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the years. His concern for conservative government is strongly indicated in his statement; "I feel that one of the most tragic problems facing the people of this great nation is inflation, which if not controlled can lead to civil strife, and the end of democracies of the free nations. The major cause of inflation is the politicians. They create monumental debts for their governments. If re-elected for another four years, I will not vote to place Colorado County into debt, barring anything except a catastrophe. Colorado County is one of a few, out of 254 counties in the State of Texas, that has been debt free for fifteen years."

His second belief is that people who like their jobs should perform their duties better. Stiles stated, "Precinct four employees indicate their desire to work hard and well by starting to arrive before 6:30 a.m. when I go to the county barn. And this has been a practice for more than fifteen years. For the past few years precinct four employees have rendered 20% more working hours than the other precinct employees of the county. Also, I have not missed a Commissioners' Court meeting for more than fifteen years."

In closing his announcement Stiles sincerely comments: "I respectfully request consideration for your vote and support in my bid for re-election. Your support is needed and would be greatly appreciated by my family, our friends, and me."

County Hist. Committee Meet Thurs., Jan. 31

The Colorado County Historical Survey Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 31st at Alma's Restaurant in Weimar.

Reservations for a supper at $2.30 per person must be made by Mon. Mrs. J. R. Yoder [illegible]

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Friends will be glad to hear that Frank C. Pidgeon is recuperating nicely at his home here following surgery at a Houston hospital. He returned home from the hospital and will continue his convalescence for a while longer at his home.

GAS HIKE

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that time of the year.

The new rate, which will be reflected in the bills coming out around February 1, is comparable to one which was authorized in Columbus only last week.

The minimum rate will increase from 500 cubic feet of consumption to 1,000 cubic feet and will be $3.80 instead of the 500 cubic feet minimum of $2.00.

After the first 1,000 cu. ft. the next 4,000 cu. ft. will now cost $1.70 per thousand as compared to $1.30; the next 10,000 cubic feet will cost $1.50 as compared to $1.15; all over 15,000 cubic feet will cost $1.25 as compared to 95c previously. These rates are for domestic or residential customers only.

The new rates for commercial customers will increase as follows: first 30,000 cubic feet, from 70c to $1.00 per thousand; the next 70,000 from 60c to 85c per thousand; and all over 100,000 cubic feet, 50c to 75c per thousand. The minimum bill per month will increase from $21 to $30 per month.

The company also plans to raise the rate charged for summer disconnect and winter connect from a $5.00 fee for reconnects only to $10 for connects and $10 for disconnects.

Ridglea

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water and sewer lines at a cost of $19,228.10. Dernell Construction Co. bid low for the paving, curb and gutters and drainage work with a bid of $26,408.00. Construction is expected to get underway in the immediate future.

At the same time, Everett Anderson, developer of the Anderson Subdivision, recently annexed into the city on the southeastern edge of the city, was present with some bids for laying utilities in his subdivision. He has a contract similar to that given to Ridglea except that the contract became effective some two years ago and since Mr. Anderson, has not completed laying of utilities, the city has not reimbursed him for any lots sold to date.

He told the council that he had only one firm bid and the bid was considerably over the engineer's estimates. He asked the council to use their buying power to purchase materials and that he had received a bid from John Perry for the work at a cost of $17,838, excluding materials. The original engineer's estimate on the job was around $27,000. The council felt that it should not go along with this type of arrangement and rejected Mr. Anderson's request to purchase materials in the city's name.

CIRCUS SITE OK'D

In other action the council gave its approval for the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club to contract with a traveling circus to be staged on the vacant lot between the Rice Growers Association office and Eagle Lake Body Shop. Roy Dean Van Nort, president of the club, met with the council and said that the property will be restored to its original order and premises cleaned up under supervision of the Lions. The circus will be in the city for one day only, on March 6th, and the local Lions will share in the proceeds for the benefit of community projects such as support of the fire department and scouts, said Van Nort.

City Manager T. J. Smith reported that work is still being done on preparation of the Taylor Trucking sanitary landfill on Cranek land north of Altair and the city is still using Mrs. Lange's pit for a temporary landfill.

