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Top Rice Students Get Awards

Annual Rock Is. Robert Walker Homecoming Sells Sears Order Store This Sunday

Graduation Fri. Climaxes End-Of-School In Rice Dist.

Capacity Crowd Expected For RHS Commencement



Rice High School Principal Fred Graham is shown above presenting scholarships and awards to the Rice High School Honor Graduates, Miss Teresa Spanhel, left, and Miss Denise Rees at right. Miss Rees was valedictorian of the class and Miss Spanhel was the salutatorian. A list of their awards may be found in the story which follows.

Many Rice HS Seniors Get End-of-Year Awards

Many Rice High School seniors received scholarships and outstanding awards at the annual end of school awards ceremony held for the 1974 graduating class in Rice gymnasium Friday, May 10. The ceremony was for the seniors only and another assembly was held at the school on Wednesday, May 15 to present awards to the underclassmen.

To open the senior assembly Friday, May 10th, Miss Melody Farris, president of the Rice Student Council, led in the Pledge to the Flag. Principal Fred Graham commended the class.

Principal Fred Graham commended the class of 1974, the first to complete all four years of work in Rice High School, as one of the greatest ever. He recalled that at the beginning of their high school career he asked them to take pride in their school, in their accomplishments and in their participation and to exemplify a united effort. "Four years later, you have proven that you did just that," said the principal.

"You have been united as a class and have shown a spirit far beyond any of those who have preceded you," said the principal.

He urged the seniors to continue the formal training they have received adding that they will remember it all of their lives. He further admonished the group to help their country to become a better place in which to live. "It's easy to sit back and wait for someone else to do it," he stated. He asked the seniors to offer suggestions for the evaluation of their school.

Graham also urged the graduates to tear down the barriers that have kept you from becoming friends with all of your classmates. He urged them to consider the importance of living a friendly life, adding "it hurts no one to smile or to say a friendly thing."

The principal added that he had a special feeling for each and everyone of the students. "You have contributed to my total education and made me become a better person."

the award for the most outstanding senior in English to Ruthie Popp. Joe Frybert received a UIL certificate in Ready Writing. Roger Perez in Prose Reading and Joseph Frybert in Persuasive Speaking; and to Mark Price in Poetry Interpretation, and Rower Clark in Journalism.

Tom Rohrer presented certificates to Jeff Ware, Jerrol Higgins and Debbie Swearingin for their participation in one-act play and to James Hoffman a member of the All-Star cast.

Jesus Gonzales named Yolanda Delgado as the most outstanding senior student in Spanish; Mrs. Mary Jones presented an award to Phyllis Hoffman for being the outstanding senior in Cosmetology; Mrs. Marjorie Crab presented the outstanding V.O.E. student award to Rosemary Vasut.

Mrs. Grace Cooper presented business awards. UIL Typing certificate went to Teresa Spanhel; UIL Short-hand to Rosemary Vasut and Lucy Mascheck; and she named Carol Wick as the most outstanding senior business student.

Erich Gabrys presented the Math and Science Awards. The bulk of these went to one outstanding senior, Clifton Heffner. Clifton received the UIL Number Sense Award; the outstanding Math award; the Banach-Lomb Science Award; and was also named the most outstanding senior Science student. Joe Frybert and Susan Kuchera also received UIL Number Sense awards.

In Forensics, Mrs. Bill Keil presented UIL certificates to Nancy Ashley in Informative Speaking, David Beck in Informative Speaking, and to Joe Frybert in Persuasive Speaking.

The Betty Crocker Home-making Award was presented by Mrs. Joyce Davison to Carol Wick; Mrs. Sandra Beng presented art awards to Clarence Klekar, Ruth Popp, and Jimmy Grounds and named Roger Clark as the most outstanding art student. Mrs. Beng summarized the outstanding work done by the art students and especially by district winners Zanthine Lowe and Roger Clark.

The top Auto Mechanics award was presented by Guy Besne, Jr., vocational counselor to Robbie Sanders; Herbert Engstrom, chairman of the Colorado Soil Conservation District presented certificates to essay winners, Sandra Grammer, Clifton Heffner, Teresa Spanhel, and Nancy Ashley.

Alpha Delta Phi Sorority, WCJC scholarship to Paula Skymanski, presented by Mrs. Jane Clipson, president; Sheridan Parents and Teachers, cash scholarship to Nancy Ashley, presented by Mrs. Mary Reinhardt; Mexican American Youth Council, five scholarships to WCJC to Domingo Castillo, Dianne Saucedo, Teresa Ann Guzman, Stella Morales and (Continued on last page)

Garwood Meth. Vacation Bible School Set

The Garwood United Methodist Church has scheduled its Vacation Bible School for the week of Monday, May 27th through Friday, May 31st, 1974, from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily. A very fine study is being prepared entitled "Jesus is the Way" for children from nursery through sixth grade.

