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Old History of Lamar Unearthed By Elmo Brundrett for Pilot Readers

Recently Elmo Brundrett unearthed a history of Old Lamar, written by his aunt, Mrs. Ella McRae Clay, for the Pilot, back on Feb. 6, 1930. The Pilot was then known as "The Rockport Register-Pilot," and the reverse side of the sheet carried a story on George Washington, with pictures, and the week's "Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson," as well as four patent medicine ads and a couple of fillers.

Mrs. Clay's story, on the opposite side of the sheet, was written at about the time that the State Highway Department had plans ready for construction of the Copano Bay Causeway. As it is one of the best histories that we have seen of the time, we reprint it here in full. However, one date, that given for the construction of

the little chapel on the grounds of the Schoenstatt Sisters, known to residents of the area as Our Lady Star of the Sea, is incorrect. We don't know what the correct date is, but obviously that given by Mrs. Clay—1895—is wrong.

Here then, is Mrs. Clay's story: (Lamar, the Slumbering City, has been resting serenely in a secluded corner of South Texas, disconnected from the busy world for decades, but its isolation is soon to be banished by the advent of a highway, and the descendants of those study old pioneers may yet live to see the old town come into prominence and fulfill the dreams of its founders by becoming a commercial center and a city of pleasant homes.

At this time, just at the dawn of a new day, it is fitting that the

history of the old town's interesting past should be recorded, and this is most admirably done in the following article by Mrs. Ella Clay, who still resides in the ancient town and has always cherished the memories and traditions of her ancestors.)

On a beautiful oak-grown peninsula, slumbering peacefully, with the lapping tides from three bays, which almost surround it, lies old Lamar.

If you are fortunate enough to have a map of Texas made in 1839 by J. H. Colton, New York, you will find marked in then Refugio county, the town of Lamar. Later, Refugio county was divided, giving us Aransas County.

Capt. James Byrne was the first settler in Lamar and came to Texas about 1838. He platted out the town for which he planned great things and dreamed great dreams. He gave the new town the name of Lamar. A map of Lamar was made by W. H. Jones in the year 1854 which our sheriff, J. A. Brundrett, still has in his possession.

I was told that Ann Byrne was the first child born in Lamar, on June 20, 1845.

Lamar was named in honor of Mirabeau Bonaparte Lamar, a gallant Georgian, born in 1798, and was one of the foremost men of his day. He came to Texas in 1835. He at once entered into the political life of the country, and through the Texas Revolution and the Mexican War of 1846, he winning distinction and credit to his country. He was at that time President of the Republic of Texas.

Capt. Byrne built his first home on the water front, just east of where the "Swi-har-ber" Club building is now located. The old house was torn down and moved away, only a heap of broken brick marks the place.

My grandfather, Arichald McRae, and family came to Texas in 1838; he was the second man who settled in the beautiful seaside of Lamar. He and family moved from Pensacola, Florida, in that year and landed at old Indianaola, Texas. They came direct to Lamar, bought a tract of land from Power and Hewetson, and built a home on the present site. They came to Texas when the murderous Indians infested the land. They were here when cattle ran wild on the prairies, and branding was promiscuous. They were here through all the reign of the six-shooter and Bowie knife.

Other settlers soon followed and built homes in the town; most of the houses were built of concrete or adobe and are still standing, a mute reminder of early days. Lamar was a considerable town in 1839, formerly known as Point Lookout. In a report among President Lamar's papers is the mention "May 1st, 1939. The city of Lamar consists of twenty houses."

Rich in possibilities and favorable climate attracted settlers to this section in an early day.

This Point Lookout is said to have been the rendezvous of the Comanche Indians when they roamed the broad Texas prairies. They were blood-thirsty warriors, who loved plunder and were troublesome neighbors, as many old settlers could testify and from the crest of this high "point" a favorite vantage ground, they gathered to view the country over,

from whence they could see for many in every direction, so guard against pursuit or the approach of foes.

Most of my information about Lamar was obtained from my grandmother McRae, who lived to tell about the Indians, for she lived here in those troublesome times. Lamar had her experience with the Indian raids, one occurring in 1839. My grandparents became so frightened when they saw the Indians coming, they hurriedly boarded their boat, The Belle, and crossed over to Live Oak Point where Col. James Power lived. There they stayed until all danger was past, then returned home.

Lamar was then in its virgin raw state—a vast flat country, apparently arid and sterile except for vagrant and stunted weeds, as far as the San Antonio River—no underbrush nor mesquite trees in those days; this is why they could see the Indians coming. The Indians were terror in the land, in early days. The old warriors would make stealthy marches and descend without warning on the unprotected settlers—and as grandmother said: "No man could hunt, fish, cut a tree, or do anything without peril to his scalp."

One of our neighbors, Mrs. Eve Kroeger, had a terrible experience with the Indians. When a child, she and her sister were looking for the milch cows about sundown. Their father saw the Indians coming, so he blew a horn for the girls to come home, but the Indians knew what the signal meant, so they circled around and captured both, but an old squaw could not make Mrs. K. stay on the horse, so they left her on the prairie, thinking she would die, as they scalped her and left her full of arrows. Her brother, John Thomas, found her next morning. They took the other little girl to Indian Territory. Later she was rescued and lived to tell the story to her grandchildren.

