## Marilyn Vasina In Starlettes

Miss Marilyn Vasina, left, a freshman at Wharton County Junior College, is a member of the colorful WCJC Starlettes precision drill group. Miss Vasina, a graduate of East Bernard High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Lefty) Vasina of Lissie. Also in the picture, at right, is Miss Lynn Horelica of East Bernard.

# Christmas Is Coming!!

(By the Rev. David Edgar, Pastor of Colly Memorial United Methodist Church, Eagle Lake)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Is. 9:2)

As we prepare for the Advent of Christ; Christmas, let's contrast those who follow Christ to those who still ignore Him. It really doesn't matter whether we talk about our problems, sorrows or sins; without Jesus, we are people walking in the darkness; with Jesus, we are people walking in the light.

Some have commented on the problems of life. Bertrand Russell: "You are sneddying speck of dust; a harassed, driven leaf." Sir Arthur Keith: "After life? Nothing follows! Life goes on like a guttering candle." They walk in darkness and do not see the great light. So turn to Jesus and you'll find an answer for every question. "You are dear to God and dear enough for Me to shed My blood," Paul: "You were bought with a price." John: "We are children of God." Plain dealing with plain questions; light in darkness. Is it any wonder that when we think on our problems we are thrilled with Christmas anticipations?

What about our sorrows? The loss of a loved one, financial affairs, the gravest news from a doctor. Some would say: "put up with it" or "I never made half the fuss about it." That's it! Little chips of worldly wisdom; a flickering match struck in the dark. They have not seen a great light. So turn to Jesus and you'll hear Him say: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Be not afraid of them which kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." "Fear not, . . . it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

How about our sins? There are humanists who when I mention my sins can barely restrain a smile. "There is no such thing really." "Sin is a Jewish taboo; a Victorian convention." Yet I still have an unquiet conscience and an unclean heart; I feel soiled inside. Theyleave me in the dark of hopelessness. So turn to Jesus who is the only one who can say: "Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven."

Yet there are those who do not have a guilty conscience; they no longer feel anything and so say to us: "It doesn't matter." But it does matter! It is inside us and it strikes at our vital life. There is death in sin—but life in Christ. That is why we emlt in the message of Advent and that is why there is a song in our heart and a spring in our step as Christmas nears. We have been a great light! In Christ we have the answer to our problems, sorrows and sins. He is equal to them all. And so we can say with Charles Wesley:

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

### *Twelfth Night*

Christmas goes out in fine style — with Twelfth Night. It is a finish worthy of the time. Christmas Day was the morning of the season; New Year's Day the middle of it or noon; Twelfth Night is the night, brilliant with the innumerable planets of Twelfthcakes.

*— Leigh Hunt*
(1784-1859)

# Greeting Cards Began During Victorian Era

Back in the late 1800's, sending greeting cards to friends and relatives at Christmas came into vogue for the first time.

Those early Christmas cards were quite different from the cards you receive in your holiday mail today. Many greeting cards during the Victorian era featured satin fringes. Popular designs were centered about such subjects as flowers, and [illegible]

[illegible] Cole's 1843. It read, "To Uncles, Aunts, & Cousins, A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you." The illustration featured a family celebration, with glasses raised in a toast.

Another card of this era, features angels with trumpets and peacock wings, along with the message: "Shout with joy ye mortals praise/for Christ is born on Christmas Day." It was published by Louis Prang, a pioneer in the manufacture of holiday greeting cards.

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Matthews. The still and beer were seized in a house occupied by Margreto Fernando and officers are still searching for him with a warrant for his arrest. . .A greasebumber of riders and ropers are here for the rodeo at the fair including B. P. Jones, Lester Bunge, I. V. Duncan, W. S. Smith, N. W. Callison of Eagle Lake; Bill Franks and J. J. Hopkins, Garwood; and Will Northington of Egypt. . .Mrs. W. F. Warren of Washington, D.C., is a guest at the home of her brother, F. A. Roesinghaus. Mr. Warren is connected with the State Department. . .At the Rex next Sunday and Monday, Lillian Gish in "The Scarlet Letter". . .The Eagle Lake Eagles won their second contest of the grid season last Friday when they defeated Weimar by a score of 7 to 0. "Beans" Hintz took the ball over in the last half [illegible] Matthews. [illegible] were people walking in the darkness; with Jesus, we are people walking in the light. [illegible] horse to drive up some miles. [illegible] when he was thrown over the horse's head, severely injuring him in the hip. . .The race between the G. H. Northington, Sr. brown pony and the Cliff Everitt red sorrel was a close drawing card on Wednesday's program at the fair ground. The horses ran for 440 yards with the Northington brown leading most of the distance. The Everitt sorrel came strong at the home stretch and went under the wire a full length ahead of the Northington horse. . .Ed Kilman, special reporter for the Houston Post-Dispatch, was here Monday to cover the Colorado County Fair for the paper.

