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## Person-to-Person

Jerry Parsons, who plays most second Saturdays now at Floore Country Store—and is the bass and emcee of his band—notes that one of his most requested numbers is "Today, I Started Loving You Again." His band has a special and very danceable arrangement. Called the Country Kingsmen, they were established nine years ago. Members include Gene Bullington, who fronts the group and sings and plays the guitar; and Jack Starling on lead guitar. Others are Douglas Dutz and A. J. Roe. . . . Jerry, incidentally, is a graduate of Edison High School, where his talent surfaced early.

Jerry will not play August 10 at Floore, however, as he yielded his usual spot to Sammi Smith of "Help Me Make It Through the Night" fame. Sammi couldn't make her earlier August date. Incidentally, Sammi is also well-known for the song, "When Michael Calls."

Mary Manley recently visited her two sons and daughters-in-law and five grandchildren in Lockhart, Texas. The latter are frequent visitors here also.

Bobby Pittman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cravey, remains in serious condition and his friends are praying for him.

Mrs. Marcelle Andrews has been hospitalized recently also and her friends are pleased to hear that she is doing much better.

Mrs. Jean Sibenhor is the Sunshine Girl for the Silver Belles and her messages appear to be very effective in cheering up those who receive them.

Mrs. Eva Johnstone on July 7 celebrated her 78th birthday. She and Bryce, her husband, live in Somerset. Mrs. Babe Guillian and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitley are among those who dropped in to help her celebrate. She has gained some of her health back and her friends report that she has never lost her sense of humor.

## Sky Diver Due

Watch at Toepperwein's—across the road on the Arena Field—at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, August 4—and weather permitting you will see Peli Plyler parachute into Helotes. Peli who is Mrs. J. T. Plyler of Grey Forest is a Boerne school teacher as well.

## UTSA TO SURVEY NEEDS HERE

### Citizens Asked To Choose Studies

UTSA administrators are undertaking a massive survey to update enrollment projections and to determine which areas of study will be most popular with students who will attend classes at the permanent campus. About 7,000 persons have participated so far.

"Anyone who is interested in attending UTSA in the next few years is urged to fill out an interest form and drop it in the mailbox," said Dr. A. W. Hunt, assistant to the president for planning.

Dr. Hunt added that the University will pay the postage on the forms, which are available in Helotes at Ted's Hickory Pit Bar-B-Que, Mr. "M" Food Store, Floore Country Store and Helotes General Store.

"The information gained from the survey will be important in faculty recruitment, planning facilities and developing course schedules and financial aid," Dr. Hunt said.

UTSA is authorized to offer 27 bachelor's degree majors and 13 master's degree majors. The degree programs are as varied as inter-American management, medical technology and Russian.

The number of students who plan to enroll in a given area of study will help UTSA administrators predict how many

faculty members will be needed in that discipline.

Individuals who return the forms will receive catalogs and other information on the University as it becomes available.

UTSA presently offers only graduate level courses.

The first junior and senior students will be admitted in Sept., 1975. Freshmen and sophomores will be admitted when construction on the UTSA Campus (now 64 percent complete) is finished.

## Ray Dunford Dies In Accident

Ray Dunford, 17, youngest son of Mrs. Ella Berry and of E. J. Dunford, Sr., died Friday morning, August 2, as a result of a one-car accident at 1 a.m. on Highway 16 a mile above Helotes. He was apparently homeward bound at the time.

Funeral services are pending at Max Martinez Mortuary.



Miss Shirley Breeding, Helotes Ranch Acres, studies a survey form on UTSA. The University is undertaking a massive survey to aid in faculty recruitment, planning facilities and developing course schedules and financial aid. The forms are available at Helotes General Store, Ted's Hickory Pit Bar-B-Que, Mr. "M" Food Store and Floore Country Store.

## John Wagner Dies In San Antonio



Services were held Friday, July 19, in San Antonio for John P. Wagner, well-known Helotes rancher, and former president of the Boynton Cab Company, which operates Yellow Cabs in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Wagner died Wednesday, July 17, 1974, in Nix Hospital at the age of 80. He had been living on his ranch here for 10 years and was active in civic and philanthropic affairs of the community. He was also president of the Boynton Co., a real estate holding firm. He moved from Milwaukee to Chicago in 1948.

