

Rice Seniors Win Scholarships



Shown above are some of many scholarship award winners announced at the Rice High School senior awards ceremony held in Raider Gymnasium last Friday morning. A total of 36 seniors received scholarships valued at more than \$35,000.

At the top left are the Stovall Foundation and H. M. A. Hettie Page Garwood scholarship winners, L. to R., Brian Korenek, Pam Kallina, Daniel Garza, Janell Banks,

36 Seniors Get Scholarships Valued At Over \$35,000.00

Over \$35,000 in scholarships were awarded to 36 members of the Rice High School senior class during the annual senior awards ceremony held in Raider Gymnasium last Friday, May 8th. Many other awards were also presented during the program to outstanding senior members for their achievements and participation in activities throughout the year.

The total amount of scholarships awarded once again exceeded the previous year, according to committee William P. (Bill) Carpenter, showing the concern and interest of area businesses, organizations and individuals continues to grow. Carpenter pointed out that the sponsors of the scholarships are not limited to the area but are also awarded on the state and national level.

The awards ceremony opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Student Council President Mike Rye followed by the presentation of awards to outstanding students in various subject areas and for participation in other activities.

Subject Awards
Art instructor Mrs. Sandra Benge announced that Neomi Medina was the recipient of the annual art award presented to the outstanding senior during the year.

Mrs. Suzanne Chiu presented the award for most outstanding English student to Bert Tise. Also ready writing awards to Tise (a Regional winner) and Dora Jaramillo; soil conservation awards to Carol Crabb, Michelle Sibley and Victor Eberhart; one-act play awards to Rod Adkins, Rose Till, Jenny Griffith and Judy Janow; press interpretation awards to Carol Crabb and Rose Till; and calculator applications award to Bert Tise.

The outstanding business award was made by Joe Wendel to Jenny Darden and Wendel also presented UIL

typewriting award to Cheryl Sanford and ULL Shortland award to Claudette Parker and Delany Valente.

The outstanding VOE award was made by Mrs. Marjorie Crabb and went to Suzanne Frybert; Tom Davidson presented the outstanding government student award to Bert Tise and Annual Staff awards to Judy Bunge, Pam Kallina, Jenny Griffith, Barbara Prihoda, Rita Korenek and Bert Tise. Vocational counselor Guy Beane, Jr. presented the outstanding cosmetology student award to Cynthia Evans; the auto mechanics award to Albert Delgado; and the Busch-Lomb science award to Bert Tise.

Honor Graduates
Rice High School principal Fred Grahmann recognized the seniors in the Class of 1981 who earned perfect attendance, were on the honor roll for the 1980-81 year, and also the salutatorian of the class, Judy Bunge, and the valedictorian, Bert Tise.

Those who recorded perfect attendance during the past year were: Melinda Fernandez, Johnnie Gonzalez, Troy Gronda, Carl Montemayor, Victor Reyes, Della Rodriguez and David Sommer. Those earning honor roll awards for the 1980-81 year were Mary Ann Beck, Judy Bunge, Carol Crabb, Gilbert Corella, Dora Jaramillo, Craig Rohrer, Cynthia Staff and Bert Tise.

Scholarships Presented
The host of scholarship awards made to the graduating seniors included the following:

Mrs. Janice Obenhaus, president of Alpha Delta Phi Sorority of Eagle Lake, presented a scholarship to Wharton County Junior College to Claude Parker; Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte, president of Xi Pi Psi Sorority of Eagle Lake, presented a scholarship to WJC to Donna Trcka; Mrs. Monica Lehrer, representing Alpha Delta Phi Sorority of Eagle Lake

presented a scholarship to Cynthia Staff. Sheridan Parent-Teacher Society president Mrs. Wanda Querner presented a scholarship from the PTS to Bobby Williamson; and Mrs. Rose Martinez presented MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) of Eagle Lake in presenting scholarships to Johnnie Gonzalez, Julia Gonzalez, Dora Jaramillo, Mike Rios, Della Rodriguez, Victor Reyes, Melinda Fernandez and Mary Jane Yanez.

