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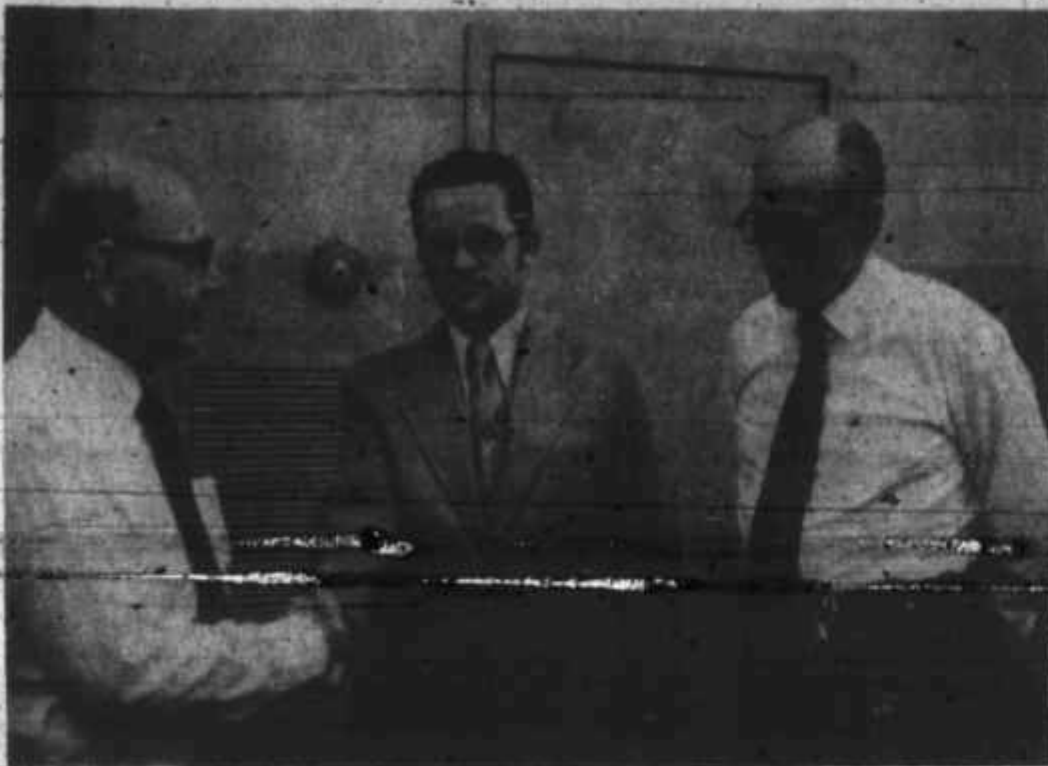
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## Officer-in-Charge at Postoffice Here



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

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 1936 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 its 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 Daniel Bruckner, County executive director for ASC.

## PANCAKE SUPPER

Eagle Lake Rotary Club will stage its annual Pancake Supper at the Community Center on Shrove Tuesday (the last Tuesday before Lent) Feb. 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and one and all are invited to make plans to attend.

## 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 Allison set his sentence at three years.

Joel Garcia was indicted in the same incident on a charge of carrying a prohibitive 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.



CHARLIE ALLEN

## Dist. Clerk Charlie Allen Passes Away

Colorado County lost another of its prominent citizens and a dedicated public official when District Clerk Charlie Allen passed away in Methodist Hospital in Houston at 6:20 p.m. last Friday, February 1, 1974 after an illness of some four weeks.

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 elections to be held this year.

He was born August 23, 1908 in the Oakland community near Weimar the son of Mr. 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, 1936 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 (Continued on last page)

## Go-Texan Dance at New Bielau Sat.

The Colorado County Go-Texan Committee will sponsor a Go-Texan dance Saturday at New Bielau Hall. The Telstars will play their recognized music. The first 100 in attendance will receive Go-Texan bolo string ties. The dance will be from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

At the first break, a fiddler's contest will be scheduled according to County Judge Lester Crank who is Colorado County Go-Texan Chairman.



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 VOE 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.

An indictment of burglary (Continued on last page)

## Interesting Contests In Demo Primary Election

## 3 File For Office of District Clerk

Judges of the 35th Judicial District Court, E. W. Frazier, Jr. and H. A. Schroeder, are 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.

