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## Evaluation Chairman Welcomed To Rice Schools



Dr. Pat Norwood, retired Southwest Texas University professor and chairman of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Visitation Committee which was here last week, (center), is being welcomed to the district at a dinner meeting at Eagle Lake Middle School on Wednesday evening of last week by Supt. E. A. Krivacka. At the left is James Crabb, principal of the Middle School; at Mr. Norton's right is Assistant Supt. Charles DeShazo and at right, Rice CISD Board Member Arthur Anderson.

## SOUTHERN ASSN. EVALUATION HELD AT ELMS, RICE HS

### Visiting Committee Complimentary Of Local Schools

Rice High School and the Eagle Lake Middle School were visited by a 27 member team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during the period of February 24-26 for evaluation of the schools leading to accreditation with the association.

Each school was found to be conducting a program that more than meets the requirements of the Association based upon the Evaluative Criteria developed by the National Study of Schools. Both schools were recommended for continued membership with full accreditation.

The entire Rice District is engaged in a year-long self study under the direction of the Texas Education Agency as a pilot district for accreditation purposes. In addition to satisfying the state guidelines, Rice High School and the Eagle Lake Middle School, as members of the Southern Association, insure that quality education is being offered to students and standards are in keeping with national guidelines and standards.

They reviewed the Evaluative Criteria information that had been previously completed by faculty members, visited classes, interviewed students and faculty and evaluated the maintenance and use of the facilities.

The school officials report that the committee was very complimentary of the ELMS's entire program. The following is a quote from a letter from Visiting Team Coordinator Dr. Pat Norwood to the Texas Southern Association Committee: "Following a discussion in executive session, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that 'The Eagle Lake Middle School more than meets the minimum standards set forth for membership in the Southern Association. The Association should be proud to have in its membership the very fine school.'"

The committee, headed by Dr. Pat Norwood, retired professor from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, attended an orientation meeting and dinner at the Rice High School Tuesday night and then spent Wednesday evaluating the teachers and programs at Rice High School. Wednesday night the committee and faculty members attended another orientation dinner and meeting at Eagle Lake Middle School and the committee spent Thursday visiting in the classrooms of the school, evaluating the programs in grades four through eight.

Dr. Norwood told the gathering at each of the orientation meetings that the purpose of the program is to "improve the quality of education in the respective schools."

He noted that the committee

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## Appelt Files For Rice Board, 3 Seek 2 City Council Spots

Interest is expected to mount in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District's board of education election to be held April 3rd with at least one contest already assured.

The latest candidate to file for a three year term on the board was Bill Appelt, former Rice High School coach and now associated with Anderson Insurance Co. He is seeking Eagle Lake Position No. 1 now held by Arthur Anderson. Mr. Anderson has filed for re-election.

Alton C. Smith of Garwood is a candidate for Garwood Position No. 2 which was held by Dale V. Hunt, who has announced he will not seek re-election.

Incumbent Lavo Brisco is the only candidate filed to date for Sheridan Position 3.

## Baker, David Evers File To Make City Council Contest

Two incumbents and a newcomer to city politics have filed to date for two city council positions to be filled April 3rd, but at this time Mayor Elmer Struss is unopposed in his bid for re-election.

Mayor Elmer Struss and Aldermen Roy Dean Van Nort and Gene Baker have filed for re-election for new two year terms on the council. Baker filed for re-election on Tuesday night of last week.

Tuesday afternoon of this week, David W. Evers, pharmacist associated with Eagle Lake Drugs, made a contest of the council election by filing his application for a place on April 3rd ballot.

The deadline to file for the school and city elections is at midnight this Wed., March 3rd. City candidates may file with city secretary Miss Lucille Perry in the city offices and school board candidates with secretary Lavo Brisco of Sheridan.

## Study Club Meeting Tues.

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet next Tuesday, Mar. 9th in the Conference Room of the Eagle Lake Community Center for a coffee at 9:30 a.m. and a meeting and program beginning at 10 a.m. Miss Kathryn McRee will present an interesting program entitled, "Women in the Revolution."

All members and others interested are invited to attend the coffee and program to follow.

