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Person-to-Person

The year that awaits big changes in Helotes—with the projected opening of UTSA here—1975—arrived amid many festivities. Country and Western fans as well as aficionados of Latin music were able to attend parties in such well-known places as the Helotes Inn and Floore Country Store. Families gathered amid a series of bowl games for TV parties.

Anna Louise and Bill Schumann had one of the annual open houses complete with buffet and trimmings that has become the place-to-go during the holidays. Guests enjoyed the party immensely.

It was homecoming here also for distant sons and daughters and the younger generation hosted parents from out-of-state.

However, the flu took its toll and many of the ones who had it suffered a series of relapses. Hospitalized were Bern Vinck, Mayor Ed Faust of Grey Forest, and others who are now recovering. Mrs. Mary Manley, John T. Floore and Charlie and Mary Garcia also have recuperated.

Guests of Mrs. Laura Davis were her son Richard and his wife Marilyn and children, Barbara Lynn and William Kent Davis. They are descendants of the famed Dr. Frederick Marnoch of Helotes. We enjoyed their visit at the ECHO.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Friday and their relatives from out-of-state and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Friday, Jr., were also guests here over the holidays.

Other visitors who toured the ECHO were guests of Mrs. Dee Brookes—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tales of Kansas City, Kansas. They also made a trip with their hostess to see Laredo and Nuevo Laredo while spending the holidays.

Artist Richard Cates of the University of Texas at Austin will exhibit his paintings at a one-man show beginning January 12 through February at Incarnate Word College gallery.

Visiting Helotes as a guest of Mrs. Drusilla Kazen was Dr. Phyllis Kazen who teaches at Harvard in Boston. She also visited at the Echo and had her niece little Lisl Friday accompanying her.

TRAIL RIDERS PLAN FOR S.A. STOCK SHOW

*Pre-Trail
Ride To Be
Jan. 26*



Photos by Mike Barrett

Seeing the New Year in were George Chambers and his Country Gentlemen—shown here as he sings a favorite—at Floore Country Store.

With his hand on the stand were Guest Stars, Patsy Coleman, shown in the offset above, and Teen Singer Bobby Flores, as well as Bill Rohde. George—who is a graduate of Marshall High and after college joined the faculty of Holmes High School as a biology teacher—has the Helotes sound—and many of his records are regulars on C & W shows throughout radioland. He has also composed several popular Country tunes, as well.

Ranch Town Site Work Continues Apace

San Antonio Ranch—the future new town located on a former ranch known for a half century as the Lytle Ranch at Helotes—is progressing, as work continues on developing the land use and roads, according to one spokesman. The Town will cover 9,132 acres, when fully developed.

As envisioned by the developers and approved for a federal loan guarantee, about half of the Ranch Town's acreage will be either residential or be streets and roads. In addition there will be three lakes, and such amenities as swimming pools and tennis courts as well as trails to be used for bicycles and hiking. There will also be two golf courses in the recreational or greenway of some 2,000 acres. About 12,000 or more persons will be employed, ac-



The drive into Ranch Town is little changed as work on Highway 16 near the gateway continues. In a few years, this trail may be one of the major roads within the new town with a name in keeping with its history.

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The Cowboy Capitol Trail Riders in preparation for the 6th Annual Ride to the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, have planned a warm up or pre-trail ride on Sunday afternoon January 26th, 1975. The ride will start from Twin Elm Ranch at 2 p.m. and return to the ranch about 5 p.m.

A chili supper with refreshments will be served and a business meeting will follow. The Cowboy Capitol Trail members will select a Trail Ride Queen at this time. All eligible candidates for the 1975 Trail Ride Queen are invited to be present. To be eligible, young ladies must be high school age or older but not over 21 years of age, single and able to participate in the ride. Candidates from Bandera as well as those from surrounding communities are welcome. The Queens from each of the nine official trail rides are honored by the officials of the San Antonio Stock Show at welcoming ceremonies, at a dinner, during the parade and are presented with a trophy. The Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride Queen will be crowned at the first night camp, bar-b-que and dance at Pete's Place, San Geronimo by Trail Boss Frank R. Anderwald and by the 1974 Queen, Miss Pam Dockery of San Antonio.

Horses for rent will be available for both the warm up ride and the big ride to San Antonio. Reservations for the ride and for horses should be made as soon as possible. For registration blanks and additional information if needed, call Frank R. Anderwald, 796-3628.

