Rice FFA Calf, Swine Bring Record Prices At 8th Show

$3 Lb. Paid For Top Calf; $3.30 For Champion Hog

Sales records were shattered at the Rice Future Farmers of America's eighth annual Calf and Swine Show and Sale held at the Rice Show Barn last Saturday. Wet weather which prevailed during Friday cleared this area early Saturday morning and in spite of temperatures in the low forties, the sale was another outstanding success as [illegible] went on the auction line bringing a record average of $1.08 per pound while the forty-one hogs sold for an average of $1.74 per pound.

Gonzales Livestock Commission Co. was the high bidder on the resale animals, offering 44c per pound for the hogs and 42.5 cents per pound for the calves. The resale bidding was held just prior to the regular sale of the livestock so that buyers might have an idea what they might expect if they wanted to resell their purchases rather than to keep the livestock.

A capacity crowd filled the Rice FFA Show Barn and the bidding was spirited throughout most of the two-hour long sale.

Prior to the sale, a barbecue dinner was catered in the Rice High School Ag Shop by Mikeska's of Columbus with the Sheridan Lions assisting in staging the event.

The Eagle Lake Noon Lions were in charge of the trail ride from Eagle Lake to Rice high school from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Western art by the students of the schools in the Rice District for the Houston Livestock Show competition was on display during the day in the high school.

Proceeds Are a Record

When the final sales were tabulated, the FFA members had received a record total of $62,786.00 from the sale and additional $1155 in cash donations and Harold Thomas donated a hog back to the chapter and it was sold for $104.72 to boost the donations total to $1259.72 and total income from the show to $64,045.72.

The event was sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in the Rice School District, the Garwood Lions Club, Sheridan Lions Club, and the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club with the clubs donating toward the prize money and assisting in staging the various events of the show and sale.

The Garwood Lions handled the sale of the calves and hogs assisted by auctioneer Billy Bode of the El Campo Livestock Commision Co. and George Hagas of the Columbus Livestock Co.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce contributed trophies to the champions and reserve champions in each division and in showmanship. Travis Wegenhoft represented the chamber in presenting the trophies. The Sammy Tise family contributed ribbons to the winners and Mr. Tise and daughter Kathy were on hand to present them. San Bernard Electric Cooperative contributed $60 in prize money, $20 to each of three winners, in the showmanship competition.

Owners of the champions in the calf and hog division received checks for $25, the reserve champions in each division $20; and breed champions in each division received $10 each.

Jean Walker, president of the Sheridan Lions Club, Butch Martin, representing John Engstrom, president of the Garwood Lions Club; and Frank Higgins, representing Bob Waddell, president of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, assisted in presenting the checks to the winners.

Showmanship Winners

The livestock was judged Saturday morning by Dr. Harold Franke and Dr. T. D. Tenksley, both from Texas [illegible]

[illegible] showmanship were Columbus Vocational agriculture instructors Jeff Farris and Martin Williams of Columbus and Billy Ray Krenek of Garwood.

Winners in the showmanship competition were: James Zickuhr for the heifer division, Raymond Mahalitc in the steer division, and David Henderson in the hog division.

24 Win Places With Sale Stock

There were a total of twenty-four winners listed in the various divisions of the sale.

The grand champion calf, a 1145 pound Black Baldie, was shown by Calvin Mahalitc and the calf was sold for $3.00 per pound to Henderson Farms of El Campo represented by Bud Childers. Henderson Farms gave the calf back to Calvin for future projects. Top price paid for the grand champion calf last year was $2.20 per pound offered by Henderson Farms for a calf shown by Calvin's brother, Al Mahalitc.

The grand champion hog was a 245 pound Hampshire shown by James English and the champion sold for $3.30 per pound to Colorado County Farmers Supply Co., Inc. of Eagle Lake, represented by owner Richard Clipson. Jr. Henderson Farms purchased the grand champion hog last year for $2.50 per pound. It was shown by Dennis Henderson.

Reserve Champion

The reserve champion calf was a 1170 pound entry shown by Regena Brisco and it sold for $2.00 per pound to Garwood Implement and Supply Co., represented by Richard Green.

The reserve champion hog was a 220 pound entry shown by Teddy Ash and he received $2.35 per pound from Billy Jo Williams, owner of Rice Aero, Inc., of Eagle Lake.

