



After the personal interviews last Thursday, Billy Hefner and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hefner of Garwood, stopped to talk to Mrs. Melvin Sunderman.



Coby Shorter III, president of the Texas Future Farmers of America, delivered a message from the state organization at the Commercial Steer Division banquet.



Second place winner in the commercial steer division, Duane Korenek, accepts his award.

Rice wins four of six awards

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Thursday was the exciting day for the Rice members, with Miller and Pieprzyca and their helpers making the cut into the finals of their divisions, and the four Rice finalists in the Commercial division. At the sale that morning, all ten Rice students sold their steers. Hefner, who's brother Glen also won first place in 1984, is probably one of the youngest students to win top honors. He just now is taking drivers education classes and has yet to obtain a driver's license. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hefner of Garwood. The truck was donated by KIKK Radio in Houston, and the \$1,000 was donated by Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Sartwell of Port City Stockyards in Sealy. Korenek's trailer was donated by Neckover Manufacturing of Troup, Texas, and the \$500 was donated by Blue Ribbon Packing Co. The \$500 for the

there were not enough ribbons. The second highest grade is choice, third is good and fourth is standard. "If an animal got a choice rating," Roberts said, "it meant the student was doing well, and if the rating was prime, he was doing exceedingly well."

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rookie of the year award won by Havens was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Brooks of Fort Bend Feed and Supply Co., Rosenberg. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beckendorf of Katy gave the \$500 Mahalit won for his record book. Granada Corp., a world-wide cattle feeding company, donated \$10,000 to the division to pay for the prize money each student won according to the ribbons won. The money the other commercial entrants earned at the sale is: Havens, \$1,970.50; Hefner, \$2,000; Korenek, \$1,874.70; Vance, \$1,960.55; DeWayne Dopalauf, \$4,931.11; Leelle Sunderman, \$2,172.30; Sharri Popp, \$1,888.95; and DeWight Dopalauf, \$2,082.15.

As for the art competition, Rice district students may not have won the Grand Prix award this year, as they have

done many times in the past, but Isenhower's scholarship was more valuable. There is no scholarship award given with the grand prize award, according to Sandra Benga, Rice High School art teacher. Rice was named one of the top three school districts in the show, competing against 51 other districts. There were only four \$2,000 scholarships given, and eight \$1,000 scholarships. Patrick was the best of show winner in the Rice district. Other Rice district students competing in Houston were Bonnie Benga of Eagle Lake, 5th grade, Best of Show in the Rice elementary school division; Jon Tillman of Eagle Lake, 8th grade, Best of Show winner from the Rice Junior high division; and gold medal winners Charlet Jones of Eagle Lake, and Michael Smidovic of Garwood, both seniors at Rice. Isenhower also is a senior.



Competing in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is serious business, but there are times of merriment. The "spider" in the upper right of this photograph was dangling from a string thrown over a pipe. One of the competitors in the background controls the string for the crowd walking in the aisle.



Wade Miller, right, and Daryl Pieprzyca groom their animals before competition in the show ring.



Bennie Miller, left, talks with Rita and Melvin Sunderman, while members of the Rice FFA relax in the pen area.



Garwood band members

Front row, from left to right, Trace Sanders, Allen Eggemeyer, P.J. Casarez; middle row, from left, Reginald Williams, Todd R. Krenek, Kendra Davidson, Scarlet Crane, Cynthia Engstrom; back row, from left, Jim Murrie, Scott Janiah, Felicia Hearn, Chris Rodriguez, Russell Labay, Dawn Horndt, Lezi Schilling.



Front row, from left to right, Jerry Cano, Benjamin Castillo, Jessica Hernandez, Clay Hoeman; middle row, from left, Edward DeLaGarza, Albert Perez, Brian Center, Lloyd Jackson, Shalanda Williams; back row, from left, Glenn Lippert, Anjabelle Ramora, Jason Quarta, Romaldo Cardenas, Casey Clipperton.



Left, Hefner received his first place award from a host of dignitaries. Included in the group is the general manager of KIKK radio, which donated the truck. Above, the four commercial steer division winners pose on Hefner's new truck. From left are Hefner, Korenek, Havens and Mahalit.

