

Local Students Named To T.S.U. Honor Roll

STEPHENVILLE, TX--Patsy J. Rankin, a Tarleton State University student from Rising Star, has been named to the "B" Honor Roll and the Distinguished Student List for the Fall Semester 1975.

The "B" Honor Roll consists of those students who carry at least 12 semester hours and have no grade below "B". A Distinguished Student must post a semester grade point average of at least 3.25 on Tarleton's 4.0 system.

Ms. Rankin is a Speech major.

STEPHENVILLE, TX--Donald M. Flippen, a Tarleton State University student from Rising Star, has been named to the "A" Honor Roll and Distinguished Student List for the Fall Semester 1975.

Students named to the "A" Honor Roll must take a minimum of 12 hours and make a grade of "A" in all courses.

The Distinguished Student List consists of those students who carry at least 12 semester hours and have a 3.25 grade average out of a possible 4.0.

Mr. Flippen is a General Agriculture major.

STEPHENVILLE, TX--Gary Evan Ware, a Tarleton State University student from Rising Star, has been named to the "A" Honor Roll and Distinguished Student List for the Fall Semester 1975.

Students named to the "A" Honor Roll must take a minimum of 12 hours and make a grade of "A" in all courses.

The Distinguished Student List consists of those students who carry at least 12 semester hours and have a 3.25 grade average out of a possible 4.0.

Mr. Ware is a Business Administration major.

School Holiday

Superintendent J.L. Newbury has announced that Friday, March 5, will be a holiday for students of the Rising Star schools.

Faculty members will attend in-service training on that day.

Student Council Announces Can Campaign

The Student Council is asking everyone to donate all of their aluminum cans to us. We will be glad to come and collect them. Just call the High School.

We hope to raise enough money to sponsor projects for our community and school.

Thank you, Daria Hosch

Payment Of Pledges Asked

Members of the Wildcat Band Boosters organization will be making personal calls for payment of pledges made toward the purchase of the new band uniforms.

Payment of the total charge of \$6,018.00 must be made not later than March 8th...next Monday.

If you have not made a contribution and wish to do so please call Pauline Winfrey at 643-5101, or Andrew Griffin at 643-4082. Either will be happy to come and receive your donation, large or small.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Smith received an award for outstanding contribution to the community of Rising Star for their bicentennial creation of the "Kaleidoscope of Freedom".

Dr. Walter Austin (right) head of the department of Business and Economics at Hardin - Simmons University, was guest speaker for the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner. Shown here with Dr. Austin is his wife and Jimmy Rutherford, retiring president of the organization.

Eastland County Clubs To Host Federation Convention

Cisco Junior College will be the host site for the 16th annual convention and board meeting of the Heart of Texas District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs on Friday and Saturday, March 5 - 6, according to an announcement by Martha Graves, District President.

Ms. Graves, who is Coordinator of Home and Family Education at CJC, is in charge of arrangements for the meeting. The clubs of Eastland County will all serve as "hostess" clubs for the two-day affair. They include the Delphian Study Club, the First Industrial Arts Club, and the Twentieth Century Club, all of Cisco, the Thursday Afternoon Club and the Las Leales Club of Eastland, the 1920 Club of Ranger, the Saturday Club of Rising Star, and the Women's Study Club of Gorman. General Chairpersons for the convention are Mrs. Leo Clinton and Mrs. Roy Cartee of Cisco, and Mrs. O.L. Stamey, also of Cisco, is Program Chairman.

Peanut Short Course Offered March 8-9

Peanut production will be the subject of a two - night short course in Rising Star Monday and Tuesday nights, March 8 and 9. Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Vocational Agriculture classroom at Rising Star High School.

Four Extension Service specialists will conduct the short course, announces County Agent DeMarquis Gordon. Monday night Dr. Thomas Lee and Dr. Cliff Hoelscher will discuss the recommendations of disease and insect control in peanuts. Thomas is Area Plant Pathologist and H Hoelscher is

Jaycees Need Funds For Baseball Program

Its baseball time again, and the Rising Star Jaycees are busily engaged in the task of getting the local program underway.

Several improvements on the baseball diamond, located in the city Park, have been planned, such as the construction of a new fence, dug-outs for the players, and the resurfacing

The theme of the convention is "Let Freedom Ring".

The convocation will begin with registration at the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on Friday at 10:00 a.m. and will end Saturday afternoon.