Breed Champions

There were also three champion breed winners in the calf division. Peter Kallina had the champion Brahman cross and the 1210 pound animal sold for 90c per pound to Robert Schierring of Garwood. Cary Leopold had the champion Charolais Cross and the 940 pound calf sold for 85c per pound to the First State Bank of Columbus. Robert Abell had the champion Exotic calf and the 1110 pound calf sold for 85c per pound to Garwood Implement & Supply Co.'s Machinery Dept.

Mark Leopold had the champion Duroc breed hog and the 238 pound hog sold for $2.00 per pound to Rice Industries, Inc. of Eagle Lake; David Henderson had the reserve champion Duroc breed and the 210 pound hog sold for $1.75 per pound to R. L. and A. W. Kohleffel of Eagle Lake.

Hog Breed Winners

Other ribbon winners, in the order of sale were:

First place lightweight Cross breed hog, 193 pound entry of Herbert Cavazos, sold for $2.10 lb. to Thomas Farms of Eagle Lake and it was donated to the American Cancer Research Foundation and later resold for 80c pound for the benefit of this charity.

Troy Grounds had the first place middleweight Duroc breed hog, a 223 pound entry [illegible] County Federal Savings and Loan Association, Columbus; the second place Middleweight Cross hog was shown by Tommy Burns and the 220 pound hog sold for $1.70 lb. to Sheridan Lumber Co.; the second place lightweight Duroc hog was a 202 pound entry of Jeff Hurd and the hog sold for $1.90 lb. to El Campo Production Credit Association; Robby Cook had the second place heavyweight Cross hog and the 263 pound hog sold for $2.40 lb. to Donnie Wiese of Eagle Lake;

Also, Timmy Leopold had the second place middle-

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Reserve Champion Buyers

Garwood Implement & Supply Co., represented by Richard Green, left, purchased the Reserve Champion 1170 pound calf shown by Regena Briscofor $2.00 per pound at the Rice FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday.

(Bottom) Billy Jo Williams, owner of Rice Aero, Inc., of Eagle Lake, left, congratulates Teddy Ash for having the Reserve Champion hog in the show. Williams purchased the 220 pound reserve champion for $2.35 per pound.

4 Compete For Trail Ride Sweetheart

Miss Mary Ann Miller, one of four pretty entries competing for the honor of being named Trail Ride Sweetheart for the eighth annual Rice FFA Show and Sale, was named winner of that honor and she received a plaque from Rice FFA president Todd Landquist prior to the sale last Saturday.

Due to the cold weather, the number of entries this year was limited. Others competing for the honor were Misses Debbie Sanders, Janet Wied and Regena Brisco.

Alvin W. Kohleffel, Roy Dean Van Nort and Monroe Ripper, who were the trail bosses from the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, extended thanks to all of the riders who braved the cold weather and for the wonderful support of the officers of Colorado County, the Eagle Lake Fire Department, and others who helped in any way in making a success of the ride from Eagle Lake to Altair. The ride departed the Roadside Park west of Eagle Lake at 8 a.m. and arrived at the Rice High School shortly after 11 a.m. The trail bosses commended the public for their cooperation in making the ride a safe one by observing traffic regulations and safety precautions throughout the ride.

Special Thanks

Special thanks were extended to the Lee Miller's Texaco and Donnie Lillie's Exxon Station for use of the restroom facilities during a rest stop.

Breeding Show Winners Are Named

Rice High School Future Farmers of America held their second annual Breeding Show in conjunction with the annual Show and Sale held last Saturday.

Grand champion in the Dairy Female division of the show was shown by James Zickuhr and Robert Moss had the reserve champion dairy female.

The grand champion Beef Heifer was shown by Darrell Austin and Duane Austin had the reserve champion in that division.

In the hog division, Woody Jones' Duroc was judged the grand champion breeding female and Robby Cook's Cross won reserve champion honors.

Each of the winners received a ribbon rosette.

Rice FFA Has Winners In S.A. Show

Rice High School Future Farmers of America members had three winners in the junior division of the San Antonio Livestock Show last week and one member caught a calf in the rodeo calf scramble last Friday night.

Robby Cook's Chester White hog placed tenth and Tommy Burns' Duroc hog placed 14th. Entries by Mark Leopold and Woody Jones failed to place.

Darrell Austin also won a first place with his Limousin Heifer in the halter division. Denise and Duane Austin had Brahman heifers in the show but failed to place.

Rice FFA member David Knesek was the second to bring his calf across the line in the calf scramble last Friday night and he received a $50 certificate for the purchase of a project to be shown the next year in the San Antonio Show.

