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Duncan Lane "Dust Problem" On Commr. Ct. Agenda

Colorado County Commissioners' Court has scheduled a special meeting at 10 a.m. this Wednesday, April 8th with the primary discussion to be on, the dust problem which exists from heavy truck traffic on County Road 111, known as Duncan Lane, which leads to Thorstenberg Arena Plant and to Texas Industries TXI Plant.

The county has been obtaining right of way for reconstruction of the road and the gravel companies have indicated they will participate in the cost of the project. County Judge Cranek said, "we want to know to what extent they will participate."

Also plans will be made to keep water or oil on the road until such time in order to alleviate the dust problem which has been reported in violation of Clean Air standards by state agencies.

Other items on the agenda include setting of the agenda for the regular April 13rd meeting; report on courthouse restoration work which is nearing completion; and on a request for payment to Tennessee Pipeline Co. for moving a pipeline on the Highway 71 by-pass project.

State Champ Raiders Honored At Ethel Konvicka's Circle K

An evening of basketball, eating, pool and foosball followed by a delicious barbecue chicken dinner highlighted a celebration honoring the state championship Rice Raider basketball team hosted by Mrs. Ethel Konvicka at her Circle K Ranch last Sunday.

Thirteen of the seventeen players and managers along with Coaches Jack Grammer and Gil Stalbaum and their wives were the special guests at the festivity Sunday evening which opened with some full-court basketball on the ranch's newly constructed multi-purpose concrete surface.

Following the game and some paddle boat riding on the lake adjacent to the ranch house, the honorees moved inside to the party room to play pool and foosball. The center of attraction in the room was a centerpiece in the basketball motif, including a sign proclaiming the Raiders as being "No. 1".

A delicious barbecued chicken dinner was served to the guests later in the evening including a green salad, potato salad, beans, slaw and homemade bread. Following the dinner the guests were served a beautiful cake trimmed in "Raider" blue with the words "Rice High School Raiders 1981 State Champs" with a big "No. 1" centered over the top.

The honored guests attending the party, along with the coaches, were Larry Haynes, David Grammer, Victor Davis, Earnest Fields, Kenneth Bluntson, Rob Johnson, John Dawson, Robert Frazier, Michael Black, Ronnie Fry, Robert Klekar, Ronald Dawson and Danny Morales.

Others joining in the celebration were Mrs. Konvicka, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mahalitc, Lori and Lana Mahalitc, Mrs. Frank Bowen, Wayne Bowen, Jeff Frnka, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Corman, and Jonna Webb.

Tractor, Dirt Bike Stolen Near Frelsburg

Dan Aubrey Drake of Houston reported to the Sheriff's Dept. at 6:20 p.m. Friday, April 3rd, the theft of his 1974 Ford farm tractor and Yamaha dirt bike from his weekend home near Frelsburg. Drake stated the items were there on March 15th, the last time he had been at the house.

A witness told officers she had observed a tractor being taken from the property on March 15th but believed that Mr. Drake was having it taken somewhere for repairs. The investigation by the sheriff's department continues.

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Kahlden Home Near Columbus Burglarized

At 3:05 p.m. Thursday, April 2nd, Quinton Kahlden of Route 1 Columbus reported to the Colorado County Sheriff's Dept. that someone had entered his unlocked house on FM 109.

Investigation revealed that someone had moved a shotgun from over the door; however, the gun was not taken from the house. The only items missing were two small jewelry boxes with costume jewelry inside.

Two Killed

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gigantic traffic jam on Highway 90A during the time aid was being administered to the injured, the wreckage cleared and investigation completed. Traffic backed up for a mile or so in each direction at scenes of both accidents. Eagle Lake firemen attempted to reroute some traffic from Eagle Lake onto FM 102 to reduce the log jam of traffic (mostly large gravel trucks and trailers).

Highway Patrolman Raymond Munsell of Eagle Lake station investigated both accidents. Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps received its first call to the 3-vehicle accident near the river bridge, but en route came across the two-truck accident just out of the city limits. Eagle Lake firemen were called to assist at the scene of the truck accident in removing the injured man, Soto, from the wreckage. The department also sent a truck to the scene of the 3-vehicle accident to wash debris and oil from the roadway.