In addition to business sessions and various evaluations and judgments, special entertainment will be provided for the ladies in attendance. On Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Christine Gentry will present a special organ program at the CJC Auditorium, and on Saturday morning at 10:30 the CJC Band and Wrangler Belles will present special entertainment for the women in attendance.

Women's clubs will be in attendance at the convention from San Angelo, Brady, Ozona, Brownwood, Llano, Ballinger, Abilene, Bronte, Christoval, Comanche, DeLeon, Eldorado, Junction, Mason, Mertzon, Rochelle, Santa Anna, Sterling City, Winters, Gorman, Rising Star, Ranger, Eastland, and Cisco.

Area Entomologist.

The two specialists who will be on the program Tuesday night are James Denton Jr., Area Farm Economist - Management; and Dr. Leland Tripp, Extension Agronomist. Among the topics to be discussed Tuesday night are farm management decisions, seed bed preparation, varieties, fertility and weed control in peanuts.

H.L. Geye, Rising Star Vocational Agriculture teacher who is hosting the short course, urges all peanut growers in the area to attend the two - night short course.

ing of the infield.

Funds are needed for these improvements, and contributions will be appreciated by the Jaycees and the boys who participate in this summer baseball program.

Contributions may be paid to Jimmy Rutherford, secretary of the Jaycees' organization.

Chamber Of Commerce Honors Three At Banquet

At its annual dinner - program Tuesday night, February 24, the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to three citizens who have made distinctive contributions to the community during the past year.

The first award went to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Smith whose Bicentennial creation, the "Kaleidoscope of Freedom", a massed composite of 78 colonial, national and state flags formed the colorful background of what was acclaimed one of the most beautiful of all decorations for C of C dinners.

A.D. Jenkins, manager of the C of C, presented Mrs. Smith and her husband with a plaque recognizing the community's appreciation of what has actually been a regional achievement. The flags have been paraded in a Kaleidoscope program of patriotic songs and text at many local and area public events, including the West Texas Fair at Abilene. They will come to a permanent home in the famed Academy of Freedom of Howard Payne College at Brownwood.

Much of the sewing of the banners was done by Mrs. Smith who wrote the copyrighted Kaleidoscope script. She was massively helped by Mrs. Linda Burns and members of her high school classes in making the flags and appearing in many of the programs in which they were presented.

The second award, a handsome leather jacket with the Bicentennial emblem, went to Dr. Billy T. Carpenter in appreciation of his services as team physician to high school athletes.

The presentation was made by Jimmy Rutherford, president of the C of C and toastmaster for the evening.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the uniformed high school band under direction of Paul Fullerton, playing a number of contest pieces it will use in regional and state contests this spring. The uniforms, very attractive in a blue and gold motif, are brand spanking new and not yet paid for, as Mr. Rutherford reminded the audience in suggesting that contributions to erase an \$1,800 deficit would be very welcome.

Lakewood Slates Tournament

A Jack Pot Tournament has been scheduled as a one day event on Sunday, March 7. Tee-off time is at 2:00 Sunday afternoon. The entry fee is \$5.00 per person.

Two flights will be played with gift certificates given as prizes. Area golfers are invited to participate in this event.

The speaker for the program, Dr. Walter Austin, chairman of the Division of Business and Economics of Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene, followed a cautious trend in foreseeing an improvement in the economic outlook for the immediate national future. He cited a number of factors as supporting this outlook, including improving employment statistics, sounder banking policies and increased consumer demand in stimulation of industrial output. He pointed to heavy government spending as one very real influence behind inflation, tending to encourage lax business methods and unsound banking with a consequent loss of public confidence and a depression.

This situation has shown definite signs of correction, he suggested, with a receding inflation, a return to a more liquid banking position, increased capital spending and a more profitable market tone. He pointed out, however, that the current drought could prove a serious negative influence locally, while he credited the forthcoming political year with encouraging a better prospect.

New oil and gas activity has had a decidedly healthful influence in the Big Country area, he said. This area, incidentally, has not felt the recession as severely as some other sectors, he said.

Bicentennial Recognition Application Submitted

The Rising Star Bicentennial Committee announced this week that all necessary formalities have been completed and the required documents forwarded to the appropriate offices so that Rising Star may be recognized as a National Bicentennial Community.

