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Gulf-Plains Area

NOV avg precip, temp, 2.5" 60°, 15-19, Cold then warming, 20-24, cloudy, warm, showers evngs, 25-27, colder, showers, 28-30, clear, warm. DEC avg precip, temp, 3" 48°, 1-4, sunny, mild, 5-7 clear, warm, 8-11, cold rain, 12-15, cloudy, cold then warm showers, 16-19, clear & warm.



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## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a day set apart annually for the giving of thanks for the for the blessings of the year. It's a day when family and friends gather to share in that blessing.

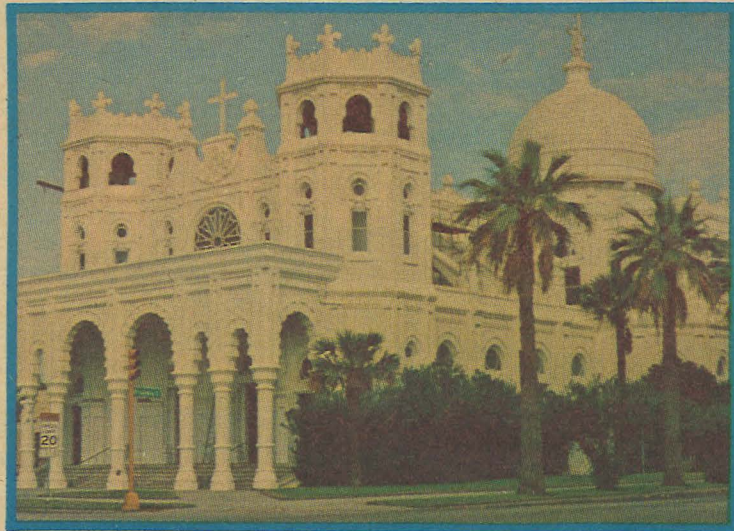
Early settlers gathered to give thanks for a good harvest, healthy stock, and talk about how everyone pitched in to help build barns and mend fences. They tossed aside all the differences they might have had during the year to share in a feast of roast turkey, ham and baked apples.

The Thanksgiving tradition has been passed down for centuries. It all started in the year 1620 at a new settlement along the eastern coast called Plymouth Colony. Governor Bradford, the newly elected head of Plymouth, spoke  
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## Sacred Heart

The very first Catholic service in Galveston was held in April of 1838. Church attendance showed a steady growth during the years that followed and in 1884, while under the leadership of Bishop J. Odum, the Galveston diocese established Sacred Heart as the 4th church on the island.

Sacred Heart held its services in the St. Mary's University building until 1892 when the parish moved to its new church on Broadway Boulevard and 14th Street. It was beautiful indeed. The structure, designed by noted Galveston architect Nicholas J. Clayton, took two years to complete. It was destroyed during the 1900 hurricane, but was rebuilt in 1904. The palace has oranted towers of gothic and roman styles and is truly one of the city's most beautiful landmarks.



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**James Monroe**  
5th President  
(1817-25)

Although he did not rank in imagination or in brilliance with the Democratic-Republican Presidents who served before him, Monroe has been judged an abler administrator of his high office than either Jefferson or Madison.

The fourth Virginian to become Chief Executive, he was born in Westmoreland County on April 28, 1758. He was the son of Spence and Elizabeth (Jones) Monroe, landowning farmers.

Monroe left the College of William and Mary in 1776 to become a lieutenant in a Virginia regiment, saw action in several Revolutionary War battles, and achieved the rank of major. When the war ended he studied law under Thomas Jefferson.

In 1782 he was elected to the Virginia legislature. Then for three years he served in the Continental Congress, where he opposed a centralized federal government.

Under the new government Monroe served in the U.S. Senate and became a leading spokesman for Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans.

In 1816, Monroe obtained his party's presidential nomination and was easily elected.

Because of political calm, the first years of his administration were known as the Era of Good Feelings. He made a long tour of

The manner in which the President exercises his several functions generally determines his place in history.

The highlights of the Presidents' lives, including information on the women who served as First Lady, appear in this column, and a different president will be featured each month in the Historical Gazette.

the Northern states in 1817 and a similar journey through the Southern states in 1819. Monroe was reelected in 1820 without opposition, winning all but one electoral vote.

The good feelings, however, were only apparent. Seething dissensions erupted in North-South disputes over extension of slavery into new states to be formed from the territories. The conflict was temporarily eased in 1820 by the first Missouri Compromise. Maine was admitted as a free state and Missouri as a slave state. A boundary was drawn between future free and slave states in the Louisiana Territory.

Other events in Monroe's presidency included the acquisition of Florida (1819); recognition of the Latin American republics (1822); and promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine (1823) to protect the Western Hemisphere. In 1822 Liberia was founded in Africa as a colony for freed American slaves with its capital, Monrovia, named for Monroe.

At the end of his term Monroe retired to his home in Loudoun County, VA. He served as regent of the University of Virginia in 1826 and presided over the Virginia Constitutional Convention in 1829. He died on July 4, 1831, and was buried in New York City. In 1858 his body was moved to Richmond, VA. Elizabeth Kortright Monroe (1768-1830) married Monroe in 1786.

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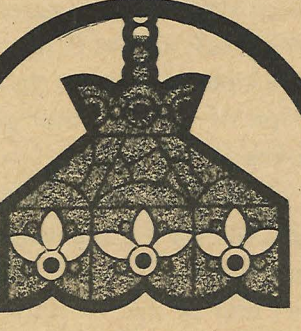
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*The origins of many great inventions are shrouded in the distant past. The inventors of writing, the wheel, and fire-making will forever remain anonymous.*

**Adding Machine (first commercially successful):** William Burroughs, United States (1888)

**Cannon (iron):** Germans, Germany (c.1320)

**Diesel Engine:** Rudolf Diesel, Germany (1892)

**Dynamite:** Alfred B. Nobel, Sweden (1867)

**Electric Motor (D.C.):** Zenobe Gramme, Belgium (1873)

**Elevator (safety):** Elisha G. Otis, United States (1852)

**Frozen Foods (retail):** Clarence Birdseye, U.S. (1917-29)

**Hydroplane:** Glenn H. Curtiss, United States (1911)

**Jet Aircraft Engine:** Sir Frank Whittle, England (1930)

**Safety Pin:** Walter Hunt, United States (1849)

**Lock (cylinder):** Linus Yale Jr., United States (1861)

**Locomotive (steam):** Richard Trevithick, Wales (1804)

**Microcomputer (silicon chip):** Michael J. Cochrane, Gary W. Boone, U.S. (1971)

**Microphone:** Alexander Graham Bell, U. S. (1875-76)

**Microscope (compound):** Hans and Zacharias Janssen, Netherlands (1590)

**Typesetting machine (Monotype):** Tolbert Lanston, United States (1885)

**Wheel (solid):** Sumerians (c.3300 B.C.)

**X ray:** Wilhelm Roentgen, Germany (1895)

**Zipper (meshed-tooth):** Gideon Sunback, U.S. (1913)

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**Fred H. Albee** (1876-1945), American orthopedic surgeon: made first practical bone grafts.  
**Alfred Blalock** (1899-1964), American surgeon: with Helen Taussig, developed corrective heart surgery for "blue babies" (1944).  
**Konrad Emil Bloch** (1912 - ), German-American biochemist: discovered how living cells make cholesterol. (N)  
**George Washington Crile** (1864-1943), American surgeon: contributed to surgical treatment of high blood pressure, nerve-block anesthesia, and blood transfusion.  
**Michael Ellis De Blakey** (1908- ), American surgeon: developed artificial heart.