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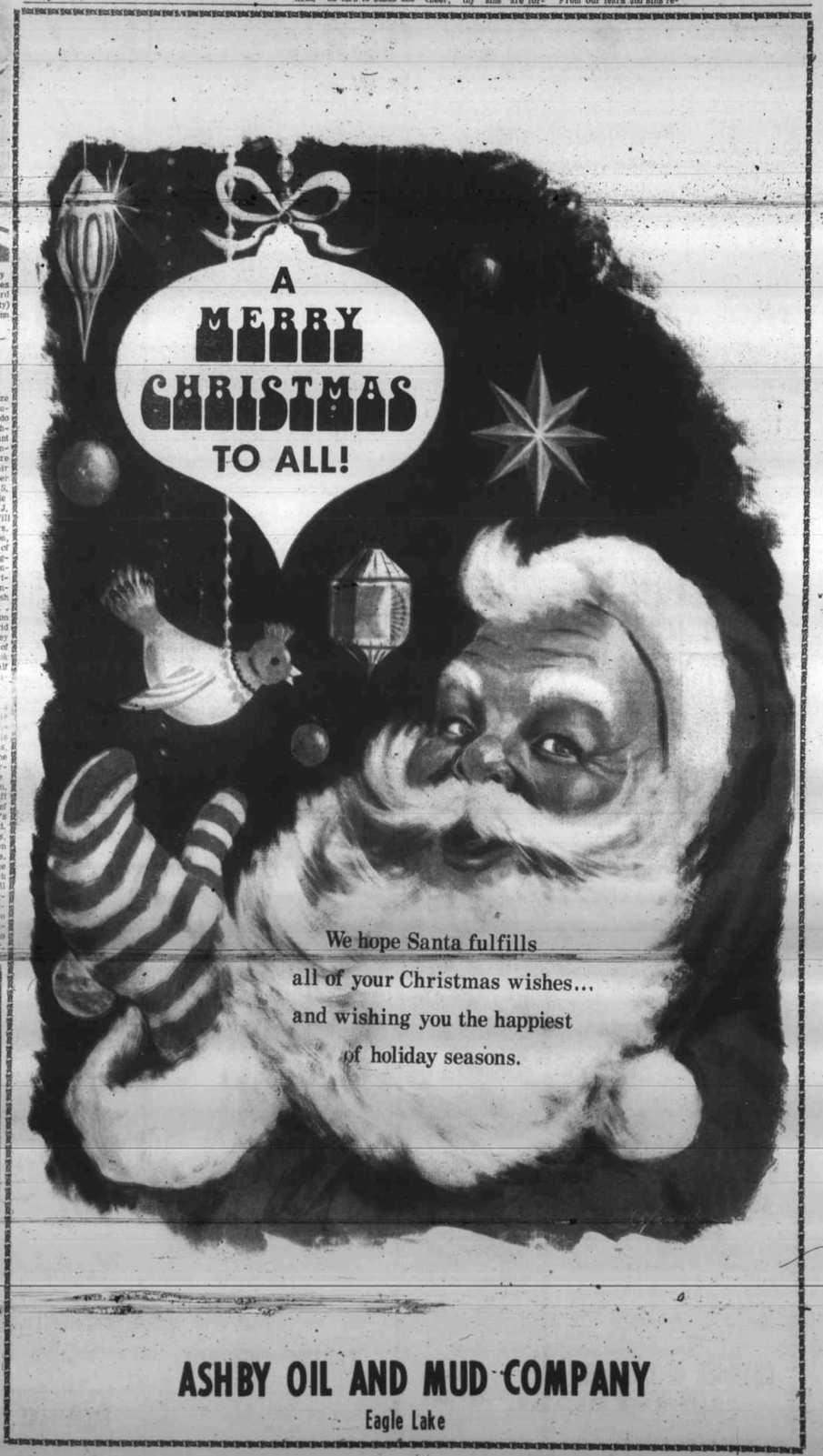


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# Postal Rates Go Up This Wed.