## Janow Buys Pearl Beer Dist. Co.

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### Campbells 48 Yrs.

The H. J. and R. J. Campbell families ended forty-eight years of ownership of the Pearl Beer Distributing Co. in Eagle Lake last Sat., Feb. 28 when the distributorship was sold to Ronald Janow, retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force. Mrs. Janow is the former Betty Kay Meitzen of this city.

H. J. Campbell established the Pearl Beer distributorship here in 1928 and later his son, Roland J. Campbell, became a partner in the firm. After the retirement of H. J. Campbell, a corporation with R. J. Campbell as president, and his sons, Dale and Alan Campbell, as partners, was formed to operate the distributorship.

In addition to Pearl Beer, the firm handled Texas Pride and Jax Beer. It is anticipated that Mr. Janow will continue operation of the distributorship at the present location of Better Beverages, Inc., on Lakeside Drive, until new facilities can be constructed on a site purchased from the San Boethes on Stevenson Street.

Roland Campbell said that Better Beverages will continue soft drink warehouse operations at the Lakeside Drive facilities. The Better Beverages bottling plant and offices are now located in Hallettsville and the facilities are being enlarged by about one-third.

The Campbells expressed appreciation to the citizens of the Eagle Lake community and Columbus community and southern Colorado County for their cooperation and patronage for almost a half century and ask your continued cooperation with the new owner, Mr. Janow.

## Ambulance Corp Hypertension Program Thurs.

The Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps will have a very important training meet tonight, Thurs. evening, March 4th at 7:30 in the Ambulance Hall.

Dr. R. R. Thomas and Russell Thomas will present the program on the hypertension screening clinic.

## Council Plans For One-Way Traffic On Commerce St.

### First Reading Of Ordinance Tues.

The City Council, in session on Tuesday night of last week, took the first step toward the possibility of establishing one way traffic on Commerce Street, from the intersection with Main at the First National Bank corner, north to the intersection with Jones Street and also on the street at the rear of the postoffice (an unnamed street).

The council proposes to establish one-way traffic going north on Commerce and west behind the postoffice. The action of the council last week was to authorize city manager T. J. Smith to draw up an ordinance for consideration of the council at the first reading on Tuesday night, Mar. 9th at 7:30 p.m. It is anticipated that if the ordinance passes the first reading, subsequent readings will be held on March 23rd and the final reading on April 13th.

The action to authorize consideration of the one-way designation passed on a split vote with alderman Dick Obenaus voting against the consideration and councilmen Gene Baker, Roy Dean Van Nort, Bennie Miller and Alvin Kohleffel voting for.

By establishment of the one-way traffic, the council hopes to alleviate a problem of depositing mail in the outside mail boxes where the boxes are located on the passenger side of vehicles observing the flow of traffic in an easterly direction.

Alderman Obenaus contended that the action would create a traffic hazard rather than remedy one, because of the great amount of traffic that flows south on Commerce.

Persons interested in the proposal, pro or con, are invited to contact council members or Mayor Elmer Struss to express themselves on the matter, or to attend the first reading of the ordinance next Tuesday night.

STOP SIGN OK'D  
Regardless of the result of the one-way proposal, the council approved unanimously the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of the street behind the postoffice and McCarty Street at the northwest corner of the city square.

This stop will become effective immediately upon the installation of the proper signs, expected within the next week or so.

The Eagle Lake City Council delayed once again final action on a speed zone ordinance for traffic on Highway 90A through the city but indicated that some final action will be forthcoming at the next meeting March 9th.

The council had before it for consideration last week an ordinance prepared by the Texas Highway Department to reduce the speed limit from 35 to 30 miles per hour from a point near the Rice Package Store west on Main Street and the Highway 90A by-pass to the intersection of the by-pass and McCarty Street near the Lake Motors, Inc.

This had been requested by the council and the highway department had concurred with the request in the ordinance, however the ordinance had increased from 40 to 45 miles per hour the speed limit for westbound traffic on the curve near the Alvin Kohleffel home, where (Continued on last page)

## Donovan Begins Pen Term

Norman Cecil Donovan who was found guilty by a jury in District Court in this county on a charge of venue from Fayette county, on a charge of escape from a Fayette County jail and assessed a life sentence, was formally sentenced Monday and is now in the state penitentiary serving a term of not less than two years nor more than life.

