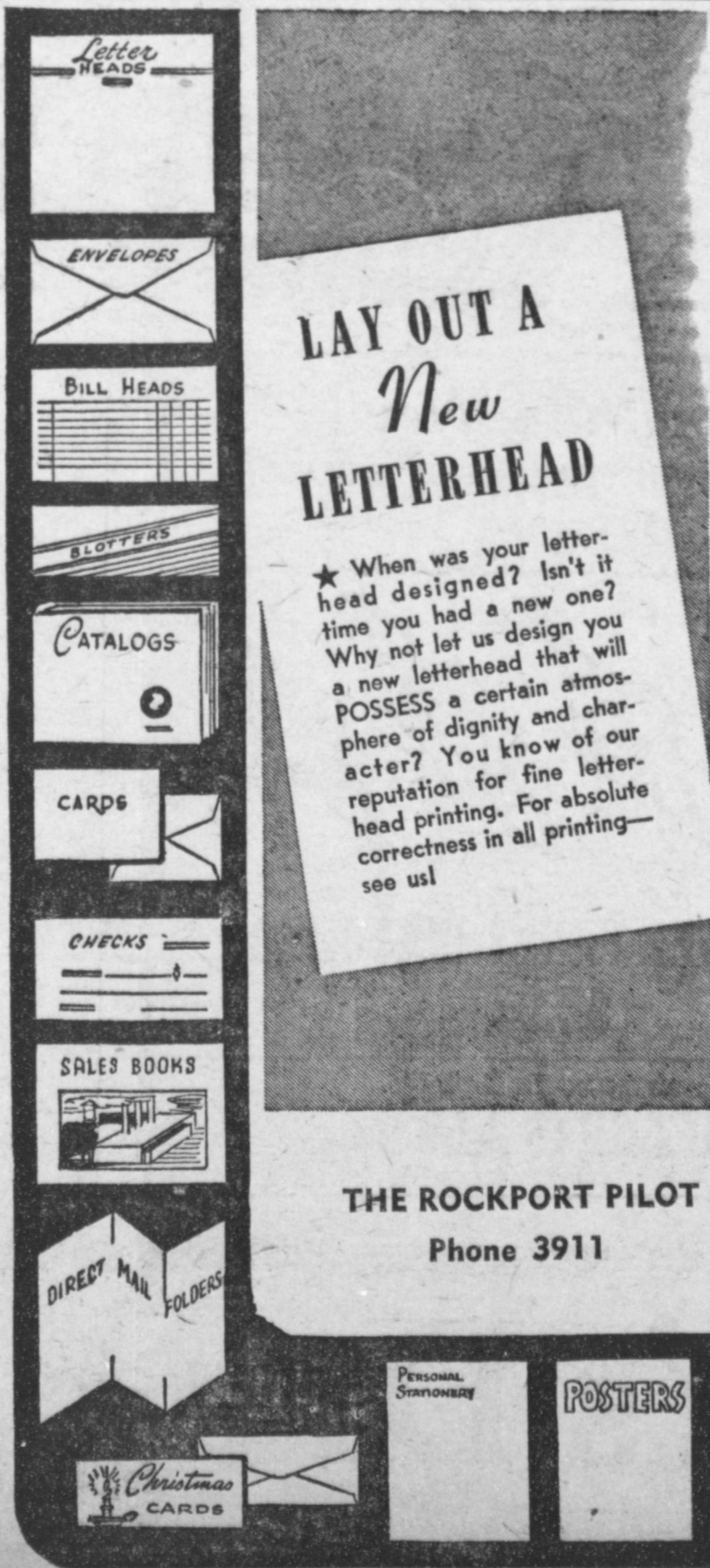
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The Missus "Ducks" Out

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Slim and the missus get on so well—content to stay home nights together, enjoying one another's company over a glass of beer and a game of chess. From where I sit, we can't all enjoy the same things—but we can share those little pleasures that we do enjoy—a glass of beer, a game of chess, some music on the radio—and live-and-let-live when it comes to the others.

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Don't overlook your outdoor fireplace when decorating your house and lawn for the holidays.

Tuck a jolly Santa Claus (cut from heavy cardboard or composition board and gaily colored) in the barbecue chimney as shown in the above sketch.

If your fireplace has an opening, build a log fire and keep it "burning" with a red bulb hidden beneath the logs. For an additional bit of whimsy, you might even hang a stocking or two on the fireplace.

General Electric lighting specialists suggest lighting the arrangement by hiding a projector spotlight inside the chimney and aiming it upward on old St. Nick.

Use of Limbs is Christmas Gift for Children at Gonzales Warm Springs

Gonzales, Tex. — Christmas is drawing closer and down here in South Texas where there's scant likelihood of snow and where the traditional pine tree and holly motif are replaced by sub-tropical vegetation and warm sunshine, there's an air of tremendous suspense.

St. Nick is on his way to Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation and the dozens of young victims of infantile paralysis who will greet him from wheel chairs and hospital beds are churning with youthful anticipation.

Texans throughout the state are well on their way towards marking 1948 an unforgettable Christmas for the kids who fell victim to polio, says Ross Boothe, president of the foundation, as the drive for funds to expand the Texas institution nears its Christmas climax.

There is room for 110 young patients at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation where warm therapeutic waters and modern medical skill and equipment are joined to enable stricken youngsters to walk again despite the ravages of polio. Swimming pools, indoor and out, are filled with the flowing warm waters of Gonzales and it is in these pools that many a youngster has first learned to use weakened limbs again.

The statewide drive, in which this newspaper is cooperating, to secure full financial support for Texas' own infantile paralysis foundation reaches its 1948 climax on Christmas day.

Expansion of the foundation and continued operation on its present basis of top efficiency are dependent on the support of Texans, says Boothe, and a generous response is expected from every county in the state.

