Grand Champion, First Place Winners Get Trophies, Prize Money

Here are the grand champion and first place winners in the calf and hog competition at the fifth annual Rice FFA show and sale held at the new show barn at Rice High School last Saturday. Mrs. Bill (Emily) Stiles, president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, is shown in each of the photos presenting trophies given by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce along with the respective winner and a representative of one of the four Lions Clubs in the Rice District who sponsored the day's activities.

Top left photo shows, l. to r., Daryl Hunt, exhibitor of the grand champion calf, Mrs. Stiles and Richard Bryant of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club; second from top at left, l. to r., W. C. Dupre, president of the Sheridan Lions Club, Thomas Carter who exhibited the grand champion hog, and Mrs. Stiles; second from top, l. to r., Herbert Engstrom of the Garwood Lions Club, Tony Black who had the first place Duroc hog, and Mrs. Stiles; at bottom left, l. to r., Calvin Mahalitc who showed the first place Hereford calf, and Mrs. Stiles, and T Lang, president of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

In the photo at top right, l. to r., are Mr. Dupre, James Brune who had the first place Crossbred hog, and Mrs. Stiles; second from top right, l. to r., are Mr. Bryant, Kenneth Danklefs who showed the first place Brahman Cross calf, and Mrs. Stiles; second from bottom right, l. to r., Mr. Engstrom, Wesley Wick who had the first place Angus-Charolais calf, and Mrs. Stiles; and at bottom right, l. to r., Mr. Lang, Al Mahalitc who won first place with his Hereford-Angus calf, and Mrs. Stiles.

Individual Sales In Rice FFA Show Listed

A complete rundown of the sales in the fifth annual Rice FFA show and sale held in the new show barn last Saturday, in the order of sale, with the exception of the two grand champions and the six first place winners, follows:

