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Along The Waterfront



With the close of the duck hunting season many hunters are going in search of bigger game. Many deer have been brought in during the last two weeks. Ray Bivens from Oklahoma shot 2 deer which dressed out at 135 pounds. J. C. Gwynn has shot 2 deer this season. Hal Parks of Aransas Pass brought in a deer last week. Weldon Cabaniss got a deer which dressed out at 74 pounds. J. L. Baughman brought in a buck that dressed out at 65 pounds. F. G. Huffman shot a deer which dressed at 68 pounds. M. B. Mullinax shot a deer which dressed at 70 pounds. Steirly Rozzell returned with a deer which dressed at 68 pounds. Dave M. Picton Jr. of Houston shot a buck which weighed 125 pounds dressed. Travis Johnson got a deer which dressed at 105 pounds.

The duck season just ended will continue to put meat on the table for many. According to Chas. Roe at the Modern Market, there are nearly 1,000 ducks and 60 geese in the lockers there.

Good fishing can be found in the Cedar Bayou area. A few good catches have been made in Copano bay and a few are coming out of the basin. Mr. and Mrs. Royer of Niles, Mich., hooked 30 trout in the basin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Spires landed two 6 pound reds and 17 nice trout while fishing in Copano bay Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bruer and Mr. Rives of Houston fished with Jack Lawler Wednesday and landed 81 redfish.

Clayton Ayers fished with Uncle Billy last Wednesday and caught 50 redfish.

Mrs. John Spinner, Bob Spinner and Fred Little of Beeville went out with Harry Mills Saturday and hooked 87 reds.

Bill Hunt, Bob Thompson and Henry McClain, of Cuero fished with Harry Mills Sunday and got 96 redfish.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Welsh of St. Louis, Mo., hooked 26 reds while fishing with Harry Mills this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ringer and Mr. Cannistra of St. Louis, Mo., went out with Harry Mills Wednesday and caught 46 trout.

B. T. Bennett and party of Waco fished with Henry Ballou Sunday and landed nearly 100 pounds of redfish and flounder.

WEATHER REPORT

Instruments are read at the marine laboratory each day at 3:30 p. m.
 Monday—Max. temp. 70, min. temp. 52. Barometric pressure 29.72.
 Tuesday—Max. temp. 69, min. 65. Barometric pressure 29.77 inches.
 Wednesday—Max. temp. 74, min. temp. 59. Barometric pressure 29.90 inches.
 Thursday—(9 a.m.) Max. temp. 69, min. 64. Barometric pressure 29.94. Tide 1.8 feet.

Rotary Club Will Entertain Ladies Wednesday

Bewildered men are usually struck dumb by modern millinery, but they and their ladies are going to laugh aplenty over Hats—by Hollywood, stellar attraction at a Ladies' Night to be given by the Rockport Rotary Club on Wednesday, December 29 at the Methodist church annex. It is only one of eight clever features of the Rotary Ann entertainment, which Chairman Gene Albin says grows funnier as the evening progresses. A professor from Koo Koo College will expound the A.B.C.'s of Matrimony. No one but a professor would attempt such an assignment, but this one is said to make up in cleverness for his want of infallibility. Another sky-soaring subject brought down to earth is Adventures in Psychometry, an analysis-cure certain to rock the risibilities. As for the ladies, for whose enjoyment the members are working so hard, Program Chairman Gene Albin says it will be a hardy male who can face his wife the morning after he fails to make the necessary reservations.

Rotary Club Sponsors New Years Eve Dance For Teen-Agers

The Rotary Club will sponsor a dance for teen agers at the school gym New Years Eve. This will be the first dance for the young people sponsored by the club. They will be continued throughout the year each Saturday night.

Mrs. Jack Horton read, "The Other Wiseman," by S. S. Van Dyke, at the regular meeting of the Rotary club Wednesday.

Other guests of the club included E. L. Faupel, former resident of Rockport. Mr. Faupel has been a member of the Los Angeles and Shanghai, China, club for many years. Edward Hunt and Mrs. B. W. Hamblin were also guests.

Mrs. Hugh Morrison Wins Mystic Contest

Mrs. Hugh Morrison was a prize winner in the I.G.A. Mystic Six contest. Mrs. Morrison received \$25 in trade at Kelly's store for writing the winning jingle.

She is one of 300 food certificate winners. Winners of the grand prizes will be determined in Chicago.

Radio to Be Given Away Today at Fire Hall

At 5 o'clock this afternoon someone will receive a Westinghouse 8-tube radio-phonograph with F.M. at the fire station.

The Women's Civic Club will give the radio away. Tickets can be obtained from members of the club who will be at the fire hall this afternoon.

Stores and Offices Close Christmas Day

Business houses, state, county and city offices will be closed Saturday, Christmas Day.

According to County Judge Emory M. Spencer, the county officials and staff at the court house will return to work Monday morning after a four-day holiday. The court house was closed Friday and Saturday.

Child Drinks Gasoline

Jean Diederich, 14 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Diederich, drank gasoline while playing at her home Wednesday. Reports are that Jean is alright today.

THANK YOU, SANTA!



Ole Santa should be around to see this little girl's face light up with a radiant smile at the sight of her new Christmas doll. Mrs. Santa Claus made this cuddly doll for Santa's bag from striped cotton flour sacks! She also made a toy elephant and clown from the cotton bags—but the doll seems to overshadow them!

Hunting Season Termed Successful

The 1948 hunting season was better in the Rockport area than any other section of the coast, according to Biologists Bob Singleton and Gus Engeling who are in charge of the Coastal Waterfowl Survey. The main handicap of the season, especially toward the end of the season, was the calm weather along the entire coast. Figures show that an average of four ducks per hunter per day of hunting were bagged.

Singleton and Engeling completed an aerial survey Dec. 19 and 20, at which time over 1,000,000 ducks and geese were counted along the coast. The biologists report that this number compares favorably with waterfowl in the area last year.

According to figures compiled during the last several years, the canvassbacks are getting scarce while the headreds have increased in number.

Ten bands were turned in by hunters this year. One of the bands was taken from a pintail which had been banded in Little Bay last January and was killed November 21 at Allyn's Bight, showing that the duck returned to the same spot. According to Singleton, plans are underway to begin banding ducks again after the first of the year.

Funeral Services Held For J. M. Murphy Today

J. M. Murphy, 81, owner of Murphy's Grocery, died Wednesday morning at 12:03 o'clock in a Beeville hospital. Funeral services were conducted from the Galloway Mortuary Chapel in Beeville this morning, Thursday, Dec. 23, at 11 o'clock. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery at Beeville.

Mr. Murphy had been in ill health for several weeks.

Murphy operated a store at Tuleta for 40 years before he retired 10 years ago. Since then he has lived in Rockport.

The Rev. Walter Lipps, pastor of First Methodist Church in Beeville officiated, assisted by the Rev. Bob Willis of Rockport.

Pallbearers were W. S. Suffer, James Harris, J. L. Harris, Orville Kennedy, Harold Thames and W. J. Stockton, all of Tuleta.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elva Murphy of Rockport; three sons, Howard of Tuleta, Carlos of Tuleta and Curtis of Kenedy; three daughters, Mrs. Annie Heider of Mathis, Mrs. Cleo Richards of San Antonio and Miss Jewel Murphy of Rockport.

Many College Students Home for Holidays

Seen around town this week are Joan Collins, Claude Roberts, John Barber, Mary Lou McLeister, Elmer McLeister, Roy Lassiter, Edward Wheeler and Joe Wheeler, who are home from A. & I. College at Kingsville; Charlotte Cron, Bonnie Cron, Bobby Joe Hewitt, David Herring, Delo Caspary, Bonnie Blaylock, Bruce Davis and George Lee Brundrett, home from the University of Texas; Joe Johnson, Jr., here from A. & M.; Harris Pollard, student at Austin College at Sherman, Tex.; Lucille Haynes, home from Southwestern University at Georgetown; Mary Ruth Dervage, here from Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos;

Pattie Ballou, James Jarboe and George Jarboe, home from Rice Institute in Houston; Don Banning, Bob Morrison, Jimmy Little and Bob Albin, students at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi; Shirley Rattiseau, returned from Texas Tech at Lubbock; Elizabeth Freeman, here from the University of Corpus Christi; Russell Rowe and Jerry Wendell, returned from Trinity University in San Antonio; Illetta Townsend and Loretta Townsend, home for the holidays from Baylor University at Waco.

Senator Taylor Says Texas Schools Need Reorganization

By State Senator J. E. Taylor, Chairman Gilmer-Aikin Committee on Education

For good schools a state needs a good working organization. At frequent intervals a successful business enterprise overhauls its working machinery. It has to do that to keep up with changing times and take advantage of shifts in population or new production methods.

For years, the Legislature, school leaders of the state, and civic groups have been saying that the organization and administration of the Texas school system needs overhauling, too. The Gilmer-Aikin Committee was convinced by the evidence it accumulated that they were right.

Texas does not have a good working organization for operating a school system now. The state uses local school districts as operating units. Two-thirds of those districts are too small, too weak financially to run good schools except at exorbitant cost. These weak units can't even hire well-qualified superintendents, not to say anything about supervisors and librarians and nurses and special teachers for handicapped chil-

State Secretary To Assist With Credit Ass'n.

Charles T. Lux, Secretary-manager of the Retail Merchants Ass'n. of Texas, notified Mrs. C. M. Davis, local secretary, that he would come to Rockport immediately after Christmas for the purpose of helping with the organization of a Retail Merchants Association.

Mrs. Davis has met with the secretary of the Aransas Pass Ass'n. as requested by Mr. Lux, and can go no further with the organization until instructions are received from Mr. Lux.

After receiving this word from the state secretary, Mrs. Davis believes the association should be ready for operation by the New Year.

Pirates Lose Cage Thriller to Taft

Basketball fans enjoyed a thriller here last Friday night when a mediocre crowd gathered to watch the Taft Greyhounds nose out the Rockport Pirates 33 to 29 in the last minute of a game which was nip and tuck all the way.

The Pirates maintained a slim lead over the Greyhounds most of the game. They were in the lead at the close of the first quarter. The half found the two teams tied. The Pirates had a 4-point lead again at the close of the third quarter which they held until the last minute of play left in the game. The Greyhounds forged ahead to score 12 points to 2 bagged by the Pirates, winning the game.

