

Jury Awards Plaintiffs \$107,500 In District Court Trial Last Week

A jury hearing the civil suit styled *Richard Heffley and Kevin Heffley vs. Horton and Horton Inc.* in District Court in Columbus last week returned a verdict at around 5 p.m. last Wednesday awarding the plaintiffs \$107,500 in damages.

Civil Suit Filed In District Court

A civil suit was filed in District Court at Columbus May 15th by Schmidt-Rochter Services, Inc. of Katy against Everett Anderson, individually and doing business as Anderson Rice Association of Eagle Lake, seeking to collect a verified account.

In another suit filed Monday, May 19, Kenneth R. Elliott, Fay B. Elliott and Glen G. Hoegemeyer seek right of easement to property which is owned by Robert Allen Brune, Sr., Robert Allen Brune, Jr., Terry Ann Brune Miller, Kenneth Earl Brune, and...

Couple From England Renews Acquaintances Here

Mr. and Mrs. John Lane of Cheddar, England were overnight visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Thornton Monday of this week.

The Lanes were included in a Rotary Exchange group which visited in this Rotary District in 1976 when several families stayed in homes of local Rotarians although the Lanes visited in Houston during their first visit to Texas.

They arrived in Texas on this trip last Saturday and will leave Thursday for the Rotary District Governors' conference in Boca Raton, Florida. He is District Governor-elect of District 120 in Southwest England.

While in England in September of last year, the Thorntons visited with John and Betty Lane, among other friends there.

Green Grape or Berry Pie
Pick wild green grapes the size of English Peas. Dewberries may be substituted.

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The plaintiffs allege that a road easement was used across the western edge of property of the defendants from 1955 to 1978 without opposition and contend further that Hoegemeyer retained such easement when the property was partitioned and ask the court to rule that the right of way easement exists in order to get to their property.

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Malicious Mischief Reported On 3013

daylight since switches were still on and the battery still had a good charge when the incident was discovered at around 8:15 Sunday morning.

Windows and instruments in another tractor owned by Wiese, an International 808, were heavily damaged. He estimated damage at \$300 to \$400.

Investigation of the incidents of malicious mischief continues by the sheriff's department.

Considerable malicious mischief was reported Sunday to two tractors and construction equipment on Farm to Market Road 3013 where new pavement ends and a construction area starts, just east of Matthews.

Deputy Sheriff Jerry O'Connor and Constable Lawrence Berger were notified Sunday morning that a tractor owned by Eddie Wiese had been driven into a canal and another had the instrument panel heavily damaged.

Wiese's Massey-Ferguson two-wheel drive tractor, parked near FM 3013, was started and apparently the driver jumped off as the tractor went into an irrigation canal with about three feet of water. Wiese said that fortunately there was not that much damage except for a broked window and broken headlights. He estimated the mischief occurred around

There were over 1 billion acres of land in the U.S. farms but only 379 million acres were actually listed as cropland at the beginning of 1979, according to Sperry New Holland.

County Agent's NOTEBOOK

Cage Tomatoes For More Yield

Instead of staking and pruning tomatoes this year, use wire cages to support the plants. Caging offers the home vegetable gardener in Colorado County several advantages, including less sunburn and higher yields with less work. Ground rot and fruit cracking are also reduced in cage-grown tomatoes.

68,000 Respond On Resources Conser. Act

More than 68,000 individuals and organizations have provided written comments on the Resource Conservation Act to the Response Analysis Center in Athens, Georgia.

The written responses are in addition to statements made at public meetings held in Texas during the 60-day public review period of the draft RCA documents which ended March 28, Fair said.

All responses are to be analyzed by sometime in early May. After all comments have been studied by USDA officials, a recommended soil and water conservation program will be developed and presented to the public for review this summer.

Dr. L. E. Crane, 57, of Alvin, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 1980. Dr. Crane was dedicated to the rice industry. For 32 years he served as a plant breeder and worked for the improvement of rice varieties.

