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County Results

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for Besnes were Ann Smith with 891 votes and Dwayne Holman with 864; Carter's other delegate, Glen Maxey drew 1227 votes; and George Wallace's three delegates, C. W. Kennedy, Rick Rivard and R. L. Thornton received 932, 638 and 750 respectively.
United States Senator Lloyd Bentsen won a favorable majority in this county with 2569 votes while Hugh Wilson had 784, Leon Dugi 35, and Phil Gramm 702. Also U. S. Representative J. J. Pickle was given a big majority in his bid for reelection with a total of 2886 votes, while his opponent E. H. Meadows had 515.
Jerry Sadler led the field of eight candidates for State Railroad Commissioner, and this race will be decided in a statewide runoff on June 8th. In this county Jerry Sadler led the field, as he did statewide with 1104 votes. Wood received 540, O'Rourke 360, Bean 237, Finney 117, Newton 850, Williams 78, and Denton 569. Sadler and Jon Newton will be pitted in the June 5 runoff.

Utility Rates

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anticipated that the new rates will go into effect for the June services and will be reflected in the bills to come out around July 1st.
Under the ordinance relative to water and sewer rates, the sewer rate for normal residences will increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per month with corresponding increases for multi-family and business connections. The rate charged for water would increase if the ordinance is finally approved as follows: \$2.00 to \$2.50 for the minimum first 3000 gallons. The next 7000 gallons would be 60c per 1000. The present rate calls for the \$2.00 minimum for the first 3000 gallons; 50c per 1000 for the next 2000; 45c for the next 5000; 40c for the next 2000; 35c for the next 5000; 30c for the next 5000; 30c for the next 5000; 25c for the next 5000; and 20c per 1000 for all over 30,000 gallons.

Increases are also made in the water and sewer ordinance for tapping fees as follows: for water service taps from \$50 to \$75 for 1/2" service; from \$95 to \$135 for 1" service; 1 1/2" service tap would cost \$190; 2" taps \$250; and the 2" service tapping fee would increase from \$190 to \$400. For sanitary sewer taps, the fee for 4" service would go up from \$20 to \$30 and for 6" service from \$30 to \$50.
The council also plans to increase the cost of permits, etc. but these were not incorporated in either of the ordinances up for consideration last week and are expected to be handled on a routine basis, without an ordinance required.
An ordinance which was placed on the table for consideration at April 27th meeting relative to the establishing of one way traffic on a portion of Commerce Street was brought from the table, and on unanimous vote of the council and upon recommendation of the Mayor, Elmer Struss, the ordinance was killed, at least for the time being. Mayor Struss noted, and the councilmen agreed, that comments received by businessmen and by citizens indicated that the proposal did not meet with favor in the community. It is anticipated that the council will give further study to a plan to increase safety conditions at the intersection of Commerce and East Main and to a more acceptable traffic pattern or method in use of the drop curb at the rear of the property.

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Local Voting

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not mark races where there were no contests, hence only those ballots with the square beside a name of a candidate, whether there was opposition or not, were counted.
In the voting on delegates for Presidential candidates, the Eagle Lake voters split giving one delegate for Lloyd Besnes a majority and two for Jimmy Carrier. J. Ralph Meadows of Columbus, a Besnes supporter, drew 212 votes here and Carter's delegates, Jacqueline T. Donovan had 246 and E. Larry Dickens 236. The other Carter delegate, Glen Maxey, received 209 votes. Ann Smith and Dwayne Holman, other Besnes delegates received 145 and 133 votes respectively.

George Wallace's three delegates received votes as follows: C. W. Kennedy 111, Rick Rivard 86 and R. L. Thornton 122. Eagle Lake voters gave incumbent Congressman from the 10th District J. J. (Jake) Pickle a total of 553 votes while E. H. Meadows received 72; they supported Jerry Sadler in the Railroad Commissioner's race with 156 votes. Jon Newton was the second contender in the 8-man race with 111 votes. Wood received 79, O'Rourke 60, Bean 36, Finney 20, Williams 13, and Denton 65. Incumbent Senator Lloyd Bentsen received 401 votes here while his opponent received: Phil Gramm 117, Hugh Wilson 97 and Leon Dugi 102 votes.
Don Yarborough received 385 votes here for Place 2, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court while Charles

part that was dedicated as a portion of a street that adjoins the Oscar Miller home on Clark Street and has not been in use, except by the Millers, for many years. The street is a portion of College Street and the sale of the 60-foot wide and 145-foot deep strip was approved at the rate of 5c per square foot or \$453.25, contingent upon the fact that all adjoining property owners agree to a maximum of 15,000 pounds axle or tandem, and 34,000 pound gross loads.
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Republican vote went as follows: for United States Senator, Alan Steigman received 241 votes, Louis Liman 38 and Hugh W. Sweeney 52; for United States Representative from the 10th District, Paul McClure drew 99 votes and Bill Murray 88 and in the 14th District L. Dean Hafford received 20 votes.
For Railroad Commissioner, Walter Wendlandt received 200 votes, For County Chairman, Othel Pirtle received 193 votes. Incumbent chairman Jim Clipson Jr. was not listed on the ballot.
On the five referendum issues, the vote was as follows: for legislation to require release or bail to Federal courts passed 222 to 36; for legislation to require mandatory non-paroleable sentences for use of deadly weapons in felony offenses passed 219 to 38; legislation to allow use of oral confessions in a trial passed 178 to 71; for a constitutional amendment to allow use of electronic surveillance to fight organized crime passed 208 to 46; and legislation banning foreign school busing passed 230 to 28.