Many early registrations indicate a great deal of interest in the Sixth Annual Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride sponsored by the Bandera Chamber of Commerce. The ride to San Antonio will leave Bandera at 8 a.m. February 4th and end with participation in the Western Parade in downtown San Antonio on February 7th. The trail ride has been one of the largest entries from Bandera in the big western parade and brings recognition to our area and shows our good will towards our neighboring City of San Antonio.

Come join us for the warm up ride Sunday, January 26th—in case of bad weather the ride will be held the next Sunday.

Frank R. Anderwald
Trail Boss, Cowboy Capitol Trail

RANCH TOWN

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cording to projections, in industry and research to be housed on 1,234 acres. There will be vocational and educational facilities needing more than 500 acres and about 4,000 persons will be involved in this area, plans show.

The gateway to the park will have a town center and shopping facilities, if present plans are followed.

Residences will tend to be located in the central area of the Ranch, and the canyons will have the trails.

The recently settled litigation developed because of the location of part of the land over the Edwards Aquifer—an underground lake which is about 175 miles in length—and from 5 to 45 miles wide—lying under seven counties including Bexar County. Since early residents first noted the fabled tales of this great body of water—which led early explorers to search here for the fountain of youth—the Edwards Aquifer has become a water supply for Bexar County with the City of San Antonio depending on it.

Water experts have been studying wells and caves and other clues to learn more about the direction of flow and the possibility of protecting the Aquifer from pollution. According to information gained through many studies, the water flows generally in an easterly direction several miles per day. Some geologists have ventured to suggest however that the water is

governed by tides, as are the Great Lakes, which cause the Springs to erupt with little apparent relationship to surface water. Early French explorers called the area "Les Fontaines" spurring even more legends of fabulous crystal-clear fountains which could provide eternal youth. Later settlers depended on wells—dug or artesian and springs, but gave little credence to the early stories.

The Ranch Town has gone forward with the development, following lengthy litigation where the developers showed necessary precautions regarding development and sewage have been taken into consideration.

Only the tight-money market seems to be slowing the progress at this date, but so much preliminary work has to be completed that only a long range slowdown could seriously stop progress, it is reported at this stage. Since no major stream traverses the Ranchland, even those who are in favor of tight controls agree that no more than one-half of one percent of the recharge zone could be affected leaving the other 99 and a half percent to unplanned growth. It will be perhaps seven years before the Ranch Town would attract many of the future citizens, one study of factors indicates, but impact is already noted.

A major noticeable change is the entrance which formerly was only a ranch gate on Riebe's corner and will soon have a wide expanse at Highway 16, apparently.

Jack W. Sams Dies Here Aged 70

Jack W. Sams, 70, a native of Helotes and lifelong resident of Bexar County, died of an apparent heart attack on Monday, January 6, at about 10 a.m. at his home on Scenic Loop Road. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here. After 43 years with the San Antonio Fire Department from which he retired as a Lieutenant, he remained active in farming and ranching in Helotes. He was a member of a pioneer ranching and traildriving family here. He belonged to the Helotes Lodge No. 76 Sons of Hermann.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Sams of Helotes. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ann Toepferwein, and a son, Jack W. Sams, Jr., who are Helotes residents. In addition, he leaves grandchildren, Lynette and Chad Toepferwein.

He is survived by a brother, Bill Sams of Austin, and three sisters, Mrs. May Roan of Helotes, and Mrs. Florence Bohannon and Mrs. Mildred Blake, both of San Antonio. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

With Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, S. M. as celebrant, Mass was said at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 9, at the church. Final services were held at Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to his family in the loss of a beloved member.

Mauro Cantu Dies Jan. 5

Mauro F. Cantu, a famed San Antonio restaurateur, and father of Mrs. Carlos (Maria de Jesus) Garcia of Helotes, died Sunday, January 5, at the age of 68. A resident of Donaldson Avenue, he was the owner of Mario's Restaurant on South Pecos, and a resident of San Antonio for 51 years. He was born in Costanos, Coahuila, Mexico May 7, 1906.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lucrecia Cantu; in addition to Mrs. Garcia, he leaves another daughter, Mrs. Olivia C. Rodriguez; and sons, Mauro Cantu, Jr. and Hector Cantu. He also leaves three sisters, and three brothers. He is survived by 12 grandchildren.

Rosary was recited at Max Martinez Chapel, Monday, January 6. Requiem Mass was said Tuesday, January 7, by Rev. Francis Renfro at San Antonio's Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Concluding services were held at San Fernando Cemetery No. 2.

Sympathy is extended to his family and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Garcia in their loss.