He was the only independent rice breeder in the United States. Dr. Crane received his B.S. Degree in Agronomy from Texas A&M University. Upon graduating he served two years as Jr. Agronomist, stationed at Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Beaumont, Texas.

In 1960 he was recipient of the A. H. Boy Fellowship in rice breeding, which led to receiving his Ph.D. Degree in Genetics from the University of California. In 1967, Dr. Crane became Director of Texas A&M University Rice Pasture Research Center in Beaumont. In 1968, he became Assistant Manager of South Texas Water Co. in 1970. He took the position of Chief Agronomist in charge of research for the Choctawhatchee Bayou Co. in Alvin, Texas. He was the developer of the Tex-Mat Rice. Dr. Crane was internationally known as one of the top rice specialists. His contribution to the rice industry is endless.

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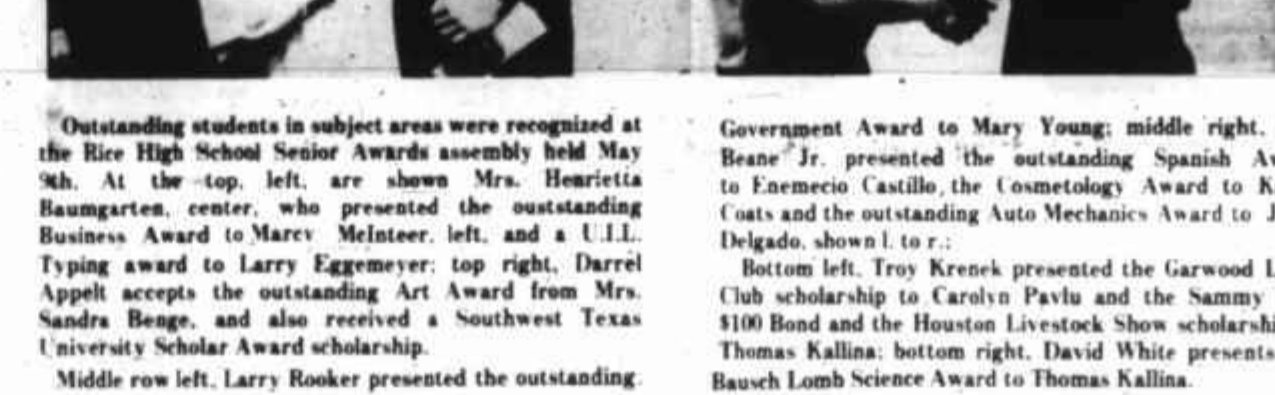
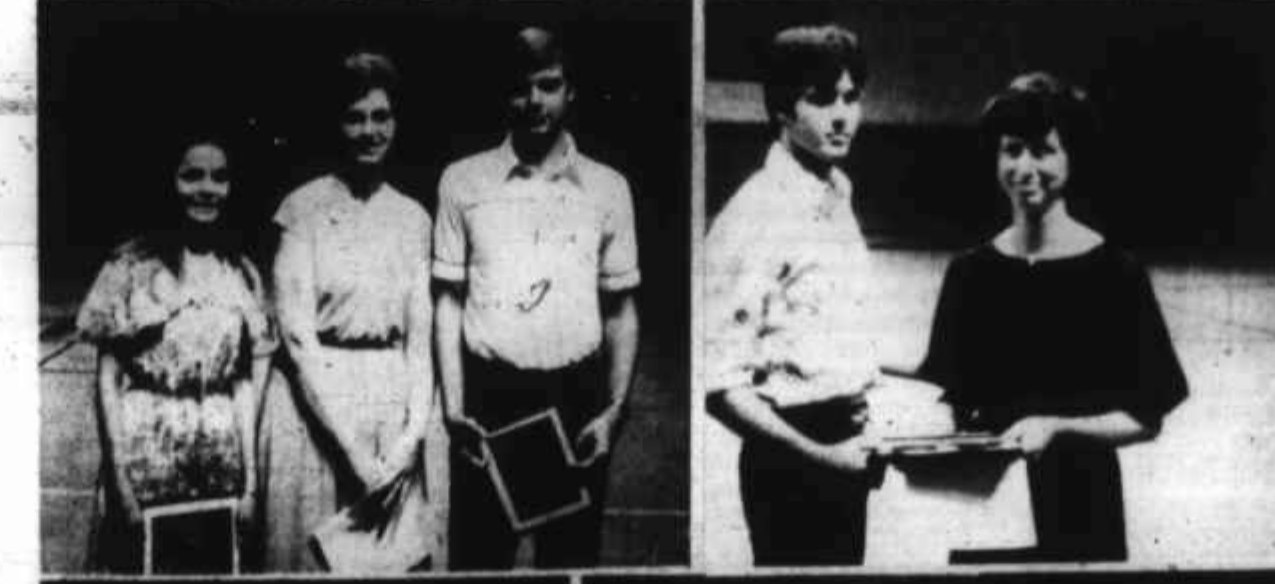
Assistance was given to Harvey Birdwell of Eagle Lake concerning construction of a new pond.