Mr. Wagner joined the Boynton firm in 1923 and became president in 1942. He served in that post, according to the Milwaukee Journal, until 1964. He also headed the National Association of Taxicab Owners from 1941 to 1945.

His son, John P. Boynton who is now president of the cab company, according to the Journal, said that he had changed his name from Wagner to Boynton because his great-grandfather Alonzo Boynton had operated a pioneer livery service, forerunner of the cab

## Northside Goes Back-To-School

Monday, Aug. 19, is the starting date for Northside schools.

But registration began yesterday, Aug. 1.

For those not already signed up for classes the registration schedule is:

High school students, Aug. 1 through 14; Middle School students, Aug. 6 and 7; Elementary students, Aug. 13 and 14.

Pease Middle School students should go to Adams Hill Elementary to register, since Pease won't be ready by Aug. 6.

In spite of the fact that enrollment is leveling off in most school districts in the county, Northside is expecting its usual 1,000 increase in the number of students this year over the previous year. Total Northside enrollment is projected at 28,900 students.

Among those recently hospitalized is Edward Harker, and his friends are wishing him the best.

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## Local School To Add 16 Classrooms

Helotes School is going to get 16 new classrooms, a resource center (library), and the cafeteria doubled in size in the next round of construction projects of the Northside District, for which \$10 million worth of bonds were sold by the district this week.

No starting date for the Helotes project was announced by Supt. Ed Cody's office, and no statement was made on how the new addition is going to be fitted on the school's very limited grounds.

One of the other projects that is to come out of the \$10 million is a fourth Northside high school. Where it will be built was not announced, but Terry McGuire, formerly of the Helotes School and

now associate superintendent for new facilities, is in charge of picking a site for it.

The \$10 million worth of bonds sold Monday, July 29, was the second batch sold out of the \$31 million worth authorized by district voters last September. The first sale was for \$6 million and that money has been used to expand several district schools and the athletic center on Loop 410, and to start a new headquarters for the district on Wurzbach Road.

With \$16 million worth of projects already committed, the four-year, \$31 million improvement program authorized by

the voters is at about the halfway mark, Cody said.

The bonds sold Monday were bought by the First City National Bank of Houston and by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., stock brokers, at a rate of 6.1175 per cent.

Funds also provide for construction of a new elementary school on DeZavala Road near Woods of Shavano sub-division; a bus garage and 3-acre transportation department facility on Hunt Lane near Pease Middle School; additional facilities at Hobby Middle School for 1600 students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades; a 1900 sq. ft. shop area at

Mackey Special School; and second-phase construction at Northside's newest school, E. M. Pease Middle School, opening this fall with nearly 700 students.

Schools enhanced by the 1973 six million dollar construction funds include Boone Elementary with 14 additional teaching stations completed their summer; Sul Ross Middle School with classroom addition, vocational, band and athletic area renovations under construction; Holmes High School with gymnasium, and classroom addition under construction; Taylor Field House with lobby, dressing rooms, and athletic offices nearing completion; and

construction of a new Central Administration Building, begun this summer.

Growth in Northside Independent School District has not, in recent years, been limited to enrollments. Business and industry active in the area have contributed to a 22 per cent increase in assessed valuation during the past year, pushing the total to nearly \$600 million.

Construction costs, estimated to increase at a rate of 15 per cent, have actually increased at a rate of 22 per cent. In spite of this inflation and limited availability of materials, Northside's building program is progressing well, Cody said.

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### Mario Barrera Dies Aged 48

Grey Forest mourned this week the death of one of its outstanding citizens, Mario Barrera, 48, who died suddenly of a heart attack Friday, July 26. His funeral was held Tuesday.

Mario had served as city councilman for Grey Forest in 1970-72 and chaired its planning and zoning commission and acted as city building inspector.

He was especially suited for these jobs inasmuch as he was an architect by profession. He headed Mario Barrera, Inc., chief architectural firm for H. B. Zachry Properties. He designed the Turtle Creek Country Club and the numerous Zachry apartment and commercial projects in that vicinity.

He had held various offices in the American Institute of Architects, and was a member of the Youth Corps Advisory Board and the American Red Cross board at the time of his death.

A native of San Antonio, he was

graduated from Fox Tech High School and the University of Oregon. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He is survived by three sons, Greg, Mark and Doug, his grandmother and a brother.