Ruby Shelton's Services Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. J. D. (Ruby L.) Shelton, a former resident of Helotes, were scheduled for Friday, January 10, at 11 a.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the Porter Loring Mortuary, with Dr. Samuel L. Terry officiating. Burial services follow at Roselawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Shelton who was 75 years of age at the time of her death, had moved to San Antonio several years ago, but despite ill health kept in touch with many of her friends here.

She was a member of the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church of Helotes. She was also a charter member of the Silver Belles.

At her former Scenic Loop home, Shelton's Point, she and her late husband maintained a kennel specializing in pugs, and they enjoyed many of the annual shows holding various offices. She was a member of the San Antonio Kennel Club and a life member of the Blue Bonnet Pug Dog Club of Texas.

While a resident of Helotes, she also participated in other civic activities of the community—always willing to do her share.

She is survived by her nephews, Tom B. Gwin, Jr. of Rockdale, Texas, and David D. O'Neal of Perkins, Mississippi; also her niece, Mrs. June Adams.

Mrs. Shelton died Tuesday, January 7, in San Antonio at about 10 a.m.

Those wishing to do so, may contribute to the charity of their choice in her memory.

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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—This is the time of year when many of us begin to think of putting our financial house in order, what with federal income tax filing time approaching and many local taxes due.

And it's often at this time that many of us realize our family records are in such a disorganized state that the job is going to be more difficult than it has to be. Necessary records may be lost or misplaced, scattered in several different locations, illogically grouped, or buried among unimportant papers.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division attorneys say that many consumer experts recommend reviewing your personal or family record-keeping system annually to determine if it is adequate, thus avoiding such a situation.

A review would include checking to be sure other family members or responsible persons know where records are kept and who legal and financial advisers are and how to reach them. Each person should know how to contact the individual's or the family's attorney, banker, broker, insurance agent, employer,

creditors and debtors.

Reviewing the state of your records would also include determining which records are vital and should be protected, which are important but replaceable, and which can be thrown away to save space.

A good rule of thumb might be to put whatever would be impossible, costly, or troublesome to replace in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box. Using such a guide, then, the following records normally would need to be protected:

—Family birth and death certificates. Although these can be replaced, it might take several weeks to do so.

—Marriage certificates, divorce or other legal papers relating to dissolution of marriage, adoption papers, citizenship records, service papers, and any other government or court-recorded document.

—Wills or carbon copies of wills. If the original will is kept in the safe of the attorney who prepared it, one carbon copy should be in a safe place and another should be kept where it will be readily available.

—Certificates for securities. These are non-negotiable until

signed by the owner, but replacement involves cost and delay. If they are not kept by the broker, they should be stored in a safe place.

—Government bonds. These can be replaced at no cost, but it can take several months.

—Papers showing proof of ownership, such as real estate deeds, other mortgage papers, important contracts, car titles, leases, notes, and any special papers such as patents and copyrights.

—A detailed household inventory. This is a list of important items, their purchase dates, prices, descriptions (model numbers, brands, etc.), and often photographs. Such an inventory can be invaluable in making insurance claims after fires or burglaries and in assisting police recover any stolen items. Keep one copy in a safe place, one at home, and perhaps give one to your insurance company.

You would likely want to keep the following records handy as long as they are relevant, but in general they need not be kept in a safety deposit box or other special place: income tax returns, education and employment records, bank books, Social Security cards, guarantees, copies of insurance policies (copies are available at most banks).

Any cancelled checks or receipts that may be needed for income tax purposes or as proof of payment of consumer installment debts, however, should be readily available.

For assistance with the consumer problem, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or the local Better Business Bureau.

Amado Ayala Dies Aged 70

Amado (Amos) Ayala, Sr., a longtime resident of Scenic Loop Road, well-known professional jazz musician whose career spanned more than a half-century, who was also a retired employee of the Post Office Department, died Friday, January 3, at the age of 70.

As Don Amado and his Musical Gauchos, Mr. Ayala played coast-to-coast each week on NBC from a midwest hotel ballroom. About 1932, he introduced the great border classic "El Rancho Grande" to the nation making it the most requested tune for decades for bilingual bands, in both the United States and Mexico.

His career began according to his recollections about 1920 when he was 17. He was born in San Antonio, April 27, 1904, and belonged to the era of family troubadours where music was part of daily living. As drummer he joined Jack Teagarden and the Southern Trumpeters in 1924.