**Hippocrates** (c.460 - 377 B.C.), Creek physician and the "father of medicine": first to base medical treatment on scientific observation.  
**Karl Landsteiner** (1868-1943), Austrian-American physician: discovered main blood types (1900), polio virus (1908); with A.S. Wiener, discovered Rh blood factor (1940). (N)  
**Charles L.A. Laveran** (1845-1922), French physician: discovered parasite causing malaria (1880). (N)  
**Elmer Verner McCollum** (1879-1967), American biochemist: invented alphabet system of naming vitamins (1915).

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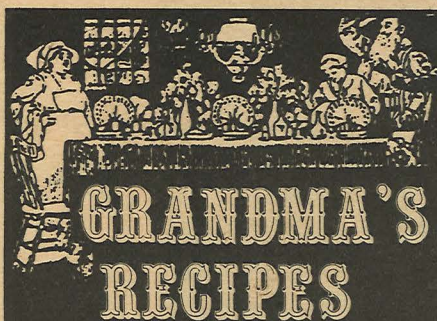
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## GRANDMA'S RECIPES

### SWEET POTATO PIE

Some time ago a gentleman from the South wrote in to the Editor saying that his greatest disappointment upon arriving in our northern climate was the fact that **NOWHERE** in Detroit could he procure a piece of sweet potato pie.

We are, therefore, printing a recipe for "sweet potato pie", furnished the Household Editor by our southern friend. Sounds pretty good, too. Here's hoping, some hospitable Detroit housewife will ask the gentleman to dinner and serve him with his favorite pie.

Boil in water a couple of fair sized potatoes, then mash, adding a couple of teaspoons of butter, a pinch of salt and yolks of two eggs; stir. Take a cup and a half of milk, two tablespoons of sugar and a dash of nutmeg. Beat the

whites of the eggs and add all mixed and stirred, then proceed in making the ordinary custard.  
*Detroit Times, 1928*

### MAKING PASTE

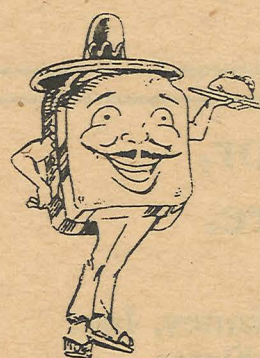
The following is a method to make a paste which will keep: Dissolve a teaspoon alum in a quart of water. When cold stir in as much flour as will give it the consistency of thick cream, carefully beating up all the lumps. Stir in a half teaspoon of powdered rosin. Pour on the mixture a teacup of boiling water, stirring it well. When it becomes thick pour in a earthen vessel. Cover and keep in a cool place. When needed for use take a portion and soften it with warm water. It will last at least a year. If you wish to have a pleasant odor, stir in a few drops of oil of wintergreen or cloves.

The *New York Telegram* is authority for the statement that a transparent mucilage of great tenacity may be made by mixing rice flour with cold water and letting it simmer gently over the fire.

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## Lee Price's Barber Shop

By Gerald L. Price

I'm sure a lot of people around this area remember my father. His name was Lee Price and he had the Cow Town Barber Shop in League City from 1936 to 1966.

The League City Ice House was in the same little building as his shop which was right across the street from Dallas Salmon's filling station on East Main. There was a large cotton-wood tree right in front of the place that shaded everything. My dad had a bench out there with a magazine rack where you could sit and read stuff. He had all the big magazines like Saturday Evening Post and Liberty, plus a whole bunch of funny books. Dad didn't allow the kids to read the new books, but he did have a box up under the bench which was filled with old second hand ones. During the summer kids used to hang around out there

go to work. At that time hair cuts cost 25¢ for adults and 15¢ for children, a shave was 20¢, oil or tonic 10¢, and a shampoo was 25¢.

We moved to League City in 1937 and rented the two story house from Grand Dad Homer on Walker Street across from the school.

There were two barbers in League City, Barber Bert and my dad. If you wanted to hear a good fish story, you went to Bert's; if you wanted to read some good poetry, swap a cow or two or do some horse trading, you went to Price's. You could get a good hair cut at either place, and it probably wouldn't take over 45 minutes.

I'll never forget how long it used to take me to get a haircut. Every time I'd get situated in my dad's chair, a customer would come in and I'd have to hop down. If someone else came in, I'd have to wait even longer. Sometimes I'd wait 3 or 4 hours before I could get it done.

Dad moved his shop in 1941 to a larger building across from the old Kilgore Grocery Store on the corner where the fire station is now. He

## Jubilee's Partner

by Judd Mortimer Lewis

*Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Minneapolis Journal, July 31, 1920 and has been reprinted just as it appeared in that printing.*

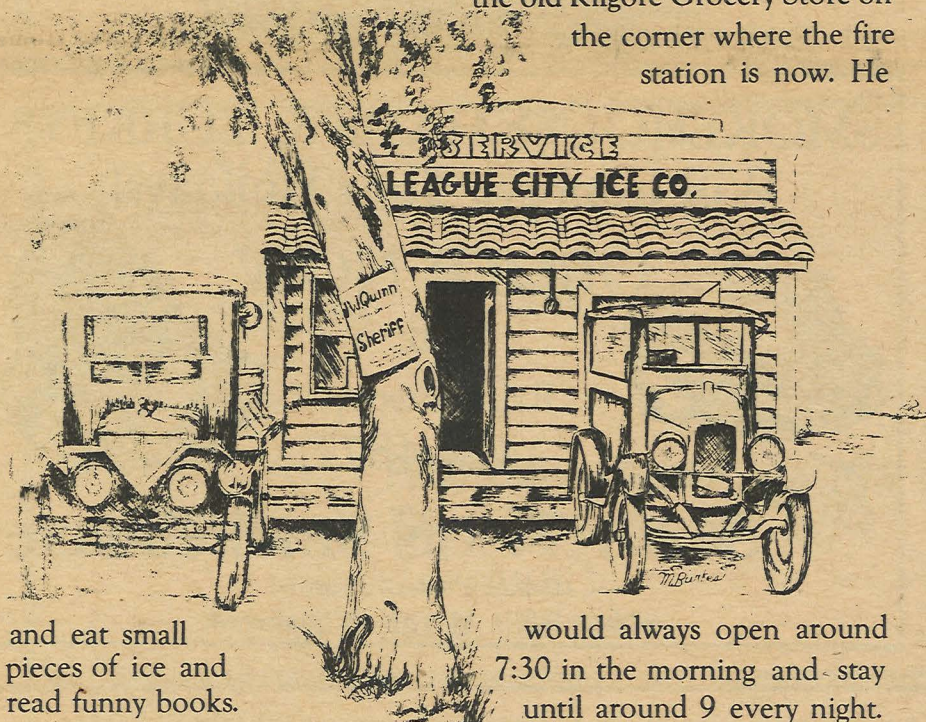
Saturday, I always thought we was lucky to have the brickyard and the piles of wood and the mudhole and everything right across the street from our house, because the mudhole is fun to chunk rocks at turtles and to go in swimming in and the piles of wood around it make it so a fella can go in nekked right in the city. But now I do not believe it is lucky to have it so close up. If it had been up on another street so that I would have to turn about two corners to get to it, I would not have thought of running to it in my shirt tail. I thought I could do that because it was only across the street. It was slick of the bunch to wait till they saw someone coming before they motioned for me to make a run for it, and it was only luck that it was Youniss and her mother. I would not have cared if it had been Maggie or Mealy Gutwaltz because it is not any of their business if I wear any clothes or not.

