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### Along The Waterfront



Curley Floyd said that A. M. Jameson of San Antonio, and party, fishing from the boat slip in front of his place, had brought in around 200 trout over the weekend, but this was the only decent catch that anyone reported. Mills Wharf said that Lee Gouibart of Houston raked up 45 last weekend, mixed rat reds, trout, and flounder.

Hunting was picking up. They had eighteen hunters on Tuesday, when the little norther hit. Sixteen of them were after ducks, and 12 of them got their limits. The rest got two and three apiece. Two local men, Seth Steele and Ed Barnard hunted geese and came in with three lesser Canadas.

Walter Heldenfels said that about 60% of the hunters at the St. Charles Club were getting limits, and that there were plenty of ducks, but the birds just hadn't been flying. He said there were lots of the big Canadian honkers around the Wildlife Refuge, but that snows and blues were scarce. The little Hutchins geese that were in a couple of weeks ago in sizeable numbers have disappeared.

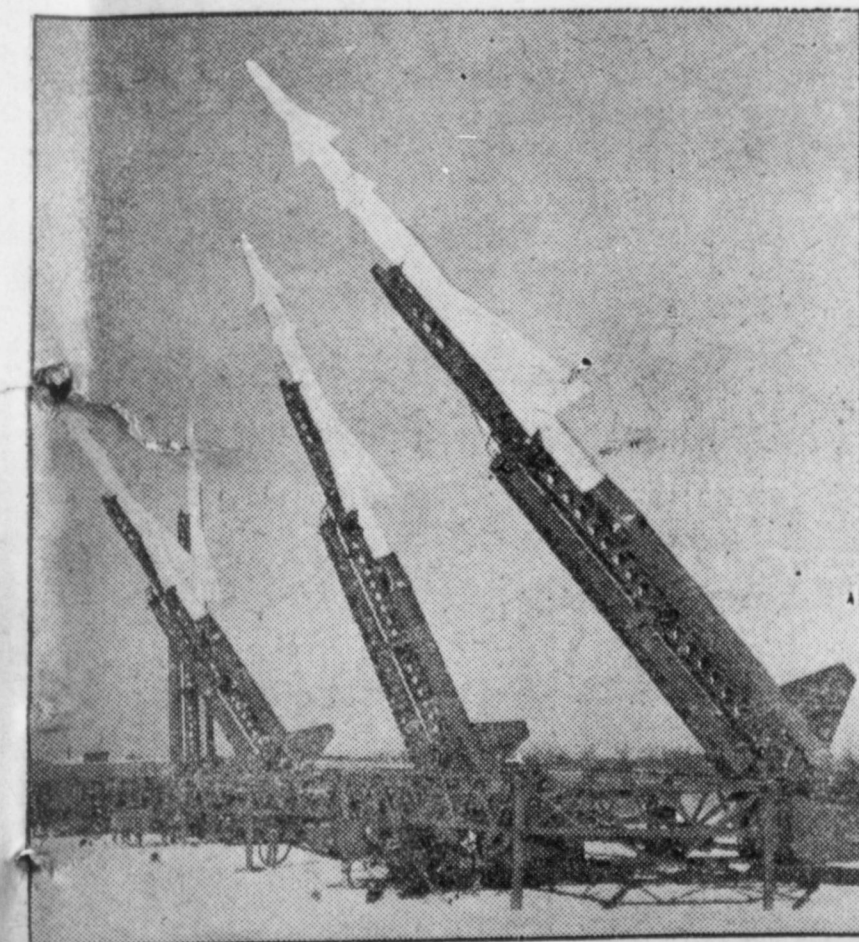
Neither Mills nor the St. Charles have been troubled by lack of water, but Milton Harrell said that Port Bay Club had no sooner had a little water come back yesterday than they lost it again with the north wind. There (Continued on page 8)

### Lieut. and Mrs. Davis Leave Rockport Enroute To Salzburg, Austria

Lieutenant and Mrs. Bruce Davis and their three children, after visiting with the S. F. Jacksons over the holidays, left Monday to drive to Fort Hamilton, New York, from whence they will proceed to Salzburg, Austria, where Lieutenant Davis will be stationed for a tour of duty.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Davis have been living in San Antonio, where he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, assigned to Industrial Security duty with the Fourth Army Provost Marshal's Department.

Mrs. Davis is the former Mary Virginia Jackson.



**POISED FOR DEFENSE** — "Nikes," deadly surface-to-air weapons intended for defense of America's key cities against possible air attack, arrow skyward from their launching ramps at the Army's proving grounds near Lorton, Va. Missile at far left is in firing position and other Nikes are being lifted in place following their removal by elevator from underground storage.

### Dallas Woman Dies On Fishing Trip

Mrs. Minnie S. Price, 67, of Dallas, died in her sleep Tuesday night at Hunt's Courts, while on a fishing trip with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Price, of Dallas.

At the inquest held by Judge C. O. Bailey, at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday, coronary occlusion was assigned as the cause of death.

Local arrangements are being made by Cage-Marshall.

### Aransas Continues To Lead In Bond Sales Says Fred Bracht, Chm.

Aransas County continues to lead the rest of the state in purchase of E and H series U. S. Savings Bonds, according to Fred Bracht, local chairman, who was recently presented with an award from the Treasury Department for outstanding volunteer service.

November sales were \$3,500 for the Series E and \$8,500 for the Series H, making a cumulative total for the year of \$98,960. This is 164.48% of the quota allotted to the county, and contrasts with Bexar County which, so far this year, has bought only 70% of its allotment.

The state total so far is \$147,843,597, or 74.18% of its quota.

### Second Burglary of Week Marks Christmas Eve

The second burglary of the week marked Christmas Eve, according to Sheriff A. C. Shivers, who said that thieves broke into the office of Richardson and Bass, at the old Heldenfels Shipyard, and stole two FM two-way radios, a hundred-foot steel tape, and some drafting equipment.

A similar theft occurred earlier in the week, when a radio, a telephone, and an adding machine, and address pad were stolen from Phillips Petroleum Company offices.

### Skeet's Place Entered During Holidays

Sometime during the holidays Skeet's Place, on Highway 35, was entered by thieves. Deputy Sheriff Sherman Mundine, who investigated, said that some beer and cigarettes were taken.

### Car Kills Cow At Carbon Plant

J. Dalton Murp, of Corpus Christi, struck and killed a cow in front of the Carbon Black plant, according to Deputy Sheriff Mundine, who investigated the accident. Mundine said that Murp's car, a 1953 Buick sedan, sustained about \$500 damage.



**POPEYED WITH INTEREST**—These three Parisian lads are bodily in the Bois de Boulogne, famous park in Paris, France, but in their minds they're miles at sea, standing on the bridge of the French battle cruiser Richelieu. The scale model of the ship is radio-controlled, and was entered in competition with other scale-model craft on the famous pond in the Bois

### Five Hundred and Fifty Children at Firemen's Christmas Tree

The Firemen's Santa Claus gave presents to 550 of Rockport's children Thursday evening at the big Christmas tree party, more than have ever been there before, according to Dick Fox, Fire Chief.

### OUR COLLAPSING COURTHOUSE

Our collapsing courthouse is collapsing again. The ceiling and one of the walls in the jury room is refusing to retain plaster, even though repaired, the ceiling on the second floor continues to shed more of the same, and on Tuesday the hatch cover that keeps rain from blowing down the cupola decided to come off. On its way to the top of the county clerk's office (where it scared everyone almost to death) the cover removed the capstone from part of the cornice, knocked three shingles off the roof, and severely dented the roof of the office where it hit. At last advice, Sheriff Shivers was hunting some tubs, as, if the rain continues, a good part of it will reach the interior of the building.

### Pay Poll Tax Warns Sheriff

Citizens of Aransas County that want to vote during the coming year had better make sure to pay their poll tax before January 31, according to Sheriff A. C. Shivers, who said that only 104 had been bought so far.

### Methodist Church Carol Service Well Attended

Christmas Eve carol services held at the Methodist Church had many attending. A candle lighting ceremony was held, symbolizing the lighting of our own lives by the gospel, whose light will eventually illumine the world.

### SCOTCH FOURSOME SUNDAY, JAN. 2

The regular monthly Scotch Foursome will be held at the Live Oak Country Club, Sunday, January 2. Starting time is 2 p.m. Supper will be served to golfers and also all club members wishing to attend, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors To Meet Tuesday

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting of the board with its present directors. At the next meeting new directors will be installed.

### Two Sentenced for Theft In Judge Wendell's Court

Two men were sentenced for theft in Judge Wendell's court Tuesday.

Alec Johnston, charged with stealing a pair of fender skirts from Gary Heath, was sentenced to fifteen days in jail, and to pay court costs amounting to \$21.00. On a second charge of stealing gasoline from R. O. Burton's boat, he was also found guilty, and assessed a fine of \$25.00 and costs. Milburn McElroy, also charged with stealing gas from Burton's boat at the same time as Johnston, was fined \$17.50 and costs.

Mrs. Emma Reese returned Tuesday night from a trip to Oklahoma, where she has been visiting friends.

