Planning Council's Report Assesses Rice Dist. Needs

Many Of Rice High School Needs Require Bond Issue

The Planning Council appointed to make a needs assessment of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District and to develop a Five-Year Plan of Action has completed its work and submitted its findings and the report has been accepted by the Rice CISD Board. The report is discussed in a series of articles, the second of which appears in this issue.

The Planning Council placed improved reading as the top priority project on a district-wide basis. The Council said the reading program "needs immediate action". The Board asked Supt. E. A. Krivacka to implement the program with the beginning of the 1976-77 school year.

The reading program calls for the hiring of a Reading Coordinator, a new position, to bring the reading programs in Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan schools, grades kindergarten through eight, under a unified and coordinated program.

RICE HAS NEEDS

The needs at Rice High School as noted in the Council's report are discussed this week.

At least seven of the needs determined by the Planning Council for Rice High School would require a bond issue and were given a "C" rating or "Desirable, but beyond the capacity of the district for the next five years." These include: Farm machinery for an Agriculture Mechanics Lab; farm machinery to be added to the agriculture curriculum together with an additional instructor; an Industrial Arts Lab; increase in course offerings in Industrial Arts (additional labs would be needed); an Art Laboratory; construction of a second gymnasium at Rice High School for physical education classes; isolation room for discipline cases.

The council also determined that funds are not available at this time for replacement of manual typewriters with electric machines in the Typing Lab; that the student body is too small to limit art enrollment to 15 students to a section and too small for a minimum of two premium sections of English per grade level. It was also noted that the student-teacher ratio is now below state guidelines and gave a "C" rating to a suggestion that enrollment in English classes be limited to 25 students maximum. Also given a "C" rating was a proposal to combine junior high athletics at the Rice High campus and it was noted this would cause transportation problems and lacks community support. Lack of space was given to a suggestion that sizes of physical education classes be reduced.

The Council rated "D" or "of questionable need" suggestions that: (1) course offerings in Social Studies be increased to include fourth year premium course; and (2) that track course offerings in Social Studies be increased to three levels. The Council felt the size of the student body did not justify considering these proposals.

TOP PRIORITY PROJECTS

"A" ratings or "Highest priority and needs immediate action" were given to: (1) addition of ensemble to music dept. offerings in 1976-77; (2) addition of mini-courses to the curriculum in 1976-77; (3) updating of Career Education and Vertical Files in the Media Center in 1976-77; (4) additional adding machines (2) and work tables (2) to Bookkeeping Lab (to be in 1976 budget); (5) implementation of a Competency Based Guidance Program in 1976.

The Council rated "B" or "Priority; needs attention for improvement or enrichment" the following: (1) addition of Choral Music in the fall of 1977; (2) a study is being made to implement a Resource Unit under Plan A in the 1976 school year; (3) work toward an increase of enrollment in Language (it was noted a 33% gain has been made in enrollment for 1976-77); (4) addition of a combination unit in Homeing (a request has been made to redirect a unit to satisfy this need); and (5) addition of a cafeteria serving line and this is being considered by the cafeteria personnel.

Next week the Council's report on assessment of needs at Sheridan and Garwood campuses will be discussed.

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Rice FFA Accepts Check From KC's

The Eagle Lake Council of Knights of Columbus was represented by Rodney Holder, center, in the presentation of a $200 check to the *Rice FFA Chapter* for its show barn project. Accepting the check were FFA officers, *left to right*, Kirk Schneider, Terry Krenek, Mr. Holder, Al Mahalitc, and Gerald Popp.

KC's Donate $200 To Rice FFA Show Barn

On April 27, Rodney Holder of the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus, presented a $200 check to the Rice Future Farmers of America to help pay for the show barn. Pictured are Kirk Schneider, secretary of the Rice F.F.A.; Terry Krenek, vice president of the chapter; Mr. Holder of the Knights of Columbus presenting the check to Al Mahalitc, president of the chapter; and the chapter reporter, Gerald Popp.

The balance left to be paid on the show barn after the K. of C.'s contribution is $9,318.59. The generosity of the men in the Knights of Columbus is greatly appreciated by all the members of the Rice F.F.A. -Chapter Reporter, Gerald Popp.

Marsha Russell To Be Colly Ch. Summer Director

Miss Marsha Russell, a student at Southwestern University, will be the Youth Director at the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church.

Miss Russell will be working with the youth of the church for 12 weeks. She has been a visitor to the Colly Church on tuneerous previous occasions, and also at the Methodist Men's group.

