

An Unwritten

CHAPTER OF TEXAS HISTORY

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Pilot will print for its readers in this and subsequent issues, an address given by S. F. Sparks, grandfather of the late J. M. Sparks, to the Texas Veterans Association in Gonzales, Texas in 1905.

for the insane asylum, the blind asylum, and the other benevolent asylums of the State. At that time of strife and trouble they took time to provide for future generations.

and very probably still belong to Mexico. The men who pledged themselves to never surrender, and to fight as long as they could pull a trigger.

I am done now with the Republic of Texas, and will now notice some of the developments since that time. When we applied for annexation to the United States they proposed annexation to us, provided we would give them our public domain—that is our lands.

Lanham cut it out on account of the deficiency in the treasury. Be sure and send men to the legislature who have influence there and let them present this matter to the legislature and ask for a good appropriation at the next session.

Now a few words to the young people: Do you feel the responsibility that is so soon to rest upon you? You must take upon yourselves soon the burdens of the State, and should so prepare yourselves in your educational matters to assume this great responsibility.

This is the last time in my life that I shall ever speak to this audience, I know, and what I say comes from my heart. Next to my own children, the Daughters of the Republic have the nearest place to my heart, and the next that of the native born of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glass are spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Houston.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Watch Out For The Symptoms!

Laughed out loud when I heard Hoot Davis was down with Chicken Pox. A man of forty-five catching a kid's disease!

So I went to see him, armed with jokes about "second childhood" but forgot them fast when I got there. Hoot looked terrible and had quite a fever.

While we talked, I came to think of how Chicken Pox is a lot like other "diseases"—diseases of the character, such as intolerance, self-righteousness or just plain ignorance. They're excusable in children, but when they come out in

adults they're ten times as bad—and can be mighty "contagious." From where I sit, we should all watch out for the "symptoms"—little things like criticizing a person's preference for a friendly glass of temperate beer or ale. We've seen personal freedom wither away in other countries, when individual intolerance was allowed to get out of hand and become a nation-wide epidemic.

Joe Marsh

Nine Aransas County Students Attend A&I

Kingsville — Aransas County is represented by nine students attending Texas A&I College this semester.

The final total showed 1949 fall enrollment at 2,097, just three students less than last year's 2,100.

Among the men, 715 are veterans, 695 are not. Seven women students are veterans. Men outnumber the women more than two to one—1,410 males to 687 females.

More students are enrolled in the Division of Teacher Training than in any other division of the college, a significant increase over previous years.

Kleberg County has more students at A&I than any other county with 349. Others with large delegations are Nueces 257, Cameron 173, Hidalgo 126, Jim Wells 125 and Bexar 107.

Out-of-state students number 57, and 16 are from foreign countries. Students from Rockport attending are John Robert Barber, Mrs. Falba Vernon Brown, Melba Joyce Gwynn, Ruth Nolen Hayden, James C Herring, Jean Faye Johnson, Elmer L. McLester, Mrs. Hazel S. Prophet and Mrs. Virginia Lee Rose.

Two boys from Aransas County registered with Local Board No. 107 during the month of October. They were James S. Cox and Frank N. Garza.

Announcements

The Woman's Club of Aransas County will give away the aquarium table and lamps at the V.F.W. dance Saturday night which will be held at the school gym.

Miss Jewell Fulton is spending the Thanksgiving holiday in Corpus Christi with her sister, Mrs. Fred Hoopes.

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Sneeze Proved Expensive To Visiting Fisherman

A visitor from Edinburg sneezed Sunday morning while standing on the back of a boat fishing at Turtle Bayou, and it cost him more than \$50. You see, when he sneezed the upper plate of his false teeth popped out into the water and he was unable to recover them.

Our fisherman thinks he knows where the incident occurred, however, and is offering \$50 to anyone who will go there and re-

trieve this popular chewing device. The location, he claims, is to the south of the entrance to Turtle Bayou, 50 yards east of the duck blind in about 5 1/2 feet of water. The unfortunate party had to return to Edinburg immediately, so was not able to oversee a dredging party himself and is hopeful that the \$50 reward will encourage someone else to carry on the search for him.

Mrs. Allen Roberts of Galveston was a guest in the home of Mrs. Bertha Lassiter early this week.

Fulton Girl To Appear In STSTC Orchestra

San Marcos—Mary Ruth Deravage of Fulton will play in the strings section of the orchestra in a Youth Recital presented at Southwest Texas State Teachers College Nov. 21.