We went down to the Three Scouts to go swimming because there is a beach there and a fella can wade out right away, but the wind was from the north and the lake was the roughest I ever saw it and we got our clothes off and ran up and down the sand, but we never went in deeper than our knees, and then Nibs said to less put our clothes on and go and get some cherries or peaches because we could not go in. He looks funny when he is nekked with just his face and hands brown from the buck-eye juice. I said to him that mebbly he could not go in but I had come for a swim, and they all said for me not to do it and I said I was, and I ran in after a wave, but the next wave hit me and knocked me down and rolled me over and over and I got my mouth full of sand and water, and if Nibs had not hollered "I told you so", I would not have went in again, but he did, so I ran in

again and I got slammed up on the beach like a dead catfish, and Jubilee acted like he was scairt to death, but I seen Nibs grinning, so then I got my wind back and ran in again, and just then the big wave was going to hit me I dove under it and come up on the other side and then I dove under the next one, and then I was swimming, and sometimes I was way up high and could look down on the shore and then I would be away down low and could not see anything but water, and then all at once there was Jubilee by the side of me, and he was having to try awful hard to keep swimmin', and I was trying to swim to shore, but the water kept pulling at my legs and pulling me away from shore, and then I tried swimming flat on top of the water, and every wave began to wash me toward shore, but I had to turn around and go after Jubilee because he was going out, and then a whitecap boiled over me and almost smothered me, and when I got the water out of my eyes Jubilee was right by me, and I grabbed his ear in one hand and then I swam as flat as I could and I was so tired that something inside of me hurt offal every time I breathed, and I kept wanting to stop and rest, and then a big wave boiled over me again and I thought I was gone and I thought Jubilee was gone and I was sorry I had not answered Youniss's note, and then the next thing I knew I was slammed up on the shore and the bunch was pulling me and Jubilee up away from the water. It certainly felt offal good to lay there and not have to do anything but breathe. They was all as scairt as they could be, and they said the lost bag of tripe got so scairt he ran away, and I rested and rested and rested, and then someone hollered and I looked up and there was my mother and my ant and some more women and a man, and they was coming as fast as they could, and I jumped up and grabbed my clothes and we all skum out. I did not want to be led home by my ear without any clothes.

My father did not lick me, but he made me go to bed early. ★

The Minneapolis Journal,  
July 31, 1920



and eat small pieces of ice and read funny books.

When dad first opened his shop we lived in Webster. He would catch the 7:00 a.m. train to go to work and then catch the 9:15 p.m. for home. This cost about 30¢ round trip. I can remember him talking about what it was costing him per week just to

would always open around 7:30 in the morning and stay until around 9 every night.

Sometimes he'd be there way past midnight. Back then there were a lot of farmers and ranchers who just couldn't make it to town during the working day, so dad would just stay open and wait for them. He made an awful lot of friends in League City and I'm sure a lot of people could tell you that.





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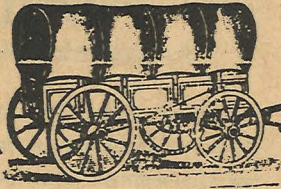
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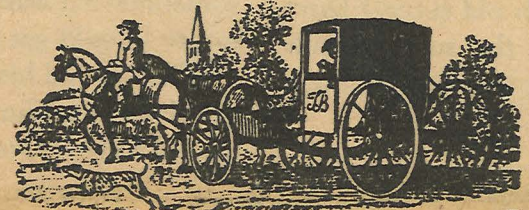
Della Mae Kerber goes for a dip in the cool bay waters at Seabrook Beach. The building in the background is the old Seabrook Hotel which was converted to a restaurant sometime in the early 60's. You might remember it best as Rachael McDowell's Cafe on Todville Road.

## Housework and The Point of View

HOUSEWORK SHOULD BE regarded as a means of making one a broader, healthier, nobler woman. Work of any kind, if approached in the right spirit and performed to the best of one's ability gives enjoyment and culture, says 'Table Talk'.

The wrong attitude produces a cramped condition. By resisting and complaining one becomes narrow and inferior. How many say: "I hate housework," "I despise cooking," "I detest sweeping and dusting." If housework, cooking, dishwashing, sweeping and dusting have to be done why grumble and complain? The work only seems more difficult, more hateful, and takes longer to do. Why not then do the necessary things cheerfully and therefore easily and quietly? ★

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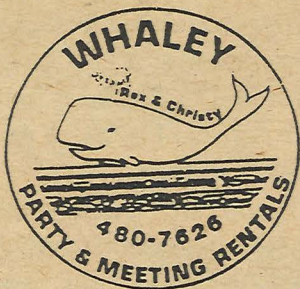
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★ The present Capitol in Austin, built of Texas pink granite, opened May 16, 1888. The dome of the Capitol Building stands seven feet higher than that of the National Capitol in Washington, D.C.

★ Jane Long (1798-1880), known as the "Mother of Texas," was a pioneer Anglo-American woman settler in Texas.

★ The Governor's Mansion, built in 1856, is the oldest remaining public building in downtown Austin.

★ Texas has 254 counties. Rockwall County (147 square miles) is the smallest, and Brewster County (6,204 square miles) is the largest.

★ There are two existing Indian reservations in the state: the Alabama Coushatta Reservation, between Livingston and

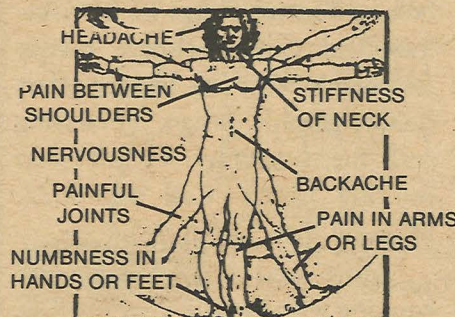
Woodville in East Texas, and the Tigua Indian Reservation near El Paso. A third Indian group, the Texas band of the Kickapoos, currently is seeking formal recognition. Most native Americans in Texas live outside the reservations, however. Texas' Indian population ranks tenth among the states, with over 40,000 Indians.

★ Texas has four national forests (Angelina, Davy Crockett, Sabine, and Sam Houston), two national parks (Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains), one national seashore (Padre Island), one national preserve (the Big Thicket), and numerous national historic sites.