The ball game was the best that Rockport fans have had an opportunity to witness on their home floor. Excitement ran high and the referees had to quiet the crowd several times to enable the whistle to be heard.

The game was the seventh for the Taft team and second for the Pirates. The Pirates controlled the backboard play throughout most of the game. Frederick Close and Woody Hunt were outstanding as defensive ball players. Gene Smith, another good player, was out of the game due to a back injury.

Jim Morrison was high point man for the Pirates with 11 points to his credit. John Cron rated second with 9.

The Pirates will meet the Woodsboro quintet here at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30. There will be two games. The Woodsboro team will be a strong contender for the district title this year.

Traditional Christmas Celebrations Will Be Held at Local Churches

Most Protestant Churches Will Present Christmas Programs Tonight; Two Church Celebrations Scheduled for Christmas Eve

Most local churches will hold their traditional celebrations of the anniversary of the birth of Christ tonight.

The Catholic and Episcopal congregations will hold services Christmas Eve. Services will be held at the Episcopal Church at 11:30 p. m. Christmas Eve. The celebration of the Holy Communion will be preceded with the singing of carols. Rev. G. S. Walton will officiate.

The Catholic Church will celebrate Midnight Mass Christmas Eve and will observe Christmas Masses Saturday morning. Preceding the midnight services the members of the Catholic Youth Club will sing carols before the crib outside the church. Services Saturday morning are at 7 and 9 a. m. Confessions will be heard from 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 Friday evening. Ushers at the midnight service will be Leonard LeBlanc, Ed Barnard, and Richard Fox.

A service of carols and candle-lighting will be presented at the First Methodist Church, tonight (Thursday) at 7:30. Following the services Santa Claus will distribute gifts to everyone. The program will be given by the young people of the church.

Fulton youngsters will present a program at the Fulton Community Church Thursday night, under the direction of Mrs. Bob Cunningham. The Sunday School has arranged for a Christmas tree and everyone is invited to bring their presents and take part. Rev. Cunningham has announced that there will be something for all children present.

Each Sunday School class at the Presbyterian Church will take part in the program to be given there tonight (Thursday). Following the program and special music, Santa Claus will distribute candy and fruit.

The Christmas pageant, "Our Gift," will be presented at the First Baptist Church tonight. Preceding the pageant the beginners and primaries will sing "Away in the Manger," after which readings will be given by junior boys and girls.

The cast of characters for the pageant are: Reader: Jean Faye Johnson; Isaiah, Jo Anne Smith; Mary, Elizabeth Freeman; Joseph, John Freeman; King Herod, Jimmy Reid Simmons; Shepherds are Ro Jean Mikeal, Kathryn Freeman and Ray Longino; Wise Men are Gary Smith, Gene Smith and Alva Freeman; Student, Barbara Ann Freeman and Nurse, Virginia Mundine.

After the pageant presents will be given.



Tina Leser, famous New York designer, creates a fashion-right costume from Lonsdale cotton pique to be worn with the jacket for town occasions, without the jacket for playtime. The pique dress has the new flattering square décolletage, pegged skirt, and nipped in waistline. The jacket is styled with a mandarin collar and smart three-quarter length sleeves.

Free Picture Show For Kiddies Friday

There will be a free matinee at the Rio Theatre for all the children in Aransas County Friday afternoon at 3:30, Dec. 24, Ed Barnard, owner of the theatre, announced this week.

Children's favorites featuring comedies and cartoons will be shown. This special treat for the children has become an annual affair at the theatre. All youngsters are invited to attend.

St. Nick Attends Party for Youngsters

Santa Claus made his official arrival in Rockport Wednesday night bringing gifts of oranges, apples and candy to children who greeted him at the city hall.

Old St. Nick arrived in the fire truck at 7 o'clock to highlight a program of music and songs.

Approximately 600 children and their parents attended the Christmas party, which was given by the firemen. The older youngsters were also given toys.

Christmas carols were sung by the school choir under the direction of Bill McGrath. Charles Ankele, Fire chief, was master of ceremonies. A loud speaker system was set up for the program by Ed Barnard. Christmas music was played.

Ten bushel of fruit and 1500 pieces of candy were distributed among the youngsters. About 350 toys were donated by the Kelly Music Co. in Corpus Christi.

Colored Lights Brighten Rockport and Fulton

Fourteen strings of colored lights were put up on the main streets of Rockport and Fulton during the past week. Ten strings were strung in Rockport from the Rio theatre to the Humble service station last Saturday. Wednesday four strings were put up in Fulton. The Chamber of Commerce purchased the lights and fixtures. B. T. Hardeman, manager of the Central Power and Light Co., put up the lights.

M. M. Edes and daughter, Lillie Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mitchell and sons from Amarillo are visiting at the home of Mrs. W. S. Roe this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Young accompanied them to Mexico for two days this week.

YOU ARE INVITED

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ivey to be the guests of the Rio Theatre to see "Tap Roots," Sunday or Monday, Dec. 26 or 27.

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

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Merry Christmas

It is remarkable what a few decorations can do for the morale of the people of a community at Christmas time. A change in the atmosphere over previous years has been brought about by the stringing of a few Christmas lights throughout the downtown section and the decorated tree at the city hall.

Many of the merchants have joined in the observance of the Christmas season by decorating their places of business. Lighted trees gleam from nearly every home in residential sections and the exteriors of many are decorated with wreaths, lights and other gala holiday decorations.

The hustle and bustle of last minute preparations have been interspersed with parties and programs.

Each observance traditional at the Christmas season is a spark which will light the way for a bigger and merrier Christmas in Rockport.

FOOD... through the ages...

AT AGE OF CHIVALRY'S GALA FEASTS, (13th CENTURY), SERVANTS WERE SOMETIMES IN FULL ARMOR AND MOUNTED ON CAPARISONED HORSES.

"ODDSFISH," MEANING DOLPHIN, PORPOISE OR WHALE, WAS MEDIEVAL FAST-DAY FOOD--A REAL PENANCE, OFTEN CAUSING VIOLENT INDIGESTION!

FREDERICK THE GREAT (1740-1786) AT NINETEEN WAS APPRENTICED TO A BREWER, TO HELP PREPARE HIM FOR KINGSHIP.

MEDIEVAL PEOPLE HAD TWO MEALS DAILY: DINNER AT 10 A.M., SUPPER AT 4 P.M. BY 1455, DINERS WERE SEATED BY COUPLES, SHARING ONE PLATE AND CUP.

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Bonnie Blaylock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock, underwent a major operation at an Austin hospital last week. Bonnie returned to Rockport with her parents Monday.

Mrs. B. S. Fox arrived from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, last Friday to spend the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox. Bernard Fox will join the family Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Story

Tradition in the American celebration of Christmas is the glittering Christmas tree—dark green, bedecked with baubles and strung with gleaming tinsel, or silvery white, with bright blue lights—a shining angel or a star on top.

Some folk string cranberries and popcorn around their trees; others—especially in families where there are smaller children—loop the branches with handmade paper chains. Some prefer "store-bought" decorations; still others use mostly colored lights; and some place gifts around the covered base of the festive tree.

But whatever the decorations, and whether the tree itself be large or small, inside or out of doors, the ceremony of decorating the Christmas tree and the pleasure of looking at it for the many days surrounding Christmas, enhances greatly the joyful spirit of the Yuletide season.

The origin of the Christmas tree is much disputed; in fact, many countries claim the honor of having given the custom to the world.

Several writers trace the tree back to the Roman festival of Saturnalia, when pine trees were decorated with images of Bacchus.

Some authors think that the Christmas tree cannot be anything but the "May tree" adapted to Christmas. The idea of "bringing in the May" was to transfer the vital forces manifesting themselves in the new-born, exuberant vegetation of spring to the homes of men, and some think that the Christmas tree was merely an adaptation of the season—that the May boughs were transferred indoors in wintertime, and that it developed inevitably that the boughs and trees used at Christmas and at New Year came to be evergreens, because they were readily available. In fact, in 1440, a Czech carol mentions a May tree used as a Christmas tree.

In the third century before Christ, we read that it was the custom in India to deck certain big trees with all kinds of ornaments, ribbons and little bells.

In 1513, an Italian traveler saw near Calcutta, close to the temple of Buddha, a pond surrounded by trees that on the twenty-fifth of December were completely covered with lights.

In the sixth century, or some say about 715, a Chinese prince ordered a tree hung with a hundred burning lamps to be erected upon a mountain.

The custom of decorating the Christmas tree has been explained—says one authority—as being derived from the ancient Egyptian practice of decking houses at the time of the winter solstice with branches of the date palm—the symbol of life triumphant over death.

At about this time of year the Jews were celebrating their Feast of Chanukah, in which lighted candles are a feature, and some regard this as significant. It is said that at the time of Jesus' birth innumerable lighted candles must have been twinkling in every Jewish house in Bethlehem.

The Greek festival at about this season is called the "Feast of Lights" and the Chinese festival, the "Feast of Lanterns."

All these and many more traditions have blended together, resulting in the permanent establishment of the Christmas tree.

It is generally agreed, however, that the modern English custom of having decorated and present-bearing Christmas trees comes from Germany, where it is probably a direct descendant of Yggdrasil, of Norse mythology.

Actually, the earliest evidence of the German Christmas tree is dated 1605 and refers to Strassburg. The Strassburg tree had ornaments, but no lights. The first illuminated Christmas tree was at- tested in Germany in 1737.

It is said that the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German prince introduced the custom into England as a regular institution. But the tree was known in England even before that, for in 1829 we read that at a Christmas fete given for Henry VIII three trees in great pots were put upon a long table covered with pink linen.

The custom of the Christmas tree was brought to America by German emigrants.

The early church, we read, discouraged the use of evergreen decorations in Christian homes and assemblies because their display had so long been associated with heathen festivals. But in time the appropriateness of the laurel, the ivy and the holly—as well as their beauty—won for them a place. Indeed, there are very few parts of the world wherein the Christmas tree is unknown today.

In America it is a practice in many places to plant a huge community tree, decorating it with colored electric lights and with a great star on top. Huge crowds gather about the illuminated tree and sing the Christmas songs. This custom had its origin in the

elaborate street festivals of Italy and of Spain.

There is a tree of the tropics which is said to have come into rather recent vogue under the name "Christmas tree," just as the fir is so designated in Northern latitudes. It is the Algaroba tree, called Kaiwe by the Hawaiians. It provides timber for piles, pods for fodder and flowers for honey. The first Hawaiian specimen was grown from seed sent out from the royal gardens in Paris, we are told.