Council gave the city manager authority to make final payment of $166.67 to Mrs. Hettie Carey for the final three months's use of the former dumping site on her land. This contract terminated on Dec. 31st.

Serna Roofing Co. of Edna is collecting materials to begin reroofing the city hall and postoffice complex building and work should start soon, said the city manager.

The council also authorized the city manager to obtain workman's compensation for city employees through a Texas Municipal League sponsored cooperative program at a saving of 25%. The city now has workman's compensation costing $4573 annually and the cooperative program with Texas Employers Insurance Assn. will result in a savings of some $1143 for the one year period commencing July 1, 1974.

County Sues For Pct. 3 Bridge Damage

Colorado County has filed a suit in district court this week seeking to collect a total of $1,96.34 in damaged to two Precinct 3 bridges.

The suit is against Davis Kenneth Phillips and other's doing business as Phillips Crane and Rigging Co. of Houston.

It is alleged in the suit that two bridges in Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker's precinct three were damaged by equipment owned by the company.

Postmaster

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son saw the postal service change from a government operated entity to a self-governed service under the name of the U. S. Postal Service.

The transition brought about many changes one of which is the fact that appointment of postmasters is no longer determined by Civil Service and through presidential appointment. Under the new Postal Service, it has been the practice in the past to promote employees already in the service to postmaster vacancies, some times elevating an employee in the particular post office and at other times transferring an employee from one post office to another.

Hence, under the new system of appointment, a successor for Mr. Johnson has not been named and there is little speculation about who may become the next postmaster here. An announcement should be coming from the U. S. Postal Service in the immediate future, said the retiring postmaster.

During his tenure as postmaster, the Eagle Lake post office has continued to provide service to home delivery, has been extended to all areas of the city. "At this time house to house delivery is now available to every resident in the city limits and to some on the outskirts of the city, if they prefer this type of service," said Johnson.

He pointed to continual efforts by the U. S. Postal Service to provide "next day" delivery whenever possible. Improved service through mechanization is also another of the biggest advances in postal service under the new U. S. Postal Service.

"I want the citizens of Eagle Lake to know that I and all of the employees of the Eagle Lake post office appreciate the cooperation of our postal patrons. Your complaints have been few and those that we have received have been constructive and we have made an effort to satisfy your needs as far as possible," added Johnson.

"My heartfelt thanks for your cooperation and for the privilege of serving as your postmaster for the past fourteen years."

Mrs. Johnson retired as an aide with the Rice School District. She served as a substitute teacher in Eagle Lake schools from 1952 to 1966 and has been a teacher's aide since that time, retiring effective January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will enjoy their retirement years in Eagle Lake and will spend some time at their ranchette near Alamo in the Valley.

They came to Eagle Lake from Sedan, Kansas on Jan. 1, 1951 when they purchased the Cole Theatre in Eagle Lake. They later changed the name of the theatre to the Rice Theatre and operated the movie successfully for a number of years. They also founded the Johnson 5 and 10c Store in this community and later sold that business to the H. L. Parkers when Mr. Johnson was appointed to the postmaster's position. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Johnson taught for a short time in the Eagle Lake schools. Prior to coming to Eagle Lake they operated a five and ten cent store in Kansas for ten years.

24th Postmaster To Serve Here

Johnson became the twenty-fourth postmaster to serve in Eagle Lake since the postoffice was founded in 1849. The office was closed for a short time between 1849 and 1856 when it was established on a permanent basis on April 5 of that year with John Thatcher as postmaster.

Other postmasters to serve in succeeding years and dates of their appointments were: Gemeral Good Aug. 4, 1857 John Jenkins Nov. 10, 1859 Henry Demoss Feb. 1, 1860 Charles Stucke Dec. 11, 1860 William Good Oct. 18, 1865 Gemeral Good Oct. 8, 1866 George Ziegler Feb. 11, 1867 William Beard Feb. 18, 1870 Nathan W. Lone Dec. 15, 1871 Henry Demoss Mar. 11, 1872 Suffield Clapp Feb. 20, 1875 Celia Duragen Apr. 15, 1874 Henry Phillippi Feb. 3, 1875 Chas. Loring July 25, 1876 Amelia Darrigan May 7 1877 Samuel Norris Oct. 20, 1878 Lucy Norris Sept. 26, 1882 Geo. Ziegler July 14, 1902 Sam H. Little Feb. 4, 1915 Arno Wahrmund May 5, 1923 W. E. McRee July 20, 1936 Hargrove Smith Jun. 20 1955 H. C. Johnson Dec. 3, 1959

Citizens of the community join in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson upon their retirement and wish for them many, many years of happiness in the future.