One of the earlier settlers here, and was the very last, was my mother, Mary McRae, who lived in this same lovely old live oak and grapevine embowered home on the cliff. Our front yard runs down to the beach just below, and in the deep back yard stands one of the largest wide-spreading live oak trees in all this region of huge oaks. It must be five hundred years old. At different times, old gold dollars have been picked up from the deep white sand at its roots—perhaps some pirates' haunt.

My father, Murdock McRae, often told us about the camels being here. He said once upon a time "Uncle Sam" had a queer navy, composed of 75 "ships of the desert," which navigated the dry seas of the great Southwest. This was before the Civil War, when transcontinental railroads had not been built, and the government was seeking a solution of the transportation problem over the southern route to California. In 1855 congress authorized the War department to expend \$30,000 in purchasing camels to be used for military purposes. So Jefferson Davis, secretary of war, sent to Turkey and Egypt to get the animals. On May 14th, 1856, a herd of camels were landed at old Indianaola, Texas, and driven overland to Arizona. At first the experiment seemed successful but trouble soon developed. The sand of the Southwest was different from that of the camels' native land, and they became sore-footed, and when the near approach of the Civil War diverted attention from the experiment, the whole

thing ended in failure. Some of the camels were sold to circuses and others were purchased by a Frenchman. But he soon turned the animals loose in the desert to shift for themselves. The majority were soon killed off by the Apaches, who developed a fondness for camel meat. The last camels—nine of them—roamed to Lamar, and were driven off from "Barrel-Tree Bend" in Lamar on March 20th, 1868. Joe Benson, a faithful old colored man, helped drive them away. He was fond of relating the tale to us. The camels were sold to a man who put them in a pasture with his mules. The next morning he found some of his mules hung all along the barbed wire fence, while the more frightened ones were scattered all over the surrounding country.

In Lamar's heyday it boasted a regular and permanent population. The town boasted two stores, ran by R. Jordan in 1861, and a number of years later. Then R. T. Byrne had a store in 1867 which he had until he moved away about the year 1882; had two churches, and a Postoffice, which Capt. Peter Johnson held for years, and other regular adjuncts of old frontier; but no saloons! For a number of years the place grew and flourished. Its stores did a thriving business. Then later business dwindled, stores were closed, families packed their household goods and removed to towns that were growing larger instead of smaller. The majority of the houses of this place are vacant, then some of the buildings were torn down and moved away. At last the population of Lamar was reduced to a few families. The writer still lives in the old home in what was once a busy part of the "ghost-town."

The names most conspicuous among the citizens of Lamar, that I can remember, and which stood high on the roll of honor, are: the Teals, the Byrnes, O'Connors, Ballous, McRaes, Kroegers, Hills, Littles, Brundretts, Johnsons, Pauls, Walkers and the Wells, and scores of others. The countless men and women who braved the terrors of the wilderness to find a new home, are no longer here. In

these early times, no town was more progressive in regards to schools. One of the first school houses in the town was erected about 1840. Mrs. Jane O'Connor, the teacher. Nothing remains but broken walls, the younger generation know it as the Simpson place now. Many men prominent in the affairs of Texas received training at this old school. Then in later days our schools were in charge of some of our most prominent lady educators. Miss Eliz K. Byrne being one, also my teacher.

A new generation is springing up, liberally educated and imbued with progressive ideas.

Dear, drowsy, old-time Lamar—Quaint, almost pathetic, mingling of yesterday and now! In the forced marches of our nearer towns, she seems to halt and lag behind, unwilling that the restless world should quite pass on beyond her, yet ever looking back with wistful eye upon the splendor of the days that were.

But railways, and gas, and stucco, and automobiles will slowly win the day, and searchers for the town's ancient landmarks, modestly hiding their mellowed picturesqueness behind new buildings, will feel impatient of the wide new streets, instead of our one main street of the times bygone, and almost angry at the modern dwellings that will elbow in those cherished, but lonely broken walls that crumble silently against the sweet blue summer sky.

Sometimes the wanderer returns—like my friend, Walter Teal of Beeville—to the scenes of his childhood, and gazes at the brown gables and crumbling walls of his old home, then hurries on, trying to find, and rest and dream amid the shade of an old oak tree, majestic still amid ruin and decay, for here is where the family first lived. Here in tenderly, regretful mood, he looks out through the broken branches, hung with tapestry of green grape vines, some growing through holes in the ancient tree; here he calls up visions

of that long ago, whose restless shadows haunt his loitering steps. Lamar is somewhat removed from the beaten track of civilization, and changes take place here slowly, quietly, and almost too quietly to be noticed when they come. Few things appear to happen, except what the seasons bring, or what the sky sends of cloud and sunshine and wind and rain.

It is a sad experience now to wander through the almost abandoned place.

Many of the houses are still standing, for Lamar, of all coast towns, has never been seriously injured by a storm. It is protected from tidal waves by its situation on a high cliff. Particularly sad is the state of the little abandoned Catholic chapel, which stands in the heart of our little town. Busy folks, accustomed to its presence, hasten by without a passing glance, but the stranger often pauses before that locked door. I have often wished that I could hear that sweet bell ring once more. This church was built about 1895—I do not know the exact date—built by an old Frenchman, Dabberder by name, and an old (Continued on Page 7)