Rice OSD Food Services, represented by Mrs. Mabel Franklin, director, presented a scholarship to Cynthia Staff; Kenneth R. Abel presented the Bill Abel Memorial Auto Mechanics scholarship to Victor Reyes; the Elsie Wegenhoff memorial scholarship was presented by The Rev. Melburn Sibley to Denise Fudge and to Michele Sibley; Kenneth Hyek received a scholarship from the Rice Classroom Teachers Association, represented by Mrs. Lynda Appelt, and also the Nada Knights of Columbus scholarship presented by Monsignor Victor Schmidtinsky.

More Scholarships
The Rice High School Future Teachers Association presented a scholarship to Carol Crabb with Joe Wendel making the award; Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus presented a scholarship to David Sommer, also represented by Mr. Wendel. Mrs. Margorie Crabb presented Stovall Foundation scholarships to Gilbert Corella, and Daniel Garza; and she also presented the H. M. & Hettie Page Garwood scholarships to Janell Banks, Pam Kallina, Brian Korenek, Cheryl Sanford.

Pan American scholarship awards were made by Guy Beane and included awards to Barbara Black, Jenny Darden, Neomi Medina, Melinda Ross and David Sommer.

Mrs. Joyce Stancik presented the Eagle Lake

division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association in presenting a scholarship to Raymond Mahalic; Mr. Beane presented the Garwood Lions Club scholarship award to Craig

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Hy. Kretschmars, Louis Muznys To Observe 45th Anniv.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretschmar of Sugar Land (former residents here) and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muzny plan to hold a reception in the Eagle Lake Community Center from two to five p.m. on Sunday, May 24th in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

They request no gifts please. Invitations are extended to all friends to attend. Invitations will be extended through the press only.

The Kretschmars and Muznys have been celebrating their wedding anniversary together for many years and are looking forward to a special observance on reaching their forty-fifth anniversary mark.

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Demand For Less Federal Spending

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)
The American people demand that the federal government spend less money and control inflation. Last week's budget vote indicates Congress realizes that fact.

The House opted for the so-called Gramm-Rudman substitute, which closely resembled the Administration's proposed budget package. Under the Congressional Budget Act, we are charged with setting spending targets for the next fiscal year by May 15th.

Cutting the federal deficit is the best way to slow down inflation. I preferred and voted for the House Budget Committee resolution because it gave us a smaller deficit for next year and more flexibility in cutting programs. For instance, instead of lowering the boom on the student loan program, tightening food stamp eligibility all at once, depriving rural electric cooperatives access to the Federal Financing Bank and the rest of other areas, the House Budget Committee approach phased out the cuts and softened the blow. The Committee's package had a \$25.6 billion deficit, compared to the Administration's \$43.2 billion.

The Administration's plan passed overwhelmingly. I voted for it on final package because it is better to have some plan than going back to the drawing board. Both plans have some similarities—they call for the biggest cuts in federal spending in the last fifty years. We must now follow this budget, no matter how tough it is.

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Rice FFA Captures Star Awards At Area Meet

(By Kathy Ishee)

Friday, May 8 Rice Future Farmers of America members attended the Area III Convention at Bellville High School, Bellville, Texas. Attending the convention as delegates were: Marilyn Mahalic, Deborah Kretschmar, and Albert Tomchesson. Other members attending were: Cory Shorter III, Joe Lang, Missy Huvor, and Thomas Mahalic.

Kathy Ishee, District IV President, registered the voting delegates from the district. David Shimek served as the district representative on the Area III Courtesy Corps.

Glen Hefner was selected as the Star Greenhand for Area III. Stephen Mahalic was selected as the Area III Star Chapter Farmer and Ricky Miller was selected as the Area Star Lone Star Farmer. Glen, Ricky, and Stephen will compete for State Star Farmer Awards at the State Degree Check that will be held in Austin, June 13, 1981.