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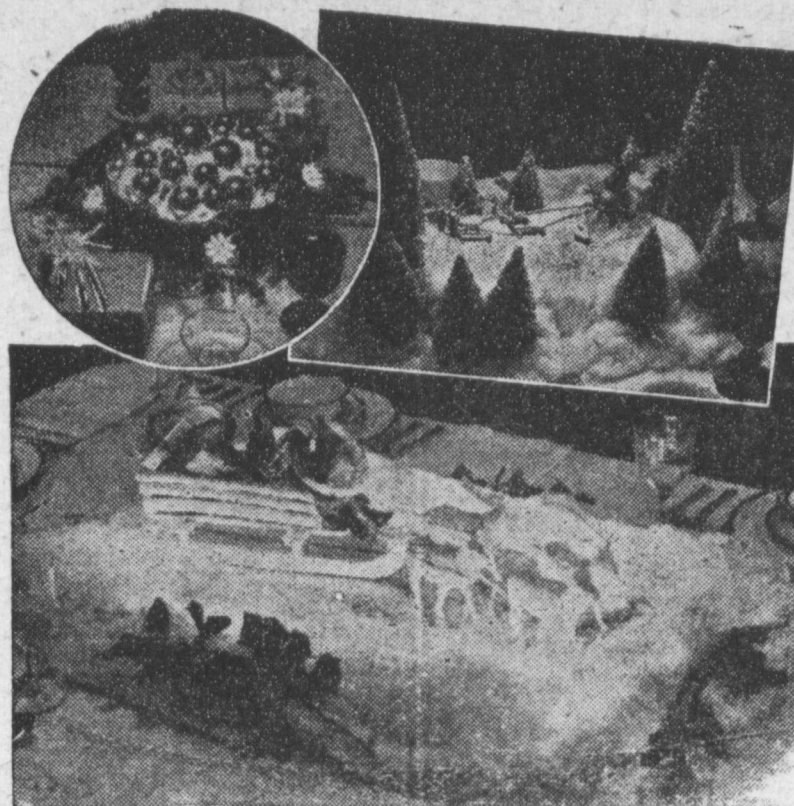
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 Sunday School 10:00
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 Evening Services 8:00

Lighted Holiday Centerpieces



By Mary Webber
 General Electric Home Lighting Specialist

Add a festive note to your holiday table this year by making your own lighted centerpiece. It's not difficult to create any one of the three centerpieces pictured above with "props" gathered from the ten-cent store.

The sparkling sleigh scene shown in the lower photograph is both inexpensive and easy to duplicate at home. Fill a glistening toy sleigh with miniature gift packages (these can be given to the guests for favors) and attach to it four white plastic reindeer. Using a piece of composition board or several square asbestos pads (to protect your table top) for a foundation, arrange a string of tree lights around the edge. Cover with "angel's hair" and place the sleigh and reindeer in the center. Sprinkle

generously with flakes of artificial snow and border with sprigs of fresh holly.

The more formal centerpiece shown in the inset circle above, is achieved by placing a string of colored lamps on a large table mirror and covering with bright baubles of varied sizes and colors. Encircle with pine or smilax to complete this glowing, colorful arrangement.

Another charming winter centerpiece is pictured in the upper right photograph. The base is a box (9x12 inches) enclosing a string of colored tree lights and covered with a piece of opal glass. The box is placed in the center of the table (on a piece of construction board) and banked with spun glass to simulate snow. Fir trees, artificial snow, Santa and silver reindeer (all from the dime store) complete the winter scene.

CHRISTMAS IS NOT LONG AWAY

College Station, Tex.—For the children, Christmas is still a long way off. But for the grownups, there's barely one week of shopping days left. And that isn't much when you figure all the shopping you've got to do.

Unless you're one of the early birds who has actually completed the annual problem of Christmas shopping, then you may have a big job ahead—what to get for the youngsters.

Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, extension family life education specialist of Texas A. & M. College, has a few suggestions for the Christmas shopper. The toys for the youngsters are new and sturdy this year. They'll take lots of punishment. The toy supply is big, and stores offer quite an assortment of things the children will like—things that are amazingly life-like and that can really be used.

But here's an important point: When you start out looking for toys, don't forget how old the child is. Buy toys that suit the age of the youngster. For instance, a wee tot will take to something that's bright colored and makes a noise. Be sure it doesn't have any sharp edges or poisonous paints, because he'll put it in his mouth if he can. Be sure it's too large for him to swallow too. For the sake of the family, you might watch to see that the noise isn't too shrill.

Children a little older like the push and pull toys and ones that make noise too. Big blocks and big things they can lift and carry—wagons, carts and trucks—just like the real ones—are toys that will make the two year old happy

and help him grow and learn.

And those a little older are even more active. They like tractors, dump trucks, a stake wagon with removable sides, or a fire truck big enough to ride on—play houses, doll buggies, telephones and plastic dishes. Remember that toys are to be played with over and over so get things that will stand real wear.

We can help do away with some of the Christmas tensions with toys that are joys for the whole family if we think through our shopping carefully, says Mrs. Johnson. But don't wait too long, or there won't be anything left.

Start now, while the counters are still full and the choices are many. If you do you'll find what you're looking for.

Celebrated British Pianist to Appear in San Antonio Concert

San Antonio, Tex. — Clifford Curzon, celebrated British pianist, acclaimed "among the greatest keyboard artists of the time," will be soloist with the San Antonio Symphony and Conductor Max Reiter in the symphony's fifth subscription concert at Municipal Auditorium, Saturday night, Dec. 18.

Another guest of the Dec. 18 concert will be the young American composer, Don Gillis, who will come to San Antonio to conduct his Seventh Symphony, subtitled "Saga of a Prairie School."

Opening with the overture to "Der Freischuetz" by Weber, the program will also include the Prelude and Love-Death, from "Tristan and Isolde," by Wagner. Curzon, who is traveling from coast to coast this season to fulfill more than 40 engagements, will perform the Concerto No. 5 in E-flat ("The Emperor"), by Beethoven.

The pianist returned to this country, for the first time since 1939, for a performance with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony last year that set even veteran critics to applauding. "Only too rarely in a lifetime of concert-going is one permitted to hear such wonderful music making . . . he must indubitably be considered one of the greatest pianists of the times," said the New York Herald Tribune.