Houston.

JOHN J. GRIGAR, JR.

Grigar Asks Reelection As Wharton Commr.

John J. Grigar, Jr., Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 in Wharton County, asks reelection to office on the basis of achievements for the benefit of the citizens of his precinct and county.

He cites these achievements as follows:

(1) He has operated his precinct within the budget;

(2) The County has operated within its budget;

(3) Working conditions and salaries of all County employees have improved;

(4) Existing equipment has been maintained in good repair and new equipment has been purchased only where necessary and of benefit to the public, such as a new Gradall;

(5) A capable dragline operator is now employed for the large machine which is used to clean out major streams and drainage ditches and is also used at the East Bernard and Wharton garbage dumps;

(6) Thirty miles of new blacktop roads have been added during the past 4 years making a total of 138 miles of blacktop roads, including 38 miles which came with the re-districting. Also, there are 115.9 miles of gravel roads and 10.1 miles of dirt roads in the precinct;

(7) Almost all of the wooden bridges have been replaced with concrete, which labor has been done by precinct employees at a large savings to the taxpayer.

Commissioner Grigar is active in civic activities of his community, such as Industrial Foundations, farming and ranching groups, American Legion, church organizations, etc. He says he feels a responsibility to his community and the precinct which he represents, and he intends to continue to serve by working hard in an effort to meet the challenge and responsibility of the office so as to complete projects already started and to start new work, where needed.

Grigar said he shall attempt to contact every citizen prior to the election on May 4th to discuss the accomplishments while in office and to receive suggestions and advice as he believes that only with the continued cooperation of the citizens that his accomplishments and progress for the precinct have been made possible. To this end, Grigar asks for your vote and support.

Mrs. V. D. Morris is Great-Grandmother

Mrs. V. D. Morris received word last Friday that she is the great grandmother of a new baby daughter born for Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wade of Houston. The little lady arrived in a Houston hospital Friday weighing seven pounds.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Perry Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Houston.

Sheridan Ch.

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into the picture. Included are scenes from the Dino De Laurentis production of "Barabbas" through the courtesy of Columbia Pictures.

By shifting the viewer's attention from the true stories of the people who lived them, to brief appearances by Billy Graham, to video-vignettes coupled with original new songs "Isn't It Good to Know" and "Gone Away" by Ted Smith and "The Soap-box Gospel" by Judy McKenzie - Hooser created a film conveying ultimate drama - the drama of change. Purpose comes out of emptiness. Silence becomes a monotone. And from the disillusionment of drugs, violent protest, and witchcraft, there comes a new beginning - new life.

"Isn't It Good To Know" is currently being shown in thousands of locations across the country each month. First Baptist Church, Sheridan, who has made the arrangements for these special free showings of "Isn't It Good to Know", extends a cordial invitation to all families in the area to attend, said the Rev. Wade Graves, pastor.

9900' Test Planned

A new 9,900-foot wildcat drilling test is slated 2.5 miles northwest of the Lehrer Field in the southern portion of this county. The well is Century Petroleum of Fort Worth's No. 1 Taylor on a 240-acre lease about five miles southwest of Altair. The location is in Section 35, I&GN RR Survey.

Hallettsville PO Employee Dies 1st Day on Job

Stanley Stibor'k, 48, Hallettsville postal employee, died suddenly Jan. 19th at the Vienna community on the first day as a rural mail carrier.

He apparently suffered a heart attack when he tried to get assistance when his car stalled in deep water in a low place in the Navidad River near Vienna.

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Suit Filed On Two Notes

Suit was filed in district court this week by Walter Stelzig, Sr. against Dr. L. J. Fitch seeking judgment on two notes.

A total of $1500 in principal on the two notes given by Fitch to Stelzig is involved.