Perfirio Vera, 194 lb. hog, $1.75, Gibson Chevrolet of El Campo;
Terry Krenek, 815 lb. calf, 67c, Mrs. Joe Krenek of Garwood;
Gregory Bubela, 216 lb. hog, $1.92, Garwood Dryer;
Clayton Smith, 1175 lb. calf, 64c, Columbus State Bank;
Billy Wilsoc, [illegible] lb. hog, $1.85, Sheridan Lumber Co.;
Nicky Dierschke, 945 lb. calf, 68c, Arthur Mahalitc family;
David Banks, 235 lb. hog, $1.20, Altair Dryer;
Mike Thompson, 775 lb. calf, 67c, Miller and Miller, Nada;
Emil Vasut Jr., 253 lb. hog, $1.40, Ralph Gertson;
Mike Gertson, 710 lb. calf, 95c, A. A. Gertson;
Keith Austin, 209 lb. hog, $1.30, Jerry's Arco Sta. in Garwood;
Kirk Engstrom, 975 lb. calf, 62c, Garwood Implement and Supply;
Burtis Crone, 205 lb. hog, $1.40, Jay Anderson;
Michael Korenek, 860 lb. calf, 70c, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer;
Tommy Burns, 194 lb. hog, $1.90, First National Bank of Eagle Lake;
Kirk Schneider, 875 lb. calf, 70c, L-7 Ranch, Garwood;
Dwight Rhodes, 222 lb. hog, $1.25, Altair Dryer;
John Waligura, 710 lb. calf, 70c, Priesmeyer Dept. Store, Garwood;
Mike Brewer, 225 lb. hog, [illegible], David Austin, Pete Canaris and Bobby Marsalis of Eagle Lake;
Milton Anderson, 900 lb. calf, 67c, Boettcher-Hlavinka Co. of East Bernard;
Kyle Walker, 230 lb. hog, $1.75, Dr. R. R. Thomas;
Gale Thompson, 795 lb. calf, 70c, Garwood Telephone Co.;
Also, Dennis Wilkerson, 219 lb. hog, $1.50, Steve Taylor Ford, Eagle Lake;
Thierry Hoffman, 865 lb. calf, 68c, Garwood Irrigation Co.;
Herbert Cavazos, 200 lb. hog; $2.05, Thomas Farms, Eagle Lake;
Sandy Tate, 770 lb. calf, $1.09, Farmers Supply Co. of Eagle Lake;
Osbor Cunningham, 203 lb. hog, $1.30, Heritage House in Eagle Lake;
Mark Krivacka, 815 lb. calf, 80c, Ashby Oil Co. of Eagle Lake;
Michael Hoelscher, 237 lb. hog, $1.85, Thompson Flyers of Garwood;
Mike Lanier, 1035 lb. calf, 60c, Mike Cheatham, Eagle Lake;
Kenneth Coats, [illegible] lb. hog, $1.37, First National Bank of Eagle Lake;
Gregory Lotpries, 735 lb. calf, 73c, Drymalla Construction Co. of Columbus;
Greg Clark, 217 lb. hog, $1.50, Ralph Gertson of Eagle Lake;
Jack Mann, 770 lb. calf, 70c, American Rice Growers Association, Eagle Lake;
Clark Peterson, 236 lb. hog, $2.20, Isam Brisco, Sr. of Sheridan;
Arvis Bluntson, 745 lb. calf, 70c, Dale Hunt of Garwood;
Leroy Johnson, 198 lb. hog, $1.75, John Clipson Catfish Farm, Eagle Lake;
Paul Kallina, 835 lb. calf, 70c, Wintermann & Co., Eagle Lake;
Edward Munoz, 216 lb. hog, $2.00, Spalinger Hardware of Eagle Lake;
Jeff Wied, 835 lb. calf, sold for 80c, Coastal Contracting of Eagle Lake;
Howard Wilkerson, 235 lb. hog, $1.70, Drymalla Construction Co., Columbus;
Abel Gonzales, 770 lb. calf, [illegible] Clipson, Jr. of Eagle Lake;
Danny Henderson, 185 lb. hog, $1.70 to Gifford Hill Plastic Pipe and J. T. Danklefs of Garwood;
Michael Addicks, 685 lb. calf, 72c, Thomas Farms of Eagle Lake;
Also, Clyde Cunningham, 200 lb. hog, $1.80, Mike Cheatham of Eagle Lake;
James Henneke, 750 lb. calf, 70c, American Rice Growers Association, Garwood;
Danny Cardenas, 222 lb. hog, $1.40, Judge Lester Cranek of Garwood;
Gary Tise, 765 lb. calf, 70c Garwood Implement and Supply and Ag Service of Garwood;
Gerald Hurd, 218 lb. hog, $1.90, Ashby Oil Co. of Eagle Lake;
Henry Bena, 710 lb. hog, 65c, El Campo Production Credit Assn.;
Pedro Sommerlatte, 212 lb. hog, $1.70, Eagle Lake Dairy Delite;
Russell Scott, 785 lb. calf, 75c, Kenneth Mahalitc, Eagle Lake;
Perths Foster, 190 lb. hog, $1.60, TeLR Laundry, Eagle Lake;
David Braden, 965 lb. calf,

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Rice FFA Stages Successful Show, Sale In New Show Barn

Grand Champion Calf Brings $3.05, Champion Hog $2.60

The fifth annual Rice Future Farmers of America's show and sale which was held last Saturday in the new Rice FFA show barn at the Rice High School west of Altair, was another outstanding success with proceeds from the sale setting new records despite the uncertain livestock situation that prevails.

A total of 52 calves and 38 hogs went on the auction block and all brought good prices in some spirited bidding. A capacity crowd filled the new show barn for the sale and all agreed that this is truly an outstanding sales area and commended the FFA members and leaders for undertaking such a worthy project.

The weather was threatening during the entire day but the atmosphere and the weather certainly had no reaction on the bidders.

