

Eagle Lake Headlight

Sprint Is Legal In Hauling Sludge To County Landfill

Authorized In Health Dept. Amendment, Unknown To County

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in special session Monday, heard a report that Sprint Waste Disposal Company of Houston, owner of the sanitary landfill on Highway 71 between Altair and Columbus, is within its legal rights in dumping sludge from sanitary sewer plants in the Houston area to the landfill in this county.

County Judge Lester J. Granek conducted an investigation on the rights of the Colorado County Commissioners' Court and found, to his surprise and to the surprise of the commissioners, that by an amendment approved by the Texas Department of Health relative to the operation of the landfill in this county, any materials which meet the Municipal Solid Waste Management Regulation of the Texas Department of Health Resources and the pertinent laws of the State of Texas may be put in the landfill.

The permit amendment, which was authorized in a letter from G. R. Herzik, Jr., P.E., Deputy Director for Environmental and Consumer Health Protection, to B. R. Taylor, then owner of Taylor

Trucking Co. and owner of the landfill site in this county, came about as the result of a hearing held in Fort Bend County June 28, 1977. Colorado County Commissioners' Court met on June 27, 1977 and strongly protested the holding of a meeting of such importance out of the county and with inadequate notice to the citizens of this county.

The Commissioners, a short time prior to that hearing, had authorized Taylor to operate a shopping center refuse to the landfill site after Taylor convinced the court that he was losing considerable sums in operation of the landfill with the original restrictions.

When the commissioners

court originally agreed to a Municipal Solid Waste Facility (landfill), in 1976, it did so after considerable protests from citizens of the county and after several public hearings. The court at that time placed a limit on the waste materials to be processed at the landfill site to include: "Municipal solid waste generated by the cities of Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar; and slag material and dust generated from Cameron Iron Works, Inc. of Houston."

The Texas Department of Health Resources at that time approved the operation of the landfill as a "Type I" site.

Under the special provisions for the establishment of the landfill under Municipal Solid Waste Permit No. 293

GOP, Democrat Pct. Meets This Sat.

Democrats and Republicans will hold precinct conventions when resolutions will be adopted and delegates named to the County Conventions, in separate sessions, this Saturday, May 3rd.

The Democratic precinct conventions will be held at 7:15 p.m. Saturday and in Eagle Lake the convention site will be in the Fire Station according to J. T. (Tommy) Pilkington, local precinct chairman.

Other precinct conventions are scheduled in the seventeen other voting precincts in this county, also at 7:15 p.m., reports county chairman Robert C. Schiurring. Democratic party rules this year call for the precinct conventions at 7:15 p.m. instead of the customary afternoon sessions, added Schiurring.

Schiurring reminds that all precinct conventions will be held at the same sites as the polling places in the respective voting precincts.

No Mail Tues.! Truck Delivery Breaks Down!

For the first time in the memory of many citizens in this part of the county, there was no first class mail delivery from Houston Tues. due to the breakdown of the Houston to Eagle Lake Star Route mail truck in Fulshear early Tuesday morning.

The Houston to Eagle Lake Star Route brings mail for the Eagle Lake Postoffice and Postoffices served by the Eagle Lake to Sheridan Star Route (including Nada, Garwood, Altair, Rock Island, Sheridan) also to Lissie and East Bernard.

The Houston to Eagle Lake normally arrives here at 7:30 a.m. but it was not until after 4:30 p.m. that the truck finally delivered the mail, too late for dispatching Tuesday.

The Star Route to Sheridan, run by Jim Kutzer, carries all first class mail and packages to the cities listed, hence there was NO mail whatsoever coming in to those postoffices Tuesday. Something that oldtimers say has never happened before, despite some emergency situations and even during the war years.

The fault did not lie with the local Postoffice personnel but falls directly back to the Star Route carrier from Houston and to the supervision of the route. Local Postoffice employees were just as anxious to get the mail to you as you were to get it.

Saturday Is Primary Election Day In Texas

Republicans To Vote In Four Places

The Republican Party Primary Election will be held this Saturday, May 3rd at which time the Republicans will have an opportunity to designate their choice for president of the United States and also will vote on two referendum issues.

Colorado County Republican Party chairman Harold Thomas of Eagle Lake says the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in voting precincts in Columbus, Rock Island, Garwood and Eagle Lake.

Republicans in Columbus, Glidden, Oakland, Weimar, Buescher, Shaws Bend, Brushy, Frelsburg, Mentz, Bernardo, Alleyton and North Columbus area will vote at the home of Mrs. Pete Serogin in Columbus; those in the Altair, Rock Island and Sheridan areas will vote in the Pence Welding Building at Rock Island; those at Garwood and Nada in the Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood; and those in Eagle Lake at the American Rice Growers Association office.