In tropical countries Christmas trees are seldom cut down and carried indoors. More often they are left growing and simply decorated with children's toys and glittering ornaments.

There are many tales of certain trees or bushes that miraculously blossom and sometimes bear fruit at Christmastime.

A story that may be of Celtic origin relates that at a place near Glastonbury, Saint Joseph of Arimathea stuck his stick into the earth. It was a dry hawthorn staff, but it thenceforth grew and constantly budded and bloomed on Christmas night.

According to a popular Lausitzian legend, Christmas trees were first found in a forest by a poor stocking weaver who could not afford to buy presents for his family. The pine trees were illuminated by hundreds of lamps, and fruit and sweetmeats were hanging from them. A tiny dwarf told him to fill his bag with them. When he got home, the bag contained nothing but gold and silver. In similar legends we find a fairy cave, instead of a forest, and charcoal or dung (afterwards changed to gold or silver) as presents.

One well-known tale describes Martin Luther as attempting to explain to his wife and children the beauty of the snow-covered forest under the glittering, star-sprinkled sky. Suddenly he had an idea—he went to the garden, cut off a little fir tree, dragged it into the nursery, put some candles on its branches and lighted them. This happened on Christmas Eve.

There is a still older German legend which makes Sir Winfred the originator of the idea. The saint, in the midst of a great crowd of converts, hewed down a giant oak which had been used in Druidic worship. When the big tree was half hewn, a great wind passed over the forest and gripped the tree, sending it crashing backward. Everything in its path was ruined except a slender fir tree which remained standing, its green spire pointing toward the sky. Because of the seeming miracle, Saint Winfred decreed that the fir be known as a special and holy tree—the tree of the Christ Child.

Another ancient folk tale describes a stormy Christmas Eve, when a forester and his household made fast the door and gathered around a cheerful fire. By and by a knocking was heard outside. The father opened the door and saw on the threshold a little child—cold, hungry and exhausted. He was kindly treated, warmed and fed. In the morning the family heard the singing of a choir of angels. Looking at their little guest, they saw that He was none other than the Christ Child.

He broke off a branch from a fir tree and set it in the earth.

"I have gladly received your gifts," He said, "and this is My gift to you. Henceforth this tree shall always bear fruit at Christmas, and you shall always have abundance."

We remember, as we read this story, the One who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me."

One of the best of the many stories told to account for the use of the Christmas tree is the legend of Saint Boniface.

We read that one wintry evening about a swelling hillock, crowned with the great "Thunder Oak," sacred to the pagan god Thor, had gathered long ago a host of white-clad heathen warriors. With their women and children they faced a pagan altar.

In the light of a great fire near the altar stood a hoary high priest, beside a kneeling child, who was doomed to die by the blow of a hammer—a live sacrifice to Thor, the Hammerer.

Just as the blow was falling, Saint Boniface appeared, turned the hammer aside, rescued the boy, and told the simple story of Jesus, who does not desire the sacrifice of human life, but who Himself paid the price for man's redemption.

Saint Boniface then felled the oak with mighty blows.

Just behind the giant tree stood a young fir tree, pointing a straight green spire toward the stars.

"Here," said the apostle, "is the living tree, with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign and symbol of your new worship. See how it points to the sky? Let us call it the tree of the Christ Child. Take it up and carry

it to your chieftan's hall, for this is the birthnight of the Christ Child. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your feasts with the secret rites of shame. Henceforth, you shall keep them at home, with laughter, and with song, and with rites of love."

The French have a legend which says that in the thirteenth century a gigantic tree was found. The branches of this huge tree were covered with candles—some standing erect and some upside down. On top there appeared a vision of a young child, with a halo around his head.

Religious leaders who were asked to explain this extraordinary sight declared that the tree represented all mankind, that the Child was the Savior, and that the candles symbolized good and bad human beings.

According to this ancient myth, trees were used every Christmas-time thereafter to bring happiness and cheer to the homes of all the people.

As we thus reread some of the many traditions and stories surrounding the Christmas tree and its beginnings and recall to mind the ancient folk lore concerning its origin, may we remember afresh the true significance of the season which it symbolizes.

May the glittering branches of the festive Yuletide tree bring to our hearts not merely transient joy, but a profound realization of the spirit of love and good will bestowed on all mankind by the coming of the Son of God to earth. May the echo of the angels' glorious "peace on earth" find a ready response in our thoughts. May the overflowing love of the Almighty Father's boundless generosity in giving His only Son find a parallel in our deeds. May we be in tune, this Christmas, to the heavenly forces. And if we do this—if we live in His will and by His grace—God's true and lasting peace will triumph in the life of each of His earthly children—and come to reign o'er all the earth! —By Lillian E. Hansen in "The War Cry," official organ of the Salvation Army.

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.

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Miss Mary Ruth Dervage Enrolled at S.W.S.T.C.

San Marcos, Tex.—Miss Mary Ruth Dervage from Rockport is enrolled at Southwest Texas State Teachers College. The current enrollment of 1,800 tops the highest registration figures in the history of the college.

WE CONGRATULATE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson are the parents of a baby girl born at a Corpus Christi hospital Dec. 16. The infant weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces at birth. She has been named Julia Alice.

The Gobi Desert is in Mongolia.

Rubenstein to Be Soloist with San Antonio Symphony

San Antonio, Tex.—Arthur Rubenstein, "colossus of the keyboard," will come to San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium, Saturday, Jan. 8, as soloist with the San Antonio Symphony and Conductor Max Reiter in the season's sixth subscription concert. He will perform Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concert.

The virtuoso on his eleventh consecutive concert tour of the United States, has probably been heard by more people than any other living pianist. Beginning his career in his teens, he acquired a fabulous European reputation before his American debut in 1906. Since then, he has traveled more than a million and a half miles to play everywhere on the globe.

In addition to his coast-to-coast broadcasts, Rubenstein will give almost eighty concerts this season and will appear as soloist with a dozen other major symphony orchestras. Three months of extensive concertizing in Europe preceded this junket.

The pianist's recordings, including the Rachmaninoff work he will perform here, have long been best-sellers, and the number of Rubenstein followers was greatly extended with his film assignments, including "Night Song," "Carnegie Hall" and others.

When not globe-trotting, the pianist lives at home in Los Angeles with his wife and four children.

Tickets for the Rubenstein concert are now on sale. Male orders are filled in the order received.

DANCE IN ROCKPORT NEW YEARS EVE

A gala New Years Eve dance will be held in Rockport this year from 9 to 1 Friday night, December 31 at Mills' Wharf.

Music will be provided by Ernest and his Orchestra from Corpus Christi.

The dance is being given by the Women's Civic Club. According to the committee in charge, favors and confetti will be passed out to those attending to welcome the New Year.

Heligoland, an island in the North Sea, was bought by Germany from England before the First World War and turned into an immense fortification and naval base.

LET IT SNOW!



All dressed up for cold weather and winter winds, this little lady sings "Let It Snow" with real meaning. She's wearing a washable pink snowsuit that is Zelantreated to shed snow and rain. The National Cotton Council reports the snowsuit is made of cotton poplin and trimmed with French angora.

Many Recall Christmas Tree 16 Years Ago

According to old-timers in Rockport this not the first year for the city to enjoy a community Christmas tree nor is it the first year that colored lights have been strung along the main street.

It was several years ago, but back in about 1931 the various churches sponsored a community tree for the enjoyment of people in the county. Mrs. James G. Hooper was in charge of arrangements and fruit and candy were distributed to every child.

Again the following year a tree was erected and the streets were lighted. Baskets were prepared for distribution among the needy by the merchants. Preparation of the baskets was carried out for several years and later taken over by the firemen, but the Christmas tree was neglected.

John Ballou Enlists In United States Navy

John Arthur Ballou, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ballou, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He left Houston last Friday for San Diego, Calif., where he will take his boot training. Ballou has requested sea duty.

A "lame duck" is an office holder who has been defeated for reelection, but whose term has not expired.

100 ATTEND ALTAR SOCIETY PARTY

More than 100 attended the Christmas party for the Sunday School pupils which was held at the Catholic hall of the Sacred Church last Friday night. The party was given by the Altar Society. The ladies were assisted by

the Rev. Fr. Herbert Bockholt. The hall was decorated with greens, Christmas symbols and a lighted tree. In charge of the entertainment were Mrs. Urban Hemmi, Mrs. Arlie Shivers, Mrs. J. F. Harbin, Mrs. Jordan Weber, Mrs. Edward Barnard and Mrs. Lena Cole.



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

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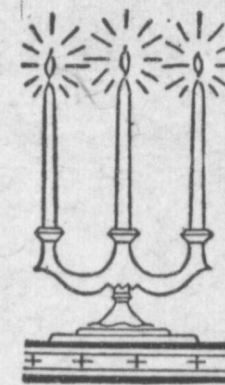
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 will receive sealed bids from the date hereof, the same being the 22nd day of December, 1948, until the 4th day of January, 1949, at 7:00 P. M., at the Office of the Harbormaster at Rockport Boat Basin in Rockport, Aransas County Texas, at which time and place bids will be opened on a lease for a term of forty-two years and three months to begin on the 9th day of October, 1966 and to end forty-two years and three months thereafter, covering the following described surplus lands owned by the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 and not necessary to be used by the said Navigation District in connection with the development of navigation, to-wit:

Situate in the County of Aransas, City of Rockport, Texas, described as follows:

BEGINNING on the original shoreline of Aransas Bay on an easterly projection of the North line of Market Street in the City of Rockport; **THENCE**; Easterly on a projection of the North line of said Market Street to the present bulkhead and waters edge of Aransas Bay; **THENCE**, Northerly along the bulkhead line 100 feet; **THENCE**, Westerly parallel to and 100 feet from the Easterly projection of the North line of Market Street to the original shore line of Aransas Bay; **THENCE**, Southerly along said original shore line of Aransas Bay 100 feet to the place of beginning, being a parcel of the 100-acre tract received by Patent from the State of Texas in the year 1936.

Each bidder shall state in each bid the purpose or purposes to which such leased premises are to be used; However, provided, that such premises cannot be used for the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors.