Patrolman Munsell, and City Officers Jack Reed and Lupe Villarreal who worked at the scene of the 2-truck accident until Munsell could get clear of the 3-vehicle accident, had nothing but praise for the cooperation and work of all involved in both accidents, especially at the 2-truck accident.

"Every one did a super, super job," said Munsell. "The ambulance personnel took over like a group of professionals and did everything possible to aid the injured."

Reed especially praised the work and leadership of corpsman and fireman Wilfred Luedecke who was among the first at the scene of the truck accident. He immediately set about giving aid and comfort to Soto through a small opening, about all of the truck's cab that was visible, and directed rescue efforts, often placing his own life in jeopardy.

Shortly after 9:00 a.m. Soto was finally extricated from the wreckage and sent to Eagle Lake Community Hospital and later to Rosewood only to die five hours later despite the valiant efforts of a lot of people. For more details on the respective wrecks see other stories in this issue on page 9.

Lions Selling BBQ Tickets For April 26th

Eagle Lake Lions Club members are selling tickets to a barbecue which will be held in conjunction with the club's annual invitational golf tournament at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center on April 26th.

The barbecued chicken dinners will cost $3.00 and serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

You may dine in the pretty picnic area at the Center or there will be a fast "to go" line if you wish to take your plates home.

Tickets to the barbecue dinner may be obtained from any Lion but they must be purchased not later than Thursday, April 23rd so that proper arrangements can be made for the large crowd participated.

Golfers who compete in the tournament will be given tickets to the dinners. All extra tickets are $3.00 each.

In the event inclement weather prevents the tournament from being held on April 26th, the tournament and the barbecue dinner will be held the following Sunday, May 3rd.

Rice FFA Banquet Thurs.

The Rice High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will hold its annual Parent and Student Banquet in the Commons area of the Rice High School at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, April 9th.

Members of the chapter and advisors will honor all individuals who assisted in making the 1980-81 year an outstanding success.

City Budget

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mitted to the council by city manager Klockman and Mayor Elmer Struss calls for revenue and expenditures of $895,963, up about 20% over 1980-81 expenditures.

It should be noted that the $144,000 in tax revenue expected in the budget comes from a 60c per $100 tax rate on an estimated valuation base of $24 million, using the 100% of actual value costs required under new legislation in effect this year. The tax rate last year was $1.50 per $100. but this was assigned to a total valuation based on 40% of actual value.

The budget summary notes that $40,400 will be coming from tax funds, $501,103 from the general fund, $322,070 from water and sewer operations, $2,890 from a contingency fund and $29,500 from revenue sharing.

Proposed expenditures call for $55,.800 to tax bond and interest funds, $41,500 to revenue bond interest and sinking funds, $2,890 to contingency fund, $434,553 for general fund disbursements, $181,270 for water and sewer disbursements, $94,800 transfer to the general fund from water and sewer, $51,150 in general fund capital outlay, $4,500 in water and sewer fund capital outlay, and $29,500 in revenue sharing disbursements.

Library, Rec. Center Alloc.

The budget continues as last year, a $6,000 allocation from the general fund to operation of the Wintermann Library in the absence of a city operated library; and $6,000 from the parks and recreation fund to the Eagle Lake Recreation Center in the absence of a city-owned recreational facility.

The general fund allocation calls for $113,780 to administration and general, $113,300 for the police department, $21,295 for the fire department, $77,660 for the garbage department, $95,403 for the streets and drainage department, $3,720 for the airport department, $350 for civil defense, and $10,045 for parks and recreation; $51,150 to capital outlay and $15,400 to interest and sinking funds.

The budget calls for no increases in taxes with 28% of the 60c per $100.00 valuation allocated going to sinking fund, 2% to the contingency fund and 70% to the general fund.

One of the major sources of revenue to the budget comes from the collection of the one percent city sales tax which is expected to bring in $120,000 in the 1981-82 year.