Thomas added that the Republican Primary will give voters an opportunity to influence the choice of the presidential nominee with the names of George Bush and Ronald Reagan listed on the ballot and provision is made to cast an uncommitted vote. He said that the presidential preference primary will be binding on delegates to the National Convention.

involved." The other would provide for: "Texas should have Initiative and Referendum powers, a way for the public to vote directly on issues and make laws in elections rather than depending only on the state legislature."

Three persons seek the position of U.S. Representative in the 10th District, including John Biggar, Jack Boyer and Radcliffe J. Finley; and also three for U.S. Representative in the 14th District, Russ Baird, C. L. Concklin and Gerald D'Unger.

N. A. McNeil seeks the office of State Senator in the Fifth District. Other races and uncontested races may be found on a sample ballot published on page 9 of this issue.

Vote Here In Democratic Primary At Fire Station

Voters in Eagle Lake and Colorado County will go to the polls this Saturday, May 3rd to vote in primary elections which will eventually lead to the election of new national, district, state, county and precinct leaders in the general election on Nov. 4th.

Democrats will cast votes in a non-binding presidential preference referendum. Names of Jimmy Carter, Edward M. Kennedy and Jerry Brown are listed or you may cast an uncommitted vote. Results will, however, not be binding on the delegates to the national convention.

Voting is expected to be only moderate since there is only one countywide contest, although several precinct races and a 3-way battle for State Representative in the 30th District and a 2-way race for State Senator in the Fifth District, are drawing lots of interest.

Polls will be open in the Democratic Primary Election in Eagle Lake at the Fire Station on Postoffice Street [not in the Community Center as normally due to a conflict in engagements booked there] with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in seventeen other Democratic voting precincts over the county, including the Crossroads Grocery in Altair, Lions Hall in Garwood, Nada Gin office in Nada, Rock Island Community Center, Sheridan school gym, and others.

In the 1978 Democratic primary, all countywide elected officials escaped opposition. The same is almost true this year, with the only countywide contest being for the position of County Attorney, vacated by the resignation on Feb. 1st of Don Bandy. The position is being sought by Acting County Attorney Durward Self and by Edward Woolery-Price, both Columbus attorneys.

Also drawing interest is the election of a new commissioner for Precinct 3 to succeed Crockett Lye-decker who is not seeking re-election. Four names will be listed on the ballot for that position, I. E. Kansteiner of Columbus, Jerome C. Wicke of Bernardo, Edwin Poesch of Columbus and J. W. (Jaybird) Hastedt of Columbus. Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin is unopposed. Terms of the other commissioners, Rafael Veselka in Precinct 2 and Bill Stiles in precinct 4, carryover this year.

RHS Art Show On City Square Saturday

Xi Pi Psi Sorority of Eagle Lake invites citizens of the area to attend the annual Rice High School Art Show to be held this Saturday, May 3rd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the grounds of the Municipal Building in downtown Eagle Lake.

Outstanding art by students at Rice High School will

be displayed and judged beginning at 9 a.m. Visitors to the show will have an opportunity to cast their vote for the "People's Choice" award for the work of art considered most appealing to the public, according to Mary Lou Szymanski, service chairman for the Sorority.

Republican Meet At 7:30 P.M.

