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Person-to-Person

With the return of sun time—Central Standard—this weekend, those who watch their hours will begin to feel the zest of holiday time. It is now only two months until Christmas—and on the way—are the holidays, Halloween and Thanksgiving, to observe as well as the many tours and fall celebrations—including football and hunting.

Most will appreciate the extra morning hour—and all the daylight early, but there are some who like it the way it has been. Either way, two dozen hours make a nice round figure for those who enjoy every day, and remember to value time.

Miss Kathy Komray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Komray of Helotes Park Estates, recently returned from a five-day convention held in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Women in Communications.

Kathy is president of the college chapter at Trinity University, where she is majoring in radio, TV and journalism.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans of Liverpool, England, have returned home in October after enjoying three weeks in Texas sightseeing and attending parties in their honor.

They were houseguests in Helotes of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Daily, their cousins. Mrs. Daily's

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RANCH TOWN GETS A-OK SIGN

Work Appears On Schedule After Delays

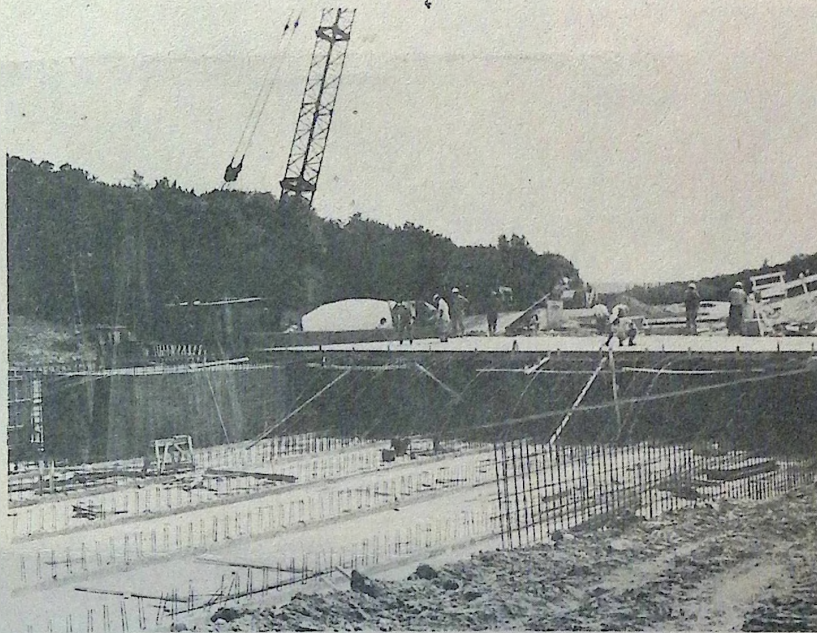


Photo by Bill Terry

RANCH TOWN will be one of the areas gaining from the major rebuilding of Highway 16—Bandera Road—into a four-lane divided highway. This bridge is typical of the progress being made in the second segment—about four miles from Scenic Loop in Helotes to above Villarreal's on the outskirts. Dean Word Construction Co. is doing the work—which has had excellent weather conditions in contrast to that of the first 10-mile segment completed last year. This work is directly in front of Ranch Town beyond the entrance at Riebe's corner.

Ranchtown appears, for the first time in years, to be in a position to launch a full program of growth here.

Opposition to Ranchtown—the new town planned for near Helotes on the former Lytle Ranch, which will have a dramatic setting on more than 9,000 rugged acres and will represent town planning at its reported best—sputtered out in mid-October when the Supreme Court of the United States refused to hear a suit brought by the Edwards Underground Water District to stop development.

The District challenged the environmental impact statement because it had been prepared at the cost of the developers, although earlier rulings had held the study adequate if statements in it were carried out in actuality.