On Friday, the 31st, from 4:30 to 5:30, there will be an open house for interested persons to view the week's accomplishments. Refreshments will be served daily.

Ambulance Vols To Meet Thurs.

The Eagle Lake unit of the Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps will meet this Thursday evening, May 23rd at 7:30 in the former firemen's hall above the police station.

C. Of C. Has Monthly Meet Mon., May 20

The Chamber of Commerce heard many informative reports from the chairmen of several committees at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, President Mark Anderson presided and nine Directors attended.

The decision was made to establish an office in the Municipal Building for a secretary for the Chamber of Commerce. The office would be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays each week. All the officers and Directors are being urged to utilize this office and secretary to better develop their programs. It was generally (Continued on last page)

Mon., May 27 Memorial Day Is Holiday Here

Next Monday, May 27th, the observance of Memorial Day will be an official holiday in Eagle Lake and most business firms will close for the day.

The U. S. Postal Service will also be closed and there will be no deliveries on that date.

Because of the holiday and no mail delivery, persons who wish to mail in items for the May 30 edition are reminded that they should be placed in the postal service a day earlier than usual.

Rice Adult Ed Program Ends Wed.

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District's Adult Education Program will close for the current year this Wednesday, May 22nd with closing exercises slated at 7 p.m. in Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

The program has been offered for the first time this year and has been well received, reports director C.W. DeShazo.

Certificates of promotion will be awarded at the program Wednesday night. All persons that were enrolled at any time during the year, the spouses of students, and friends and others interested in the program for the academic year of 1974-75 are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

First Grade Registration Requested

All parents who have beginning First Graders who did not attend Kindergarten this past year should bring a birth certificate and come to the Primary School office and register their child before July.

The names of all of the children who attended Kindergarten this past year are a matter of record, so they are considered already registered for the First Grade next year.

Gerald Bradshaw, owner of the Royal Cleaners, has announced new store hours effective on Saturday, June 1. On Monday through Friday the store will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Bradshaw urges everyone to take note of his new hours.

Runoffs To Be Held June 1

Runoff elections, resulting from the May 4th primary, will be held June 1 in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Absentee voting begins May 12 for those who plan to vote by mail and May 22 for those who plan to appear personally at the county clerk's office.

May 31 is the last day for receiving mailed ballots at the clerk's office. Personal appearance absentee voting will continue until the regular business closing hour on May 28.



Annette Tise Receives Nat'l Science Grant

Annette Tise has been selected to receive a National Defense Foundation grant to attend the University of Houston at Victoria during the summer of 1974. Her studies will be in the area of Chemistry and Science Education.

Miss Tise joined the Rice District in 1968 as a general science teacher at Eagle Lake High School. During the following year she taught Home-making at Sheridan High School and then moved into elementary education at Sheridan Elementary.

She has an interest in science education and has been successful in developing an elementary program that is activity-oriented. She helped write a guide for the 5th and 6th grades around key concepts in Science.

Wins Wintermann Nursing Award



Miss Teresa Spanhel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. (Sonny) Spanhel, is shown receiving the David and Erla Wintermann Foundation Nursing Award from D.A. Thornton, a termant Foundation. Miss Spanhel will receive funds to attend four years of nursing studies and will be obligated to return to Eagle Lake Community Hospital for employment for at least two years following her graduation. If she does so, the funds provided will be in the form of a loan.

COUNCIL, SW BELL WORKING TOWARD COMPROMISE ON RATE INCREASE

First Reading Is Expected At Meeting May 28

The City Council met in a lengthy session Tuesday night. All members were present to handle the varied business on the agenda.

Richard Oldmixon, District Manager with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company continued his negotiations with the council for increased rate proposals. Several months ago Mr. Oldmixon filed for rate increases with the city officials. The council made a compromise offer at this meeting to increase from those established in 1970 but not as great as Southwestern Bell had asked for.

About four conditions were attached by the council to this new rate schedule for the telephone company's consideration. It is expected that the first of three readings of the revised rate ordinance will be read officially Tuesday night, May 28. The public is invited to attend.

The council reviewed two requests to use the Council Room section of the Municipal Buildings. The Chamber of Commerce was granted permission to use the small of the city.