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To all persons interested in the Estate of Wm. Mayer, deceased, A. C. Glass, administrator, has filed an application in the County Court of Aransas County, on the 9th day of December 1948 for a hearing upon his report of distribution and final settlement of said Estate and for discharge from his trust as administrator and for closing said estate. Which said application will be heard by said Court on Monday the 27th day of December 1948, at the Court House of said County, in Rockport, at which time all persons interested in said Estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at the time aforesaid, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP

Before you plan your outdoor Christmas decorations, be sure to study the architectural lines of your house carefully. You may find that some architectural feature will lend itself to an unusual decoration.

Lighting specialists point out that small circular windows, for instance, can be transformed into charming miniature lighted windows with very little effort. First, wreath the window with evergreens. Then create your "picture" by painting a scene of the Wise Men on a translucent background of cheesecloth and hang inside the window. To light this tiny picture and make the sky luminous, attach a 40-watt blue bulb in an extension cord and socket to the inside of the window sill.

executed the same.
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JAS. C. HERRING,
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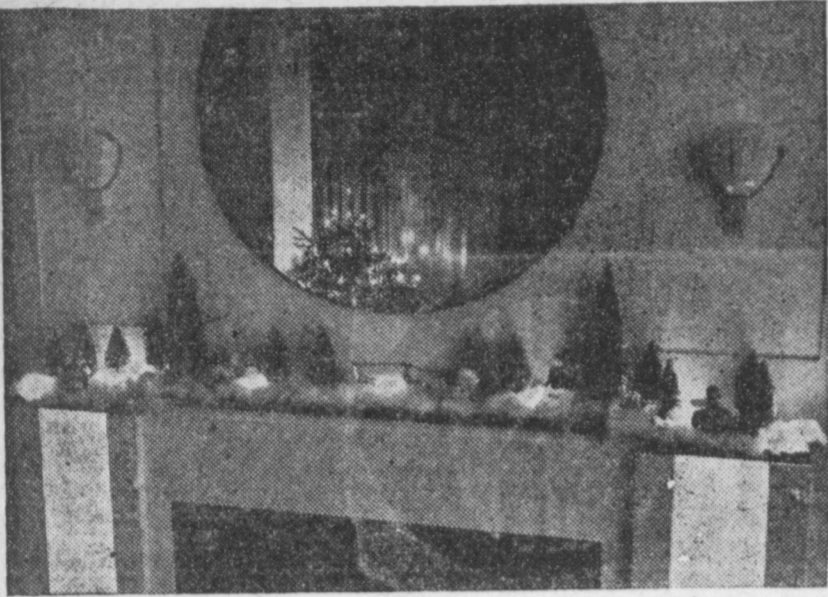


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Decorate Your Mantel for Christmas



Regardless of outdoor weather condition you can have a bit of snowy Christmas weather inside by creating a delightful winter wonderland on the fireplace mantel.

The lighted snow scene pictured above is both inexpensive and easy to construct. Here are the steps outlined by General Electric lighting specialists for duplicating the Yuletide arrangement pictured above.

First, string colored Christmas

tree lamps along the top of the mantel. Cover the entire mantel top with nonflammable spun glass. Then, arrange ten-cent store fir trees, snow figurines and silver deer to complete the winter scene.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP

Here's an idea for an unusual bit of decoration that will help you wish your neighbors a Merry Christmas. Tie your Yuletide wishes for the whole neighborhood in a giant package and place it on your front lawn. Use a large packing box and wrap it gift-fashion in white oilcloth. Tie with a perky bow of red oilcloth and attach a Christmas tag with your best wishes. General Electric lighting specialists point out that this simple decoration may be lighted effectively with a pair of projector spot lamps (which are weather-proof) hidden behind mounds of snow or shrubbery.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of Rockport, Texas will be held in the bank's office at Rockport, Texas at 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 1949 for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

JAMES H. SORENSON, Jr.
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Denmark sold the Virgin Islands to the U. S. in 1917.

Carl Osborn Receives Air Mail Message Direct from the Plane

The Edgewater Trailer Park is now in direct communication with Taft, Texas, by air mail. Edwin (Bud) Thielen, Jr., an aviator resident of Taft and a frequent visitor to Rockport, was doubtful if the regular mail would reach here in time to enable Carl Osborn to arrange a duck hunting trip, so he flew down from Taft and, after buzzing the park, dropped his message by parachute. Mr. Thielen is one of a group of the younger set of Taft who own their own boats and trailers and make regular trips to Rockport for the fishing and hunting.

Ed Linberg, manager of Cascade Caverns at Boerne, Tex., spent a week at Edgewater Trailer Park and was so pleased with the fishing and the way he was welcomed by everyone he met, that he is planning to return with his family for another fishing excursion after the Christmas holidays. Mr. Linberg invited Mr. Osborn, owner of the trailer park, to join him in a deer hunt.

Visitors from nine states have stayed at the Edgewater Trailer Park this month. They are Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Denny, Union, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wells, Portland, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Linberg, Boerne, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Geiger, Mansfield, O.; Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Dossman, San Antonio, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wilson, Boise, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burdall, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hoover, Santiago, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Houchin, Branson, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beasley, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ives, Jackson, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lack, Bucyrus, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. George, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

RARE GRASS, NATIVE OF EUROPE, FOUND ON A. AND I. CAMPUS

Kingsville, Tex.—First specimen of a rare grass ever found in the United States has been discovered by a Texas A. & I. college student, Elwyn Lorling of Hallettsville.

The grass, *Andropogon annulatus*, is native to Eastern Europe and Asia, according to Smithsonian Institute authorities, who identified the specimen Lorling found on the A. & I. campus. Capable of remaining greener longer than most grasses, it possibly will replace some of the native range grasses of South Texas, says Dr. E. R. Bogusch, A. & I. biology department chairman.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy, also for the beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved brother and uncle.

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Fire Chief Asks Elimination of Yule Hazards

Fire Chief Chas. Ankele warned today that flammable Christmas decorations introduce a needless fire hazard during the current holiday season, and asked local citizens to avoid the possibility of turning the cheerful Yuletide period into a time of grief and tragedy.

