

Rice FFA Members Prep For Local and Houston Shows

To Show 29 Hogs, 54 Steers in Houston, 31 Steers, 46 Hogs at Rice

Rice High School Future Farmers of America are making plans for participation in the Rice FFA Show and Sale on Feb. 17th; and the Houston Livestock Show the week of Feb. 25-Mar. 3.

Rice FFA members will have 29 hog entries in the Houston Livestock Show as follows:

Spotted Poland China 6: Pat Hurd, Jimmy Hots, Robby Cook, Woody Jones, Tracy Gertson, Robert Morgan; Hampshire (2): Woody Jones and James Zickuhr;

Duroc (7): David Henderson, Dale Popp, Ronny Cook, Donny Dierbeck, Mark Leopold, Larry Smidovoc, and Dennis Bluntson;

Yorkshire (2): Theresa Beck and Frankie Beck;

Crossbred (9): Fred Young, Timmy Leopold, Jay Bunge, Arthur Rhodes, James Rhodes, Roy Berry, Andy Morales, Duane Austin, and Daryl Axel;

Chester White (3): Paul Waligura, Robby Cook and Mike Black.

Houston Steer Entries Rice FFA chapter has the following entries in the Houston Livestock Show Commercial, Halter and Dairy divisions:

Commercial steers (42): Raymond Mahalic, 8, Steven Mahalic, 8, Ricky Miller, 8, Thomas Kallina, 3, Ben Anderson, 3, Russell Wick, 3, Kevin Brisco, 3, Glen Hefner, 3 and Mary Ann Miller, 3;

Halter steers (10): Allen Kohleffel, Paul Vasut, Danny Ishee, Bill Abel, Ava Kallina, and Peter Kallina; Brahman Crosses:

Mary Ann Miller, Ricky Miller, Herefords: Glen Hefner, Brangus:

and Bill Hefner, Brahman Crosses; Dairy Heifers (2): John Schneider and Robert Moss, Guernseys;

Scramble Entries On February 26th at 6 p.m. Pat Labay of Rice FFA will be in the dairy scramble at the Houston Show & Rodeo. If he catches a calf, he will receive \$275 to purchase a dairy heifer to show at the 1980 Show.

Kenneth Bluntson of Rice will be in the calf scramble at San Antonio on Feb. 16th at 6 p.m. If successful, he will receive a \$130 certificate to purchase an animal for the following year's show.

Local Calf Entries Students will be exhibiting 31 steers in the Rice FFA Show and Sale at Rice High School on Sat., Feb. 17th. They include:

Herefords: Fred and John Young, Scott Holders, Ricky Miller, John Schneider, Pat Pavlu, Phyllis Peacock, Danny McCord, Ben Anderson, James Zickuhr, Madison Smith and Carl Wegenhoff;

English Breeds: Raymond Mahalic, Danny Ishee, Lynette Carley, Cooper, David Knesek, Thomas Kallina, Joe Cardenas, and Donny Dierbeck;

Brahman Crosses: Jimmy Moss, Jeff Pessell, Bret Ellis, Bill Abel, Allen Kohleffel, Paul Vasut, Peter Kallina, Dale Popp, Brian Korenek, and Jimmy Galvan.

Rice FFA Hog Entries Also Rice FFA students will be exhibiting 46 hogs in the Feb. 17th show, including the following:

Robert Morgan, Troy Gordon, Willie Banks, Keith Matcheski, Bruce Montgomery, Michael Beck, Hector Cavazos, Terry Cotton, Carl Ramirez, Colvin Foster, Kenneth Hemphill, Danny Morales, and Andy Morales;

Also, Clarence Benson, Jimmy Hots, Wayne Bowen, Gerald Flowers, Greg Leopold, Mateo Navarro, Virgil Crysel, James Engman, Frankie Beck, Sandra Henderson, David Shimek, David Addicks, Woody Jones, Arthur Rhodes, and Bruno Shimek;

Also, Paul Waligura, David Henderson, James Garner, John Korenek, Robert Turner, Wesley Gaddy, Lonnie Bluntson, Patrick Labay, Daryl Axel, Patrick Hurd, James Rhodes, Mark Leopold, Joe Waligura, Robby Cook, Allen Shimek, Theresa Beck, Kenneth Bluntson and Curtis Jones.

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"OVER MY SHOULDER"

(By Rodney R. Kruse, Port City Stockyards Co., Sealy and Breakers)

January's post holiday cattle market zoomed up while adverse weather conditions during the month limited South, Central and East Texas market receipts.

Overall condition of cattle was fair for the month considering January's prolonged record cold temperatures. However, condition could change for the worse if livestock are continually subjected to shivering cold rains.