### Rockport Chamber Arranges Tours

This winter capital of the Texas coast isn't a bit stingy with its hundreds of seasonal guests from the Midwest.

In fact, the Rockport Chamber of Commerce is arranging tours for the city's winter visitors to see the other high spots of South Texas.

"We want our visitors to know and to enjoy all of the country around Rockport as well as our own city," said Mrs. Mary Juergens, Rockport Chamber of Commerce manager.

The first tour—tentatively scheduled for around January 15—will take Rockport visitors on a swing northward to the ancient missions near Goliad, then to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The refuge, a sanctuary for millions of birds, has gained worldwide fame as the wintering ground for the last remaining flock of whooping cranes.

The second tour, Mrs. Juergens said, will be to the famed King Ranch near Kingsville.

Tour No. 3 will be either a boat trip around Corpus Christi Bay or a visit by car to Mustang and Padre Islands.

While they aren't touring, Mrs. Juergens added, Rockport's winter guests will be shown such local attractions as the Fulton Mansion, the Taylor Oak, Goose Island State Park, the Lamar Oak, the Catholic chapel at Lamar, and the Moorish-type Aransas County courthouse.

### Telephone Company Opens Business Office In Rockport

Mrs. Christine McDonald will be the Service Representative in the new Rockport business office of Southwestern Telephone Company.

Mrs. McDonald started with the Telephone Company on April, 1943, in Tchula, Mississippi, as an operator. On January 28, 1951, she transferred to Newton, Miss., and was an operator there until July, 1951, when she was transferred to Carthage, Miss., as a Service Representative. In October, 1952, Mrs. McDonald transferred to Jackson, Miss., as an operator again.

On August 1, 1953, Mrs. McDonald was married and moved with her husband, Charles McDonald, to Rockport where he is employed as Oil Production Gauger for Burdette Graham Oil Company of Corpus Christi. Mrs. McDonald worked as an operator in Corpus Christi until the time of her appointment as Service Representative.

### Aransas County Wildcat Set To Perforate

Jack Modesett, F. William Carr, and Conroe Drilling Co. No. 11 J. W. Lockhart, Aransas County wildcat two miles west of Rockport, was preparing to perforate 5-inch liner which was set at 9,722 feet, with total depth 9,740 feet. Operators had earlier spotted 7-inch casing at 9,122 feet. Fitzpatrick Drilling Co. No. 1 R. Hoffman, wildcat two miles northeast of Aransas Pass in Elizabeth Tally Survey, was preparing to core ahead after recovering no shows in coring from 7,205 to 7,317 feet.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Gulf of Mexico State Tract 794, tidelands wildcat 15 miles northeast of Port Aransas, was drilling below 6,208 feet on a 12,000-foot permit. The test earlier logged and took sidewall cores with no shows reported.

A 10,500-foot West Rockport Field test two miles west of Rockport, Rudco Oil & Gas Co. No. 1 Travis Bailey Unit has set 10 1/2-inch casing at 1,500 feet.

In the West Rockport Field, Heep Oil Corp. and others No. 3 Zeph Rouquette and others was testing perforations from 8,290 to 8,302 feet. The project had earlier negative tests at 8-800-08 feet in 7-inch casing which was set on bottom at 8,383 feet.

Sam E. Wilson, Jr. No. A-1 Ocker Brothers, test in the one well Sam Wilson Field eight miles southwest of Austwell in C. B. Lucas Subdivision, has squeezed perforations from 7,551-54 feet which yielded salt water. With total depth 9,540 feet, the test has 5 1/2-inch casing at 7,611 feet.

J. Ray McDermott & Co., Inc. and others (Elmax) No. 1 Fee, C. B. Peoples, scheduled 10,000-foot Aransas County wildcat two miles south-southwest of Rockport, was coring below 7,396 feet after testing gas and distillate.

A 15-minute drillstem through 1/4-inch chokes from 7,314 1/2 to 7,325 feet showed a maximum working pressure of 530 pounds and yielded 15 feet of amber colored distillate. Bottomhole flowing pressures were 1,730 and 1,860 pounds with shutin pressure 3,365 pounds. Location is on a 20-acre lease.

Burdette Graham, Pratt-Hewitt Corp., and H. C. Heldenfels No. 2 Heard Unit, slated 7,200-foot Lamar Field test nine miles northeast of Rockport, was coring below 7,030 feet.

Heep Oil Corp. and others have scheduled a 10,000-foot test in the West Rockport Field 2 1/2 miles (Continued on Page 8)

### Real Sea Horses Are Common Around Rockport

"Why, they're real!" is one of the most common exclamations in front of the seahorse tank at any aquarium.

"I've seen pictures of them, lots of times, but I thought somebody had just made them up," is another remark frequently heard, as people stand by the hour, watching the dignified progress of the marine "remuda."

Another question, from the better informed, is, "Do the fathers really have the babies?"

In any display of fishes, seahorses will attract more attention than almost all the rest put together, so entranced are most folks by these odd specimens, which closely resemble the knights on a chess board.

When Aristotle and the poets of classical Greece wrote of these tiny stallions, they had in mind a wholly mythical sea-monster, a dragon half-horse, half-fish, on which the sea gods rode.

Another old superstition is that they could attach themselves to ships, holding the vessels back, and there were even pictures in many an old natural history, showing how they did it!

Of course, any creature as strange as a seahorse would, in those early days, be considered as a sovereign remedy for diseases after being dried and powdered.

We find that, taken in a drink, powdered seahorse neutralized the poison of sea-hares. Ashes of Hippocampus (the Latin name), mixed with nitre and hag's lard, or else used solely with vinegar, are curative of alopecia (whatever that may be), especially if the skin be first

prepared for reception of the necessary medicaments by an application of powdered bone from the sepia (a sort of octopus).

Oil of roses, in which one has been dipped, is an efficacious remedy for chills and fever.

Mixed with water, powdered seahorse was good for canker and leprosy, and its ashes in wine guarded against pains-in-the-side. Best of all, however, mixed with oil of marjoram or liquid pitch, and rubbed on a bald pate, it produced a glorious head of hair.

Maybe our modern barbers are missing a bet! How much am I offered for some dried seahorses?

By consulting more recent authorities, we find that species of seahorses are numerous, one or more occurring in almost every temperate or tropical sea. They range in size from tiny sea ponies, less than an inch long, to big fellows in the Percheron class that reach a length of almost a foot! Texas has two, one about 6 inches long, the other about three.

One of the most fantastic of all marine creatures is the Australian seahorse or sea dragon.

His home lies among the waving seaweeds on the coral banks of Indo-Pacific waters. Small in comparison to his enemies, he has no defense against a hungry world. Because of the upright position in which he carries himself, he is a poor swimmer, taking about five minutes to cross a bathtub!

With these handicaps, and unable to escape by flight, the sea dragon would long ago have disappeared were it not for the camouflage nature has given him, and for the monkeylike tail which

helps him make this camouflage effective.

Long, leafy appendages extend from his body. In shape, color, and texture, these so closely resemble the seaweed that it is almost impossible to distinguish the fish from the plant, once he has anchored himself by his tail.

All seahorses have these prehensile tails, with which they cling to the plants where they make their home.

It would seem that to procure food, they would have to desert the quiet protection of the weed, and revert to more dangerous, but more fish-like activity, but here again Nature has protected them.

Watch one in an aquarium for a moment.

Resting on a frond of the weed is a tiny crustacean and our seahorse has seen it. Slowly he releases his tail-hold and swims nearer, the tiny fin on his back acting as a propeller whose movements are too rapid for the eye to catch.

He turns sideways, and peers ahead with the intensity peculiar to short-sightedness. One eye is cocked forward, watching the crustacean; the other is cocked aft, searching for danger. Throttling down to a point where he moves almost as fast as the seaweed, he points his nose at the morsel of food; there is a distinct click, heard even through the wall of the aquarium, and Lo! the crustacean has vanished.

Actually he opened his mouth wide and the tiny shrimp had been sucked down with bullet-like speed from a distance of nearly an inch!



**OPERATION NUDGE**—The USS Forrestal, world's mightiest warship and largest ship ever constructed in the United States, is nudged by tugs into an outfitting dock at Newport News, Va., following her christening. Vital statistics: Overall length, 1036 feet; extreme breadth at flight deck, 252 feet; over 200,000 horsepower; a rated speed which tops 30 knots; nearly four acres of flight deck; height from keel to top of mast equals height of a 25-story building; crew of 3500 needed to man her.

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## Calendar of Coming Events

### COUNTRY CLUB PLANS BIG NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The Live Oak Country Club is planning a big New Year's Eve dance, for which music will be furnished by Jake Stephens orchestra. Refreshments will be served, Smorgasbord style, and there will be plenty of entertainment for non-golfers, according to the committee, who hope that this segment of the club's membership will turn out in full force.

### CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Benefits for those retiring in the future will be higher than they have been in the past. There are several reasons why future social security payments will be larger, and this article will give briefly those reasons.