According to the General Chairman of the local Committee, Owen Aikin, this required first of all a Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council that Rising Star wished to be listed as a Bicentennial Community. Following this, three general Committees were organized to deal with the main themes of the Bicentennial celebration: Heritage '76 (historical emphasis), Festival USA (Continuing emphasis on cultural aspects of our history) and Horizon '76 (emphasis on the future development of our nation and community).

It is expected that consideration of this application may take several weeks, due to the press of other submissions and activities, but this should not hinder immediate implementation of plans and projects for Rising Star, according to the local Bicentennial Committee spokesman.

A complete listing of the various committees and tentative projects has been promised for the near future.

ploring, preserving and developing the heritage and potential of Rising Star. Ours is an area extremely rich in history and possibility." The deadline for submitting the application for national approval and listing was March 1.



This handsome leather jacket was presented to Dr. Billy T. Carpenter, in appreciation of his services as team physician to the athletes of Rising Star High School.

Races Develop In City-School Election

Four candidates have filed for election in the up-coming voting on April 3.

Three have filed for the two posts on the Board of Education for the Rising Star Independent School District, they are: Woody Harris, Bob Rust and Bernie Barnes. Two vacancies exist on the City Council and

only two have filed, John McCuiston and John Lee.

The City and School election will be held in the City Hall on Saturday, April 3. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Weldon Roach will serve as election judge, he will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Robertson.



O.L. Burns Retires After Sixteen Years

Mr. and Mrs. O.L. (Ozzie) Burns were honored with a retirement dinner on Friday evening, Feb. 27, at the Conquistadore Restaurant in Brownwood.

The occasion was hosted by officials of the Coastal States Gas Co. who presented the honoree with a beautiful gold wrist watch in appreciation of his years of service. Personnel of the Midland Office of Coastal States gave Mr. Burns a Garcia rod and reel.

Mr. Burns, whose retirement was effective March 1, has been an employee of Coastal States Gas Co. for 16 years, he has worked in the Rising Star area as a gauger. Burns stated that his will be a partial retirement in that he will be employed on a part-time basis in contract work for Coastal States... "but I'm planning to find time to use my new rod and reel."

Mr. and Mrs. Burns are well known in the Rising Star area, having lived here all of their lives with the exception of ten years spent in West Texas. They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Bob Lucas of Conroe and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Carrollton.

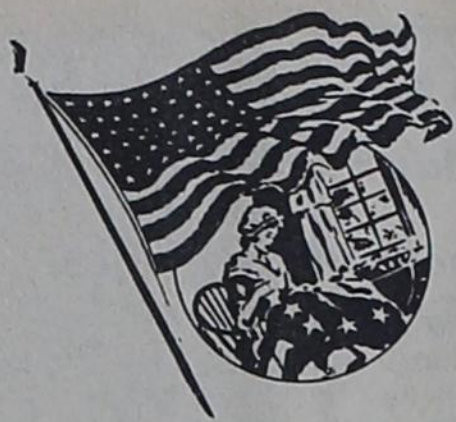
Out of town guests in attendance for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paige of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin of Midland, Ed Lane of Midland, Mr., and Mrs. Joe Groce of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilburn of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Spain of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. "Cowboy" Stewart of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner of Sipe Springs and Luther McClung of Sipe Springs.

Band Boosters Set Important Meeting

There will be a meeting of all Band Boosters in the library of the High School at seven-thirty P.M. this Friday evening, March 5th. Plans for the open air auction during Band Week

in May and other activities and plans will be discussed. Parents, Boosters and all interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.