The $29,500 expected in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1981-82 year is allocated to the street improvement program.

Revenue for the year in the water department is anticipated at $180,480 and in the sewer department, another $141,590 which includes fees for garbage collections.

Complete copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection from the city offices in the municipal building, or from Mayor Struss and the members of the city council.

Free Immunization Clinic Here Thurs.

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held this Thursday, Apr. 9th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ugarte Clinic in Eagle Lake.

Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella will be given to infants, pre-school-ers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.

Sororities' Lady Of The Year

Mrs. David R. [Eula Goes] Wintermann, center, was honored at a "1981 Lady of the Year" tea by xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. At the left is Mrs. Lonnie [Ernie] Sommerlatte, president of Xi Pi Psi and at the right, Mrs. Ray [Janice] Obenhaus, president of Alpha Delta Phi.

Beta Sigma Phi Sororities Hold Lady Of The Year Tea

The combined sororities of Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi were pleased to honor Mrs. David (Eula) Wintermann, this year's Lady of the Year, and Mrs. F. M. (Hattie Mae) Dromgoole, Mrs. R. R. (Fair) Wells, Jr., Mrs. Herman (Elizabeth) Boothe past Ladies of the Year at a lovely tea held at Mrs. Steve (Linda) Balas' home.

After refreshments of piña colada cake, coffee and punch, Mrs. Wintermann was presented a pin and certificate as an expression of the sororities' sincere appreciation for her multitude of services over the years that have so benefitted our community.

"In this the fiftieth anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi it is truly remarkable that there are so many who over the years so generously have given their time and love to our community. We sincerely thank each of them, Mrs. Esther Sunderman, Mrs. Judy Austin, Mrs. Fair Wells, Mrs. Hattie Dromgoole, Mrs. Elizabeth Boothe and Mrs. Eula Wintermann," say members of the Sororities. Reporter.

City Manager Discusses Proposed New Budget

City Manager Bob Klockman submitted the following letter to the mayor and council members, discussing some of the facets of the 1981-82 budget:

"The budget as presented does not require an increase in the ad valorem taxes of the city. Our tax base of $24 million in property values, along with other major sources such as gross receipts, sales tax, water and sewer revenues will give the City adequate revenues to provide necessary public services for its citizens. The estimated tax base of $24 million represents a 100% assessment of properties in the city and with the proposed 60c tax rate, the City will generate approximately $144,000 in taxes.

"As the budget was prepared, one major goal was kept in mind - maintenance. This year the city will strengthen its maintenance efforts with regards to all of its physical assets - its streets, buildings, utility networks, and equipment. This year approximately $120,000 has been directly earmarked for maintenance of the city's assets. This does not reflect personnel and parts costs that will also be involved. Hopefully, by doing this now the city will avoid letting its physical assets get in such a condition that major and costly replacements are the only options open to the city.

Capital Outlay

"One other aspect of the budget that I would like to point out is capital outlay. This year the total capital outlay budget for the city is $66,650 (including $12,000 set aside in previous years). This includes purchases of a garbage truck ($40,000), a mosquito fogging machine ($4,000), a third police car ($1,800), a typewriter ($1,000), an asphalt packer ($1,700), a mower ($1,000), new sewer lift station pumps ($2,500), new water meters ($2,000), radios for the fire dept. ($5,000), set aside for a future fire truck purchase ($6,000), and miscellaneous equipment ($1,600).

"During the year, the city will be monitoring the budget expenditures closer than in the past, and at the same time looking for ways to cut costs. Plans for this year include quarterly budget information sheets to the council, costs control studies in the garbage, water and sewer departments, implementing procedures that cut our use of gasoline. Also, ideas such as dropping out of Social Security will be investigated to see if the city will save funds.

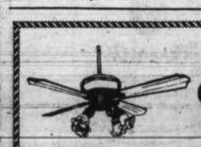
"The budget this year is higher than last. In fact, for the general fund and water and sewer funds, its the highest the city has ever had. However, there is no increase in taxes necessary. At the same time, this budget assures that the city does not let its physical assets deteriorate and become more costly in the long run."

