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VOTE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS SATURDAY

Democrats In Comm. Center

Contests for the offices of County Judge and District Clerk, a hotly contested race for Tenth District Congressman, and the controversial issue of parimutuel wagering on horse races are expected to draw Democrats in the primary election to be held this Saturday, May 4th.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in eighteen locations in the county. Absentee voting was brisk especially in the last week of voting, which ended Tuesday, with a total of 104 absentee ballots applied for through the office of County Clerk Lester Schneider.

Sam K. Seymour, Jr., the County Chairman for the Democratic Party, urges voters to bring their voter registration slips to speed up voting procedures, but if you have misplaced yours, you will be permitted to sign an affidavit so stating, but only if you had previously been issued a voter registration.

Countywide there are three important races that are expected to draw voters to the polls. County Judge Lester J. Cranek is opposed by Ernest H. Moore; there are three candidates for the office of District Clerk, vacated by the death of Charlie W. Allen, Albert W. Hahn, Harvey Vornsand and Royce Miller. The other contest is only in the Weimar Commissioners' Precinct where there are six candidates for the office to be vacated by A. J. Kainer who decided not to run for re-election. The candidates include: Delbert Fuchs, James H. Janak, R. F. (Handy) Kotrla, Edwin (Bubba) Billeck, Werner (Chudde) Boer, and Rafael Veselka.

The referendum on parimutuel betting is the only one on the Democratic ballot and will read as follows: For or Against "The proposition that the 64th Legislature shall enact a law to permit Parimutuel wagering on horse races by local option."

Statewide there are con- (Continued on last page)

EL Kindergarten Registration Today, Thurs.

All parents who have children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1974 should come to the Eagle Lake Primary Gym on May 2, Thursday, for registration.

The child need not be present, but a birth certificate should be brought to the registration. If the birth certificate cannot be obtained by May 2nd, come register the child anyway; however, the birth certificate must be brought to school before the 74-75 year begins in August.

No immunizations will be administered at the registration. Shot records will be obtained after school begins in the Fall, said H. M. Bengt, Principal.

Providence Baptist Family Day Sun.

Members of Providence Baptist Church, 1207, East State Street in Eagle Lake, the Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr., pastor, will celebrate their annual Family and Friends Day this Sunday, May 5th at 3 p.m.

Congrats are expected from Freeport, Houston, Wharton, Egypt, Elm Grove, Altair and Eagle Lake. The Rev. H. H. Fletcher will be the guest speaker for the afternoon and will be accompanied by members of his congregation from Freeport.

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The public is invited to these services.

Republicans Vote at Rice Office

GOV. ELECTION Convention Sat.

Voters of the Republican Party will go to the polls this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in eight locations to participate in the primary election. While there are only two contests on the ballot for Governor and for Lieutenant Governor, there are three important referendum items on the ballots for the choice of the voters.

Jim Granberry and Odell McBrayer seek the nomination for Governor and Jayford Marshall and Troy Statton for Lieutenant Governor.

Republicans will decide the fate of the following referendums: No. 1 "The Constitution of Texas should include a provision guaranteeing a person's right to hold a job whether or not he chooses to belong or pay money to an organization negotiating wages, hours, or working conditions."

No. 2 "The Texas Constitution should contain a provision requiring approval by a (Continued on last page)

Sewer Plant Biggest Problem

MAYOR MAKES "STATE OF CITY" TALK TO ROTARY CLUB

Mayor Elmer Struss delivered an interesting and informative "state of the city" address to members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at the meeting last Wed., April 24th.

The mayor began his talk by critical remarks at those who take no interest in city government, which he described as "big business." He pointed out that less than 15% of the voters took the time to go to the polls April 6th despite the fact that there was a contested election for the offices on the city council.

"If we don't participate in government on local levels, how can we hope to have a hand in government on the state and national levels," said the mayor.

He told the Rotarians and guests of some of the future "bad and good news."

Sheridan Fire Dept. Trail Ride, Dance Sat.

The Sheridan Fire Dept. will sponsor its annual benefit trail ride and dance this Saturday, May 4th. The trail riders will leave Sheridan at 9 a.m. headed for the Nada K.J.T. Hall. A stew dinner will be served at noon for \$1.50 per person. The dance at the Nada K.J.T. Hall will begin at 9 p.m. with music by The Veivets. Tickets to the dance will be \$2.00 per person.

