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Pre-Festival Dance To Be March 14

Everyone is invited to attend the fundraiser and get-together dance next Friday sponsored by the Helotes Spring Festival Assn.

The Pre-Festival Dance—which signals action to all those who will be taking part in the upcoming 10th annual Festival better known as the CORNYVAL—is to be held at Floore Country Store Friday, March 14, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Clifton Jansky and the Drifters, with a mixture of old-time and progressive Country music, will play. Clifton, 18, who began playing at the age of six and had a band, the Texas Half-Pints, at age

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Concerned Citizens Call Meeting

Representative Don Cartwright, District 57H of the State Legislature, will be among those who will speak to the Concerned Citizens of Glen Oaks who are sponsoring a meeting for all citizens of Bexar County concerned about the utility rate increases—especially those of the City Public Service, according to Mrs. Marla Salerno, chairman.

The meeting has been called for 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, at Holmes High School, 6500 Ingram Road, off Loop 410.

J. K. Harz of City Public Service, vice, manager of customer accounts, is planning to be there to explain causes of the rate increases for gas and electricity. The group which favors a State Utilities Commission, will have several proposals, Mrs. Salerno said. Representing the Citizens will be Stephen Harvasty who will speak for the group. Mrs. Salerno said that the meeting is open to the public and that the purpose of the meeting is to let people know some of their rights and courses of action in the situation.

UTSA Plans Move To Campus This Summer

The University of Texas at San Antonio will no longer be a university-without-a-campus in September. Professors, students and staff will pack their books and move this summer to the new permanent site, at Loop 1604 and Babcock Road here.

The physical plant, humanities-business building, convocation center and physical education building will be completed then and will be open to undergraduate students for the first time in UTSA's history.

The new University, created by the Texas Legislature in 1969, has been offering graduate classes

since 1973, in temporary facilities.

Over 5,500 students are expected to enroll in classes this Fall. About 3,700 will be juniors and seniors with 1,800 graduate students.

Freshmen and sophomores will enroll in September, 1976. By then enrollment is predicted to reach about 12,000.

At that time, construction on "phase one" should be completed, at a cost of \$44 million.

For the time being, space assignments on the new campus will be temporary due to construction delays, explained Dr. Peter T. Flawn, university president.

Soon to be completed are the arts and science-education buildings and the John Peace Library Building. While the library is under construction, students will have full access to the university's 300,000 volumes temporarily housed in a campus annex.

Despite the shortage of physical space, the university's academic programs grew by leaps and bounds this year.

UTSA awarded its first graduate degrees in August, 1974. Enrollment continues to climb with 1,680 graduate students now enrolled in 175 courses.

Applications are being accepted for students who wish to enroll as juniors, seniors or graduate students next Fall.

Students who will have earned 60 hours of transferable credit and who have a "C" average in their college courses are eligible for admission to the undergraduate program.

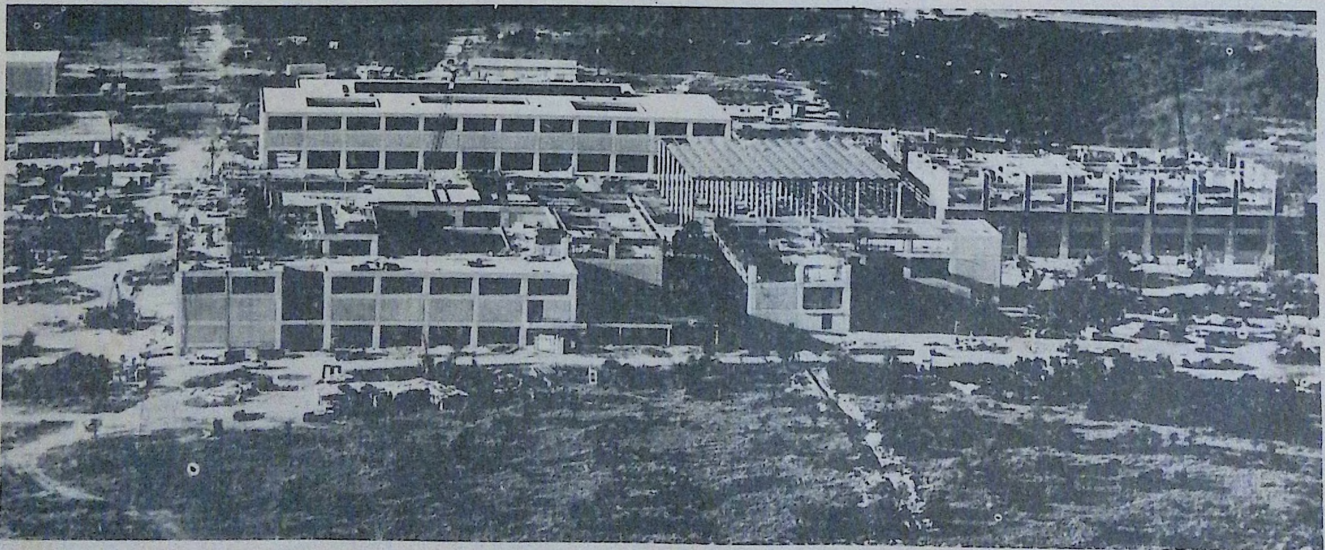
Applicants will be accepted on a first come-first serve basis, according to date of completion of application. The office of admissions already has received more than 1,000 applications for the undergraduate programs.

A faculty of 77 at UTSA has put a

major effort this year into the design of the academic programs and catalogs—on both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Commenting on the university's academic program, Dr. Flawn said, "We are developing a program that emphasizes a broad perception of history and of civilization, communication skills, the ability to receive, organize, and analyze information, and the ability to recognize, define and solve problems."