First of all, next year the law increases the total amount of earnings that are reported for social security taxes and benefits. Previously, the maximum amount which could be counted was \$3,600 a year. Beginning Jan. 1, 1955 wages or self-employment income up to \$4,200 will be counted. This alone will account for larger benefits after a couple of years at the higher level.

The formula for computing benefits has also been revised, and this too will result in higher benefit amounts in the future. Here is the way the new benefit formula works: Take 55% of the first \$110 of your average monthly earnings and add 20% of the amount over \$100. (Remember that an average of \$350 of monthly wages is the most that can be considered). The result of this addition is your monthly retirement insurance amount. That is what you get every month when you retire at age 65 or later, and all payments for members of your family are also based on this primary insurance amount.

The application of the "drop-out," which was explained in my last article also serves to yield higher benefit payments.

There is still another way by which the amount of your future benefits may be higher. This is by means of the edisability "freeze." The "freeze" was written into the law to protect those persons who suffer a serious and prolonged disability which keeps them from any gainful work. It may be used to the advantage of disabled persons who will retire in the future as well as those who are already retired.

Bruce Calvin Mayes, of Brownsville, visited his parents in Rockport over the holidays.

### METHODISTS TO HOLD SPECIAL QUARTERLY MEET

A special session of the Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church will be held in the annex on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 6, for the purpose of considering a mortgage of \$10,000 to finance the new church building. A majority of the Quarterly Conference present and voting is necessary to make the loan possible.

### TEXAS IN REVIEW

Some motorists will find the Humble Company's Texas in Review especially interesting next week. This is because the program's featured film will show how and why the highway department uses radar control stations to catch speeders.

And there will be other films of interest on the TV program. There will be pictures of the Convair Recreation Clubs in "Operation Gopher," showing how engineering students at Texas University built a recreation room under a building on the campus.

Other items include the Houston SPCA in action, and a review of events filmed for Texas in Review during 1954.

Texas in Review can be seen Monday (Jan. 3) on WOAI-TV, San Antonio, 10:15 p.m.

Times and stations for the program Tuesday, Jan. 4, are KRGV-TV, Weslaco, 8:00 p.m.



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Designation of Aransas, Nueces and San Patricio Counties as an area where eligible farmers can obtain emergency loans from the Farmers Home Administration has been extended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture until December 31, 1955. John W. Caudill, County Supervisor, said today.

Applications are made at the Farmers Home Administration county office. The office for the above named counties is located at Corpus Christi, Texas, in room 306 Old Federal Building; or the Supervisor may be contacted at Sinton, in the County Courthouse, on many mornings. In applying for assistance a farmer must certify that because of substantial losses from adverse weather conditions, or due to economic factors, he is unable to get from local private or cooperative sources the necessary financing to continue his normal operations.

Eligibility of applicants is determined by the Farmers Home Administration county committee. Committeemen are as follows:

Aransas County: Roy E. Rayes, Route 2, Taft, Texas; Martin Wheeler, Box 12, Bayside, Texas; James E. DeWhitt, Route 1, Rockport, Texas.

Nueces County: Clyde Beatty, Bishop, Texas; Joe L. Charba, Route 1, Robstown, Texas; George R. Swantner, Jr., 401 Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

San Patricio County: Milton E. Felsing, Sinton, Texas; Maynard L. Abrahams, Route 2, Taft, Texas; Thomas M. Houser, Sinton, Texas.

These loans may be made for the purchase of food, seed, fertilizer, and for other essential farm and home operating expenses. Emergency loans may not be made to pay existing debts. Ordinarily, emergency loans to meet current operating and living expenses are expected to be repaid out of the year's income. Amounts advanced for crop production purposes are repayable when the income from sale of the crops produced with the loan is received. No loan is made unless it appears that an applicant has reasonable prospects for success.

Mrs. D. J. Maxwell and sons James, Ray, and Larry Joe, of Houston spent Christmas day at the Karl Kerl home in Fulton.



**ALL DRESSED UP** — And someplace to go, if they ever put a body on the jalopy. Actress Ann Miller, one of the reigning queens of the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses at Los Angeles, Calif., waits for her float to be finished.

**PIRATE SHIP CAPTURED**

Manila — A pirate ship that preyed on small merchant vessels plying between the Philippines and Borneo has been captured and its captain killed, constabulary headquarters here said today. This vessel was taken in a gunfight while at anchor.

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# Central Power and Light Has Biggest Year In Company History

Central Power and Light Company had its biggest year of expansion to date in 1954, spending in excess of \$24,000,000 in 1954 for new facilities to meet the growing electric service needs of South Texas.

One large new power plant, Lon C. Hill Power Station near Corpus Christi, was completed and put in service during the year. Two large power plant additions, at Victoria and Laredo, were under construction throughout 1954. The company's 138,000-volt transmission system was greatly expanded through the construction of new lines and substations, making it possible to transmit larger quantities of power between load centers throughout South Texas.

The CPL expansion program will continue unabated in 1955, Bates said, with new investment expected to reach \$23,000,000 for the year. Construction will begin in January on an addition to Lon C. Hill Power Station which will double that plant in size when completed early in 1956. The Victoria and Laredo plant additions will be completed and in service early this spring.

Completion of the plant construction projects now under way will increase the CPL power supply to 531,100 kilowatts, five times that available to CPL customers at the end of World War II. This rapid expansion is indicative of South Texas' economic development in agriculture, industry and business, as well as greater home use of electricity.

At the close of 1954 Central Power and Light Company was serving 210,381 electric customers, a net increase for the year of 11,496. Use of electricity by these customers totaled 1,642,700,000

kilowatt hours, or about 226,000,000 kilowatt hours more than in 1953. The average residential and rural customer used 1,869 kilowatt hours of electricity in 1954, a gain over the previous year of 149 kilowatt hours. More widespread ownership of electrical appliances for cooking, the washing and drying of clothes, refrigeration and better lighting contributed to the increase. Other major appliances added in large numbers to South Texas homes included television, electric dishwashers and disposal units. Air-conditioning, including the "heat pump" or reverse cycle type that heats in winter and cools in summer, continued to gain in popularity. Industrial and commercial customers also greatly increased their use of electricity during 1954.

News highlights of the CPL's year included the worst flood in the history of the Devil's River and the Rio Grande which took four CPL power plants out of service and partly inundated Eagle Pass and Laredo. Although this disaster came during the summer period of high electrical use, service was maintained without interruption to all areas above water. Three of the power plants were damaged by water, silt and debris, but were restored to service in approximately two months. The flood waters were contained by Falcon Dam, preventing damage to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and stored for irrigation in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogero and children spent the Christmas weekend in Gonzales, visiting Mrs. Rogero's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whiteside.

## Mrs. Norman Emerick And Mrs. Jim Philpott Hold Open House

Mrs. Norman Emerick and Mrs. Jim Philpott held open house at Mrs. Emerick's home in Copano Village between 3 and 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Forty eight guests called. Decorations in the house carried out the Christmas theme, and the table was laid with ecru lace over a red skirt that reached the floor. Eggnog, coffee and Christmas cookies were served. Mrs. Dick Denny and Mrs. Curtis Utz poured, Mrs. Frank Philpott served.

## Mrs. Casterline Gives Benefit Coffee

Mrs. Frank Casterline recently gave a benefit coffee, proceeds of which went to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation. Those present were Mesdames Arthur Davis, Zeph Rouquette, Rufus Casterline, and Lottie Madden.

## MRS. JUERGENS SPENDS CHRISTMAS IN DALLAS WITH HER MOTHER

Mrs. Mary Juergens, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, flew to Dallas last week to spend the holidays with her mother. She will return Monday.

## Mrs. Fred Booth Plans Party New Year's Eve

Mrs. Fred Booth is planning a canasta party for New Year's Eve. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanway, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mills, Mrs. Billy Ankele, and Mr. Oliver Walthall.

The table will be laid with a green lace cloth, and centered with a miniature Christmas tree, flanked by white candles and red berries of holly.

## Bairds Hold Family Reunion In Corpus Christi

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baird visited in Corpus Christi Sunday afternoon. In a family reunion the three daughters, Jacqueline Smith, Betty Jo Hirst and Raye Nell Price, and two sons, Jack Jr., and Frank, were also present, along with three grand-daughters, Donna Ann, Brenda Kay, and Cathy Sue, and two grandsons, Tommy and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baughman, and Port, spent the two days after Christmas deer hunting in South Texas.

## Daughters of Zeph Rouquettes Christmas Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Littleton, and family of Houston, and Mrs. George Bohn, Jr., and children, of New Orleans, Louisiana spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette. Mrs. Littleton is the former Wilma Rouquette; Mrs. Bohn is the former Lillian Rouquette.

## ROGERO CAT LOSES ONE OF NINE LIVES, HAS ONLY EIGHT LEFT

The Rogero cat lost one of its nine lives over the holidays and has only eight more left. The family washing machine broke down, and when Charlie Ankele arrived to fix it, Mrs. Rogero was not there. Charlie, anxious to get through, shut the door of the machine and turned it on for a second or two, to check. Snapping it off, the machine sounded as though it was still running, and when he opened the lid to see why, the Rogero cat, wet as a drowned rat, shot out and made the back door in nothing flat. Ankele has concluded that there all sorts of hazards inherent in a washing machine.