When the cash registers ringing up the sales had stopped the FFA members had received a total of $49,010.01. $1525 was received in cash donations and $1754.75 from sale of calves and hogs donated to the building fund to make receipts total $52,289.76.

The event was sponsored by the four Lions Clubs in the Rice Consolidated School District, the Garwood Lions Club which handled the sales; the Sheridan Lions Club which handled the delicious barbecue dinner catered by Mikeska's of Columbus in the Rice FFA ag shop in the high school building; the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club and the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club which handled the trail ride activities.

The four clubs contributed a total of $225 in prize money which was distributed to the winners in the calf and hog divisions and in other divisions. The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce contributed the trophies which were presented for the two grand champions and to the six breed winners.

Daryl Hunt, who is serving as president of the Rice FFA chapter this year, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hunt of Garwood, showed the grand champion calf, a 1110 pound Charolais graded high choice. The calf sold for a new Rice FFA record of $3.05 per pound to Henderson Farms of El Campo. Representing Henderson Farms in the purchase were Bill Summers, Bud Childress and son Chris. The calf was donated back to Daryl by the Henderson Farms.

Henderson Farms has been the top bidder on the champion calf in the Rice FFA Show for the past three years.

Thomas Carter had the grand champion hog, a 237 pound No. 1 entry that sold for $2.60 per pound to Texas West Indies of El Campo represented at the sale by John Hancock. Thomas is the son of Mrs. Ruth Carter of Eagle Lake.

There were six other first place winners selected by the judge for the show, Dr. Kenneth Nance of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Tony Black showed the first place Duroc hog, a 19[illegible] pound No. 1 entry that sold for $2.90 per pound to Nelson Isenhower and Mike Cheatham of Eagle Lake; the first place Crossbred hog was shown by James Brune and the 214 lb. No. 1 entry sold for $2.10 per pound to the Rice Industries Dryer in Eagle Lake.

Other first place calf winners were: Calvin Mahalitc with his 1010 pound Hereford entry that sold for 88c pound to the Eagle Tractor Inc. of Eagle Lake; first place Brahman cross was shown by Kenneth Danklefs and the 940 pound entry sold for 77c pound to the First State Bank of Columbus; the first place Charolais was shown by Wesley Wick and the 1065 pound entry sold for 70c pound to the Jesse Gibson Chevrolet Co. of El Campo; and the first place Hereford-Angus was shown by Al Mahalitc and he received 70c pound for the 1130 pound entry from the East Bernard Implement Co.

Owners of the grand champions received $25 in prize money and a trophy; and the six first place winners also received trophies and $15 each in prize money. Presidents of the four Lions Clubs or their representatives and Mrs. Emily Stiles, president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, presented the awards and trophies to the winners. Herbert Engstrom of the Garwood Lions; W. C. Dupre, president of Sheridan Lions; T Lang, president of Eagle Lake Noon Lions and Richard Bryant of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions presented the awards to the winners.

POSTER WINNERS

First place in the poster competition went to Greg Clark for his outstanding entry which was in the form of a large hog; Robert Abell won second and Greg Lobpries took third. Prizes in this division were $25, $15, and $10.

Thomas Carter won the $25 prize for best showmanship in hog competition held before the sale; and Calvin Mahalitc also won a $25 prize for best showmanship in the calf division.

The 52 calves sold in the show went for an average of 75c per pound while the 38 hogs brought an average of $1.74 per pound. Chapter advisers said the bids received were well above the anticipated highs and extend appreciation in behalf of the chapter members for the wonderful support of the businessmen and individuals in the Rice District and the surrounding communities.