Featuring 250 students of the San Marcos schools, the College orchestra will play "Don Giovanni" by Mozart and "Die Fledermaus" by Strauss. Two high school soloists will be accom-

panied by the group.

A toy symphony formed of fourth grade children will play "Toy Symphony" by Haydn using drums, rattles, and triangles as instruments.

Folk dances will be performed by fifth graders from the Southside schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mikeal and Miss Mary Louise Hilderbrand, instructor in the Rockport grade school, are spending the Thanksgiving holidays visiting with relatives in Durant, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Tomson and children of Dallas are guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Camehl. Also visiting in Rockport this week and frequent guests at the Camehl home are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ewell of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Z. Roberson of Dallas, a guest at the home of Mrs. Mollye Davis, is also visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Camehl.

Mrs. Fred Christilles visited her sons and their families in Houston last week.

Houston Man Dies On Rockport Hunting Trip

Houston.—Funeral plans were pending today for Clarence E. Ford, 55, who collapsed and died Sunday morning at Rockport while on a hunting trip.

Ford and a friend, S. M. Vilven of Houston, had just prepared to leave the wharf at Rattlesnake Point when Ford was stricken. He had suffered from a heart ailment several years and retired from business in 1945.

1948 Fishing Dollar

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\$429,000.00. It was impossible to determine the number of part-time employees.

There were 151 house-owned trucks with a total value of \$329,000. The truck operating expense exceeded \$166,000.00 in 1948. Generally shipments of marine products are F.O.B. the point of origin and charges are paid by the receiving company.

The type of construction and floor space of the houses was considered but is too general to be shown here.

Fishermen
In 1948 there were 2,557 commercial fishermen on the Texas coast as compared to the 601 reported by the U. S. Fish Commission in 1880. Stevenson reported that there were 1,277 commercial fishermen in 1890. He reported a property value of only \$315,000. This property value of \$315,000 was based on the value of the sail craft, skiffs, apparatus of capture, shore property and cash capital.

In 1948 the fishermen received \$6,500,000 for their catch. This estimated value is based on the production figures and average price in 1948. It should be noted that this estimated figure is above the total expenses of the fishing industry.

Fishing Boats
There were 1,393 commercial fishing boats in use in 1948. Their value exceeded \$7,383,000. The maintenance costs on these boats was slightly over \$1,180,000, which included haul outs and mechanical work. The fuel costs for 125 diesel boats and 1,221 gasoline powered boats was \$1,199,600. There were 47 sail boats fishing on the Texas coast. The annual ice costs were \$855,000 while gear maintenance cost was \$729,400. The total expense of the fishing boats was \$3,964,000 in 1948.

Twenty-four of the fishing boats had depth recorders. The number of fishing boats with depth recorders is increasing. Two hundred and fifty-two boats were equipped with radio receivers, while 168 other boats had two-way radios.

The fishing days per boat ranged from 60 to 220. The average number of working days per year was 140.

Freezing and Cold Storage
Woolrich listed several freezing plants with a freezing capacity of 500,000 pounds for each 24 hour period. This economic survey of the Gulf Coast considered all but one of the freezing plants listed by Woolrich. Comparable figures would show a freezing capacity of 600,000 pounds for each 24-hour period in 1948.

The storage capacity for marine products below 32° F. totaled 2,473,300 pounds in 1948. The same type storage capacity in 1946 was only slightly over one million pounds.

The storage capacity for marine products above 32° F. in 1948 was 712,000 pounds.

Ship Yards
Boat maintenance is an important item to the boat owners of the Texas coast. There were 21 boat yards in Texas doing work on fishing boats. Fishing boat maintenance, that year, amounted to over \$1,180,000. The 21 boat yards had a total of 296 permanent employees. The payroll for these employees was \$575,000.

Charter Boats
At first glance, the charter boat service to the sports fishermen along the Texas coast appears to be of great importance. When one drives along the docks at Corpus Christi, Port Aransas or Port Isabel it appears that there is a great amount of money invested in the charter boat service. Survey figures do not show this to be true.

The Port Aransas area has a total of \$188,000 invested in the charter boat service. Their annual maintenance cost is \$35,000, while the annual fuel cost is \$40,000. With a capital investment of \$70,000 Corpus Christi ranks second in charter boat service. Their annual maintenance cost was set at \$5,000. The annual fuel cost was estimated at \$3,000.