## PRIVATE ENRIQUE CARBAJAL COMPLETES COURSE

Private Enrique Carbajal, whose father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carbajal live in Rockport, has recently completed the Infantry Wheeled Vehicle Maintenance Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

This course trains selected personnel in all phases of maintenance of military motor vehicles in an infantry unit. The course includes scheduled preventive maintenance services, field expedients, driver training methods and maintenance operations under unusual conditions.

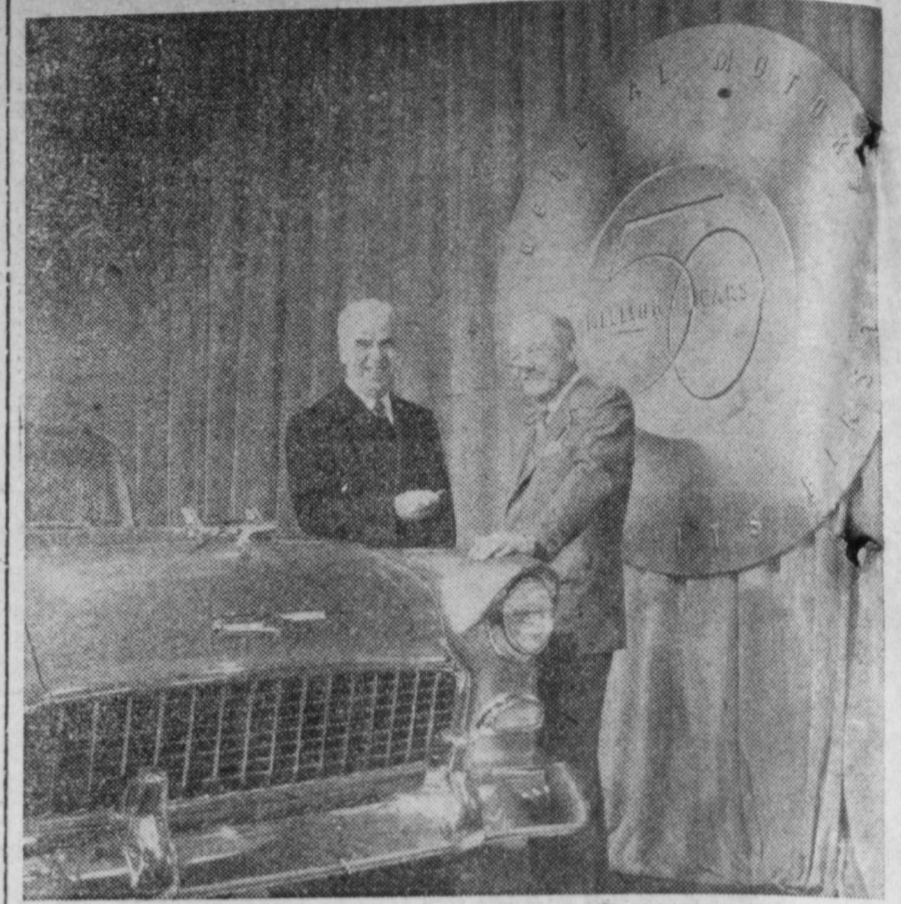
It is one of the 21 courses at the infantry school open to officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, Organized Reserve Corps and the National Guard. Courses range from training recruits to be parachutists to training regimental commanders and general staff officers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harper and son of Walters, Okla., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Demory.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Demory received a telephone call from their daughter, Gena, who now lives in Maine. Her husband is stationed at Loring Air Force Base.

Guest in the Ray Thomerson home Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thomerson, Christoval. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomerson, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Morgan and little daughter, Rhonda, San Angelo and Mrs. Floy Rooke.

## GM Celebrates Greatest Production Record



Symbolic of General Motors' 50,000,000th car produced in the United States since 1908 is this 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air sport coupe. T. H. Keating, general manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division (left) is shown handing the key to the car to Harlow H. Curtice, president of General Motors. Behind Mr. Curtice is the design of GM's official 50,000,000th car medallion, emblematic of the greatest production record in transportation history. Painted and plated with gold, the car came off the Chevrolet assembly line at Flint, Michigan, on November 23. At that time GM celebrated with an "open house to America" in all of its 125 plants and training centers across the country.

## Former Rockport Boy Marries In Corpus Christi

Ozzie Williams, son of Mrs. O. W. Williams, and a former student in Rockport High School, was united in marriage with Miss Patsy Moses of Corpus Christi, in a ceremony at St. Luke's Methodist Church, there, Thursday night. Attending from Rockport were: Mesdames Floyd Smith, Roy Lee Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Albin.

Rockport people in the wedding party itself were: Dickie Ballou and Gerald Huffman, ushers; Pat Smith, best man; and Zade Jones, groomsmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson and Christy, of Houston, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson.

## Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sparks Entertain With Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sparks had the following guests for dinner on Christmas day:

Mrs. J. M. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sparks and family, including Mrs. Carol Sparks Keller, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sparks and Betsy, Mr. and Mrs. Pancho Sparks and daughter, of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harwick and son, of Aransas Pass, Mrs. Somerville Ballou, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Brooks, of Corpus Christi. Mrs. Harwick is the former Molly Sparks, and Mrs. Brooks is the former Clydene Sparks.

Gerald F. Porte, of the Pilot staff, spent the holidays in New Orleans with his family.

## News & Oddities

**THE CHEST**  
UNIVERSAL AND TIMELESS WAS PROBABLY MAN'S FIRST FABRICATED FURNITURE.

**THE CHEST**  
BECAME A CRAPLE CLEOPATRA'S JEWEL CASKEY, A MEDIEVAL CHURCH COFFER, A PIRATE'S TREASURE CACHE, A LOVELY MODERN CONVENIENCE AND FURNISHING.

**THE PYX CHAPEL CHEST**  
IN WESTMINSTER WAS 14 CENTURY ENGLAND'S TREASURY. EARLY NEW ENGLAND'S MAIDENS COLLECTED TROUSSEAU IN "DOWER CHESTS".

**THREE GENERATIONS**  
OF THE LANE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA DEVELOPED THE MODERN AMERICAN CEDAR CHEST. BESIDES OFFERING BIBLES, FOR-BIDDEN READING EXCEPT FOR HIGH OFFICIALS, THESE CHESTS WERE CONCEALED IN TINY CHESTS CALLED "BIBLE BOXES".

## COVE DRIVE-IN THEATRE ROCKPORT

### Program

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY  
Dec. 29-30  
Dennis O'Keefe  
Margaret Sheridan  
**The Diamond Wizard**

FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1  
**Crazy Over Horses**  
with the Bowery Boys  
- and -  
**The Carnival Story**  
starring Ann Baxter

SUNDAY - MONDAY  
Jan. 2-3  
**Master of Kansas**  
Geo. Montgomery  
Nancy Gates

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
Jan. 4-5  
**Every Girl Should Be Married**  
Cary Grant  
Betsy Drake

## SURF THEATRE ROCKPORT

### Program

THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
Dec. 30-31  
**Khyber Patrol**  
Richard Egan  
Dawn Adams

SATURDAY  
Jan. 1  
**Wagon Train**  
- and -  
**Mexican Feature**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY - MONDAY  
Jan. 2-3  
**Human Jungle**  
Gary Merrill  
Jan Sterling

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
Jan. 4-5  
**Tobar the Great**  
Chas. Drake  
Karin Booth

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December 30

RANDOLPH SCOTT in Cinecolor  
**CANADIAN PACIFIC**  
JANE WYATT  
J. CARROLL NASH - VICTOR JORY  
and Introducing NANCY OLSON

FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
December 31-January 1  
DOUBLE FEATURE

Brodrick CRAWFORD  
JOHN DEREK  
Charles BICKFORD  
Wanda HENDRIX  
**THE LAST POSSE**

THE fugitive whose exploits rocked the land  
**THE VANQUISHED**  
Technicolor  
JOHN PAYNE - JIM STEELING  
KEITH ANDERSON - LEO GUYER

SUNDAY - MONDAY  
January 2-3

Married to one... He found love and understanding with another!  
**BIGAMIST**  
JOAN FONTAINE  
EDMOND O'BRIEN  
IDA LUPINO - EDMUND GWENN

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
January 4-5

Jiminy Cricket! What a Show!  
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THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
Dec. 30-31  
DOUBLE FEATURE

SUSAN HAYWARD  
CHARLTON HESTON  
**PRESIDENT'S Lady**

SATURDAY ONLY  
Jan. 1  
DOUBLE FEATURE

ROCKET MAN  
CHARLES COBURN  
George Feghali  
WYNLAW

BLACK EAGLE  
WILLIAM BISHOP - Virginia PATTON  
Sandra JONES - James BELL

SUNDAY - MONDAY  
Jan. 2-3

THE LAST SAVAGE CORNER OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC!  
JEFF CHANDLER  
MARILYN MAXWELL  
SUSAN BALL  
ANTHONY QUINN  
**EAST OF SUMATRA**  
Technicolor

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
Jan. 4-5

THE GREATEST MOTION PICTURE OF ALL TIME!  
Three great love stories in M-G-M's mighty spectacle!  
**QUO VADIS**  
Technicolor  
ROBERT TAYLOR  
DEBORAH KERR

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
December 30-31  
John Derek and Joan Evans in  
**The Outcast**

FRIDAY  
New Years Eve  
Midnight Show  
Ted Cooper and Norees Nash in  
**Phantom From Space**

SATURDAY ONLY  
January 1  
Johnny Weissmuller in  
**Tarzan Escapes**  
also  
**Disney Cartoon Festival**

SUNDAY - MONDAY  
January 2-3  
Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance in  
**Sign of the Pagan**

TUES. - WED. - THURS.  
January 4-5-6  
Rock Hudson and Barbara Rush in  
**Taza Son of Cochise**

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### League of Vocational Nurses Have X'mas Party

The South-Central Texas League of Vocational Nurses met at the Ewing Memorial Clinic Tuesday night, December 14, and from there went to the home of Mrs. Marie French's home for their Christmas party.

