

Along The Waterfront



Strong south winds over the weekend and the norther this week have caused fishermen to mark up a zero for the week's catch. Charter boatmen have not gone out and others who braved the elements, have but a few fish to show for their efforts.

A few fish have been caught in the basin but as yet fishing is not good there. Fishermen hope that the temperature drop was sufficient to bring the trout in but report that it is too early to tell yet.

The Viking came in with a party Wednesday, names unknown, that had one of the prettiest catches of trout in many a day. The fish, which numbered at least 150, were all over 12 inches. The party had disappeared when we saw the fish so we are unable to give them credit for the fine catch.

Shorty Townsend, charter boatman, and George Adolphus returned last Friday from a two weeks hunting trip. Townsend brought a buck back with him but reported he was lucky to have it as the weather that prevailed was too warm for hunting.

T. J. Johnson brought a 6-pound buck into Rockport Wednesday which dressed out at 100 pounds.

Free Matinee for Kiddies of County

Ed Barnard, owner-manager of the Surf Theatre has announced that on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 3:30 there will be a "Free Kiddies Matinee" of cartoons and comedies only, for all children under 12 years of age in Aransas County. This free presentation has been a policy of the theatre for a great number of years, and is for the purpose not only of wishing all the children a Merry Christmas, but is a gesture of gratitude and thanks for the splendid patronage of themselves and their parents during the past year. Mr. Barnard said, "The matinee is intended as a medium of good-will between manager and 'Little Patron' and it is hoped it will result in better behavior on their part while in the theatre during the coming year—and there is always a little room for improvement."

Don't forget the one hour show for kiddies on Friday, Dec. 23 at 3:30—and it's free.

The Surf Theatre wishes to announce that even though Christmas Day falls on Sunday there will not be the regular 3:30 matinee. The first show will not begin until 7 o'clock as on every week day.

On New Year's Day, however, the first show will begin at 5 p. m. instead of the usual time, to allow for three complete showings.

Dance at Mills' Wharf Sat. Night

The Lions Club will sponsor a dance to be held at Mills' Wharf Saturday night, Dec. 17.

Music will be furnished by Ernest Gutierrez Orchestra, of Corpus Christi.

Dancing will be from 9 to 1. Admission for gents is \$2.00. Ladies will be admitted free of charge.

WEATHER REPORT

Instruments are read at the marine laboratory daily at 3:30 p. m.
 Monday: Max. temp. 75, min. 53. Barometric pressure 30.01 in.
 Tuesday: Max. temp. 55, min. 51. Barometric pressure 30.01 in.
 Wednesday: Max. temp. 53, min. 44. Barometric pressure 31.2 in.
 Thursday: Max. temp. 52, min. 39. Barometric pressure 30.26 in.
 Ppt. .01 inches.

More Waterfowl and Cooler Weather Make Good Hunting Prospects Dec. 21

Last Half of Hunting Season Starts at Noon Wednesday and Will Last Through Jan. 7

Operators of hunting clubs and guides report the outlook for the second half of the hunting season, which opens at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 21, is good and that hunters should really make a "killing."

They report that reservations are beginning to come in and that if the cool weather continues, hunters should have little effort in bagging their limits.

First Tourist Party at Home Ec. Building Tues.

The Tourist Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the first party for winter tourists Tuesday night, Dec. 20. The get-together will be held at the home economics building at the Rockport school. The social will get underway at 7:30.

Tourists should ask their court owner for tickets which will admit them to the affair. The tickets are distributed free of charge. Everyone presenting a ticket at the door will be eligible for a door prize. Court owners can pick up the tickets at the Chamber of Commerce office for distribution to their guests.

Refreshments of coffee and doughnuts will be served throughout the evening which will be spent playing various types of card games and bingo. Mrs. Dick Denny and Mrs. A. L. Bachman are chairmen in charge of the parties to be given this year. Earl Thomas and Jim Kautz are others serving on the committee.

The series of parties scheduled during the next three months have been made possible by the tourist court operators. A majority of the operators in the county have joined together to raise funds by contributing one dollar per unit. In return they are given tickets to distribute to each of their guests. The parties have received wide acclaim among the tourist population. Persons who have spent a winter here previously and attend the socials are anxiously awaiting the first party of the year as it enables them to become acquainted with new visitors and renew acquaintances with old friends.

Awards Presented At Scout Party

Fifty Cub Scouts and their guests attended a Christmas party at the Scout hut Tuesday night.

Ceylon Ammons turned over material to Earl Morris, recently named Cub Master to replace Ammons who has gone into Boy Scout work. The Cubs presented Mr. and Mrs. Ammons with a gift in appreciation of the work done with their group.

Games were played during the evening and a gift exchange held. Favors of little boats with a striped candy mast were presented each Scout.

The decorations for the Christmas tree were made by the Scouts. After the party the tree was given to a local family who had never before had a Christmas tree.

Scout awards were made to Jimmy Mills, who received his Webelos rank and Lion rank; Harvey Fleming, Bear rank; Hank Schleider, silver arrow on Wolf rank; Bobby Close, gold and silver arrow on Wolf rank. Three boys received the Bobcat award.

Memorial Service at Fulton Church Sunday

All friends and relatives of Cecil Casterline are invited to be present at the Fulton Community Church Sunday morning, Dec. 18, where there will be a special memorial service, Rev. R. H. Cunningham, pastor, has announced. There will be special songs and words of respect and appreciation from all who care to speak, and a short message from the pastor. Services start at 10:30 a. m.

All who can do so have been asked to bring a white flower.

Even though the first part of the season was termed "slow," most of the nimrods bagged their limit in spite of the blue bird weather which prevailed. During the last two weeks of the season hunters will find even more waterfowl on the bays than they did earlier.

Populations in Port Bay and St. Charles Bay appear to have increased and the greatest concentrations are found there. Large numbers of Canada geese have been observed in the St. Charles Bay area as well as pintails. Pintails and redheads are also more numerous in the Redfish Bay area. A good population of pintails has also been reported in West Bay, and geese are moving into the Port Bay area.

In other areas, the population of redheads and pintails is building in the Port Isabel area. The greatest concentration of snow (Continued on last page)

Ike Leaves Rockport Wednesday After Island Visit

General and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower left Rockport Wednesday afternoon after spending a week at the St. Joe Island home of Sid Richardson. Clyde Townsend, manager of the island, drove the General and his wife to San Antonio Wednesday night where they took the train to Fort Worth. The General is scheduled to address the Chamber of Commerce tonight.

General and Mrs. Eisenhower and the General's aide, Major Robert Schulz, arrived in Rockport last Thursday at 7 p. m. with Mr. Townsend, who had gone to Galveston after them. They went to the island immediately on the San Jose, Richardson's boat. The General went to the island to hunt, fish and rest, and was completely isolated from the rest of the world during his week's stay there.

Sunday the party was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ammons E. Carter of Fort Worth, Col. Ernest Thompson of Austin, and Mr. Perry Bass of Fort Worth.

The General is reported to have painted a portrait of Mr. Richardson during the island stay.

General Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University, told Mr. Townsend in San Antonio that he intends to visit the island again in the not too distant future.

January Oil Production Cut to 17 Days

The Railroad Commission ordered Wednesday that Texas oil fields shut down an extra day in January to bring about an 83,373 barrel daily allowable. Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson explained the cutback as necessary because oil is accumulating in storage tanks above ground.

The Sun Oil Co. will drill the Copano Bay test in Fulton Beach Field at its No. 1 State Tract 73, 467 feet from the south and east lines of the tract and about 1,250 feet northwest of Renwar Fogelson State Tract 106. Contract depth is 7,200 feet.