This EUWD action was one of a series of delays which developed after San Antonio began to complain that some of the proposed town is over the Edwards recharge zone. Developers have plans to guard against pollution, they testified, in earlier actions amounting to a five-or-six

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Blood Drive Here Nov. 8

The Alpha Rho Chapter of ESA individuals family will be insured will sponsor a blood drive in for one year for any needed blood. cooperation with Blood Services of Those wishing to insure their San Antonio on Saturday, Nov. 8, family may contact Kaye at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Daughtry, 695-8186, or Barbara Church. By donating one pint an McCubbin, 695-8131.



Reigning Miss Helotes and her royal court have some fun passing out tamales during the recent fundraiser dance and tamalada held at Floore Country Store. Dick Hartmann, 1976 Festival president, goes along with the fun.

Miss Helotes—Cherelyn Goodpaster—center, is doing the honors. Holding tamales is Princess Sheryl Lee Mayfield, second from right, with Duchesses Shirley Breeding, far left, and Cindy Lynn Bello, far right, lending their assistance.



Photo by Bill Terry

Glenda Ray & the Guys were among the seven bands playing for the Festival Fundraiser which this month raised close to a thousand dollars for the Festival's 1976 activities—chiefly to be invested in the Bicentennial Float upon which the Miss Helotes Court will ride—including during San Antonio's Fiesta. Shown here is Glenda and one of the Guys at Floore Country Store on the patio.

Along Our Route

Dear Lucy and Charles:

On behalf of myself and members of the Helotes Spring Festival Association, we wish to thank the community for their support of the Association's fund-raising dance at Floore Country Store on October the third.

Funds are needed to construct a new Bicentennial float for the many parades in the coming year, including the Battle of Flowers in April. We are sure to have a good start financially, as we had over five hundred people attending the dance.

However, without the help of the Helotes Echo, local radio stations and members of the four bands, who gave of their time and talent, we could not have had such a successful benefit.

Again, words cannot express our many thanks to all.

Sincerely,

Dick Hartmann, President

HELOTES SPRING FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

Oct. 13, 1975

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Enclosed is a check for \$3.00 for one year's subscription to the Helotes ECHO. I forgot this was due in September.

Floyd, Caroline and myself were in Helotes in August, visited with Raymond Alcala and with the Raymond Johnson's for one day—took a look at the new road and drove by the old place. We miss it all and wish sometimes we were back there, but it is so far to travel on weekends and holidays. We do enjoy the Echo so much. Hope to see everyone during the Bicentennial, if it is possible.

Thank you so much for sending the paper on anyway.

Robbie M. Scroggin

Bank Hearing Set For Nov. 5

Application for a proposed State Banking Charter for a facility to be known as the Northwest Bank of Leon Valley will be heard on Wednesday, November 5, in Austin, Vernon Schuchardt, proposed Chairman of the bank, has announced.

The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room of the Banking Department, at about 10:30 a.m., he said. The Department is located at 2601 N. Lamar, and those interested in the future bank

are invited to attend. Accompanying Schuchardt will be the proposed Board of Directors.

A revised proposed charter was filed with the State June 5, 1975. According to the application, the bank is to be located on Bandera Road and the continuation of Wurzbach Drive West—on Hurley Drive near Mursch Sporting Goods.

Schuchardt said that the bank would serve Northwest Bexar County, as well as Leon Valley.

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Youth Rescued From Cave



Les Groth, standing behind his parents, is shown with his brother, far left.

Three Helotes teenagers Monday afternoon, Oct. 20, attempted to explore a cave with a perpendicular entrance sometime after school hours. Although the descent was without incident—and the two younger ones—16-year-old Erik Geisler and 14-year-old Eddie Sherman—had no particular trouble getting out, the third one,

18-year-old Lester Groth, a graduate of John Marshall High School who had negotiated part of the ascent—fell some 30 feet to a lower chamber and sustained injuries and abrasions. He found it impossible to rise above the first few feet again and was trapped on a ledge.

Presence of mind, and the fact that he had air and was not completely helpless may have saved Lester's life.