Ronel Roberts, FFA chapter advisor, accompanied the members to San Antonio and reported that the competition was "really tough" with over 1100 entries in the swine division for junior competitors.

He praised the local members who placed and also [illegible] outstanding work and cooperation.

Al Mahalitc Honored

Al Mahalitc, 1976-77 president of the Rice FFA chapter, was awarded a State Rural Youth Award for being one of the most outstanding rural youth in Texas during 1977. Al, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mahalitc of Eagle Lake, won first place in the Houston Livestock Show's Commercial Steer competition for two years in a row. He also had the grand champion calf in the 1977 Rice FFA Show.

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Rice FFA Winners Get Cash, Ribbons, Trophies

Owners of grand champion and reserve champion calves and hogs at the Rice FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday are shown receiving trophies, ribbons and checks. Shown in the top photo are, left to right, Jean Walker, president of the Sheridan Lions Club, presents a $25 check to Calvin Mahalitc who had the grand champion calf; Kathy Tise who assisted in presenting ribbon rosettes to the winners; and Travis Wegenhoft who represented the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce in presenting trophies to the top winners; and Sammy Tise whose family provided rosettes and ribbons for the winners.

Second from top, left to right, Butch Martin, represented the Garwood Lions Club, in presenting a $25 check to James English, center, who had the grand champion hog; between Martin and English is Tise; to English's right are Miss Tise and Wegenhoft.

Third from top, l. to r., Frank Higgins who represented the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club in presenting a $25 check to Regena Brisco who had the reserve grand champion calf; Tise, Miss Tise; and Wegenhoft.

Bottom photo, l. to r., Walker presents a $25 check to Teddy Ash, center, who had the reserve champion hog; between the two is Tise; and to Ash's right are Miss Tise and Wegenhoft.

UNITED BUYERS

A group of supporters of the Rice FFA Show and Sale known as the United Buyers purchased three head of livestock at the eighth annual sale last Saturday. The United Buyers have annually purchased livestock including calves and hogs.

The group includes: Messrs. and Mesdames Fred Grahmann, Monroe Ripper, Lawrence Boenisch, Ed Krivacka, Guy Beane, Jr., Truman Engstrom, Harry Engstrom, John Engstrom, M. M. Jones, Charles W. DeShazo, Tony Schneider, Mesh Hoffman, Jr., Ed Lee Schneider, Howard Lobpries, Bill Carpenter, Jim Clipson Jr., Alton Smith, Kenneth Baumgarten, J. H. Clipson, Frank Popp, Jr., Herbert Engstrom, Albert Bittner, Billy Hefner, and Ronel M. Roberts; also Joe Wendel and Gregory Lobpries.

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weight Duroc hog and the 219 pound hog sold for $1.80 to Columbus State Bank; Robert Barrios had the third place middleweight Cross hog with a 217 pound entry that sold for $1.60 lb. to Tide Products of Eagle Lake; Phillip Williams had the third place lightweight Duroc hog and the 198 pound entry sold for $1.60 lb. to Clipson Catfish Farms of Eagle Lake; Joe Vasquez had the third place heavyweight Cross hog and the 244 pound hog sold for $1.50 to Eagle Lake Implement Co.; Michael Black had the third place middleweight Duroc hog and the 225 pound hog sold for $1.35 lb. to Eagle Lake Implement Co.

Calf Breed Winners

Allen Kohleffel had the second place Brahman cross and the 1045 pound calf sold for $1.20 lb. to D. R. Wiesman of Eagle Lake; John Schneider had the second place Charolais Cross and the 955 pound calf sold for 95c lb. to Garwood Rice Dryer; Donny Dierschke had the second place Angus cross and the 1070 pound calf sold for 85c lb. to Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake; Duane Austin had the second place Exotic calf and the 975 pound animal sold for 95c lb. to Zatopek Feed & Supply of Columbus; Ben Anderson showed the second place Hereford calf and the 1090 pound calf sold for $1.20 pound to Prairie Rice, Inc. of Eagle Lake.

Thanks Extended For Assistance

John Engstrom, president of the Garwood Lions Club, presided at the opening of the eighth annual Rice FFA Show and Sale Saturday. He asked the group to join in a moment of silent prayer to four individuals who are now deceased but contributed so much to the organization, namely, George Roesner of Houston, Carl Smith of Garwood, Louis J. Rosprim and Dick Obenhaus of Eagle Lake.