George Graham, Ryan, Hays and Burke No. 1 D. W. Grant, in the new Mud Flat Field, was drilling at 7,517 feet Wednesday in sidetracked hole. The wildcat, drilled to 9,525 feet, and temporarily abandoned there early this fall, was reactivated after Ryan, Hays and Burke completed the No. 7 Margaret Davis as a deep discovery.

Atlantic Refining Co. No. 2 V. G. Gwynn, Salt Lake Field, Aransas County, on potential test made 109.11 barrels of 42.1 gravity oil and 2 per cent basic sediment on 1/64 inch choke under 575 pounds tubing pressure, casing sealed. Gas-oil ratio was 1,363 to 1 and perforations were at 7,160-70 feet with 40 shots. Total depth was 7,925 feet, plugged back to 7,829 feet and 5 1/2 inch casing was set at 7,884.27 feet.

Cabaniss to Head March of Dimes 1950 Campaign

Jack Horton, chairman of the Aransas County chapter for Infantile Paralysis, has appointed Weldon Cabaniss as manager of the March of Dimes drive scheduled for January.

Mr. Cabaniss introduced committeemen who will work with him to promote the campaign at the Rotary meeting Wednesday. Jas. Sorenson, Jr., was named chairman. Action committeemen are Mayor Travis Bailey, Judge D. R. Simmons, Alec Scott, Miss Iris Sorenson, Mrs. Chas. Roe, Sr., Miss Betty Heaton and Supt. J. F. Harbin. Mrs. Byron Baker was named to head publicity.

O. W. Jones, of the Central Power and Light Co., discussed the industrial development in this part of the county. Mr. Jones displayed products and discussed the manufacturing which will be done at the \$50,000,000 Aluminum Co. of America plant which will be opened in February or March; the \$25,000,000 Dupont Co. plant in Victoria, scheduled to open there in August, and the \$20,000,000 Corn Products Co. plant, recently completed in Corpus Christi.

Other guests at the Wednesday luncheon included John Meredith of Aransas Pass.

Two Week Holiday Begins Friday for Students-Faculty

Aransas County school students will be dismissed at noon Friday, Dec. 22 to enjoy a two weeks Christmas holiday. Classes will convene again on Monday, Jan. 2.

Christmas parties and entertainments will round up the week Friday morning. The 96 voice choir spread cheer and good will throughout the community Wednesday night when they presented the choral program, which also featured soloists from the community.

Today room mothers are making ready for the all high school Christmas party which will be held in the gym tonight. Students, faculty members and room mothers will gather for an exchange of gifts around the Christmas tree. Following the serving of refreshments, dancing will be enjoyed.

Friday morning youngsters in the lower grades will hold Christmas parties in the various rooms which have been decorated in the holiday motif. Room mothers are working to make this a joyous occasion for the youngsters.

Saturday morning will find many of the faculty leaving Rockport for extended holidays. Miss Mary Louise Hilderbrand will travel to Durant, Okla., to visit her parents. Bill McGrath plans to vacation in Chicago, Ill. Miss Betty Heaton will go to her home in Edinburg, and Miss Eulah Cornforth will spend the holidays in Eddy, Tex. Earl Morris will leave for Temple, Tex., and Miss Bonnie Cron plans to spend much of the vacation in San Marcos and Austin. J. F. Harbin has plans to visit relatives in Refugio and in the Valley. Other teachers with homes located in Rockport, will take short trips during the holiday period. Harvey Shomette will be married Dec. 18.

Presbyterian Church Observes Semi-centennial

December 31, 1899, is the organization date of the Rockport Presbyterian Church. The desire to do something worth while in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the church's organization was one of the impelling reasons for starting the new church building.

Since Dec. 25, Christmas Sunday, is the last Sunday prior to the actual anniversary date, it is fitting that cognizance should be taken of the semi-centennial on that occasion. Hence it has been planned to re-enact, as nearly as possible, the organization of the church by the reception of a large number of new members in a body. To this end those who have been postponing membership in the church are urged to be present on that date for reception.

A general invitation is extended to the public to attend the Christmas service which will feature music.

Pirate Quintet Meets Bloomington Here Tuesday

The Rockport Pirates will meet a strong Bloomington quintet at the local gym Tuesday night, Dec. 20, in the only game scheduled to be played during the holidays. Both A and B teams have games scheduled. Play will start at 7 p. m.

During the past week both teams dropped games to Beeville and won from St. Joseph's Academy at Victoria.

The A team played a nip and tuck game with the Beeville five there last Thursday night. There was not a time throughout the game when there was more than four points difference in the score. Rockport tied Beeville four times in the final quarter, falling behind to lose the game 32-29. Beeville led 16 to 12 at halftime and 23 to 21 at the end of the third quarter. Stuart of Beeville was high point man for the game with 17 points. Morrison was high for the Pirates with 10 points. Morrison was considered the outstanding player for the game as he was not only the leading scorer but also controlled the backboard. Beeville committed 17 personal fouls, Rockport 13. Judging from the game last Thursday, Rockport should beat Beeville if they meet them again which they probably will in the Ingleside tournament.

The Pirate B team dropped their game to Beeville 37 to 23. James Small was high with 8 points. Hutchins of Beeville was high scorer for the game with 10 points. Beeville maintained a lead throughout the game.

The Rockport A team trounced the St. Joseph's Academy quintet Tuesday night 45-22. The Pirates led at half-time 27-10. Rockport sons went in for the third quarter and played the remainder of the game. Morrison and Zade Jones controlled the backboard play. Morrison was high with 9 points.

The B team scored 29 points to the Victoria team's 16 to win the game. The Pirates were ahead from the start with an 18 to 8 score at half-time. Gary Smith, and Tom Cron tied for points with 6 each. Hiller of the Academy was high for the game with 7 points.

Prize Winning Paintings Named By Popular Vote

"Coastal," an oil painting featuring a lantern in pastel shades, painted by Mrs. E. J. Albin, was the prize winning picture according to popular vote at the Art Exhibit held here last week. More than 450 votes were cast during the week.

"Along the Bay," a picture showing a portion of Fulton Beach, placed second in the framed picture section. This was the work of Mrs. Albin.

Mrs. Albin's "Just Boots," a charcoal drawing, was listed in third place. Fourth place in the framed pictures went to "Light and Shadow," an oil painting of trees in the Lamar section which was done by Mrs. Charlyne Hunt.

In the charcoal division, the Pirate, done by Mrs. Charlyne Hunt, placed first. Mrs. James Jarboe's trees were listed second and a turtle drawn by Mrs. Hunt was third.

In the pastel division, "Finis" by Miss Ruth Lipscomb placed first. It featured a drawing of a skull. "Purple Quiet," a scene of water and trees by Mrs. N. F. Jackson, was voted second place. "Quiet" and "Jug and Ivy," pastels by Mrs. Albin, placed third and fourth place respectively.

Framed pictures receiving honorable mention were "Nine Mile" by Mrs. Hunt, a Statue by Mrs. N. F. Jackson, "Capt. Jakes" by Mrs. Roy Hinton, "The Bailey Boats" by Mrs. Albin, "Old Sentinel" by Mrs. Albin and "Old Silver" by Mrs. Albin.

Ribbons were placed on the prize winners and they are on display this week. There will be a permanent display at the building occupied by the Texas Laundry, north of the Ballard Drug Store. Arrangements have been made for the Art Guild to use the rear of the building as a studio. The permanent display will be given Aransas County residents an opportunity to follow the work being accomplished by the group.