She will be completing her sophomore year at Southwestern this May and will be transferring to North Texas State University in September. She is majoring in music and voice.

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An address will be given by Dr. Harold C. Domres, Deputy Commissioner of the State of Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. After the opening ceremonies refreshments will be served by the girl Scouts of Weimar.

The new center is a joint operation of the state, county and local levels of government and while the concept of community mental health is a new one to this area, other such centers have in operation for a number of years. The Colorado County Mental Health Center is an outreach effort of the San Antonio State Hospital and is partially funded by Colorado County and partially through funds provided by the state.

Open house will be held at the center from 2 to 5 p.m. The center is staffed by Sheila Rieck and Sid MacAllister. It is located above the Hill Bank and Trust Co., building in Weimar. The center will be open from 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 Monday through Friday. The phone number at the center is 725-8724.

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Mrs. John Parks, Vice Regent, presided, asking for a prayer by Mrs. Williams before the covered dish meal was served picnic style on the lawn of the home under a beautiful setting of trees.

Following the meal, the usual order of business was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Delbur Swanson and the American's Creed led by Mrs. David Gunn after which the President General's Message was read by Mrs. Jack Brasher, Sr. The minutes of the March meeting were read by Kathryn McRee followed by the treasurer's report by Mrs. Delbur Swanson. The National Defense Article was read by Mrs. Jack Brasher, Sr. Highlights from the State meeting were presented by Kathryn McRee.

Mrs. Willis Youens gave a most interesting talk of "The Conservation of Native Texas Trees". Members then enjoyed a walk through the beautiful setting of trees planted by the Willis Youens' family.

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Miss Penny Elaine Tate, Michael Henske Exchange Vows

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The First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake marked the setting for the beautiful double ring ceremony uniting Miss Penny Elaine Tate and Michael Fred Henske on Friday, April 16, 1976 at five o'clock in the afternoon.

As noted by the officiating ministers, the Rev. Charles Meyer of Grace Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake and the Rev. Olen Kennell of First Presbyterian, the day was a special day for love especially Christians, it being Good Friday. The couple also chose the date, April 16, in tribute to the bride's parents who had chosen that date when they were married.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tate and parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henske, all of Eagle Lake.

Organist for the wedding was Mrs. Monroe Ripper of Eagle Lake. She gave a lovely prelude rendition of contemporary and traditional music and also accompanied Miss Bonnie Henske, cousin of the groom, as she sang "We've Only Just Begun", "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Twelfth of Never".

The couple exchanged vows before an altar adorned with arrangements of yellow roses, white daisies and greenery. White ribbon bows marked family pews.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, was a portrait of loveliness in her white bridal gown of Chantilly lace, satin and organza. The high neckline dress featured a sheer bib-effect yoke and organza Bishop sleeves accented with flower lace appliques. From the empire, the satin was fashioned in an A-line skirt which swept into a circular train of chapel length. Chantilly lace formed a scalloped edging along the entire hemline.

Her silk illusion veil, fell softly to fingertip length and was enhanced with matching lace. Her bridal bouquet consisted of yellow roses, daisies and baby's breath tied with long white ribbons with love knots.

BRIDAL ATTENDANTS

Miss Denice Austin of Eagle Lake served as maid of honor for her close friend, Bridesmaids were Miss Sandy Tate, sister of the bride, of Wharton and Mrs. Jerry Henske, sister-in-law of the groom, of McAllen. The attendants were formal gowns of yellow knit fashioned with a lace bodice front and short puff sleeves trimmed with lace. A wide flounce trimmed with lace formed the hemline. Yellow picture hats and long stem yellow roses completed their dress.

Little Miss Melissa Perry, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She was gowned in a floor-length white dress similar to that of the bridesmaids'.

Serving his brother as best man was Jerry Henske of McAllen. Groomsmen were Mike Ware of Houston and Randy Grieves of Eagle Lake, close friends of the groom.

Ringbearer was Master Kevin Henske, nephew of the groom, of McAllen. Ushering wedding guests were Mark Henske, the groom's brother; Donnie Perry, cousin of the bride; Matt Buerger, cousin of the groom; and Larry Broesche, a friend.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Tate chose to wear a peach colored gown which fell into a pleated skirt of floor-length from the waistline. The mother of the groom, Mrs. Henske, was attired in mint green fashioned of jersey knit designed with a waistline and high neckline.

WEDDING DINNER

The beautifully decorated Eagle Lake Community Center was the setting for the reception following the ceremony. A table covered with white arquisette lace and holding the bride's book, the rice bags, and wedding parchment scrolls served as the guest registry.