All proceeds from the event will go for the purchase of equipment for the Sheridan Fire Dept. and your support is earnestly solicited.

Demo Precinct Convention Here In Council Room

The Democratic Precinct convention will be held in the Eagle Lake precinct No. 18 at the Council Room of the Municipal Building, at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday.

Jack Grammer Elected To Rice Athletic Director's Post

Search Begins For Head Football Coach

Rotary Study Group From England Here



JACK GRAMMER

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District's Board of Education, in special session Monday night, promoted Jack Grammer, head basketball coach, to the position of Athletic Director to succeed Bill Apple.

Mr. Grammer was recommended for the appointment to athletic director by Supt. E. A. Krivacka after carefully screening a number of candidates from within the district and others from outside the district. The board after nearly four hours of discussion in closed session, passed the motion to hire Mr. Grammer unanimously.

It is anticipated that he will continue as the head basketball coach along with his duties as athletic director; and interviewing of applicants for the position of head football coach are expected to get underway in the immediate future.

Mr. Grammer expressed to the board a willingness to carry out a well balanced program of athletics in all areas, for both boys and girls, on both high school and junior high levels. He assured the board prior to the vote that well qualified applicants will be available for filling the position of head football coach without the position of athletic director attached.

Board policies for the Rice District call for the head football coach and athletic director to be one and the same, (Continued on last page)

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Friends will be glad to hear that H. J. Kretschmar was able to return to his home in Ramsey Friday following a week's stay in the Herman Hospital in Houston. He continues his convalescence at home and all hope to see him up and about again real soon.

Rotary Study Group From England Here

A group of six members of a Rotary Foundation Study Exchange team from District 120 in England this week. The team is spending six weeks in District 589 which includes Rotary Clubs in the Gulf Coast area.

Later this summer a team of five youth and an advisor from the 589th District will visit with clubs in the 120th District in England.

The group was due to arrive in Eagle Lake at 11 a.m. this Wednesday via D. R. Wintermann's helicopter. They will land at the Lakeside Irrigation Co.'s lake plant and after a tour of the plant and a lunch in that area, they will join local Rotarians who will host the visitors for tours of points of interest on Wednesday afternoon.

JOINT MEETING

At 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, the Eagle Lake and Wharton Rotarians and their Rotary Anns will meet in a joint session at the Eagle Lake Community Center for a dinner and program to be presented by the visiting team.

Included in the team are: John Spore, group leader. He is a member of the Taunton Rotary Club with the classification of General Medical Practice. Others are: David Charles Cozens, 35, editor of the Lyme Regis News and a script writer for the BBC and ITV; Bryan Joseph Earp, 35, a lecturer in Management Studies at Bath Technical College; Allan John Harvey, 34, a qualified architect interested in archaeology and archery; Colin Robert Humphrey, 32, a solicitor having passed the Law Society this year; and William George Lowes, 32, a police sergeant and a Crown Court liaison officer.

Citizens of the community join with the Rotarians in welcoming these visitors to the community.

ELMS TACH Club Bake Sale Sat.

The TACH Club of the Eagle Lake Middle School is holding a bake sale on Saturday, May 4, in front of Rice Drug Store. Proceeds will be used to help purchase a needed item for the new hospital.

134 Are Candidates For Graduation At RHS

Valedictorian

Salutatorian

Commencement

May 24; Award Day May 10



DENICE REES



TERESA SPANIHEL

DENICE REES, TERESA SPANIHEL ARE TOP RICE HS GRADUATES

12 Others Are Also Honor Graduates

Honor Graduates

Dorothy Denice Rees has been named Valedictorian and Teresa Marie Spanihel Salutatorian of the 1974 Rice High School graduating class. Twelve other RHS Seniors were named as Honor Graduates.

Miss Rees is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rees of Garwood, and is an active member of the Garwood United Methodist Church. Miss Rees has been active in community affairs and has represented the Garwood community in numerous pageants.

Miss Rees has concentrated most of her club efforts, at school, in the homemaking department. She now serves as the secretary for the Future Homemakers of America Club and received the Freshman Homemaker Crisco Award. She has a very keen interest in the area of homemaking and has demonstrated this interest by her participation during her school career.