"Trade At Home" Program Extended Through January

Merchants Voted to Extend Program As Result of Brisk Redemption of Coupons

The Retail Merchants Association announced this week that the "Trade at Home" campaign will be extended through the month of January due to the brisk redemption of coupons which has resulted as the general public realizes their value.

The program was originally set up for the month of December only. Aransas County residents now have an opportunity to purchase many items of merchandise at a discount during the two-month period by presenting the coupon in the trade magazine.

Children Present Christmas Program For P-T A Wed.

Members of the Rockport P-T. A. enjoyed a Christmas program at the auditorium Wednesday afternoon. The program was given by students of the first grade. The youngsters enacted in pantomime the preparations before Christmas, including decoration of the Christmas tree, Jingle Bells, Santa on the housetops and toys in the stocking. They were directed by Mrs. Chas. Roe, Jr. and Mrs. Edna Hollis.

The choir sang several Christmas carols and led the audience in two numbers. Mrs. Mammie Hooper gave a solo, "The Angel and the Shepherds." The principal address was given by Rev. Homer Lee Fort. His subject was "Team Work Between Church and School."

At the business meeting the resignations of Mrs. Somer Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Arley Shivers, treasurer, and Mrs. Joe Johnson, chairman of hospitality, were regrettably accepted. It was announced that nominations will be held at the next meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Fred James' second grade won the attendance prize.

Following the meeting a social was held in the home economics building. The table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with Santa and his reindeer. Tall red tapers burned on each side. Hot chocolate and fruit cake were served by Mrs. Harry Mills and Mrs. Norvell Jackson. Mrs. Joe Johnson, chairman, was in charge of refreshments and was assisted by Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mrs. Chas. Ankele, Mrs. Albert Collier, Miss Rosa Faye Hamblin and Miss Marjorie Jarboe.

Santa Will Treat Children Next Thursday

The Fire Department has reminded children to remember Thursday Dec. 22 as the day that Santa Claus will be in Rockport to visit them. St. Nick will distribute bags of fruit and candy to all children in Aransas County beginning at 7 p. m.

Members of the department will decorate a Christmas tree in front of the fire station where Santa will greet the youngsters. So remind your parents, kiddies, to bring you to see the jolly driver of the reindeer next Thursday so that you can receive your treat and tell Santa what you would like for Christmas. And if you want to make double sure just send your appeal to Santa Claus, care of the Rockport Pilot where your letter will be printed and a copy of the paper forwarded to the North Pole.

Majority of Stores To Close Dec. 26

Many persons have sought information at The Pilot office regarding the policy to be followed by business houses the day after Christmas.

Mrs. Henry Juergens, secretary for the Credit Association, reports that the majority of the members indicated that they will be closed Dec. 26. Nearly all individual owners of the groceries report that they prefer to close if all follow that policy. Service stations will remain open as well as restaurants. The city hall, bank, post office and courthouse will be closed on that day. A few business houses have said that they will stay open but on the whole it doesn't look like there will be much activity in downtown Rockport and Fulton the day after Christmas.

Children Present Christmas Program For P-T A Wed.

The book, which also contains a brochure of Aransas County, can be obtained from three church organizations, the Methodist W. S. C. S., the Women of the Presbyterian Church and the Catholic Altar Society, who realize \$4.50 from the sale of each book. Books sold for \$5.00. The money is to be used by the respective organizations, who have indicated that it will be applied on their building programs.

All advertising and composition has been placed by Aransas Countians and it is the hope of those who made the campaign possible, that residents will join in the spirit of the program and avail themselves of the many bargain opportunities offered to buy and supply their needs by patronizing home-owned institutions.

When you buy a book, you can be assured that your favorite organization will get \$4.50 of the purchase price and you have the opportunity to gain back many times the purchase price in the many trade bargains by using your premium coupons. So spend your dollars at home and watch your county grow to prosperity.

The Merchants Association presented the Aransas County Emergency Corps with a check for \$62.39, which was the residue of the money paid by advertising above the actual cost of printing the book. The board of directors voted to present it to the Corps for use in preparing the Christmas baskets.

Pirates Place Two On All-Dist. Team

The Rockport Pirates placed two men on the All-District 41-B football team which was selected by coaches in the district last month. It was reported that Jim Morrison, Rockport end, was the only man to receive an unanimous vote. Woody Hunt, Pirate back, missed an unanimous vote by one.

Rockport placed three men on the second team. Those named were Dave Davis, guard; John Cron, center, and J. C. Gurley, tackle.

Gregory and Ingleside dominated the 41-B All-District football team with three men each. Taft, the conference winner, and Rockport settled for two. Refugio had one man selected for the mythical eleven.

41-B All-District
 First team: J. L. Coulter, Gregory, end; Jim Morrison, Rockport, end; Kermit Elliott, Taft, tackle; Gordon Porter, Ingleside, tackle; Jackie Bishop, Gregory, guard; Jackie Jordan, Ingleside, guard; Carroll Pitzer, Refugio, center; Woody Hunt, Rockport, back; Buster Chancy, Taft, back; Bobby Baldwin, Ingleside, back; Jimmy Ray, Gregory, back.

Second Team
 Ira Johnson, Refugio, end; Wayne Quarles, Taft, end; Robert Murray, Sundeen, tackle; Jerry Comstock, Sundeen, guard; J. C. Gurley, Rockport, tackle; Dave Davis, Rockport, guard; John Cron, Rockport, center; Bob Wallace, Sundeen, back; Bill Ball, Sundeen, back; Bobby Floerke, Gregory, back; Eugene Hunt, Taft, back.

Honorable Mention
 Ends: Flynn, Taft; Beseda, Sundeen.
 Tackles: Sneed and Emerson, Refugio.

Guards: Harrison, Woodsboro; Altman, Gregory; Baugh, Refugio; Boone, Sundeen, and Gonzales, Taft.

Centers: Johnson, Woodsboro; Barecky, Taft; Fitzsimmons, Ingleside.
 Backs: Cruz, Woodsboro; Smith, Rockport; Lockhart, Ingleside.

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The Most Dangerous Tree

What is the most dangerous tree in the world? According to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, it's that symbol of Yuletide cheer and good will—the Christmas tree. And the long and tragic record of deaths, injuries and maimings—many to children—caused by holiday fires fully bears out that statement.

This certainly doesn't mean that you should not have a Christmas tree. You should. But it does mean that certain elementary precautions should be followed to the letter, and kept constantly in mind.

It is recommended, for instance, that you buy a small tree—it is less hazardous. It should be placed well away from radiators, heaters, and the fireplace. Candles should never be used on the tree under any circumstances. Use only electric light sets which carry the seal of approval of the Underwriters' Laboratories—it guarantees that the sets meet the proper safety standards.

Don't use paper, cotton or other flammable materials for decoration. If extension cords are necessary, be sure they're in good condition—frayed wiring is a potent cause of electrical fires. Never leave the lights burning when the house is unoccupied. Dispose of gift wrappings promptly—they're a real menace inside the house. Be especially careful with matches and smoking materials. And, finally, get rid of your tree as soon as the needles begin to fall. That means it's dry and ready to burst into flame.

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What Is Scouting?

Why do boys by the million flock into the world-wide brotherhood of Scouting? Because they want Scouting. Because the founder of the Scout Movement had the genius to give youth a picture of the ideal boy, a picture which appealed to the imagination and captured the hearts of boyhood around the world.