Mrs. French, president, presided over a short business session in which Mrs. Joyce Towles, secretary-treasurer, of Taft gave a report.

Following the business session, gifts were exchanged and refreshments of coffee, sandwiches, fruit cake, nuts and candy were served to the following ladies:

Mrs. Mary Moss, Fulton, Mrs. Joyce Towles, Taft; Mrs. Margarita Cooley, Beeville; Mrs. Ella Hatcher, Beeville; Mrs. Mildred Jones, Rockport; Mrs. Maude Helm, Beeville; Mrs. Bertha Burke, Sinton, Mrs. Eula B. Nolen, Odem; Mrs. French and daughter, Miss Joyce French, who assisted her mother in hostess duties.

The next meeting will be held January 4, at 8 p.m. in the Ewing Memorial Clinic. The speaker has not as yet been secured, but Mrs. French plans to have a Doctor speak on some subject of interest to vocational nurses. All vocational nurses are invited to attend.

### Bissetts Have Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bissett had all of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at home for Christmas dinner. Included were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bissett, of Bay City, with their son James, home from the University of Texas, and their younger children, Norman Lynn, John Lee, and Albert; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hart, and their daughter and her son, Mrs. Frederick Close and little Freddie; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorsey, of Corpus Christi.

### HAGARS HAVE HOLIDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Neblett, of Schenectady, New York, flew in to spend the 25th and 26th with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hagar. Mr. Neblett, Mrs. Hagar's brother, is head of the turbine division of General Electric Corporation.

Thanksgiving dinner guests in the Carl Osborn home were Justice of the Peace and Mrs. C. O. Bailey and Robert E. Lee. Other guests who came in after dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goode and Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

## GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

### ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Preacher, Harry Carter  
Minister in Charge

Holy Communion and sermon first Sunday at 7:30 p.m., each Sunday thereafter at 9; Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.; Ladies Guild, first Tuesday.

### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. G. J. O'Doherty, Pastor

Sunday Masses, 7 and 9; Holy Days same as Sundays; week-day Mass at 8; Friday night Novena devotions at 7:30; Confessions: Saturdays, Vigil before Holy Days and Thursdays before First Fridays, 4:30 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 8:30.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Brad Ramsey, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service, 10:45 a.m.; Training Union, 7 p.m.; prayer service, Wednesday at 8 p.m.; women meet every Thursday.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

James Killian, Minister

Bible class, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 10:50 a.m.; Sunday evening class, 6:30; Sunday evening worship, 7:20; Wednesday night service, 7:30; ladies Bible class, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

### FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. George Muriman

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 7:30; mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FULTON

Rev. C. L. Stanley, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; preaching service, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday night service at 7:30; BTU Sunday 6:30 p.m.; preaching service, 7:30 p.m.

### BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Lee Bateman, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; regular service, 11 a.m.; evening service at 7:30; Tuesday night service at 7:30; C. A. service, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A. Arnott Ward, Minister

Sunday School, 9:30; worship service, 11 a.m.; evening service, 7:30; men's meeting 1st Monday, 7:00; Pioneer Young People meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Senior Young People meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; Women of the Church, third Thursday, 3 p.m.; Evening Circle, 2nd Monday at 7:30; Circle 1, 1st Thursday at 3; Circle 2, 1st Thursday at 3.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Dana Green, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:45; morning worship, 11; evening worship, 7:30; Methodist Men, 2nd Thursday at 7:30; choir practice, Wednesday, 7:30; WSCS, 1st and 4th Thursday, 3:00; fellowship dinner, 3rd Sunday at noon; young people's meeting before and after Sunday night service.

### NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Pearce, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:45; preaching service, 10:45; Training Union, 6:30 p.m.; preaching service, 7:30 p.m.; prayer service, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Aransas Pass

Sunday services, 11 a.m.; Wednesday evening service, 8:00. All are welcome.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Aransas Pass

Geo. F. Dennis, Minister  
Bible school, 9:45; morning worship, 10:50; evening worship, 7:30; prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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### Rockport Girl First Polio Case in Month

Memorial Hospital today reported a diagnosis of poliomyelitis on a 3-year-old girl from Rockport who was admitted to the hospital last Thursday, December 23.

Hers was the first case of polio from the area since Nov. 24. Two polio patients spent the Christmas holidays in the hospital.

### Aransas High PTA To Meet Tuesday

The Aransas County High School PTA will meet Tuesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium. The Executive Board will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. M. J. Bearden will be in charge of the program.

The subject will be Provision for Common Defense. Ceylon Ammons will be in charge of the safety section, Mrs. Hugh Morrison of the Health Program, and David Coleman of the Civilian Defense.

A social hour will follow.

### MR. AND MRS. FREEMAN VISITS WITH AUSTIN SMITHS

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Freeman and children, of Rockdale, Texas, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith. Mrs. Freeman is the former Colleen Smith.

The Reverend and Mrs. Jack Blackwell, Jr., are visiting at the A. F. Dervage's over the holidays.

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The man who is down and out usually has friends who are up and gone.

Wednesday evening (Dec. 29) Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Godde and Robert E. Lee visited in Taft, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thielen, Jr.

### 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, 1955, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

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We extend our best wishes for a prosperous new year, richly-rewarding in health, happiness and all the good things of life.

**CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY**



**SANDS OF TIME COVER ANCIENT ART**—Billy Norton, 55, upper left, and Bitsie (no last name), put the finishing touches to prime examples of a fast-vanishing art—Navajo sand painting, during an exhibit of their talents under sponsorship of the Dallas, Tex., Museum of Fine Arts. Varicolored powdered sands, rocks or grasses are sprinkled by hand to produce the paintings, which play a part in Navajo ceremonies traditionally performed to aid in curing the sick, or to seek good fortune for the hale

**Marine News**



The U. S. Engineers have issued a warning that firing practice will be conducted on the gunnery ranges of the U. S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, every week, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m., from Jan. 15 to March 15.

Fishermen and boat owners are cautioned to avoid the following area in the upper Laguna Madre where projectiles may fall:

The area has as its northerly and southerly limits, respectively, lines drawn at 90° from the centerline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at latitude 27° 31' 12" north, longitude 97° 18' 00" west (mile 570.1), and at latitude 27° 27' 09" north, longitude 97° 20' 07" west (mile 575.2), and extending in a westerly direction to the westerly shore of Laguna Madre. The easterly and westerly limits, re-

spectively, are the westerly edge of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the westerly shore of Laguna Madre.

A large red flag will be displayed from an elevated position in the immediate vicinity of the firing point from which firing is being conducted.

The channel proper of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is out of range of the firing and navigation therein will not be affected by the firing practice.

The fifth annual meeting of the Texas Shrimp Association will be held at the Nueces Hotel, Corpus Christi, on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1955. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and continue until 4:00 in the afternoon. New directors and officers for 1955 will be elected following a 12:30 luncheon. The first meeting of the new board will immediately follow the membership meeting. All members are urged to attend.

From Fish and Wildlife the following report indicates an increased production of shrimp for the 1953-54 season ending June 30, 1954. During the period South Carolina reported 4.5 million pounds of shrimp; Florida 53.8 million pounds; Louisiana and Mississippi 94.6 million pounds and Texas 65.3 million pounds. Partial landings from North Carolina shows 1.6 million pounds; from Alabama 3.9 million pounds.

The landings reported total 226,770,280 pounds—heads on shrimp. To convert heads-on to headless shrimp, multiply by 595.

Shrimp production for December along the Texas coast has been curtailed by bad weather. Several northers have libited fishing operations, which fact, coupled with the usual holiday lay-off, will greatly reduce landings for the period. The bad weather reached across the Gulf also reducing production in the Campeche-Carmen area. Pacific Coast production still remains poor according to a report from Mazatlan, with the industry experiencing one of its worst production years.

**TSTA Unit Given Party**

Miss Nell Adams, Miss Loy Schorlemer and Miss Martha Scott were hostesses for a Christmas party, Thursday night with the local unit of Texas State Teachers Association, guests.

