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Officer-in-Charge at Postoffice Here



Robert S. Martin, veteran employee with the U. S. Postal Service, left, is shown above receiving congratulations from Postal Inspector H. L. Gibson on his appointment as Officer-in-Charge at the Eagle Lake Postoffice. At right is Howard C. Johnson who retired as Postmaster February 1st after serving for fourteen years in that position.

Robert S. Martin Appointed Officer-in-Charge at Postoffice

Postmaster Johnson Begins Retirement

EL Firemen Answer Two Calls Monday

Robert Samuel Martin, an employee of the U. S. Postal service for thirty-seven years, was appointed Officer-in-Charge at the Eagle Lake Postoffice upon the retirement of H. C. Johnson as postmaster last Friday, Feb. 1st.

Postal Inspector H. L. Gibson of Houston was here to check out Mr. Johnson on the beginning of his retirement and to get the new Officer-in-Charge started in his new duties.

Mr. Martin will serve as Officer-in-Charge until such time as the Postal Service reviews applications for the permanent appointment of Postmaster of the local Postoffice.

Mr. Martin began employment with the Postoffice in November of 1956 when W. E. McRee was postmaster. He was appointed assistant postmaster in 1959 at the time Hargrove Smith was serving as postmaster here.

He is a native of this community and has resided here all of his life with the exception of three and one-half years of service with the U. S. Army during World War II.

ITS OFFICIAL

27% RICE ALLOTMENT HIKE OK'D

The Colorado County ASC office received word Tuesday that a 27% acreage increase will be in effect for the 1974 rice crop and also on new regulations for price supports.

The national allotment was increased from 1,652,596 acres to 2.1 million with Texas' share of the allotment being 536,645 acres or an increase of 114,332 acres, in line with the 27% increase.

The new regulations set out that a rice producer will be eligible for loan and price support programs on rice produced on a farm that does not exceed its allotment even though he may be a rice producer on another farm that exceeds his allotment or has no allotment. Total acreage for that production that exceeds the allotment or is new acreage will not be eligible for the support program.

New acreage allotments are due to be mailed to rice producers in this county before the end of the week, said Dan Strickland, County executive director for ASC.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Eagle Lake Rotary Club will stage its annual Pancake Supper at the Community Center on Saturday, February 10, 1973, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and all are invited to make plans to attend.

E. H. Moore Seeking County Judge's Office

Ernest H. Moore announces his candidacy for County Judge and Ex officio County School Supt. in Colorado County in the Democratic Primary Election to be held May 4, 1974. His announcement statement is as follows:

"I was given a football scholarship to Decatur Baptist College in 1927. To defray additional expenses, I milked the dairy herd of nine cows. I was then promoted to dish washer in the college kitchen and was finally promoted to college librarian. I finished D.B.C. in 1929 and entered The University of Texas and competed for a football scholarship. I made the freshman team, but was not good enough to be awarded a varsity scholarship. I then transferred to Baylor University where I waited tables at the Elite Cafe to help defray college expenses. I received my BA degree from Baylor U in 1935. I made the

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Grand Jury Finds 42 Indictments

The Grand Jury for the February term of 25th Judicial District Court went through a number of charges in rapid-fire order Monday and returned one of the largest number of indictments ever returned in district court in this county.

Walter B. McNutt of Columbus was named foreman of the jury which was empaneled after Judge E. W. Patterson issued instructions for the jurors. Other members of the grand jury included Rubin Kveton of Cal Spring, Dannie Mae Williams of Alleyton, Lavo Brisco of Sheridan, Mrs. Arline R. Adamic and Robert Gall of Weimar, Everett Anderson and Mike Duarte of Eagle Lake, James L. Cranek of Garwood, Frederick Leopold of Nada, Jerry Y. Parker of Columbus, and Mrs. H. T. Youens of Glidden.

The jury completed its work Monday afternoon after hearing charges brought forth by District Attorney Houston Munson and County Attorney Jim Whitcomb with 42 indictments. The list included 1 charge of murder and 4 of assault with intent to murder, 12 for burglaries and theft, 16 for worthless check charges, and miscellaneous other charges.

John Sanchez was indicted for murder in the shooting of Esteban Diaz Nov. 10, 1973 at Rio's Place in Eagle Lake. Sanchez is also charged with carrying a prohibited weapon—prohibited to sell intoxicating beverages.

Mary Burris is charged with assault with intent to murder Bobbie Marie Wilson in an incident Oct. 24, 1973; Pete Munoz with murder with malice aforethought in the shooting of Consuelo Morales on Dec. 4, 1973; and Beverly B. Burris with assault with intent to murder Angie Burris on Sept. 23, 1973.

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Garcia Given 3 Years in Pen On Murder Charge

Joe Louis Garcia, who was under indictment in District Court in this county on a charge of murder of Juan Huerta in an incident at the El Zarape Bar in Eagle Lake on Sept. 10, 1972, was given a term of three years in the state penitentiary Monday in District Court.

On recommendation of the state, the charge against Garcia was reduced to murder without malice and he entered a plea of guilty to this charge and Judge Patterson set his sentence at three years.

Joe Garcia was indicted in the same incident on a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon on property licensed to sell alcoholic beverages and he also entered a plea of guilty Monday and was given a term of probation of not less than two nor more than three years.

