

"1776" Birth Of A Nation Well Depicted In Stafford House

The production of the musical drama, "1776" by the Stafford Opera House Players under the auspices of the Magnolia Homes Tour, Inc., formally repeated the Stafford Opera House in Columbus in an impressive manner on Thursday night of last week. The Stafford Bank and Opera House Building has been designated as the Bicentennial Meeting House for Texas and the production of the prize-winning musical celebration of America's Bicentennial was worthy of that distinguished designation.

The cast of "1776" did a superb professional job in portraying the birth of a nation in the Continental Congress in the days prior to the Declaration of Independence.

It seemed almost difficult to comprehend that there could be so much wonderful musical and theatrical talent coming from a small home town level. Every character did an outstanding job and an appreciative gathering at the opening night performance and on the subsequent performances on Saturday and Sunday nights gave the cast

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Altar Society Begins Plans For June 27 Picnic

The Altar Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church met May 5th at Diner Hall with 18 members and Father Edwards present. Father Geiser opened the meeting with a prayer.

After the business meeting was held, plans were made for the church picnic which will be held June 27.

The hostesses, Mrs. Gené Jones and Mrs. Ed Matzke, served delicious refreshments. The door prize was won by Mrs. Mary Theuman. Father Geiser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Capping ceremonies and presentation of the Hygiene Oath for the Class of 1976 have been set for Friday, May 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Student Center at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

According to Dr. Anna Harrison, chairman of the Dental Hygiene Department, the 26-member class at WCJC includes Jeanette Leopold of Neda.

Others turning in sterling performances in the musical drama were: Don Minear, a member of the Schulenburg Little Theatre group, in the role of Richard Henry Lee and the Rev. Witherspoon; John Parks, a native of Columbus, in the role of John Dickinson; Harold Halolm, an attorney, as John Hancock; Clinton Vossick, owner of Voelkel's Pharmacy in the role of James Wilson; Sam Seymour III, hardware and lumber business, as Samuel Chase; Sammy Restivo, owner of a restaurant, as the courier; Tom Robichaux, master carpenter, as Caesar Rodney.

Also, Carl Gordy, distributor for Bush products, as Col. Thomas McKean; LeRoy Stein, a banker, as Roger Sherman; Henry Potter, owner of a western store, as the Congressional Secretary; Dick Barton, owner of a house of decor, as Dr. Lyman Hall; Bill Story, a glass company owner, as Dr. Josiah Bartlett; Douglas Glass, a native of Columbus, as Stephen Hopkins; Pierce Arthur, a certified public accountant, as Lewis Morris; Troy McQueen, with the Columbus National Guard armory, as George Read; Jimmy Simpson, with a Columbus department store, as Joseph Hewes; August Jones, Jr., with Southwestern Phone Co., as the Custodian; John Story, a construction estimator, as Robert Livingston.

Certainly adding beauty and talent to the performance were: "Sam" Echols, musical director for the Columbus Sesquicentennial pageant, as Abigail Adams; and Sandra Ohnheiser, a resident of Schulenburg, as Martha Jefferson.

Notable playwright and director of the production is L. E. Clark of Schulenburg; the musical director is Nan Newman, a teacher in the Schulenburg schools; and set designer is Jon Finckelbach, talented muralist.

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2 MORE PERFORMANCES

You will have two more opportunities to see this wonderful production. Tickets are still available for the 8:30 performances Sunday.

Four hundred seats, all unreserved, are available for the performance. Tickets may be obtained at the Draper Anderson Insurance Co. in Columbus for \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 18. Tickets for club groups of 20 or more may be obtained for \$4.50.

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Bill Reynolds' Welcome Son

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds of Eagle Lake announce the arrival of a son in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, Monday, May 3rd at 9:18 in the morning. The young man's name is Gardner Allen. At birth he weighed eight pounds and nine ounces.

Welcoming him into the family are a brother, Billy, Jr., age 14 months; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Seasholtz of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reynolds of Bridgeport. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Juul of Austin are the maternal great grandparents.

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Rice Students Get Scholarships

Scholarship winners at the Rice High School senior awards program last Friday included these Rice seniors: top left, J. to r., Phyllis Korenek received a scholarship from the Garwood Lions Club with vocational counselor Guy Beane, Jr., making the award; and Phyllis Korenek received a scholarship from the H. M. and Hettie Page Garwood foundation; top center, Linda Morton accepts a scholarship from counselor Bill Carpenter given by the NADA Council of the Knights of Columbus and she also received a H. M. and Hettie Page Garwood scholarship; top right is Clifford Hodde recipient of a scholarship from the Guy Stovall Foundation. In the bottom photo are the winners of scholarships from the Mexican American Youth Council of Eagle Lake. Mrs. Mary Helen Castillo, left, made the presentations to L. to r., Henry Cordova, Edward Munoz, Mercy Alvarado, Mariela Gutierrez, Linda Morales, Sylvia Perez, James Salinas, Ruth Ann Salinas and Mario Yanez.

Special academic awards. Six seniors received high academic achievement awards from the college including Phyllis Korenek, D'Ann Davison, Mary Jo Spaniel, Janice Kallina and Carmen Sullivan. Each received a scholarship of tuition to WCJC for being in the top five per cent of their class. Also he presented a valedictorian's scholarship award to Cindy Berger.

Mr. Carpenter announced other scholarship awards to the top seniors, including a University of Texas Presidential academic scholarship to a minority student to Mario Yanez; Bob Morgan, as the highest ranking boy received a scholarship to a church-related college; Phyllis Korenek, salutatorian, a similar award for the second highest girl in the class; and valedictorian Cindy Berger received a first year tuition to a state supported college and scholarships from East Texas State, Blinn Junior College and a scholarship to a church related college of her choice.

PRINCIPAL STRESSES CONSTRUCTIVE LIFE

Rice High School Principal Fred Grahmann spoke to the seniors noting that this will probably be the last time

for the group to be seated as a class in high school. He stressed the fact that education in the public schools is not a pattern for one's entire life. "I hope we have helped to firm up the foundation which was set by your parents, community and church," said the principal.

He cited five ways in which the seniors can accept a responsible role in their future lives. First, he urged them to accept responsibility, a significant part of your life; second, to keep a sense of cooperation; third, a sense of punctuality; fourth, a sense of self discipline; and fifth, a sense of competition. He said, "the ability to discipline one's self is a self motivation that helps one to make a success in whatever he may endeavor." He also noted that competition is "what life is really all about."

He urged the seniors to strive for a good life, but added that there will be mistakes. "If you make a mistake, admit it and move forward."

Mr. Grahmann urged the seniors to keep in mind a positive side of life and to strive to improve rather than to tear down. "Keep an open mind and see the good in others," he reminded the

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Theresa Burford In Marine Corps

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A 1971 graduate of Columbus High School, she joined the Marine Corps in April 1971.

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seniors. "A constructive approach will make this a better place in which to live."

In closing Mr. Grahmann urged the seniors to be humble, to exhibit the virtue of humility and to gain from their and from other's experiences.

He commended the class for its cooperation during the high school career and wished them much success in whatever endeavor they may seek in their future lives.

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