Additional guests were all the faculty members of the Aransas County High School, Rockport Elementary and Junior High School and the Fulton Elementary School, their wives and husbands.

The house was decorated in the Yuletide theme, and around a lighted tree, the members of the group exchanged gifts of toys which were given to Boy Scout Troop 49 for distribution to needy children.



**HE'S A REAL UNDERDOG**—Sandy's not leaving that traveling case—he's the only dog among several hundred mousers at the London, England, National Cat Show, and he's taking no chances. Mascot of the National Registration of Animals Service, he attends most events where animals perform or are shown.

**YEAR-END FOOD BUY -at- WEST'S**



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**Thursday and Friday Specials**

<b>Meats</b>	
SWIFT'S U. S. GOOD	
Rath's Black Hawk	
<b>BACON</b> Pound	<b>59c</b>
Swift's Fresh Pork	Pound
<b>Picnic Hams</b>	<b>35c</b>
U. S. Good	
<b>Round Steak</b> Pound	<b>65</b>
Bar-X Bacon or Sun Vale	pound
<b>BACON</b>	<b>49c</b>
Skinned	
<b>HAMS</b> Shank or Butt	<b>49c</b>
Rath's	Pound
<b>FRANKS</b>	<b>47c</b>
U. S. Good Chuck	
<b>Roast</b> Pound	<b>39c</b>

<b>Frozen Foods</b>	
Thrif-T-Pak	
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>17c</b>
Thrif-T-Pak	
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	<b>25c</b>
Libby's	
<b>ORANGE JUICE</b>	<b>15c</b>

3 lb. Can	
<b>Snowdrift</b>	<b>85c</b>
Sun Spun	pound
<b>Margarine</b>	<b>19c</b>

MARYLAND CLUB	
<b>COFFEE</b>	
POUND	
<b>1.02</b>	

SUN SPUN	
<b>BREAD</b>	
LARGE LOAF	
<b>18c</b>	

Texsun	46 oz.
<b>Grapefruit Juice</b>	<b>19c</b>

Del Monte	303 Can
<b>Fruit Cocktail</b>	<b>21c</b>

Our Value	
<b>CORN</b>	<b>10c</b>

Cut	
<b>Green Beans</b>	<b>10c</b>

5 lb. Bag	
<b>SUGAR</b>	<b>47c</b>
Your Choice	Large
<b>Soap Powder</b>	<b>28c</b>

RED & WHITE	
<b>COFFEE</b>	
POUND	
<b>99c</b>	

RED & WHITE	
<b>MILK</b>	
TALL CAN	
<b>10c</b>	

Wesson Oil	Quart
<b>Wesson Oil</b>	<b>59c</b>

Our Value	
<b>TISSUE</b>	<b>5c</b>

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<b>Crackers</b>	<b>33c</b>

Red & White Preserves	12 oz.
<b>Strawberry</b>	<b>27c</b>

FROST	
<b>Blackeye PEAS</b>	<b>10c</b>
Wolf	No. 2
<b>CHILI</b>	<b>45c</b>

Del Monte	
<b>CATSUP</b>	<b>19c</b>

RED & WHITE - 3 lb.	
<b>Shortening</b>	<b>75c</b>

Delight	
<b>DOG FOOD</b>	<b>3 for 20c</b>

<b>PUREX</b>	qt. 15c
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DEL MONTE	No. 2 1/2
<b>Peaches</b>	<b>27c</b>

<b>Fresh Produce</b>	
California Pascal	
<b>CELERY</b>	<b>10c</b>
Washington State Winesap	
<b>APPLES</b>	<b>17c</b>
Iceburg	
<b>LETTUCE</b>	<b>9c</b>



DIDN'T INTEND TO—The sign says "No Parking," and it's the last thing the pilot of this B-45 jet wanted to do at the moment, as he landed at General Mitchell Field near Milwaukee, Wis. No one was injured when the big ship overran the runway, smashed through the fence and nicked a passing auto.

Worms In Trout, Drum Merely More Protein

Worms in trout and drum are nothing to worry about. You can eat 'em if you want to. All they'll do is add more protein to your diet.

These flattish, white, spaghetti-like parasites, found in the flesh of the fish's back or tail, are common in many species. Most of them are tapeworms, 32nd cousins to those infesting man. However, those found in the fish of the Texas coast cannot live or reproduce in human flesh.

They start as eggs, smaller than the mote that floats in a sunbeam, and hatch into tiny, hairy balls, almost too minute to see with a microscope. These ball-like larvae swim here and there until swallowed by a shrimp-like copepod so little that there may be a hundred or more in a drop of water.

Within the copepod the tapeworm starts to grow, changing into a longer, tube-like animal. It develops a head equipped with four hooks which it uses to hang on and proceeds to bore into the flesh of the copepod, feeding on it until the copepod is swallowed by some fish.

The tapeworm, unharmed by the digestive juices, grows longer, and drills a home for itself in the back and tail flesh of the fish, until the fish in turn is eaten by a larger one — preferably a shark or ray, for only in these can the tapeworms finally change to adults which cast their eggs upon the waters.

Otherwise they die without having reproduced!

This parasitic cycle, as outlined, is a natural thing, of tremendous antiquity, and is not the result of pollution, as some people believe. Neither does it harm the edibility of the fish, nor are the worms harmful to man, either cooked or swallowed alive.

Ducks Gang Lower Coast Says Game Commission

Significant population trends whereby ducks are concentrating in the lower coastal areas of Texas were reported to the Director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game and Fish Commission by Robert J. Singleton, chief of coastal waterfowl studies.

Observations based on the November waterfowl census showed that of the total coastal duck population of 1,960,000 in November, 1,617,900 were in the Valley area. Singleton said drought conditions in the upper coastal marshes have become more acute since the November count and that there apparently has been an acceleration in the trend.

"There simply is a shortage of fresh water and native feeds in the wintering grounds from Sabine Lake, on the eastern Texas border, to Port Lavaca, which is the dividing line, and on beyond," reported Singleton.

He explained that perhaps the greatest change in population conditions affected the pintails, more popularly known as sprigs. He said mallards rarely go below Port Lavaca in any substantial numbers.

The Director of Waterfowl studies pointed out that of the 320,000 pintails in the far-flung coastal areas, an estimated 238,000 were counted in the Valley zone.

Singleton called attention to the fact that redheads comprised 1,164,000 of the 1,960,000 coastal population for November. These fleet ducks always prefer the lower coastal area.

"Obviously, there has been a considerable movement of ducks that leap frogged habitat that has been so hard hit by dry weather and consequent lack of fresh water and native foods," said Singleton. "Many of these birds, especially pintails and teal, go on to Mexico and some continue on to the West Indies, Haiti and the Dominican Republic."

Singleton said he interpreted available population figures to indicate that the duck numbers are not down. "After all, they shouldn't be," he said. "We sent back north last spring an increased number of ducks and reports indicate that hatching conditions were favorable."

The Director of waterfowl studies, with his assistants maintain constant observation of the duck and goose population. They spent many hours flying, ranging all the way from Sabine Lake to Brownsville, on the Lower Coast.

Recently, they spotted a single concentration along the lower coast that contained an estimated half a million redheads.

Rockport Stories Frequently Carried By Up-State Papers

Rockport stories are frequently carried by up-state papers. The following recently appeared in the Fort Worth Star Telegram where Upshur Vincent has an extremely interesting and informative outdoor page:

By UPSHUR VINCENT  
Telegram Outdoor Writer

"A 'little learning' may be a dangerous thing; but the fisherman who has even a little learning about the kind of fishing he wants to do is better off than the fellow who knows little about it but refuses to follow the advice of those who do know. . . This is a story about two of the best fishermen hereabouts who had much to learn about the art of taking trout in the bays and inlets and ship channels along the Texas Coast. . . And did they learn it!

"T. F. CROMER and his son Ted, are the two good fishermen referred to here; and they are far more than average fishermen. . . But to start the story at the beginning: Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lowery of 3824 Hamilton Dr. and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cromer and son, Ted, went to Rockport where they fished four days catching just barely enough trout for their meals but watching other anglers bringing speckled and sand trout in by the boatload. . . After four days of near failure there the party went on to Corpus Christi. During three days there, T. F. Cromer had plenty of time to think things over and he decided he just had to go back to Rockport and learn how to catch trout like those "in the know" caught them.

"SO BACK to Rockport the three Cromers went, determined to learn how to take the trout as others took them. . . And did they learn! . . . Young Ted used a spinning outfit with an old English lure and a six pound test line and had the time of his life. . . Mr. and Mrs. Cromer were content to fish with ordinary light tackle. However, they also found the Old English lure best for the trout. . . All three cast into the deep water of the ship channel and retrieved slowly. They caught many small fish which were carefully returned to the water but they brought 60 big trout back to Fort Worth in the one ice box they took along

. . . Maurice Davis of 1917 Tierney Rd. and T. F. Cromer now are planning a trip up to the Green Bay country of Wisconsin where they expect to do a "little fishing while attending to some business."