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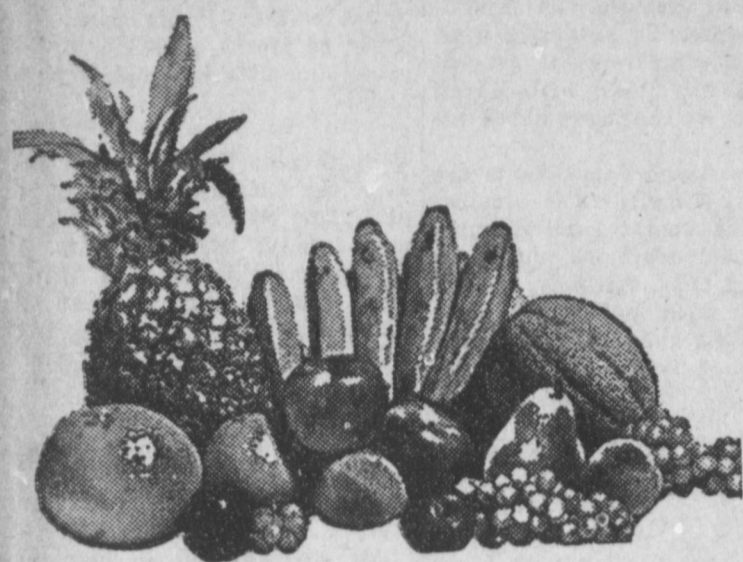
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Mrs. Hansen of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. D. Picton, and family.

Oak Shore Guests Have Christmas Party

The winter guests at Oak Shore Apartments met in one of the large apartments for a Christmas dinner prepared by the ladies.

All enjoyed a typical Christmas dinner, roast turkey and all the trimmings, in a room nicely decorated with a lighted tree and table decorations in the Christmas motif. Later all were guests at an open house given by the Scott's in the Alex Scott home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alec Fahan, Yetter, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, Faribault, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Garret Marshall, Stevens Point, Wisc.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stephens, Ontario, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oler, Richmond, Ind.; Miss Beattie and Denzil Worcester, No. Liberty, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stillwell, Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bresee, Gregory, So. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle, Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harwick and family had the following for Christmas dinner: Mrs. J. M. Sparks, Sr., Mr. Raymond Sparks and Betsy, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sparks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sparks and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Court and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pancho Sparks and family of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns of Houston and Gene Boone.

J. M. Dykes has just returned from a visit with relatives, the Herman Hutchins family, at La Porte, Texas.



HOLD THAT WHEEL!—From the looks of things, the driver of this Citroen 2CV had better hang on to his chassis. The wheels are on the ground but the body looks as though it's about to fly off in a different direction. The little car provided laughs for spectators of a race in Hockenheim, Germany.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson are proud parents of a son, their first, born Saturday at Elliot Hughes, weighing seven pounds, seven ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett's guests for Christmas dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Close and sons, Freddie, Eddie and Dennis Hart, of Dallas; Mrs. Dorothy Dorsey, and Mr. Bill Green of Corpus Christi, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Siller, San Antonio, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Antonia Rinche over the Christmas holidays, returning to San Antonio Sunday night. Mrs. Danny Siller is the former Clara Rodriguez, daughter of Antonia Rinche.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo H. Brundrett and little sons, David Lee and Joel, of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Leyton A. Brundrett of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Brundrett.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETS

W.M.U. Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. Nora Casey at 7:30 Monday, Dec. 29.

Mrs. Floy Rooke gave the Bible study on "Where Is the Lamb." The prayer was given by Mrs. Ruby Mundine.

Others present were: Mrs. Christine McDonald, Mrs. Eva Coaker and Mrs. Marie Conley.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Nora Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sanders spent Christmas in Houston with their daughter, Mrs. F. M. Anke-man, and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Foshee of Wichita Falls and sons, Jim and Dale, spent Christmas with Mrs. Foshee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. White of Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Freeman and family of Colorado visited Mrs. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Rowe and son of Rosenberg visited in the Goldy Rowe home before Christmas holidays.

Virus Studies May Help Solve Health Problems

(Editor's Note: This is the third of three articles on viruses, the harm they cause, what is being done about them, and even what good they may do, by Dr. Henry W. Krumm, chief of virus research for the National Foundation, veteran of 23 years on investigation of malaria, yellow fever and yaws while with the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation.)

By Henry W. Krumm, M.D.
Chief of Virus Research,
The National Foundation

Viruses, which we think of as harmful and deadly, may help mankind solve some of its most serious health problems, including the challenge of cancer.

This may appear strange, but it is so because we have learned to use viruses as laboratory tools to help us study the mysteries of life. We still do not know exactly what life is, and we must understand it if we are to combat some of the processes that interfere with life.

If anyone asks us what a human being is, we are apt to say that it is a creature with two arms, two legs, a nose and so on. But if we go further, we would find that a human being is a collection of living cells, working together in an orderly and wonderful way. At least they work together in an orderly fashion when we are well.

In every human disease what is really wrong is that cells within the body have themselves become sick. To prevent disease, we have to prevent cells from becoming sick and we have to know what makes them sick.

Important in Cancer
Nowhere is this more important than in cancer, where cells grow wildly and multiply far more rapidly than they should. It is important in arthritis and in any disease condition that can be named.

Human cells are very small. They have to be examined under a microscope. Even then it is very difficult to determine just what is happening inside of them. We

have to use indirect methods to find out, since in most cases just looking will not give the answer. It happens, sometimes unfortunately and sometimes conveniently, that viruses will grow and multiply only within living cells. Viruses can't multiply by themselves because they are too primitive. They depend on the machinery of the cell itself. And when they invade a cell they generally take over control of that machinery and direct it to produce more virus.