Judge E. W. Paiteson handed down the sentence and Donovan was taken by the county sheriff's office to Huntsville the same day.

The life sentence was returned by the jury after it was brought out that Donovan had previously been committed to penitentiary in Lubbock in 1956 and also in New Mexico prison system in 1962.

## UFO's In The Area??

### 'Something' Spotted In Airport Area Sun., Mon. Nites

Unidentified Flying Objects were the topic of conversation in Eagle Lake this week as a number of law enforcement officers and private citizens reported seeing "something" in the airport area and east of the city Sunday and Monday nights.

The objects, whether actual flying objects or a phenomenon of nature, were seen on both nights at about 8:30 p.m.; but a vigil by officers, the press, and a photographer Tuesday night failed to spot any object or unusual lights.

City police officers Buford Ashley and Steve Skinner, State Game Warden Sam Center and Deputy Sheriff Bryan Touchback reported seeing something with large red and white lights that appeared to be hovering near the earth Sunday night. They said that at one time the object appeared to climb sharply into the sky and then descended as rapidly as it had risen before disappearing. Frank Fennen, a pilot in agricultural aircraft operations at the airport, and his wife flew their plane into the airport during the time the lights were being observed, but he said that he did not see the lights while in the air but after landing he and his wife joined the officers in observing the lights through field glasses. Fennen said that he could not discern any shape to the object, "just a bright red and white light."

Monday night, the John Garza family reported a similar light over their home several miles east of the city and they and officer Skinner (Continued on last page)

## 7863 Registered To Vote In Colorado Co.

### MAYC Sponsors Youth Employment Project

The Mexican American Youth Council of Eagle Lake, in cooperation with the Colorado County Youth Program, is asking young ladies from age 14 years and older to call Mrs. Joe (Marcy) Salinas or Mrs. Mary Yanez for after-school or evening jobs, mainly baby sitting.

The young ladies interested will be given instructions on jobs offered.

MAYC members are always striving to help youth of the community.

## Rice Planning Council To Talk Finances Wed.

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District's Planning Council will meet at the Rice Administration Building for a study of the financial status, past, present and future, for the Rice District at 7:00 p.m. this Wed., March 3rd and all interested citizens are invited and urged to attend.

Supt. Ed Krivacka will discuss the financial status of the district as it affects existing policies and implications of new legal and state financing programs on the district.

## Day of Prayer For Church Women Friday

All church women of the community are invited to join in the celebration of the World Day of Prayer observance at Christ Episcopal Church this Friday, March 5th.

The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a coffee hour preceding the service at 10 a.m.

## Tax Group Due Here Mar. 8, 9, 10

Colorado County tax officer Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies began a tour of the county last Thursday to issue vehicle registration tags and to assess taxes.

They will make their visit to the council room in the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., Mar. 8, 9, and 10; then will be at Hopkins' Office in Garwood from 8:45 to 3:45 Thurs., March 11th; at the Sheridan School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fri., Mar. 12th; at the Community Center in Rock Island from 1 to 3:15 p.m. the same date, Mar. 12th; and at the Nada Grocery and Market from 8:45 to 3:45 on Mar. 13th.

## Rice Farmers Meeting Thurs.

The Colorado County Farm Bureau will sponsor a public meeting of all rice farmers and beef producers in the area this Thurs., Mar. 4th beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Eagle Lake City Hall meeting room.

Tommy Klemeke, associate director of commodity activities with the Texas Farm Bureau at Waco, will be on hand to conduct such meeting.

All interested persons are urged to attend.



County Judge Lester J. Cranek, seated, is shown signing a proclamation designating March 1st through 4th as Colorado County Farm Bureau Week. Witnessing the signing is Kermit Kieker of Fayetteville, chairman of the membership committee of the Colorado County Farm Bureau. Judge Cranek noted the great strides made by those associated with agriculture through such organizations as the Farm Bureau. His full proclamation may be found on page three of this issue.