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EXPRESS YOURSELF:
VOTE THIS SATURDAY

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Voters to pick candidates in 2nd Primary Saturday

For most voters the third, and quietest, election in three months will be held Saturday as the Texas Primary election process continues. The local emphasis for this June 7 run-off, formally known as the "second primary election," is on the precinct four commissioner race while county-wide the focus is on the county clerk race.

Paul F. Causey and Leon "Sonny" Spaniel are the opponents for precinct 4 commissioner. Both are seeking the office for the first time, having ousted L.W. "Bill" Stiles who held the office for more than 25 years. The winner of this primary will face Republican Bruce Johnson of Eagle Lake, the lone candidate in that party's May primary.

Darlene Hayek and Dennis J. Wagner are the Democratic opponents for clerk. They topped Connie Lise in the first primary in May, seeking the position now held by Mrs. Annie Franta, who is retiring.

You (probably) are eligible to vote

If you are not sure whether you are eligible to vote in the Republican or Democratic second Primary Elections this Saturday, you should go to the polling place and ask.

For the most part, you probably are eligible to vote. For instance, some people have said that they thought that if they voted in the May elections, they couldn't vote in the June election. That is not correct.

Also, if you didn't vote in the May primary, and you registered in time, you still can vote in this Saturday's elections.

The rule you do have to follow is that if you voted in one party's primary last month, you have to vote in that same party's primary this month, if you decide to vote.

Democratic party officials, and candidates, have said they are concerned that the large turnout in May will not be matched Saturday.

Other than that, most voters won't recognize most names on the Democratic and Republican ballots. (See sample ballots in this issue).

On the Democratic side, in addition to the two races mentioned above, John Sharp and P.S. Ervin are fighting for railroad commissioner; Oscar H. Duncan are seeking the place one

position on the state court of criminal appeals.

Voters might remember that on the May 3 ballot, the railroad commissioner candidates were listed with the inclusion of Ervin's "nickname" of Sam, which some claimed gave him better name recognition. The Democratic party said that wasn't a real nickname, and refused to include it on this ballot.

For the Republicans, there are only four races on the ballot. David Davidson faces Aaron Bullock for lieutenant governor; Roy R. Barrera Jr. faces Ed Walsh for attorney general; Grady T. Yarbrough faces M.D. Anderson Jr. for commissioner of the general land office, and Milton E. Fox faces John Thomas Henderson for railroad commissioner.

The 18 Democratic and five Republican voting places in the county open at 7 a.m. Saturday, and close at 7 p.m. Absentee balloting ended June 3.

Republican voting places are located in Eagle Lake at the American Rice Growers Office, 124 W. Main; Garwood-Nada, Veterans Memorial Library, Arthur St.; Sheridan-Rock Island, in the Sheridan School cafeteria; Weimar, at the fire department, 210 E. Main, and Columbus at the Miller Office Building, 1010 Milam. Democratic polling places are: Pct. 1, Columbus Fire Hall; Pct. 2, Gladden Baptist Church Annex; Pct. 3, Crossroads Grocery Store, Almar; Pct. 4, Garwood Lions Hall; Pct. 5, St. Mary's Parish, Nada; Pct. 6, Agricultural Building, Rock Island Community Center; Pct. 7, Sheridan Elementary School Cafeteria; Pct. 8, Oakland Community Center; Pct. 9, Weimar City Hall; Pct. 10, Sunset Plaza, Columbus; Pct. 11, E. Poinsettch residence, Columbus; Pct. 12, Albert Werland residence; Pct. 13, Freiburg Fire Station; Pct. 14, St. Rock's Dining Hall, Mentz; Pct. 15, Bernardo Fire Department building; Pct. 16, Gene Evans Residence, Alleyton; Pct. 17, Eagle Lake City Hall, Columbus; Pct. 18, Columbus

City without bus service since Sunday

The Eagle Lake area suffered another blow to its economic health Sunday when Texas Bus Lines abruptly stopped service here. More than a year ago the area was threatened with loss of commercial, cross-country bus service when Greyhound Lines successfully petitioned the Texas Railroad Commission to delete this route from its system.

At that time, Kerrville Bus Lines took over the route, and later gave it to Texas Bus Lines.