JOHN W. ROGERS of Smithfield took his family down to Corpus Christi to visit his brother-in-law, E. G. Browning, over the Labor Day holiday. . . Of course no citizen of Tarrant County could go that far south without wetting a hook in salt water, especially as the brother-in-law has his own boat and all the needed paraphernalia. . . The two men went west about 50 miles and fished in a lagoon at the King Ranch, using live shrimp on light salt water tackle and mostly wading along the shore. They fished three hours each of two mornings and took a mixed string of 115 trout and redfish. The largest trout weighed 7 1/2 pounds and most of the trout were of good size while the redfish were small. . . Like all other fishermen who went to salt water for their holiday fishing, they found the beaches crowded and the highways dangerous!

"THIS MATTER of fishing for trout in the Gulf and in bays along the Texas coast interests far more anglers nowadays than in years past. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hipple of Arlington and their three children, Charles, 6; Gail, 9; and Jerry, 12, went down to Galveston for a little vacation recently. Of course Bob and Jerry just had to go after the trout that were being taken in numbers from ship channel waters. They found however, that there are a few little things fishermen must know before he becomes an angler. . . When Hipple put a 10-pound test line on his rod with a small treble hook, a two-foot leader, a weight where the leader joined the line, and a cork four feet from the hook, he found the speckled trout would almost line up to take the shrimp he used for bait! . . . Hipple also said that an ordinary floating minnow bucket is required for the shrimp and a big

piece of balsa wood or cork to hold up the fish stringer and keep the crabs from eating the fish. . . With this outfit Hipple had no trouble getting plenty of fish. . . And young Jerry, not worried about the kind of fish he caught, managed to string about 80 of various breeds, including a two-pound trout, and had the time of his life!"

RICE BOAT WORKS EMPLOYEES GIVEN HAMS FOR CHRISTMAS

Employees of the Rockport Boat Works were each presented with an 18-pound ham as a Christmas gift from R. R. Rice, T. H. (Slim) Ratliff made the presentations.

In addition, the workers were given Thursday and Friday off, to enable those who wanted to spend the holiday out of town with ample time in which to make their visit.



Milady's Complexion

Remember when there were only two popular types of girls' complexions — milk-white and peaches and cream — neither of which came out of a compact. And that any girl would purposely cultivate a sun tan was unthinkable. Sunbonnets and parasols were essential items in milady's wardrobe in those days. They protected her complexion. Remember?

The wishes of the family determine the simplicity of the elaborateness of the tribute to the departed.

Cage-Marshall Funeral Homes  
Phone 451



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"The Friendly Store"  
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WARM RECEPTION—Storekeeper on the Rue Tronchet, in Paris, France, installs infrared heaters over his display window in hopes that window shoppers will pause long enough to thaw out both themselves and their pocketbooks before going on to some other store.



LOT OF BULL—This 19-foot, seven-inch plastic-and-steel bull is on his way to pasture atop a 90-foot-high pylon in Kansas City, Mo., provided for him by the American Hereford Association.

HAPPY 1955  
As joyous bells ring in the New Year, they peal out our best wishes to our friends—for Happiness and Good Cheer, Prosperity and Peace in 1955!  
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FOR RENT: Furnished apartment in Fulton. Glen Mar Courts. Phone 3401. ctf

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The First Baptist Church at Fulton will hold a watch night service from eleven to twelve, New Year's Eve.

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**WE HAVE BARBECUED** beef, ham, country sausage, baked beans, potato salad and cole slaw to go at all times. Barbecued chicken and ribs mostly on request. We do custom barbecuing of all kinds, except fish. For further information, call 6112. The Barbecue Pit. p38

**SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES.** A marvelous, new vegetable tool, fits any paring knife. Saves time, thumbs, vegetables. Get one with our compliments. Rockport Lumber Co. ctf

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**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: Baby bed, lawn mower. Baby sitter wanted. Phone 431 after 4 o'clock. p38

**FOR SALE**

2 bed room home, good location. New home, hardwood floors. See this house for value.

Small home \$2500.00—small down payment—balance like rent. Large furnished home near downtown, good income property—terms.

Lots with trees.

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**HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT:** Will take late model car on trade. Call Mrs. Roy W. Mullinax, phone 6394. ctf

**USED TIRES,** wheel balancing. Western Auto Associate Store. ctf

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**WE HAVE** a selection of small gas heating stoves for sale from \$3.50 to \$10.00. Palm Village ctf

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4-room frame, close in.

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Tourist courts, well located lots. R. F. MCKNIGHT REALTY Phone 6228 ctf

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**WANTED TO BUY:** Small building, suitable for chicken house, also jointer and motor. Phone 6351. p39

**LOST:** Black male Cocker Spaniel in vicinity of Fulton. Finder please notify Y. J. Dawson. Box 55, Fulton. Phone 3656 p38

**WANTED:** Home for two large dogs. Call Mrs. William Johnson. Phone 3518 c38

Women should remember that it is easier to drive a man to drink than it is away from it.

## Local Historian Gives Material On Founding Of Rockport Schools

Due to the fact that only one or two men now living at Rockport and Fulton can recall anything definite about the establishment of the first schools in the area, Harry Traylor recently prepared the following material on this interesting subject, based on records filed with the city and county. The results of these researches follow, in Mr. Traylor's own words:

"The preparation for establishment of the first public school apparently started on April 1, 1879, when William Oertling, constable for Precinct 1, sold at sheriff's sale Lot 1, Block 3, Doughty and Mathis subdivision, to satisfy a judgment against one L. D. Stockley of Rockport. Thomas W. Baxter bid in the property, the consideration being \$525.00.

"It was described as the grounds 'where the Academy was located'. This is the lot where the present city water tower stands and was the site of the first public school in Rockport. The transaction is recorded in Volume C, page 569, Deed Records of Aransas County.

"On June 25, 1879, T. W. Baxter deeded the above described property to Berry Merchant, County Judge, C. F. Bailey, John A. Clarke and J. H. Benham, trustees, for a consideration of \$525.00, specifying that it was to be used for a 'free public school, and that it was to be used strictly for white children. This deed is recorded in Volume C, page 656, Deed Records of Aransas County.

"Evidently the Academy building went with the lot. This was a private school, supposed to have been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Nold.

"Mrs. Nold was a sister of T. H. Mathis, one of the founders of Rockport and a well known early-day banker. She and her husband were among the very first teachers in the public school after it was established. Mrs. Parr, grandmother of the present Archie Parr, of Alice, was another.

"Mrs. Nold afterwards established another private school here, and in the early 1900's a Professor Steel established another.

"County Records show that Colonel George W. Fulton, on the 25th of November, 1886, gave the site for the first public school in Fulton. This was a lot 50 x 150 feet at the corner of Second and Cactus Streets. This deed is recorded in Volume E, Page 66, Aransas County Deed Records.

"The first teacher is supposed to have been a Miss Johnson, whose father was called 'Big Foot Johnson.' They were no relation to any of the present families of that name that are living here. Miss Johnson soon married a Mr. Letz. The school was an elementary one, and then, as now, more advanced students were sent to Rockport. Most of them walked."

**Bird Counting Set This Week**

Eight thousand persons will count birds this week.

It is the 25th annual bird count conducted by the National Audubon Society. The bird counters—mostly all volunteers—will cover assigned areas of the United States, Canada and Alaska.

The society expects a higher count than last year when 7,384 observers counted 9,480,000 birds of 469 species.

Kenneth Morrison, editor of the National Audubon magazine, said "the principal purpose of the count is to disclose comparative statistics that will tell us which species are increasing or decreasing or changing their habitat."

**Mrs. Fred Bracht Entertains with Eggnog Party**

Mrs. Fred Bracht and Miss Mary Jo Bracht entertained friends Wednesday evening with an eggnog and coffee party at the Bracht home.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations, with a lighted tree as the dominant note. Poinsettias and Christmas greens were used throughout the house, and the centerpiece of the beautifully laid table was made of poinsettias and silver leaves, flanked by tall red candles in silver holders.

Members of the house party were Mrs. Jack Keller, Mrs. Joe Caldwell, Miss Genevieve Bracht, Mrs. L. M. Bracht, and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

Mrs. James Bracht and Mrs. Jimmy Reid Simmons poured for the first portion of the party, Miss Mabel Bracht and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., for the last part.

**Fred Brachts Have Sunday Guests**

Sunday guests at the Fred Bracht home were Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, of Corpus Christi, and their three children, Mollie, Randy, and Barbara. Mr. Morgan is Fred Bracht Jr.'s business partner.

## Local Boy Has Wreck Christmas Eve

Johnnie Bob Barber, accompanied by two passengers, was involved in a wreck opposite the airport on Christmas Eve when a rear tire blew out, causing the station wagon he was driving to turn over two or three times. Fortunately no one was severely injured.

The wreck was investigated by State Highway Patrolman Kinser and his partner.

## Rev. N. Ray Harrell Undergoes Surgery

Friends of the Reverend N. Ray Harrell will be interested to learn his present address, and to remember him with cards. He underwent surgery on December 27 in McCloskey General Hospital, at Temple. Reverend Harrell held a revival at the First Baptist Church here in September.