In addition to the annual rental submitted by prospective bidders, they shall also submit a brief description of the proposed improvements as to size, cost, materials to be used and other pertinent information.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft, cashier's check or bidders bond, with a reputable surety or sureties, in an amount equal to one year's rental bid for such lease. However, provided, that the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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TED R. LITTLE, Chairman c37

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years from January 9, 1949, covering the following described surplus lands owned by the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 and not necessary to be used by the said Navigation District in connection with the development of navigation, to-wit:

Situate in the County of Aransas, City of Rockport, Texas, being a strip of land thirty feet (30') wide lying to the North of and adjoining that certain tract of land heretofore on the 9th day of October, 1946, leased by The Aransas County Navigation District No. 1 to E. J. Albin by instrument duly recorded, to which reference is here made for descriptive purposes; said strip extending from the original shore line of Aransas Bay to the present bulkhead and waters edge of Aransas Bay, and described as follows:

BEGINNING on the original shore line of Aransas Bay at a point northeasterly of and 100 feet from the intersection of the original shore line of Aransas Bay and the North line of Market Street in the City of Rockport, for Northwest corner of this tract; **THENCE**, Easterly on a line parallel to and one hundred feet (100') from an easterly projection of the said north line of Market Street, to the present bulkhead and waters edge of Aransas Bay for Southeast corner; **THENCE**, Northerly along said bulkhead and waters edge line approximately thirty feet (30') to a point for Northeast corner; **THENCE**, Westerly, parallel to and thirty feet (30') from the southerly line of this tract to the original shore line of Aransas Bay for Northwest corner; **THENCE**, Southerly along said original shore line of Aransas Bay approximately thirty feet (30') to the place of beginning; being a parcel of the 100-acre tract received by Patent from the State of Texas in the year 1936.

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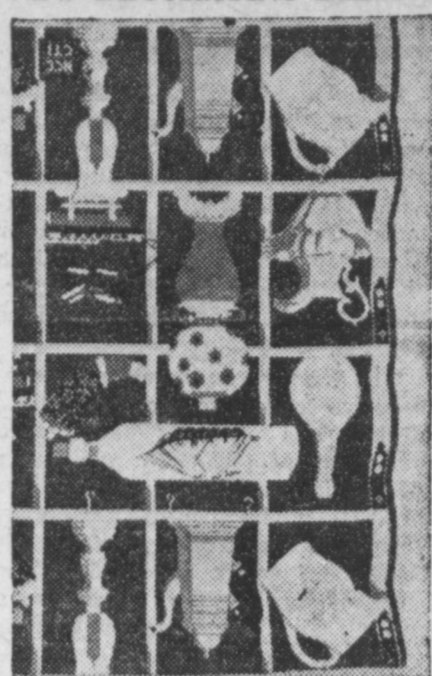
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Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Wood left Wednesday for Dallas where they will spend the holiday weekend.

NEW DECORATING DESIGN



Fabric designers have begun to show new cotton fabrics for the homemaker's spring redecorating spree, which will soon be starting. Among the outstanding designs is this Antique Window pattern by Mallinson. It is a gay, colorful, modern print that will sparkle in kitchen, breakfast room, or dining room.

F.H.A. GIRLS HAVE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The F.H.A. girls entertained with a banquet at the Home Economics building Saturday evening.

Mrs. Raymond Morris, sponsor, and Miss Ruby Casey, president, greeted the guests.

The linen covered table held tall red and green tapers and was decorated with red and green streamers. Holly place cards marked the places. The living room was decorated with youpon, streamers, mistletoe and a lighted Christmas tree. Colored horns were given as favors.

The Welcome was given by Miss Casey. At the close all stood and sang Christmas carols followed by Auld Lang Syne.

The menu consisted of baked turkey, and dressing, cranberries, waldorf salad, peas, stuffed celery, olives, rolls and pie. Mrs. Clyde Townsend, Mrs. G. E. Casey and Mrs. Henry Juergens assisted with the serving.

Each member invited a guest and special guests were Mrs. Tom Shults, Chapter Mother and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart. More than 70 persons attended.

Dancing was enjoyed later in the evening at the school library.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Travis Bailey and children of Stockton, Calif., arrived this week to spend the holidays with Mr. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey.

Mrs. Ethel M. Cox of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in Rockport Tuesday where she will spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Mills. Mrs. Cox is enroute from California to her home in Missouri.

REBEKAHS ENJOY PARTY TUESDAY

Members of the Rebekah lodge enjoyed a Christmas party at the I.O.O.F. hall Tuesday night. The hall was colorfully decorated with red and green streamers and bells, which were hung with icicles. Holly was placed over the windows, doors and on the piano. Reindeer pulled Santa Claus in his sleigh which was filled with cedar, nuts and candy.

Melvin Wood gave the prayer. Scripture was read by William Beetley. T. C. Kelly gave a reading, "Song that the Angels Sang." The Benediction was given by H. C. Westbrook of Aransas Pass. Christmas carols were sung throughout the program.

Following the program games were played and gifts were exchanged. About 70 attended the party.

The committee in charge of arrangements were Mrs. T. C. Kelly, chairman; Mrs. C. Jacobsen, Mrs. Arthur Edminson, Corine Zowadski and Joyce Mullinax.

V.F.W. LADIES HAVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the V.F.W. held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Fred Bracht last Thursday night. Colored lights decorated the entrance of the home and youpon was used in the decorations throughout the house.

The evening was spent playing games and singing Christmas carols. Mrs. H. C. Mullinax and Mrs. Ceylon Ammons planned the entertainment.

Refreshments of hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and sandwiches were served to Mrs. D. R. Simmons, Mrs. Chas. Garrett, Mrs. Fred Diederich, Mrs. Jack Sparks, Mrs. Clyde Townsend, Mrs. Cleo Smith, Mrs. Oscar Smith, Mrs. Ceylon Ammons, Mrs. Emma Reese, Mrs. Ruth McShan, Mrs. D. E. McBride, Mrs. Fred M. Hunt, Mrs. Hazel Hapner, and Mrs. H. C. Mullinax. Two guests were present, Miss Betty Beyer of Abilene, Texas, and Mrs. Donnelly of New York.



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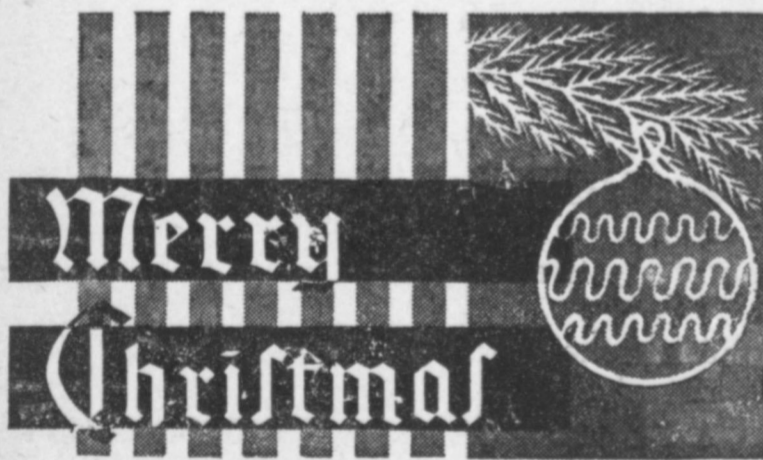


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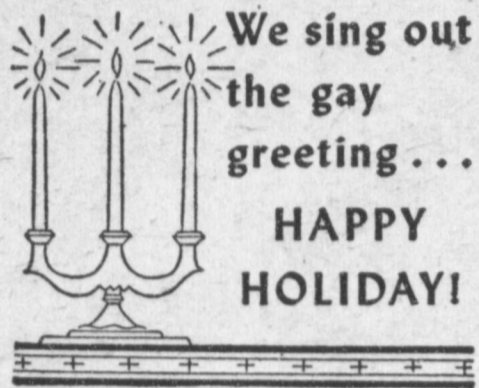
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Salvation Army to Raise \$175,000 for Home and Hospital

San Antonio, Tex.—The Salva-
tion Army this week turned to the
people throughout Southwest Tex-
as for assistance in its campaign
to raise \$175,000 for construction
of a new home and hospital here
for unfortunate young girls and
their babies.

The home and hospital which is
now a haven of hope for approxi-
mately 100 girls and their babies
each year is antiquated and must
be torn down. Average age of the
girls is 17 and some are as young
as 12.

The people of San Antonio this
month raised \$120,000 toward the
new building.

G. Archie Helland, general
chairman of the campaign, pointed
out that about half of the girls
sheltered at the home and hospital

WAR ON POLIO



One step at a time—that's
the way the youngsters gradu-
ally regain use of their limbs
during treatment at Gonzales
Warm Springs Foundation.

are from outside Bexar County
and come from throughout the
Southwest Texas area.

Inasmuch as the present home
and hospital is considered a haz-
ard, the Salvation Army officials
are anxious to start construction
of the new building early next
year.

Contributions should be mailed
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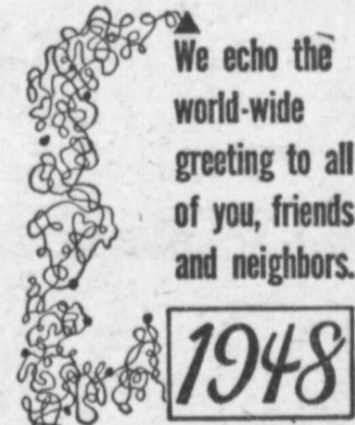
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Coaker Freezing Shrimp on Truck

Coaker Aquatic Foods, Rockport's newest seafood establishment, is operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coaker, formerly of Rockport but who have lived in San Antonio for the past four years.

Mr. Coaker formerly owned the shrimper 'Mac' at Rockport, which now is owned by Johnny Wright.

The new company has set up a quick-freezing unit on a panel truck and freezes shrimp and fish aboard the truck. The panel is divided to provide also a small holding compartment in addition to the freezing unit. Freezing is with a 3-hp. freezing unit inside the truck and it may be operated while the vehicle is in transit if necessary.

Bay shrimp production showed signs of revival around Nov. 10, after a slump of two or three weeks here and Gulf production continued fairly satisfactory.

Casterline Boats Do Well In Bay

Six boats owned by Casterline Fish Company or fishing for the company did well during a recent week of bay shrimping. The six boats averaged better than 1,500 pounds each. High boat was the "Lorene," captained by Bob DeForest, with 1,800 pounds.

Other boats were the "Mildred G," with A. L. Grant; "Lillian," with Rufus Casterline; "K. C. Ray," with Frank Holt; "Florence May," with Calvin Ludington, and "Billy Boy," with Raymond Owens.