How to Study Cells

Man cannot enter a living cell to study it. But he can send a virus. By carefully observing what happens in hundreds of experiments, he can learn more about the cell, as well as more about the virus.

The more such experiments are performed, the clearer it becomes that at the basis of all diseases are chemical reactions within or near living cells. Actually, we are concerned with something even more specific than this: with the behavior of certain molecules within cells. This has been called molecular biology.

Complicated as all this seems, it is very practical. When you have the sniffles it is really because within some of your cells certain molecules are reacting with other molecules or atoms to produce certain effects. Result: a runny nose. While a runny nose is not serious by itself, matters like arthritis or influenza are. And they, too, are the ultimate result of what molecules do.

Nucleic Acid

One of the molecules we are interested in is a long, slender, complex affair called nucleic acid. It occurs in all living things, including viruses and cells. It is the nucleic acid in human germ cells that determines whether you will have blue eyes or brown, five fingers or six.

March of Dimes funds are supporting studies of such molecules in laboratories from one end of the country to another. Viruses are helping in this job. Already we know that if a cell is injected with a virus's nucleic acid the

nucleic acid in the cell becomes abnormal.

Control All Disease?

We are a long way from knowing all about this molecule and what it does. Yet it is probably no exaggeration to say that if we knew all about it and could control it precisely, we would be able to control most human disease. We may never reach that point. But the American people, through their investment in the March of Dimes, are bringing us closer to that knowledge.

Virus diseases are a major phase of the expanded program of the National Foundation. Other areas of March of Dimes activity are polio, arthritis and birth defects.

Visitors at W. L. Stryker home over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stryker of Rule, Texas, and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins and children, San Antonio; Miss Juanita Squires, San Antonio; Mrs. Noble Manship, Ingleside; Jim Stryker, San Benito.

Mr. and Mrs. De Wilton Jeffries and family of Houston are spending the holidays as guests of her mother, Mrs. Charles T. Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Montezuan of San Antonio were visitors with the Elmo Brundrett family during Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McDonald spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McDonald, in Edna.

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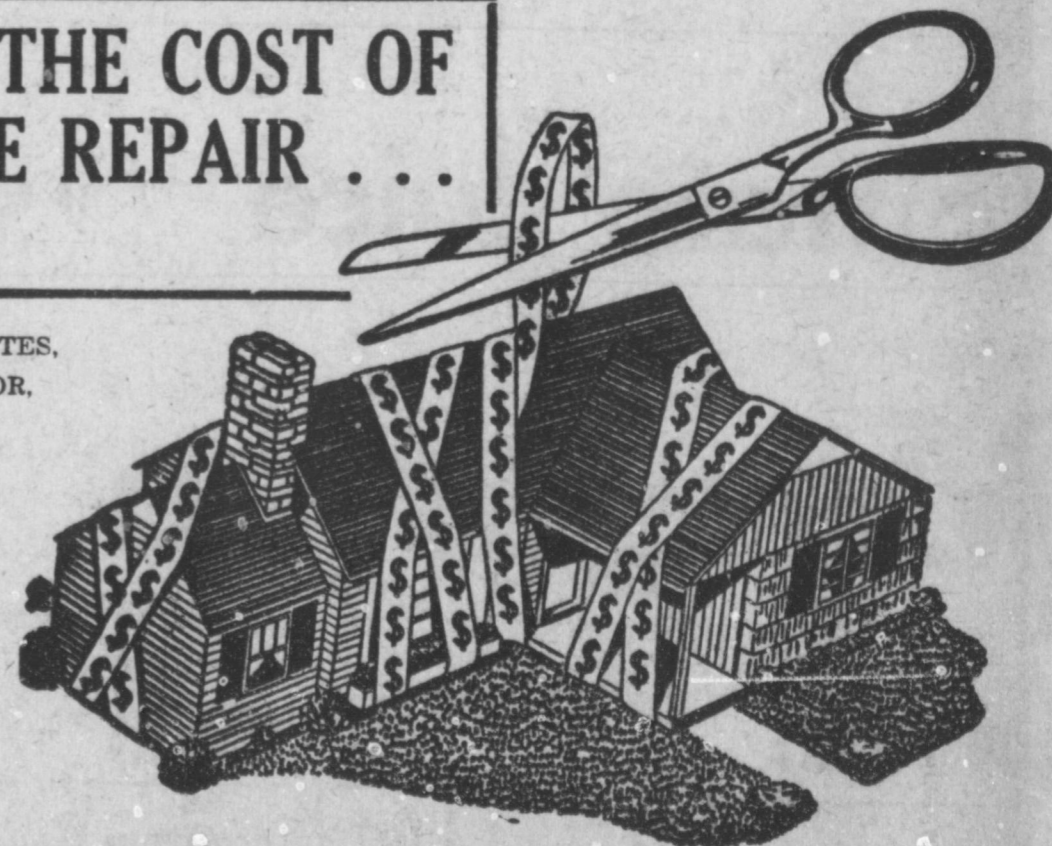
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Many guests, most of them members of the family, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Clark Herring at Christmas. From Dallas came Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Herring. From Corpus Christi Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Newsom came, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Newsom. Also from Corpus Christi were Mr. and Mrs. James Herring and their daughters, Lydia Ann and Barbara Lynn.