Port Isabel has a capital investment of \$40,000. The annual maintenance and fuel costs are not known.

The total value of 114 charter boats on the Texas coast was set at \$415,000. The maintenance cost was \$80,000 and the fuel cost for the same period was \$67,000.

The work of Stevenson gives us a good means of comparison of the increased capital investment and expenses. In 1948 there was \$12,333,000 invested in the fishing industry of the Texas coast. Stevenson reported \$315,427 in 1890.

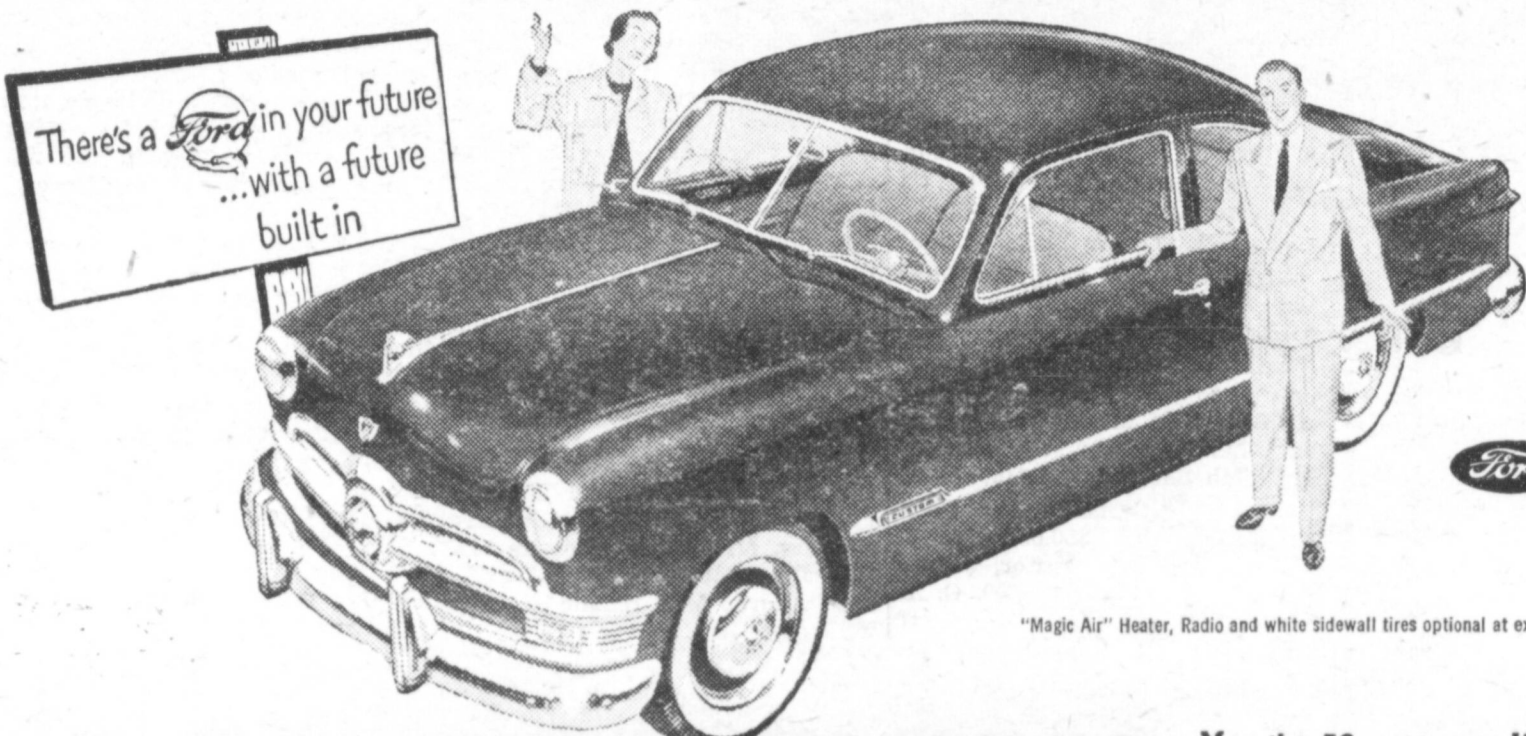
Woolrich (1946) reported that there was a freezing capacity of about 500,000 pounds of marine products in the various freezing plants on the coast. In 1948 this capacity had increased to 600,000 pounds.

Next week figures regarding the Aransas area will be given to you in the Pilot.

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