His two friends, who had emerged a little before 6:30 p.m. from the cave, realized that help was necessary. Eddie stayed by to talk to Les while Erik got in his car and headed for the nearest telephone—at a house on the Scenic Loop Road. He then called the sheriff's deputies who in turn called out the Grey Forest Fire Department and Grey Forest Police Chief Ernie Lobello.

It was dark when the rescuers, P. H. Coghill and Columbus Stutes of the fire unit were able to reach the stricken boy and bring him to the surface. The Geisler boy had also summoned Les's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Groth, of Helotes Park Estates, and took them to the area. A waiting EMS ambulance took Les to Wilford Hall where he was treated and later released about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

The cave is located not far from the intersection of Bandera Road and Scenic Loop on private property.

This is one of numerous instances where would-be cave explorers have had to be rescued in this area.

Grey Forest Leads Feasibility Study

The Board of Directors of the Edwards Underground Water District at a meeting Tuesday, October 14, gave approval of Grey Forest's request for an \$11,250 grant for a feasibility study for a central sewage collection system in this area.

Grey Forest City Council had put up \$1,000 to pay for initiation of the study. The proposed area would include the Helotes Creek watershed outside of the municipality also, and would benefit many residents, if finalized, according to Mayor Ed Faust who made the announcement at a City Council meeting, Tuesday.

The remainder of some \$49,000 needed to complete the feasibility study is expected to come from a federal grant, he said.

Authorities recognize a need for a central sewage treatment plant to serve this area, but the number of connections to be expected from the City of Grey Forest is not large enough to make the project feasible without the participation of adjoining areas.

If the study is made and the project is found to be economically feasible, it would still be necessary for Grey Forest property owners to vote to establish a Municipal Utility District and to pay the local part of the construction cost, which includes a sewage treatment plant below Helotes.

All indicators point to continued construction of home in the Helotes Creek Watershed drainage area, and the sewage disposal problem will get worse.

PERSON TO PERSON

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younger brother, Norman Wellspring, flew in from Nashville, Tennessee, to get re-acquainted with his cousin, Daisy Evans, and he accompanied the group to Houston. The visitors were shown the Johnson Space Center and the Astrodome. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wellspring and family hosted a luncheon at Gaidos in Galveston and entertained at their Jamaica Beach summer home also.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have reported from England that they enjoyed Helotes and Texas and hope to return again. They made many friends here.

The Locke Hill Elementary Carnival held this Saturday, Oct. 25, will be the last one on the site of the historic school grounds, as the school will occupy a new campus next year. The public is invited to enjoy this big event.

The Silver Belles report a delightful time at the barbecue held recently at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Bricker. Mr. Bricker is credited with the barbecuing. Mrs. Lucile Stemen was co-hostess.

BOONE ELEMENTARY Carnival Set

Boone Elementary School will hold a Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Nov. 1, on the school grounds from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. with games, a costume contest, Horror House, and plenty of food including tamales. There will be door prizes and a costume contest to be judged at 5 p.m. The public is invited, according to Mrs. Mabel Meeks Carnival chairman of the P-TA sponsored event. Boone Elementary is at 6614 Springtime in the Babcock North area.



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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. Komray announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Grace Komray, to William Thomas Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jones.

Kathleen is a graduate of John Marshall High School where she was an active member of the student body. She is now attending Trinity University, majoring in broadcast journalism, and will graduate in May. She is also president of the student chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. on the Trinity University campus.

William is a graduate of Highlands High School. He is presently attending The University of Texas at San Antonio where he is majoring in business administration with a marketing emphasis.

The bride-elect and her fiancé are planning a December wedding.