### Appeals Court Lifts Injunction At 12:01 AM Wed.

A three judge U. S. Court of Appeals acted Monday to lift an injunction which delayed a postal rate increase for at least ninety days, and the new postal rates are due to go into effect at 12:01 a.m. this Wed., Dec. 31st.

The increase will include: three cent raise for first class half of one ounce or less from 10 to 13c; cost of mailing postcards will advance from 7 to 9c. For each additional ounce of first class mail, the new rate will be 11c per ounce. Air mail will advance from 13c to 17c however the Postal Service notes that there will be no advantage in sending domestic letters air mail since all first class mail now goes by air."

Federal John Sirica had issued an injunction delaying the postal rate increase which had been scheduled to go into effect Dec. 28th. Attorneys for the Postal Service appealed the case and Monday the three-judge panel set aside the injunction and authorized the Postal Service to initiate the increase at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 31.

The series of actions have confused the situation since many mailers who had planned to use 13c stamps after Dec. 28th switched plans back to the 10c variety, but now they will have to switch back to the 13c postage plan for letter mailing and 9c for post card mailing unless they get their letters and cards mailed and postmarked before 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

Local postmaster Robert S. Martin said that he will be at the postoffice to cancel all mailings up to 12 midnight Tuesday. Mailings may be made in the lobby drops or in the outside mailing boxes and if mailed before midnight they will be cancelled and go at the old postage rate.

# 2 Charged In Robbery Of Columbus Man

A Columbus man, Ernest Rhodes, reported to the sheriff's office on Christmas night that he had been assaulted and robbed by two Negro males on the Ramsey to Altair Road.

Rhodes told the officers that he had asked the men to give him a ride and they allegedly assaulted and robbed him on the county road near the old city of Eagle Lake dumping grounds.

He reported that the men took about $55 in currency and change from his possession.

Deputy Sheriff Bryan Toucheck investigated and apprehended Willie Parker and Lessie Tillman and they were arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones on charges of robbery. Bond was set on each at $1000 pending action by the February grand jury. Both had made bond by early this week.

# Rifle Stolen From Clipson Car Sunday

Eagle Lake police investigated the theft of a Model 94 Winchester 30-30 rifle from the automobile of Richard Clipson, Jr. [illegible] Restaurant between 8 and 8:40 a.m. last Sunday.

Investigating officer Bufford Ashley said Mr. Clipson left the rifle in the car and the door unlocked when he went into the restaurant and found the rifle missing when he came out about forty minutes later.

# Police Check On 3 Wrecks In City

Eagle Lake police investigated three accidents, one major and two minor, during Christmas week.

At 3:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, a 1965 Chevrolet driven north on Lake Avenue, went out of control at the intersection of Lake and Postoffice and the car struck a fire plug at the intersection. Driver of the car was Herbert Ashton of this city and in the impact his head went through the windshield and he received cuts about the face and neck, reported investigating officer Bufford Ashley.

Ashton was taken by private car to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital where he received treatment for the cuts and was released.

Considerable damage resulted to the vehicle. The fire plug stood up to the impact without much damage.

At 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Day Ashley was called to investigate a minor collision on the parking lot at Dan's Minute Stop on East Main Street where a 1973 Ford driven by Alvina Yanez backed into a 1966 Pontiac driven by Darrell Dancy with minor damage and no injuries.

At 11:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26th, a 1975 Oldsmobile driven west on Main Street by Patricia Ann Woodard was hit from behind as she slowed to make a turn off the highway by a 1972 Plymouth driven by John Konesheck. Again damages were light and there were no injuries.

# Rice District Classes Resume Monday Morning

Classes in all schools of the Rice Consolidated School District will resume Monday morning, January 5th following the two week Christmas and New Year's holidays.

# 2 Inch Rain Boosts Total To 38.79 Inches

The 1975 rainfall total for this area is near the normal following two inches of rain or better on Christmas Eve.

The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. measured an even two inches, however other readings in the area varied from 2 inches to nearly seven inches in the Wharton area.