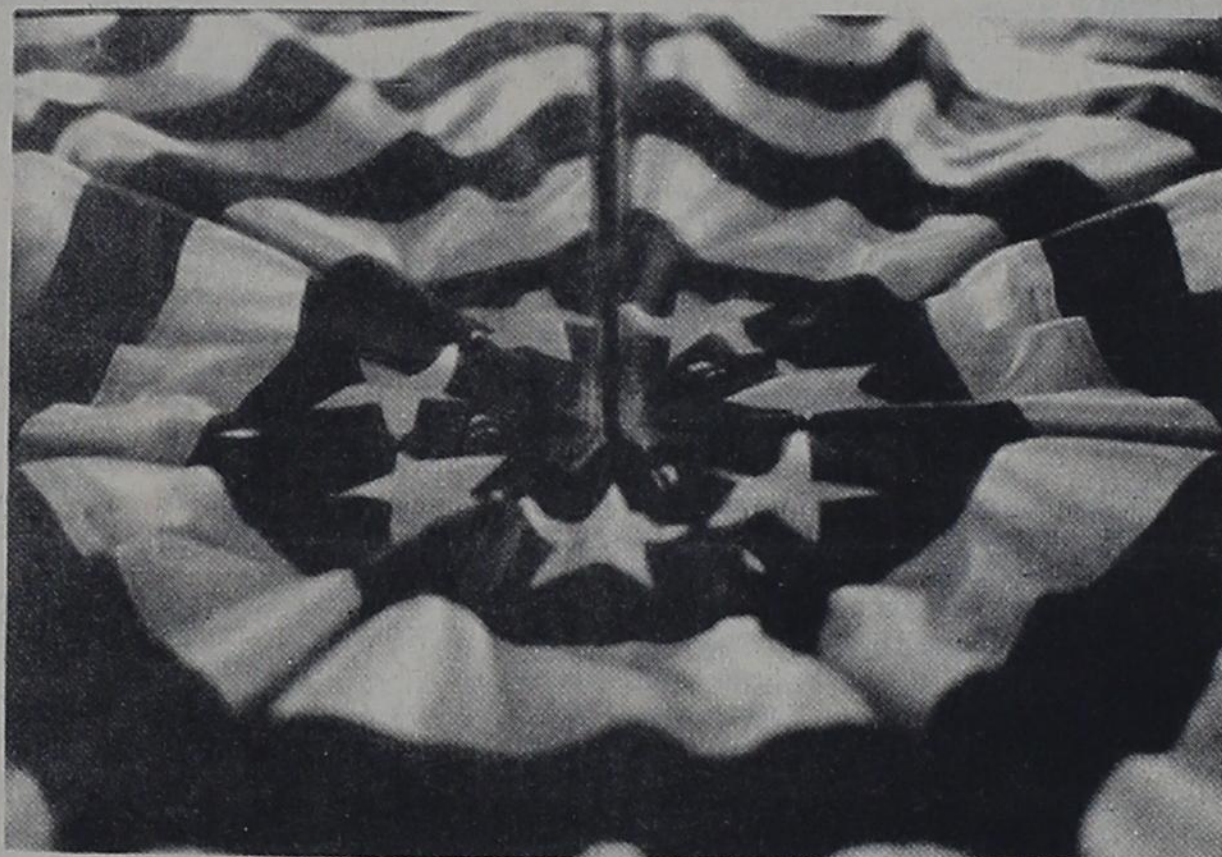




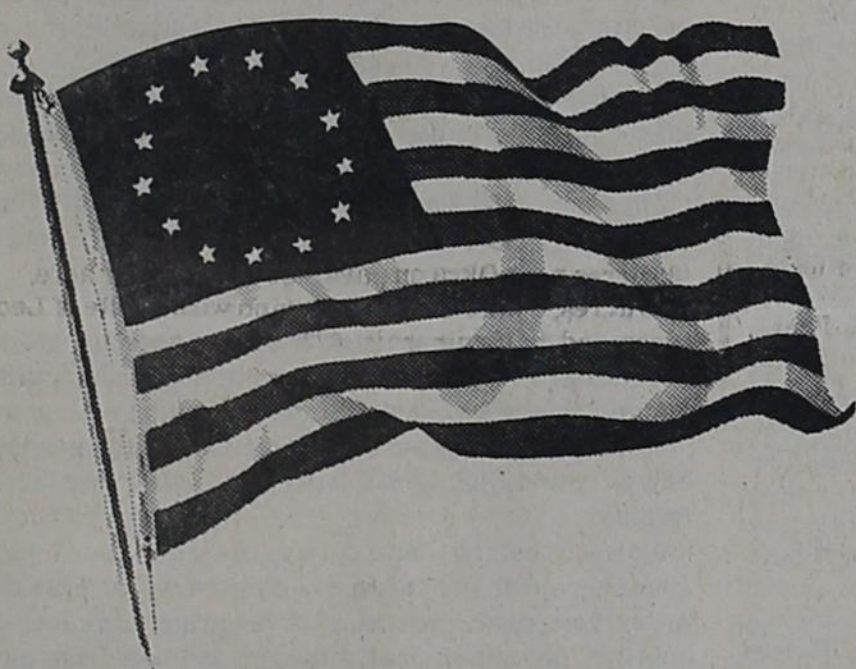
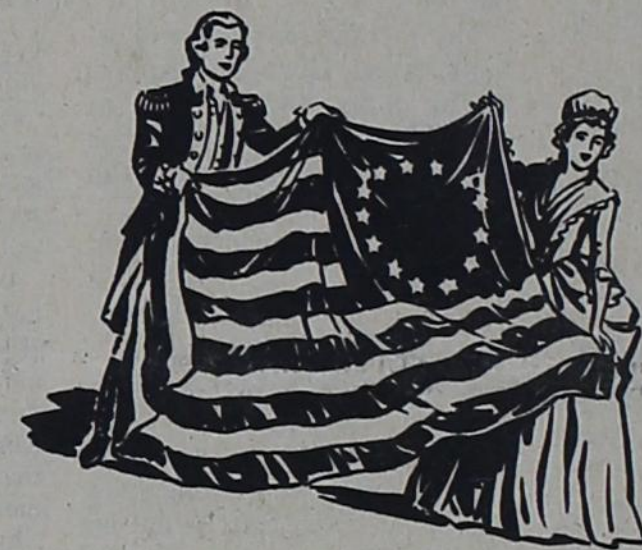
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May News