Donations Received

The Rice FFA chapter also received, in addition to the calves and hogs donated to the show barn which brought a total of $1754.75, a total of $1525 in cash donations. Donors included: the Walter Gold Construction $50; Gifford-Hill Plastic Pipe and Ted Danklefs $100; Ernest Moore Realtor $50; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bode and El Campo Livestock Commission $200; J. T. Ward and Jack Axel $50; Berger's Mobil Service of Eagle Lake $75; Columbus Cafe $25; Norbert Wied of Garwood $150; Eagle Lake Grass Farm $50; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Criswell of Sheridan $25; Arlin Miller and Mrs. Louis Miller of Nada $200; Mrs. Larry Austin of Eagle Lake $100; Wharton County Electric Coop $50; Bill Summers of El Campo $25; and George Hagan and Dempsey Calhoun of Columbus Livestock Commission $100. Also the Garwood Farmers Coop donated feed for one boy for a calf for next year's show; and Thompson Flying Service of Garwood donated fertilizer for the FFA coastal bermuda grass farm.

Bill Bode of the El Campo Livestock Commission Co. was auctioneer for the sale and George Hagan of the Columbus Livestock Commission Co. was the official bid starter. Eagle Lake City Manager T. J. Smith and Edward Lee Schneider of Nada assisted in picking up the bids as they were made.

George Roesner of Houston, a long-time supporter of the Garwood and Rice FFA chapters, and Mrs. Roesner were on hand to take movie film of the sale and show activities and these will be viewed at the annual Parent and Son and Buyers' Appreciation Banquet to be held at the Rice High School on April 17th.

Trail Ride Opens FFA Show & Sale Activities

Here is the long string of trail riders who departed from the Ralph Thomas farm west of Eagle Lake for the ride to the Rice High School as the opening activity of the 5th annual Rice FFA Show and Sale. Leading the trail riders is Deputy Sheriff Bryan Toucheck and bringing up the rear is Eagle Lake Chief of Police Roy Chisum. The ride was an excellent one, and was carefully planned and supervised by Alvin W. Kohleffel of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club and assistants Richard Bryant of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions and Roy Dean Van Nort of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions. The Eagle Lake Fire department had the emergency vehicle and a number of firemen on the scene to assist in the trail ride. The trail bosses extended thanks to the law enforcement agencies and to the fire department for their assistance and to the riders for their excellent cooperation along the ride.