He was buried in San Fernando Archdiocesan Cemetery after a Tuesday morning funeral mass in St. Gabriel's Catholic Church.

### Bert Zeeff Dies At 75

Lt. Col. Bert Zeeff, USA Retired, Rocking M Trail, passed away July 28, in San Antonio at the age of 75 years. Col. Zeeff was a former resident of Holland and San Antonio and resided here for eight years. He was a life member of the Elks Club, and a 35-year member of the American Legion Red Arrow Post of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He was a veteran of World War I, World War II, and the Korean conflict.

Col. Zeeff is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy M. Zeeff; sons, Burton Zeeff of San Antonio and Roger Zeeff of Grand Rapids; and brothers, Harry, Tony, and Jack, all of Grand Rapids. He also leaves two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Graveside services were held Thursday, August 1, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Col. Zeeff had a host of friends who regret his passing.

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### Harold (Buster) Scharlack Dies

Harold Scharlack, 61, 7500 Callaghan Road, was buried Monday, July 29, in Agudas Achim Memorial Gardens following his death Saturday, July 27. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, one brother, two sisters, and ten grandchildren.

### RAINFALL SCARCE FOR THIS AREA

It clouded up and sprinkled on the last day of July but the rainfall for the entire year of 1974 stood at only 9.85 inches as the seventh month turned to August. According to rainfall records kept here by Henry Brauchle, July rainfall totaled only .45 of an inch. As a contrast, those who were

here will remember that last July was so rainy that 8.5 inches fell in the 31 days, and the total at this time was 38.9 inches for the year of 1973.

Optimists remind us that a dry July often precedes a wet August here. Meanwhile, the churches have begun a steady petition for plentiful rains. And a group of natives are reputed to be practicing the rain dances.

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# ART FOUNDATION HAS BIG SHOW



Parrigin Pavilion, setting for the Helotes Art Foundation's barbecue and art display, took on the appearance of a sidewalk cafe as friends, neighbors, and tourists shown at tables enjoy good food, a common interest in art, and a bright July Sunday in Helotes.

Artists exhibiting at the first annual Barbecue and Art Show sponsored by the Helotes Art Foundation to raise money for a permanent home of the Helotes Art Guild drew crowds all afternoon—and well before that—along the new segment of Bandera Highway. Cars parked on and off Lion's Field to see the bazaar of arts and crafts and to enjoy the barbecue, at all hours Sunday, July 28.

Connie Haese, chairman, and a former vice president of the Helotes Art Guild, said that since the land for the permanent gallery is now debt free, the organization is trying to raise money for a building program. Paul Carter is president of the Foundation, and he and his committees are spearheading the drive.

Artists and buyers came from everywhere and a spirit of enjoyment was everywhere. Artist Jewel Haynes was being congratulated for her handling of publicity as television and press notices brought out the crowds in nearly 100 degree weather. It was



Artist Connie Haese, chairman of the Art Show and Barbecue, is shown on the grounds of the Lion's Field in front of the Pavilion where she displays her works while taking her duties as a chairman seriously. In background are some other exhibitors.



Western art abounded and the artists who came from San Marcos, Austin, San Antonio, and Helotes as well as Boerne, as usual, drew praise from buyers, and those who only came to wish, with such genuinely Western portraits as shown here by a visiting artist.

cool and charming under the steady breeze. Organizers have Parrigin Pavilion, saved by a promised to report the event soon.

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### WAGNER

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company, in Milwaukee.

Mr. Wagner has also been a director of the Wisconsin Public Service Corp. since 1952, and a director of the Milwaukee Road from 1951 to 1970.

Mr. Wagner was born in Milwaukee and attended the University of Notre Dame. He was a Mason and belonged to the University Club and Milwaukee Athletic Club.

Mr. Wagner was a member of Damascus Lodge No. 200 A.F.&A.M., and Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee.

Besides his son, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mazie Wagner of Helotes, and his sister, Mrs. Helen Wyler of Evanston, Illinois. He leaves in addition three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Wagner's hobby was raising purebred dogs, and he is credited with popularizing the German Boxer in the United States in the 1930's. He wrote the first book on the breed, called "The Boxer." He also raised Great Danes. He was a licensed dog judge and a past president of the Wisconsin Kennel Club.

Mr. Wagner was also active in promoting Charolais cattle which he raised on the Wagner Ranch off Scenic Loop and John Wagner Roads.