As a professional musician Mr. Ayala played with many of the great bands of the era when they appeared in this area—sometimes for extended periods. Louis Armstrong, Red Nichols, as well as Teagarden ranked Ayala's playing worthy of special recognition. Don Amado's band enjoyed an era of popularity at San Antonio hotels and private parties. During World War II he

played throughout the South with Special Service shows for boys on base, at most installations.

Although he joined the Post Office Department at the main post office in San Antonio as a postman in 1943 and continued until his retirement, Mr. Ayala continued to play at various times and was an over 50-year member of San Antonio Musicians Society, Local No. 23, AF & M.

Mr. Ayala was a member of the Catholic Church. He was also a member of Texas Lodge, No. 8, AF & AM.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Ayala. He also leaves his daughters, Mrs. R. (Gloria V.) Garza, San Antonio; Mrs. L. (Arlene J.) Slisz of New Braunfels; and five sons, Amos Ayala, Jr., George P., James V., Lawrence C. and Donald W. Ayala of San Antonio and Helotes.

In addition, he is survived by a half-brother, Ben Zepeda of Devine and 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Rosary was recited at Alamo Chapels Sunday evening, January 5, and the Funeral Mass, with Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, S.M. as celebrant, was held at 12 noon at the Chapels. Casket bearers were his grandsons.

Graveside services were held at Mission Burial Park North. The community offers sympathy to his family.

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Ella's Beauty Salon and Barber Shop reported that on December 23 a break-in was discovered with a television, barber tools, and cash taken. Several desks had been rifled.

On December 28, a break-in was discovered at Ted's Hickory Pit and some \$5000 worth of cooked meat was among the losses reported which included some money and a branding iron.

Also reported vandalized was the car wash on the Plaza.

These and several other burglaries are under investigation. Camera equipment was reported taken from Holmes High School, with the value of the items estimated at \$1,295 by school officials. The report was made January 7.

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About a year ago, State water experts—visiting the Incarnate Word College campus to inspect ancient springs which began flowing after a 40 year slumber—predicted that once the springs stopped it was unlikely that they would flow again.

Last April after a year of heavy, constant flow of millions of gallons per day, the ancient springs which once formed the natural headwaters of the San Antonio River stopped flowing as suddenly as they had started.

By November, well levels in

Bexar and surrounding counties began to rise again, and in December the "doomed" springs on campus again flowed, but not as heavily as they did during the summer of 1973. A miniature waterfall on the west campus returned where spring water drains out of the Olmos Basin, and a small pond near Hildebrand is full of clear water again.

And the timing couldn't have been better. The IWC board of directors has approved a new, first in San Antonio, in-

terdisciplinary degree program in Native American Studies. Classes open Sept., 1975. Students will be coming from around the nation.

The new major combines art, biology, and sociology in a study of the civilizations which for centuries lived or camped in the area now known as the Olmos Basin. IWC native American studies majors will not have to leave campus to do field work—which is unique for native studies.

All of the research and digs will be done in the natural laboratory around the San Antonio River headwaters on the IWC campus. Archeological finds in the area have already been dated back thousands of years before Christ, and the faculty expect even more significant deposits in a registered midden on campus.

The comprehensive major, which will also offer a minor in anthropology, should shed a great deal of light on the earliest inhabitants of San Antonio. Findings will be shared with other scientists and artists, and the community.

Students and faculty will attempt to piece together the types of plant and animal life which, combined with the always available supply of spring water, attracted centuries of nomadic tribes, settlers, and soldiers to the area. They will also inspect artifacts which reveal the artistry, craftsmanship, and lifestyle of those early civilizations.

IWC art instructor Eloise Stoker, who teaches primitive art history at IWC and has conducted pottery classes—following the exacting traditions of Indian potters for centuries,—was instrumental in helping to design the new major which incorporates the resources of three IWC departments.

Trinity Students Receive Honors

The following students have been invited to join the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society, at Trinity University.

James K. Brantley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laudice Brantley of 230 Radiance. He is a senior environmental science major and a President's Scholar, a scholastic honor awarded to the top 100 academically-ranked students at Trinity.

Juliet M. Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie S. Brown of 2300 Nacogdoches No.126G, is a senior religion major.

Russell W. Budd is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Budd of 435 Shadywood. Budd is a junior political science major planning to enter the field of law.

Thomas Andrew Duncan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Duncan of 107 Oakmont Ct. Duncan, a senior German major, is a President's Scholar, a scholastic honor awarded to the top 100 academically-ranked students at Trinity, a University Scholar, a scholastic honor awarded to students who maintain an average of 3.3 or better their first three semesters at Trinity, and is president of the Trinity German Club (Gruppe Siebzig). Barbara and Janice Engel are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Engel of 4314 Moana Street. Both are junior engineering majors and President's Scholars.