The conservation plan on Glen Stromquist's farm is being revised to reflect changes in land uses. Glen wants to plant some coastal bermuda grass and build 2 new ponds.

Assistance was given to Buddy Anderson who wants to plant about 10 acres of coastal for more grazing production.

Whiteflies are increasing throughout the area. Malathion has been giving good control where two applications at 7-day intervals were used. Orthene and Cygon have also been used effectively.

Many RHS Seniors Win "Outstanding" Awards



Outstanding students in subject areas were recognized at the Rice High School Senior Awards assembly held May 9th. At the top left, are shown Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten, center, who presented the outstanding Business Award to Marcy McInteer, left, and a U.I.L. Typing award to Larry Eggeneyer; top right, Darrel Appelt accepts the outstanding Art Award from Mrs. Sandra Benge, and also received a Southwest Texas University Scholar Award scholarship; bottom right, David White presents the Bauwh Lomb Science Award to Thomas Kallina. Middle row left, Larry Rooker presented the outstanding Government Award to Mary Young; middle right, Guy Brane Jr. presented the outstanding Spanish Award to Enemeco Castillo, the Cosmology Award to Kathy Coats and the outstanding Auto Mechanics Award to John Delgado, shown in r.; Bottom left, Troy Krenke presented the Garwood Lions Club scholarship to Carolyn Pavlu and the Sammy Tise \$100 Bond and the Houston Livestock Show scholarship to Thomas Kallina; bottom right, David White presents the Bauwh Lomb Science Award to Thomas Kallina.

Principal Praises 1980 Seniors For Leadership

Principal Fred Grammann closed the Rice High School Senior awards ceremony with remarks commending the students in the Class of 1980. He noted that "this class has exhibited the leadership that we like to see." He thanked the students for accepting responsibilities and the parents for providing such a fine place to get an education.

"Rice High School will miss this class because of its leadership qualities," said the principal. "You have helped to mold leaders to follow you and you can be proud of that fact."

He concluded by saying that "this country depends on you to continue in leadership roles. If you fail, it will fail, too."

Rodriguez Awarded A&M Scholarship
Since the awards ceremony word was received that Arnold Rodriguez will receive a \$500 per year (for four years) scholarship from the Texas A&M University School of Engineering. The award is sponsored by Exxon and Tenneco companies.

\$32,000 In Scholarships Awarded To Seniors

An estimated \$32,000 worth of scholarships and many outstanding subject awards were presented to Rice High School Seniors in the Class of 1980 in an awards ceremony held in the Rice High School gymnasium on Friday, May 9th.

According to Rice High School Counselor Bill Carpenter the large number of scholarships awarded again this year continues to show the concern and involvement of citizens, businesses and organizations in the development and growth of students at Rice High School and he expressed appreciation in behalf of the district to the many sponsors and donors.

The program opened with the Pledge to the Flag led by Student Council president Mary Young. Subject teachers then presented a number of participation and outstanding subject awards.