Ernest Krenek Dies In Markham Monday

Friends in the community will regret to learn that Ernest Krenek of the Markham community and a former resident for many years in the Nada community, died of a heart attack at his home at around 4:30 p.m. Monday. Mr. Krenek had been unusually active and was working at his home when he suffered the fatal attack.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Bay City followed by burial in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Nada.

A complete obituary will be published next week.



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Rice FFA Chapter Star Farmers

Rice High School Future Farmers of America chapter's "Star Farmers" for the year, left to right, Raymond Mahalitc who recently won honors as the State FFA's Star Lone Star Farmer of Year; Stephen Mahalitc, winner of the Star Farmer Award for this year at Rice High School; Danny Isbee named winner of the Chapter Star Agribusinessman award; and Glen Hefner, named the Star Greenhand for 1980-81. The awards were presented at the annual FFA Banquet held at Rice High School last Thursday. For more on the banquet see page 9.

Rice Raider Band To Get New Uniforms

$22,859 Bid By Sol Frank Uniforms Accepted Mon. Night

The Rice High School's Mighty Raider Band, winner of Sweepstakes Awards for the past two years, will be attired for the 1981-82 year in sparkling new uniforms.

The Rice CISD board of education, in session Monday, accepted the bid of the Sol Frank Uniform Co. of San Antonio to furnish 110 band uniforms for $207.81 each or a total of $22,859.10. The company offered a drum major uniform from $225 to $300 and twirler or flagbearer uniforms from $125 to $200 each depending on the style selected.

Band Director Floyd Spenrath said he was pleased with the bid. The new uniforms will be basicly the same as the ones which the band has worn for the past eleven years. The basic color will be navy blue with lighter blue and silver trim and lettering.

The new uniforms will be of wool and dacron material and lighter in weight than the 100% wool uniforms now in use. Jay Tomlinson represented the Sol Frank Co. at the bid opening and discussed advantages of the new uniform materials and displayed a sample uniform.

Only other bidder on the uniforms was Fecheimer Bros. of Cincinnati, Ohio which offered the 110 uniforms for a total of $26,911.50.

Delivery of the uniforms was stipulated by August 15th with a $100 penalty for each day after that date for non-delivery of the uniforms.

Tomlinson said delivery should be around August 1st.

The 1980-81 budget has a $10,000 allocation for this purpose. The 1981-82 budget will designate more funds for payment of the uniforms.

Equipment Bids Opened

The board advertised for bids for the sale of surplus kitchen equipment at Eagle Lake Middle School and received bids from only three persons on only some of the items offered.

Helen Craig of Eagle Lake was successful bidder on a kitchen work table with butcher block top with a bid of $102. Don Love of Houston was high bidder on a walk-in cooler-freezer with a bid of $1550 plus $25 for shelving. Other bids on stainless steel shelving and on a double stainless steel sink unit were rejected. Annie Broesche of Eagle Lake was also a bidder on the work table and sink unit. She made the top bid of $70 for the sink unit but the bid was rejected. Supt. King recommended that the unit be kept for possible use in some capacity in the Rice District rather than sell it for $70.

Local Police Investigate 2 Burglaries, Theft

Eagle Lake police are investigating this week the burglary of two night spots, the Jazz Club and Stevenson's Cafe; and a theft from Johnny's 66 Station.

Patrolman Jack Reed found a door to the Jazz Club broken open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday. The owner, Ernest Lemon, was called and investigation revealed that a juke box coin box had been pried open and an estimated $100 in coins taken.

That same morning, Reed received a call from Clarence Stevenson that his cafe at 305 Lake had been entered through a side door and a coin box on a juke box had been entered there and an estimated $100 in coins taken.

No other items were missing from either business.

Officers are still investigating the entries and believe that the same person or persons committed both entries. They say they have some suspects and expect an early arrest.