Most people are ready to spend someone else's money.

1974 Marquis Brougham
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$6406.07

1973 Marquis 4 Dr.
Pillard H/Top, white wall steel belted radial tires JR-78x15, select shift transmission, power steering, power brakes, Elect.clock, rear fender skirts, concealed headlamps, inside hood release, automatic parking brake release, white, 429 4V-V8, deluxe all vinyl trim white, bumper protection group, air condition, dual rear seat speakers, AM Radio, body side moulding, appearance protection group, deluxe seat belts, remote control left hand mirror, tinted glass complete.
$5615.12

1973 Monterey Custom
4 door Pillard hard top, white side wall steel belted radial tires HR-78x15, select shift transmission, power steering, power front disk brakes, body side moulding, deluxe wheel covers, inside hood release, automatic park brake release, med. brown metallic, 400 2V-V8 engine, deluxe all vinyl interior ginger, air condition, AM Radio, remote control left hand mirror, tinted glass complete. . .
$4947.17

1974 Montego MX Brougham
2 door hard top, rocker panel moulding, wheel lip moulding, wheel covers deluxe, bench seats, power front disk brakes, front bumper guards, ivy bronze metallic, 351 2V-V8 engine, white vinyl roof, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, H-78x14 radial white sidewall tires, convenience group, power steering, bumper protection group, air condition, dual rear seat speakers, AM Radio, appearance protection group, Opera windows, tinted glass complete, body side moulding, green interior. . . . . .
$4853.31

1974 Mustang 2
2 door hard top, all vinyl black bucket seats, Tachometer/Instrumentation, 2.8 litter 2V-6 cyl. engine, manual front disk brakes, silver metallic, pin stripe, blue vinyl roof, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, CR-70x13 wide oval belted radial WSW tires, front and rear bumper guards, air condition, Deluxe belts, AM Radio, tinted glass complete, rocker panel moulding. . . .
$4265.00

1974 F100 Pickup
133" w/base, Ford Styleside pickup, regular Tutone green and lime, 302 V8, knitted vinyl seat, amp and oil gauges, R-Hand side mount tire carrier, chrome swing lock mirrors, body side moulding, radio AM, tinted glass, G-78 x 15 black tires
$3679.00

1974 F350 Pickup
1 ton, Ford Styleside 133" w/base, 9000.GVW package, Tutone paint red [illegible] white top, 390-V8, H/[illegible] vinyl trim, amp and [illegible] oil bath clean[illegible] rear axle, [illegible] swing lock [illegible] body side moulding, [illegible] elect horn, 10 ply R [illegible] black tires -- 2-9.50 x 16.5 front, 2-12.00 x 16.5 rear, 1-9.50 x 16.5 [illegible] ply spare tire.
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$4864.83

1974 Ford Galaxie 500
2 door hard top, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, power front disk brakes, power steering, color black, 351 2V-V8, vinyl seat trim black, five H-78x15 belted WSW tires, convenience group, rear bumper guards, air condition, AM Radio, tinted glass complete, wheel covers, vinyl insert body side moulding. . . . . .
$4843.72

1974 Pinto
2 door Station Wagon, color orange, 2300 cc 2V 4-cylinder engine, Cruise-O-Matic, A-78 x 13 white side wall tires, luggage rack, front and rear bumper guards, air condition, AM Radio, accent group, tinted glass. . . . . .
$3736.00

1974 F100 ½ Ton Pickup
133" wheel base, Styleside, Ivy Glow Glamor Paint Deluxe two tone, 5100 GVW package, 360 V8 engine, Ranger package, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, power steering, swing lock mirrors, power vacuum booster brakes, body side moulding, air condition, AM Radio, tinted glass, protection group, super cooling package, wheel covers, rear step bumper, H-78-15 white wall tires. .
$4726.01

1974 L.T.D.Brougham
2 door hard top, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, power steering, power front disk brakes, blue vinyl roof, wheel covers, body side moulding vinyl insert, Elect.clock, steel belted radial white side wall tires, automatic seat back release, Deluxe belts, mid blue metallic, 460 4V-V8 engine, dual paint stripe, split bench seats, manual passenger recliner seat, convenience group, 6-way power seats, rear bumper guards, air condition, AM Radio, tinted glass complete, light group, power windows, Deluxe wheel covers, power door locks.
$5984.72