Margaret H. Erp, of 4930 El Gusto, is a senior sociology and mass communication major and a President's Scholar.

Alice Hardy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Hardy of 215 Alwater, is a junior mathematics major and a President's Scholar.

Nancy K. Hinnitt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Bear of 224 Shelburn Drive. Miss Hinnitt is a senior elementary education major and a President's Scholar.

Karen S. Hoehne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar V. Hoehne of 4826 Wycliff Drive. Miss Hoehne is a junior elementary education major and a President's Scholar.

James A. Krempel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jans A. Krempel of 12511 La Bodega. Krempel, a junior political science major is a President's Scholar, a University Scholar and is editor of the Brigade Banner, the Reserve

Officers Training Corps cadet newspaper.

Virginia Martinez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Martinez of 1430 N. Flores. An English major, Miss Martinez is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society in education, Sigma Tau Delta, a national honor society in English literature and has been a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, an honor society for freshman and sophomore women.

Greg Pape is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pape of 406 Elmhurst. A junior art major, Pape is a President's Scholar.

Jodi A. Rushing is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Rushing of 302 Rilla Vista. A senior geology major, Miss Rushing is a President's Scholar.

Mary P. Schuermann, the daughter of Mr. Travis G. Schuermann of 222 Ashland, is a senior biology major who plans to enter the field of medicine.

Linda Serwaka of 2530 Harry Wurzbach No. 21E is a junior biology major who plans to enter the field of medicine. She is a President's Scholar.

William E. Talbot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Talbot of 3631 Sugarhill. A junior engineering major, Talbot is a President's Scholar.

Mary H. Underwood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerodetti, Jr. of 506 Prinz. Miss Underwood is a junior biology major and a President's Scholar.

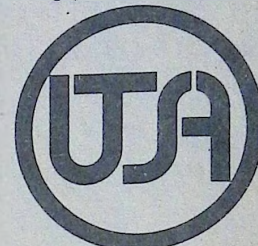
George H. Wingerter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wingerter of 1359 Oblate Drive. A senior Spanish major, Wingerter is a President's Scholar.

Susan C. Wolfe, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wolfe of 10323 Luzon, is a junior art major and a President's Scholar.

Membership in Alpha Chi is extended to the top 10 percent of the junior and senior class. Alpha Chi is a national, coeducational honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among students.

Camp Fire Girls will have San Antonio's Mayor Pro Tem Lila Cockrell as guest speaker at the Luther Cent on January 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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Women's Club

The Helotes Women's Club will have as guest speaker, Cynthia North, Helotes artist, who will demonstrate the art of bread-dough sculpture which she has taught professionally and won many prizes with her unique designs.

The occasion will be the regular meeting to be held Tuesday, January 21, at 10 a.m. in the CCD Building located adjacent to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church on Riggs Road. Members are invited to bring guests for this event and any artist in the community or person wishing to learn about this art may feel free to attend.

President of the Club is Mrs. Baxter Melgaard who will conduct a brief business session discussing projects for the upcoming Helotes Spring Festival, including the Helotes Quilt.



Mrs. Joel Blake Morley

Morley-Spencer Wed In Candlelight

St. Francis Episcopal Church of San Antonio was the setting December 28, 1974, for the candlelight ceremony in which Miss Janet Kay Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert O. Spencer, Jr. of Bar X Trail here became the bride of Joel Blake Morley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Morley of San Antonio.

The setting for the double ring ceremony was enhanced by poinsettias and altar candles. Performing the ceremony was the Rev. Joseph J. Miller, Jr.

The bride was given in marriage by her father while Richard Parrigan, organist, played "Trumpet Tune in D Major" by Purcell. The soloist, Mrs. Dale Calvert, sang "The Greatest of These" and the recessional was "Toccata" (Fifth Symphony) by Widor.

The bride's gown of candlelight bridal satin was traditionally styled with an overlay of tulle and reembroidered Alencon lace and long sleeves. Her floor length train was of bridal illusion, and she carried a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses and baby's breath.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. J. Dubose. The bride's attendants were gowned similarly in burgundy velvet with candlelight lace cuffs and lace encircling the neckline. They carried long-stemmed minuet roses.

Serving as the bride's maid of honor was Miss Karen Hancock. Bridesmaids were Misses Jamina Dubose, Jane Harrison of Beloit, Kansas, and Marion Graham of Austin.