If it were only possible to swing the gates of Scouting wide open, and show you in one immense view, the full panorama of the Scout movement. Under the open sky you would see a milling mass of wide-awake boys, busily occupied with a multitude of self-appointed tasks, all of them living, breathing, absorbing scouting.

The boys swarm around you, and as one of them runs by, you ask him, "Tell me, what is scouting?" As the boy passes, his smile and his answer come back, "scouting is fun."

You bend over a boy who seems to have forgotten his surroundings, completely absorbed in preparing a simple outdoor meal, and ask him the same question. The boy answers as he looks up wonderingly, "scouting is adventure."

A gang of scouts, led by one of their number, comes running, and as they draw near their answer sings out, "scouting is comradeship."

Thus the boys define their activity, their game. And Game, that's the word. Yes, to the boy scouting is a game, a wonderful game, full of play and full of laughter, keeping him busy, keeping him happy. Scouting is "learning by doing" things that are enjoyable, exciting things. That's the strength of scouting. A boy becomes a scout for the sheer joy there is in it. To you and me scouting is a game, also, but it is more than a game of fun. To us, it is a game with a purpose of

helping boys to become men by training them for citizenship.

TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP—THAT'S THE AIM OF SCOUTING.

"By the term SCOUTING," is meant the work and attributes of backwoodsmen, explorers, hunters, seamen, airmen, pioneers and frontiersmen. The word scout opens up to the boy the picture of open spaces, woods, rivers, lakes, and mountains which are to be his playground and where he will have his fun.

It is this promise of adventure, of camping and life in the outdoors that lures the boy into scouting. We must keep faith with him by giving him that adventure, not to justify him, but because it is the best way we have of holding him.

As a boy learns the hiking and camping skills that a scout is supposed to know, he receives recognition for his efforts by advancing in the first three Scout Ranks, Tenderfoot, Second Class, then First Class.

The Merit Badge subjects give the boy further opportunities. They encourage him to learn crafts and hobbies and outdoor skills. By earning Merit Badges, the boy continues his upward climb in Scouting towards the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle Scout.

"BE PREPARED" is the Scout Motto. By meeting the Scout requirements, a boy prepares himself to stand on his own feet and to be helpful to others, to render service as a Scout. Also he develops himself fine in character, healthy in body, skillful with his hands and keen of mind.

Local Couple Receive Rare Christmas Item

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bracht are the proud possessors of a rare Christmas gift this year. Six Meissen china plates arrived last week from relatives in Germany, which authorities here report are a rare item.

Mrs. Bracht said that they had sent packages containing food items and such necessities as thread and pins to their cousins because they knew such things could not be obtained there, but to receive such a fine gift in return makes one feel quite humble in this land of plenty.

"Universe including man evolved by atomic force?" is the subject of the quarterly Bible sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches Sunday, Dec. 18. Services will be held in Aransas Pass at 11 a. m. at the Christian Science church. Sunday school will be held at the Woman's Club building at 1 p. m.

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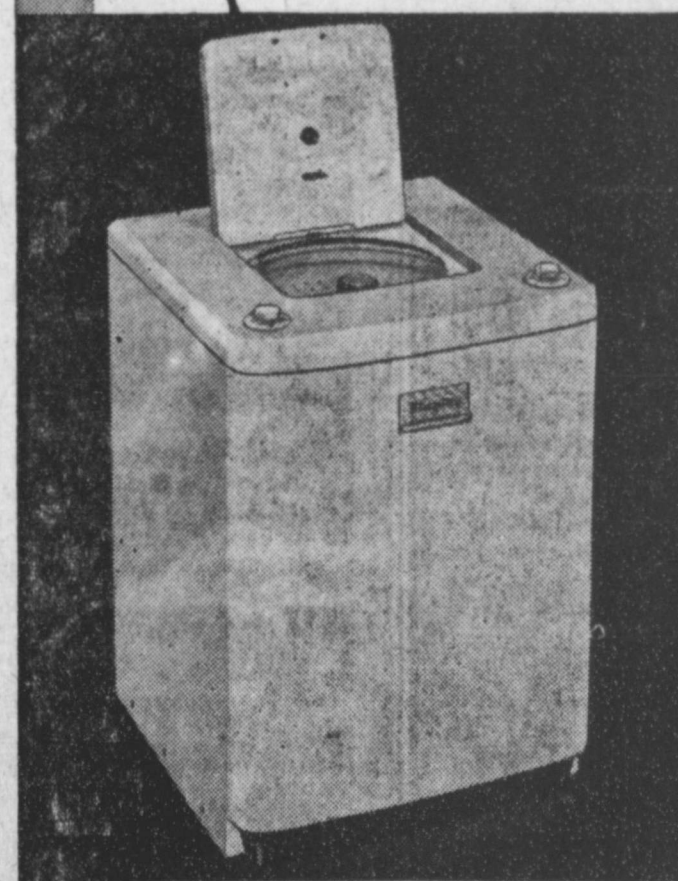
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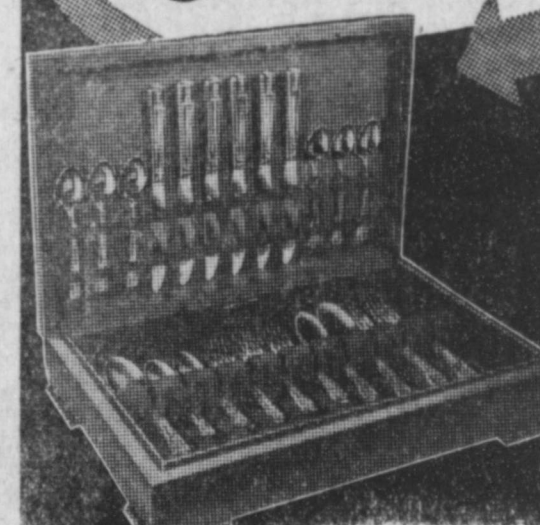
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PERSONALIZING CHRISTMAS CARDS—With Christmas fast approaching, actress Corinne Calvet gets a few pointers from Beverly Hills artist Albert Kramer on how to personalize Christmas cards. She might do better by mailing pictures of herself.

VISITOR OF THE WEEK

Editors Note: Last week The Pilot introduced its readers to a couple visiting in Rockport for the winter from Illinois. This week we will take you into the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. John Dobson, who have come here from Coyle, Okla., to spend the winter.

It is people like the Leepers from Illinois and the Dobsons from Oklahoma that are Rockport's strongest boosters. They spend the winters here because they like it better than any place they have found and tell the folks back home about it when they return.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobson started coming to Rockport in 1939. Prior to that they had vacationed during the winter in Galveston. On a return trip home over the Hug-the-Coast Highway, they observed the basin being constructed here

and stopped to look it over. They liked what they saw and spent 10 days here. After that their visit to Rockport consisted of several months following the Christmas holidays. Since the war they have come down by Oct. 15, so that they could enjoy the fishing which they believe to be exceptional during October and November. Santa Claus and Uncle Sam induce them to return to Coyle for Christmas and the New Year but Jan. 15, finds them back in Rockport each year to escape the ice and snow in Oklahoma.

The Dobsons own several farms in Oklahoma which they leave to be managed by two sons during their absence. They spend many summers at their summer home located on the Columbia river north of Spokane, Wash. The Oklahoma couple are great boosters for the northwest during the summer months but recommend the

Texas coast as the ideal spot for a winter vacation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dobson are veteran fishermen. Mrs. Dobson is eager to report on her return home for Christmas that she landed an 8-pound red this fall.