During Miss Rees' junior year of school she was selected to, and did attend Girls' State.

Other organizations in which she has participated are the National Honor Society, the Health Club, the Pep Squad, and the Drama Club. She participated in Interscholastic League Literary Events in the areas of Number-Sense, Spelling and Plain Writing and Typewriting.

In the fall Miss Rees plans to enroll at Wharton County (Continued on last page)

Alpha Delta Phi Car Wash Sat.

The Alpha Delta Phi sorority will hold a benefit car wash at Johnny's 66 Service Station on Saturday, May 4. The car wash will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

The price for each car will be \$3.00 which includes a wash, dry and vacuum. All proceeds will benefit the new Eagle Lake Library. The sorority invites one and all to come by and take advantage of the opportunity to get a clean car while contributing to the new library.

Bank Deposits Continue Climb

First National Bank in Eagle Lake continues to report increasing deposits and assets at the bank.

For the call ending April 24th, 1974, First National listed a total of \$16,419,726.92 in deposits as compared to the call last spring on Mar. 28th when deposits were \$12,732,707.53 or an increase of over \$3.6 million this year. In 1973 assets were listed at \$15,371,668 and the 1974 call shows assets of \$18,852,971.95.

In 1973 loans were listed at \$7,350,514 and for the current call the loans total \$9,303,870.82.

One hundred and thirty-four Rice High School seniors are candidates for graduation in the Class of 1974, subject to the completion of work in the 1973-74 school year.

Rice High School Principal Fred Grammann also announced the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class and twelve other honor students. Miss Denice Rees is the valedictorian of the class and Miss Teresa Spanihel is salutatorian. Honor students include: Nancy Jon Ashley, Janelle Bauer, Melody Leigh Farris, Sandra Jacque Grammer, Clifton C. Hefner, Joseph Stephen Eder, Susan Elaine Kucherka, Ruth Jane Popp, Thomas Anselin Reed, Edna Frances Rosprim, Carol Ann Wick and Jerry Dale Williams.

Commencement exercises will be held in the Rice High School gymnasium on Friday, May 24th.

A unique feature about the Class of 1974 is that it will be the first to complete four years of work at Rice High School. For the past three years the graduates completed portions of their high school careers at Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan schools.

The annual award day for members of the senior class only will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10th at which time outstanding seniors will be recognized in their various fields of endeavor and a host of scholarship awards will be made.

See page 15 for a full list of members of the 1974 Rice HS (continued on page 15)

New Garbage Pickup Schedule Begins

By Eagle Lake City Council action, the garbage collection in this city will be changed from a six day service to a five day collection beginning this week. A trial period of a month was suggested by City Manager T. J. Smith to check out all the possibilities and routing balance. There will be no garbage picked up this Saturday.

Beginning today, Thursday (May 2nd) all areas west of Lake Street to the intersection of 90A or Boote Drive will be collected on Monday and Thursday each week.

The areas of the city east of Lake Avenue and south of 90A or Boote Drive will be serviced on Tuesday and Friday.

All out-of-town pickups on Cat Spring Road, Austin Road, Clippson Road, Columbus Highway, West Main (Outside city limits) and 90A west will be picked up once a week only on Wednesdays. Special pickups of extra trash, rubbish etc. will be worked on Wednesday. You should notify City Hall of your special request for such services, said Mr. Smith.

The business district and schools will be picked up five days each week; exceptions being holidays approved by the entire community. All the business district will be serviced at the latter part of each day's operations to allow the business district as much time as possible for complete disposal of refuse.

Manager Smith reports that the city's goal is to maintain the services in usual manner while keeping the collection fees as low as possible. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

MONTEZUMA DANCE SAT. Members of Club Montezuma and guests will enjoy an adult dance with music by the Leon Lehman Orchestra at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 9:00 p.m. this Sat. May 4th. Dress will be casual.



MELODY FARRIS



JANELLE BAUER



JERRY WILLIAMS



THOMAS REED



SANDRA GRAMMER



CLIFTON HEFNER



NANCY ASHLEY



CAROL WICK



EDNA ROSPRIM



JOSEPH FRYBERT



SUSAN KUCHERKA



RUTH POPP