BY LUDENE MICHAEL

Dear Sis, I spent two weeks with Charles--Feb. 10 to the 24, I had planned to come by to see you but I took the flu and as soon as I was able, I came home.

Mrs. Effie Anderson remains in critical condition in the Brownwood Community Hospital where she has been for about 2 weeks.

Mrs. Wilma Culpepper and Mrs. Bratton Wiggins of Brownwood and Lillian Michaels visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nelson last weekend.

Charlie Moore is reported to be improving since his aneurism surgery several days ago.

Mrs. Doris Sanders of LaFayette, La. sponsored a party for her father, Charlie Bibby, who celebrated his 80th Birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 25 in the May Cafe. Guests included these friends, Charlie Taylor, Weaver Smith, Claude Michael, Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin, Mrs. R.A. Bell, Derrell Stewart, Mrs. Marshall Campbell, Mrs. Etta

Altum, Mrs. D.L. Underwood, Mrs. Rex Lewis and Mrs. Grace Glenn.

Ludene Michael celebrated her birthday on March 3.

Mr. R.T. Copeland continues to improve since his right foot was removed about 5 weeks ago in a hospital in Abilene. He was moved to a nursing home in Rising Star. Hopefully he will be back home before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Verdell Haney of Levelland have been visiting the Wayne Burton family. Mrs. Wayne Burton has recently visited her parents in Muleshoe for two weeks.

Approximately 85 people from the First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist had a covered dish dinner in the Calvary Church dining hall last Sunday. There was singing in the afternoon. The two churches have agreed to alternate hosting a covered dish dinner and afternoon singing on every 5th Sunday--the next event will be May 30, 1976 in the First Baptist Church.

Thursday, March 4, 1976



COMMUNITY NEWS

Brad Carroll, who has been stationed at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, received his discharge from the Navy on Feb. 24. He is enjoying a nice visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Carroll and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lane Wells returned to her home Saturday afternoon from Graham Memorial Hospital at Cisco, where she has been hospitalized for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Montgomery of Midland and Eldon Roach of Austin were weekend visitors of Mrs. John Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler.

Luther Forbes is a patient in the Gorman Hospital.

son were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Forbes.

The Thompsons will leave on Sunday March 7 for Stavanger, Norway, where he will be employed by the Mobil Oil Company.

Mrs. Effie Anderson still remains in Brownwood Community Hospital in a serious condition.

Raymond Turner remains in DeLeon Hospital, where he is in intensive care, but is said to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chick and Vanessa of Conroe were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Chick and also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Donham.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Donham are visiting in the home of Mrs. Helen Donham for several weeks enroute to California.

Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Crisp attended the funeral service of Mrs. Lily Mae Henry in Palestine. Mrs. Henry was a sister of Mr. T.C. Crisp.

Mrs. Noble Hall of Dumas and Mrs. Jack Sizemore and daughter, Burckley of Amarillo were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Forbes.