Our couple of the week prefer not to drive at night and can usually be found in their cabin or that of their neighbor surrounding a card table for a game of bridge. They report that the Jane Ellen Motel where they stay is just like a small community. Guests there for the winter gather to discuss the days fishing and news from home over the card table. Tourist Bureau parties are an exception to the rule—the Dobsons venture out on those nights and enjoy meeting the people here from other parts of the country. They are a congenial couple and say that people here are friendly for the most part. They know as

much about Rockport as some of the permanent residents and more about the best fishing spots, we would venture to say. Rockport should meet more of its winter residents—a fine couple, the Dobsons.

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa
Please bring me a glass doll and a pair of rollerskates and a Bible is what I want best.
Mary Lucille
P.S. I am in the second grade.

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 10, 1950 for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

JAMES H. SORENSON, JR. cashier.

Birst Baptist Church Has New Pastor

Rev. Walter Crab has been called to the pastorate at the First Baptist Church here. Rev. Crab will move to Rockport with his wife and three children this week and will conduct services at the Church Sunday morning.

The new Baptist minister comes here from Seven Sisters where he served as pastor of the church there.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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From where I sit, it would be a better world if we were half as willing to accept other people's ideas and tastes, as we seem to be willing to accept their bone and blood. There'll always be differences. Some like buttermilk, others would rather have a sparkling glass of temperate beer. But underneath we're pretty much the same—deserving each other's respect and tolerance!

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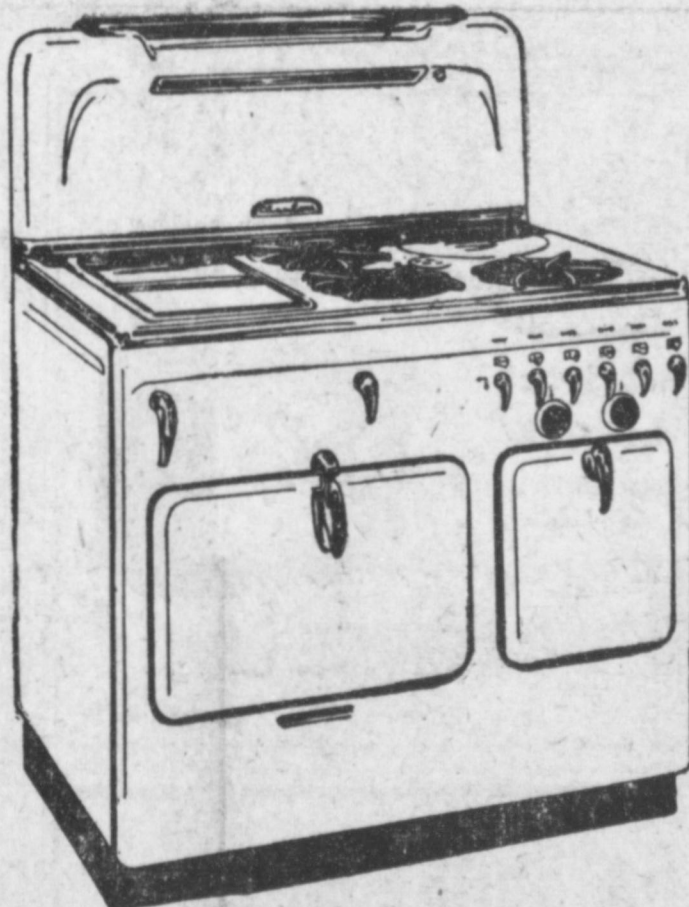
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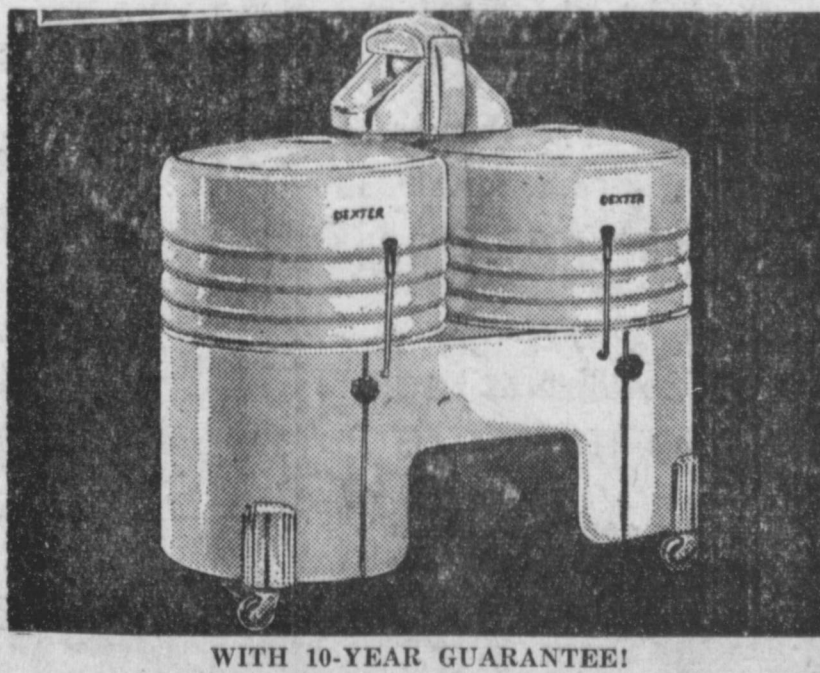
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Jimmy Cagney Gang Chief In New Film

In "White Heat" James Cagney returns with guns blazing, to the type of role that in "Public Enemy" won him his first great fame as a screen tough guy. Furthermore it is his first such role in 11 years, the last having been in "Angels with Dirty Faces."

The picture will show at the Surf Theatre Sunday and Monday, Dec. 17 and 18.

The story never slacks its pace from the moment it opens with four murders and a \$300,000 train robbery until it closes on a blazing gun battle, fought between police, treasury agents and Cagney's mobsters amidst the vast tanks, rectifiers, pipe mazes and spiraling stairways up the great silver Hortonspheres of a great chemical reduction plant—one of the most dramatic settings ever used for a film.

Virginia Mayo plays Cagney's unfaithful wife, an abrupt change from her more recent role in "Colorado Territory." It gives Virginia her first real chance at a straight dramatic portrayal. She plays it with fire and conviction.

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Safety Dept. Urges December Drivers to Proceed With Caution

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This was the plea to motorists today by Chas. A. Miller, president of the Texas Safety Association, speaking in behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety's December program of traffic safety education.

"Last December," Mr. Miller said, "nearly 2,000 motorists did not return home safely, according to National Safety Council figures. This was the number of motorists killed in that one month alone. Approximately 70,000 were injured in traffic accidents."

The Texas Department of Public Safety pointed out that probably no other month of the year has the abundance of special winter driving hazards that December has. One of the biggest factors in December's out-of-proportion traffic accident toll is the length of the nights and the shortness of the days. This means greater exposure on the part of pedestrians as well as motorists to the dangers of night-time accidents.

The Texas Department of Public Safety warned drivers that during the holiday season everyone is too likely to relax ordinary habits of caution, when actually more alertness is called for.

"When the total death list for last December was tallied," Mr. Miller said, "The fatalities to both pedestrian and motorists amounted to 3,120 persons." Only extreme caution, thoughtfulness, and a deep realization of the perils of winter driving on the part of everyone can reduce this appalling toll. It's an individual responsibility that, for the sake of your family and yourself, cannot be shirked.

Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade" Has Great Stars And Flock of Hit Songs

It's a grand parade of stars, hit tunes and a skylarking story of two people who dance their way to love in Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade," the M-G-M Technicolor musical showing the Surf Theatre Dec. 19 and 20.