"Many of the tragic holiday fires of the past were caused by the use of flammable decorations," he said. "A few years ago ninety-nine people were killed at a Christmas party in St. Johns, Newfoundland, as a result of this dangerous practice."

Non-flammable decorations of glass or metal are available, and "fireproof" snow should be used around the Christmas tree. It is dangerous to use paper or cotton in decorating the tree.

Decorations should never be used near chairs or other places where people may smoke, and plenty of ash trays should be placed around the house during the holiday season, as always. It is preferable to put decorations up near the ceiling, well above the head of anyone standing up.

A single spark can turn the Christmas season into a period of tragedy, unless proper precautions are taken to prevent Christmas tree fires, the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out.

It is impossible to make a natural tree flameproof, various experiments have indicated, and for that reason many families may prefer to use small artificial trees which can be flameproofed.

If a natural tree is used, it should not be brought into the house until a few days before Christmas, because it quickly becomes tinder dry. The tree should be placed in the coolest part of the house, and any nearby heaters or fires should remain unlit as long as the tree is installed.

No Candles on Trees

Candles should never be used on trees or employed in any way around the home. Cords used for stringing electric lights on the tree should bear the Underwriters' Laboratories label, as the surest sign of safe manufacture.

Tree lights should never be left burning while the family is away, and an occasional check should be made to discover whether any of the needles have started turning brown from the heat of the lights. If so, the location of those lights should be changed.

When the needles start falling, take the tree down and get it out of the house.

Public Precautions

Particularly in public places, care should be taken in placing trees so they will not block exits, and they should not be located near stairways or elevators which would provide an up-draft through which fire could spread through the building. Many communities have banned the use of natural trees in places of public assembly, and experts recommend that only flameproof artificial trees be used.

Trees should be disposed of very shortly after New Year's Day, to avoid the unnecessary additional fire hazard which arises from leaving the tree up or carelessly storing it away for later disposal.

Parents Reminded To Demand Safety In Children's Toys

New Christmas toys can be dangerous to young children with prying fingers, the National Board of Fire Underwriters warns Christmas shoppers. Be sure they are safe.

The fire authorities advise taking especial care in choosing electric toys. Toys of inferior construction can cause severe burns or start serious fires in Christmas trees and flammable decorations.

Parents should inspect electric toys their children receive at Christmas and supervise their play with any electric set. The children may get a severe shock from touching a radiator or other "ground" while handling electric toys.

Here are general rules for safe toys:

1. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories' Inc. markers on electric toys.
2. Don't buy toys using alcohol, kerosene, or gasoline. They are hazardous in juvenile hands.
3. Don't place electric trains around base of the Christmas tree.
4. Parents should plug and unplug electric toys themselves, rather than let small children do it. Play with electric toys should be supervised.

Fire losses in the United States will probably reach the staggering total of \$750,000,000 this year, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters. That sum would provide a \$440,000 endowment fund for every college and professional school in the country.

Don Quixote was written by Miguel de Cervantes.

Corn Products Company Announces Wage Rates

Corn Products Refining Company of Corpus Christi made an announcement recently on their wage rates for factory jobs. In the process departments the rates will be from \$1.05 an hour to \$1.40 an hour, depending upon the skill involved on each job.

Rates up to \$1.85 an hour will be paid for highly specialized mechanical jobs.

There will be a probationary period for untrained workers for which the rate will be \$.95 an hour.

Applicants for employment are being interviewed now although plant operations will not start until some time in January.

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The Rockport Pilot

Protect Children from Winter Health Hazards

Austin, Tex.—Every mother is familiar with childhood illnesses known commonly as "summer complaints," but many mothers fail to realize that the winter season brings its quota of "winter complaints" from which young children must be carefully protected.

In stressing this important fact, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, says: "Certain winter diseases are just as harmful and just as likely to make their appearance as summer ailments, unless children are safeguarded against them."

In the group of winter health hazards, Dr. Cox included influenza, colds, tonsillitis, pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, and diphtheria when no immunization has been given.

Any such disease affecting a child's respiratory or breathing system is apt to be very serious and in many cases it is fatal. Pneumonia often develops from a neglected cold, or may follow a severe case of measles or whooping cough. Bronchial conditions may also prove to be an after effect of these diseases, and certainly these respiratory illnesses are much more difficult to combat than the digestive disturbances commonly called summer complaints.

"These winter diseases are especially dangerous to babies and very young children," Dr. Cox said. "Nearly all of them are spread from the secretions of the nose and mouth. Children not in good health are naturally more susceptible than those who are stronger, and the first line of defense is to keep the child's resistance built up to the highest possible point; the second is to keep him under competent medical supervision, and the third is to make sure that they avoid contact with persons who have coughs and colds."

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP

Add a touch of Christmas spirit to the small hallway by creating a lighted landscape complete with glistening snow, trees and a house on the hall table. The toy cardboard house is realistically lighted with a 25-watt regular household bulb (use an extension cord with a socket) concealed inside. General Electric home lighting specialists suggest that the tiny lighted scene will give the small hallway soft, glowing light just right for holiday entertaining.

MMMmm—GOOD



A GOOD LUCK KISS is bestowed on his wife, Alice Faye, by radio comedian Phil Harris, just before they go on the air over NBC Sunday with "The Harris-Faye Show." The popular radio couple are now in the third year of broadcasting their own program of family life. On the air, as in real life, they play Mr. and Mrs.

SPECIALS IN 1938!

T. C. Kelly ran across a week-end special sheet printed in September, 1938, last week. A comparison of prices today with those ten years ago shows shortening selling for 3 pounds at 81 cents which sold at 4 pounds for 40 cents 10 years ago.

Other prices which have doubled and tripled according to the little blue slip are condensed milk—small can 3 cents, large can 6 cents in 1938, now selling at 13 cents for 2 small or 1 large can; three pounds of Crisco which now sells at about \$1.03, sold for 47 cents 10 years ago.