Tommy and Dennis McCabe are visiting in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Dobbins of LaCoste and Mrs. J. B. Barber were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Johnson over the holiday week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hanes of Wink, Dr. L. C. Hanes and wife and two daughters of Jackson, Miss., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morrison.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier of CPL are the proud parents of a daughter, Deborah Arlene, born Monday, in Sinton Hospital, weighing nine pounds and nine ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Littleton and family of Houston spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Littleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Owens and son, Jerry, of Wharton, spent Christmas with Mrs. Mellie Edmison. They had Christmas dinner in Robstown with Mrs. Edmison's daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dickey visited Mrs. Dickey's mother in New Braunfels over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries and family visited friends and relatives here over the holidays.



OVERTIME PARKING—It looks as though the greediest auto thieves anywhere have struck this street in Rochdale, England. Actually, these car bodies are lined up outside a small manufacturing plant, waiting for the assembly process to be completed.



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Keep Records—Save Taxes
There is no time like the present to start a procedure that will aid you with next year's income tax calculations. That is to maintain a record of your income and outgo. Such a record can be simple and brief but it may save you tax dollars and many hours of work in filling out tax forms.

The average man who works for a wage or salary doesn't have to concern himself about keeping books and records—at least so he thinks. His employer keeps a reliable record of his earnings and Uncle Sam looks primarily to the employer for information on his earnings and for the withholding of various taxes out of his wages.

But whether or not you run a business of your own, you have a partner who each year is claiming a substantial interest in your personal income. And the law requires that you keep books for him in case he ever asks for an accounting.

Perhaps you own your home or

are paying it out in installments. It's likely that some day you may sell that house. When you do you'll want to be able to prove whether you realized a gain or a loss on that sale. If a gain in capital resulted, it probably will add to your income tax. If a loss was suffered, it may possibly reduce your income tax.

You may have made certain capital improvements on the house while you lived in it, but unless you can show what out-of-pocket expense you incurred while making them, you may not get credit for them in your cost basis so as to prove that you had no capital gain or that you had a loss.

Or perhaps you received that little summer cottage on the lake as a gift from your father. If you ever sell it, you should be able to show Uncle Sam not only the cost of improvements you made on it while you owned it, but also what it was worth for tax purposes before Dad gave it to you.

It may be that you are receiving an annuity on an insurance policy. If so, do you know how much that policy costs you and how much of that cost you have recovered tax-free to date?

There are many kinds of transactions you enter into that may some day affect the computation of your personal income tax. The best proof of the cost of anything you've purchased is a receipted bill or cancelled check. If one of these pieces of evidence relates to any transaction that may affect your income in later years, it's a

good idea to keep it. Your "partner" may some day ask to see it.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Fincher and daughter, Darlyne, visited with Mrs. Fincher's parents in Palestine and Mr. Fincher's mother, Mr. J. W. Fincher, in Elkhart over the holidays. They spent Christmas afternoon visiting with Mrs. Fincher's grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Martin, in Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy McElveen and children, Mrs. Jim Simmons of Bastrop, Miss Ruth Lipscomb, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Simmons and children of Corpus Christi, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell and children were guests of Mrs. Nora Casey for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Simmons and daughter spent Christmas with Mrs. Simmons' mother in Junction.

Bill Buckley, a student at the University of Texas, visited his grandmother, Mrs. F. E. Buckley, over the holidays and will return to school on its reopening in January.

FRANK BAIRD IN NAS HOSPITAL

The best Christmas present for the Jack Bairds came Dec. 24 when their son Frank, arrived in Rockport. He was transferred to the Corpus Naval Hospital (from the Newport, Rhode Island, Hospital) as a convalescent patient, following two operations on his leg and foot, until released from the Navy.



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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mikeal and son, Pete, and W. P. Mikeal, all of Long Beach, California, were visitors at the W. L. Mikeal home over the holidays. This was the first time in 21 years the three brothers had been together.

Mrs. Ro Jean Williams and baby boy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mikeal, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hardeman, Mrs. Jack Ryan, and aunt, and his mother, Mrs. Ada Hardeman, all of Beeville, visited with the Byron Hardemans over the holidays.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARION ARMSTRONG BARNES, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the estate of MARION ARMSTRONG BARNES, Deceased, were granted to EDWARD F. GODDE, on December 1, 1958 by the County Court of Aransas County, Texas, Sitting in Matters Probate.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. Address such claims to EDWARD F. GODDE, c/o Lola Bonner, Attorney at Law, Rockport, Texas.

EDWARD F. GOODE, Administrator of the Estate of MARION ARMSTRONG BARNES, Deceased

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NOTICE

Beginning on January 1, due to ill health, it will be necessary for me to close the Glory Oh Beauty Shop for sixty to ninety days. I do want to thank all those who have patronized me in the past, and hope, that when I can re-open, I may have the pleasure of serving them again.

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Mary Martha Shivers Refugio Deanery Princess at Laredo

Mary Martha Shivers was one of the princesses that will represent the Refugio Deanery in the Catholic Youth Meeting held at Laredo on Tuesday of this week, which was attended by youths from five deaneries—Refugio, Corpus Christi, Laredo, Brownsville, and Laredo.

Other young people from Rockport were her escort—Dale Barnard, Charles and Frances LeBlanc, Barbara Barnard, James Richard Fox, Mike Johnston, Maud Jarboe, Georgia Kresta, Robert Shivers and Jerry Iles.

Accompanying the group from here were Father G. J. O'Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard LeBlanc, Mrs. Frank Kresta and Mrs. A. C. Shivers.