This is the picture which brings Fred Astaire back to the screen to co-star with Judy Garland after a 2 year retirement, and he is made to order for the role of the breezy vaudeville headliner of the colorful Ziegfield era who picks Judy out of an obscure chorus and puts her into the "Big Time."

Outstanding among the new numbers are "It Only Happens When I Dance With You," sung by Judy Garland and danced by Astaire and Ann Miller; "Better Luck Next Time," a Garland song; "Steppin' Out With My Baby," a brilliant specialty number in which Astaire reveals three different dance styles with as many different partners; "Drum Crazy," another number in which Astaire demonstrates his hoofing wizardry "A Couple of Swells," with Miss Garland and Astaire appearing as a pair hilarious tramps; and "A Fella With An Umbrella," dueted by Miss Garland and Peter Lawford.

Dear Santa

Little Barbara Jean Hogan wanted to make sure that Santa Claus received her letter this year. It was the first to arrive at The Pilot office. We will send it on Barbara, to make sure that Santa gets your name on his list.

Many other letters appear elsewhere in this paper, containing special requests for Santa. We will try to get the original letter to St. Nick as some had pictures of desired items and we just can't do justice in the paper. We wish it were possible to reproduce some of the letters as they actually appear.

Barbara's letter—
Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a mop, broom, a rug cleaner, iron and ironing board, a doctor set and whatever else you have. I live in cabins at Warren's Court in Rockport. Remember Grannie and everyone that's good. I love you.
Barbara Jean Hogan.

Bill Haag and Paul Essery of Kendalia are visiting at the Arthur Davis home this week.

Mrs. A. L. Bachman is driving a new Plymouth this week.

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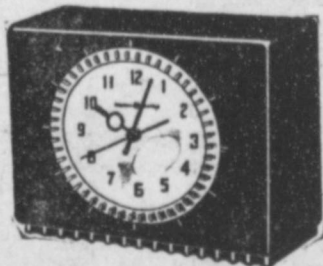
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle. I want a 24. Thank you.
Haye Warden

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and buggy.
Jerry Armstrong

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll. Please bring me a movie projector. Please bring me a doll buggy. Please bring me a bicycle. Please bring me a baby cooing doll.
Thank you. Robbie Boquet

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a wagons. That is all.
Jimmie Owens

Dear Santa,
I want a ball for Christmas and a bicycle for christmas too.
Betty Davis.

Dear Santa
I love you. Will you bring me a doll? I want a bicycle. I want a table. My brother wants a car. I wish that you would bring my brother a bat and a ball.
Myrtle Lee.

Dear Santa
I love you very much. I have a baby sister. For Christmas please bring me boots and a bicycle.
Frankie Cassel

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want a bicycle. Christmas is coming soon.
James Paul Dupnik

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. We put our Christmas tree up last night. I want a new pair of school shoes and a pretty doll.
Frances Halamieck

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun for Christmas and some BB shots for Christmas too.
Richard Cassel.

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want a big doll to play. I want a big bicycle. I want a little cow girl suit. Christmas is coming very soon.
Ann Lassiter

Dear Santa,
I want a ball and a wagon.
Frankie Jones.

Dear Santa
I want a cow girl suit and white boots. Merry Christmas to you.
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Dear Santa,
I want a doll with a bottle.
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CONGRATULATIONS
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Armstrong are the proud parents of a son born at the Memorial hospital in Corpus Christi last Thursday night. The infant weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces at birth and has been named Travis Willis. Mother and son are scheduled to arrive home Friday.

Mrs. H. G. Crews of Tivoli is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Thomas for a few days.
H. C. Floyd was called to Galveston Wednesday morning where his mother is reported to be seriously ill.

Society

Doings of People You Know In Aransas County

CHURCH RITES UNITE COUPLE

The marriage of Miss Olivia Lee Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Elliott Glover, of San Antonio, and Robert Walker Harless, son of Mrs. Jennie Walker Harless of Gonzales was solemnized Friday evening in Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio.

The Rev. Samuel Orr Capers officiated at the ceremony and David Johnson played the wedding music. Large arrangements of white gladioli and chrysanthemums against a background of palms and candelabra decorated the church.

The bride's gown of frosted white satin had a sheer yoke outlined in delicate beading and a flared skirt which extended into a cathedral train. Her fingertip veil fell from a roll of satin twined with pearls and she carried a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Sarah Lee Cabell of Dallas was her cousin's maid of honor and attending as bridesmaids were Miss Mary Beth Picton of Rockport, Miss Mary Elizabeth Sheldon, Mesdames Franklin Law and Edwin L. Duerr of San Antonio.

Bradward Miller served as best man and the groomsmen included Joe Marbury Glover, Walter Bowermaster, Franklin Law and Fritz Knust.

A reception was held in the Minuet Room of the Menger Hotel.

After a wedding trip to Florida, Nassau and Havana, the couple will be at home in Dallas.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Charles T. Picton, Miss Mary Beth Picton, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Picton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDavid, all of Rockport.

McBRIDE-DICKEY WEDDING DATE SET

Don C. McBride Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McBride, and Miss Billie Gene Dickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dickey of Brownwood, will be united in marriage at the Baptist Church in Brownwood Sunday at 6 p. m., December 17.

A reception following the wedding will be held at the Howard Payne auditorium at the University.

McBride is a graduate of S.M.U. where he was affiliated with Sigma Tau fraternity. Miss Dickey is a graduate of Baylor University.

The couple will make their home in Fort Worth where McBride is employed.

Mrs. D. C. McBride and John will attend the wedding ceremony.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT S. F. JACKSON HOME

The Women of the Presbyterian Church met at the S. F. Jackson home Monday night for their annual Christmas party. Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Carl Osborn, Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Fred Brundrett, Mrs. Jim Ballard and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

Mrs. T. H. Pollard conducted the Christmas Bible lesson. Mrs. N. F. Jackson was in charge of the program. A skit, "The Man Who Shut the Door On God," was presented by Mrs. N. F. Jackson, Mrs. J. B. Jackson, Mrs. Henry Juergens and Mrs. Harry Mills. Mrs. Jas. G. Hooper provided the musical setting.

Comic gifts accompanied by a rhyme were exchanged. A mock cake was filled with "dough" for the new church building, netting the fund \$75.

Center of the Christmas decorations was the lighted tree. In the dining room the serving table held a sugar plum tree and an arrangement of pine cones and Christmas balls of blue, red and silver and red candles adorned the buffet. A reindeer scene was on the mantle.

A church scene on a reflector centered the dining room table which was laid with a white linen cloth. The scene was flanked with red tapers in silver candelabra. Mrs. Jas. G. Hooper presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. Henry Juergens served cake squares decorated with Christmas emblems.

Forty persons attended the party. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. B. Leeper, Lima, Ill.; Mrs. Robert E. Lee, San Antonio; Mrs. Bertha Williamson, San Antonio, and Mrs. Ferguson, Houston.

DINNER SATURDAY FOR WEDDING PARTY

Mrs. Austin Smith and Mrs. A. O. Freeman served a buffet dinner at the Freeman home to members of the Smith-Freeman wedding party following rehearsal Saturday night. Miss Colleen Smith and Alva Freeman will be united in marriage at a ceremony here Saturday.

Members of the wedding party besides the prospective bride and groom, were Rev. Crab, Baptist Church pastor; John Robert Barber, best man; Barbara Freeman, maid of honor; Mrs. Jack Davis, pianist; James Fox, soloist; Gene Smith and John Freeman, ushers.