According to Helen Hotz, who operates Sunnyside Drive-In here, the local bus station after S&W Parts gave up that business, a Texas Lines spokesman said the company could not get access to the terminal in San Antonio, and was giving up the route.

"Now we don't have anything," she said, speaking about the community. "I do feel like we need a bus through here." She said they sold 40 tickets last month, and handled a lot of freight.

Mrs. Hotz asked city manager Robert Klockman to contact the Railroad Commission to see what could be done there. She was contacting Kerrville Bus Lines to see if they would resume service, and she is asking the community to speak up and help attract the business back to the city.

RHS graduates 93 at Commencement

A noisy, standing-room-only crowd watched last Thursday night as 93 seniors at Rice High School received their diplomas in a change from adolescent inhibitions to mature dreams. "God made us for a purpose," she said, "we are responsible for the life we lead."

School board president Reggie Briscoe handed out the diplomas as apt. Harold King, who said each of the graduates are to be congratulated, read the 93 names. Principal Fred Grahmann assisted.

The 45 minute graduation exercises included an invocation by Laura Appelt, the singing of the Alma Mater by the class, accompanied by Darlene Stancik on the piano, and the benediction by Beverly Rucka. The class also sang their class song, accompanied by Donna Prazak on the piano. Kelli Lanier was the accompanist for the processional and recessional.

In her salutatory address, Tina Grahmann told her fellow classmates that the ceremonies that night marked the end of one journey and the start of another. We will meet diversity, she said, but "We must never give in to that diversity." Speaking for the class, she said, "To our parents, teachers and friends, we say thank you."

Victoria Darden, in her valedictory address, said, "As we sit here now, a passage way (is)..."

School's Out Drive Carefully

It is unlikely this scene at the Sheridan School will be repeated before Fall since classes in the Rice School District have been dismissed for the summer. That means drivers need their annual reminder to drive safely, and be aware of youngsters playing in neighborhoods.

ELHS class of '36 holds 50th reunion

A dozen members of the Eagle Lake High School class of 1936 held their 50th class reunion this past weekend in Eagle Lake, meeting for a dinner and social at Anna Lee Higgins home.

Six of the 29 original classmates were unable to attend.

Attending Saturday's event were Rose Berger Marlow, San Antonio; Louise Seaholm Spalinger, Eagle Lake; Johanna Balas Payne, Houston; Eleanor Reese McCreary, Eagle Lake; Lillian Jacobsen Lowrie, Dallas; Lena Gus Cronwell, Hempstead; Luana Sunderman Vana, Waco; Elmer Schindler, Eagle Lake; Ottilee Bock Wright, Houston; Elizabeth Townley Smith, Houston; Peggy Jacobsen McKen, Liberal Kansas, and Daphne McElhinney Reading, Sugarland. Special guest for the affair was Boots Hanly of Eagle Lake, the class's fourth grade teacher.

Unable to attend were Junia Brown Towell, Beaumont; Casper Einkauf, Houston; Marjorie Everett Giraud, Fort Worth; Tom Haley, Kerrville; Rosalie Hayden Sims, Livingston, and Betty Ney Wallis, Austin.

In memoriam to the 11 deceased members, Johanna Balas Payne read the poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson, "Crossing the Bar." The deceased members are Lloyd Crowell, James Elkins, Raul Estlinbaum, Gladys Ruth Harrison, Lucille Hough, Arnold



Members of the Eagle Lake High School class of 1936 who attended Saturday's reunion were Waco; Elmer Schindler, Eagle Lake; Ottilee Bock Wright, Houston; Elizabeth Townley Smith, Antonio; Louise Seaholm Spalinger, Eagle Lake; Houston; Peggy Jacobsen McKen, Liberal Kansas, and Daphne McElhinney Reading, Sugar-Reese McCreary, Eagle Lake. Standing, from left, land are Lillian Jacobsen Lowrie, Dallas; Lena Gus

Klockman, Maudie Longmire, "Boosting the Old High School," and Texas plaques were presented to all by Eleanor McCreary. Louise Spalinger presented Peggy McKen with the award for having the most children traveling the longest distance.