For the occasion, the bride's

mother was gowned in a floor length shirtwaist beige crepe and carried a cymbidium orchids corsage. The bridegroom's mother was gowned in a floor length A-line dress-coat ensemble of pink brocade and carried a similar corsage.

Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mark Morley. Groomsmen included Mike Charles and Bob Lee of San Antonio and Kip Schiller and Jack Hayes of Austin. Ushers were Ben Sims, Robert Leatherwood, and also Dan Perkins of Sherman, Texas.

Acolyte was Steve Calvert, and the flower girls were Trisha Lea Spencer of Wilmington, Delaware and Marcie Peterson of San Antonio.

The bride is a graduate of John Marshall High School, and received her degree in December, 1973 from Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos. She is a teacher at Anson Jones Middle School in San Antonio presently.

The bridegroom is a graduate of San Antonio's Churchill High School, and received his degree in Advertising-Marketing from the University of Texas at Austin, receiving his degree in December, 1974. He is employed as an account executive with Morley Media Services, San Antonio.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held at Turtle Creek Country Club. Assistants were Misses Kim Richter, Cindy Badders, Carolyn Carroll, Deby Smith, Cindy McGough, and Mrs. John Badders.

Following a wedding trip to Corpus Christi, the bride and groom are at home in San Antonio.

Miss Jan O'Hara, Fiance Honored

On Sunday, January 5, Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Hara entertained guests with a Mexican dinner honoring their daughter, Miss Jan O'Hara, and her fiance, Richard Bennett, son of Mrs. Milbrey June Bennett and William Bennett of San Antonio.

The function also honored out-of-town guests who were here for a Bridesmaids Planning Social over the week-end. Designs of the gowns to be worn at the August wedding of Miss O'Hara and Mr. Bennett were chosen and other details discussed by the chosen bridesmaids at the Planning Social.

To be bridal attendants are Miss Cathy McCammon, college sophomore, who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Rena Pinson

of Marble Falls; and Miss Toni Jean Joslyn of San Antonio; and Miss Linda Flores of Helotes.

Both the bride-elect and her fiance are graduates of John Marshall High School and presently are attending San Antonio College.

The Art Guild reported a good Christmas show despite continuous inclement weather. Those interested in art are willing, it appears, to brave the elements.

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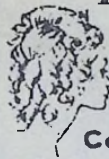
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Some of the recently-published guides include "Complete Guide to Retirement," by Thomas Collins; "The Retirement Handbook," by Joseph Buckley; "Your Personal Guide to Successful Retirement," by Sidney Margolius; "So Who's Afraid of Birthdays," by Anna Mow; "Retirement: A Time to Live Anew," by Harry Hepner; "New Guide to Happy Retirement," by George Ware; and "How to Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life," by Henry Legler.

Places to live after retirement are covered in Norman Ford's "Where to Retire on a Small Income", Edward Fischer's "Why Americans Retire Abroad," Leland Cooley's "How to Avoid the Retirement Trap", Paul Holter's "Guide to Retirement Living", Norman Ford's "Bargain Paradises of the World," Helen Heusinkveld's "Best Places to Live When you Retire", and Martha Smith's "Foreign Retirement Edens."

A number of titles give advice on how to keep active mentally and physically after retirement. They include "How to Keep Fit," by Francis Chichester; "Golden Age Exercises," by Francis King; "Never Too Late to Be Young," by Percy Hansen; "Fitness after 40," by Eric Taylor, and "Health in the Later Years," by Dr. Robert Rothenberg.

The library also has books on investing for retirement, part-time employment, leisure time activities, managing available income, and other related subjects.

WANT TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE?

A Beginner Rider Course for Motorcycles will start at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, Room 915 in the portable building at Holmes High School.

The course consists of eight lecture hours from 7-9 p.m., Jan. 13, 14; Jan. 20, 21; and eight range hours from noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25, Northside Stadium.

Cost of the course is \$25. Further information can be obtained from the Northside Driver Traffic Safety Education Office, 5900 Evers Rd.

The course is open to adults as well as teenagers.

Grange Opposes Amendment

The proposed 27th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution was discussed at the December meeting of the Leon Valley Grange and members voted to go on record in total opposition to the provisions of this proposed amendment.

The Grange youth Christmas party and dance was hosted by the youth of Cibolo Grange on December 28.

Twelve members attended the State Grange leaders conference in Boerne January 4.

A slide presentation by Edward Seitz, State Grange membership director, of Boerne was on the program at the regular meeting held Thursday, January 9, at the Grange.