He also noted that the annual show and sale could not be carried on without the assistance of so many and paid special tribute to the three chapter advisors, Troy Krenek, Ronel Roberts and Willie Fitzgerald, for their devoted and capable work in behalf of the FFA.

Chapter Advisor Krenek told the group of the success of the local youth at the San Antonio Show and Sale as disussed in another article; and announced names of scores of contributors to the chapter fund and to the show barn fund.

Rice FFA President Todd Landquist expressed thanks in behalf of the chapter to the Lions Club members in Eagle Lake, Sheridan and Garwood; to San Bernard Electric Coop for its contribution; to the school administration and faculty; to the school board; the chapter advisors; Commissioners Bill Stiles and Otto Loessin; to Mrs. Bertha Rees for making the buyer ribbons; to the custodians of the school for their help; and to the Eagle Lake Chamber for Commerce for trophies; to the Sammy Tise family for ribbon rosettes; to the judges and to those assisting in the sale; Bill Bode of El Campo and George Hagas of Columbus; "and to many others who have contributed in one way or another in making this event possible."

Donations Received

The Rice Future Farmers of America Chapter received a total of $1,155.00 in cash donations to the chapter and to the Rice FFA Show Barn. In addition to these cash contributions, the chapter received two tons of fertilizer for use in its hay program from Farmers Co-op Association in Garwood; and acknowledged the fact that Lake Motors, Inc. of Eagle Lake provides three pickups for use of the chapter in care of their projects.

Cash donors to the FFA included:

J. P. Krenek $25, Mrs. Joe Krenek $25, Delmar Krenek $25, Laddie Krenek $25, Lavo Brisco Family $100, Columbus Livestock Commission $100, A. C. Banks Community Civics Club $25, Harry Brisco, Sr. $150, Potter's Western Store $25, Heffley Feed Mill $10;

Also, Joseph Wilkerson $25, Jack Axel and J. T. Ward $60, Bernard Kristynik $10, Mrs. Carolyn Rosprim $25, Ricky Chism $50, Dennis Wilkerson $25, Mrs. Lawrence Berger $50, Gary Tise $20, Kenneth R. Gene Abel $100, S&W Parts $200, Gold-Construction Co., $50, Howard Wilkerson $20.

A hog purchased by Harold Thomas Farms was donated to the FFA Show Barn fund and was sold for $104.72 to boost total cash donations to $1259.72.

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Individual Sales In Rice FFA Show Listed

$5 Lb. Was Top Price Paid In Show

Other sales in the eighth annual Rice FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday at the Rice Show Barn, in the order of their sale, but excluding the place winners, included the following:

The top bid of the day was $5 per pound offered for a 785 pound calf shown by Tommy Ralusek. The calf was purchased by Brothers Well Service, after some unusually spirited bidding. The firm announced after the purchase that it was donating the calf back to Tommy.

Darrell Austin, 1060 pound calf, 90c lb. to Bobby Jo Marsalis of Eagle Lake; Daryl Axel, 211 pound hog, [illegible] Altair; Russell Wick, 735 lb. calf $1.05 lb., Dexter Anderson of Eagle Lake; Andrew Lahav, 200 lb. hog, $1.70 lb., Nada Grocery and Texaco Sta.; Madison Smith, 735 lb. calf, $1.05 lb., Kallina Dryer; Robert Morgan, 247 lb. hog, $1.30 Brisco Brothers, Sheridan;. Larry Eggemeyer, 905 lb. calf, 95c to Garwood Irrigation Co.; Arthur Rhodes, 220 lb. hog, $1.70 to Thomas Clinic of Eagle Lake; Paul Vasut, 955 lb. calf, 85c lb. to L-7 Ranch, Garwood; Billy Tillman, 214 lb. hog, $1.30 lb. Zatopek Feed & Supply, Columbus; David Knesek, 925 lb. calf, 95c lb. to Ricky Miller of Garwood; Larry Supak, 220 lb. hog, $1.40 lb. to Emil Vasut;