Mrs. Harrell is teaching school in their home town, Stephenville, Texas, where her address is Route 3. With her are the children, Sammy, Nancy, and Mary Alice.

## Sailors Buried 112 Years May Be Returned to Texas

The remains of three Texas sailors may go home to Austin after lying in a New Orleans cemetery for 112 years.

They are now entombed in the neglected old Girod Cemetery, from which New Orleans wants land to widen Girod Street.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas have offered to pay the cost of transferring the sailors' remains to the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

The sailors all buried in 1842, were Capt. Robert Oliver, Midshipman Fielding R. Culp and Lt. Charles F. Fuller.

There may be one snag in the transfer. Attorney Edward McIlhenny says the Sons of the Republic must agree to be responsible if any heirs appear later to object to the transfer.

McIlhenny is handling the transfer for the Christ Church Corp., which owns the cemetery but not the tombs.

New Orleans has filed an expropriation suit for the land needed in the street-widening project. In addition, the city has asked that the corporation remove all the bodies from the cemetery.

## Taylor Oaks Trailer Park Holds Party Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roper and guests at the Taylor Oaks Tourist Park held a Christmas Eve party where everyone drew names and gifts were exchanged.

Santa Claus was enacted by Robert Townsend, who comes from about as near the North Pole as anyone in the park, for his home is in Melfort, Saskatchewan. He brought bags of candy, apples, and nuts for the children, and gave out the rest of the gifts about the huge Christmas tree. Mrs. Santa Claus was Bill Savoie, of Kankakee, Illinois, who, dressed in wine colored suit, with a matching hat and gloves, enacted the part of St. Nick's spouse to perfection.

Christmas music was furnished by Mrs. Claunch, with her record player and collection of Christmas carols sung by Mario Lanza.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cakes, cookies, and coffee were served.

## Mrs. Glass Honors Bailey Daughters With Coffee

Mrs. A. C. Glass honored Mrs. Travis Bailey, Jr., of Stockton, California and Mrs. Clark Bailey, of Corpus Christi with a coffee at her home Wednesday morning.

Members of the house party included Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., Mrs. Joe Caldwell, Mrs. Harry Traylor, and Mrs. John Cox.

The table was beautifully laid with a white cloth centered with pink roses and silver leaves, a theme that was carried out through the rest of the house.

## Bracht's Entertain With Christmas Party

Misses Mabel and Genevieve and Mrs. L. M. Bracht entertained with a Christmas bridge party Tuesday afternoon. There were four tables, and Mrs. Norman Emerick won high, while Mrs. James Court was low.

Decorations were in the Christmas theme, with a large Christmas tree, poinsettias and other flowers placed here and there throughout the house. The centerpiece for the table was another Christmas tree, a miniature one this time, surrounded by tiny angels.

Guests were: Mesdames E. W. Means, Christian, Norman Emerick, J. T. Hord, Melton, James Philpot, Curtis Utz, Lutz, Earle Thomas, Seth Steele, J. D. Griggs, Travis Bailey, Sr., Dick Denny, Fred Bracht, Travis Johnson, and Jack Sanders, Sr.

## Taylor Oaks Hosts And Guests Have Big Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roper and guests of Taylor Oaks Trailer Park, in keeping with their custom of several years past, had a big community Christmas dinner in the recreation hall of the park. There were people from eleven states and one foreign country present.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnson were from Minnesota; Mr. William Savoie and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Savoie are from Illinois. From South Dakota came Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heller, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hall are from Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luce are from sunny California. From Oregon are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rauscher; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gaul, Mr. and Mrs. George Murray, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gilley, and Mr. J. E. Good are Jayhawkers. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patton are from Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. McCaleb are from Arkansas. Mrs. Icefeene Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Hall, Vicki Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Ball, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James, and Mr. Charlie Signs are from Oklahoma.

From Texas are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lieske, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Chaney, and Mrs. Frances Barnhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townsend are from Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Rockport guests included Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Klausen, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Heath and Gary.

The menu, cooked by various people, included turkey and oyster dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, celery, olives, pickles, hot rolls, and pumpkin and mince pies.

## Mrs. Close Is Coffee Hostess

Mrs. Frederick Close entertained with a coffee last week. Her guests were former high school friends back home to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Alice Bell, a senior at TSCW, poured coffee.

Included in the group were Mrs. Curtis McNabb, Mrs. John Albert Ratliff, Mrs. Dudley Prophet, Mrs. Robert Landrum, Mrs. John Gilmore, Mrs. Jimmy Little, all of Rockport.

Also Mesdames Kerry Barnett, of Tyler, Bob Albin, Oakland, Calif., R. D. Torres, El Cajon Calif., Jimmy Reid Simmons, Lawton, Okla., Miss Marjorie Jarboe, Houston, Mrs. Glen Howe, Aransas Pass, Mrs. Robert E. Woodbury, Jacksonville, Fla. Miss Sandra Hansen, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. Jimmy Hayden Seguin.

## REPRESENTATIVE BELL LEAVES FOR CAPITOL

John J. Bell, Democratic Representative-elect from the 14th Congressional District, and Mrs. Bell left Monday for Washington where Rep. Bell will be sworn in Jan. 5, as a member of the 84th Congress.

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## ARANSAS WILDCAT—

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west of Rockport.

Their No. 4 Zeph Rouquette others is 467 feet from the north and southeast lines of the 300-acre lease in C. B. Locas Subdivision in Puerto Bay Lands.

The Atlantic Refining Co. No. 1 Mary S. Heist, Aransas County Frio Sand oil discovery and north extension to production in the Aransas East Field 4 1/4 miles southeast of Rockport, has been completed for a 24-hour flow of 160 barrels of 38.1 gravity, pipeline oil.

Production was through 10-64-inch choke from perforations at 7,364-74 feet in 7-inch casing on bottom at 8,800 feet. Casing pressure was 350 pounds and gas-oil ratio was 575-1.

On the tubing, the project earlier tested gas at the rate of 2.18 million cubic feet plus 50 barrels of above 50 gravity distillate from section at 7,655-60 feet. Location is on a 20-acre lease in Lot 3, Block 229, James McKay Survey, A-160.

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 State Tract 889, Nueces County tidelands wildcat seven miles south-southeast of Port Aransas in the Gulf of Mexico was drilling below 10,700 feet on an 11,000-foot permit. This project had earlier spotted 9 5/8-inch casing at 7,804 feet and 7-inch casing at 8,698 feet.

The Atlantic Refining Company has applied for a permit to operate in Copano Bay, at a location in State Tract No. 71, central to a point approximately five miles north of Rockport, Texas. The company proposes to place a 3-inch pipe line 1 1/2 feet below the bed of the bay except through shell reefs or beds where it would be buried 1 foot below the bed at the above location. The pipe line would be laid from Well 71 No. 10 east approximately 250 feet to 71 No. 1 T-head and thence approximately 600 feet east to Atlantic tank battery on shore.

## WATERFRONT—

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are plenty of birds there, also, when the tide is high enough for it to be around the blinds.

Jimmy Silberisen said that shooting at his place wasn't anything extra yesterday morning, but that there were quite a lot of birds flying yesterday afternoon, and that one hunter that went out late got his limit a very little while. Jimmie was shooting at his place had been fairly good all week, however, even before the norther hit.

To get back to the fishing front, Hugh Morrison said that most of the fish he knew of had been coming from the boat basin. Bill Crist had done nothing the past week, and Fred Christilles and his wife had gone deer hunting again, so there was no report from that quarter.

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<p><b>6.00</b></p> <p>Value</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL VALUE!</b></p> <p>ESTROGENIC HORMONE CREAM 3.50</p> <p>ESTROGENIC HORMONE OIL 2.50</p>	<p><b>FOR 3.50</b></p> <p>Plus Tax</p>
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### ESTROGENIC HORMONE TWINS

Look-Younger Face Cream  
and Make-up

<p>Regular</p> <p><b>6.50</b></p>	<p><b>SPECIAL VALUE!</b></p> <p>ESTROGENIC HORMONE FACE CREAM AND HAND LOTION</p>	<p><b>NOW 3.50</b></p> <p>Plus Tax</p>
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<p>Regular</p> <p><b>5.00</b></p>	<p><b>SPECIAL VALUE!</b></p> <p>ESTROGENIC HORMONE FACE CREAM AND HAND LOTION</p>	<p><b>NOW 3.50</b></p> <p>Plus Tax</p>
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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

<b>WESSON OIL</b>	pint 34c
BAKER'S PREMIUM - 4 oz. pkg.	
<b>SHREDDED COCOANUT</b>	14c
OCEAN SPRAY	
<b>CRANBERRY SAUCE</b>	21c
LIBBY'S - 303 CAN	
<b>PUMPKIN</b>	2 for 29c
<b>SUGAR</b>	5 lbs. 46c
PET OR CARNATION - TALL CAN	
<b>MILK</b>	2 for 25c
<b>VEL</b>	large 27c
<b>CRISCO</b>	3 lb. can 84c

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