Miss Colleen Smith was named honoree at a dinner and theatre party in Corpus Christi last Friday night. Attending were Mrs. E. L. Critcher, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson, Miss Sissy Rowe, Mrs. Albert Collier and Miss Iris Sorenson.

W.S.C.S. PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the Methodist W.S.C.S. held their monthly social and Christmas party at the church annex Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Curtis Harrist was in charge of the program, "Christmas in our schools around the world." She was assisted by Mrs. T. C. Kelly, Mrs. B. W. Hamblin, Mrs. E. G. Cooke, Mrs. Teegerstrom, Mrs. A. C. Glass and Mrs. J. A. Walling.

The annex was decorated in the Christmas motif with Mrs. Hamblin and Mrs. Chas. Garrett in charge. Refreshments were served to 14 members.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THOMAS HOME

Mrs. Earl Thomas entertained at her home Wednesday afternoon with a Christmas party for her two children, Gary and Terry.

Gifts were placed under the Christmas tree as the children arrived and each was presented a number. A game was played where each child picked out his gift as his number was called.

Favors were Christmas baskets filled with candy and candy canes. Refreshments were served to Janet Haseman, Glenda Brundrett, Nan and Jimmy Jackson, Jenine Torres, Tommy and David Picton, Eddie Johnson, Peter and Chris Sorenson, Tommy Lee Michael, Bubba Morrison, Steirly and Bart Rozzell, Roger and Mike Rippy, N. F. Jackson, Jr., Mrs. Dick Picton, Mrs. Steirly Rozzell, Mrs. B. J. Rippy, Mrs. J. B. Jackson, Mrs. Paul Sorenson, and Mrs. H. G. Crews of Tivoli.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED AT SHOWER

The Women of the Baptist Church honored Miss Colleen Smith, bride-elect of Alva Freeman, with a miscellaneous shower at the church annex last Saturday afternoon.

Hostesses were Mrs. W. E. Beasley, Miss Ruth Lipscomb and Miss Fannie Oertling. Miss Barbara Freeman was in charge of the guest book.

Decorations were in the Christmas motif and featured a Christmas tree in blue and silver. The table was centered with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums and fern. Punch and angel food cake squares were served to about 50 guests. Those alternating in serving were Miss Jean Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Roden, Mrs. Roy Mullinax, Miss Elizabeth Freeman, Miss Loyce Mae Shults, Miss Berta Gene Shults and Mrs. Albert Ballou.

Bible Class Meets In Fulton Tuesday

The Ladies Bible Class of the Fulton Community Church met at the Church Tuesday afternoon for the regular meeting.

The devotional was led by Mrs. A. L. Davis. The lesson was on the 21st chapter of First King. Mrs. John Weber gave the prayer. Six members attended.

Announcement

The Trade Winds Stamp Club will hold their regular meeting at the marine laboratory at 7:30 Tuesday night, Dec. 20.

YOUNGSTERS ATTEND BIRTHDAY PARTY

Verna Anne Haseman was honored with a birthday theatre party Saturday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. J. D. Haseman entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Brundrett. Verna Anne was seven years old Dec. 8.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations and favors. The dining room table was laid with red crepe paper and centered with a jardiniere of red Turk's caps and green leaves. Surrounding the centerpiece were little red boot favors filled with red and green candy. Paper plates, napkins and cups repeated the red and green theme. The green birthday cake was iced in white and decorated with red roses, seven red candles and inscribed in red with "Happy Birthday to Verna Anne."

After refreshments of fruit ice cream, birthday cake and candy, the guests were taken to the picture show.

Those attending were Mary Martha Shivers, Linda Mills, Mary Lucille Jackson, Jane Collier, Merrily Johnson, Carol Sue Lawrence, Robbie Bouquet, Joy Hamblin, Kathleen Raymond, N. F. Jackson, Herbie Mills, Janet Carl Haseman and the honoree.

Mrs. Haseman was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Brundrett, Mrs. Herbert Mills and Mrs. Norvell Jackson.

Mrs. Earl Thomas and children and Mrs. E. G. Crews spent the weekend in Houston.

EPISCOPAL GUILD HAS YULE PROGRAM

Members of the Episcopal Guild met at the home of Miss Jewel Fulton last week for their Christmas program.

The theme of the program was "Advent" and was in charge of Mrs. Paul C. Sorenson. A candle-lighting service carried out the subject, "Christ's coming brought the light of the world."

Christmas gifts were exchanged and returned unopened to be sent to the Navajo Indians in Arizona. Toys made by the group were also enclosed in the Christmas package.

Refreshments were served to 22 persons.

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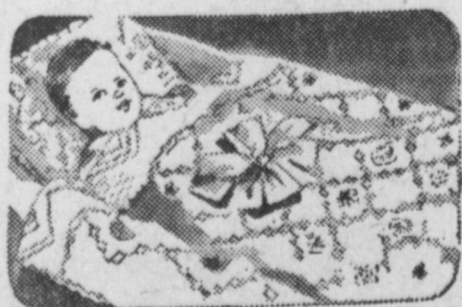
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Funeral Services For Suzanne Buckner

Little Suzanne Buckner, 10 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Buckner of San Marcos, died in Nix Hospital in San Antonio Dec. 5, after an illness which had been in the acute stage about one week.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church Dec. 6.

The family had been on a Thanksgiving week-end visit to Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Cavness at Corpus Christi when she became ill and she was placed in the hospital on the Tuesday preceding her death.

Suzanne is remembered in Rockport, having vacationed here frequently with her parents.

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll and buggy for me and a rollerskates and nurse set.
Lanetta Clayton

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll buggy and a baby cooing doll and a new 26-inch bicycle and a movie projector.
Merrily Johnson

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some toys, drum, clown, ball.
Cara Rivers

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa
Please bring me arrows and filling station. Thank you.
Roland Harbin

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa Claus.
Want gun boots, R.B. gun.
Billy Born

LETTER TO SANTA—

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Dear Santa Claus
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Shrimp 87% Texas October Landings

Landings of fishery products at Texas ports during October amounted to 5,039,314 pounds, compared with 11,553,785 pounds in the same month last year, according to figures released by the Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

Reduced landings of menhaden—which amounted to only 386,260 pounds, compared with nearly 7.5 million pounds in October, 1948—accounted for the decline. Shrimp were the most important item taken during the month. Landings of these shellfish, which amounted to 4,372,102 pounds, accounted for 87 percent of the Texas landings during October.

The Aransas area was second in the production of shrimp with 1,243,458 pounds. The Laguna area led production with 1,577,432 pounds. The total for the coast was 4,372,102 pounds.

The Aransas area led the production of redfish with 21,764 pounds, and was second in the production of drum with 28,415 pounds. The total catch in the Aransas area amounted to 1,320,239 pounds.

During the first two months of the fiscal year (September and October) landings at Texas ports amounted to 17,602,562 pounds—nearly four percent more than was taken in the same period the previous year. Total landings of various species of fish during the first two months of the fiscal year were 15 percent less than in the same period in 1948. However, receipts of shellfish, which consisted almost entirely of shrimp, showed a gain of 26 percent.



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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby cooing doll.
Carroll Sue Byrd

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bicycle 24 in. and a B.B. gun.
Hardan Roberts.