The party left Tuesday morning and arrived in time to take part in the panel discussion on youth problems scheduled for that afternoon, and in the ball held that night in the parochial school gymnasium. They returned Wednesday.

Hogue-Rethmeyer Wedding Celebrated

Leander Hogue and Mrs. Fern Rethmeyer were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 8:30 p.m., with the Rev. Endasa F. Avant officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bartholomew were best man and matron of honor.

Mr. Hogue is the son of Mrs. Lastress Hogue of Naples, Fla., and is employed by Robbin Knight of Aransas Pass.

The young couple will make their home in Rockport.

YOUTH GROUP XMAS DANCE

The High School Youth Group held a Christmas dance and party, the first function in the new youth center on the campus of the Aransas County High School.

More than 60 attended. Supervisors were Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Schleider and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Johnson.

ROUQUETTES HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE

Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette had their traditional Christmas party Christmas night with the following: Mrs. John Weber and Hettie, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Rouquette and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rouquette and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rouquette and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sparks and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pieton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Littleton and family of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Schleider.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bohn, Jr., and family of New Orleans called during the evening and talked to practically everyone.

GLORY OH BEAUTY SHOP TO CLOSE

Mrs. Alma Taylor, who has operated the Glory Oh Beauty Shop for many years, is being forced to close her doors on account of ill health.

Mrs. Taylor is well known to folks in Rockport and Fulton, and is the wife of Noah Taylor, of the Aransas Butane Company.

MONTHLY MEETING OF EPISCOPALIAN WOMEN

The monthly meeting of the Women of the Episcopalian Church, usually held on the first Thursday of each month, will be postponed until next Thursday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. when officers for the year 1959 will take over.

Mrs. J. P. Harway, retiring president, will introduce her successor, Mrs. Randall G. Stivers, Jr.

Following the meeting, the installation of all new officers will take place in the church, at a short service conducted by Mr. Harry Carter, lay minister.

Gene Smith was here from Dallas, coming in Wednesday evening, and leaving for Dallas on Sunday afternoon, while Mr. and Mrs. Alva O. Freeman and children, Linda, David, Susan, and Julie came from Dillon, Colorado, to visit with their parents, the Austin Smiths. The Freemans left for home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Armbrist and daughters left before Christmas for a round of visiting at Spooks and Temple and have not returned as the paper goes to press.

Roy C. Lassiter, of Alpine, visited friends and relatives over the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie McClain and children, of Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wenzel and children of Houston, visited friends and relatives in Rockport over the weekend. The two ladies are nieces of Mrs. Lloyd Lassiter and Mrs. Ed Bernard.

Winston Weber home from A&I over the holidays.

Tax Calendar Offered For Pilot Subscribers

In case there's any doubt in the minds of Pilot subscribers as to when and where they need to pay their taxes, and to whom they should be paid, the Pilot offers the following tax calendar on Federal imposts.

January 1 Federal Income Tax Withholding:

Employees status determination date for purposes of withholding individual income tax from salary or wages.

15 Federal Income Tax—Corporations:

Pay Director of Internal Revenue second 50% installment—fiscal year ended July 31, 1958: File return (form 1120) and pay first 50% installment—fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1958: Corporation Estimated Tax—Form 1120 ES:

If the income tax of a corporation with a fiscal year ending April 30, 1958, can reasonably be expected to exceed \$100,000.00 Form 1120 ES must be filed and 20% of the tax in excess of \$100,000.00 must be paid. The remaining 20% installment will be due April 15, 1959.

A corporation with a fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1959, that did not meet the requirements on Oct. 1, 1958, but does meet the requirements on Jan. 1, 1959, must file form 1120 ES on January 15, 1958, and pay the full 40% tax due on an estimate in excess of \$100,000.00.

Second (last) 20% installment due for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 1959, where form 1120 ES was filed on Oct. 15, 1958.

15 Federal Income Tax—Individuals:

Fourth quarterly installment and last day to file amended declaration of estimated individual income tax for taxpayers on a calendar year basis.

3rd quarterly installment—Fiscal year ended April 30, 1959.

2nd quarterly installment—Fiscal year ended July 31, 1959.

1st quarterly installment—Fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1959.

Annual return on form 1040 and adjustment of estimated tax to actual for fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1958. Annual declaration of estimated income tax on form 1040 ES for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1959.

Last day to amend 4th quarter estimate for 1958.

31 Final Return Calendar year 1958, other than farmers:

If the final return for the preceding calendar year is filed on or before this date, it operates as a declaration or amendment otherwise due on Jan. 15.

31 Federal Excise Tax: Return and payment of tax for the month of December, 1958.

31 Federal Insurance Contribution Act:

Combined quarterly return for Federal income and F.I.C.A. tax withholding from wages during the 4th quarter 1958 (form 941).

31 Federal Unemployment Compensation Tax:

Annual return of excise on employers of four or more individuals for the year 1958 (form 950)

31 Forms W-2

Each employer must furnish each employe a statement (form W-2) of amount withheld in the year 1958.

TEXAS

1 To April 30 Property Tax: Annual return to Assessor for the county in which the property is situated.

25 Gross Production Tax: Producers, first and subsequent purchasers reports and payment of tax to Comptroller of Public Accounts for the month of December, 1958.

31 State Unemployment Compensation Tax:

Information return and payments for fourth quarter of 1958 to Texas Employment Commission. (Form TUCC 3, 3B).