Breakwater Work Soon

Fulton dealers and fishermen were looking forward with much pleasure to the announced intention of the contractors to start work shortly on an extension of about 400 feet on the breakwater in Fulton harbor. In addition to an extension of about 400 feet on the breakwater, the channel is to be deepened and widened.

Fish Men Strong In New Lions' Club

The roster of the newly-organized Fulton Lions' Club reveals that fish men are practically the backbone of the new organization. Henry Robert DeForest, captain of the "Lorene," is vice-president, and other members of the seafood fraternity who are members (and some are officers) are L. E. Casterline, Zeph Rouquette, and Henry Madden, captain of "Jack O'Diamonds."

Johnson Getting Trout

Bay shrimp continued to be received by Johnson Fish Company, in satisfactory quantity, considering the season and the bad weather and trout were beginning to show in some quantity.—Seafood Magazine.

Chiquita Sausage

Hot sausage patties served with toasty bananas is a good choice for a winter brunch. Cut the bananas into quarters, dip into lemon juice and brown in sausage drippings. Serve piping hot.

Young Journalist Writes of Grandmother's Early Day Experiences

Austin, Tex.—The old days when wet mud packs were applied to spider bites and children stayed close to the house to avoid capture by the Indians are recounted by Helen Grote of Fredericksburg in the current issue of the "Junior Historian."

Writing in the magazine published by the Texas State Historical Association at the University of Texas, Miss Grote sets down experiences related by her 91-year old grandmother, Mrs. Anna Matern Grote.

Mrs. Grote was born in 1856 in Burnet County, her parents having settled near New Braunfels after coming to America from Germany in 1845—about a year before the

settlers of Fredericksburg arrived. She told her granddaughter that she and her brothers and sisters played with sticks and rocks and home-made toys since there were none to be bought. She remembered that her father was once invited to the home of some Indians for dinner and during the course of the meal saw what he believed to be human bones in the meat.

Miss Grote was one of 17 young contributors to the current issue of "Junior Historian," which included articles by students from Galveston, San Antonio, Fort Worth, San Angelo, Iraan, Dallas, McCamey, Wichita Falls, Texas City, Cuero and Texarkana.

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Land Has Been Leased From All 254 Texas Counties; 175 Now Producing

DALLAS — About 58,000,000 acres of Texas land, nearly one-third the state's area, has been leased for oil and gas exploration and production, a report published by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association indicated today.

Land has been leased from landowners in each of the 254 counties, the report showed, and there is oil and gas production in 175 counties at the first of 1948. Ten more counties have had production but are not producing now. During 1947, Kenedy, San Augustine, and Sterling counties produced oil for the first time. The Texas petroleum industry during 1947 paid Texas landowners scattered over 254 counties, a total of \$331,738,000 for leases, rentals, bonuses, and royalties. Landowners last year received more than \$89,348,000 in lease and bonus payments. The report said this sum was "a considerable income in view of the fact that only a portion of these leases will ever become productive."

"When the property is productive, the landowner receives 'royalty payments' which average slightly more than one-eighth of the oil or gas produced," the report stated. "These payments in Texas during 1947 were \$242,390,000."

Solves Problem of Crumbs in Bed



NEW YORK — Comedian Lew Lehr and Norman Dine, slumber consultant for a famous "Sleep Shop" in New York, have the answer. Here we see Lew skillfully testing out Expert Dine's solution to the 1002nd problem of sleeplessness — cracker crumbs in bed. For the folks who like a before-retiring snack while comfortably propped on their pillows, Dine recommends bite-size cheese crackers. Lehr demonstrates that the tasty tidbits can be popped into the mouth in one bite.

Bacteriologists Warn, 'Beware the Cockroach'

Austin, Tex.—Beware the cockroach, homemakers!

Cockroaches, University of Texas bacteriologists report, carry intestinal diseases, and everything possible should be done to exterminate them.

In research studies, Dr. O. B. Williams, chairman of the bacteriology department, and Miss Ruth Bitter, recent graduate, discovered that cockroaches have been known to carry paratyphoid fever, a form of dysentery, and food poisoning.

"It is possible that cockroaches live in close association with rats and mice in the wild state," Dr. Williams said. "In view of their feeding habits, the possibility of their becoming infected or acting as carriers of a variety of microorganisms is clearly evident."

Miss Bitter studied the large winged American cockroach found in the Central Texas area.

"Heretofore, because of lack of conclusive evidence that roaches can transmit disease, these insects have been regarded with tolerance by a large proportion of the population, especially in areas where roach control is difficult," the bacteriologists said. "Results of our investigation show that they do carry disease and that every precaution should be taken to see that kitchen utensils and dishes are protected."

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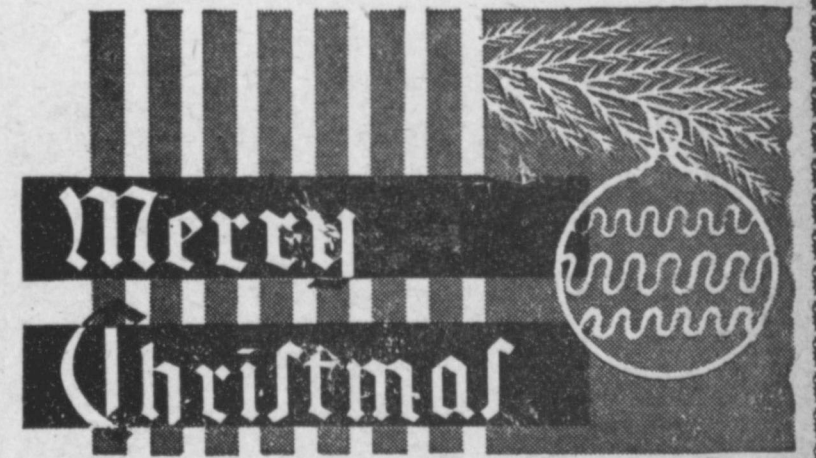
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Handy for Pastry-Making

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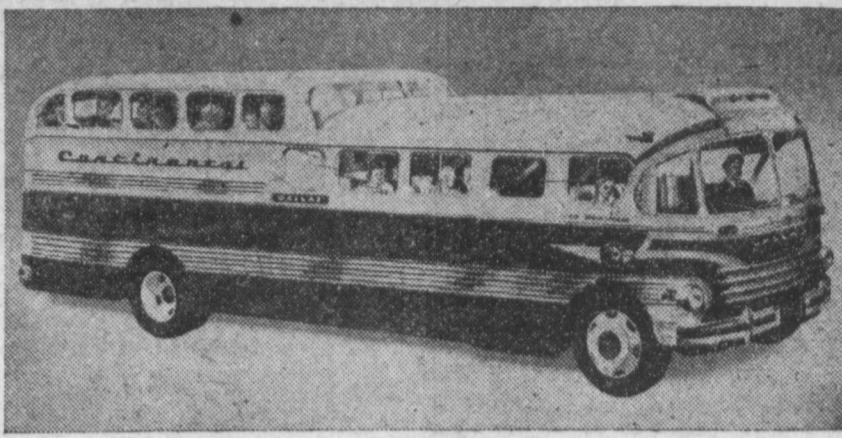
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The 1947 income from farm marketings in Texas totaled nearly 2 billion dollars. In fact, the 1,942 million dollars received in that year was 74 percent above the 1,115 million received in 1945 for crops and livestock.

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A will is the best way of guaranteeing that property will be disposed of as the owner wishes. Without a will, the heirs may become involved in a chancery suit, and it may be a number of years before the estate is settled.

**Beauty
And The Beasts**



PITTSBURGH, PA. — Husky roaches, one of the most revolting and hardest to kill of insects, dash about a "roach race track" of stainless steel while Ellen Hill, insecticide research worker, subjects them to a lethal spray. Photo was made during Gulf Oil's successful, two and one-half year research on a new type of quick-action, roach and ant-killing spray using the powerful new chemical Chlordane.

Your social security card is the key to the protection for you and your family when you retire after age 65, or for your family when you die at any age. Take care of it, but, if it should become lost, apply for a duplicate at any office of the Social Security Administration.

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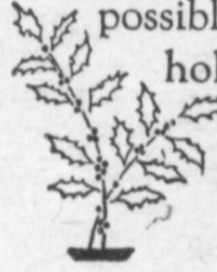
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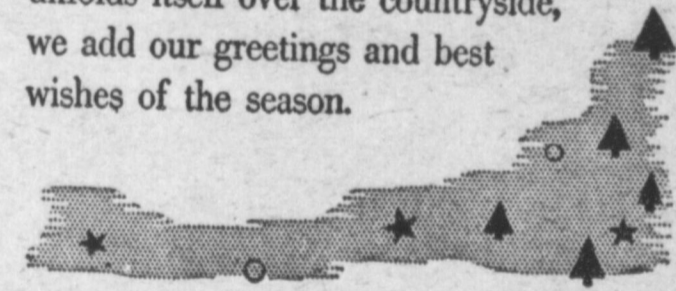
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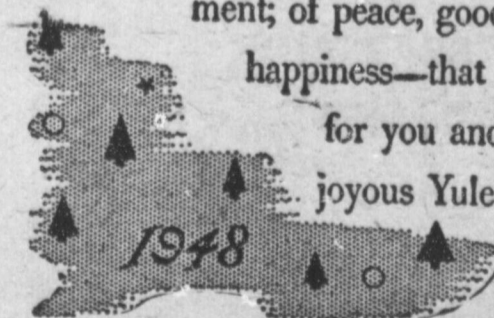
May all the peace and
tranquility of the season
be yours in full measure.



As the Spirit of Christmas
unfolds itself over the countryside,
we add our greetings and best
wishes of the season.



A Christmas of joy and content-
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16 States Represented At Tourist Party Thursday

One hundred and twenty-six guests attended the party given by the Tourist Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce at the school gym Thursday night for persons vacationing in the area.

Sixteen states and Canada were represented, which included Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri.

Mrs. E. J. Albin and Mrs. Joe Collins registered the guests. A welcome was extended by Jack Horton, chairman of the Tourist Bureau and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Door prizes were awarded to Mrs. Walter Scott of San Antonio and A. E. Hart of Minneapolis, Minn. The ladies' prize was a table lamp. The men's prize was a Yardley's shaving set.

A lighted Christmas tree was the center of the decorations. Christmas music was played over a loud speaker throughout the evening.