Ten pounds of sugar which sold for 47 cents in 1938 can now be obtained at 44 cents for 5 pounds. One pound of Folger's coffee sold for 27 cents a pound which now sells for 51 cents. Oleomargarine was selling for 14 cents a pound which sells for 35 cents now.

John E. Simpson, Long-time Resident of Fulton, Died December 5

John E. Simpson, 74 years of age, a long-time resident of Fulton died at 11 o'clock a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Weber.

Born July 6, 1874, in Old St. Marys, Refugio County, which is now known as Bayside, he lived in Fulton most of his life.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday evening, Dec. 6 at the Fulton Community Church by Rev. Wheeler of the Methodist Church of Rockport and Rev. R. S. Cunningham of the Fulton Community Church of Fulton. Burial was in the Rockport Cemetery under the direction of the Cagle Funeral Home of Aransas Pass, Texas.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. John Weber and Mrs. W. B. Johnson of Colony Community and 10 nieces and 10 nephews.

Officers Can Transfer To Inactive Reserves

Austin—The 16,000 Reserve Officers of the Fourth Army have been granted until Jan. 1, 1949, to report whether or not they desire to participate actively in the Reserve program before being automatically transferred to the Inactive Reserve, it was announced recently by Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Senior Army Instructor for the Organized Reserve Corps in Texas.

All Reserve Officers in Texas have been contacted by means of a registered survey form. Reserve officers who desire to be retained

in the Active Reserve must return this survey form to their local ORC Unit Instructor or the State Instructor prior to Jan. 1, 1949. It was pointed out that failure to return this form, or an indication thereon that the officer does not desire to participate in the Reserve Program, will result in his transfer to the Inactive Reserve.

"In conjunction with this well defined mission, the Army Reserve Program," said Gen. Wendell Westover, "Today offers wide unit assignment possibilities, a liberal promotion policy, inactive duty training pay, non-disability retirement and the opportunity to share

actively in the community responsibility for National Security. These policies so important to Reserve activity, are new and have become fact since spring when Reserve Officers were last questioned as to their preference for the active or inactive reserve."

Officers of the Inactive Reserve, it was pointed out, are subject to call to active duty in a National Emergency during the life of their commission, but are not eligible for promotion, drill pay or retirement benefits.

Iron floats on mercury because the specific gravity of mercury is greater.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP

Your holiday guests are bound to be in a merrier mood if greeted by a jolly Santa Claus at your front door. This colorful Christmas doorway can be painted on sturdy white cardboard, cut to fit the door. If no one in the family is artistically inclined, you might cut out a Santa from a large printed crepe paper holiday tablecloth. General Electric lighting specialists suggest that you outline the doorway with ropes of evergreen and spotlight the doorway by means of a projector spotlight hidden in the shrubbery.

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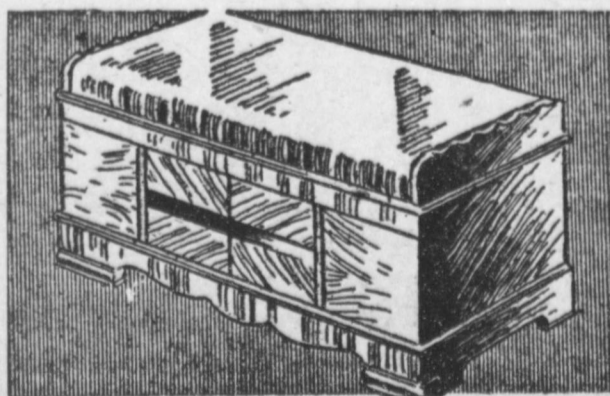
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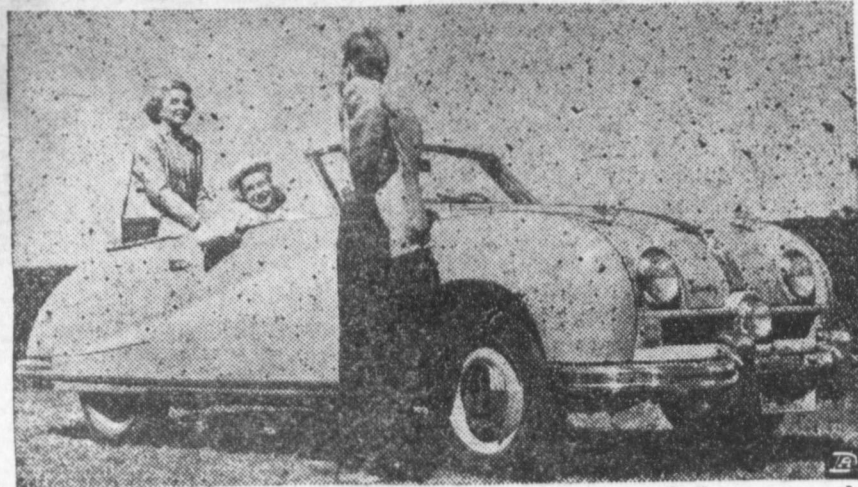
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New Convertible From England



A striking new convertible, with many unusual features and exceptional highway performance, has just been introduced into this country by The Austin Motor Company of England. This model has a one-piece curved windshield, and visibility is so good that the driver can see both front fenders, making the car easier and safer to operate. Known as the "Atlantic," this new convertible has push button controls for the top and windows, a steering wheel adjustable for reach and leather upholstery. Road tests indicate that the 2,900-pound "Atlantic," with its very high compression ratio of 7.5 to 1, will go more than 90 miles an hour. It is expected that the new model will get about 22 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Teachers to Travel During X'mas Holidays

Teachers in the Rockport school system will enjoy a two weeks Christmas holiday. Classes will dismiss Friday, Dec. 17, and convene again Monday, Jan. 3.

Many of the instructors will visit relatives out of the state. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayden and children will travel to Wetumka, Okla., where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nolen and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hayden. Mr. and Mrs. Owen James will go to Joplin, Mo., where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Raymond Morris and daughter plan to go to Little Rock, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jackson will spend the holidays in East Texas.