The two inches measured at the lake plant Dec. 24th moved the December total to 3.94 inches and increased the 1975 total to 38.79 inches. Normal rainfall for this area is around 39 inches.

The 1975 total compares with 1974's 45.01, in 1973 the total was a big 68.10 inches; in 1972 34.39; in 1971 38.14 and in 1970 39.86 inches.

Monthly totals for the year are as follows: Jan. 1.87, Feb. 1.30, Mar. 1.51, Apr. 3.75, May 11.55, June 4.10, July 2.60, Aug. 3.40, Sept. 2.19, Oct. 2.38, Nov. .70, and Dec. 3.40 (through Dec. 29th).

# AARP To Sponsor Defensive Driving Course Jan. 5-6

Interested citizens of the community are reminded that the Eagle Lake chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will sponsor a Defensive Driving course at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church from 6 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 5th and 6th.

This is an eight hour course and those who take the course will be entitled to a reduction in auto insurance rates. The course is open to all who wish to take it. A small fee will be charged to take care of the cost of necessary materials only. Clyde Brown will volunteer his services as instructor for the course.

# AARP Board Meet Jan. 5, Reg. Meet Jan. 7

The Eagle Lake Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will have a board meeting next Monday, Jan. 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. The regular meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 7th in the fellowship hall, also.

The AARP will sponsor a defensive driving course at the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church from 6 to 10 p.m. on January 5th and 6th with Clyde P. Brown instructor for the course.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Added to the Eagle Lake Headlight subscription list during the holidays were: Roy Dungen of Columbus; Ellsworth Farrow of Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Penn of Houston; Keith Lampton of Houston; H. H. (Bud) Fitzgerald of Alice, Texas.

Also, Mrs. Lola Lippold, East Bernard; A. J. Zacik, Bay City; R. R. Ney, Houston.

# Economic Progress To Continue During 1976

### Babson's Forecast Says Recovery From Inflation To Be Slow

(By Babson's Reports Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass., December 24, 1975)

In its forecast for 1975 published a year ago, the staff of Babson's Reports envisioned an unfolding scenario far less pessimistic than the general atmosphere prevailing at that time. The primary message then was that the nation's problem for the ensuing 1975 calendar year was a recession and not a devastating depression. This thesis was predicated on the probability that recuperative forces would start to emerge as imbalances in the economy were corrected.

Babson's 1975 forecast also called attention to the various cushions which would play a vital role in lessening the severity of the recessionary forces despite the doom and gloom psychology holding sway as 1974 drew to a close. At the same time, however, the forecast warned against expecting the sort of rapid recovery from setbacks that this nation had experienced over the past 30 years. The causes of this latest recession were particularly deep-rooted and there was no question but that they would be difficult to cure.

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Everything considered, however, the staff of Babson's Reports forecasts further economic progress for 1976, even though readers of this column should not expect a return to outright boom conditions. Unwieldy inventories and short-term business and consumer debts have been reduced over the past year or so, but the real stuff needed to spark a protracted upsurge—[illegible] sumer purchases, bank [illegible] sive capital expenditures—are simply not on the horizon. As things stand, the first quarter could well be the best part of the year in terms of economic expansion. While the ensuing quarters will tack on additional gains, the size of the year-to-year improvements will diminish

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# Fire Alarms In 1975 Up To 62

### Firemen Called To 10 Alarms In Dec.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen have been called to a total of ten fires so far in the month of December to boost the total number of alarms for 1975 to 62.

Four of the ten alarms this month have been to in-city fires and six to out of city fires and the total for the year now stands at 19 fires in the city and 43 out of the city.

The community received a real scare on Tuesday night of last week when the firemen were called to the Heritage House where a smoke and fire alarm sounded. Investigation failed to reveal any fire and no smoke was detected. It was thought that perhaps a motor heated up and caused the alarm to sound.

The patients and personnel on duty remained calm during the episode and there was no need for any evacuation.

Owners and personnel of the Heritage House extend thanks to the firemen and police officers and others for their quick response and efficient handling of the situation.

On Christmas Eve the firemen were called to a kitchen fire at the Floyd Cook residence at 706 East State Street and on Sat., Dec. 27th to a car fire in the downtown area. No alarm was sounded for the latter fire, but seven firemen and one truck responded to the call.