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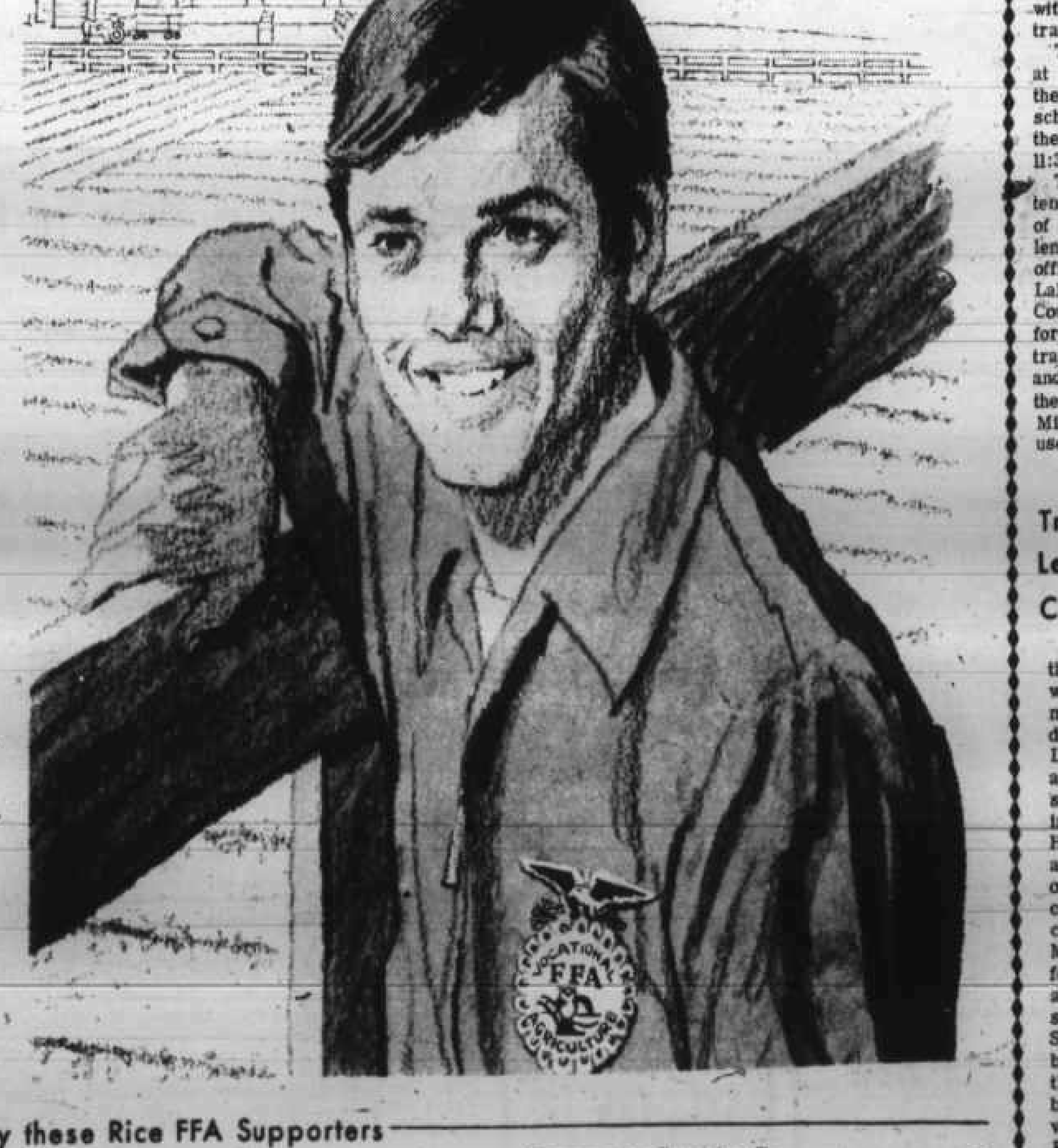

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More Prize Winners At Rice FFA Show & Sale

Calvin Mahalitc, at top right, is shown receiving a check for $25 for best showmanship in the calf division at the Rice FFA show and sale held last Saturday. Presenting the award to Calvin is W. C. Dupre, president of the Sheridan Lions Club. In the center photo, Richard Bryant, who represented the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club in the absence of president Joe Wendel, presents a $25 check to Thomas Carter for best showmanship in the hog division. In the lower photo is shown Greg Clark with his outstanding poster which won for him the $25 first place prize in this competition.

Judy Ashby Trail Ride Sweetheart

Miss Judy Ashby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ashby of Eagle Lake, was selected as the Trail Ride Sweetheart for 1975 and was presented a plaque by Daryl Hunt, president of the Rice FFA chapter. Miss Brenda Kallina was the first runner-up and Miss Lisa Mahalitc was the second runner-up. Others in the competition were Misses Becky Gertson, Sherry Fajkus, Sheryl Abell, Renae Schneider and Penny Tate.

Miss Ashby was assisted by the 1974-75 Rice FFA chapter sweetheart, Miss Penny Tate, and the freshman sweetheart, Miss Becky Gertson, in presenting buyer ribbons to the successful bidders in the sale. The buyer ribbons were made again this year by Mrs. Berta Rees, another long-time supporter of the FFA activities.

Wesley Wick, officer in the Rice FFA chapter, introduced the trail ride sweetheart entries and announced the winners as they were congratulated by president Hunt.

Over 100 In Trail Ride

Over one hundred riders on horseback departed from the Ralph Thomas farm on Highway 90A two miles west of Eagle Lake at 8:30 a.m. Saturday bound for the Rice High School area in the annual Pioneer Trail Ride. Despite the threatening and damp weather the ride was considered an outstanding success due to some careful planning by the trail boss, Alvin W. Kohleffel of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, and his assistants, Richard Bryant of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions and Roy Dean Van Nort of the Noon Lions.