According to information received by the Headlight, the wife of the late Mr. Allen, Mrs. Cassie Mae Allen, will be given opportunity to serve out the remainder of his term.

Mr. Allen, 65, was elected to the office of District Clerk in Colorado County in 1958 and began duties in that office on January 1, 1959. He was re-elected for new four-year terms in 1962, 1966, and 1970 and had announced that he was seeking re-election in the Democratic Primary election to be held this year.

He was born August 23, 1908 in the Oakland community near Weimar the son of M. R. and Millie McMurray Allen. He was a lifelong resident of the Weimar community.

A graduate of San Marcos High School, he served with the U. S. Army for three and one-half years in World War II with service in the South Pacific for much of this time.

He and Miss Cassie Mae VanAlstyne were united in marriage on December 25, 1938 in the bride's home in Weimar.

After the war, Mr. Allen engaged in ranching and later became manager of the Columbus office for Herder Truck Lines. He resigned that position to become district clerk of this county.

During his life's span, Mr. Allen exemplified his love for his fellow man through service in many organizations and in activities in the First Baptist Church. He was an active member for many years in the Men's Bible Class of the Weimar Church. He was a charter member of the Weimar Lions Club and later was active in the Columbus Lions Club. He was a charter member of the Weimar Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served for fifteen years as quartermaster in that post. He also was a member of the Weimar American Legion Post and the Chamber of Commerce.

Allen was one of the founders of the Texas Trail Riders.

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JOE WENDEL

Joe Wendel Elected TBEA Region Pres.

Joe Wendel, a member of the Rice High School faculty, has been elected President of the District III Texas Business Education Association which is comprised of thirteen counties. Mr. Wendel began his teaching career at Rice three and one-half years ago and has taught business and English during that time. He is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, Texas Business Education Association, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, Colorado County TSTA and the Rice Classroom Teachers Association. He is also a member and Vice President of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club.

Each year the organization selects an Outstanding Business Teacher of the Year. This year the honor went to Mrs. Sherry Stogner of Louise High School. Serving on the committee which selected the winner was Mrs. Marjorie Crabb, another Rice High School faculty member in charge of the VOB program.

The TBEA is an organization of business teachers on the high school and college level which strives to help schools keep abreast of current ideas in the business world and to incorporate those ideas into the classroom of today's business students.

Rice High School is pleased to have a faculty member who is recognized by his fellow teachers as being an outstanding educator.

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Interesting Contests In Demo Primary Election

3 File For Office of District Clerk

CHARLIE ALLEN

Judge of the 25th Judicial

District Court, E. W. Patterson

delegated by law with the authority to appoint a successor to the late Charlie Allen, District Clerk in Colorado County. Mr. Allen's fourth four-year term in office was due to expire at midnight, Dec. 31, 1974, and he had filed his intent to seek re-election for a new four-year term.

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The deadline for filing for places on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election coming up May 4, passed Monday of this week and three persons have filed for election to the office for four year terms beginning on January 1, 1975. They include: Harvey Vornsand of Weimar; Albert Hahn of Columbus and Royce Miller of Weimar.

H. A. Schroeder Candidate For State Ag. Commr.

H. A. SCHROEDER

Herbert A. Schroeder, currently County School Supt. in Colorado County, announces his candidacy for the office of State Commissioner of Agriculture. The office of County School Supt. in this county will be abolished at the end of this year.

The announcement statement by Schroeder follows:

"My wife, Audrey, and I've spent wonderful and successful years in Colorado County. We are grateful to each one of you for having educated our children in a good environment.

"The encouragement that I have received throughout the years from you has given me the opportunity to know and work with many people in this great State of Texas. You and other friends in this state have given me the encouragement to be a candidate for State Commissioner of Agriculture. We appreciate your friendship and will continue our efforts of being of service.

"Feel free to call or come to see me."

Anheuser Busch To Meet With Rice Growers Fri.

A representative of the Anheuser-Busch Company of St. Louis, Mo., will be in this area Friday, Feb. 8th to meet with rice producers to discuss the possibility of contracting 1974 rice.

The representative will be at the El Campo Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon Friday and at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. the same day.

All interested rice farmers are invited to be on hand for the discussion.

Noon Lions Prep For Mop-Broom Sale Feb. 21



Plans are being completed for the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club's annual Mop and Broom Sale to raise funds for support of local projects and also to support the work of the Blind at the Lighthouse for the Blind in Houston. The sale will be held in Eagle Lake on Thursday, February 21st. Shown above are, left to right, Gene Brown who is handling publicity for the sale; Joe N. Frazar and Joe Lee McCrary co-chairmen of the sale, who are examining a broom that they hope will be replaced during the sale; and at right is Roy Dean Van Nort, president of the Noon Lions. The Lions invite citizens to begin making a list of the many useful household items that they will want to purchase from the Lions and support the club in conducting worthy projects throughout the year and at the same time supporting the work carried on by the blind. The Lions will be knocking on your door February 21st or you may purchase the items on the downtown city square Thurs., Feb. 21st, said the project chairman.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE
Mrs. J. T. (Helen) Pilkington is the chairman of a clubhouse committee which is taking bookings for special parties and meetings in the newly renovated Eagle Lake Recreation Center clubhouse. Persons interested in booking an event in the clubhouse should contact Mrs. Pilkington. Other members of the clubhouse committee include Mrs. E. J. Parma, Mrs. Earl Walsh and Mrs. Harland Bell.

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