Mr. Wagner gave firefighting vehicles and other aid to the Greater Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department. The churches here knew his assistance, and he contributed money, as well as extending loans, to complete the enlargement of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here during the expansion and building of the CCD Hall. Many other of his philanthropies were not documented, but he was an active

and interested participant until the time of his death.

Services were held Friday in the Colonial Chapel of the Porter Loring Mortuary. Entombment was in Sunset Memorial Park.

Mr. Wagner was frequently host to prominent persons from outside Texas, and he shared the pride of local citizens in Helotes. He will be missed by his friends and neighbors here.

Contributions to their favorite charities in his memory are being made by those who wish. Sympathy is extended to his family in their loss.

## Mrs. Griffith Passes At 58

Services for Mrs. Corinne Griffith, well-known vocalist and pianist, were held Thursday, August 1, at Mission Park Funeral Chapel with interment at Mission Burial Park. She was 58.

Mrs. Griffith, who resided in Helotes on Rocking M Trail, was featured singer as well as pianist with Jimmie Klein's Orchestra for 18 years. She performed with several San Antonio dance orchestras, including those of Gene Sarli and Irwin Scott. She was also a radio personality at KTSA and KMAC.

She was a lifetime member of the Musicians Society of San Antonio Local 23.

She is survived by her husband, C. M. Griffith, Jr., and a son, in addition to her parents. She also leaves many friends of longstanding in this community to miss her.



Mrs. Robert G. Bruchmiller

## Bruchmiller-Vanderpool Wedding

Miss Janis Claire Vanderpool, were similarly gowned. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray bridesmaids were Misses Kay Thompson of Greenville, Ginger Thompson of San Antonio, and bride of Robert Gale Bruchmiller, Nancy Harvey and Renee Leguenec, both of Tyler. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Allen Bruchmiller of San Antonio, on junior bridesmaid was Miss Saturday, July 20, at Trinity Elizabeth Harvey, cousin of the Baptist Church in San Antonio, bride, of Tyler.

Best man was Tom Bruchmiller of San Antonio. Groomsmen were Andy Hockaday, Jeff Kennedy, Milton Vanderpool, and Todd Vanderpool. Brett Brauchmiller was junior groomsmen.

The reception was held in the Gold Room of Trinity Baptist. In the house party were Misses Renaissance silhouette with a Debbie DeBerry and Beth molded bodice and three-dimensional Guipore lace florals, and an A-line skirt, also trimmed with Guipore lace.

A short, tiered bouffant veil of white illusion was attached to a half-Camelot cap, both of which were trimmed also with Guipore lace flowerets.

Her nosegay bouquet of white rose buds and daisy crysanthemums were interspersed with baby's breath on a background of Venetian lace.

The bride's maid of honor was Miss Vici Vanderpool of Dallas, who wore a yellow voile gown flocked with minute white daisies. It had a fitted bodice and a skirt

The bridegroom is also a John Marshall graduate and attended Texas A&M University and Florida Bible College.

Following their honeymoon, the couple are at home at 3900 Old Bullard Road, Tyler.

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## Rigby-Browning Ceremony Takes Place August 3rd

A wedding ceremony this weekend is among the social events of the season.

The Rev. Keith Martin of Louisville, Kentucky arrived here to officiate at the wedding of his sister-in-law, Miss Sharon Lee Browning and William Mack Rigby on Saturday, August 3 at the Castle Hills Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Browning of Helotes. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rigby of San Antonio are parents of the bridegroom.

A graduate of John Marshall High School, the bride also attended Southwest Texas Junior College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Roosevelt High School

and Texas A&M University.

Mrs. Keith Martin was chosen to be her sister's matron of honor.

Mrs. Stephen Byrnes, sister of the bridegroom, was chosen to serve as bridesmaid. Kristin Anglin of Beaumont was named flower girl, and Willie Rigby was given the duty to serve as his father's ringbearer.

Best man is David Lobpries of Silsbee, and David Synatzke of Sonora is groomsman. Stephen Byrne and Raymond Robinson are ushers.

Following the reception in the Church Hall, the couple was scheduled to leave on a wedding trip, and when returning will make their home in San Antonio.