Impact Wrench Stolen

Sergeant Lupe Villarreal was called to Johnny's 66 Service Station on Boothe Drive at 10:20 a.m. Saturday to investigate the theft of a Mac tool air impact wrench. It is believed the wrench was lifted from the side garage by reaching through a window. Larry Contreras, operator of the station, reported the incident to Sgt. Villarreal. Investigation of this theft also continues.

Kindergarten Regis. at Garwood School Apr. 23

Kindergarten registration will be held at the Garwood Elementary School on Thurs., April 23 between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. for children five years of age before September, 1, 1981.

Parents are asked to bring their children's birth certificates and health records, said Principal John Mader.

Bake Sale

Boy Scout Troop 334 will hold a bake sale on April 17 (Good Friday) at 4 p.m. in the downtown area. Cakes, cookies, pies and fruit rolls will be offered. All proceeds will be used for the Philmont Camp trip in June.

R.I. Community Center Auxiliary Bake Sale Sat.

A bake sale will be held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rock Island Community Center at the Post Office in Rock Island this Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

Lots of home-baked cakes, pies, cookies and other items will be available.

The Auxiliary recently funded the construction of a concrete slab adjacent to the community center at a cost of $1700, according to president Helen Ball. Proceeds from Saturday's sale will be used for funding the construction of a building over the concrete surface.

C.C. To Have Luncheon Meeting Noon Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold its next monthly meeting at Broesche's Restaurant, formerly Jack's, beginning at 12 noon on Monday, April 20th.

All members of the chamber and all persons interested in betterment of the community are invited to attend the "Dutch Treat" luncheon. President T. J. Smith will preside at the business meeting. He says the meeting and luncheon should last no more than an hour or an hour and fifteen minutes.

Prior registrations are not essential, but if you plan to attend and would like to call the chamber office, 234-2780, it would assist in making arrangements and would be appreciated.

During the meeting, chairmen of committees for the 1981 year will report on projects recommended by their committee for the 1981 program of work.

"The meeting is open to all members, not just directors or committeemen," said Smith. "Come and help us plan an effective program of work for the continued progress and growth of the community."

County To Replace Sheriff's Car; Urges Traffic Crackdown

Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday authorized expenditure of $1750 for the purchase of a used highway patrol car soon to be phased out for use of the sheriff's department in this county; and also authorized the expenditure of $3150.00 for the purchase of a new up-to-date radar unit for use of highway patrol units in this county.

It was reported that a Chrysler patrol car now being driven by Patrolman Alton Adcock of Columbus station, will be phased out soon and is said to be in good condition. Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Broussard told County Judge Lester J. Cranek that he believes he can get DPS officials to put a hold on the car for this county. The unit will be reconditioned and repainted and its estimated cost will be $1750. The court approved expenditure of those funds when the unit becomes available, but added emphasis that the county sheriff's department be instructed to crack down on traffic violations in this county.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles said the would be for purchase of the used unit for the sheriff's department (to replace a unit with over 200,000 miles) provided some effort be made to issue more citations on motorists on highways and roads in this county. He expressed concern about the rising number of accidents and of fatalities from accidents in this county during the past two weeks. At least four persons have died in this county during the past several weeks with trucks involved in all of the accidents, one way or another.

Support Mounting

County Judge Lester J. Cranek stated that support is mounting in the county, and especially in the south end of the county, for a crack down on traffic violations. He said the court might expect some lengthy petitions from citizens in the county at budget time this September supporting more funds for law enforcement, especially in violation of traffic laws.

The court passed an order unanimously to purchase a new unit for use of Department of Public Safety officers in this county. The new unit, a Decatur MU 724, will enable the officers to check speeds, stationary or moving, with great accuracy.

Judge Cranek proposed that a used unit to be replaced be retained by the county instead of trading the unit in and that the unit be installed in the vehicle used by the Sheriff's Road Patrol deputy. It was estimated that the unit would bring $300 in trade. It is believed that the unit would be worth much more than that if used in the road patrol deputy's vehicle.

Increased emphasis in issuing tickets to traffic violators is indicated in the fact that the road patrol officer issued 61 tickets in the past 17 days for violations of various kinds.