Emericks Renew Wedding Vows

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Emerick, 14107 Flying W Trail, marked their 25th wedding anniversary recently with a Mass of Thanksgiving and Renewal Vows celebrated by Rev. Louis Trawalter at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Their daughter, Aneya, attended the couple, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Bednar and Mr. William Emerick. Magda Madla played the organ. Becky Garcia played the guitar and several choir members sang. At a reception dinner-dance at Braun Hall following the mass, hostesses were Mrs. Felix Madla, Mrs. Eddie Leibold and Misses Barbara and Beverly Kruse. Miss Genie Nation was in charge of the guest book, and the grand march which preceded the dance was led by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rohan.

Out-of-town guests attended from Houston, Dallas, Irving, Baytown, Brenham and other Texas cities.

Masquerade Ball Set For Boerne

The Guadalupe Society of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Boerne will sponsor a masquerade dinner dance in the parish hall, Saturday, Nov. 1. The public is invited.

A Mexican dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m., with plates \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12.

The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m. Music will be by Los Aguilillas of Boerne.



Miss Benke and Fiance

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Edward Benke announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann Benke, to Bruce Edward Faust, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lee Faust.

The bride-elect is a graduate of John Marshall High School. She is presently attending Southwest Texas State University, with a major in elementary education.

Her fiancé graduated from John Marshall High School. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas State

University, receiving his bachelor of science degree in physical education. He is currently teaching in Austin.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 27 in Zion Lutheran Church, Helotes, Texas.

Vegetable Day To Be Nov. 8

For the first time in 24 years, the annual South Texas Vegetable Day Show will feature non-profit, bazaar-type booths at the Joe Freeman Coliseum on Sat., Nov. 8.

Chairman Albert De Winne said booths sponsored by non-profit organizations—such as churches, schools and clubs—is an attempt to give these charitable groups an opportunity to use the show date to earn money for their causes.

De Winne urged everyone to attend the 1975 South Texas Vegetable Show beginning at 9:30 a.m. Admission and parking are free. Door Prizes will be given away all day.

"Pops Concert '75" will be presented by the Trinity University Choir Nov. 7 and 8, and Nov. 14 and 15 in the Ruth Taylor Concert Hall at 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$2.

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Miss Komray and Fiance

New Arrival

Kenneth James Simpson, Jr., having dark curly hair, big dark eyes, and looks just like his dad. Kenneth James Simpson, Sr., His parents reside on Bandera their first child, weighed in at Road as do his maternal grand-seven pounds, 9½ ounces, on parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Friday, September 19, at Mayfield, who are longtime Methodist Hospital. He was 20½ residents here. He is welcomed by inches long. He is described as many relatives here also.

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Trinity To Stage 'The Killer'

"The Killer," a Eugene Ionesco venture into dreams and the subconscious, opens as the third Paul Baker production in Trinity University's Tenth Anniversary Theater Season Nov. 19.

The play, called Ionesco's best play, enjoys a split schedule in the Ruth Taylor Theater One complex. "The Killer" will be onstage Nov. 19-22 and Dec. 3-6, breaking for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Tickets for "The Killer," open to the public, may be reserved by calling the Ruth Taylor Theater box office, 736-8515 or 736-8516, 1:30 to 5 p.m. weekdays. Performances are at 8:15 p.m., and tickets start at \$2.50.

Locke Hill Gets Spirit

"From Bunker Hill to Locke Hill" will be the motto of a bicentennial celebration at Locke Hill Elementary, on IH-10, Saturday, Oct. 25, from 3 to 8 p.m. It also will be a commemorative farewell to the present school building, built in 1868 and the oldest school in the San Antonio area, as a new building is nearing completion on DeZavala Road just east of IH-10.

Linda Rives, chairman of the "Freedom Fair," said, "This will truly be a revolutionary event when the school grounds are transformed with costumes, patriotically decorated booths, a Spirit of '76 art display, an 18th century spook house, stockade, hayrides in an authentic ice wagon drawn by two teams of mules, a Paul Revere stunt show, and many more 18th century inspired festivities."

A special attraction will be an exhibit of artists and craftsmen demonstrating blacksmith skills, quilting, macrame, needlework, bread dough, and firearm engraving.