## Hermann Sons To Have All-Day Tourney Aug. 10

Helotes Lodge No. 76 of the Hermann Sons of Texas will sponsor a softball tournament on Saturday, August 10, at Braun Hall, located on Braun Road approximately two miles off Bandera Road.

The top two teams of the two Helotes lodge leagues will compete for the tournament trophy. A complete barbecue meal will be served also followed by a dance that night. There will be rides for the kids and lots of ice cold drinks for all.

Gates open at 12 noon and admission to the grounds is free.

An invitation is issued to bring the entire family for a complete day's entertainment and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the members of the lodge. Meals are \$1.75 per adult and \$1.25 per child

## John Poerner Reports On Convention

July 31 the Helotes Echo received from Representative John Poerner a report of the concluding weeks of the Constitutional Convention and we give herewith a part of his report:

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"A special invitation is extended to all of our friends from Castroville, Rio Medina and

Helotes as well as San Antonio and the surrounding area," said a spokesman. Tickets will be on sale at the door, or contact any lodge officer for advance tickets, he said.

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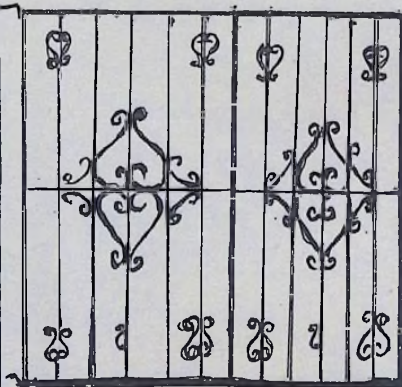
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# HELOTES INN GIVES STAR PARTY



Chosen "Miss Helotes Inn 1974" a queen of the Farewell party honoring Raquel Escobar is Miss Diana Martinez of San Antonio who received her crown from "La Huasteca" herself. Named Princess was Miss Argelia Rodriguez of Bandera, left, and the Duchess was Miss Barbara Alguiseva of Helotes, right. Each girl was given a trophy.

## Party Honors Mr. Weltner

Sunday, July 28th, Mr. Otto Weltner of Grey Forest celebrated his 90th birthday at the Scenic Loop Playground Recreation Hall. The occasion was planned and hosted by his children and a sumptuous repast at noon was served to the immediate family.

From 3 to 6 p.m., open house obtained and friends came to wish "Opa" well. Punch and cakes were served. A total of 49 registered. They came from Arizona, Austin, Hondo, Kerrville, Bandera, San Antonio and Helotes.



Raquel Escobar, La Huasteca, is a favorite of Helotes dance fans with her voice one of the best-known in Mexico, where she has often appeared in movies.

Among visitors from Houston recently is Mrs. E. L. Waldo, who visited her sisters, Mrs. Robert Owen and Mrs. Ruth Morris, in Grey Forest.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Les Carpenter, who died of a heart attack in Washington, D. C., on July 24 at age 52. His widow is Mrs. Liz Carpenter, former press secretary to Mrs. Lyndon Johnson. Les was an excellent newspaper man and wrote from Washington for Texas newspapers for many years.

## 'Belle' Night Held Here

At the recent closing of a singing engagement extending eight months at Fred's and Mary's Helotes Inn, the famed movie star from Mexico, Raquel Escobar—"La Huasteca"—was honored. On July 27, she was given the honor of crowning "Miss Helotes Inn" during the Belle of the Queen's night there. La Huasteca will be on a touring engagement in the United States for several weeks.

Chosen queen was Diana Martinez of San Antonio, and the princess was Argelia Rodriguez of Bandera, with Helotes represented by Duchess Barbara Alguiseva.

The Helotes Inn is a landmark

entertainment spot, having been famous since before the turn of the century.

Playing there has been Jess Flores, "El Cycloon del Caribe." The Inn is run by Fred and Mary Manley and is now a restaurant famous for American and Mexican food and also has Saturday night dances with Mexican bands playing.

Twenty new drug abuse prevention teams from communities in five Southwestern states will attend a training workshop sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education at Lost Valley Ranch, Bandera, Texas, August 5-13.