Miss Bobbie Raab plans to spend Christmas at her home in Point,

Tex. Miss Louise Hilderbrand will go to Milbourne, Okla. Mrs. Roy Lee Hart will spend part of the holidays in Mission, Tex., where her husband is employed. Mrs. Simon Lee Sorenson will visit in Houston and Gonzales. Miss Katie Lee Clarke plans to go to West Columbia, Tex., where she will visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. W. Clarke. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Roberts will spend Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Carpenter, in Beeville.

Dressing Comes in Balls

A good way to serve extra dressing is to form it into balls and bake alongside the roast. This is a good idea for a meat accompaniment, too. Plan the dressing balls to take the place of potatoes or rice.

Star-Lites
MOVIES, MIKES and MISCELLANEOUS
By LYN WILSON

TO THE UTE INDIANS of Utah the birth of twins is a very lucky sign... so it was a day of celebrating when Laraine Day and brother La Mar (the youngest of seven) were born there. Laraine's family moved to California when she was 10 and she became a member of the Little Theater Guild. Her early contacts with the movie studios resulted in nothing but disappointments.



Laraine Day

Two major companies had her under contract and little resulted from it until in 1939 MGM signed her and began in earnest to make a star of her. Since then Laraine has been in bright lights. Her latest is "My Dear Secretary" a United Artists release in which she co-stars with Kirk Douglas, Keenan Wynn and Helen Walker. Baseball is her chief interest or should we say Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers fame to whom she is married.

AFTER WRESTLING with romantic problems on CBS' Sunday "Our Miss Brooks" series, playing Fanny Brice's "mother" and Willie Howard's "aunt" in the Follies and walking upside down on the ceiling with the Marx Bros... it's little wonder that EVE ARDEN recently walked off with the honors when the Cleveland Plain Dealer readers voted her radio's new "Queen of Comedy". Eve began her career "Eve the Queen" with the Henry Duffy Stock company and in no time flat Hollywood had her under contract. You'll remember her in "One Touch of Venus," "The Voice of the Turtle" and any number of other top movie comedies. Between playing the part of a school teacher on "Our Miss Brooks" broadcasts and making movies, Eve spends her time in her 10 room Hollywood home with her two adopted daughters.



Eve Arden

CHARITY IS NOT A SEASONAL affair to "year-round-Santa-Claus", Jack Berch of NBC radio fame. Throughout the year he appeals to the public for the unfortunates on his "heart-to-heart hook-up"... and the response is indeed heartening. Last May, a short 55 second appeal was so successful in getting people to devote a few hours weekly to charity work that it is repeated again this season. Jack makes the request on his network show and local stations cut-in to advise people where to volunteer locally. This philanthropic baritone was born on a farm and still lives on one. After his broadcasts he makes a bee-line home and has a great time being family man (father of four), farmer and hunter (in season of course to satisfy a Kit Carson or Davy Crockett.)



Jack Berch

FRANK J. CLARK, JR., musical director of the Du Pont Chorus, will conduct a special Christmas musical program on Monday, December 20, when NBC's "Cavalcade of America," which usually presents an historical drama, will be devoted entirely to carol singing. Mr. Clark has a M. A. degree in music. He studied choral direction and radio technique under Fred Waring and was a soloist for Toscanini. In addition to directing the Du Pont chorus he is Minister of Music for a Presbyterian church director of music for the West Philadelphia Choral Society, the North Penn A Cappella Choir, and at Princeton County Day School, where he is Latin Master... and he still finds time to spend with his infant daughter.

When I was a boy in Memphis, Tenn., I met Capt. Dabney M. Scales, a hero of the Confederate navy.



Not long ago, interesting details of his service were encountered in an old book.

Captain Scales was attending the United States Naval Academy when the Civil War broke out. He resigned and became the youngest officer in the navy of the Confederacy. He served on the famous raider, the Shenandoah, which cruised the seven seas, seeking Union vessels.

One day, south of Australia, they overtook a ship which was flying the British flag but they thought this was a ruse. The vessel was hailed and proved indeed to be British—and then the Confederates learned an amazing thing. The war was over and had been for eight months!

Because a federal court held that the activities of the Shenandoah were in violation of the law—though actually its officers and crew were merely waging war, though of a daring nature—Captain Scales lived in Mexico for two years.

Then he returned to Tennessee and practiced law. In the War with Spain, he volunteered and was navigating officer on a ship.

He was an old man with snow-white hair and mustache when this columnist, then a schoolboy, knew him. He never mentioned anything about his service in two wars. Just an old book, out of print, tells a little about his career.

Short Name: Max Itz. He runs a tobacco shop in San Antonio.

San Antonio really abounds in the picturesque. Its sidewalk "characters" are colorful. One has long, thick hair like Buffalo Bill; he even has a mustache and goatee. He plays a fiddle but, instead of using a bow, picks it as though it were a guitar.

An there is a pencil vendor who looks like an Old Testament prophet; his beard is long and flowing, and his hair reaches six inches below his shoulders.

Desdemona had a home coming a while back. When that Eastland County town was in the midst of a rich oil field, things were exciting, even baseball games.

One day, an umpire made a decision that aroused a group who had bet on the game, so out on the field they came in such a threatening way that he reversed his ruling.

The next game, the same umpire made the group sore again and out they came once more. The umpire yanked a six-shooter from his hip pocket, marched them back to the sideline, dusted off the

Simple Bouquet of Pine Will Add Festive Air



Here's an idea for the business girl who likes to keep her Christmas decorations simple, yet effective, without ornaments and trimmings which require year 'round storage space.

A bouquet of long needle pine, lighted from behind by a string of white Christmas tree lights taped to the back of the vase, is all that's needed to produce the enchanting holiday arrangement pictured above. (This same effect can be achieved with a single lamp).

General Electric lighting specialists point out that several of one branches must "spill" toward the back of the arrangement to produce the shadow patterns on the wall.