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a bicycle to me 24 in. I want a doll to.
Jane Collier

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some roller skates and talking doll. Thank you.
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You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Aransas County at the Court House thereof, in Rockport, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of January A.D. 1950, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1949, in this cause, numbered 2766 on the docket of said court and styled Carl Barnett Plaintiff vs. Amos Wilson, J. H. Payne, and all persons above enumerated or identified and to whom this citation is addressed are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: In Trespass to Try Title, brought by said Plaintiff against all said defendants, to recover the title to and possession of Lots Nos. Two (2) and Three (3), Block No. Seven Hundred Eighty-Five (785) in the Town of Aransas Pass, Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Town made by P. L. Telford and filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Aransas County, Texas; and said Lots being a part of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company Original Survey, Abstract No. 26, Patent No. 473 (Pryor Lea, Patentee), in which suit plaintiff also specially pleads the ten year statute of limitations under Article 5510, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, 1925; and in which suit plaintiff also specially pleads the five year statute of limitations under Article 5509, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, 1925; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas this the 8th day of December A.D. 1949.

Attest:
JAS. C. HERRING, Clerk,
District Court, Aransas
County, Texas
By Wretha B. Johnson,
Deputy
(Seal) c37

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: In Trespass to Try Title, brought by said Plaintiff against all said defendants, to recover the title to and possession of Lot No. Ten (10), Block No. Five Hundred Twenty-three (523) in the Town of Aransas Pass, Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Town made by P. L. Telford and filed in the office of the clerk of the County Court of Aransas County, Texas; and said lots being a part of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company Original Survey, Abstract No. 26; Patent No. 473 (Pryor Lea, Patentee); as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Dear Santa,
I want a punch bag and glove for Christmas.
Cruz Soliz, Jr.

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Carol Ann Gollnick

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming soon. I want a football, a basketball, a bicycle and a bb gun.
William L. Kelly

Dear Santa,
I want a wagon.
Kenneth Simmons

Christmas is coming soon. I want a bicycle, a doll and a ring. I love you.
Linda Beth Deason

Dear Santa,
I want a double fun. I want a wagon. I want a train. I want a puppy. I want a car. I want some ducks. I want a kittens.
Ronnie Simpson.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a bicycle. I want a gun.
Henry Falcon.

Dear Santa
Christmas is coming. I want a guns and two holsters guns and a bicycle.
Billy Brod.

Dear Santa
I want a big bicycle. I love you too. Christmas is coming soon.
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In Rockport, Texas this the 10th day of December A. D. 1949.

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Dear Santa,
I like a football and I like a pump.
Everett Appelt.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and a BB gun.
Tommy Key

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll. I want a doll bed. I want a box of dishes. I want a tony doll.
Barbara Barnard

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a bicycle and a tony doll and some dishes.
Frances LeBlanc

Dear Santa
I want boots and crow set.
Charles Satsky

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 24 in. bicycle.
Dear Santa, please bring me a BB gun.
Johnny Wright

Dear Santa
Please bring me a football.
Richard Happner

Please bring me a football.
W. R. Coleman

Dear Santa
Please bring me a B.B. gun and a foot ball and a movie projector and a basketball. Thank you.
Dale Barnard

Dear Santa
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FOR SALE—3 room 23 foot M-System trailer. Max Kiefer, at the Taylor Oak Park. p35

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FOR SALE—House trailer, good condition, \$185.00. Phone 240. David Hawes. c35

TRAILER FOR SALE—Factory built, \$625.00. Stansel Court, Aransas Pass. p35

School Choir Presents Christmas Program

A large crowd gathered at the school gym Wednesday night to hear the 98-voice school choir present a program of Christmas music, under the direction of Harvey Shomette.

Soloists from the community who appeared on the program were Mrs. N. F. Jackson, who sang "Oh Holy Night," and H. Houston Foster, who sang "Gesu Bambino." Ruby Wilkinson was pianist.

The choir appeared in their new white robes for the first time. The robes were presented to the group by the Choir Mothers Club.

A girls quartet made up of Loyce Mae Shults, Joyce Sumner, Nancy Ingersoll and Helen Theodore sang a number as did a duet composed of Joyce Sumner and Nancy Ingersoll.

Supt. Harbin Re-elected For Three Year Term

Supt. J. F. Harbin was appointed by the school board of the Aransas County School District for a three-year term upon the completion of the present term. The vote by the board was unanimous, it was reported.

The board also voted to have the gym floor resanded during the Christmas holidays. C. D. Prophet has the contract to do the job.

Mrs. Mollye Davis is driving a new Chrysler Royal club coupe.

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More Waterfowl

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geese and mallards can be found in the Galveston Bay area.

Lower tides and cooler weather make the prospects for the coming season better than that which greeted the hunter at the beginning of the first period.

The last half of the season which opens Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 12 noon, will close Jan. 7. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one hour before sunset.

Anyone killing a duck, goose or coot which has a band on it will be assisting the conservation efforts by returning the information to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Washington or to the marine laboratory in Rockport.

When a hunter turns this information in the Fish and Wildlife Service will send him a card stating when, where and by whom the duck was banded.

Information desired by the department includes the name and address of the person who killed the bird plus the date and place the bird was killed.

J. R. Singleton, biologist in charge of the Coastal Waterfowl Survey, reports that 300 bands have been turned in in Texas. Several bands have been received this year from ducks banded last year.

Sportsmen can contribute substantially to perpetuate duck and goose hunting by sending in every band they find on the game they bag. While this is true of all birds, it is particularly true of migratory species such as ducks, geese and doves, whose movements must be known if equitable hunting seasons are to be established.

Some of the information to be derived from band returns is the life span, nesting habits, whether or not they return to the same area to nest each year, and probably most important, to check their movement up and down the Texas coast and to learn whether or not these ducks ever get down into Mexico.

SURPRISE PARTY HONORS BIRTHDAY

Friends of Mrs. O. B. Reed gathered at her home Wednesday night and gave her a surprise birthday party. The group met at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Dietrich and then proceeded to the Reed home.

Co-hostesses were Mrs. H. Stewart and Mrs. E. E. Boone. Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Steed, Mrs. Birdie Cole, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boone, Mrs. Myrtle Dietrich and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Reed.

Capt. J. T. Hord was released from Brooke General Hospital Wednesday and returned to his home here.

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A combination of factors was cited as probably responsible for the increase by T. B. King, director of V. A.'s loan guaranty service. An important influence, he said, was the large amount of mortgage money supplied through the Federal National Mortgage Association, a government corporation authorized to buy G. I. loans from private lenders.

An increased willingness on the part of private investors to finance mortgage loans at 4 per cent interest—the maximum rate chargeable on G. I. home loans—and a greater availability of lower-priced homes were other important factors, King added.

King said that the home-buying veteran's prospect of obtaining 4 per cent mortgage financing should be even further improved by a new law which became effective on October 25. This law expands the mortgage authority of the Federal National Mortgage Association, permitting sale to the government by private lenders of most G. I. mortgages without restriction. Representatives Albert Thomas of Houston took a leading role in pushing that law through congress.

Eligible veterans have nearly eight years left in which to use their loan guaranty rights. King cautioned veterans to keep this in mind and not "rush" into "what may prove to be an ill-advised purchase."

King asserted that the veteran who obtains a 4 per cent G. I. loan "gets his mortgage financing on the most favorable terms ever available to any group of borrowers."

Also King said, the veteran pays no mortgage insurance premium or brokerage charge for his loan, and other cost items often re-

quired with other types of mortgages are ruled out.

In addition, he said, V. A. pays the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan account, a cash gratuity payment equal to 4 per cent of the amount guaranteed.

"Where the full \$4000 guaranty is used," King said, "this amounts to a gift of \$160 to the veteran."

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