

Miss Karen Faith Stallman, Dr. Baxter Plan Sept. Nuptials

Miss Karen Faith Stallman, daughter of Dr. Baxter, is set to be married to Dr. Baxter in September.

Miss Teen Queen Pageant Was Whirlwind of Activity For Runner-Up Kathy Frazier

Miss Kathy Frazier, a Rice High School junior, recently returned from Ft. Collins, Colorado where she was a contestant in the Miss Teen Queen pageant.

Miss Toodle-oo and Her Helpers



Miss Toodle-oo, Fanny Fiville, Houston, artist, writer and actress, is shown on the picture set at the Wintermann home as she and her assistants (some of the children participating in the Library Story Hour) brought to life the fairy tale, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the final story hour program on Wednesday last week.

Gospelettes, KULM Choir To Sing Fri. Nite

The East St. Louis "Gospelettes" will be presented at the Church Memorial Temple Church of Christ, at 815 Bushman Street in Columbus this Friday night, August 12th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS CORNER

Entries Needed In 18-Hole EL Recreation Center Golf Tourney Aug. 27 or 28

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center's tournament committee has issued invitations to...

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The public is invited to attend, said the pastor, the Rev. Carl Evans. He is KULM's Spiritual D.J. every Sunday morning from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. and Sunday nights from 8 to 10 p.m.

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Miss Denise Krag of Tennessee was crowned Miss Teen Queen. Her crowning was presided by all of the contestants. In addition, Kathy was selected to do a special dance routine along with Miss Missouri and Miss Pennsylvania.

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News From Wintermann Library

Richard Landers is your ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Deli, where you get the finest food in town including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Deli for your free pizza not later than Aug. 16, 1977.

Miss Toodle-oo, Children Re-enact Snow White In Final Story Hour

The final story hour sponsored by the Eagle and David Wintermann Library was held on Wednesday, August 3 at the home of the Wintermanns. Miss Toodle-oo from Houston told a very engaging version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" using children from the audience as characters in the story.

The library recently was given the personal library of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dumas of Fayette, Texas. Mrs. Dumas was the former Georgia Belle Bryson. The collection of 600 books was donated by Mrs. Marshall Gruber of Corpus Christi.

Assessment Lowered: Another interested citizen at the meeting was Lawrence Hodde who testified that the assessment on his interest in all and gas property was valued in 1976 at \$2630 and it was raised this year to \$9100. He told the court, which had reviewed an assessment board and removed as a board of equalization, that his total investment in the well in 1976 was \$43,200 and in 1977 it was raised to \$150,900.00. The board voted unanimously to change Mr. Hodde's assessment to \$150,900.00 as it was in 1976, or \$2630.00.

County Judge Crank informed the court that he served as probate judge in the Schwette Estate case and said that the property had been cleared in district court and the decision upheld in Court of Civil Appeals and said that "it is reasonable in amount that there is clear title to the property." He asked that Abel and Baker both had been given executorship of the estate and that the property of clear title to the property had been purchased.

Commissioner Leyendecker acknowledged that the county needs to attract more of its young people back to the rural areas, and expressed the opinion that the road would help to serve in attracting residents to the area and since it would be of little expense to the county, he made the motion to accept the road petition and the motion carried unanimously. It was also suggested by Leyendecker that the road be given the name of the Katie Schwette Road and a number will be assigned in accordance with county policy.

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American Rice Farmer Perseveres Ups and Downs

It takes a lot to keep a good man down. And never were these words more true than in the case of the American rice farmer. He's taken a lot, he's still up and fighting and he's still on top.

No one knows better than the rice farmer that the history of his industry has been one of ups and downs. Comparatively small in the world agricultural picture, the American rice industry has had to take many hard blows just to keep alive and going against such things as competition from cheaply produced Asiatic rice. Many other problems have plagued the rice farmer of America through the years, not the least of which have been uncertainties about government programs and about world market conditions. Most of those factors have been beyond the control of the industry itself.

But to the American rice industry's credit, let it be said that they have taken upon themselves to do whatever was possible about those factors over which they had some form of control or influence.

The rice farmer, the drier operator, the miller, the processor and the people in other businesses associated with rice have all joined in an effort to develop markets, increase domestic consumption of rice, educate youth about the benefits of rice in the diet. The effort has paid off by raising domestic per capita consumption of rice from around 5 pounds in 1957 to almost 8 pounds in 1977. In addition, exports of American rice have increased markedly in years since the organization of the Rice Council.

It is just another example of American farmers and industry joining together to do something for themselves. We congratulate the American rice farmer at this harvest season. He is still the champ when it comes to recognizing a problem and doing something about it.

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World Rice Market Looks Promising

Beginning U.S. rice stocks were up 500% over 1975 to bring the 1976-77 supply of rice to an estimated record 134 million cwt. Resulting lower prices caused an overall reduction in planting in the spring of 1976 to 2.5 million acres, an 11% decline from 1975's record 2.8 million acres. However, the 1976 crop of 117 million cwt was only 9% below 1975, due to an average higher yield per acre harvested.

Average was down in each of the rice producing states in 1976. Arkansas experienced the largest cut at a 21% reduction in acres harvested. Louisiana was second in acreage with 568,000 acres harvested. Texas was third with 508,000 acres harvested and California fourth with approximately 420,000 acres harvested. Mississippi harvested 144,000 acres of rice making them fifth of the five major rice producing states. These five states produce more than 99% of the United States rice crop. Production of long grain increased in the South as southern producers shifted some medium acreage to long grain.

A slightly improved market, especially early in the 1977 harvest season, with a lot of dependence on the weather and production in Asia, were predicted for rice prices. The target price for rice producers attending the 1977 Field Day and Tour at the Texas A&M Research site on FM 102 northwest of the city recently.

Dr. Arthur Gerlow, Area Economist for the Texas A&M Extension Service, predicted a relatively "bright" rice market outlook for the 1977-78 crop year, but added that "although we're working our way out of the depressed market of the past several years, we're still not out of the woods."

He placed great emphasis on the importance of the weather conditions in Asiatic countries which have 90 percent of the world's total acreage planted to rice and produce over 90% of the total world rice production as compared to only 15 percent in the United States.

Average \$5 to \$8.25 Cwt. Gerlow concluded his discussion of the rice market situation by predicting that the rice carryover going into the 1977 season (exclusive of rice in government loan) will be near 1.8 million hundredweight (cwt), which he described as "normal pipeline level." Due to the fact that there will not be an excessive amount of rice in the carryover for export purposes, he predicted "the 1977 market will open strong; and if there is a good crop in Asia, export rice prices to break off; if there is a poor crop in Asia (depending on the weather) things may get better and we may enjoy some happy times. He forecasted the seasonal average for 1977-78 rice sales will run between \$8.00 to \$8.25 per hundredweight.

The target price, under the program now in effect on rice, is \$8.25 per cwt, but Gerlow added that this might go up to as high as \$8.40 per cwt. Producers received a del-

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