'MAKES A MAN SORTA PROUD'

Harper's Presents Houston's 'Patriots,'

By BILL PANNILL

Houston rarely gets the publicity it deserves as the nation's sixth largest city.

When it does, the small, hardy band of intellectuals who comprise the readership of this space should be told about the blessed event.

Harper's Magazine has finally recognized the importance of our adopted—or native—home. And they've devoted some space to the discussion of patriotic activities in this burgeoning metropolis.

Makes a man sorta quietly proud.

ALTHOUGH THE Rice Campus Store has been trying to sell copies of Harper's down in the basement ever since the October issue hit the stands, the magazine looks a little forbidding to the average undergraduate — probably because the cover of Harper's is all words and no pictures. It's not that our highly vaunted intelligentsia can't read, it's just that they're not used to it.

At the risk of having this non-profit newspaper accused of payola, we suggest you buy this month's Harper's—or at least read it.

It tells about some of the organizations and activities that give us one of the country's best-informed citizenry.

As a matter of fact, Harper's is so impressed with our people, they don't call them just patriots—which they are, of course—but "super-patriots."

The title of the article, now get this, is "Houston Super-patriots." So it should be read for civic pride, if nothing else.

WILLIE MORRIS wrote the article. He's the editor of a home-grown newspaper, "The Texas Observer," published in Austin. He has some awfully nice things to say, too. Such as:

"It takes uncommon self-assurance, even in Texas, to make the sky your rostrum. But in Houston a battalion of salvationists have recently commandeered the heavens—and hundreds of more mundane platforms—to preach their diverse superpatriotic certitudes."

Mr. Morris goes on:

"In growing numbers, the citizens of that expansive country town are listening in rapt attention, believing—or fearing—that these compelling evangelists of the far right have the definite answer to the world's troubles."

THINK OF THAT—the definite answer to the world's

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troubles. And right here in Houston, too.

Mr. Morris even works Rice into the article. He says:

“Bishop James A. Pike of California came to town and charged that an Episcopal layman in Houston had “smeared” him as a Communist and that the Houston Minute Women “had used pamphlets and pressured university officials in an unsuccessful attempt to keep him from speaking at Rice last year.”

How about that? Awful good publicity, isn’t it? Read the whole article.

It’ll make you proud to be a Houstonian.