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Borchert with Bobby and Brenda were in Pasadena over the holidays visiting Mrs. Borchert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson. From there they went to Lockhart, visiting Mr. Borchert's mother, returning to Rockport on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and Mike visited Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Margaret Miller, in Sinton over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roper were in Matamoros and Weslaco over the Christmas holidays.

Joe Wright of Roatan's was in Austin over the holidays and brought his son, John, back for a visit.

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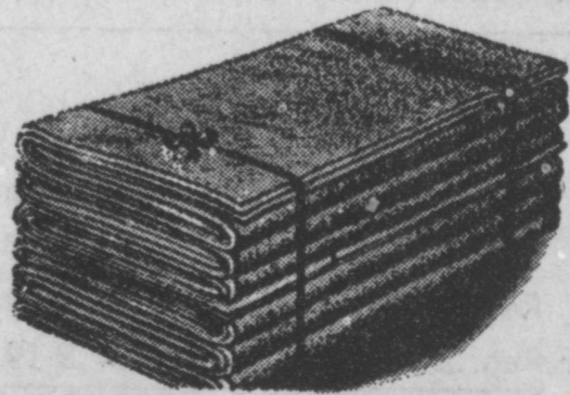
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CLENDENING'S

Aransas Pass

HISTORY OF LAMAR

(Continued from Page 2)

slave, a negro as dark as the ace of spades, named McJae Ballou. He was owned by Dr. Ballou, who came from East Texas, about 1840.

Situated on the bayou, in S. H. Paul's Hale Point pasture, is a little knoll, known as the "Nep-tune," but few people really know why it is called that. In the year 1869, my father, Murdock McRae, and Richard T. Byrne, bought a large vessel called the Neptune of Galveston, Texas. They bought her from John M. Humphrey of that place, paying him the sum of \$300.00 in gold. She was a two-mast schooner, built at Lavaca, Texas. They expected to fix her up and employ her in the coasting trade, my mother said. So they had her hauled out on the ways which was on the Bayou between Goose Island and mainland—the water being very deep at that time. But for some cause they never launched her, and for years she lay up there and hull rigging, together with the masts, bowsprit, sails, cables and all slowly rotted away—now only the name and the memory remain of what was once a fine ship.

The chief industry of this country is the raising of cattle—the same as was years ago. My grandfather, Archibald McRae, was

awarded a beautiful silver cup, which I still have, for exhibiting the finest cattle at the Victoria Fair in 1849. The great cattle ranches of Texas represent an industry which is responsible for millions of dollars of Southern wealth. Cattle raising was formerly done in a rather "hit-or-miss" fashion. It is now a highly organized and scientifically conducted industry.

The appearance of the soil around here is somewhat deceptive to the eye, looking like a sandy, barren waste, but in fact, having several feet of rich earth, where every variety of vegetation and fruits known can be grown.

In the summer the heat of the sun is tempered by the ozone-laden breeze from the Gulf of Mexico, which is cool, gentle, and never ceasing, making this a delightful summer resort. This is where youth stays young, and the old live longer and feel younger than in the North with its severe winters.

You can have vegetables from your own gardens and you can eat home-raised turkeys and chickens, and from the waters of the bay, you can have delicious oysters, from the oyster reefs nearby, and fish of your own catching, with plenty of crab and shrimp if you so desire.

Winter is the gala time for the hunters, and from every part of the United States they visit this portion of Texas in quest of wild geese, red-heads, canvasbacks and the various other featured game, which from October to March, come here by the millions. There is no other point in the whole country which offers hunters a finer field than this, for during the whole winter all the bays and the small inland lakes or ponds are alive with as great a variety of game as ever challenged the skill of the sportsman, or tested the skill of the ardent nimrod. I know the proprietor of the St. Charles Bay Club will agree with me in this.

Only the names and the mem-

ories remain of old Lamar. They stir memories of a romantic past, enshrined now in the hearts of the few remaining who once called it home.

But now, Lamar has the brightened future before her. The next 20 years will show amazing changes—for we are looking forward to having a causeway in the near future, connecting Live Oak Point, scarcely three miles across the bay with the old town of Lamar.

This undeveloped country, with its mild climate, good soil, and fine grazing country, Lamar is destined to be one of the county's big towns. Then in fancy, I can see "put-your-nickle-in-the-slot machines occupying every available place. The whir of the telephone, and the click of the typewriter, will be familiar sounds. The messenger boy will dally on his way, as in New York.

When the railroad is built(?) and we see the train and hear the whistle it will create as much excitement as a balloon ascension once did at a circus.

If tradition has lost the records of the place where Paradise is situated, the traveler who visits these regions will feel at once the impulse to exclaim "Here is Eden."

No one can visit Lamar and not have a longing to go back. Its great historic characters stand out like mountain peaks on the pathway of history. No wonder it is so hard to say goodbye to this dear place, and when we leave, we remember the picture framed in memories of this old town, and over and above all, the warm glow of "auld lang syne" not forgotten. And I fain would linger, but time with relentless hand is steadily pouring the wasting sands of these precious moments into the fated urn.

Farewell, from one who hears the whispering of the waves and the mockingbird's sweet song.

MRS. ELLA McRAE CLAY, Lamar, Aransas County, Texas.

Old Spaniard First To See Rockport

Cabeza de Vaca was probably the first white man to see the Coastal Bend where, in later years, Rockport and Fulton were to found their businesses and their homes.