Focal point of the hall was the lovely four-tiered bride's cake decorated with yellow sugarspun roses with a flowing water fountain highlighting it on the bride's table. Centering the table was an arrangement of yellow roses, white chrysanthemums and greenery flanked by candelabra. Also on the table was the silver punch service and silver compotes holding nuts and mints.

The groom's table was draped with yellow burlap and held the groom's chocolate cake with "Penny and Mike" inscribed in yellow. To the other side was the silver coffee service and centering the table were John Deere tractors and rice combines and a wrought iron stand holding miniature pot plants.

House party members were Janie Buerger and Trisha Hartnett of Brenham; Connie Gertson, Charlotte Broesche, Carolyn Bowen, Trudi Obenhaus and Linda Morton of Eagle Lake; Kathy Ware of Houston; Kathy Perry of Albait; Beverly Gertson of Wharton, and Renee Schneider of Garwood.

Guests were served a delicious barbecue dinner with the trimmings and later enjoyed dancing. Leading the grand march were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Breithaupt of Eagle Lake.

For travel, the bride chose a yellow knit pantsuit with a figured blouse. A yellow rose corsage completed her attire.

Following a short wedding trip, the newlyweds are at home at 515 Gonzales in Eagle Lake, where the groom is employed with Vernon Gertson in rice farming. The new Mrs. Henske is a member of the 1976 Rice High School graduating class and Mr. Henske is a 1969 graduate of Eagle Lake High School.

REHEARSAL LUNCH

The wedding party of Miss Tate and Mr. Henske were guests at a lunch in the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henske, following rehearsal Friday morning of the wedding. Coldcuts and the trimmings were served.

During the social the honored couple presented tokens of appreciation to their attendants.

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Those who would like special entrance to the exhibit may call Mrs. Truman McMahan, Ph. 732-5861 in Columbus.

STAFFORD OPERA HOUSE

The Stafford Bank and Opera House in Columbus, Texas, designated the Bicentennial Meeting House for Texas, scene of the patriotic drama "1776" opening today, Thursday, May 6th, for three performances. Drawing by artist Bethea Ward of building as restored by Magnolia Homes Tour, Inc. of Columbus.

"1776" Opens Stafford Opera House Today

The Stafford Opera House in Columbus, designated the Bicentennial Meeting House for Texas, will open its doors during this Bicentennial year for the first time in over 50 years today Thursday, May 6th with presentation of a musical drama "1776" with Governor and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe due to be among the celebraties on hand for the formal re-opening of the Opera House, Magnolia Homes Tour is sponsor of the activities.

The opening night performance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and there will be four other performances on May 7th, 8th, 15th and 16th at 8:30 p.m. Only 400 seats will be available for each performance and there will be no reserved seats so you are urged to get your tickets early to witness this outstanding prize winning musical. The Stafford Opera House Players under the direction of I. E. Clark of Schulenburg will perform the Star Spangled Production of the musical drama "1776."

Tickets to the event are available from the Magnolia Homes Tour, Inc., P. O. Box 817 Columbus, Texas, 78934 for $17.76 each for the opening performance May 6th; and $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for children under 18 for remaining performances. Tickets for club groups of 20 or more will be $4.50 each. Tickets are also available at Draper Anderson Insurance Agency in Columbus.

WORLD'S GREATEST QUESTION

IV. "SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? (Acts 16:30)

1. Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi. (Acts 16:23)
2. At midnight they prayed and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. (Acts 16:25)
3. And suddenly there was an earthquake and the prison doors were opened and everyone's bands were loosed. (Acts 16:26)
4. The jailer awoke, saw the prison doors opened, drew his sword and would have killed himself, supposing the prisoners had fled. (Acts 16:27)
5. "But Paul cried with a loud voice saying, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here." (Acts 16:28)
6. The jailer called for a light, sprang in, and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas and brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) The gospel had not yet been preached to the jailer.
7. "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31)
   a. One cannot do anything else until he believes.
   b. But faith comes by hearing the word of God. (Rom. 10:17)
8. "And they spake the word of the Lord unto him, and to all that were in his house." (Acts 16:32) This was necessary so he could believe.
9. "And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes." (This is the fruit of repentance.) and was baptized he and all his, straightway." (Acts 16:33)
10. The jailer heard the gospel (word of the Lord), believed it as he was commanded, repented of his sins, and was baptized for the remission of his sins.

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