1974 Ford Custom 500
4-door Pillard hard top, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, power front disk brakes, power steering, saddle bronze metallic, 351-2V-V8 engine, vinyl seat trim beige, five H-78x15 belted WSW tires, convenience group, rear bumper guards, air condition, AM Radio, tinted glass complete, wheel covers.
$4525.72

1974 Mustang II
Mach I, 3 door, 2.8 litter 2V-6 cylinder engine, color dark red, traction lock, 5CR-70 x 13 wide oval steel belted radial tires, convenience group, console, power front disk brakes, front and rear bumper guards, air condition, luxury interior group, tinted glass complete, heavy duty battery, AM radio with special speakers, light group, body side moulding. . . . . .
$4766.72

1974 F100 ½ Ton Pickup
133" w/base, Styleside, midnight blue metallic, with white two tone deluxe, 5100 GVW package, 360 V8 engine, Ranger package, amp and oil gauges, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, power steering, slide out spare tire carrier, swing lock chrome mirrors, power vacuum booster brakes, air condition, AM Radio, tinted glass, protection group, super cooling package, wheel covers, rear step bumper, H-78x15 WSW tires. . . . . .
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2 Escape Injury When Train Hits Car Wed.

Two occupants of this car miraculously escaped serious injury when their car was struck by an east bound Southern Pacific freight train last Wednesday afternoon at the intersection on Beaks Avenue. The car, driven by Gene Smith, was traveling south on Beaks and was struck on the right front side by the engine of the train. The car was knocked some thirty feet by the impact, but the driver and a passenger in the car, Light Williams, Jr., were able to get out of the vehicle with minor injuries. Williams complained of a bad shoulder and in the insert in the right of the picture, Smith shows the dejection that he felt after seeing the car virtually destroyed by the accident. City Patrolman Bufford Ashley with the assistance of Chief of Police Roy Chisum and Office Bill Chavis investigated the accident. Owner of the car was Gene Mitchell. 18 cars of the 110-car freight went by the scene before the train was stopped.

- Photo by Thornton

5-DAY TRAIL RIDE TO SAN ANTONIO BEGINS SATURDAY

All is in readiness for the opening of the five-day ride by the members of the Texas Trail Riders Association to San Antonio to assist in opening the 1974 Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Alamo City, announces Aubry Williams, president of the association.

The riders will gather at the camp grounds at the intersection of FM 2434 and Interstate 10 near the Kokonut Grove west of Columbus and near Glisden on Friday evening, Feb. 1st. The riders will ride on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, from the Kokonut Grove to Oakland and will set up camp near the New Bielau Hall Saturday night.

There will be a dance at the Kokonut Grove at 8 p.m. Friday night, Feb. 1st.

Participants in the ride must register Friday night or Saturday morning at the Kokonut Grove Camp Site. A breakfast will be served for the riders Saturday morning at the Kokonut Grove.

The annual trail ride barbecue and dance will be an event of Saturday, Feb. 2nd at the New Bielau Hall. The Pearl Brewing Company will host the trail riders for a party from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. A barbecue supper will be served at the New Bielau Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Registered trail riders will be admitted free, all others will be charged $2.50 per person.

A trail ride dance will follow at the New Bielau Hall with popular Adolph Hofner and the Pearl Wranglers providing the music. Admission will be free to members, nonmembers will be charged $2.00 per person.

After the blessing of the ride at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 3rd, the trail riders will embark on their four-day ride to the Alamo City.

Hwy 71 Work In 3-Year State Program

Highway work in Colorado County is included in a three-year, $250 million statewide program approved recently by the Texas Highway Commission.

In this area, the program provides for the reconstruction, grading, structures and surfacing on State Highway 71 from 3.5 miles South of Interstate 10 at Columbus, South for a distance of 3.2 miles at an estimated cost of $466,400.

Statewide the 1975-77 Consolidated Highway Program provides for construction or reconstruction of a total of 2,036.1 miles of rural and urban highway facilities.