Cold, exhausted, half-starved and wholly desolate, he was cast ashore on Galveston Island with 80 companions, members of the ill-fated Narvaez expedition from Spain, on November 6, 1528. Seven and a half years later, sun-scorched, wolf-gaunt and thorn-scarred, he arrived at San Jose de Culiacan, Lower California, with three men, leader of the first Europeans ever to traverse Texas and the American continent.

Most of the intervening time had been spent along the Texas coast, where all but these four had perished, and the story of their struggle to survive in a strange and unfriendly land is one of the most absorbing chapters in Texas history, faithfully chronicled by de Vaca himself after returning to Spain.

By spring, only 15 men had survived their first Texas winter and most of these drifted south towards where they thought Spanish settlements could be found on the coast of Mexico, leaving de Vaca, who was ill, and another man, Oviedo, with two of the Indian tribes about Galveston Bay.

After his recovery, de Vaca supported himself by trading "cones and other pieces of sea snails, conchs used for cutting, and fruits like a bean (sea beans), of highest value among them, which they use as medicine and employ in their dances and festivities," among his inland tribes, receiving in return skins, ochre (used as paint), and arrow-making materials used by the coastal tribes.

For six years he existed in this

manner, because Oviedo was alive, and each summer he crossed from the mainland to Galveston Island and "entreated Oviedo that we should go, but he put me off every year, saying that in the next we should start."

At last, however, de Vaca's arguments prevailed and they started their long trek, so clearly detailed in his account that anyone familiar with the Texas coast has little trouble in tracing their wanderings.

Oviedo could not swim, so de Vaca, the indomitable, towed him over Galveston Bay, Oyster Creek, the Brazos, the San Bernard River and Caney Creek. From there they marched down Matagorda Peninsula to Pass Cavallo, in company with some Indians, who ferried them across in a canoe. Four days later they reached what they called Espiritu Santo Bay, which had high white cliffs of sand that marked its entrance.

Considerable dispute has risen among historians over identification of this spot, but there is only one place where such cliffs occur on the Texas coast in sufficient size to answer the description. This is on the shores of Copano Bay, near where the present causeway now separates it from Aransas Bay, between Lamar and Live Oak Peninsulas.

Here, in olden times, Long Reef crossed between St. Joseph's Island and the mainland, and people living now in Rockport still remember when this was used as a migration route by the Indians, because waters along the reef were shallow enough to wade.

Here de Vaca and his companion crossed to Lamar Peninsula, in company with some Indian women and, meeting some tribesmen of the lower coast, got news of three of their comrades that had gone south six years before—Dorantes, Castillo, and a Moorish slave, Estevan. These were, according to the Indians, all that were left of the men who had left de Vaca and Oviedo, and were slaves of a tribe, the Mariannes, a tribe that came to feed on the nuts of a river about a league or so from this place (which modern historians think was the Guadalupe). These Mariannes treated their prisoners very badly, they said.

Paint-hearted Oviedo, hearing this, decided, against de Vaca's entreaties, to return to Galveston Island, which they called Malhado (Misfortune). "Better the devil he knew," said he, "than the one he did not," and so Oviedo passes out of the picture.

Cabeza de Vaca, however, was made of sterner stuff, and awaited the coming of the Mariannes on the banks of the river.

The reunion was not one of

unalloyed bliss, however, for Dorantes had a long tale of death, disaster and cannibalism among the white men to relate, ending when he, Castillo and Esteban had escaped from Indian tribes on St. Joseph's by wading the shallow waters of Aransas Bay and crossing to the mainland, where they had been enslaved by the Mariannes, with whom de Vaca had found them.

These Mariannes were a merry people, although de Vaca says:

"It occurred to us many times when we were among these people, when there was no food, to be three or four days without eating, and they, to revive our spirits, would tell us not to be sad, that soon there would be prickly pears, when we should eat a plenty and drink the juice, and we should be content and joyful, having no hunger."

These prickly pears, or tunas, were to give Cabeza de Vaca and his comrades their chance to escape, for with the coming of summer and the fruiting of this cactus, the whole tribe moved some 30 leagues southward, to about where Alice now stands.

All this time, Castillo and Esteban had been with the Iguazes, neighbors of the Mariannes, but before de Vaca and Dorantes could steal away and join them, a fight broke out among the tribes over a woman, and the four white men were separated for another year without meeting.

With the coming of the next tuna season, however, all four of them were once again in the lower country, and contrived a meeting for the September full moon, which was successful.

Then, said the ancient chronicler:

"We resolved to do our duty as Christians and hidalgos, which each one of us was (they didn't count Esteban, who had been a slave in Spain), and not to live this life, so savage and divorced from the service of God and all reason. And with this good resolution, like determined men of good birth, we went, and so Jesus Christ guided us and worked His infinite mercy on us, and opened roads in a land where there were none."

Their gruelling experiences failed to daunt their faith and spirit, and during the ensuing two years they worked their way southward to the vicinity of what is now Monterrey, Mexico, thence to the north and west, via the Big Bend Country to the present site of El Paso.

From there they pushed further to the westward across the continent to the Gulf of California. Meeting near there some of their fellow countrymen of the more fortunate expedition led by Hernando Cortez, the famed Conquistador, they were eventually able to get back to their native Spain.

Cabeza de Vaca documented their adventures faithfully. His "Naufragios" or "Relaciones" is the first written record of white men's experiences in what is now Texas. It can be truthfully said that de Vaca not only had a part in making the first chapter in the history of Texas and the Coastal Bend, but also that he wrote this chapter for the enlightenment of present-day Texans and others who may care to read.

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