Thomas Kallina was chosen to represent the Area as the Star American Farmer Agribusinessman at the State Degree Check also. John Schneider's application for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship was approved to advance to the state level for further consideration.

Lone Star Application OK'd
All of the chapters Lone Star Farmer applications were approved on the Area level. The Lone Star Farmer candidates from Rice are: Danny Ishee, James Rhodes, David Staff, John Lee Korenek, Jr., William Semora and David Shimek.

This marks the third year in a row that Rice F.F.A. members have been selected Area Star Greenhand, and two years in a row that

members have been selected Star Chapter Farmer and Star Lone Star Farmer. This is the second year in a row that Rice F.F.A. members have captured all three Star Farmer Awards. This year Rice added another Star Award by having Thomas

Kallina chosen as the Star American Farmer Agribusinessman.

Chapter members and Advisors wish to congratulate these members for their accomplishments and wish them success at the State Degree Check in Austin.

Legislature Acts On Bills Affecting Texas Agriculture

(By Rep. Robert Saunders)

The Texas House of Representatives has recently passed several pieces of legislation that will be of great benefit to the farmers, ranchers and poultry raisers of the State of Texas. A few weeks ago the Texas House of Representatives passed two bills that will allow the people of Texas to vote on a Constitutional Amendment to exempt livestock and poultry from the ad valorem tax rules. In the past, not all entities have collected this tax. The tax was proportioned by the number of head of livestock and poultry a person owned on the first of each year. Poultry houses, feed lots and pastures were usually small in comparison to the total tax dollars. It will allow poultry and livestock to be exempted from taxation along with all other farm products. I have talked to Mrs. Susan McBee (De Rio) and she is optimistic of its passage in the Senate. The joint resolution has been favorably passed from committee and the Senate will consider it for floor action in the near future.

Two other bills were passed by the House to greatly benefit property owners in Texas. House bill 717 by Gerald Geistweid increases penalties for persons convicted of trespassing on private property. The other bill, House Bill 1435 by Bennie Beck, increases penalties for persons convicted of hunting game from public lands. These two bills were supported by many farm organizations including the Texas Farm Bureau, Independent Cattlemen's Association, Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and others.

Right To Farm Act
One measure which has passed both the Senate and House of Representatives is Senator John Wilson's "Right to Farm" Act. This will provide that any type of farming operation which has been in operation for at least one year can continue this operation after being annexed by any city. Secondly, it provides a defense on any nuisance suit that is filed by an individual within a subdivision against a farming operation that qualified under this bill. Without this protection, any farming operation is in jeopardy and forced to close down its operations because of city ordinances that it automatically falls under. Once this becomes law, the Right to Farm will be guaranteed by statute.

During this session, the

Rotarians Hear Travelogue On 4-Mast Sailing Ship

Eagle Lake Rotarians were taken on an enjoyable trip to the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean during a slide film travelogue presented by William H. Harrison at the club's meeting last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison earlier this year spent a week cruising aboard one of the "tall ships" a four-masted sailing ship. They flew to Florida and then to Martinique where they boarded the Sea Cloud and continued a visit to islands in the Caribbean.

The ship was built by the late Meriwether Post and had a very interesting history including a stint of duty with the U. S. Navy as an observation ship in World War II. Mr. Post loaned the ship to the Navy during the War for \$100 per year, noted Harrison. His comments added to the excellent slide film.

The crew of the ship was comprised of young sailors, many of whom were women, and they tackled their respective jobs just like professionals, said the speaker.

Scenery in the islands was beautiful and of special interest was the fact that very little vehicular traffic was seen in any of the small towns and villages which contributed to a "clean look" throughout these cities. Primary occupation of most residents of the islands is fishing and whaling, however the group on shore excursions had opportunity to visit sugar and pineapple plantations.

The program was enjoyed by all who accompanied the Harrison's on their trip through the slide film presentation.

The trip was arranged through the Houston Club for its members and guests.