Estimated cost of construction is $235 million.

The program also includes $31 million for the state's share of right of way costs for US- and State-numbered highways across the state. Included were needed projects in both urban and rural areas.

EL Middle School To Dismiss At 4:15 PM

The dismissal time at the Eagle Lake Middle School will be changed from 4:30 to 4:15 effective February 4. This change is made so that all schools in the Rice District with grades four through eight will be dismissed at the same time.

Students who ride the bus home will arrive at the same time as no bus schedules will be changed, said Principal James Crabb.

Retired Teachers To Meet Mon.

The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers will meet in the meeting room of the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association Building in Columbus Monday, Feb. 4th, at 2:30 p.m.

All retired teachers are invited to be present.

Retired Persons To Meet Wed.

The Eagle Lake Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Wed., Feb. 6th at 2:30 p.m. in the assembly room of the First Baptist Church.

All members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Judge Cranek Elected V.P. Of H-GAC

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek was accorded the high honor of being elected vice-president of the 13-County Houston-Galveston Area Council at the general membership meeting of the Council at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Houston Friday night of last week. Over 250 delegates from county, city, school, soil and water and other entities in the 13-county area attended the annual session.

In addition to serving as vice-president of the H-GAC Judge Cranek served as the chairman of the annual session and was named to a Regional Transportation Study Committee for Austin, Colorado, Matagorda, Walker and Wharton counties. The steering committee will be part of a transportation study for the counties surrounding Harris county and the committee's report will be incorporated into the overall study being made by the H-GAC.

Judge Cranek represents Colorado County on the Executive Committee and the regular committeeman to the general assembly is Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council was established under a national program to coordinate construction and improvement projects in the 13-county area and serves as a clearing house for approval for all state and federally financed projects in the area.

Also attending the annual session were Henry Sunderman, a supervisor for the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, and Erwin Pavlik, the Soil Conservationist in this district.

Thurs., Jan. 31 Final Date To Pay Taxes

City, school and county taxpayers are reminded that today, Thursday, Jan. 31st, is the final date to pay 1973 taxes without penalty added.

Payments may be made at the respective offices in the city municipal building, at the Rice ISD administration office, Nesbitt Chair and in the county tax office in Columbus. Remittances made by mail and postmarked not later than Jan. 31st will be accepted without penalty added.

Auto License Sale Begins Fri.

The 1974 vehicle registration period will begin this Friday, February 1st and will continue through March 31st, advises the county tax collector, Henry J. Hajovsky.

His office has received more than 14,000 sets of license plates for issue in 1974. The deadline for reserving a special number is Feb. 15. The renewal notice and the proper fee must accompany a request for reserving a special number.

3 Arrested On Marijuana Charges Tues.

Three men are in the county jail facing charges of possession of marijuana in amounts of less than four ounces, a misdemenor charge to be tried in county court, after they were apprehended in a U-Haul van truck Tuesday morning.

At around 11 a.m. Tuesday, the county sheriff's office received a call from the Sealy police department that a truck was driving erratically on IH 10 headed toward Columbus. Sheriff George Doc Mueller notified Highway Patrolman Ray Scholton and the officer stopped the truck and a sheriff's unit went to the scene for assistance.

In looking through the truck, officers found the marijuana. Driver of the truck was David Gordon James, 24, Houston, who is an employee of Dot, Inc., a company that overhaul washing machines. He had a load of the machines in the truck.

Also arrested and charged were Joseph M. Casey, 20 and Joseph P. Guiely, 20, both of Brockton, Mass.

The trio was placed in the county jail under $1000 bond each pending trial in county court.

Grand Jurors Called For Feb. Term

Twenty persons have been called to serve as Grand Jurors at 10:00 a.m. Feb. 4th for the opening of the February, 1974, term of 25th Judicial District Court.

Notified to appear for the February grand jury are: Delmar C. Pehrenkamp, Walter H. McNutt, Jerry Y. Parker and James D. McAlister of Columbus; Rubin Kveton of Cat Spring; Dessie Mae Williams of Alleyton; Lavo Brisco of Sheridan; Mrs. Aline R. Adamcik, Henry Billeck, Robert Gall, and John A. Halovsky of Weimar; Everett Anderson, Charles D. Stephens, Jr., Mrs. William J. Brunner, Mike Duarte and Ivory Stewart of Eagle Lake; James L. Cranek of Garwood; Frederick Leopold of Nada; Aubry Williams of Altair; and Mrs. H. T. Youens of Glisden.

