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EDITORIALLY  
SPEAKING

Your Vote, Important Saturday

It is election day in Eagle Lake and surrounding areas. In this year's race and school bond election, the voter is urged to exercise his inherited right to vote to the polls and to cast his ballot for the candidate of his choice. To do less is a sacrifice of a right that is of utmost importance.

The Rice School District and the City of Eagle Lake both are fortunate to have a number of well qualified candidates for respective offices. We would like to encourage all of the voters to go to the polls. There has been no apparent bitterness or argument among the candidates over the issues of city government and of education of our children. All feel that they are well able to serve you and promise to do their best to uphold that obligation.

The choice is yours. But it is important that you go to the polls and that those who are elected to represent you on the school board or the city council know that you have the vote and confidence of a majority of the voters and not of just a few who took the time to go to the polls and vote.

Senior Citizens Must File For Homestead Exemption By April 30

Senior citizens who wish to take advantage of the homestead exemption passed by Texas voters must contact their local taxing authorities and file for the exemption by April 30, 1974.

The constitutional amendment passed in 1972 enabled political subdivisions of the state to exempt not less than \$3000 of the value of the residence/homesteads of all persons 65 years of age or older from all ad valorem taxes levied by the political subdivision.

Several political subdivisions have voted to allow the exemption in the City of Eagle Lake, the Rock Island, the Rockport-Fulton, and the Colorado County.

However, eligible older persons must apply for the exemption. Therefore, older persons should contact all local taxing authorities immediately concerning procedures.

All persons who own property must assess their property for taxes not later than April 30th. To fail to do so will sacrifice your right to appeal any changes that may be made by the respective boards of equalization. Also April 30th is the final date on which you may sign the \$3000 homestead exemption on state and additional ad valorem taxes even though you may not be 65 years of age or older.

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48 YEARS AGO

(February 28, 1974)

Burglars entered the store of Alfredo Aranda at 1111 Main Street Friday night and carried off merchandise valued at approximately one thousand dollars. The curtains and scenery for the school auditorium, ordered some time ago by the Parent-Teachers' Association, have been returned to the school. The Auditorium was to be used for the annual irrigation project is now under way at Rock Island, which, in all probability, is eventually going to revolutionize farming activities throughout that area of Colorado. The irrigation project for Ford passengers includes reduction of the four foot deep from \$600 to \$500. The touring car goes from \$200 to \$100 and the rum-about from \$200 to \$200 all told. Dr. Fred E. Franks, the Sinclair oil salesman, has been getting along with the aid of a walking stick, having severely wrenched his back attempting to lift a barrel of oil. Mrs. Fred E. Franks and children are spending the week-end at home with relatives. Miss Helen Darby, who is teaching school in Washington, D. C.

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