[illegible] new route this year, proceeding west along Highway 90A and despite the fact that it was necessary to cross the river bridge and several other smaller bridges and the busy intersection at Altair, the ride was made safely without incident reported the trail bosses.

The riders had a rest stop at Altair before continuing the ride to the Rice high school parking area where they disbanded shortly before 11:30 a.m.

The trail ride chairmen extended sincere thanks to all of the riders for their excellent cooperation and to the officers of the City of Eagle Lake and to the Colorado County Sheriff's Department for their escort along the trail ride route and to Ralph and John Thomas for use of their facilities; and to Walter Miller Texaco at Altair for use of restroom facilities.

Tribute Paid To Lewis Rosprim, Carl Smith

The show and sale opened in the show barn at 1:30 p.m. with a tribute to two prominent FFA leaders who had died during the past year, Lewis J. Rosprim who served as vocational agriculture instructor and chapter adviser in Eagle Lake and at Rice High School for over two decades and to W. C. (Carl) Smith of Garwood, a former agriculture instructor and FFA chapter adviser at Garwood. Mr. Smith was credited with formation of the FFA chapter and with organizing the first sale ever held at Garwood. Silent tribute was paid to both of these outstanding gentlemen and leaders after a brief history of their activities was given by Herbert Engstrom of Garwood. Mr. Engstrom also led in the opening prayer.

Garwood Lions president J. T. (Ted) Danklefs paid tribute to the FFA chapter advisers Troy Krenek, Willie Fitzgerald and Ronel Roberts and to the late Mr. Rosprim, for their efforts in making the show barn project a success and in organizing the 1975 show and sale so successfully. He also commended the Rice FFA members for their fine work during the year and for undertaking the show barn project. A portion of the proceeds from the 1975 sale was earmarked for payment on the show barn project.

Thanks Extended For Assistance

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Chapter adviser Troy Krenek represented the chapter in recognizing many individuals and businesses who have contributed to the success of the FFA program and also the vocational agriculture program in Rice High School.

Daryl Hunt, FFA president, also extended thanks in behalf of the chapter for support during the year and paid special tribute to the show barn building committee composed of Lavo Brisco of Sheridan, Dale Hunt of Garwood, Arthur Mahalitc and Travis Wegenhoft of Eagle Lake for their assistance in making the show barn a reality. He also thanked all who have helped in any way in the show barn project with cash or material contributions. A plaque at one side of the building bears the names of all of the contributors to the project.

Lavo Brisco, one of the committee members, pointed out that the show barn was built without a cent of tax money, but instead through contributions and through the efforts of the Rice FFA leaders and members and he commended them for this.

The Rice FFA chapter acknowledged the assistance of the following for assistance in [illegible] the show area for the sale:

Alfred Prihoda gravel pit for sand; T. J. Smith for use of a tractor and blade for leveling the grounds; Commissioners Bill Stiles and Walter Henicke for gravel for the area; Lavo Brisco and Arthur Mahalitc for laying off the show pen area; use of D.C. welders from Hunt and Smith, Grizzard Farms, and Mrs. Joe Krenek; to Schindler Bros. of Sealy for reinforcing rods for the pens; Shell Oil Co. for 2" pipe for the pens; J. J. Williams for sucker pipes for the show area; George Huckaby Ranch for paint; Joe Seifert and the Garwood Gin for use of a hydraulic trailer; and possibly others whose names were inadvertently missed.

The Rice FFA members and their advisers extend sincere thanks to one and all who helped in making the 1975 sale one of the best ever held by the chapter. They especially thank the wonderful response and generosity of the many bidders; and to all who helped in so many other ways in making the event a success.

Buehler Motor Co. of El Campo donated a calf purchased from Mark Waligura for 65c lb. to the Hillje Convalescent Home.