Highway Patrol officers have complained that the

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Bank Deposits Are Up $2.2 Million

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake reported a $2.2 million increase in deposits for the period ending March 31, 1981 as compared to deposits for a similar period in 1980. The statement of condition for the current period may be found on page 13 of this issue.

The current statement lists deposits totaling $33,475,412 as compared to deposits of $31,283,618 on Mar. 31, 1980. Assets declared by the bank are also up from $36,480,653 in 1980 to $39,568,253 this year.

Loans made by the bank for the current period total $21,362,161 as compared to loans of $19,742,512 on March 31, 1980.

Greater Mt. Olive Revival Begins Next Monday

The public is cordially invited to attend a Revival held at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church beginning with an "Old Fashioned" prayer meeting on Monday, at 7:00 p.m. The Revival will continue Tuesday, April 21st through April 26th and the guest speaker will be Bishop C. H. Turner, the pastor of ONC- Gowen Memorial Temple of Houston, Texas.

State, County To Build Pct. 3 Bridge

Colorado County qualified for state and federal assistance for the construction of one new bridge under a program to be financed 20% with county funds and 80% with state and federal funds.

Some time ago the county officials were notified that this county might qualify for the bridge assistance program and the court, after inspection of many bridges in the county which need to be replaced, decided that a bridge over Church Creek in Commissioner Jerome Wicke's Precinct 3 would be given top priority.

The information that the county qualified for assistance on the one bridge was brought forth in a letter read from the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation to the Commissioners' Court at Monday's session.

The bridge over Church

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Grand Jury Returns 23 Indictments Monday

The February grand jury met in special session Monday of this week and returned a total of 23 indictments, including one for murder in the death of a Weimar man February 4th. The jurors were recalled due to the large buildup of criminal cases. District Judge B. B. Schraub presided at the opening of the special session and the same twelve jurors who served in February were included in the panel of twelve hearing cases presented by the district and county attorney offices.

Barlo Salas Gutierez, a Mexican alien, was indicted for murder in the alleged shooting of Gary Wayne (Dude) Kunz, 23, with a .380 pistol in an incident in George's Recreation Center in Weimar the night of Feb. 4, 1981.

Jarritt G. Martin of Wharton was indicted on counts of theft and burglary for alleged entry of the Cantu Trucking Co. of Eagle Lake the night of March 19th. He was specifically charged in one indictment with burglary and in another with theft of two 85-amp alternators valued at over $200.

In another local case, Israel Oliver was charged with possession of marijuana in an amount over four ounces in a raid made on a home at 600 Fairview Street in Eagle Lake Feb. 21st by Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner and Texas Ranger Ray Nutt.

Indicted For Arson

In another local case, Joe Allen Davidson was indicted for arson alleging that he attempted to burn the Stevenson Restaurant owned by Clarence Stevenson on Boothe Drive Mar. 19, 1981.

David Diaz was indicted for aggravated assault for allegedly using a knife to cause

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Ted Wiese Is Elected New Rice Bd. Pres.

Rice Consolidated School District's board of education reorganized for the 1981-82 year and elected Ted Wiese of Altair, representing Sheridan Position No. 4, as the new president. He replaces Jane Clipson, who has served capably as president of the board for the past several years.

Billy Hefner of Garwood was elected vice-president; and Bill Appelt of Eagle Lake, secretary-treasurer.

The board canvassed returns of the election held April 4th and confirmed the election of Jane Clipson to a new three year term in Eagle Lake Position 7; and John Engstrom to Garwood Position 6. Engstrom succeeds Anthony Kallina who chose not to seek re-election. Mary Faichinger, secretary to Supt. Harold King, administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members.

Principals Report

Much of Monday night's meeting was devoted to review of written reports from the five school principals. The reports gave observations on their respective campuses in the areas of instruction, curriculum, student discipline, student services, community-parental relations, extra-curricular activies, student behavior/attitudes and facilities. Topics of discussion were selected by Supt. King.