Danny Ishee, 840 lb. calf, 90c lb. Vernon Gertson; Jimmy Hotz, 233 lb. hog, $1.60 lb. Clyde's Food Market of Eagle Lake; James Zickuhr, 985 lb. calf, 90c lb. Coastal Contracting, Eagle Lake; Gary McTear, 221 lb. hog, $1.50 lb. A. F. Wiese of Eagle Lake; Joe Cardenas, 910 lb. calf, 90c lb. Prairie Rice, Inc. of Eagle Lake; Hector Cavazos, 238 lb. hog, $1.60 lb., Harold Thomas Farms and donated to the FFA Show Barn Fund; Bryce Sanders, 950 lb. calf, $1.20 lb. Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Inc.; Patrick Hurd, 234 lb. hog, $1.70 lb. Boettcher-Hlavinka Co.; Eric Bernard; Pat Pavlu, 825 lb. calf, 85c lb. American Rice Growers Assn., Garwood; James Davidson, 229 lb. hog, $1.40 lb. Heritage House in Eagle Lake; Bret Ellis, 795 lb. calf, $1.50 lb. Eagle Market of Eagle Lake; Woody Jones, 234 lb. hog, $2.10 lb., Lundy Vacuum Service of El Campo; Abel Gonzales, 1095 lb. calf, $1.40 lb. Green Grow, Inc. Landscaping of Houston (donated back to Gonzales); Keith Matcheski, 243 lb. hog, $1.80 lb. Ralph Thomas of Eagle Lake;

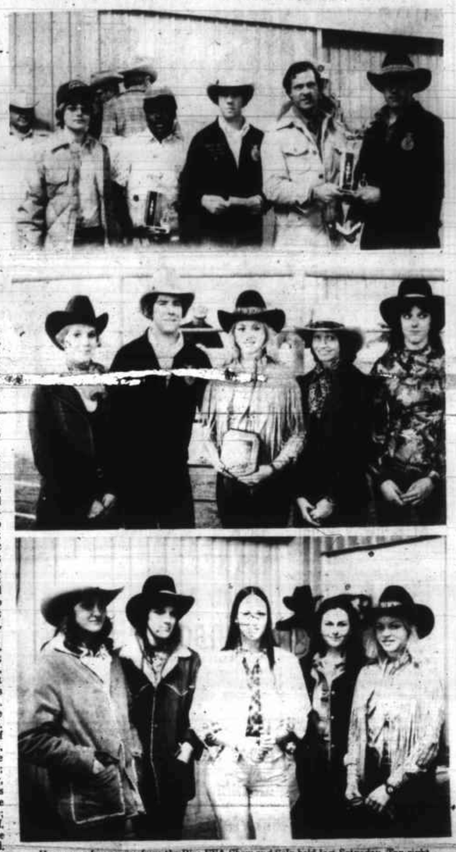
Also, Danny Munos, 855 lb. calf, 80c lb. Arthur Mahalitc & Sons, Inc., Eagle Lake; Johnny Gonzales, 227 lb. hog, $1.80 lb. First National Bank of Eagle Lake; Raymond Mahalitc, 1030 lb. calf, $1.15 lb. Dexter Anderson; Jeff Hunter, 222 lb. hog, $1.70 lb. CPL, Eagle Lake; John Waligura, 825 lb. calf, 75c lb. Eagle Lake Headlight; Earnest Fields, 239 lb. hog, $1.50 United Buyers; Thomas Kallina, 1080 lb. calf, $1.05 lb. Jones Engineering, Garwood; Frankie Becak, 259 lb. hog, $1.30 lb. Jerry Zatopek of Columbus; Debra McCauley, 885 lb. calf, 85c lb. Eagle Tractor, Inc., of Eagle Lake; Lester Pettus, 240 lb. hog, $1.20 lb. Eagle Lake Headlight; Mike Rios, 905 lb. calf, 80c lb. American Rice Growers Assn., Eagle Lake; Wayne Bowen, 220 lb. hog, $1.90 lb. Ralph Gertson of Eagle Lake; Nicky Dierschke, 1050 lb. calf, $1.00 lb., Boettcher-Hlavinka Co.;

David Rosas, 950 lb. calf, 75c lb. K. R. Abell Trucking, Eagle Lake; Bruno Shimek, 223 lb. hog, $1.60 Nada Gin Co.; Bobby Marsalis, 244 lb. hog, $2.30 lb. Prairie Rice, Inc.; Andy Morales, 900 lb. calf, 70c lb. to Ralph Gertson and upped to 75c by R. L. Kohleffel; Adam Cavazos, 234 lb. hog, $1.90 lb. Thomas Dryer, Eagle Lake; Larry Falcon, 230 lb. hog, $1.40 lb. Eagle Lake Dairy Delite; Scott Holden, 900 lb. calf, 80c lb. Texas West Indies Co., Campo; Manuel Vasquez, 235 lb. hog, $1.60 lb. Ricky Miller; Mike Walker, 775 lb. calf, 85c First National Bank of Eagle Lake; Joe Waligura, 255 lb. hog, $1.40 lb. Texas West Indies; Mike Gertson, 550 lb. calf, 90c lb. Broesche Catering of Eagle Lake;