Concordia To Offer "Camelot"

CAMELOT, the Lerner and Loewe musical, will be presented by Concordia College on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 31, and November 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m. Lawrence Peters, a graduate of the University of Texas Department of Drama and the director of the musical, has announced.

In lead roles are Jim Menke of San Antonio as King Arthur, Kris Wenk of San Antonio as Queen Guenevere, and Allan Doering of Galveston as Lancelot.

Women's Club Observe Anniversary



Photo by Bill Terry

Mrs. Martin (Valda) Terry, far left, president of the Helotes Women's Club, is shown with seven former presidents of the organization during the Silver Anniversary Reception held by the Club this month at the Youth Building.

Standing next to Mrs. Terry, left to right, are Mrs. H. E. (Evelyn) Brown, now of Canyon Lake; Mrs. Rimón (Loretta) Ham, now of Leon Valley; and, center, Miss Marie Parrigin and Mrs. Baxter (Sarah) Melgaard, both of Helotes; as well as Mrs. Lucile Owen, Mrs. Buddy (Lorene) Hartman, and Mrs. Margie Hopf, all of Grey Forest.

The Club honored the memory of the founder, Mrs. Mabel Cheney. Several other former presidents, including Mrs. Alta McCoy were unable to attend, although many former members and other officers were present to enjoy the festivities.

Artist To Show Club 'Lost Art'

Well-known Trapunto Artist Dorothy (Dot) Parrott will demonstrate the ancient art of sculpting pictures from fabrics at the next meeting of the Helotes Women's Club to be held Tuesday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scenic Loop Youth Building in Grey Forest.

Mrs. Parrott who is associated with a studio in La Villita in downtown San Antonio, is a former member of the Helotes Art Guild, and has won many awards for her work. During the HemisFair, her work was carried to all States and overseas by visitors. She and her husband, Ike, and family are residents of Grey Forest, where she was a former Council member.

All members and guests are invited to attend the meeting, said Mrs. Martin Terry, president.

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Cost of the workshop, co-sponsored by Rosengren's Bookstore, is \$15. For more information, contact the UTSA Division of Continuing Education.

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A Spanish dance—the Flamenco—is performed by two of a group of talented dancers in the Ballet Folklorico de Helotes taught by Teresa Champion. The group, organized a couple of years ago here, studies dancing at the VFW Hall and already has appeared at the Folklife Festival and other Statewide events, making a name for Helotes as well.

Photo by Bill Terry



Among the sixteen dancers of the Ballet Folklorico de Helotes who entertained the Helotes Women's Club during the reception were the smallest members of the group shown dancing a favorite Mexican folk dance, Las Chiapnecas.

Photo by Bill Terry

HELOTES PARK SENIOR IS SEMI-FINALIST

Peggy Miner, a Marshall senior is one of the five from that High School who have been nominated as semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholarships. There are 15,000 nominees in the United States with 64 from the San Antonio area.

Peggy, who attended Helotes Elementary, Pat Neff Jr. High, and Marshall is the daughter of Betty and Donald Ade of Helotes Park Estates.

She plans to attend either Texas A&M University or Purdue and is deciding between pursuing studies in law or veterinary medicine. She has been an assistant to a veterinarian.

PRE-COLUMBIAN LECTURE SLATED

The Olmec culture, oldest known civilization of the New World, will be discussed Saturday, Nov. 1, at 8:30 p.m. by Dr. Robert F. Heizer, Professor of Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. The lecture will be given during a weekend conference of the Texas Archaeological Society, to be held at the Sheraton San Antonio Motor Inn, 1400 Austin Hwy, October 31 through November 2.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans of Liverpool, England, wish to thank all their relatives and friends for the wonderful cards, gifts and wishes they received on their recent trip to San Antonio and Houston . . . with special thanks to their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Daily and Family (cousins) and sincerely hope to see you all again soon.