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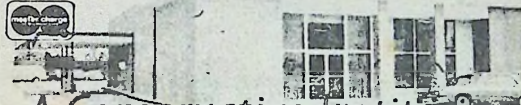
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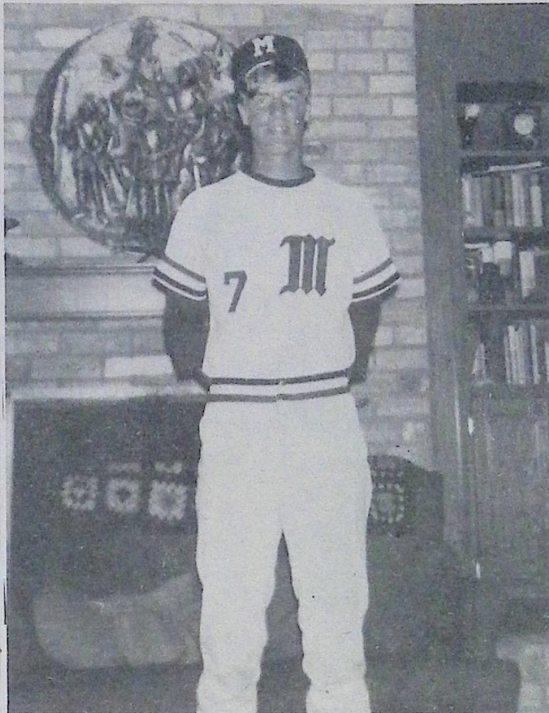
Miss Carmen Dolores Luise Spitta, born June 7, 1922, in Barcelona, Spain, formerly of New York City and residing at the time of her death in San Antonio, passed away on July 22, 1974.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adolph A. (Sophie) Spitta and was a frequent visitor for many years in Helotes. She is survived by a sister, Ursula Cox and her husband, Burke; a brother, Adolph F. Spitta, and wife, Imgaard; four aunts, Luice,

Gertrud, Lydia, and Johanna Kienbaum of Gummersbach, Germany, and three uncles, Hermann and Hans Kienbaum of Germany, and Theo Kienbaum of Brazil. She leaves three nephews, Thomas Arthur Cox, Adolph Arthur Spitta, and John Frederick Spitta; and three nieces, Lisa Cox Cisneros, Amy Hope Spitta, and Marie Beal, all of San Antonio, and many good friends.

Services were held Wednesday, July 24, at Roy Akers Chapel with Rev. J. Paul Tisdell officiating. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park by the side of her parents and brother Bill who preceded her in death. Sympathy is extended in their loss to those who survive her.

## Local Boy Makes All-Star Team



Perry Nelson, Marshall senior, represents San Antonio in the recent All-Star Baseball Game as baseman.

Three Northside district athletes were among top talent of amateur baseball players in the area representing high schools, colleges, and high school graduates who tried out at Trinity University with 28 players chosen by Manager Lonnie Carter to represent outlying areas and 22 chosen by Manager Art Veltman to represent San Antonio. The managers were assisted in the choice by veteran coaching staffs.

Perry Nelson of Helotes, who will be a senior at Marshall this month—was selected to play first baseman for the San Antonio All-Star Team which clashed with the South Texas All-Stars at V. J. Keefe Field—local Texas League Park—on St. Mary's University campus in a night game July 23. San Antonio also had two Jay High boys, John Cunningham as shortstop, and Paul Tejeda, as outfielder. The South Texans squeaked by the San Antonio Stars by a score of 2 to 1.

The game was originated more than a quarter of a century ago by the San Antonio Light as a showcase for top amateur talent. It has been sponsored over the years by the Wrambling Wrecks—100 per cent disabled war veterans. Profits of the event go to charitable and operational funds.

Festivities were opened by appearance of the National championship Alzafar Shrine drum and bugle corps and honor guard.

College and professional scouts were among those watching the top talent of the area during the closely played game.

Joe Gutierrez and Bob Perez. It was the 26th annual playing of the event. Hondo and Castroville sent team players to represent the winning South Texans.

Coaches of the South Texas All-Stars included Lincoln Stahl, John (Ox) Miller, C. J. Merritt, Danny Matocha, Charles Boggess, Jr., Joel Horlen, and Charley Engle.

Coaches for San Antonio were Alex de la Garza, Elmer Kosub, Houston Wheeler, Bob Veltman, Bill Dolan and Luther Chapa.

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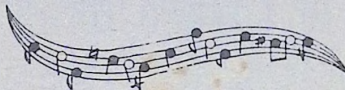
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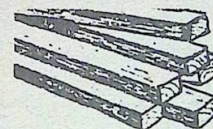
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