★ With over 267,000 square miles, Texas occupies about 7% of the total water and land area of the United States. It is 801 miles from the northwest corner of the Panhandle to the southern tip of the state, and 773 miles from the western tip near El Paso to the Sabine River, the eastern boundary of the state.

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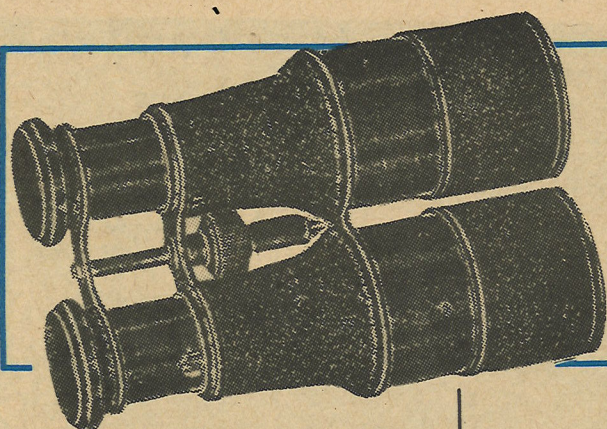
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Rosario Vivace, owner and operator of Valentino's Italian Restaurant, serves authentic Italian flying pizza (New York Style) and many other Italian specialties. Valentino's is located at 104 Hwy. 3 in League City, and is open 7 days a week. Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.; Sunday 12:00 noon. Lunch is served at Valentino's from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Parties welcome, and Valentino's offers a lunch buffet. Call 332-1791 for great Italian food!

Since 1915, the T.A. Kilgore & company Lumber and Hardware store has been supplying residents with all their building needs. Kilgore's has nine complete departments supplying everything from lumber to gardening tools. The 'modern' Kilgore's has 100,000 sq. feet of buildings with over 50,000 items. Kilgore's is located at 1637 East Main St. in League City. For information about your building supply needs, call 332-4502.

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Bandini Construction serves Galveston County from two locations: 5015 Broadway, Galveston and 519 10th Ave. N., Texas City. Call 763-4090 or 945-7433.

New to our area is The City Cafe, located at 930 FM 2094 in Clear Lake Shores. The City's menu ranges from Poor-Boys (even a fried flounder sandwich) to home-cooked favorites such as chicken-fried steak to Steaks and Steak Kabob's! The City Cafe even has fresh baked bread and corn bread muffins! Sounds great to me! Call 334-1166. Take out orders welcome.

Looking for the perfect watercolor or oil painting for that difficult wall? Evelyn Stebbins Studio and Gallery at 705 Hwy. 146 in Kemah has an assorted array of beautiful watercolor originals and oil paintings to delight you! Stebbins Gallery is a one-stop shop for all your art needs offering custom framing - art supplies and classes. Visa and MasterCard welcome. Call 334-5711.

Joe Lee's Seafood Restaurant, located on the waterfront at 104 Kipp in Kemah serves fresh seafood daily. "Every day's like a boat show" at Joe Lee's. Joe Lee's accepts all major credit cards and serves lunch 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Call 334-3711 for orders to go.

For all your printing needs, stop by Ink Images, conveniently located at 16636 Sealark, directly behind Kinney Shoes on El Camino Real. Sue Eisenhart, owner and operator of Ink Images offers quality graphic design, typesetting and thermography for all your printing needs. Call 488-6622, Monday thru Friday 9-5.

More and more people are banking with League City Bank & Trust because they are "The People You Can Bank On". This full service bank is located at 303 E. Main St. in League City. Call

332-1541 and talk to these friendly people and discover what makes it the area's leading bank.

So you want SHRIMP? Frank's Shrimp Hut, at 1818 Nasa Road One, Seabrook has Shrimp, and shrimp, and shrimp and.....fish, and oysters, and crawfish and..... Frank's Shrimp Hut is open Tues. thru Thurs. 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Stop by for a fresh seafood dinner or call 474-5701 for orders to go.

The Galvez Hotel "the Queen of the Gulf" will celebrate her 75th anniversary on June 10th, 1986. Everyone is invited to relive the history and participate in all the fun and exciting events the Hotel Galvez will have to offer. The Hotel Galvez is located at 2024 Seawall Blvd., Galveston Island. For a Calendar of Events call (409) 765-7721, Ext. 611.

Need a new sewing machine? Need to repair your old one? The Stitching Post, located at 17610 Hwy. 3 in Webster carries a large variety of new & used sewing machines - many with computerized stitches. The Stitching Post also has knitting machines (classes available) and services all makes and models of sewing machines. Jerry Ellis, owner and operator of The Stitching Post since 1971, will be glad to help you with any sewing problem. Call 332-1046.

For a wondrous assemblage of shops and specialties try the Peanut-Butter Warehouse, at 100 20th Street "off the Strand" - Galveston Island. The Peanut-Butter Warehouse has a large selection of Estate Antiques, Depression Glass, Antique Furniture, Homemade peanut butter cookies, fresh ground peanut butter and other culinary concoctions. While in Galveston, stop by the Peanut-Butter Warehouse. Call (409) 762-8358.

A Kemah landmark is T-Bone

Tom's Meat Market, located at 107 Hwy. 146 (near FM 2094). Tom has "expanded" his meat market to include delicious Bar-B-Que, a full-service sandwich and steak menu (Tom's now has a dining room) and offers full service catering. Call 334-2133 and Tom Fritz Morris will be glad to help you! Tom's also prepares beautiful cheese and meat trays for the holidays.

Get ready for winter by calling Storm Guard. They can help you with improving your property with Hurricane, Security and Energy Conserving Panels. For free estimates call (409) 740-2377 or (713) 488-7199. Storm Guard is located at 6000 Broadway, Suite 102, Galveston.

For all your Aloe Vera Products call Danny and Margie Sendejas at 744-0002 in Galveston. You can pick up your juices, cosmetics and hair products at 902 52nd St. and the shop is open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Galveston Common Market, located on the Strand is a "must" for natives and visitors alike. This collection of specialty shoppes is a shoppers delight! Art, antiques, and collectibles plus this restored Rogers & Nichols Building is a Bed & Breakfast Inn. Call (409) 762-0034 to check on your particular interest!

If you are looking for the ultimate in seafood dining and service, then you must patronize Clary's Restaurant in Galveston. Clary's, located behind the Galveston Daily News building at 8905 Teichman Road, makes it easy to reach. Call 740-0771 for reservations.

For the best in Chiropractic care, call Dr. George Benson at 332-3428 in League City. There is no charge for consultation and your insurance is accepted on any treatment needed. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. till noon and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Sailor's D'Lite is indeed a delight to visit. The very best in frozen yogurt, sandwiches, soups and salads are all "specialties". This shop is located in Charter Square on FM 2094 in League City and the phone number for call-in orders is 332-6313.