Cupper's Art On Exhibit

Jack Cupper is displaying oils, watercolors, acrylics, and drawings at Westfall Branch Library during the month of January.

He is self-taught with a little formal training. He grew up in the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania, where he spent much of his childhood tramping through the woods and hills. "Never once was I aware that I was learning of nature—it was just a part of a beautiful life where the air was still clear and the brooks sparkling. I suppose this is why I paint. I want to share with others how I remember nature then, and how it can be forever, if man is willing to re-assess nature's values."

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"You don't need to pay anyone to help you get a statement of your earnings," Gonzalez said. "Just ask any social security office for a Request for Statement of Earnings post card. Fill in your name, address, date of birth, and social security number. Sign, stamp, and mail the card. Social security will send you a statement of earnings credited to your record free of charge."

Earnings credited to the worker's social security number build retirement, disability, survivors, and Medicare protection for workers and their families. The amount of monthly social security payments is based on the worker's average earnings over a period of years.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The San Antonio social security office is at 309 Dwyer Avenue. The phone number is 349-3991.



FIRST UNDERGRADUATE CATALOGS of the new University of Texas at San Antonio are being mailed this month to more than 10,000 persons who have requested them. Jana Peterson of the UTSA Registrar's Office addresses one of the 3,000 catalogs mailed out the first day. UTSA will offer courses for juniors and seniors next fall, with courses for freshmen and sophomores to follow a year later. The campus is on Loop 1604 between Babcock Road and Interstate 10, approximately five miles from the Helotes post office.

License Plates Will Be Different

If all goes according to plan, the Texas motor vehicle license plate might soon outlast the motor vehicle that "wears" it.

Beginning February 1, the majority of motor vehicles operating in Texas may be eligible to use the new "multi-year" license plate, renewable annually for five years of driving. According to Bob Townsley, Director of the Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division, approximately 9.2 million renewal notices are already in the mail to vehicle owners announcing the fact.

"Motorists will notice no change in the registration procedure this year," said Townsley. "Only the license plate to be issued will be different."

Instead of the usual metal plate, a heavier, non-corrosive steel will be used for greater endurance. Also, the plate will be reflectorized and will feature black letters and numerals on a white field, considered by experts to be the most easily readable color combination.

"The real change in registration procedure will come in 1976," explained the Highway Department official. Next year, instead of buying a new license plate, owners will purchase a 1x2 inch adhesive-type validation tag that will be placed in the debossed upper left corner of the plate. In 1977, the tag will be stuck in the upper right corner to cover the debossed "75," and alternated for the ensuing years. Townsley said the tags cannot be easily removed without deterioration, a part of the plan to discourage vandalism or theft.

The "multi-year" plate to be used in Texas is almost identical to the one adopted by California some years ago. Specifications for plate design, letters and numerals were obtained from that state after careful study by Highway

Department officials. "We found California to be completely successful with its 'multi-year' licensing system and it came closest to the 'new look' we wanted for Texas," said Director Townsley.

Immigration Officials Well Pleased With Response Of Aliens

Immigration officials are well pleased with the response of aliens in this area to address report requirements.

Mr. Joe F. Staley of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that although the program has been underway only 15 days, the number reporting thus far is well ahead of the number reporting during the same period last year.

Aliens have until the end of January to submit their address reports to the Government. Forms for the purpose may be obtained at any Post Office or any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

All aliens, with few exceptions, are required to report. Those excused from this requirement include diplomats and persons accredited to certain international organizations.

Aliens who are minors must also report, but the parent or legal guardian should submit the report for an alien child under fourteen years of age.

Weather Changers Try Their Luck

AUSTIN—Many might like to control the weather in Texas, and a few are seriously attempting it. Details of who's trying and their methods are given in a report recently published by the Texas Water Development Board.

Report 187, "Weather Modification Activities in Texas, 1973," was written by staff members of the Board's Weather Modification and Technology Division under the direction of

Hydrometeorologist John Carr.

Of nine projects, five were efforts to stimulate clouds to release more rainfall. In the Texas Panhandle near Littlefield and Plainview, two projects were conducted with a goal of preventing or suppressing crop-damaging hail.

The Texas Weather Modification Act of 1967, requires would-be weather modifiers to obtain a State permit for their attempts to change or control clouds, and names the Texas Water Development Board to regulate and keep adequate records on all such weather modification projects.

Copies of Report 187 are available at no charge from the Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

Over 200,000 American babies are born with birth defects each year, the March of Dimes reports.