Property maps available in appraisal district office

Ever wonder how your property, or even someone else's property looks on a map large enough to see the boundary lines?

The central appraisal district for Colorado County has completed most of its work in creating just such maps, and chief appraiser Bill Youens said last week the project is far enough along they would like to begin helping the public find just such information.

Youens, and others on the staff said that all rural areas of the county are mapped out, and of the cities, only small parts of Eagle Lake are yet to be completed. The problem here, according to staffer James W. Kobersky, is that most of the city was sold in acreage tracts, compared to other communities where the land was divided into blocks, then lots. After the Eagle Lake acreage was sold, the property was built up slowly, and the individual tracts are quite uneven. Billy Mitchell, the staffer responsible for the appraisal work in the Rice school district, said about 10 more blocks need to be mapped.

In the rural areas, the district used large aerial photographs taken in the late 1970s and added a see-through sheet on top to

draw property lines. It was tedious work, for the most part, but was completed without unnecessary toll since the staff appraisers had to visit each parcel anyway, and research the land information in old county records, in order to do normal appraisals. One aerial view near Eagle Lake indicated not only the owner's name, but

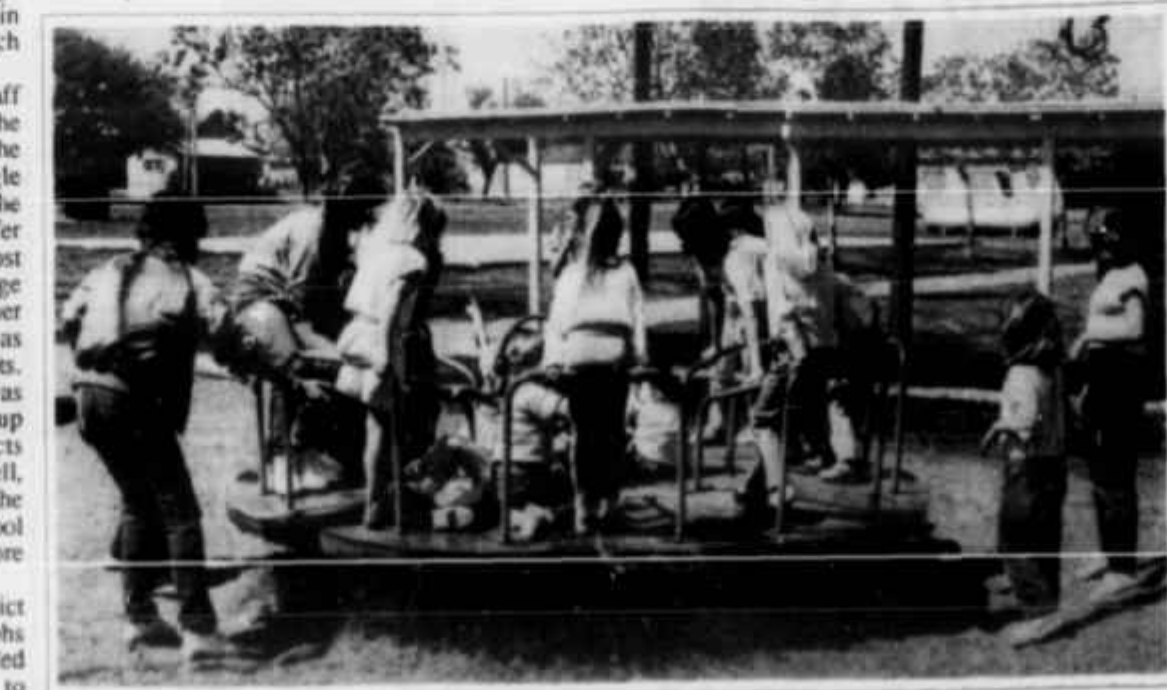
also the name of the person who was using the land for farming.

In the city area, individual block maps were drawn, making the smaller parcels easier to see.

While real estate people, other landmen and seismograph crews are most likely to use the information, it also is available to individual land owners. Someone

might just want to see how their property lies, in relation to their neighbors; or, if you are considering purchasing a parcel, you can see how it is defined.

There is no charge for looking, but if you want a copy-machine copy of the work, there is a nominal fee to help defray cost of the equipment.



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