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## Simpson at Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas  
October 29, 1908 - Colonel J.N. Simpson, republican candidate for governor, in a speech at the city hall tonight vigorously attacked the democratic administration, declaring that there was too much politics at Austin. ★

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of the colonists as "pilgrims upon the earth". 102 had sailed from Holland aboard two vessels, the Mayflower and the Speedwall. The Speedwall turned around after a severe thrashing in high seas, but the Mayflower continued and entered Cape Cod Bay. 53 pilgrims stepped off to a new life in the new world.

That first winter was just awful. It was one of the worst winters they had experienced, and about half of them died. But the warm summer sun brought new hope. They farmed the land and harvested a good corn crop that next fall. Everyone seemed very pleased. Governor Bradford decreed a day of thanksgiving, and the women of the colony decided to prepare a great feast. For three days they boiled and baked and roasted. More than 100 Indians, almost four times as many as the colonists, arrived as guests and brought turkey and venison as their part for the feast. They all set around big tables and ate and prayed and sang songs. It was truly a day of thanksgiving.

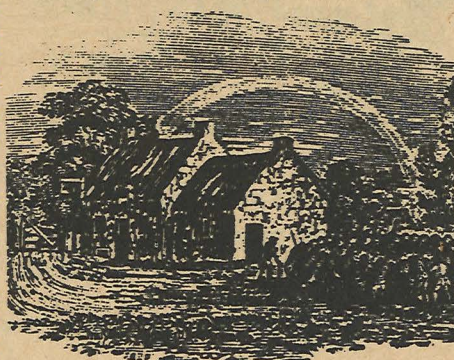
The custom spread to other colonies and each governor issued a proclamation to set aside a day for the event. It wasn't until President Washington issued a general proclamation in 1789 that it was accepted all over the new colonies.

There never was a particular day set aside for Thanksgiving until President Lincoln appointed the last Thursday of November as the official day.

And the tradition continues. Francis Jamison, of the Jamison Canery in Pearland, remembers the dinners her mom used to prepare. They were really something. She got up around 5 in the morning to fire up her old wood-burning-cook-stove. Francis, by the way, has done an awful lot of cooking as a volunteer on that old stove out at Armand Bayou Nature Center and can cook up some mighty tasty vittles on that thing herself.

But anyway, her mom would get up at 5 and put in a fresh turkey stuffed with her cornbread dressing. While that was baking, she'd work on a fruit salad of apples and bananas and oranges and pecans. She'd shell peas and clean carrots, make up some giblet gravy, put biscuits on to bake, make cranberry sauce, prepare sweet potatoes, and roll out dough for pumpkin and mincemeat pies.

Thanksgiving is a day for giving thanks, and the tradition continues.



## The Baby and the Soldiers

Rough and ready the troopers ride,  
Great bearded men, with swords by side,  
They have ridden long, they have ridden hard,

They are travel stained and battle scarred;

The hard ground shakes with their martial tramp,

And coarse is the laugh of the men in camp.

They reach the spot where the mother stands

With a baby clapping its little hands,  
Laughing aloud at the gallant sight

Of the mounted soldiers fresh the fight.  
The captain laughs out, "I'll give you this,

A handful of gold, your baby to kiss."

Smiles the mother, "A kiss can't be sold,  
But gladly he'll kiss a soldier bold."

He lifts the baby with manly grace  
And covers with kisses its smiling face,  
Its rosy cheeks and its dimpled charms,  
And it crows with delight in the soldier's arms.

"Not all for the captain," the soldiers call;

"The baby, we know, has one for all."  
To the soldiers' breasts the baby is pressed

By the strong, rough men, and by turns caresses;

And louder it laughs, and mother fair  
Smiles with mute joy as the kisses they share.

"Just such a kiss," cries one trooper grim,  
"When I left my boy I gave to him;"

"And just such a kiss on the parting day  
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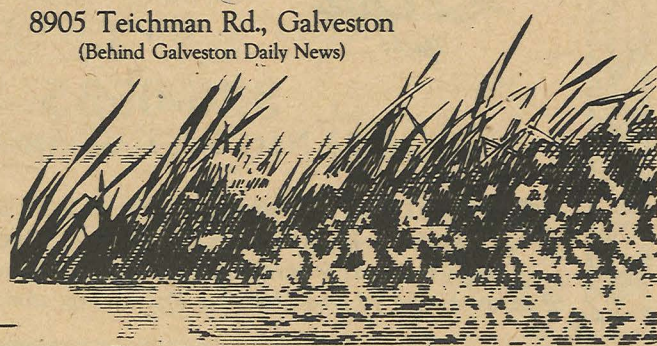
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This is a 1917 photo of Clear Creek taken from the Kemah side looking north. You'd be standing just above where Joe Lee's Restaurant is now with Seabrook across the way and the railroad tressel in the distance. The first bridge, or wagon bridge as it was called, wasn't build until some 10 years later, so to cross the creek you had to take the ferry. The landing is in that cut you see off to the left.

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## Bay Area Museum Guild Monthly Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 19th  
10:00 a.m.

November General Meeting,  
Museum

Thursday, Nov. 21  
10:30 a.m.

Period Stule Show  
Committee Meeting  
Rebecca Kennedy  
203 West Castle Harbor Dr.  
Sunmeadow  
Friendswood

Monday, Dec. 2  
9:45 a.m.

OR

Monday, Dec. 2  
6:30 p.m.

Docent Orientation and  
Box Lunch Exchange  
Museum  
Docent Orientation  
Cheese and Crackers  
Museum

Tuesday, Dec. 3  
9:45 a.m.

Board Meeting  
Pat Escue  
16022 Craighurst

Sunday, Dec. 8  
5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 14  
10:00 a.m.

Toyland Fantasy  
Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday, Dec. 20  
OR  
Saturday, Dec. 21  
7:00 or 8:00 p.m.

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## A Texas Celebration

Each month the Gazette will add more selected events that are being prepared for our 150th birthday in 1986. For more information and/or a complete listing of events, contact the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1986, Austin, Texas 78766.

**January 1** - Happy New Year! Everytown, Texas. A special New Year's Eve celebration to welcome in the Sesquicentennial year in every town in Texas

**March** - Halley's Comet Returns!

**January 1-2** - Kickoff, Texas Wagon Train. Sulphur Springs, Texas. Opening festivities as Wagon Train begins its 2,800 mile journey around Texas. Contact: Bill Tuck 214/885-6515

**February 19** - Texans By Choice Celebration. Odessa, Texas. Combined celebration to commemorate Statehood Day and to honor those who are Texans by choice. Contact: Joye Huff or June Naylor, 915/332-9111

**February 23 - March 2** - Texas Independence Celebration. Austin, Texas. Celebration of the six flags over Texas, culminating in a weekend of folk, art and music festivals with parade and fireworks on March 2, Texas Independence Day. Contact: Ruth Anne Edwards, 512/472-1986

**March 1-2** - Remember The Alamo. Brackettville, Texas. Recreation of events leading up to Alamo defeat, at famous replica built for John Wayne movie, "The Alamo."

Contact: Melanie Jones, 512/563-2466.

**March 2-7** - Texas Independence Express At Union Station. El Pas, Texas. Steam train exhibits on display in conjunction with the Texas Independence Express,

a project to restore steam trains for the Sesquicentennial. Contact: Josephine Aguilar, 915/534-0687.