Holmes Boy Wins Election

Bliss Spillar was elected District XX president and Pat Rutledge placed first in the Miss FBLA Contest in a Future Business Leaders of America Contest and Convention held in Fredericksburg. Both are Holmes High School students.

Holmes students winning other titles were: Karen De Walt, reelected District secretary; Mike De La Garza, elected District treasurer; Glenda Harvath, first in the vocabulary contest; Steve Horn, third in public speaking; Janie Griffith, third in the talent contest and Mike De La Garza, third in the Mr. FBLA contest.

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The Holmes club will attend the state convention in March in Fort Worth.

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Soccer Thunders Into San Antonio

Soccer—one of the most popular sports in the world—has arrived in San Antonio, a city fast becoming the professional sports mecca of the Southwest.

The ten players, coaches, management, town notables and sportsmen will be introduced to the public at annual Agudas Achim Men's Club Sports Lunch on Sunday, February 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. Marvin Aboloff, president of the Men's Club has announced. Media Director George Wood will be master of ceremonies for the event, which will feature Israeli food.

The Thunder breathed its first breath June 25, 1974. San Antonio was awarded the 17th franchise in the North American Soccer League. The NASL is the only major professional soccer league in the United States with such



Marvin Aboloff, President of Agudas Achim Men's Club, accepts a soccer ball from H. Ward Lay, Jr., left, president of the Thunders.

teams as New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Dallas, and St. Louis. Through the diligent

efforts of team president, Ward Lay, general manager, Mike Boyle, and Coach Alex Perolli, the Thunder is expected to be a winner in its first year.

San Antonio was chosen as an ideal location for a soccer franchise. NASL Commissioner Phil Woosnam is pleased with the Alamo City itself. Woosnam remarked, "Within San Antonio and the neighboring counties there are over 1 1/2 million residents which makes it one of the top thirty markets in the country."

Fan convenience was a top consideration in choosing Northeast Stadium. Unlimited all-weather parking, clean adequate rest rooms, modern quick service concession stands, and the latest aluminum bench seats add up to first class comfort for the sports crowd.

The Thunder was instrumental in beginning a youth soccer league for youngsters 7 through 18. The league, under the direction of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, has grown to 45 teams in just over two months.

It is not necessary to be six feet tall and 210 lbs. to play soccer. As a matter of fact, most of the world's great players are average size. The other big selling feature of youth soccer is the cost of playing the game. A "T" shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes form the basic uniform. With the addition of a soccer ball, the youngsters are in business. Jon Schoondergang, a former player, has a dynamic program going on in the grade schools with 14 teams already organized.

Soccer is truly the game on the grow in San Antonio. And come April 18th Alamo City sports fans will agree that "the place to be" will be Northeast Stadium to roll "The Thunder" onto victory.

1974 Has Average Rainfall

Although December, 1974 broke some kind of record for consecutive days with the absence of sunshine—and most persons would agree it was very wet for about three weeks—the month produced only a total of 2.3 inches of rainfall to bring the year's total in Helotes to 31.2 inches. The average is considered 27.84 for a year, and San Antonio logged 36.69 with the aid of a 3.3 inch rain or two.

"If we get an average rainfall—or something like 2.5 inches per month—we've had a pretty good year," says Henry Brauchle one of those keeping records, using official rain gauges.

He said that judging by range grasses, we are going to have an early Spring.

For those who like to make predictions, Easter falls in March—on the 30th—this year, another long-time talisman of early Spring. And there have been many local sightings of the robins migrating northward well before Christmas, harbingers of Spring in Helotes. So despite the gloomy weather which closed out 1974, and made driving hazardous during the holidays, January has already produced some warm sunny days—Nature's answer to the energy crisis.

Mr. Brauchle who gathers data on his Poor Boy Ranch also kept records as a boy. He remembers records kept by his father. He points out that due to the hills and other factors, individual ranchers might have rains which did not become general, thus making individual records at variance with those made for short terms. On an annual basis—the variance is slight.

UTSA To Begin Spring Term

Spring semester registration for graduate programs at The University of Texas-SA will be January 13 and 14, UTSA Director of Admissions and Registrar Richard L. Lewis, has announced. Registration will be in the Goliad Building, 4203 Woodcock, in the Koger Executive Center.

Playground Club Has New Slate

Officers for the Scenic Loop Playground Club for 1975 elected at a recent quarterly meeting are Columbus Stutes, president; Mrs. Irene Scharf, vice president; Richard Kremske, treasurer; and Mrs. Linda Caldwell, secretary. Mrs. Ginger Stutes was also named director of the Swimming Pool for the current season.

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