Making reports were: Rice High School Principal Fred Grahmann, Garwood Elementary Principal John Mader, Sheridan Elementary Principal William C. Gohlke, Eagle Lake Primary Principal Major Benge and Eagle Lake Middle School Principal James Crabb.

Enrichment Program

Supt. King reported that plans are being made for two enrichment classes at Eagle Lake Middle School for more gifted students in 1981-82. This year a class is being held for 7th and 8th grade students and a class for 5th and 6th grade students will be added at ELMS next year. Helen Craig is instructor of the enrichment class.

Personnel Action

The board accepted resig-

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J.P. Precincts 7, Alleyton; EL, 8, Are Combined

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, among items on a long agenda Monday, authorized the consolidation of Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Alleyton, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 8, Eagle Lake, into one office under Precinct 8 J.P. M. M. (Mac) Jones.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek noted that there had not been a justice of the peace in Alleyton for three years (ever since Dittman Harrison chose not to seek re-election) and this has caused some difficulty in the filing of traffic cases on IH-10 since the boundary of the two precincts runs down the middle of IH-10.

J. P. Jones has agreed to handle all matters of the two consolidated precincts in his office in Eagle Lake's former city hall building, now the police and emergency ambulance corps base of operations.

It was also noted that under Texas statutes, each commissioners' precinct must have at least one J.P. office and both J.P. Precincts 7 and 8 are in the precinct of Commissioner L. W. (Bill) Stiles, Jr. The precinct four commissioner made the motion to consolidate the two precincts but pointed out that the decision is not irreversible and could be changed by a future action of the court, if and when the time came for increased interest for a J.P. office in the Alleyton area. The motion to consolidate the precincts passed unanimously.

Rice Schools Closed Thurs. Through Mon.

Schools in the Rice Consolidated School District will dismiss at the end of classes this Wednesday for an Easter holiday break. The classes will be dismissed from the end of school Wednesday until Tuesday morning.

Easter BLESSINGS TO ALL!!

Visitors From England Spend Five Days Here

Two charming couples from England were here for a five-day visit [April 9-14] as part of a Rotary International Exchange program between the 100th District, centered around the Birmingham, England area, and the 5890th District, including this area of Texas. The visitors stayed here with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cone and another couple with the Charles Kleins in Columbus. They were treated to tours of the area and a visit to points of interest in San Antonio and other cities in this state. The couples visiting here are shown with their hosts, front row, left to right, Ethel Cone of Eagle Lake, Jessie Edwards of Warwick, England, Joan Thornton of Eagle Lake and Betty Openshaw of Edgaston, England; back row, A. B. Cone [the Cones hosted the Openshaws], Harry Openshaw, Ken Edwards, and Dan Thornton [the Thorntons hosted the Edwards']. The Walter Thorntons, not shown, visited with the Kleins in Columbus. The Thorntons accompanied the Edwards' to Bolivar to continue their visit Tuesday morning and the Cones accompanied the Openshaws to Sealy for a five-day visit there.

City To Take Bids On Sewer Plant May 25

Council OK's $895,963 Budget For 1981-82, No Increase In Taxes

Three councilmen, re-elected to their posts during the city election on April 4th, were sworn into office for two-year terms on Tuesday night of this week during a lengthy regular meeting of the Eagle Lake city council at the Municipal Building.

Mike Duarte, Alvin Kohlefel and Ralph Truly, all veterans of the council, took the oath of office during swearing-in ceremonies administered by Mayor Elmer Struss.

Following the brief ceremony it was back to work as the council took action on several key items, including:

- Approved the 1981-82 budget amounting to $895,963, and approved an ordinance setting a tax rate of 60c per $100 valuation which will not increase rates for 1981.
- Hired as Austin firm to collect delinquent taxes for the city with collections expected to begin in early May.
- Authorized the city manager to seek bids for the construction and rehabilitation of the city's sewage system, a $1.2 million project, three-fourths of which will be funded by a federal grant. Bids are scheduled to be opened on May 25th.

More details on these items and others on the council's 13 item agenda in next week's issue.