Increase In Rice Acreage For '74 Crop Expected

Final Regulations For Acreage Marketing Uncertain

Congressman J. J. (Jake) Pickle issued a release to news media in the 10th Congressional District Friday, Jan. 25, that [illegible]

In 1974 rice allotments has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

But whether this amount of increase will be forthcoming is still in question, as well as concerning regulations that will apply for price supports for the 1974 rice crop.

In his release the congressman said that Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz has raised acreage allowed under the government planting programs to 2.1 million acres under the allotment system.

"I am pleased at the decision to increase the amount of rice acreage," Pickle said. "It will be beneficial to farmers and will help insure an adequate crop this year."

He added, "The rice announcement has come relatively late, but I am hopeful that most farmers will have time to adjust their cultivation plans."

There are some reports in agricultural circles that the increase may be more like 21.5%. The allotment notices mailed out by the county office of the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Committee on Jan. 18th reflected a 25.61 per cent decrease under the total acreage planted in 1973, which placed the total even lower than the 1972 acreage.

If the 27% increase holds, it is anticipated that the total acreage allotments will be something like 5% below those planted last year.

The county ASCS office has received no word on the rice acreage allotment nor on regulations for compliance with price supports, said Daniel C. Streckfus, the county executive director. He said that revised allotments will be forwarded to producers as soon as official word is received from the USDA.

There has been some speculation that the 1974 program will remove cross-compliance regulations in order to qualify for price supports. In other words, under the program in the past a producer who exceeded his allotment in any amount was disqualified for price supports on his entire crop. If the cross - compliance regulations are removed for 1974, a farmer will be able to plant over his allotment and will still qualify for the price support on his authorized acreage only, but not on excess acres.

Harold Thomas of Eagle Lake, a state committeeman for the ASCS, is in Dallas this week and it is believed that an announcement will be coming out of the state meeting relative to the actual acreage increase and on the price support regulations.

Monday Is Deadline For Primary Filers

With the deadline for filing for places on the primary ballots coming up Monday, Feb. 4th, only a few contests have taken shape on the county level.

Drawing the most interest at this point are contests for County Commissioners' positions in Eagle Lake and Weimar precincts.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles has filed for reelection on the Democratic ballot and although he is unopposed at this writing for the Democratic nomination, he is expected to have competition in the November general election since Joe N. Frazar, Jr. has filed for the Republican nomination for that office.

Precinct two Commissioner A. J. Kaiser had not filed early this week but there were four candidates for the office, including Delbert Fuchs, James J. Janak, R. J. (Randy) Kotrla, and Edwin (Bubba) Billeck.

To date County Judge Lester J. Cranek, County Treasurer Martha Bodungen, District Clerk Charlie W. Allen and County Clerk Lester Schneider are unopposed in the Democratic Primary.

Justice of the Peace M. M. (Mac) Jones in Eagle Lake Precinct 8 has also filed for re-election.

State Representative John Wilson of La Grange is unopposed in his bid for reelection for a second term in the Texas Legislature, at this time; but Tenth Congressional District Congressman J. J. (Jake) Pickle has drawn an opponent in Larry Bales.

Persons wishing to file for places on the May 4th primary ballot for the Democratic Party must file with the party chairman S. K. Seymour Jr. before 6 p.m. Mon., Feb. 4th. Republican candidates must file with County Chairman Jim Clipson, Jr. by the same date and time.

JOE N. FRAZAR, JR.

Joe N. Frazar GOP Candidate For Commissioner

Last Wednesday, January 23, 1974, at a meeting of the Colorado County Women's Republican Club held at the home of Mrs. Jay Anderson, Joe N. Frazar, Jr., announced that he will seek the nomination for County Commissioner of Precinct 4 of Colorado County in the May Republican Primary.