**March 2** - Texas Independence Day Celebration at Texas' birthplace, Washington-on-the-Barazos State Park. Celebration honoring the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence with guest speakers, the Texas Army, bands and museum exhibits.

Contact: Ms. Dorothy Flisowski, 409/836-3695.

**March 6** - Alamo Heroes Day. The Alamo, San Antonio. Held on the day of the historic fall of the Alamo, a moving candle-lit memorial ceremony honoring the fallen heroes with speeches and flag raisings. Also, bagpipe bands from Scotland and England will play a stirring vigil to commemorate the Scottish defenders in the fateful battle.

Contact: Mike de la Garza, 512/299-7105.

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## Letter From Gen. McCulloch

*This letter appeared in the Galveston News, 1865.*

SIR: - Believing that I can harmonize with the Confederate authorities in the prosecution of this war, the defense of the Frontier and the protection of our agricultural, educational and local interests, I will be a candidate for Governor at the next August election, hoping that I may be able, if elected, to benefit the Confederacy as much, and Texas more, in that position than in my present one.

I do not seek the position to avoid a participation in the struggle; for if I were Governor, and the State was invaded, I should be found in front with those who peril their for their country - mine belongs to Texas.

There must be no backing down, no reconstruction, no sacrifice or principle. We could not live in the Union before the war, how can we now, when so many of our noblest and best men have fallen a sacrifice for our liberties. We must fight this thing out, and secure an honorable peace for ourselves and our children. The Confederate authorities must be sustained, in the prosecution of the war, by the State authorities, or our cause will fail and Texas go down with the balance of the Confederacy.

I will have neither time or money to spend in the canvass, and shall simply have my name announced and leave the matter to the people.

Respectfully and truly,  
W. RICHARDSON,  
HENRY E. McCULLOCH

Bonahm, Texas, March 27, 1865

## Age Has Nothing To Do With Colors Women Wear

THE QUESTION OF AGE governing dress is of less importance now than it has been for a century or two.

Not long ago it was even a question among women of 40 if they were too old to wear white frocks.

Nothing is prettier on an old lady than this snowy whiteness in soft materials.

She should never wear anything else in the house all the year around. It also does well for all warm weather outdoor wear.

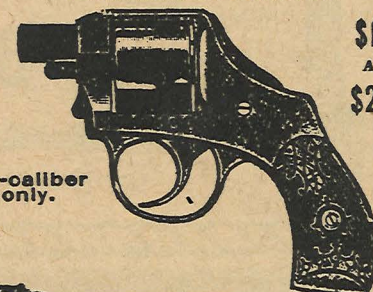
As for the mooted question of black, there is much to be said for and against its general usage by old ladies.

It is well to have it as background, but the well-dressed old ladies of today are going in for gray, for lilac, for striped purple and white, and for striped black and white. These are preferred to black for every occasion.

It is such a silly idea that women who are past the first flush of youth should confine themselves to black or somber hues. When the pretty coloring of youth begins to vanish is just the time when women should be careful to choose colors and becoming ones. Black looks far better on young persons than it does on elderly women, and no color in the world looks better on an old person than white. It has a softening and a beautifying effect. ★

Houston Daily Post, 1908

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Looking for a luxurious way to achieve a state of complete relaxation? A practical way to relieve aches and pains without drugs? A sensible way to deal with accumulated stress in the body? Well, you don't have to go on a Caribbean Cruise to get a massage anymore! Lorraine Jones, a Certified Massage Therapist, offers Therapeutic Massage by appointment. Ms. Jones is licensed and a member of the Texas Massage and Therapist Association. For a gift certificate or appointment call 334-4694.

You can "Spoil the one you love" at Louie's on the Lake Restaurant and Club, located at 3818 Nasa Road One, Seabrook. Louie's features a Seafood and Prime Rib Buffet, and also soup, salad and Lobster. At Louie's you have your choice of over 300 waterview seats - seven evenings each week. Lunch at Louie's is served Monday thru Friday. For Waterfront dining on beautiful Clear Lake try Louie's on the Lake! Call 326-0555 for reservations.

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When you visit the new Security Bank you probably will find some old friends to welcome you! People like Don Kirk, Judy Glover and Hall Dawson and many others will be there to acquaint you with their banking facility. This beautiful bank is located in the beautiful green building at 18333 Egret Bay Blvd. (south of Nasa Rd. 1). Call 333-BANK and get to know about their services.

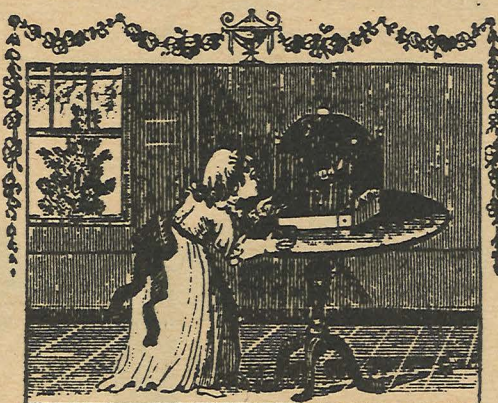
While on the Island at lunchtime, try the "Taco & Sandwich Connection". They're located at 902 52nd Street in Galveston. The Taco Connection serves breakfast and \$3.50 lunch specials daily - open 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. They also have homemade tortillas and fresh menudo everyday! Call 744-0002.

Shopping for insurance can be a very difficult job, especially with so many companies to choose from. For friendly service for all your insurance needs (car, home, life and health) call Dick McKinney at 326-2536. McKinney Insurance is located at 3814 Nasa Road One, Seabrook.

Redecorating your home? Window Works at 110 Gulf Freeway, League City has a complete selection of window coverings to meet any decorating need. Window Works has a free shop-at-home service, free estimates and all work is 100% guaranteed. Call 332-6023.

Smokehouse hams and turkeys will improve your holidays. Fryday's South Texas Smokehouse, located behind Fryday's cleaners on Nasa Road One at 146 can help you carve out a great thanksgiving! Order yours today by calling 474-4877.

For your holiday reading pleasure stop by Allen-Maxwell Books, located at 18090 Upper Bay Rd. Allen-Maxwell offers a great selection of books for your Texas Sesquicentennial reading. Books make great Christmas gifts too! Call 333-2157.



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## Of Interest To Women

This article is reprinted from the Houston Daily Post, 1913.

Older women have been won't to look upon the debutante with envious glances, admiring her slim, graceful figure, her erect youthful carriage, the poise of her pretty head upon young shoulders, and her quick, sure step. What wouldn't we give to see again just such a sweet, unaffected girl who has never heard anything about the debutante slump or the silhouette slouch.

For the enlightenment of the uninitiate - if there be any such benighted ones - we might mention that this twist of the English language refers to the present fashionable walk of the average young maiden. This slimp or slouch, as you may be pleased to call it, is by no means as easy as it looks, though the heelless English walking shoe does a good deal to facilitate ease in acquiring it.

The main thing to be cultivated is first, a listless shuffling walk which can be quickly acquired by dropping the shoulders and caving in the chest and trying to imitate as nearly as possible the carriage and calk of a person in an advanced stage of tuberculosis.