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Sheriff Relieves 2 From Duty, Hires Replacement

Mueler announces the resignation of Kerry Quinney from the Sheriff's Department on May 1st. "Quinney found another position and resigned in good terms with everyone. Quinney is a good officer and will make some department a good hand in a different type of duty," said Sheriff Mueller. James Brooks, who was the Garwood-Nada area deputy and resigned in November of 1975 to accept a position in a local gravel pit, returned to the Sheriff's staff to replace Quinney. Brooks remained as a special deputy when he resigned last year. Brooks and his family moved to Columbus and Sheriff Mueller feels this will be a great assistance to the department as he needed another deputy in this area.
John Jones, the Garwood-Nada area deputy since last November, was relieved of his duties effective May 1, 1976, said Sheriff Mueller. "Special Deputy Harry Townsend will fill the Garwood-Nada position until a replacement for Jones is hired. Harry has been a Special Deputy with the Sheriff's Department since 1970," added the sheriff.
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Thank you for your votes, your encouragement, and your wholehearted support during my recent campaign for County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1.

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Mr. and Miss Rice High School



The Rice High School faculty annually selects two seniors for the honor of being named Mr. and Miss Rice High School. Tom Davidson, center, represented the faculty in making the announcement of this year's winners at the annual senior awards program held last Friday at Rice High School. Osborn Cunningham, at left, was named Mr. Rice High School and Miss P'Ann Davison, right, was named Miss Rice High School for 1976.

Garwood Bridge To Be Replaced

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is planning to replace the existing Colorado River Bridge on F.M. 900 at Garwood. On page 11 is a map of the community of Garwood and vicinity showing the various bridge locations and routes being considered. Studies to date indicate that Route A is the most desirable route.
The proposed improvement consists of removing the existing 611 foot long by 17 foot wide roadway bridge which has a vertical clearance of 13'-9". The structural capacity of the bridge is presently limited to a maximum of 15,000 pounds axle or tandem, and 34,000 pound gross loads.
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Fire Heavily Damages Muzny Home Early Fri.
Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called out at 12:20 a.m. Friday to a fire in a home owned by Mrs. Pat Payne Muzny at 312 Postoffice Street and despite the valiant work of the firemen until around 3:15 a.m. the home was virtually destroyed by the fire.
Just as the alarm sounded a freight train passed through the city cutting off some firemen from the fire station, but fortunately the fire station and equipment are located on the Postoffice street and there were sufficient firemen residing on the north side of the railroad tracks to man every piece of equipment at the scene of the fire. The firemen had a difficult time locating the major concentration of fire which drew dense smoke which covered the entire area. Also the firemen reported that the fire was burning at the main entrance to the home and it was difficult to get into the area where the fire was raging.
Mrs. Muzny and children were able to get out of the house through a window since the fire had cut off their escape through the main entrance to the home. Furniture across another door to the outside prevented use of this entrance. It was reported.
Almost all of the interior of the home was fire and smoke damaged and the fire burned through a portion of the roof of the home causing some of the roof to collapse.
Cause of the fire has not been determined for sure.

Burglars Hit Eagle Market Monday Nite
Eagle Lake police are investigating the entry of the Eagle Market in downtown Eagle Lake some time during Monday night or early Tuesday morning.
The officers said that entry was made through a side door where the lock was forced open with a bar of some kind. Once inside the burglars ransacked a safe where papers were stored, took an estimated \$130 in cash and food stamps from cash registers which were left open, and some cigarettes, and perhaps other items.
Harrison and Leonard Walker, owners of the market, said that the burglars took the contents of the cash registers and the safe and scattered them about the floor, apparently working beneath the counter and out of view from the street.
Patrolmen Buford Ashley and Steve Skinner were conducting the investigation and say they have some suspects. Chief of Police Roy Chism assisted in lifting some fingerprints at the scene and these are being checked for identification.

Immunization Clinic Friday
The Free Immunization Clinic, sponsored by the Texas Department of Health Resources, will be held this Friday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Primary School on East E Street.