Other alarms answered in December were: Dec. 2, grass fire in Lissie; Dec. 4, grass fire near Lissie; Dec. 4, grass fire on FM 3013; Dec. 6, grass fire five miles east on Hwy. 90A; Dec. 9, grass fire on FM 102; Dec. 22, bed fire at Nina Mae Horton residence at 416 7th St.; and Dec. 23, grass fire in Matthews.

# Some Special Closings For New Year's

Some Eagle Lake business firms will be closed on dates other than for the regular New Year's Day holiday on Thursday, January 1st.

City, county and postoffices will be closed on New Year's Day only.

Other special closings include: offices of Sue Briscoe will remain closed through Jan. 4th; Kaltex Supply in Nada will remain closed for inventory through Jan. 4; Lake Lumber Co. in Eagle Lake will close at noon on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31; and Merle Norman Cosmetics and Beauty Salon will be closed Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 1st and 2nd.

Marvin's in Altair will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day; Jack's Restaurant in Eagle Lake will open at 1:00 a.m. New Year's Day morning for a special breakfast for partygoers.

Steve Taylor Ford, Inc. in Eagle Lake will close at noon New Year's Eve and will be closed all day New Year's Day, Thursday, also.

# Club Montezuma Dance Wed.

Members of Club Montezuma and guests will have their annual New Year's Eve Dance and Party on Wednesday, Dec. 31st at the Community Center.

The Wranglers will provide music for the evening from 9 to 1.

# No Garbage Pickup Thurs.

There will not be any garbage pickups on New Year's Day and those customers normally serviced on Thursdays are reminded that items to be picked up should be put out as early as possible on Wednesday, Dec. 31st for pickup that day instead of on Thursday.

# New Year's Day Masses Set

Special New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses are scheduled at local Catholic churches.

There will be a New Year's Eve Mass at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and a New Year's Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a New Year's Day Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 1st.

# Weimar Man Is Traffic Fatality

A 20 year old Weimar man, Pat Seifert, was the victim of a one car auto accident near Weimar Thursday night, Dec. 25th as this county's contribution to the Christmas holiday traffic toll in Texas.

Seifert was the victim of a one-car accident during the early morning hours of Friday, Dec. 26th. Exact time of his death was not known for his car left Interstate 10 on a curve West of Weimar and struck a tree. The fatality was the tenth of the year in Fayette County.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Seifert of Weimar and was employed with a contracting and construction company.

# Arizona Woman Found Dead In Car Near Borden

A Tucson, Arizona, school teacher was found dead in her automobile at the Borden Lake just off Interstate 10 between Columbus and Weimar last Wednesday morning, Dec. 24th and investigation and autopsy revealed that she died of carbon monoxide inhalation.

A resident of the area noted the car had been parked near the lake for several days and he notified the county sheriff's office and a deputy was sent to investigate and he found the dead woman. Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt of Columbus was called to the scene at 11 a.m. He ordered the body be sent to Houston for an autopsy to determine if there could have been some foul play since there were signs of some dried blood in her hair.

The autopsy report revealed that the woman died of asphyxiation through carbon monoxide inhalation. She had connected a hose to the tailpipe and then taped the hose to a window, officers said.

The woman, Alice Joyce Sprinkle, was 50 years of age, and had been traveling alone.

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# New 'Tejas 1876' Column Begins This Wk.

Whatever was going on in Texas a hundred years ago? Texans will learn more about their state as it was during America's Centennial in a new column to be distributed through the Texas Press Association.

It is called "Tejas 1876," and the material has been compiled from 100-year-old newspaper accounts by the Department of Mass Communications at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Sarah J. Stone, now a member of the faculty at West Texas State University, was the principal researcher for the project while she was a graduate student at Texas Tech. She earned the master of arts degree in mass communications last August.

The column takes a week at a time and begins with Jan. 1-7, 1876 in this week's paper.

# Sunday Last Day For Deer Hunting

The 1975 deer hunting season will end next Sunday, Jan. 4th, so hunters have just a few more days in which to kill their deer.

The season to date has been only fair with the kill running below normal, although the deer have been reported to be in excellent condition.

The one-buck season in effect in this county will end at the close of shooting January 4th, as will the season on antlerless deer for those who have permits issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Ducks and geese remain in season through Sunday, Jan. 18th.

The second portion of the dove season for the south zone of Texas, including this county, will open Saturday, Jan. 3rd and end on January 18th.