Each guest was presented with a favor which was a bag of candy, nuts and fruit. Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were passed continuously throughout the evening by Lois Mae Townsend and Barbara Ann Freeman.

This Was Leap Year but Gals 'Weren't in There Pitching'

New York. — This was Leap Year but it was a dismal year for romance just the same. The gals just weren't in there, pitching.

Whatever caused it — the high cost of living, shortages of rose-covered cottages, male adroitness at ducking, or feminine coyness — total marriages dropped in 1948 throughout the United States for the second straight year.

It was a bad Leap Year in Chicago, it was bad in New York. It was even worse in Washington where marriage licenses were at a four-year low. Only 10,666 couples were wed in the city of "government girls" during the first 11 months of the year compared with 12,775 for 1947.

The United Press paged a bunch of prominent bachelor girls and asked them: "Why didn't you take advantage of Leap Year and get married?"

Miss America of 1948, a five-foot, 1 inch brunette who fills a tight bathing suit or a low-cut evening dress equally well, had seemed a good leap-year bet. But Miss Bebe Shopp, 18, of Hopkins, Minn., said: "I want the boy to propose."

"I'm too young, anyway, I have

quite a few men friends but no one special."

An expert player of the vibraharp, Bebe is going to college to continue her study of music.

Tallulah Bankhead, Broadway actress, said she got married once but it "curdled."

"Why have I flouted the Leap Year opportunity?" she asked. "I think I'll fall back on a quote from Kipling: 'Down to Gehanna or up to the throne, he travels fastest who travels alone.' But call me up in '52. Time heals all wounds."

Red-haired Ann Sheridan, Hollywood's outstanding bachelor girl, said she had asked press agent Steve Hannegan over and over again to marry her.

"But he always says 'no,'" she added.

Ann got an "E" for effort, anyway.

Kay Summersby, wartime secretary and jeep driver to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, was still footloose and fancy free in New York.

"Guess I was just too busy writing my book," says Kay.

Elsa Walden, 25, of Chicago, was willing and not shy, but she couldn't find a man who suited her. She is past president of the "tall girls club" and scales just one half inch under six feet in height.

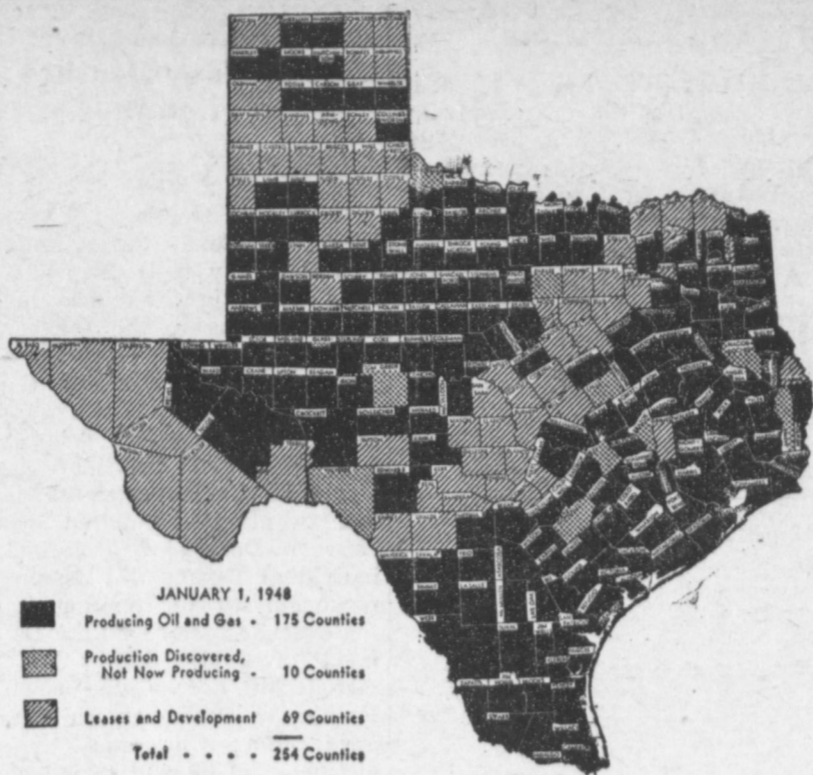
Margaret Truman declined to discuss Leap Year.

One girl who didn't hesitate was Dorothy Lawlor of Hempstead, N. Y. She offered to marry any "decent" man in the United States. But there was a hitch, the guy had to give her \$10,000. She hasn't found the man yet.

Reversing the inquiry, the United Press asked a couple of prominent gals who did get married, just how they did it.

The effort to reach Mrs. Barbara (Bobo) Rockefeller whose wedding was the cinderella romance of the year was unsuccessful. Her husband, handsome Winthrop Rockefeller said he wasn't going to answer for her as to who did the asking.

"No husband would be foolish enough to do that," he said.—By Jack V. Fox for United Press.



This map indicates the Texas counties which were producing oil and gas as of January 1, 1948. The petroleum industry spends about one-third of a billion dollars annually in 254 counties for leases, bonuses, and royalty payments.

228 Texas Corporation Charters Issued In Nov.

Austin, Tex.—Charters were issued to 228 Texas businesses in November, with a total capitalization of \$5,271,000, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

There were 254 businesses formed in October and 288 in November 1947.

Merchandising businesses received the greatest number of charters in November—71; followed by real estate, 28; and manufacturing, 18.

Corporations with a capitalization of \$5,000 to \$100,000 received 135 charters, the largest number of charters issued to one group.

Mr. Bland Johnson left Monday for Austin after a weeks visit with his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinton. Mr. Johnson, a merchant marine for 36 years, has recently returned from Egypt.

Dick Picton left for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last weekend where he will join Mrs. Picton and their children for the holidays.

Marvin Davis was in San Antonio on business Tuesday, going to Kendallia later to visit relatives.

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1948

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'Once In a Lifetime'

Lou Eley, first violinist on "The Fred Waring Show," Thursday evenings at 10:30 p.m. over NBC stations, lost all his traveler's checks while in Kansas City on tour. Lou is still amazed at the way they were recovered.

A day and a half later, Lara Hoggard, choral assistant, who stayed behind to do some high school choral conducting, was rushing toward the station when he spotted something on the side walk and picked it up—you guessed it, Lou's bundle of checks.

**Jester Asks Cut in
Yule Holiday Death
Toll On Highways**

Austin, Tex. — Your greatest gift may be a life!

With this slogan as its spearhead, the Texas Safety Association Saturday took Governor Jester's campaign against holiday traffic deaths to the far corners of the state.

The association asked the 41 statewide organizations supporting its traffic safety program to spread the word that there can be less than the expected 85 deaths and twenty-five hundred injuries between Dec. 23 and Jan. 1 "if individual Texans will assume the responsibility for making it so."

Governor Jester said the Department of Public Safety has predicted 230 deaths and 6,600 injuries for December. In the two days before Christmas, the prediction said, 30 will be killed and 900 injured.

The Safety Association also reached out to thousands of industrial workers with a safety message to its 1,600 member firms, and to other thousands of Texans with an appeal to churches to emphasize the holiday danger.

Service clubs were asked to devote three minutes of their programs to pointing up the dangers of holiday traffic. Business and trade organizations were asked to emphasize the need for extra driving and walking caution.

The Governor addressed an appeal for action to college and university presidents and school superintendents, asking them to alert students to the hazards of Christmas travel.

In a letter to chiefs of police the Governor expressed confidence that diligent enforcement efforts will be effective in reducing the toll.

Das Kapital was written by Karl Marx.

CARD OF THANKS

The Lions Club of Fulton wish to thank the following people and firms, not members of the club, whose kindness and efforts made possible the alteration and completion of the old school house as a community center: Bob Mitchell, electrical work; Captain Iansen, painting signs; Corpus Christi Hardware Co. of Corpus Christi, Southwestern Specialty Co. of Corpus Christi; Nueces Fixture and Equipment Co. of Corpus Christi; O'Neal Counter Co. of Corpus Christi; Mr. Johnson of Texas Plumbing Co. of Rockport; Rockport Electric Co. of Rockport.

—The Fulton Lions Club

Sharon Spencer, small daughter of Judge and Mrs. Emory M. Spencer, was admitted to Spohn hospital in Corpus Christi Tuesday morning. Sharon has been critically ill but, according to the Judge, is improving.

Mrs. Carl Walker and children, Vernon, Colleen, Pat and Steve, of Fort Worth are visiting with Mrs. Walker's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hunt.

Mrs. Jack Horton is spending the holidays at her home in Rockport. Mrs. Horton teaches in the Pasadena public school.

A. S. Sartor, Harry Sandland and Kally Anastasos of Pasadena, Tex., visited in Rockport for three days this week with Mr. Sartor's sisters, Mrs. Jack Horton and Mrs. B. W. Hamblin and family.

Dr. Zulzika Yarrell, senior psychiatrist at Bellvue hospital in New York City, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yarrell, who are spending the winter at Palm Village. They will spend Christmas at their home in Belton, Tex.

**Texas Retail Sales
Estimated to Reach
\$433 Million in November**

Austin, Tex.—Texas retail sales were estimated to reach \$433 million in November, a 1-per-cent decline from October dollar sales, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Sales of durable goods stores stepped up 2 per cent from October, but sales of nondurable goods fell 3 per cent.

In the durable goods group, jewelry stores increased sales 35 per cent for the greatest rise during the month. Sales of automotive goods and furniture and household goods were up 3 per cent from October. Building material, lumber, and hardware dealers' sales slipped 6 per cent.

Only florists and department stores turned in sales increases in the nondurable goods group from October, 7 and 2 per cent, respectively. Declines in sales varied from 8-per-cent drops in country general stores and eating and drinking places to 2-per-cent decreases in filling stations and food stores. Apparel store sales slid 6 per cent during the month.


Retailers believe that December sales will be high, setting a new

record for all-over Christmas buying, despite declines in November's sales.

Compared with November 1947, retail sales rose 1 per cent. Durable goods sales climbed 9 per cent, and nondurable goods sales fell 3 per cent.

John Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, did more to clarify the intent of the U. S. Constitution than any other man.

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ODAKAS HAVE CHRISTMAS DANCE

Mrs. Roy Hinton, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Miller, entertained the Oda Camp Fire Girls with a Christmas dance at her home Saturday evening. Each girl invited a boy as guest.