Mr. Frazar, 57, was born and reared in Eagle Lake, the son of Joe N. Frazar, Sr. and Gladys Welford Frazar, both life long residents of Eagle Lake. He returned here last year to make his home after retiring from the U.S. Army in 1970.

Mr. Frazar is a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute and the University of Texas where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and History. In 1940 he entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and by the end of World War II had attained the rank of Lt. Colonel. He continued to serve in the Army in both an active and Reserve status until he retired in 1970 as a Brigadier General.

Mr. Frazar has vast experience in the field of main-

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Rice Band Members Are Selling Candy

The Rice High School Raider Band is now selling the World's Finest Chocolate Candy in order to provide funds for their various activities throughout the year. The sale began Monday of this week and runs through Friday, February 8. The chocolate candy sells for 50¢ and $1.

If you wish to support the Rice Raider Band and have not been contacted, please call Jeff Ware at 234-2973 or Carol Wick at 234-2845 or any Rice Raider Band member.

Minor Damage At House Fire Tues.

Eagle Lake firemen were called to a house fire at 906 Sempret Street in the eastern part of town at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday and quickly extinguished the fire holding damage to a minimum.

The fire reportedly originated in a waste basket in the kitchen of the house occupied by Lola Spicer and owned by Willie Yell, Sr. Damage was restricted to the kitchen and to the roof of the wood frame dwelling.

Dr. Thomas Receives High Scouting Award

Dr. Raymond R. Thomas of Eagle Lake, third from the left, was one of four Scooters who received awards at the David Crockett Scouters Appreciation Banquet held in Sealy Jan. 17. He received the Award of Merit, the highest award that a volunteer leader may receive in a Scout District. The award is for outstanding service to the community and youth and is presented to adults that have shown service beyond that of unit leadership and have had ten or more years of active participation in the community. The Award of Merit is presented on the basis of one for every twenty-five units in a district and Dr. Thomas is the first Scouter from Colorado County to receive the award in the Crockett District. Others shown with their awards are, left to right, Tommy Sanders of Weimar, a Scoutmasters Award; Oliver Smith of Prairie View, a Commissioners' Award; Dr. Thomas; and W. O. Dietrich of Brenham, retiring District chairman, who received an appreciation award. - Photo courtesy of the Sealy News.

R. J. Campbell New Pres. State Soft Drink Assn.

The Texas Soft Drink Association, in its annual convention at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas January 29th, elevated Roland J. Campbell to the office of President for 1974. Mr. Campbell is the President and General Manager of Better Beverages, Inc. of Hallettsville and is a native of Eagle Lake community.

He has been very active in the bottlers association for many years. Last year Better Beverages, Inc., completed a new bottling plant in the industrial section of Hallettsville and consolidated its bottling operations in Eagle Lake, Brenham and Weimar. The firm still operates a distribution center here.

You can't beat this bride: "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

POSTOFFICE CLERK APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are now being accepted at the Eagle Lake Post Office and will be taken until Friday, Feb. 1st from persons desiring to take the examination for consideration for the position of clerk or carrier in the Eagle Lake post office.

Applicants should be over eighteen years of age or may be younger if a high school graduate.

Commr. Court Agenda Meet 10 A.M. Tues.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will hold its agenda planning meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5th, advises County Judge Lester J. Cranek.

Any person or delegations wishing to appear before the court at the regular term to be held at 10 a.m. Mon., Feb. 11th, must make application for a place on the agenda not later than 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Nada KC's Get 25 Year Pins

Five members of the Barnabas Held Council No. 3371 of the Knights of Columbus were present at a Ladies Night Anniversary Banquet held at the Nada Parish Hall Sunday night to receive their 25 year pins in the KC organization. Pictured are, left to right, Edward Lee Schneider, financial secretary, who assisted Alois Bittner, Grand Knight of the Council (at far right) in presenting the 25 year pins to: Joe Popp, Herman Popp, Albert C. Leopold, Albert Gold, and Ben Vallejera. Unable to be present to receive their 25 year pins were willie Kobecka, Edward Moeller, Otto Popp, Albert Arnold and Joe Kallina. Shown seated in front are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tahlaki (he was speaker at the banquet) and at right Mrs. Frederick Leopold. For more information