The neck must be bent slightly forward and the chin thrust out, while the arm must be allowed to literally dangle from the shoulders.

The slimmer the figure, the more drooping the shoulders, and the more shuffling the gait, just so much nearer is one to attaining perfection in this fashionable manner of walking. It is claimed, too that absolute perfection may be eventually by doing away with the staying qualities of the corset. Having acquired this new style of locomotion, the finishing touches are added by the scantiness of the silhouette gown and the freakishness of the futurist hat.

In fact, gracefulness and simplicity seem to have given place to ugliness and awkwardness, and we sigh for a glimpse of a maiden in a flowered hat, and a pretty white frock with a dainty sash to define the saist line. We shall not sigh in vain, however, for freakish clothes are designed to be as short lived as the freakish debutante slimp, for bizarre things are always doomed to an early death. Before long we shall have with us again the prettily and sensibly dressed maiden who carries her shoulders erect and who walks like a young goddess instead of a white plague victim.



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## History Of League City

League City's history dates back to the early 1870's when a small, one room post office opened its doors in the tiny community of Clear Creek. And it was this little township that in 1896 had its name changed in honor of the man who did a lot to develop it, John Charles League.

But perhaps the real history began a little earlier, say around 1855. During the spring of that year, an ox-drawn wagon crossed the creek carrying the Butler family from Louisiana. Aboard was Greene Butler, his wife and their 5

kids, 3 girls and two boys. The youngest of the children was a 9-year-old lad they called Pet, but who's real name was George.... George Washington Butler, to be exact. Pet, or George would grow up to become one of the biggest ranchers in Galveston County. He would headquarter his ranch in a small community he'd name Clear Creek.

The Butlers settled on a piece of farm land up at Magnolia Creek about where Country Side is today. Young George worked in his farther's fields until sometime in 1862 when, at 17, he left home to enlist with the Confederate Army at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. George was wounded in battle with the Union forces,

and sent back home to Texas.

In 1871, he married Mary M. Baker of Houston and moved to a new house up next to the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad across from where the old Kilgore's store used to be. He and his wife built a fine cattle business on almost 2,000 acres of land. They were responsible for bringing tough Zebu breed from India to the Texas Gulf Coast. These cows were referred to as the sacred cow because of their ability to survive. They could go days without water, and their thick skins protected them from ticks and those pesky flies. We know them today as the Brahmas.

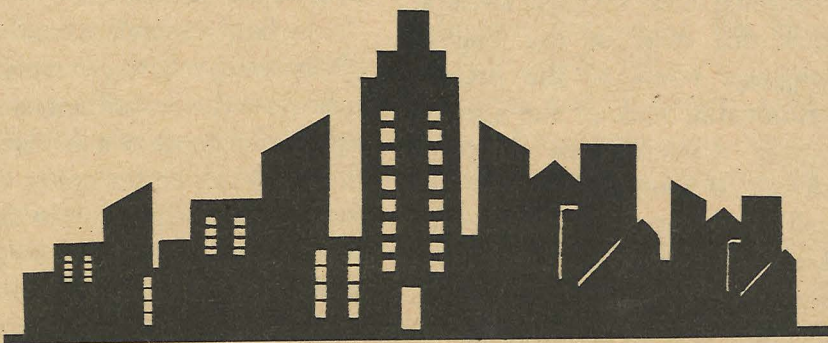
By 1875, Galveston County was accounting for a good share of the stock being shipped to the markets in Houston. The Butler Ranch, with its shipping pens along the railroad track, stayed pretty busy all the time. Cowboys from all over the county used to drive their herds to those holding corrals and wait for the trains. And in no time, a small community with a hotel, a cafe, a livery stable formed on the south side of the track. They called this little township Clear Creek, named for the creek that flowed about a quarter of a mile to the north.

In the early 1890's, a land developer from Galveston by the name of John Charles League saw Clear Creek as one of the most progressive townships on the Mainland, and one with great potential.

He bought up all the available land on the north side of the track and began drawing plans for a town. He laid several miles of graded streets, built a new 3 room school house, a new train depot, and generally saw to it that this new town had designs to attract a lot of businesses.

And it did. By 1895 there were actually two towns along the track, John League's town on the north side and Clear Creek on the south. There had been a lot of talk about consolidating the two, and that next year, they did. The CLEAR CREEK, TEXAS sign over the post office door come down and LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS went up. No one remembered much about who authorized the change, and of course it didn't settle too well with some of the old timers. They argued that if the two towns should consolidate and have just one name, it should be Clear Creek. That name had been around a long time before John League came to town. On July 22, 1897 the name changed back to Clear Creek.

But it was on July 13, 1902 that the CLEAR CREEK, TEXAS sign came down once again, this time for good. The town's name was officially changed to League City and was generally accepted by everyone.



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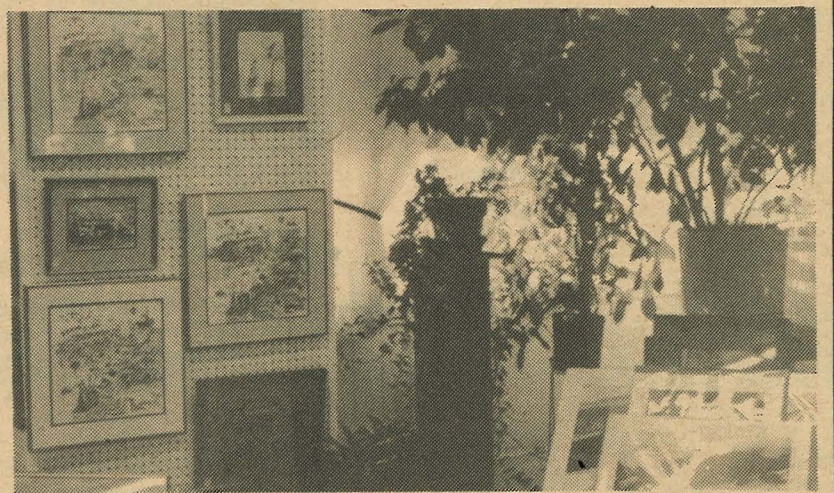


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## GRANDMA'S REMEDIES

### ASTHMA

Take spirit of peppermint.

Use a poultice consisting of black pepper and lard.

Put about a tablespoon of Vicks in a small pan of water and boil it. Then rub your chest down and put some under your nose.

Keep a Chihuahua dog around.

Take dry leaves and grind into a powder. Then put it in a lid by a fire. Get a piece of cloth and put over your head and the lid and inhale the smoke or odor.

Drink a tea made by boiling a hornet's nest.

Sniff warm salt water.

Sleep on a wooden pillow.

Make a poultice of red clay and vinegar.

Take six drops of spirit of ammonia.

### BALDNESS

Wash your hair with lye soap.

Don't wear a felt hat in summer.

Get some white Vaseline, put it in a pan, turn your fires down low. Rub it in real good and tie your head up. Shampoo your hair the next morning.

Go to the woods, cut a grapevine and wash hair in sap.