The lower floor of the home was decorated in the Christmas motif, a large star, evergreens, strings of balls, ornamental ball-trees, lights and a large silvered Christmas tree in the living room, also a small white tree in the music room.

Dancing, singing Christmas carols and Camp Fire songs and games afforded entertainment. The large tree held gifts for all.

The dining room featured gay colors. The table was spread with a floral cover and was centered with Christmas scene, of Santa Claus in his sleigh driving reindeer. Candelabra and an epergne holding vari-colored tapers were placed at all vantage points on the table and around the room, while strings of small lights surrounded the table. Cakes and candies were served by Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Miller poured punch from a bowl surrounded by fern and red berries. Favors were noise-maker horns, which were used as the guests marched around the block.

Forty-six attended the party.

SURPRISE DINNER PARTY WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Charles Roe, Sr. entertained Wednesday night at her home with a surprise birthday party given in honor of her sister, Mrs. C. F. Rozzell.

A buffet dinner was served at 9 o'clock. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a boys and girls choir carved from miniature candles, surrounded by silver leaves and red berries and flanked by tall white tapers.

The evening was spent playing bridge. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christill, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Steily Rozzell, Jimmy Hunt and Mrs. C. F. Rozzell.

FOR WESTERN SUNSHINE!



Lovely Dorothy Malone, talented new Hollywood starlet, wears an awning striped, two-piece cotton chamber sun dress for taking in the sunshine at a Western winter resort. Pretty Dorothy is currently being featured in Warner Bros. "Two Guys from Texas."

BAILEY-METZLER NUPTIALS READ IN CALIFORNIA

Miss Genevieve Metzler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metzler of Linden, Calif., became the bride of Clark Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey of Rockport, at a quiet ceremony held at Morris Chapel on the College of Pacific campus at Stockton, Calif., Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Travis Bailey, brother of the groom was best man. Miss Metzler's sister was matron of honor.

Only members of the immediate family and a few close friends attended the ceremony.

A wedding supper was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony.

The couple left on a wedding trip for Rockport via the Grand Canyon and Roswell, N. M.

EASTERN STAR HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Eastern Star enjoyed a Christmas party at the Masonic Hall Friday night. Decorations were in the Christmas motif. Gifts were placed on the lighted tree for the gift exchange.

Mrs. James G. Hooper presented the "Christmas Story," and Mrs. Mabel Bryant gave a reading. A drill was presented by the officers for the visitors.

The program was followed by a social. Each member invited a guest. About 50 persons were served refreshments of cake and coffee.

Those on the refreshment committee were Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson, Mrs. M. G. Taylor, Mrs. Wm. Beetley and Mrs. Blanche Kuhns were on the decorating committee.

SLUMBER PARTY HONORS BIRTHDAY

Norma Lou Roe celebrated her fifteenth birthday Saturday night with a theater and slumber party, which was given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roe Sr.

Seven girls enjoyed dinner at the Spa-ette. After attending the theater, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served at the Roe home.

Guests were Dolly Lee Hart, Ruthie Mullinax, Margie Jarboe, Mary Lou Thomas, Dorothy Baker and Carol Townsend.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YEATS HOME

Mrs. Otis Yeats entertained with a Christmas party at her home last Friday night. Decorations followed the Christmas motif.

The evening was spent playing 500. Mrs. Bruce Winkle and Mrs. Yeats won high scores.

Favors were miniature bow-legged cowboys filled with nuts. Refreshments of fruit salad and coffee were served to Mrs. Jack Davis, Mrs. Marvin Davis, Mrs. Mollye Davis, Mrs. Lloyd Lassiter, Mrs. C. A. Hopkins, Mrs. Henry Camehl and Mrs. Bruce Winkle.

CHURCH GROUP HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party for members of the Church of Christ and their friends was held Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gurley.

The Christmas tree held gifts for the children and young folks. A basket was presented to the minister, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman.

Entertainment included singing Christmas carols and playing games. Refreshments were served to 78.

VERSATILE MIDRIFF



Shadow-checked striped cotton is one of the most popular fabrics for casual playclothes this season, the fashion experts report. A cotton midriff and skirt combination, designed by Takab of California in shadow-checked stripes, is adaptable for many occasions. When the removable drawstring of the midriff is pulled out, a trim bolero appears.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN BY AUXILIARY

The Christmas party for the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Mills last Thursday afternoon. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Mills and co-hostesses Mrs. Henry Juergens, Mrs. J. W. Brundrett and Mrs. Fred Brundrett.

The program was presented in the living room which was decorated with youpou, poinsettias, red roses, hibiscus and a huge Christmas tree.

The Bible lesson was conducted by Mrs. T. H. Pollard who was assisted by Mrs. N. F. Jackson.

Mrs. James G. Hooper was in charge of the program which featured the Christmas story from St. Luke and was read by Mrs. Hooper; a poem, "The Coming of His Feet," by Mrs. Jack Hagar; "Away in a Manger," sung by Mary Lucille Jackson and Mike Smith; "Holy Night," sung by Mrs. Norvell Jackson. The group sang Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Ruby Wilkinson.

Instead of the usual gift exchange a box was packed for needy family for distribution by the chairman, Mrs. Herbert Mills. The box included food, toys and clothing.

The tea table was laid with a crocheted lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of poinsettias tied at the top with a large red satin bow which was surrounded by silver leaves and five red tapers in crystal holders.

Mrs. Herbert Mills presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. Floyd Smith served cake squares iced in the Christmas theme.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Jackson and children will leave Friday for Austin where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Jackson's parents.

Dancing School Presents Program In Corpus Christi

The Hop Quaintance school of dance presented a program for the crippled children of Corpus Christi at the Driscoll Hotel Monday night. Students from Rockport and Corpus Christi took part in the program.

First to appear in the Rockport group were Melanie Hall, Barbara Barnard, Frances LeBlanc and Sue Armstrong, who did a ballet, "Dancing with the Dollie."

Betty Sue Armstrong presented some acrobatic stunts and the four Armstrong sisters, Susie, Jerry, Clydene and Betty, strutted in style to "Buttons and Bows."

Betty Armstrong, Jerry Armstrong, Nancy Court, Joyce E. Dunn, Carol Sue Lawrence, Mary Lucille Jackson, Joy Hamblin, Linda Mills, Merryly Johnson, Mary Martha Shivers and Jane Collier danced to "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Joy Roe presented a toe dance "The Swan."

A song and dance to the "Dicky Bird Song," was given by Clydene Armstrong, Ann Blevins, Maryline Davis, Jean Mullinax, Mary Sue Lassiter, Hazel Lassiter, Joyce Ann Barber, Barbara Jean Schuster, Sue James, Betty Morris, Mitchell Ammons, Mary Morris, Roy Allen Davis, Judith Lee Collier, Sue Blevins, Myra Ingersoll, Gloria Dye, Carol Sparks and Doris Jean Huffman.

"A Beautiful Memory in Ballet," was given by Dorothy Baker, Margaret Patrick, Betty Dye, Dolly Lee Hart, Martha Horn, Judy Albin and Joy Roe. They also did a soft shoe dance, "Swanee River."

Sue James did a tap to "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet."

Mary Sue Lassiter presented some acrobatic stunts. Following the program Santa Claus presented the youngsters with a gift. A large crowd from Rockport attended the program.

ATTENDS WEDDING IN GALVESTON

In a ceremony solemnized Saturday at 8 p. m. in Broadway Baptist church, Galveston, Miss Viola Louise Sapaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sapaugh of Idabel, Okla., and Delmar Glenn Dean, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Dean of Galveston, exchanged nuptial vows. Rev. Charles R. Smith officiated.

Charles Cleveland, uncle of the groom, was an out-of-town guest.

Mrs. A. H. Evans, of Rogers, Ark., sister of Mrs. John Young, returned home last week after spending a two weeks visit in this area.

RESORT BOUND!



Latest news from the winter resort scene is the beautiful collection of high-fashion cotton costumes feminine vacationers are wearing. Among the most talked about is a charming three-piece style by Charles Armour. Iridescent, rough-textured cotton in an unusual green-purple shade is used by the famous designer for the bolero and skirt.

THEATRE PARTY HONORS BIRTHDAY

James Richard Fox celebrated his eighth birthday Saturday afternoon. The party was given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox.

The youngsters gathered at the Fox home where games were played. Refreshments of ice cream and birthday cake were served, after which all attended the picture show.

Those who attended were Robert Shivers, Charles LeBlanc, Mike Johnson, Dale Barnard, Jimmy Ankele, Henry Koehler, Bobby Close, Eddie Ratliff, Ronnie Simpson, Roland Harbin, Alton Jones, Carl Kelly, Dee Jeffries, Roger Ayers, Roy Davis, Jackie Smith, Ernest Camehl, John Cabaniss, Raymond Mikeal, Clyde Townsend, Sonny Brundrett, Gary Horne and Micky Collins.

Roger H. Bracht of Houston spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bracht.

On the basis of population, the three largest countries in the Americas are the U. S., Brazil, and Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Daugherty, Jr. and son left Saturday by plane for North Carolina where they will spend two weeks visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wills and children of Corpus Christi were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbin and son are spending the Christmas holidays in Refugio.