If you don't have tree lights handy, try spotlighting a similar arrangement with a regular 25 watt household bulb (in an extension cord and socket) hung in a papier mache bell above the bouquet.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP

Instead of using the traditional Christmas wreath on your front door, try framing the whole entrance-way in a giant wreath of greens. The wreath is fashioned over a sturdy wire frame covered with several layers of evergreen rope. General Electric lighting specialists point out that the wreath may be dotted with "berries" of bright red bulbs (10 or 25-watt) and, of course, you'll want to top off the whole arrangement with a jaunty red oilcloth bow.

home plate and yelled, "Play Ball!" There was no trouble.

Incidentally, Desdemona, after years of inactivity, is seeing wells drilling in every direction, seeking deeper sands than the one which produced during the boom of 1919-21. Maybe the old town will see a comeback.

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U.C.C. Adds New Course, "Marriage for Moderns"

Corpus Christi—A new course, "Marriage for Moderns," by Bowman, will be added to the sociology department of the University of Corpus Christi beginning with the spring semester, January 22. The course may be taken by freshmen and sophomores as sociology 243 and by juniors and seniors as 343. Distinction will be made by the amount of research work accomplished by the higher level students.

According to L. O. Sluder, professor who will teach the subject,

the course covers the problems of courtship, engagement, and marriage. Evils, advantages and outcomes of dating will be discussed openly and freely. Problems of relationships and personal adjustments in marriage also will be dealt with.

Sluder pointed out that students enrolling in the course must have an open mind, and Christian consciousness of application. They must have a desire to seek the truth about courtship and marriage, accurately and fully; and, Sluder added, they must attend the class sessions with a sincere desire to seek the truth which will

enable them to establish Christian homes.

One other course is to be added to the University of Corpus Christi department of sociology for the second semester, according to Dr. John W. Cobb, acting dean. The subject is sociology 263, which deals with social changes and problems inherent in the shifting of the world's social pattern.

German mercenary troops employed by the British during the Revolution were called Hessians.

In Venice the Bridge of Sighs connects the palace with the prisons of the city.

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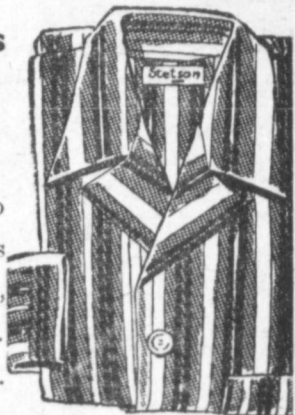
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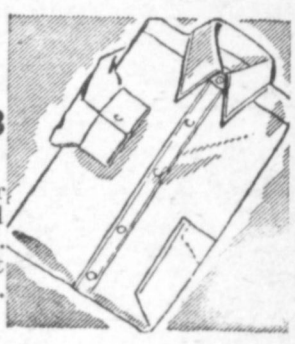
Here's an answer to your gift problem! This beautiful robe, fashioned with notched collar, long sleeves and pocket trimmed in snowy white; and the long full skirt flowing gracefully, to give that smart look! Sizes 12 to 20.

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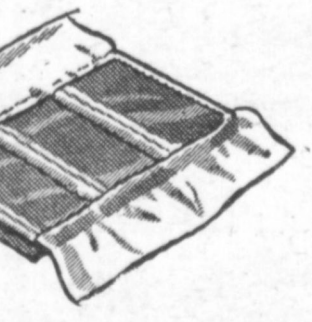


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LOST: Wooden sign reading: "Sleeping rooms for rent". Reward. Phone 827. p35

Cagers Lose

Kingsville—The Texas A & I Javelina basketball team continues winless after dropping a pair of games in Abilene last week, to Abilene Christian College 81-37 and to McMurry 71-47. No more games are scheduled until after the holidays.

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THE ROCKPORT PILOT

Pirate Quintet

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even on their offensive efforts. According to the coach the team will be an evenly organized offensive unit when more experience is gained.

There was a good enthusiastic crowd out for the game Monday. The coach and the Pirates appreciated the support offered them and hope that the gym will be packed next Friday as the Pirates will be out to upset another favored class A team. So lets all come out and cheer the Pirates on and let them realize that we want a winning basketball team and are interested in their outcome.

The Pirates were suited out in green and white warm-up togs against Aransas and they will be sporting new playing suits when they go against Taft Friday. This is the first time that a Pirate team has been so well clad. These new suits were made available through the work of the Lettermen's Association. It is the hope of the association that they can field a well-dressed football team next year.

The Rockport team showed lots of spirit in the game Monday and committed only five fouls as compared to 19 committed by Aransas Pass.

The subs played the opening game and were beaten by Aransas Pass 26 to 13.

The box score ran as follows:

Box Score			
A TEAM—PIRATES			
	FG	PF	Made
Morrison	3	0	2
Close	2	2	2
Delgado	0	1	2
Gene Smith	4	0	4
Hunt	3	0	1
J. Cron	3	0	0
Hayden	1	2	0
TOTALS	16	5	11

PANTHERS			
	FG	PF	Made
Hagey	6	2	0
Lee	2	1	0
Parks	1	2	0
Trent	4	4	0
Phipps	1	4	0
Meridith	8	0	0
Green	3	0	0
Hearon	2	2	0
Powell	1	1	1
Mayhall	1	0	0
Severs	1	1	0
TOTALS	30	17	1

Smith was high point man on the Rockport team with 12 points. Mededith was high for the Panthers with 16 points.

ROCKPORT SUBS			
	FG	PF	Made
James	1	1	1
Floyd	2	0	0
Gary Smith	0	0	0
Falcon	0	0	0
Little	0	1	0
Chupe	2	0	1
Keller	0	0	1
Ruth	0	0	1
TOTALS	5	2	4

ARANSAS PASS SUBS			
	FG	PF	Made
Mayhall	4	2	0
Lightfoot	1	0	0
Hearin	2	2	0
Sansom	3	2	0
Belken	2	1	0
Stevenson	1	1	0
Hinsley	0	2	0
Davig	0	1	0
TOTALS	13	11	0

For Better Gravy

The richer the juice, the better the gravy! In other words, use soup stocks, vegetable liquids and other flavorful liquids to supplement meat drippings in gravy making. You'll find goodness you never dreamed possible!