Bicentennial Activities For July 3-4 Are Planned
Plans for a gala Bicentennial celebration to be held in Eagle Lake to observe the nation's 200th birthday on Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd and 4th, got into full swing when representatives of local organizations met with the Chamber of Commerce's Bicentennial Committee last Friday afternoon in the council room of the Municipal Building. Bill Apple, chairman of the committee, and Joe Duncan, president of the chamber, conducted the enthusiastic meeting attended by about twenty persons.
Parade Entries Needed
Joe N. Frasar, Jr. will be opening of a wide variety of booths and entertainment attractions in the area around the downtown city square. The "Spirit of 1776" parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will feature many out-of-town entries and others that promise to make this the biggest and best parade ever held here. The parade will begin at the intersection of State and McCarty Streets, travel south on McCarty to Main Street; left, east on Main to Lake Avenue; then left (north) on Lake to a dispersal point near the corner of Lake and State Streets.
These vehicles were occupied by five young people from this area and were in a head-on collision on Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake last Saturday evening, resulting in severe injuries to all five of the youth. The pickup truck

COMBINING OF LOWER GRADES 5 Area Youth Seriously Hurt In Collision Sat.

On Agenda at Special Meet Mon. School Parents; Taxpayers To Meet Sat.

A delegation of Garwood and Nada citizens were on hand for the meeting of the Rice Consolidated School District's board of education Monday night to oppose an administrative decision to combine several grades in the lower elementary grades of the Garwood elementary school in light of decreasing enrollment in the four grades.
W. X. Priemeyer submitted a letter to the board and it was read, but since the matter was not on the agenda, no discussion was held or action taken, however the agenda for a special meeting to be held next Monday night, May 17th at 8:00 p.m. in the Administration Building in Altus.
Mr. Priemeyer pointed out that the administration's decision to combine grades one and two under one teacher and grades three and four under one teacher (with an aide provided for each) would be detrimental to the basic education of youngsters in the school. He noted that if economy moves were necessary, it might be better to curtail some programs on higher levels where the basic foundation of the students would not be affected so greatly.
Supp. E. A. Krivacka commented that enrollment in the combined first and second grade would be only 24 students and in the combined third and fourth grade, from 25 to 26 pupils with indications of a continued drop in enrollment. He noted that this has been the practice used in the district since the district was formed and that a good level of education has been maintained here.
Another sizeable delegation is expected to meet with the board to discuss the matter at the special meeting next Monday night. Several citizens from the area have indicated they will ask to be on the agenda to speak out against the proposal to combine the grades.
Also on the agenda for the special meeting will be reports from the Rice District athletic director Jack Grammer, and from the Rice High School counselors Bill Carpenter and Guy Beane, Jr.

School Board Hires Three Teachers
The Rice Consolidated School District's board of education, in session Monday night, approved contracts for three teachers, appointed a new reading Coordinator for the district, and accepted one resignation.
Mrs. Florence V. McShan, who has been teaching Cosmetology in the high school since mid-term, was awarded a new one-year contract. Also a new one-year contract was given to Miss Susan Garcia who has been teaching at the Eagle Lake Middle School having replaced Mrs. Vicky Cooper Smith upon her resignation during the past school year.
A new teacher in the district will be Jack Seals, Jr., who has a BA degree in Science (composite) from Southwest University in Georgetown, to teach science at the Eagle Lake Middle School in place of Marcus Guter who is retiring.
The new Reading Coordinator for the district will be Mrs. Vera Brown who has been working in the Plan A Special Education Cooperative Program. Mrs. Brown will fill a position created by the recommendation of the district's long-range planning council to coordinate all reading programs at all schools in the Rice district. More information on Mrs. Brown is to be printed in the next issue of the Headlight.
ONE RESIGNATION
The board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary J. Darrow who has been serving as the School Nurse for the district during the past year. The Darrow's plan to move to Arkansas.
Any donations of clothing, furniture, etc. may be left at the Beauty Barn, 112 McCarty or contact the Beauty Barn and they will pick up the items. Call 234-2833 and your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Fund Set Up For Donations To Fire Stricken Family
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Denise Wiese Magnolia Belle To Columbus
Miss Denise Wiese, Rice High School senior in the class of 1976 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wiese, will represent Eagle Lake as a Magnolia Belle in the annual Magnolia Honors Tour activities at the Eagle Lake Middle School in place of Marcus Guter who is retiring.
The Magnolia Belles will be introduced at 12 noon Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
Denise was active in her high school career in many organizations and will be graduating from Rice High School and a member of the Rice Raider Band and a member of the state semi-finalist RHG girls' basketball team.
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Debbie Wawter New Owner Of Sears Store
Announcement was made this week of the sale of the Sears Catalog Sales Store in Eagle Lake by Barry Barnard to Jack and Debbie Wawter. Mrs. Wawter has been employed at Sears for the past two years. She says the store will continue the same policies and hours as in the past. Mr. Barnard, owner of the Sears store for the past two years, plans to return to business in Houston.
The new owner says that a formal grand opening event will be held at a later date, meanwhile she invites one and all to come by for a visit at any time.

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