Mrs. Mollye Davis and Charles Marvlin left today for Houston and Dallas where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

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Whatever success we have enjoyed during the past year is due to the loyalty of our customers.
We shall begin the year 1949 fully conscious of our obligations to merit your continued confidence, through our efforts to serve you to the very best of our ability.
May we extend to you our heartiest good wishes for a Merry Christmas, and the hope that the coming year will be one of your very best.
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It's the uniform of an army—the great army of American farmers who, by their productivity, are helping to keep this nation strong—bolstering the forces of democracy that guard our freedom.
And in their way of life, too, they are champions of freedom. Temperate folk who enjoy a moderate glass of beer—but never quarrel with those who prefer cider. Tolerant people who fight to the bitter end against oppression and intolerance. From where I sit, a credit to America!
Joe Marsh
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RIALTO THEATRE
Aransas Pass
THURS. ONLY, DEC. 23
Brain Donley and Brod Crawford In
South of Tahiti
FRI.-SAT., DEC. 24-25
Dan Dailey and Betty Crable In
When My Baby Smiles at Me
SAT. MID-NITE, DEC. 25
Roland Winters and Claire Trevor
The Golden Eye
SUN.-MON., DEC. 26-27
Glenn Ford and Ellen Drew In
The Man From Colorado
TUE.-WED., DEC. 28-29
Louis Butler and Bill Goodwin In
Mickey



SHOP HERE with satisfaction

Specials for Thursday and Friday, December 23, 24

Table of grocery items and prices: PURE IMPERIAL CANE Sugar, 5 lb. bag 42c; ADMIRATION DRIP OR REGULAR GRIND Coffee, lb. tin 49c; Crisco, 3 lb. pail 99c; Oxydol, large pkg. 31c; RED & WHITE Cranberry Sauce, No. 2 can 16c; COMSTOCK Pumpkin Pie Mix, No. 2 can 21c; SWEET TREET Chocolate Covered Cherries, lb. 67c; ALL POPULAR BRANDS Cigarettes, carton 1.70; RED & WHITE FANCY YELLOW CLING — In Heavy Syrup Peaches, halves, No. 2 1/2 can 29c; RED & WHITE FANCY GRADED Peas, No. 2 can 31c; SWIFT'S PREMIUM — 14 to 18 lb. average Ham, whole or half, lb. 59c; SWIFT'S PORK LOIN Roast, lb. 45c; SWIFT'S PREMIUM — for a real breakfast Sliced Bacon, lb. 69c; SWIFT'S BROOKFIELD Sausage, roll, lb. 39c, link, lb. 49c

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Model Cash Grocery

FLOWERS!

For All Occasions

Funeral Designs a Specialty

CAGE Funeral Home DIAL 451

SPECIAL

All Texas BEER \$3.20

Discount to Members

Green Tree Trailer Park



Table of food specials: SPECIALS FOR THURS. and FRI., DEC. 23 - 24; Cranberry Sauce, whole 16c; New Potatoes, two No. 2 cans 19c; Plums, Del Monte, 1 lb. 19c; Hot Roll Mix, P. B. 27c; BLUE LABEL KARO, 1 1/2 lb. bottle 19c; GLADIOLA FLOUR, 5 lbs. 39c; VEL, large pkg. 29c; WINESAP Apples, 1 lb. 11c

SHOP EARLY. WE WILL BE CLOSED XMAS DAY. IN FAIRNESS TO OUR EMPLOYEES WE CLOSE AT 7:00 P. M. SATURDAY NIGHT

KELLY'S I. G. A. GROCERY

WHERE YOUR DOLLARS HAVE MORE "CENTS" Rockport Dial 3221

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Sand, gravel, mud shell, fill dirt, sandy loam. Winch truck — service — dump truck. Bracht Trucking Co., Phone 3341, Rockport Texas. ctf

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES FOR SALE, Candy and gum. Come to see us! We are always glad to have our customers call. Bring us your heating appliances for the best repairs in the quickest possible time. Roberts Electric Shop, Phone 873. ctf

CORSETTIER: Spirella health garments, corsets, girdles, brassieres. Mrs. Tom Brown. Phone 519. ctf

READY MIX CONCRETE, sand, gravel, shell, fill dirt and cement. Ready mix concrete dump truck service. Phone 392. If no answer, call 213-J. Coast Materials Co., Aransas Pass. ctf

WHY WALK?—when you can ride anywhere in the city for 50c. Phone 440. Mollye Davis Taxi Service. ctf

FOR SALE—1931 model De Soto coupe. Good condition. Phone 518. ctf

FOR SALE—20 ft. counter and two Dr. Pepper and one Coca-Cola ice boxes. Theodore's Cafe. ctf

FOR SALE—15 Club 35 Cafe booths, table and 2 benches. Bargain. Apply Theodore's Cafe. ctf

FOR SALE — 150 gal. Butane tank. Phone 529, U. L. Kane. ctf

FOR RENT—New 2-room furnished apartment with bath, \$55 per month. Utilities paid. Las Casitas. The pink cottages on Highway 35. ctf

FOR SALE—Practically new 85 gallon butane tank. Phone 807. ctf

FOR SALE — 19 volume 1948 World Book Encyclopedia, \$65.00. Call 405. Marion McElveen. ctf

FOR SALE—7-room house and 2 lots. Furnished or unfurnished. Good location. Write Box 762. ctf

FOR SALE—150 gallon butane gas tank, \$75.00. 300 ft. 2x4's. Inquire Patio Court. ctf

FOR RENT OR LEASE—20x60 Quonset building, on Highway 35, Rockport. Suitable for warehouse or business. For details phone Aransas Pass 388. ctf

FOR SALE—New 5-room house, front porch and screened back porch. Lights, water, gas and phone. Furnished. On half block of land. Located two blocks from beach at Fulton, \$6,950.00. Phone 3701. Coleman Pady, Fulton, Texas. P. O. Box 6. ctf

FOR SALE: 4 lots, north of Fulton. Phone 3701. ctf

FOR SALE: 2-room cabin to be moved. Ask for Mrs. Schwager at Rockport Inn. Phone 3721. ctf

SERVICE STATION AGENT wanted. Small amount of capital required. See Oliver Brundrett in Rockport. p36

LOST—Rat terrier dog at Copano bay. Reward for return of dog. Ed. L. Ramzinski. Phone 293. p36

NOTICE: Beginning Jan. 1st. Children's hair cuts will be same as adults 75c. Hunts Barber Shop-Mundine's Barber Shop. p36

FOR SALE: 1941 Plymouth Tudor. Good body and motor. W. E. Beasley, S. P. Depot. p36

FOR SALE: Small cabin, 12x20 ft., completely furnished, all modern conveniences, to be moved, \$1,000.00. Located in Aransas Pass. Bill Kelly, Aransas Pass. p36

Wholesalers' Sales And Inventories

Austin, Tex.—Sales by Texas wholesalers in October fell 10 per cent from September, and inventories remained unchanged, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Compared with October 1947, sales slid 7 per cent, and inventories stepped up 11 per cent.

Sales increases during the month were made by machinery equipment and supplies (except electrical), 16 per cent, and automotive supplies, 12 per cent. Declines from September to October in sales were shown by the electrical group, 17 per cent; groceries, 13 per cent; tobacco products, 10 per cent; and drugs and sundries, 3 per cent.

Inventory changes during the month varied from an 8-per-cent decrease in automotive supplies to a 6-per-cent rise in the electrical group.

Tasty Lamb Sandwich

For a tasty lamb sandwich for the lunch box, make a spread of softened butter, a bit of lemon juice and a dash of curry powder. Here's lamb curry in a hurry, and carry-wise, too!

SENATOR TAYLOR SAYS—

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Legislature might re-district the entire state. (2) The state might call on the counties to get busy, but leave it up to them whether they shall do so or not. (3) The state might organize and direct a statewide campaign to assist the people in each county to redistrict themselves.

The Gilmer-Aikin Committee is submitting proposals which take the third approach. They do so because they believe strongly that if the people of a county will really study their own district problems with expert guidance those people will be able to work out the best possible plan of district organization. Under the proposal, a county commission selected locally will prepare a plan with the advice of a state reorganization commission, to be approved or disapproved by the voters of the county. Such plans must be submitted within 18 months, and resubmitted in six months if rejected by the voters.

The committee realizes that these proposals collide head-on with two types of opposition: (1) The opposition of a few local school leaders or other interests who are concerned for the future of their own jobs or their own special privileges; (2) the opposition of those who genuinely fear that larger school districts will mean the loss of community-centered schools. To the former, there will mean the loss of committee points to the evidence it has collected in other states that excellent community schools are being operated by large school districts. These proposals for administrative

redistricting do not call for doing away with a single school necessarily; they do call for long-overdue action to get economical school districts.

Now, what about the state management machinery? The committee is proposing that control of public schools be placed in a single agency. That agency will have three parts, each with clearly defined functions and relationships to each other. These proposals grew out of applying sound principles of business administration to the operation of public schools. One part of the single educational agency will be a State Board of Education. Its function will be to make policies, plan for the future, review accomplishments. It will have no executive functions. A separate special commission will invest the permanent public school fund, and textbook selection will be made by the professional branch of the educational agency. Thus, the state board of education will be freed to perform its much-needed functions of planning and review. The board will be composed of nine laymen, each serving three-year terms, and each elected by the people of one geographical region.

A second part of the single educational agency will be the State Commissioner of Education. He will be the professional and technical head of the state school system. He will be selected by the state board of education.

A third part will be the state department of education, which will be the professional and technical staff of the state board and state commissioner. The Division of Vocational Education will be in the state department of education. Considerable interest has been

MODERN MARKET SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND MONDAY

Table of modern market specials: PORK CHOPS, lb. 55c; CHOICE VEAL CHUCK ROAST, lb. 50c; CHOICE VEAL STEAK, lb. 55c; CHOICE VEAL CHOPS, lb. 55c; ARMOUR BANNER SLICED BACON, lb. 57c

HOT BARBECUE DAILY Modern Market

INCORPORATED CHAS. A. ROE, Mgr. PHONE 233 ctf



As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.

Kaufman's Department Store

Cold Storage Holdings Decline from October

Austin, Tex.—Holdings of most fruits, vegetables, and dairy and poultry products declined from October to November, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

In the fruit and vegetables group, only holdings of frozen vegetables rose during the month. Frozen poultry stepped up 25 per cent; meat and meat products, 10 per cent; and hides and pelts, 30 per cent.

Holdings of nuts in cold storage increased more than four-fold from November 1947, for the greatest gain over the year.

Dairy products holdings fell 17 per cent from October and 25 per cent in a year's time.

Herbert Hoover headed American War relief in Belgium during the First World War.



PROGRAM

SUNDAY - MONDAY Dec. 26-27

Taps Roots

Van Feflin Susan Hayward

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY Dec. 28-29

To the Victor

Dennis Morgan Viveca Lindfors

THURSDAY - FRIDAY Dec. 30-31

The Man From Colorado

Glenn Ford Wm. Holden Ellen Drew

SATURDAY Jan. 1

Gallant Legion

Wm. Elliott

MATINEE AS USUAL, 3:30

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SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY DEC. 24



LIBBY'S WHITE CREAM STYLE

CORN, 2 for 35c

LIBBY'S TOMATO JUICE, 2 for 25c

OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE 18c

LIBBY'S PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 can 29c

VAN CAMP PORK & BEANS, 2 No. 300 cans 27c

LIBBY'S PUMPKIN, No. 2 1/2 can, 2 for 29c

TIDE 33c

SUGAR, 5 lbs. for 44c



SHIVERS' GROCERY