Quail remain in season through February 15th.

Squirrel are in season the year round in this county.

# '76 To Be Busy Election Year

GEO. (DOC) MUELLER

## Sheriff Doc Mueller Asks Re-election

Sheriff Geo. "Doc" Mueller, completing his second four-year term as Colorado County Sheriff this year, announced this week he will be a candidate for re-election.

He issued this statement:

"I want to thank the good people of Colorado County for the support and cooperation they have given me in the past and to ask their continued support.

"I am a native of Weimar and a lifelong resident of Colorado County, with 10 years of law enforcement experience, all in this county.

"I am married, I am a Certified Peace Officer, a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Weimar, Weimar Lions Club, Weimar Volunteer Fire Department, Colorado Valley CB Club, Hermann Sons Lodge, Woodmen of the World, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

"I firmly believe in the old adage that there is no substitute for experience. As a candidate I offer my 19 years experience as a law enforcement officer in this county. I also offer my promise to continue to the best of my ability performing the duties of this office with honesty and with fairness to all.

"If re-elected I will continue to keep the sheriff's office open 24 hours a day and continue the night patrol for maximum protection for our people at all times. I will continue to make monthly reports in the papers and to be at your service any time I am needed.

"I intend to wage an active campaign and hope to personally contact each of the voters of the duties of the office will allow me enough time. I earnestly solicit the vote and support of all of you in the coming Democratic Primary.

Geo. 'Doc' Mueller"

### Presidential Contest To Provide Spice

With the filing of Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller for re-election to a third four-year term as Sheriff in this county, the busy 1976 election year is off and running. This will be a very important election year with voters over the United States to cast ballots for offices from the President on down to Constables of the eight Justice of Peace precincts in this county.

Officials, elected in balloting in the party primaries in May and June and in the general election in November, will take office on January 1st, 1977.

In addition to the president and vice-president of the United States, Texas voters will also elect a United States Senator and U. S. Congressmen on the national level; a governor, lieutenant governor and other important state officials on the state level.

Also a state representative for the local District 30 will be named (the office now held by John Wilson of La Grange) and a state senator for District 5 (the office now held by W. T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan).

In the 25th judicial district, which includes this county, judges for the first and second district courts and a district attorney will be elected.

On the county level, Commissioners Walter Henicke in Precinct 1 and Crockett Leyendecker in Precinct 3 have terms expiring at the end of the year. Other county offices to be filled will be those of the County Attorney (Jim Whitcomb); Tax Assessor and Collector (Henry J. Hajovsky); County Surveyor, vacant following the death of the late Frank Davidson; and constables in all precincts including J. T. (Jimmie) Franks in Eagle Lake JP Precinct 8; Howard Cholleti, prec. 1; Lawrence Berger, precinct 2; B. H. Pope, precinct 3; Joe F. Dusek, precinct 4; Lawrence Klump, precinct 5; Lester E. Schindler, precinct 6; Billy J. Schindler, precinct 7.

The deadline for filing for places in the Democratic and Republican primary elections, to be held on May 1st will be February 1st, 1976.

If you voted in an election on the county, district, state or national level in either of the past three years, you are automatically re-registered to vote and will receive a new voter registration certificate from the county tax office next month. However, if you had a voter registration certificate and did not vote in any of the elections for the past three years, your name has been purged from the list and you will be required to file a voter registration application under the Texas Voter Rights Act, as it now stands.

# Gr. Rising Star To Sell Fish Dinners Sat.

The Greater Rising Star Baptist Church will sell fish dinners Saturday, Jan. 3, 1976 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Rosie (Mattie) Scott at 243 Beard Street in the New Town area. The fish and trimmings will sell for $1.50 per plate.

You may call orders in advance at 234-3409 or 234-3207.

# More Donations To Float Fund, Total Now $2116.19

Contributions to the Eagle Lake Float Fund have now reached $2116.19 with the addition of three more contributions last week.

Most recent donors were the Furniture Shoppe, the W. L. Bauers and Mrs. O. L. Mill, $50.00; Rice Aero, Inc., the Billy Jo Williams', $25, and Gertson Farms, Inc., the Bar D Hunting Club, $25.

You may send your contributions to the Chamber of Commerce, Box 216, or leave the donation at the First National Bank.

It is anticipated that the new float will arrive some time during the month of January and be ready for the centennial year.