### BLEEDING

Put the cut in a pan of kerosene or lard right above where it is bleeding, then apply sugar or salt.

Put a pair of scissors down your collar.

Put pine resin on the cut.

Put a dime under your lip, lay on scissors with point pointing toward skull. Apply potash, the black ashes from a fire.



## COMING EVENTS

### Saturday, Dec. 7th CHRISTMAS BOAT LANE PARADE

Traditional night-time boat parade on Clear Lake and Seabrook/Kemah channel, 7 p.m. Free. Boats feature Christmas lights, costumes, and decorations. Sponsored by NASA Area Shriners.

### Sat., Dec. 7th - Sun., Dec. 8th DICKENS ON THE STRAND

12th Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration sponsored by the Galveston Historical Foundation on Strand Blvd., between 20th and 25th Streets. Sat. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets at the gate: Adults: \$5, 6-12 yrs. and Senior Citizens \$2.

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## REFLECTIONS

By Bill Odell

### The Little Cafe On The Corner

I'm not too sure about the cost, but somewhere between six-bits and a dollar you could go over yonder to Hogan's Cafe in League City and get yourself a whole mess of vittles.

It was up on the corner of Michigan and Second Street, or Main as it was called back then, back around 1923 or so. Hogan's was where the fire station is today. It wasn't a big place at all, about so wide and yea long with a couple hitching posts out front. Sometimes a buggy would be tied up at those posts which blocked everything, but there was usually plenty of space around to the side if you were looking for a place to tie your pony.

League City was quite a town back then. It was halfway between Houston and Galveston and had become an important shipping depot for cattle and vegetables. It was nothing to see wagons loaded up early of a morning with all kind of stuff just waiting for the train. You'd see men sitting up in their wagon seats and maybe a few standing around talking, while others would walk on down to

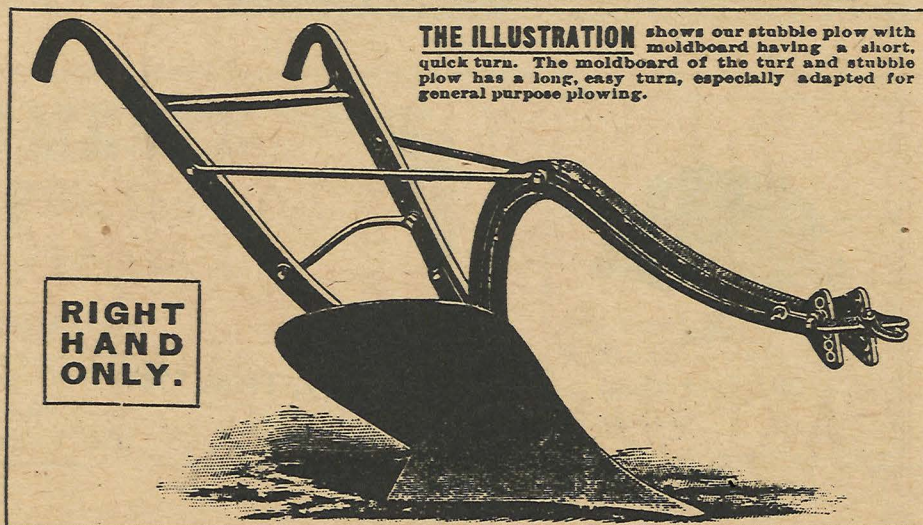
Hogan's for something to eat.

The cafe had room for about 5 tables and they were all covered with oil cloths. They each had an ash tray and salt and pepper shakers, some matched, some didn't. A small ball of cotton hung at the front door to keep flies out, but for any of those pests that made it in, there was a fly swatter hanging on a nail at the back wall.

A favorite place to sit was over to a window. You could look out at the Butler Building across the street and maybe spot a friend or two. The Butler Building was where everyone gathered. It had everything, a bank, a post office, a drug store and even a dentist office.

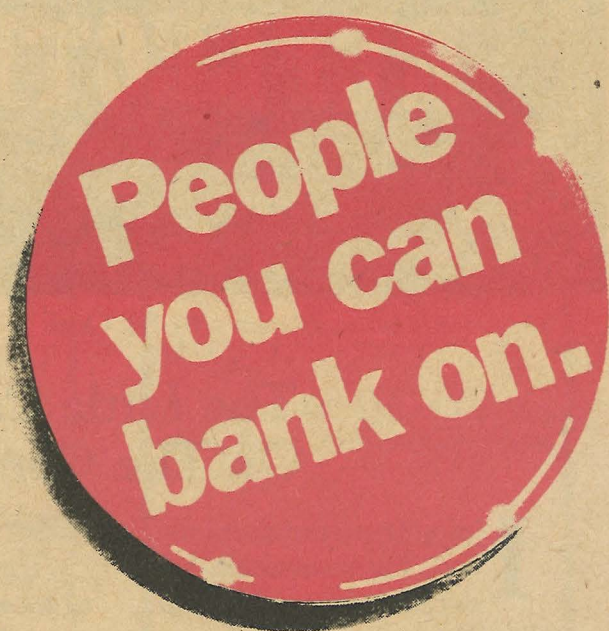
But Hogan's was the place to be if you were hungry. You could sip on a cup of red-eye coffee or eat a big dish of lima beans and cornbread, or try some pan fried steak and cream gravy. And of course no one left without having a big wedge of apple pie.

Hogan's Cafe was a good place to eat alright, but you could only go there once a week. It took you that long to get hungry again.



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## Historical Markers Around Clear Lake

*Initial  
Caption*

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF LEAGUE CITY:** On this site  
at the corner of Colorado and 2nd  
Streets, stood the very first Baptist  
Church of the Galveston County  
Mainland. It was organized in the  
Clear Creek school house on  
December 4, 1882. B.A. Smalley  
served as clerk; ~~while~~ Reverend  
D.T. McLeod was the pastor. The  
first building had its dedication on  
June 14, 1896.

**LEAGUE CITY PARK:** This  
park is located at the railroad  
track and Main Street, and was  
established in 1895. Galveston  
land developer John Charles  
League platted the township of  
League City in 1890, and through  
his efforts, land was set aside for a  
school, a church and this park.

**CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE RICE INDUSTRY:** This  
marker is located along NASA  
Road ~~One~~ about a quarter of a  
mile east of Highway 3 in Webster.  
The field behind the marker is the  
location of the rice farm of Seito  
Saibara. Seito, a Japanese student  
studying Theology at a Seminary  
in Connecticut, was invited by  
the Houston Chamber of Com-  
merce in 1903 to come to Webster  
to see if rice farming was possible  
along the Texas Gulf Coast. He  
not only moved to the area, but  
he, and his wife and his son  
Kiyoaki developed one of the  
finest farms in the state. The  
Saibaras were also responsible for  
establishing the first Christian  
Japanese colony in America in  
1904.

**HARRIS CO. ARCHEO-  
LOGICAL SITE:** Located next  
to the Youth Village in Clear Lake  
Park, this site is the location of one  
of the state's oldest shell middens.  
Archeologist say Indians once lived  
here back in 1476 B.C. This site is  
also entered in the National  
Registry of Historic Places.