RHS Seniors Honored

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Rohrer; Bill Harrison, Jr., president of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club, presented the club's annual scholarship to WJC to Dora Jaramillo.

Mr. Carpenter presented the W. R. Franks Memorial scholarship to Pat Parli; the Eula and David Winterman Foundation nursing scholarship and also the Annette Rodgers Nursing scholarship to Michele Sibley.

Other scholarship awards included the Texas A&M President's scholarship for academic excellence, the National Merit Scholarship from Tennessee Corporation and the State of Texas Valedictorian's scholarship to Bert Tise; also the University of Texas National Merit scholarship and Wharton County Junior College High Achievement scholarship to Salustarian Judy Bunge.

Achievement Awards
Other scholarships won by the seniors included: Wharton County Junior College high achievement scholarships to Mary Ann Beck, Dora Jaramillo and Craig Rohrer and Gilbert Corella.

Gilbert Corella also will receive a Sam Houston State University band scholarship; John Schneider received the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Go-Texas scholarship and also another scholarship, the Mr. and Mrs. George C. Rich Memorial scholarship; and Larry Haynes will attend Blinn Junior College under an athletic scholarship to play basketball.

It was noted that Bert Tise was unable to attend the ceremony since he was participating that morning in the State Ready Writing competition; and John Schneider was unable to be present since he was competing Friday morning for an additional \$5,000 scholarship to Texas A&M under the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship program.

The program closed with appropriate comments by Rice High School principal Fred Grahmann, discussed in another article in this issue.

Underclassmen received their awards in a ceremony held Monday of this week and awards made at that assembly will be published in the next issue of the Headlight.

Dwight Rhodes Gets B.S. Degree At Prairie View

Dwight E. Rhodes received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Prairie View A&M University Sunday, May 8, 1981 in the Commencement Exercises at the University. He also received the Most Outstanding Student Award in the Department of Agriculture. Dwight majored in agriculture, specializing in animal science. While a student at Prairie View, he pledged with Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Eta Alpha, professional honorary agricultural education fraternity.

Dwight, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Obie Rhodes, was a member of the 1977 graduating class at Rice High School in Altair.

This year's speaker at the initiation ceremony was Lee Roy Lundquist of Garwood, a former Zeta Xi president and father of the 1980-81 Zeta Xi president, Todd Lundquist.

Participants with the Lundquists in the impressive ceremony were chapter of Agers including Secretary Annetta Henry of Eagle Lake.

PTK initiates included the following from this area:

Outstanding Seniors Honored



Shown above are more of the Rice High School scholarship award winners, who received awards at the senior assembly at Rice High School last Friday.

On the left side of this group of photos are: top left, The Rev. Melburn Sibley presents Elsie Wegenhoff Memorial scholarships to Denise Fudge and Michele Sibley; second from top left, Mrs. Lynda Appelt presents the Rice Classroom Teachers Association scholarship to Kenneth Hyek; next to bottom, left, Monsignor Victor Schmidtinsky of St. Mary's Catholic Church presents a scholarship from the Nada Council of the Knights of Columbus to Kenneth Hyek; and bottom left, Mrs. Mabel

Franklin presents a scholarship from the Rice CISD Food Services group to Cynthia Staff.

In the right photos are: top right, Raymond Mahalic receives the Eagle Lake American Rice Growers Cooperative Assn. scholarship from Mrs. Joyce Stancik; second from top right, Counselor Bill Carpenter presents the W. R. Franks Memorial scholarship to Pat Parli; next to bottom right, Kenneth R. Abel presents an auto mechanics scholarship in behalf of his late son, Bill Abel, to Victor Reyes; and bottom right, Bobby Williamson receives a scholarship from the Sheridan PTS president Mrs. Wanda Querner.

The Colorado County Historical Commission will meet Thursday, May 21st at 7 p.m. at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus for a covered dish supper.

After the supper A. J. Willrodt will escort members on a tour of the County Courthouse to show the progress made on the restoration project. All members are urged to attend.

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