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COOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL HOUSE 1909 - 1910 - Available identification as follows: front row, left to right: 2nd, Lonzo Campbell; 4th Pearl Victory; 5th, Edna Pierce; 6th, Fulton Reynolds; 7th, Larry Whaler; 8th, Julia (Gardner) Townsend; 9th, Bernice Thacker; 10th, Burl Reed; 11th, Arthur Chamberlain. Second row, left to right: 2nd Rude Moseley; 3rd, Dee Townsend; 4th, Georgia Reynolds; 5th Baker Richburg; 6th, Mabel Chamberlain; 7th, Eunice Thacker;

8th, Ben Richburg; 9th, Lela Thacker; 10th, Irene (Gardner) Townsend; 11th, Bertha Wright; 12th Jack Townsend; 13th Letha Williams; 14th, Lena Reynolds; Top row, left to right: Ray Townsend, Luther Campbell, Luella (Reynolds) Carmichael; Eula (Gardner) Townsend, Teacher Ross Bellow, Vera Carver, Roxie Carver, Hardy Moseley, Winnie Moseley, Ola (Wheeler) Frost. This photograph was provided by Charlie Chamberlain.

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April 15, Deadline For S.S. Earning Reports

Residents of this area who received social security benefits in 1975 must file a report of their 1975 earnings with the Social Security Administration if their earnings exceeded \$2,520.00. The deadline for filing this earnings report is April 15, 1976, according to Glyn Hammons, District Manager in Abilene. The filing of a Federal income tax return with Internal Revenue Service does not relieve the person of filing the earnings report with the Social Security Administration.

Only those persons who were 72 years old or older during all months of 1975 or did not exceed

\$2,520.00 in earnings for the year are not required to file this report, Hammons said.

Only earnings from wages and from self - employment activities are counted as earnings for social security purposes. Excluded are such items of income as rentals, interest, and dividends.

Failure to file the report of earnings by April 15, 1976, when required, could result in a penalty of up to one month's benefit.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE RISING STAR CEMETERY PERMANENT FUND

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Future Homemakers To Attend Area IV Meet

Representatives of the Rising Star Chapter Future Homemakers of America will be attending the 1976 Area IV Meeting of the Texas Assn. of FHA, along with approximately 1200 members and advisors from a 35 county north central Texas area. "FHA--America the Beautiful" is the theme of the 1976 meeting which will be held in the Tarleton State University Auditorium, Stephenville, march 6.

Attending from Rising Star will be delegates, special participants, chorus members, state or area officers, advisors and other adults accompany the group. Keynote speakers, Mr. Steve Stroope, Minister of Youth, First Baptist Church, Abilene and Janice Cord, former Miss Texas, entertainment by the TSU Chitlin

"Switch Band", directed by Herb Teat, and presentations by Future Homemakers will highlight the convention.

The business of the association will be conducted at the House of Delegates Session Saturday morning.

Future Homemakers who have achieved unusual accomplishments by completing all levels of Encounter, a growth and development program, will be honored at a special recognition ceremony during the afternoon session.

Sybil Loy, Hamburg, Germany and the Hamilton FHA, representing "youth for Understanding" is scheduled to speak and will be special guest for the day.

Installation of the 1976-77 area officers will climax the Saturday

afternoon session. At this time, thirteen area officers, a state officer, and a state nominating committee member elected through chapter participation throughout the area will be placed in office. A newly elected president will receive the gavel from Jennifer Blum, Hico High School, outgoing president.

The Future Homemakers of America is an organization sponsored by Homemaking Education, Texas Education Agency, with Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smith, Director, Mrs. Betty Romans, State Advisor, and Mrs. Sammie Tate Pittman, Stephenville, Area Advisor.

Randa Bradley, voting delegate; Cathy Siplinger and Peggy Perry and sponsor Mrs. Dorothy Diddle.

Local Authorities Conduct Search For Missing Girls

Search of a 1,000 acre area southeast of Rising Star Sunday failed to turn up any clues to the fate of three Fort Worth girls missing since December 23, according to Arley Bibby, Rising Star Constable, who directed the search.

Bibby said that Mr. and Mrs. "Cotton" Arnold, parents of the girls, came to Rising Star and requested the search on the

basis of what they said was information that the bodies of the three had been "dumped" in an area southeast of Rising Star.

Bibby said he obtained permission of land owners in this area and engaged assistance of members of the Rising Star React Club in making the search.

He said the evidence was not substantial in the opinion of the authorities but that the search was made to seek out any clues no matter how faint, and especially for the reassurance of the parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold expressed their appreciation to the Constable and others who assisted in the search.

Majestic Theatre

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pittman of Amarillo are proudly announcing the birth of a son, William Blaine, on February 9, at Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Collins of Spearman, Texas, are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Pittman of Rising Star are the paternal grandparents.

Mrs. Della Roberts of Rising Star is the paternal great-grandmother.

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