Also, William Senora, 242 lb. hog, $2.10 lb. Eagle Tractor, Inc. and Gifford - Hill; Brian Korenek, 660 lb. calf, 80c lb. Lake Lumber Co., of Eagle Lake; Victor Brewer, 299 lb. hog, $2.30 lb. K. R. Abell; Joe Yoen, 725 lb. calf, 65c lb. United Buyers; Sharron Schneider, 810 lb. calf, 90c lb. Coastal Flying Service of El Campo; Jeff Pennell, 925 lb. calf, $1.00 lb. Lakeside Irrigation Co., of Eagle Lake; Dale Popp, 630 lb. calf, 90c lb. Thomas Clinic; Joe Pribbenow, 715 lb. calf, 80c lb. Kenneth Mahalitc; James Bunn, 785 lb. calf, $1.10 lb. Ben Woodruff and donated back to Bunn; Paul Waligura, 640 lb. calf, 70c lb. United Buyers; Todd Landquist, 935 lb. calf, 85c lb. Muegge Real Estate, Wharton; Fred Young, 850 lb. calf, 80c lb. Eagle Market; Bill Abel, 685 lb. calf, 82c, First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

The bid on Joe Yoen's calf was raised from 65c to 75c by Kallina Dryer and from 75c to 80c by the United Buyers.

Scenes From The Rice FFA Show & Sale



Here are a few scenes from the Rice FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday. Top right, l. to r., are the showmanship winners, James Zickuhr for best showmanship with his heifer; David Henderson, best showmanship in the hog division; Todd Landquist, FFA president who assisted in presenting $20 checks from San Bernard Electric Cooperative to the winners; Travis Wegenhoft, who represented the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce in presenting tropies to the showmanship winners; and Raymond Mahalitc, for best showmanship in the steer division.

Middle photo shows the FFA Trail Rice Sweetheart contestants, l. to r., Debbie Sanders; Rice FFA President Todd Landquist; winner of the Trail Ride Sweetheart honor Mary Ann Miller; Janet Wied and Regena Brisco.

Bottom, these young ladies assisted in pinning "buyer ribbons" on the 1978 Rice FFA Show and Sale buyers, l. to r., Tammy Walker, 1977 FFA Trail Ride Sweetheart; Regena Brisco; Susan Kell, Rice FFA Chapter Sweetheart; Debbie McCauley; 1978 Trail Ride Sweetheart Mary Ann Miller. Janet Wied, also assisted but is not shown.

Feb. 18-25 Nat'l FFA Week

Members of the Rice High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America join with over 500,000 other FFA members in the United States in celebrating National FFA Week which starts Saturday, Feb. 18th and continues through Saturday, Feb. 25th. This is also the beginning of the 50th Anniversary for FFA.

Throughout the week the state's 901 chapters are planning activities to support the theme, FFA at 50 "A Golden Past - a Brighter Future".

The traditions of FFA have held strong and produced a mighty work force for food and fiber to meet the needs of the nation and the world. Successful agriculture leaders of today are the testimony. The 50-year success story is the story of Learning by Doing.

National FFA Week always includes George Washington's birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices. Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA treasurer.

Organized in 1928, the FFA promotes leadership, cooperation and citizenship among the high school vocational agriculture students. The FFA Foundation awards program provides chapter, state, and national recognition for supervised programs of agricultural production, marketing, processing and services.

Citizens of the area join in extending congratulations to the FFA on its 50th birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FFA

Appels "Snowed In" at State CTA Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Appels were in Fort Worth February 16-18 where Mrs. Appels attended the Texas Classroom Teachers Association meeting. She serves as [illegible] Livestock Show and Exposition next week.

The Rice FFA under the guidance of the current chapter advisors, Troy Krenek, Willie Fitzgerald and Ronel Roberts, have an outstanding program recognized over the state. For the past two years in a row, the Rice FFA swept all three first places in the Houston Livestock Commercial Steer show and the members are expected to make another good showing this year.

The work of the FFA through its individual members, chapter advisors and friends, continues to promote farming and leadership practices for the benefit of the community, state and nation and citizens of this area are proud and happy to salute the FFA on their 50th birthday.