Atlantic Makes Location

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their No. 1, State Tract 34. Operators plan to bottom hole the well 1320 feet east of their No. 1. Renwar-Fogelson No. 1, State Tract 106 stuck their drill pipe while trying to recover a Schlumberger well surveying instrument and are having to wash over and cut out. They backed off 2,300 feet of drill stem on Saturday and have approximately 4,500 feet recovered. The total depth is 7,230 and operators are ready to set casing for completion as soon as the hole is cleaned out.

Atlantic Refining Company No. 3, State Tract 71 was completed on gas jet at 7,147-7,155. Early in the week the well was still cleaning and no potential had been run.

Standolind No. 2, State Tract 70 has T head completed and materials are being moved in. J. & C. Drilling Company of Refugio, Texas, have the contract to dig the well. It is a 330 foot offset to the Milton Jackson No. 1 and is 2,550 feet north of Standolind No. 1, State Tract 70.

Hunt, Placid-Graham No. 2, Spencer United Tract has set 1,000 feet of surface casing and is waiting on cement. Hunt-Graham Spencer-Kent-Crane No. 4, a work over was completed at 7,484-7,489 after setting packer. The well was making 5 1/4 barrels per hour with gas-oil ratio 1700-1. Scrivner & Richardson, Aransas Pass, have the job of constructing T Head for Standolind No. 1, State Tract 40, and are building roads and clearing the adjacent ground on land. The location was staked Tuesday and is 467 feet from the east line and 330 feet from the south line of State Tract 40. This well is a 330 foot offset from the Spencer Unitized Tract No. 1 well of Placid Graham.

Standolind No. 1, State Tract 82, which is being drilled at the end of Copano Bay Causeway was coring at 7,609 yesterday. Operators have cored both the 7,100 foot horizon and the newly discovered sand in the Spencer-Kent-Crane No. 4 well, 7,484-7,489, without any encouraging shows. This well is a 467 foot north offset to the Placid-Graham No. 2, A. C. Glass, et al, and the electrical log indicates that the Standolind well is running about the same as the Glass well which was completed as a gas-distillate well at 8,230.

Funeral Service For J. M. Sparks

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Kennerly of Rockport; and one brother, Dr. John E. Sparks of San Antonio.

Pallbearers were A. C. Glass, Joe Johnson, Fred Diedrich, John Haynes, Elbert Mundine and Austin Smith.

Out of town relatives and friends who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis and Smith Nelson of Brunie, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thurman of Three Rivers; Mr. Adolph Nelson of Pleasanton, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Lill Nelson and Billy of Victoria; Mrs. Zora Nelson and children; Mr. Sidney Summer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Summer, all of Beeville; Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Thurman and son, Alice; Mrs. Hattie Sparks and daughters, Austin; Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks, San Antonio; Mrs. Wm. Brundrett, Ingleside; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sparks and sons, Mr. and Mrs. R. Thurman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Owen and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. August Sparks, all of Corpus Christi; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harriman of Karnes City.

A hedonist is one who believes that pleasure is the chief good.

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BEEF	ROUND STEAK, lb. 60c
CHOICE VEAL	CHUCK ROAST, lb. 50c
CHOICE VEAL	STEAK, lb. 55c
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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

Let's not be outdone by other towns surrounding Rockport! Corpus has its "Pavilion Fund". Aransas Pass its "Community Chest", and many of the others have charitable funds for the betterment of their communities. Speaking strictly for myself, I have a fund to propose—namely—a "Candle Light Fund". This fund to be used to perpetually light the post office from six to twelve p.m.

We should set our goal at \$25.00 and in the event this should exceed that amount, we could purchase individual lighted miners' caps for late callers.

This should correct a situation that is a disgrace to the town. Since "Pony Express" has long been outmoded and the post office doesn't give a short course in Braille, I feel sure that the fund I have suggested would be our only solution for a better lighted post office.

A Subscriber to The Pilot

Mrs. Joe Collins was called to Temple, Texas, last week where she stayed with her sister, Mrs. Milton McNair of Hearne, Texas, who underwent a major operation at Scott and White.

Betty Haynes returned to work at Johnson's Drug Store this week after two months vacationing in Louisiana.

Edward Hunt is home visiting with his wife, Mrs. Edward Hunt, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hunt.

Gen. Jan Christian Smuts was a famous general in the war against England, and later became a great colonial statesman for England.

DIDEE FIRST LADY



NEW YORK—Mrs. Hope Lewis who operates the Dy Dee Wash in Detroit, Mich., was just elected president of the National Institute of Diaper Services, being the first woman ever selected for that post. The NIDS is a national federation of the leading diaper services in each community, banded together on the national level to create the highest possible professional standards. The maintenance of these standards is guaranteed through "national laboratory control" and is symbolized by the NIDS Seal of Safety Emblem (inset). Only members may display the seal of safety.

Cub Scouts Hold Christmas Party

The Cub Scouts held their Christmas party at the Scout hut Wednesday night. Forty-three scouts including their parents attended the party.

The Cubs drew names last week and the gifts were placed on the Christmas tree for exchange at the party.

The evening was spent playing games. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato salad, cookies and cold drinks were served. The food was donated by the Scouts' mothers.

Scout master Ceylon Ammons and den mother, Mrs. Ammons, received many lovely gifts for which they wish to express their thanks.

The next meeting of the Cubs will be held January 6.



PROGRAM

SUNDAY - MONDAY
Dec. 19-20
Adventures of Robin Hood
Errol Flynn
Olivia DeHavilland

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
Dec. 21-22
The Pirate
Judy Garland
Gene Kelly

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
Dec. 23-24
Dream Girl
Betty Hutton
McDonald Carey

SATURDAY
Dec. 25
Tall in the Saddle
No Matinee

Friday, Dec. 24
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LIBBY'S
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LIBBY'S ALL GREEN
Asparagus, No. 2 can 39c

Babo, No. 2 can 21c

Vel, 1 large Box 29c

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FOODCRAFT
Tomatoes, 2 No. 2 cans 25c

Picnic Hams, Rath's, lb. 45c



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