A small supply and a lot of demand resulted in slaughter cow and bull prices shooting \$3 to \$4 higher in January's early weeks. Then at mid-month cow prices were adjusted, but packer cows left the month in a strong position. All-time record high prices were set for packer cows and bulls as big "cow" cows, some to \$58.

Good slaughter bulls climbed to a \$63 peak. January's tightening cow supply totaled 11 to 13 percent of the month's total market receipts.

Early in the month stocker-feeder calves rocketed \$3 to \$5 higher and maintained their aggressiveness as the month progressed. Good South, Central and East Texas light-weight steer calves, weighing around 225 pounds consistently brought over a dollar per pound. Steer calves were \$84 to \$90, choice calves up to a dollar. Light-weight heifers were \$82 to \$89, many to \$92 with heifer calves \$75 to \$80.

January's hog market started the month higher as compared to December's closing figures. During January hogs never seemed to lose much of their steam which they acquired as the new year began.

The U.S. hog supply is expanding according to the hog inventory released in January. Some see hog prices during the second half of 1979 under downward pressure. However, killing, cold temperatures can take their toll in farrowings which could reduce the anticipated build-up in hog numbers.

January's aggressive and bold cattle market was a surprise to some but welcomed by many. It seems that prices can not go straight up forever; some adjustments will probably be interwoven into February's market.

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Jane Alice Cranek Presented At Confederate Ball Jan. 20



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The 12th annual Confederate Ball, commemorating Robert E. Lee's birthday, was held at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston on Saturday, the twentieth of January. The ball was sponsored by the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, No. 67, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and the Houston chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to benefit the Jefferson Davis Foundation at Rice University and the Confederate Library at Houston Baptist University.

A procession of antique carriages driven by Stewart Morris and George Roberts brought dignitaries and honorees to the ball from a reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briscoe.

Each debutante received a nosegay of white gladioli and a gold engraved charm, a memento of the ball.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of six "young ladies of Southern lineage" who included Miss Jane Alice Cranek of Columbus.

Miss Jane Alice Cranek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Cranek, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cranek of Garwood and Mrs. R. E. Tait, another debutante, selected to be presented by her father, an Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, SCV member escorting her for formal presentation at the ball, making her bow to society.

Miss Cranek's gown was a white antebellum creation of peau de soie. An off shoulder ruffle of French silk lace enhanced the bodice. A full pleated skirt floated to a drape effect trimmed with lace and from lavish fullness swept the flounce of silk.

Jane is a senior class member at Bishop Forest High School in Schulenburg. Her activities include Ranger Band vice-president and twirler, co-editor and advertising manager of the school annual. Her historical interests are charter membership in the Col. Charles W. Tait Chapter No. 669, Children of the Confederacy, immediate past president of the Tait Chapter and the Texas Division Children of the Confederacy.

She was the recipient of the Most Outstanding Girl of the Texas Division, Children of the Confederacy in 1976, receiving the Jefferson Davis Medal. Currently she is serving as Tait

County Retired Teachers Assn. Hosts Sweeney "Kitchen Band" Monday

The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers will meet Monday, Feb. 5 at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake at 2:30 p.m.

The program presented by the AARP Sweeney Chapter Kitchen Band will precede the business meeting. All AARP members of Colorado County are invited to this performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford T. Wiese spent January 7th through 19th in Inverness and Gainesville, Florida. They went especially to be with the of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Brown, while Mr. Brown underwent hospital surgery. Friends are pleased to learn he was able to return home on the 19th and wish him continued improvement. They report having a nice trip, only on one day did the temperature drop to freezing degrees.

Study Club To Have Program On Metrics Feb. 14

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 2:00 o'clock in the Library.

An interesting program will be presented by Charlyne Spaniel and her seventh grade mathematics class. The program is entitled "Merry Metrics".

All members are invited and urged to attend this meeting.

Comments Asked On '79 Peanut Program

Public comment, especially from farmers and others in the peanut industry, is invited regarding price support levels and other provisions of the 1979 crop peanut program by Feb. 5th.

Recommendations are being sought for a number of items in the program including the national support level for quota peanuts, national support level for additional peanuts, and the sales policy for additional peanuts acquired by the government under the 1979 program and sold for export edible use.

Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, encourages producers and producer groups to take advantage of this opportunity to recommend changes in the 1979 peanut program. Send comments to Ray Fitzgerald, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Miss Cranek's escort was Marc Simpkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpkins, III of Gulfport, Mississippi.