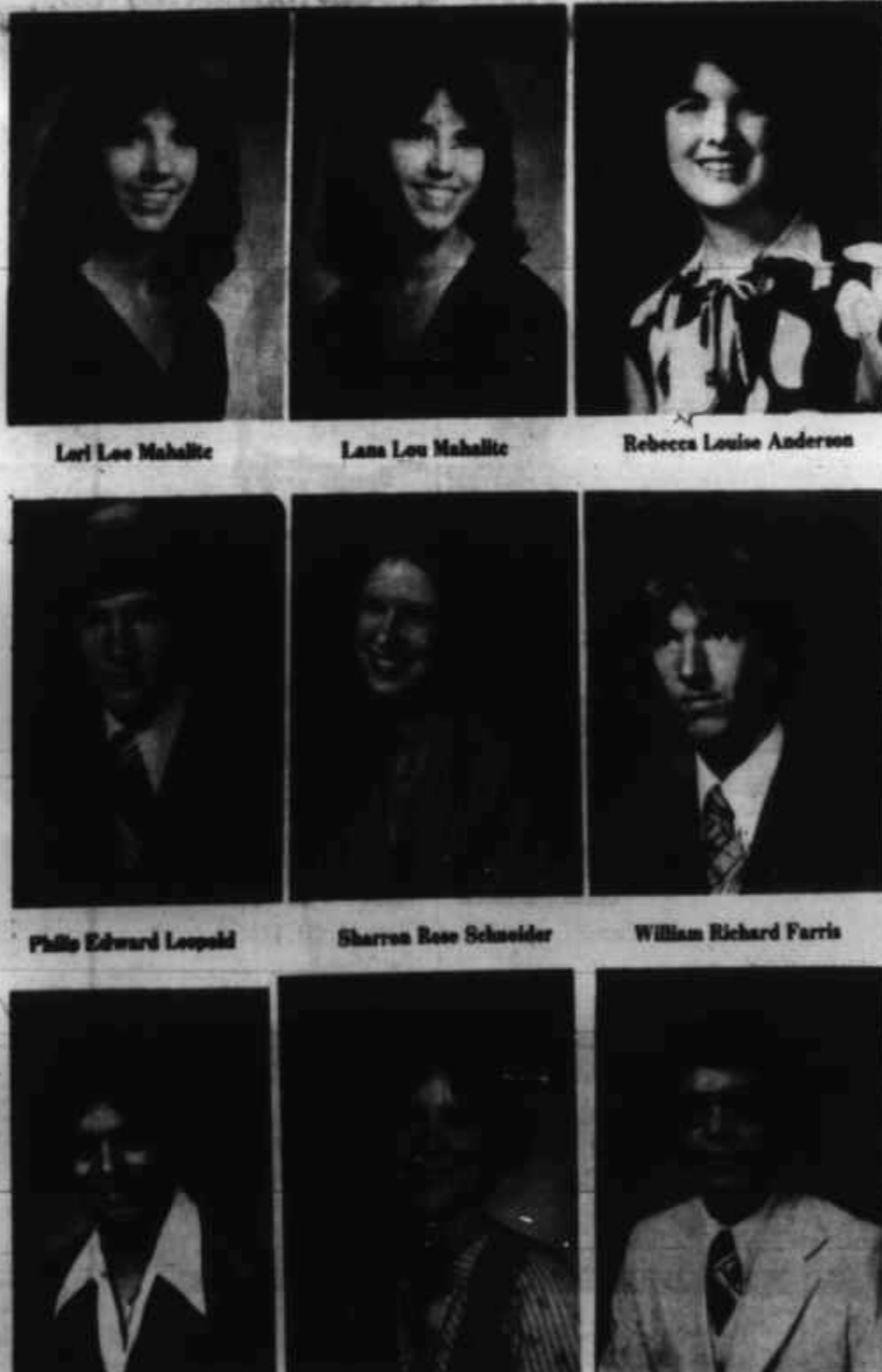
There will be only four precinct conventions for the Republican party in this county, at the Scrogin Home in Columbus, Pence Welding Shop in Rock Island, Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood and the American Rice Growers Assn. office in Eagle Lake. You will attend the precinct convention in the same place in which you voted, added County Chairman Harold Thomas.

County Conventions May 10

The county conventions for both parties will be held the following Saturday, May 10th. The Democrats will meet in the county courtroom in the courthouse at 2 p.m. with Robert C. Schiurring, county chairman, presiding; the Republicans in the city council room of the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake at 2:30 p.m. May 10 with Harold Thomas, county chairman, presiding.

The number of delegates to be elected to the county convention is determined by the number of votes cast in the respective precincts for the Democratic candidate for governor in the 1978 general election, one delegate for each 25 votes cast.

Rice High School Honor Graduates



Lori Lee Mahalite

Lana Lou Mahalite

Rebecca Louise Anderson

Phillip Edward Leopold

Sharron Rose Schneider

William Richard Farris

Arnold John Rodriguez

Mary Katherine Young

Joe G. Hernandez, Jr.

Rice Honor Graduates Are Active

Rice High School's graduating class of 1980 has eleven honor graduates, all of whom have been active in school and extra-curricular activities.

The 111-member class of 1980 is scheduled to hold

commencement exercises in the Rice High School gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22nd. The seniors will present their own program.

The annual senior awards program will be held at 10:35 a.m. Fri., May 9th in the school gym.

Underclassmen will receive their scholastic and attendance awards and others in an assembly at 8:30 a.m. on Mon., May 12th.

Valedictorian of the class is Carolyn Ann Pavia, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pavu of Garwood; and salutatorian is Thomas Charles Kallina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony V. Kallina, also of Garwood. An account of their school activities was published in the April 24th issue of the Headlight.

A summary of the activities of the remaining nine honor graduates follows:

Lori Lee Mahalite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mahalite of Eagle Lake, has

Blood Drive At Sheridan This Thurs.