Manager T. J. Smith reported favorable benefits from the trial basis of the five-day weekly sanitation services. Garbage storage over the weekend has caused some inconvenience to some of the larger customers. A full report of the trial effort will be made at the next council meeting.

Manager Smith also reported that a full schedule of baseball-softball activities should get underway June 4th at the city park. A new concession building with double restrooms is being built for the convenience of the fans and players. This new facility is being paid for from (Continued on last page)

MAYC Awards Five Scholarships



The Mexican-American Youth Council of Eagle Lake held several fund-raising events during the year including the second annual Scholarship Dinner and as a result offered scholarships to the Wharton County Junior College to five graduating seniors. Mike Duarte a director for the organization made the presentations at the awards ceremony May 10th to, left to right, Domingo Castillo, Stella Morales, Teresa Guzman, Bobby Olvera and Dianne Saucedo.

One hundred and thirty-four Rice High School seniors are candidates to receive their diplomas at graduation exercises to be held at the Rice gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. this Friday night, May 24th, closing the school year.

The consolidated Independent School District. A teacher workshop on Monday, May 27th will officially end the school activities for the current year. A capacity crowd is expected for the graduation program to be presented by the members of the Senior Class. Each of the seniors has been given two reserved seats/tickets for their parents or guardians. These MUST be presented to ushers at the gym Friday night to assure seating in the special reserved section.

The seniors will take their final examinations on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and will report on Friday morning to practice for the Commencement Program. The underclassmen at Rice High School will be taking finals Thursday and Friday. Buses will run both days at 2:15 p.m. according to Principal Fred Graham.

The commencement program will include the following: The processional and recessional will be played by Margaret Wilcox; honor graduate Susan Kuchera will give the invocation and honor graduate Edna Rosprim will give the closing benediction. Salutatorian Teresa Spanhel and valedictorian Denise Rees will deliver addresses. The senior class will sing their class song, accompanied by Jerrol Higgins; and also their Alma Mater song accompanied by honor graduate Carol Wick.

Principal Fred Graham will certify the graduates; Dr. Raymond R. Thomas, the president of the Rice Board, assisted by Supl. E. A. Krivacka, will present diplomas to the graduates.

Candidates for graduation subject to successful completion of work, include:

Leveral Alexander, Sharon Ann Alexander, Nancy Jon Ashley, Janelle Bauer, David Charles Beck, Mark A. Boenisch, Frankie Joe Briscoe, Audrey Gene Carter, Domingo M. Castillo, Jr., Roger Lewis Clark, Jo Ruth Clayton, Larry D. Clayton, Alfred Raymond Cordova, Ricky Joe Cunningham, Louis Renee Edward Dancy, Louis Dancy, Yolanda Delgado, Terry Joseph Dostal, Nita Kay Dye, Melody Leigh Farris, Gussie M. Farrow, Jerry Lynn Fink, Vera Jean Fry, Joseph Stephen Frybert, Dennis Ray Fuller.

Patsy Lee Fuller, Rebecca Ann Fuller, Barbara Jean Garza, Gayle Alan Gertson, Nicolas Godino, Edgar R. Grammer, Sandra Jacque Grammer, Judy Fay Grek, Jimmy Louis Grounds, Norman Grounds, Bellinda Ramirez Gutierrez, Teresa Ann Guzman, Doris Odessa Heston, Clifton C. Heffner, Gerry W. Henderson, Mary Ann Henneke, Isaac Tillman Hewitt, Jr., Karen Ann Hewitt, Jerrol Frank Higgins, Cheryl Kay Hines, Darby Lee Hoffman, James W. Hoffman, Phyllis Ann Hoffman, Danny Lee Huff, Barbara D. Hurd.

Cleveland Hurd, Sherry Lynn Ingram, Terris Michael Jarvis, Mar Jay Johnson, Roland Tyrone Jones, Dolores Ann Kincheloe, Clarence James Klekar, Terry Lynn Kohleffel, Allen Joseph Korenek, Barbara Jean Korenek, Janice Marie Korenek, Andrew L. Kuba, Susan Elaine Kuchera, Jennette Frances Leopold, Daniel Francisco Lopez, D'Nise Elaine Lowe, Dorothy Lowe, Zanthine Oretta Lowe, Andrew Ruben Luna, Jimmie Carol McCauley, Lucille Marie Mascheck, Cris Mason, Kim Lee Miller, Bruce R. Montemayor, Yvonne Montemayor.

Ernest Gene Moore, Estelita Morales, Theresa Cruz Morales, Sandra Gail Morris, Darrell Donnell Norris, Troy Dean Noska, Robert W. Olvera, Enola Gay Pavle, (Continued on last page)