Many Thanks,
Yours Sincerely,
H. and E. O. Evans

Card Of Thanks

For the rescue of Leslie Groth last Monday night, thanks must go to many people . . . First to Eddie Sherman who stayed with Les and yelled encouragement to him; next, to Erik Geisler for his speed and quick thinking in calling the Police first, then informing us; next, Mr. Columbus Stutes and Mr. P. H. Coghill (who actually got Les out of the Cave), and to the Grey Forest Fire Dept., assisted by Grey Forest Police Chief Ernie Lobello; then to the EMS crew and the Doctors and Technicians at

Wilford Hall Hospital.

Also, to the many friends and neighbors—many of whom we had never met before—a big Thank You for cheering us up during the waiting period, and to Rev. Collier Furr and Mr. Wiggins for their prayers. Last, but not least, Thank You all the neighbors who called and prayed for Les' safety. Thank you, Helotes and Grey Forest and for getting involved.

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Charles T. Field has been named Acting Director of the Division of Art and Design at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Field was formerly associate professor in the art department at the University of New Mexico and has taught at The University of Texas at Austin and Western Illinois University, before joining UTSA as an associate professor in Sept., 1974.

San Antonio Has Funstival Days



Vasilios Priakos, Dr. Jack Bellos and George Postolos, right to left, are ready to serve "Souflaki" at the 15th Annual Greek Festival this weekend—October 24, 25, and 26—at Villita Assembly Hall.

Proceeds go to the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, sponsor, for the building fund and Orthodox charities. There will be dancing, gifts and fun from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and from 1 p.m. until the conclusion at 8 p.m. Sunday.

RUBY RIZZO ART ON DISPLAY

Watercolor and oil paintings by Ruby Rizzo, a member of the Helotes Art Guild for several years, will be on display at Westfall Branch Library during the month of November.



Poster painted Faces were a big hit at the Helotes Fun Fair this month. Here, Michel Cotugno has one painted.



After having his face painted pirate style, this young man tries his hand at the Candle Shoot during the Fun Fair.

Helotes School Burglarized

Helotes Elementary School lost for some of the audio-visual audio visual equipment, equipment, which is needed in typewriters, and tape recorders in classroom work at all levels.

Principal Fred Pizzini said that two weeks previously the building had been entered and he reported a television and desk calculator had been taken from his office.

Bexar County sheriffs are investigating both incidents, and extra precautions are being taken to protect the school.

P-TA projects had raised money

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Sorority Meets



Kappa Psi, as part of the Bicentennial observance, devoted the October 22 meeting to studying "Our Heritage," with emphasis on Helotes. They visited the Helotes ECHO—located in a famed stagecoach stop here.

Officers of Kappa Psi Sorority of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, are, left to right, Patty Motz, treasurer; Gladys Jones, secretary; Barbara Hartmann, vice president; and Nadine Hartmann, president.

They will participate in the Blood Drive being sponsored by their sister chapter, Alpha Rho, set for Nov. 8.

Grange Elects New Officers

Leon Valley Grange members elected new officers Oct. 9. Installation ceremonies will take place Nov. 20.

Mr. Bill Maskew was reelected Master. Other officers elected were: Vernon Bormann, overseer; Mrs. Barbara Pizel, lecturer; Mrs. Newton Evans, steward; David Borman, assistant

steward; Miss Molly Pizel, lady assistant steward; William Whittaker, chaplain; Miss Marie Parrigin, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Maskew, secretary; Fred Galm, gatekeeper; Mrs. Roy Bacon, Ceres; Mrs. Elsie Galm, Pomona; Mrs. Mary Whittaker, Flora; and Earle Benke to a three-year-term on the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Annie Benke won the attendance prize.

Mrs. Thelma Schweppe announced that the ladies are planning a bake sale before hunting season.

Social night was held on Oct. 23 and guests attended.