Mrs. Sandra Benge presented the outstanding Art Award to Darrel Appelt and praised the work of so many outstanding art students during the year, noting that 28 in the classes of 1980

compared in work with the outstanding art student of the past year. It was learned later in the week that Darrel Appelt was awarded a Southwest Texas State University Scholar Award scholarship in Art.

Mrs. Lillian Gohke presented the outstanding English Award to Jeff Darden; Soil Conservation District essay winner certificate to Thomas Kallina, Russell Wick and Ernest Ramirez; and U.I.L. Ready Writing participation awards to Becky Anderson and Gaye Lynn Thomas; Number Sense to Carolyn Pavlu, Donna Newsum and Arnold Rodriguez; and in One Act play to Becky Anderson, Julie Clipson, Cliff Bradshaw, John Chisholm, Philip Leopold, Gaye Lynn Thomas, Donna Newsum, Brenda Rucka, Lisa Fyzzar and Leanne Smith.

Larry Rooker presented the outstanding Government Award to Mary Young; Tom Davidson presented Annual Awards to Susan Kocaba, Julie Criswell, Leslie Miller, John Chisholm and Michael Duarte.

Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten presented U.I.L. Typewriting Award to Larry Eggeneyer; Shorthand Award to Marcy McInteer; and the outstanding Business Student Award to Miss McInteer. Mrs. Marjorie Crabb made the award of the outstanding VOE Award to Sharron Schneider.

David White presented the Bauwh Lomb Science Award to Thomas Kallina. Guy Beane Jr. presented the outstanding Cosmetology Award to Kathy Coats; the outstanding Auto Mechanics Award to John Delgado, and the outstanding Spanish Award to Enemeco Castillo.

Mrs. Lillian Gohke opened the presentation of the scholarships with the awarding of the Rice Future Teachers of America - and Colorado County IFTA scholarships to Gaye Lynn Thomas, Jo Ann Mahalite represented Xi Psi Sorority in presenting a scholarship to Donna New-

sum; and Diana Brunner represented Alpha Delta Phi Sorority in presenting a scholarship to Brenda Rucka. Mary Ashley, president of the Sheridan PTIS, announced Althea Jones as winner of the PTS scholarship; Lucio Mota presented MAYC scholarships to John Delgado, Michael Duarte, Patsy Gutierrez, Lupe Morales, Ernest Ramirez, Arnold Rodriguez, Veronica Salinas, Theresa Torres and Lulu Yanez.

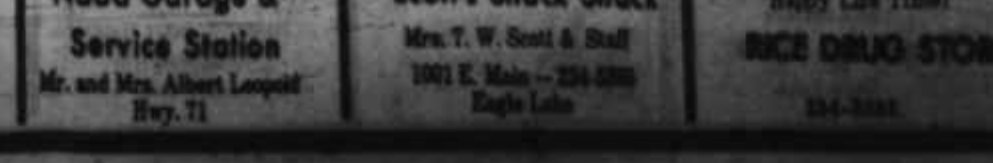
Fred Grammann announced Arnold Rodriguez as winner of the Nada Knights of Columbus scholarship; David White presented the Rice Classroom Teacher scholarship to Donny Dierschke; and gave Pan American Club scholarships to Julie Criswell, Jeff Darden, Robert Moss, Patrick Hurd and Susan Kocaba. Wayne Corman presented the Eagle Lake Division of the American Rice Growers Association in presenting a scholarship to Russell Wick. Fred Grammann presented the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus scholarship to Mary Young.

More Scholarship Awards
Guy Beane Jr. presented scholarships in behalf of the Stovall Foundation to Philip Leopold and Donny Dierschke; and in behalf of the H. M. & Heitler Page Garwood Foundation to Daryl Auel, Dennis Bluntson, Carolyn

Mary Young and Becky Anderson for U.I.L. Ready Writing; Bottom, l. to r., Mrs. Susan Chiu presented U.I.L. Participation Awards in Spelling and in Ready Writing and Number Sense to l. to r., Arnold Rodriguez, Carolyn Pavlu, Donna Newsum, Gaye Lynn Thomas and Mary Young.

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