The six Confederate descendants of Miss Cranek were Col. Charles W. Tait of the 4th Texas Cavalry, Pvt. Frank Auerbach of 17 Texas Infantry, Major Felix Tait of the 23rd Alabama Infantry regiment, Captain Robert Tait, 13th Alabama Infantry regiment, Pvt. Charles Obenhaus of the 13th Texas Infantry, and 2nd-Serg. Bernard Geistmann, 22nd Brigade, Texas State troops.

Among courtesies extended Jane were a luncheon given by her grandmother, Mrs. R. E. Tait, January 6 at the Tait Town House; a

luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Cook at the Holiday Inn, Jr. in Columbus; and a buffet supper in the Wiley N. Anderson, Jr. home preceding the ball in Houston.

with the Closing Ritual. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

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WCJC Band, Starlettes In Inaugural Parade



Thousands of Texans watched the Wharton County Junior College Pioneer Band and Starlettes Drill Squad, shown above, march up Congress Avenue in Austin recently at the traditional Inaugural Parade for Governor William P. Clements, Jr. and Lieutenant Governor William P. Hobby. The band then joined fourteen other college participating in an historic grand finale mass performance of the State Song "Texas Our Texas" played on the Capitol grounds.

Members of Xi Pi Psi sorority met January 23rd in the home of Rita Sunderman.

President Rita called the meeting to order. After the Opening Ritual, committee reports were given.

Plans were finalized for the Western Dance February 10th.

A thank you note was read from Alpha Delta Phi thanking Xi Pi Psi members for hosting a Crazy T-Shirt party at Curie K.

Phyllis Thomas and Ernie Sommerlatte presented the program "Technology and You". They told some of the changes being made in agriculture and some of John Deere's new products with emphasis on ways of getting the maximum efficiency from farming equipment.

The film posed the energy question, "After the Last Drop? Then What?" as it referred to the growing shortage of energy in this country and some methods being developed to counter this shortage. Demonstrated in the film were experi-

ments being carried out in the use of farm gasifiers using residue, such as corn cobs, corn stalks, etc. for production of energy. It was noted however, that up to this date, costs of such energy production is too high for practicality but does leave the possibility of energy sources, if and when that last drop of regular fuel sources dries up.

Exports Important The film stressed the importance of agricultural exports noting that 28 percent of all crops produced in the United States go into exports. This amounts to total production on 96 million acres. Ag exports rose from \$7 billion in 1970 to \$27 billion in 1978.

Other features of the film discussed work being done by the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service by using check-off funds from farmers with federal funds for market development; anti-farming; and the importance of tractor safety.

New John Deere equipment was described as the green line with "heavy duty power and easy-duty comfort."

Durham commented, after showing the film, that the John Deere Company and Eagle Lake Implement Co. appreciate patronage and other consideration shown to the companies during the past year and pledged a continuation of good service and outstanding products in the future.

Mr. Stephens announced during the evening that his firm has awarded a contract for construction of new facilities on Highway 90A just east of the city and work is expected to begin on the new home for Eagle Lake Implement Co. soon.

He also introduced special guests including members of the city council, city manager T. J. Smith, Vocational Ag teacher Troy Krenk and a number of FFA members, and others.

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Republic of China Visit To Be Discussed at Rice Council Meet

Results and reactions of the U.S. agricultural delegation who recently traveled to the People's Republic of China will be discussed by one of the participants at the Texas Rice Council's annual membership meeting in Houston on Thursday.

David M. Schoonover, Director of Centrally Planned Economies Division of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the USDA in Washington, joined the Secretary of Agriculture and other USDA officials on a trip to mainland China.

Schoonover will review some of the team's findings and present impressions of the country and its people. He will also discuss the opportunities for trade and the competitive outlook, since the PRC is the largest producer of rice in the world. The Foreign Agriculture Service and the Rice Council work together closely in the Council's foreign market development programs in Europe, the Middle-East and Africa.

In addition to the China report, the Rice Council staff will present reports on the progress of promotional activities

and programs both nationally and internationally. The Texas Rice Council is the state association of the Rice Council of America and joins other state associations in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi in promoting rice.

The annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 8th at 9:45 a.m. in the Emerald Room of the Shamrock

Hilton Hotel in Houston. Texas Rice Council President George Duncan urges all rice farmers, their wives and all rice industry people to attend.

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Rotarians See New DU Film

Members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and guests enjoyed viewing the latest Ducks Unlimited film at their regular meeting on Wednesday of last week. The outstanding film was produced under the direction of Dick Borden, and was sponsored by Coors Brewing Company.

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Photo Special At Bill's Dollar This Wed., Thurs.

Bill's Dollar Store in Eagle Lake will have a photographer on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Wed., and Thurs., Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 to take photos for a portrait special.

Supl. Ben Cobb's Contract Extended

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