Krueger Adds Dutko To Staff

Washington U.S. Congressman Bob Krueger Oct. 19 announced the appointment of San Angeloan Daniel Dutko as his new District Administrative Assistant, replacing Tom Henderson who has resigned, effective November 1 to work in the Comptroller's Office. 28, will feature stories about friendly witches.

Pre-school story hour is held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Las Palmas Public Library. This Tuesday, October 28, will feature stories about friendly witches.

'Normandie' Homeplace To Be Shown Sunday

One of this area's famed landmarks will be open to the public this Sunday for those interested in historic homes. It is well-known to many here.

"Normandie"—home of the Norman Bodet family on the Bandera Road above San Geronimo—will be the setting of the annual tour of a historic home, selected by the Ol'Shavano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and open to the public this Sunday, Oct. 26, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the gate and the benefit goes to D.A.R. projects.

A small post office building of native rock—which served in the 1870's the town of Clifton is near the impressive two-story stone



"Normandie" has been the setting of many happy family gatherings throughout the years. An interior scene shows a past Christmas when Norman Bodet, Jr. posed with his boys, now young men. The smallest, far left, is Bobby Bodet and standing near him is Skipper Bodet. Seated in the foreground is James (Jiggy) Johnson, and standing by Mr. Bodet is Johnny Clay Johnson. The boys had a good many friends who enjoyed the incomparable outdoor activities as well.



Norman Bodet, Jr., who had enjoyed "Normandie" as a teenager, is shown here during World War II while serving in the European Theatre as a B-17 pilot. He was shot down over Poland on April 19, 1944, and was a Prisoner of War in Germany for 15 months.

home, which dates to about 1902. The small building has been adapted by Mrs. Norman Bodet—in recent years—as a guest house.

She and the late Norman George Bodet, Jr., who was well-known as a community leader here and owner of Bodet Travel Agency, had created a country home on the historic setting for their family of four sons and their many friends and guests.

The property—which is located August 19, 1885. Bicentennial on the bend of the San Geronimo Chairman Vivian Hamlin is a was occupied here from early descendant of the Van Rippers.

times and was an important stop Records show that Mrs. L. White half-way more or less from San managed the "Clifton House Antonio to Bandera. Many tales Hotel," in 1892 there. This two-

story building—on a site near the Warrant" issued to Manuel Leal burned down. The present home May 30, 1838, by the Secretary of War of the Republic of Texas in consideration of Leal's having fought at the Siege of Bexar from the 5th through the 10th of December, 1835.

Manuel Leal sold this property to Francis Giraud, on October 18, 1852.

Giraud was one of the architects of San Antonio known for his influence on the Ursuline Academy.

Robert Eager laid out a town-Scenic Loop in Helotes, past San ship of "Clifton" there in 1879. The Geronimo to a bridge. There will Van Riper Family lived there at be markers just beyond on the one time and sold the property, East side of the road.

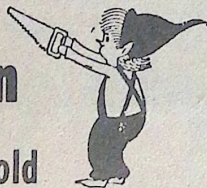
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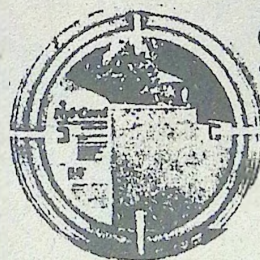
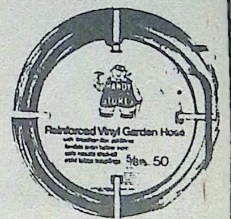
Meanwhile, back at the Ranch, site planning has become a reality. Roads are being laid out, and spokesmen for the developers said that the land adjacent to the Bandera Road will be utilized with perhaps citizens able to move in by early 1976. A population of 88,000 is planned over a longer period.

EDWARDS WATER PASSES TESTS

Tests on the bacteriological and chemical content in water in the Edwards Underground Reservoir are conducted on a continuing basis at 165 water sampling stations within the Edwards Underground Water District and there is no indication that the water is being degraded, Col. McDonald D. Weinert, P.E., EUWD general manager reported.

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