The Sheridan Lions Club and the Blood Center of Houston will sponsor a drive in the Sheridan Community Center this Thursday, May 1.

Anyone interested in donating should contact one of the following: J. F. Walker, 234-3061 (daytime); Traylor Walker, 234-3921 (daytime) or 234-3937 (nighttime).

The hours of operation will be from 1:00 p.m. until all are served.

Donors from surrounding communities are welcome and credit will be recognized.

VFW To Dedicate Flag Poles At Hospital 2 P.M. Sat.

Rice Area Memorial Post 8783 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars invites citizens of the area to make plans to attend a dedication service to be held in front of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd. The short service will be held to dedicate new United States and Texas Flags and poles which were given to the hospital and erected by the local VFW Post.

2 Get Probation Terms Mon.

Only two pleas on criminal charges were heard in District Court in Columbus Monday before Judge Paul Boethel, who was appointed to serve as judge of the court in a relief capacity, to assist current Judges E. W. Patten and B. B. Schraub. Judge Boethel formerly served as Judge of the 25th Judicial District Court prior to his retirement.

Lee Joseph Garcia entered a plea to a charge of theft from the Tom Rau petroleum headquarters on Highway 71 north of Columbus on March 14th, and he waived delay in

Primary School Registration 2:45 p.m. Thurs.

All parents who have a child five years old on or before September 1, 1980 should register at the Eagle Lake Primary School gym this Thursday, May 1st between 2:45 and 3:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to bring a shot record and birth certificate to the registration, if possible, as they will be required before a child will be placed in a classroom in August, said principal Major Bengt. The required immunizations are: D.P.T., Polio, Rubella and Rubella. The Mumps immunization is required for Early Childhood, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade for 1980-81. Exclusions from compliance are: medical contraindications; religious conflicts; in the case of Rubella, Rubella and Mumps - a doctor's certification of history of the disease.

Copies of the birth certificates will be made and the originals will be returned to the parent after school begins in August, said the principal.

Council OK's Budget After Long Discussion On Police

The Eagle Lake city council, in session on Tuesday night, April 22, approved and adopted the \$1,226,652.00 city budget proposed for 1980-81; but not until much discussion concerning the city police department was heard. A full report on the budget was published in the April 10th issue of the Headlight. Copies are also available for inspection in the city offices.

Councilman Roy Dean Van Nort raised the question about the police department, which has not been in full force since October 29th of last year; and prior to the council's meeting last Tuesday night the police department had been operating for over a month with both patrolman positions vacant.

"Where do we stand with our department?" asked Van Nort. "Crime is on the increase, not just in Eagle Lake, but everywhere. We need more protection for our citizens."

Both Mayor Elmer Struss and Police Chief Guadalupe Villarreal, Jr., indicated that efforts have been made to fill the two patrolman positions but that response has not been strong.

Mike Moore Is New City Patrolman

Chief of Police Lupe Villarreal, Jr., announced this week the hiring of Michael Moore to fill one of the two patrolman positions with the City of Eagle Lake.

The Chief is currently in contact with two more applicants and expects to hire one of them to fill the other vacant patrolman's position within the next week and bring his department back to full force, according to city officials.

Moore, prior to joining the Eagle Lake department, was not in law enforcement but has had several years of experience in police work. Most recently he was with the Colorado County Sheriff's Dept. and served as patrolman for the Garwood and Nada area. He has had other experience in Sour Lake and served as Chief of Police at Crystal Beach.

Council Begins To Apply Pressure To Fill Dept. Vacancies

in an earlier meeting that the city's patrolman's wages were not adequate to hire the "qualified personnel" that the mayor was looking for.

Struss disagreed with the chief and pointed out several cities about Eagle Lake's size that had no problems with that.

The city has budgeted

Constable's Race In JP Pct. 2

Also drawing interest is a race for Constable in Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 (Garwood, Nada, Sheridan, Rock Island and Altair) where incumbent Lawrence E. Berger of Garwood is opposed by James A. Schilling, also of Garwood.

Other incumbent constables unopposed include: Howard Chollett of Glidden, Pct. 1; Ben H. Puppe of Weimar, Pct. 3; Joe F. Durok of Weimar, Pct. 4; David Zajewk of Columbus, Pct. 5; Ivan V. Menck of Cat Spring, Pct. 6; Billy Joe Schneider of Alleyton, Pct. 7; and J. T. (Jimmie) Fruka of Eagle Lake, Pct. 8.

Standing Unopposed

Others seeking nomination for re-election unopposed in the Democratic Primary are: Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller; County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky; District Judges E. W. Patten and B. B. Schraub; and District Attorney Richard Blumstein.

Seeking the position of