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. Mrs. Annette Wallace, who served as chief deputy in the District Clerk's office under Mr. Allen, was reappointed Chief Deputy by the District Judges Monday, and will assist in operations of the office for the remainder of the current term.

The deadline for filing for places on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election coming up May 4th, 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 Vornsdorf of Weimar; Albert Hahn of Columbus; and Royce Miller of Weimar.

## Contract Let For 3.7 Miles Work on 102

Highway construction contracts let in January by the Texas Highway Commission include work in this area.

The work, supervised by District Engineer Carl V. Ramert will be in Colorado County.

A contract was awarded to Jones G. Fink Inc. of Sealy, Low bid was \$193,701.50.

The contract is for asphalt stabilized base overlay on 3.7 miles of Farm to Market Road 102. The project extends from 1.8 miles south of U. S. 90A at Eagle Lake southeast 3.8 miles.

The project, which will require an estimated 45 working days, will be under Highway Department Engineer C. A. Weise of Columbus.

## County Judge Gets Opponent; 6 File In Pct. 2

A number of interesting contests came into being for the Democratic Primary Election by the time the deadline for filing passed.

Prominent among the contests will be a three-way race for the position of District Clerk of this county created by the death of Charlie Allen on Friday of last week. Also Ernest H. Moore filed as a candidate for County Judge and will oppose Dr. Lester J. Crank for that office. Another race of interest will be in the six-way battle for the office of Commissioner of Weimar precinct 2 due to the fact that veteran commissioner A. J. Kainer decided not to seek re-election.

The three candidates who filed for the office of District Clerk are Albert W. Hahn of Columbus and Royce Miller and Harvey Vornsdorf of Weimar. Mr. Allen had filed for re-election prior to his untimely death last week.

The six men seeking the office to be vacated January 1st by Mr. Kainer are: R. J. (Randy) Kotler, Edwin J. (Bubba) Billeck, Werner J. Boer, Delbert Fuchs, James H. Janak and Rafael Velska.

The Republican party will hold its primary election on May 4th also and this year the Republican candidates will draw some interest in the county.

Incumbent Commissioner of Eagle Lake Precinct 4 L. W. (Bill) Stiles, Jr., has filed for the Democratic nomination and will be opposed on the May 4th primary ballot, but will draw opposition from Republican Joe N. Frazier, Jr. in the November general election. There were two other Republican candidates to file on the local level by the time the deadline passed, according to county chairman Jim Chipson, Jr. and they were Justice of the Peace candidates Dittman Harrison in JP precinct 7 and Max Dittmar in JP Precinct 3. The incumbent Justice of the Peace in Precinct 3, Chester Walker, did not file for reelection by time the deadline passed.

Mr. Harrison drew no opponent in the Democratic primary.

The six other justices of the peace all filed for nomination and re-election through the Democratic primary and included: Richard C. Schmidt in Precinct 1; W. A. Hefner in Precinct 2; Joe Kaye in Precinct 3; Ernest Bob Weishahn in Precinct 5; Francis J. Truchard in Precinct 6; and M. M. Jones in Precinct 8.

Democratic precinct chairmen to file for re-election in the Democratic primary with county chairman Sam K. Seymour, Jr. or Werner Savinova, secretary of the Democratic party, were: Frank Haynes of Glidden Precinct 2; Albert Arnold of Garwood Precinct 4; Frederick Leopold of Nada Precinct 5; G. C. Meyer of Rock Island Precinct 6; Isam Brisco of Sheridan Precinct 7; Rudy Gold of Weimar Precinct 8; Bernard A. Braden of Weimar Precinct 9; Edith Kollmann of Buescher Precinct 10; Fritz Horndt of Shaws Bend Precinct 11; A. J. Untermeyer of Brushy Precinct 12; Kermit Kieker of Frelburg Precinct 13; Leslie Miller of Menta Precinct 14; Raymond Braden of Bernardo Precinct 15; John T. Pilkington in Eagle Lake Precinct 17; and J. Ralph Meadows in the new Columbus Precinct 18. No candidates filed in Columbus Precinct 1, Altair Precinct (Continued on last page)



H. A. SCHROEDER

## H. A. Schroeder Candidate For State Ag. Comm.

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. Frazier and Joe Lee McCrory 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.