Below, James Schilling, vice chairman of the international visitors committee of the livestock show and rodeo, presents a show pin to Dr. Raffaella Giavazzi, scientist and horse trainer from Milano, Italy. She has done cancer research at M.D. Anderson, works both in Italy and Houston, has a degree from the University of Milan, and post doctorate in Washington, D.C. Schilling, of Garwood, is one of the 330 volunteer members of the international committee, that in 1985 hosted 873 guests from 35 countries. Schilling also is a member of the livestock show and rodeo's main board.



Soil Conservation Service budget in jeopardy

If the 1986 Reagan proposed budget is approved as submitted, soil and water conservation assistance in Colorado County will be virtually eliminated due to drastic cuts in the Soil Conservation Service budget, says Melvin Albright, chairman of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation board of directors.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has been assisting farmers and ranchers in Colorado County to plan and apply needed conservation practices on their land for the last 36 years.

During these 36 years, much progress has been made to control soil and water losses. With technical assistance from the local SCS personnel, Colorado County landowners have voluntarily applied some 2,000 ponds, some 1200 acres of gullies have been reclaimed to become productive areas again, and some 21,000 acres of brush has been cleared. Over 42,000 acres of irrigation water management has been applied; some 126,000 acres of pastureland has been established to permanent grasses, and some 154,000 acres of rangeland has been properly grazed. Over

1,000,000 feet of terraces have been constructed to reduce erosion on cropland. "I am concerned about the apparent lack of concern among our top government officials for our most basic and most needed of all our natural resources," said Albright. "Agriculture has always been and still is the backbone of our nation. We have accomplished much in our conservation efforts, but much also remains to be done."

The directors of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation Service in Colorado County by writing letters to your congressmen. Ask them to approve the 1986 budget at the same level as the approved 1985 budget. Contact your local district director in your zone to find out names and addresses of these congressmen. Directors are: Theodore Schultz, Freiburg area; Melvin Albright, Weimar area; Herbert Engstrom, Garwood area; Henry Sunderman, Eagle Lake area; and Royal Hennecke, Menta and Bernardo area.

"We need your support to keep the SCS in existence in Colorado County," added Albright.

Bandsmen win awards

Members of the Garwood School, and the Eagle Lake Middle School bands teamed up to represent the Rice school district at the Music Region 13 solo and ensemble contest held at Boling High School on February 23.

The young bandsmen earned a total of 61 first division medals, a new high for Rice Consolidated Independent School District.

Award winners are: Flute Solo: Dominique Isenhower, Christine Delgado, Price Cantu, Rene Balas, Melinda Torres, Scarlet Crane and Cynthia Engstrom. French Horn Solo: Chris Rodriguez. Clarinet Solo: Kendra Davidson. Alto Saxophone Solo: Rhonda Prazak and Dawn Horndt. Cornet Solo: Jaime Gonzales, Alfredo Puga, Javier Cano, Ben Castillo, Todd Krenek, Felicia Hearn, Scott Janiah, Russell Labay and Lezi Schilling. Trombone Solo: Trace Sanders, Reginald Williams and Allan Eggemeyer. Tuba Solo: Edward DeLaGarza; Percussion

Solo: Stephanie Causey, Kim Cormann, Scott Williams, Preston Broesecke and Steven Meinecke. Ensemble members receiving first division were: Flute Duo: Price Cantu, Christine Delgado, Maribel Salinas and Maria Torres; Clarinet Duo: Iris Cumplian and Jennifer Matthews; Woodwind Duo: Laurie Abel and Dominique Isenhower; Clarinet Trio: Lori Flores, Sylvia Garza and Jenny Rios; Saxophone Quartet: Kimberly Garrett, Glen Lippert, Casey Chasen, Albert Perez and Rhonda Prazak; Brass Trio: Russell Labay, Chris Rodriguez and Reginald Williams; Cornet Trio: Jamie Gonzales, Alfredo Puga and Gilbert Sosa; Brass Quartet: Shalanda Williams, Lloyd Jackson, Romaldo Cardenas, Brian Center and Edward DeLaGarza; Percussion Quartet: Stephanie Causey, Kim Cormann, Scott Williams, Preston Broesecke and Steven Meinecke.

Directors of the Rice Junior High band are James Murrie

Front row, from left to right, Gilbert Sosa, Javier Cano, Preston Broesecke; middle row, from left, Alicia Alaniz, Stephanie Causey, Kim Cormann; back row, from left, Alfredo Puga, Jaime Gonzales, Steven Meinecke, Scott Williams.

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