The university is divided into five colleges and 16 divisions instead of traditional departments.



Aerial view of The University of Texas at San Antonio campus shows (clockwise from back left) the Humanities-Business, Library-Administration, Arts, and Science-Education Buildings clustered around the central patio. About 5,500 juniors, seniors, and graduate students are expected to attend classes in the Humanities-Business Building beginning next Fall. The building should be completed this month. The other classroom buildings are not expected to be completed until late 1975.

Briscoe Attends Meet At U.T. Health Center

Governor Dolph Briscoe was chairman at the meeting of the Greater South Texas Cultural Basin Commission at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio on Friday, March 7. Briscoe heard the Commission's recommendations on economic and social development for the approximately 40-county area which extends from Fredericksburg to Brownsville and Corpus Christi to Del Rio.

When the Greater South Texas Cultural Basin Commission was established, the Legislature required it to make periodic recommendations for action to the Governor. The first of these reports, Friday, covers three areas: health, education and manpower, and economic development. Copies of the report will be forwarded to the Legislature.

Specific recommendations affecting the San Antonio area include increasing the size of the Health Science Center to accommodate more students, with some emphasis on attracting Mexican-American students. The Commission also recommends that the Legislature work toward solving the problem of medical care for indigent non-residents that presently confronts the Bexar County Hospital District.

Paul Doerr was being congratulated February 28 on his birthday—and friends helped him enjoy the event.



U. S. Congressman Abraham "Chick" Kazen, left, and State Representative Don Rains check out proposed legislation concerning land use in Texas recently at the State Capitol in Austin.

Representative Rains commented, "Although eventually, Texas may require county zoning where urban centers need orderly growth patterns, I certainly believe harsh regulations on the use of personal property, especially in Texas, are undesirable."

Bill Maskew Heads Grange

Bill Maskew was elected recently to head the Leon Valley Grange for the un-expired term of Paul Weiss.

The Director of Women's Activities for the National Grange, Mrs. Jenny Grobusky will be at the Leon Valley Grange Hall on March 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss styles and demonstrate sewing aids. All Grange members and their guests are invited. A salad luncheon is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Carter attended the February meeting. Mr.

Carter is Master of the David Crockett Grange. Mrs. Carter is State Director of Women's Activities. Slides were shown of the judging of the 1974 National Grange sewing contest in New York.

A division for men's clothing has been added to the 1975 contest. The contest, which runs from February 1 to April 30, is currently the largest general sewing contest in the country. With the addition of men's clothing, this makes a total of four divisions both members and non-members may enter.

The ladies work group is presently working to complete a quilt to be given to the State Youth to raise funds.

Eleven local members were present at the State Grange Leaders Conference in Boerne, on January 4 when Leon Valley Grange was presented a \$25.00 Savings Bond and certificate for Community Service work. Over the past year members have held a workshop twice a month where cancer bandages are made for the Bexar County Cancer Association. Work is also done on lap robes and tray favors for rest homes. Members make regular visits to rest homes to entertain the patients. The Grange has for a number of years provided a place for scout troops to meet.

At the January meeting the charter was draped in loving memory of Issac C. Crow who passed away on January 4. Mr. Crow held many offices in the Leon Valley Grange and had also held offices in the Bexar County Pomona Grange. Mr. Crow will long be remembered for his devoted work in the Grange. He and his wife Jenny, who preceded him in death a year ago, contributed much to the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Mrs. Lydia Evans Dies At A

Mrs. Lydia Mae Evans of February 15, at the Bluemist Mountain Trail who resided in Hills and Dales for the past eight years coming here from San Antonio, died Thursday, February 13, at the age of 63. She had resided in Bexar County for 40 years and was a member of the Woodlawn Christian Church and of the San Antonio Music Teachers Association.

She is survived by her husband, Archie Evans, here. She also leaves nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Services were held Saturday,

Among new parents here being congratulated are Bob and Kay Cage who have a baby girl—Kodi Ann Cage—born February 6, 1975, at 3:31 p.m. in the Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches long on arrival. Her proud grandparents and aunt and uncle also helped welcome her.

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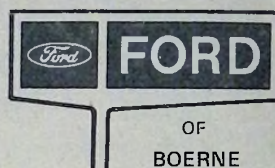
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Miss Helotes 1974—Julie Walz, far right, and her Court—shown in formal gowns here are going to model in the Women's Club Style Show. At far left is Princess JoAnn Tagliarino, and Duchesses Evette Sams and Lydia Alguiseva, center.

Women's Club To Have Style Show

The Women's Club will have a Style Show and Covered Dish Supper at the CCD Building of Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church on Friday, March 21, beginning at 7 p.m. Fashions from Terry's will be modelled by 15 members and by Miss Helotes and her Court. Husbands and guests have been invited to attend. Terry's Fashions will have clothes from both shops, one at Helotes Park Plaza and the other in Leon Valley at Seneca Plaza.

Mrs. Margie Hopf will emcee the event. The completed Helotes Quilt will also be displayed.

Institute To Hold

March Art Show

The San Antonio Institute of Lifetime Learning will hold its third annual art exhibit called "Show and Sell" from March 10 through 15 at Wonderland Shopping Center.

Sponsored by National Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons, the institute promotes classes for persons from 55 years of age and older in many arts and crafts. Exhibit chairman is Mrs. James Latham. For more information call 544-8135 or 255-0576.

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February Rains Total 3.9 Inches

With rainfall recorded early in the month mostly, the total for February here stood at 3.9 for the month on the final day. With one-third of that amount recorded in January—1.3 inches of rainfall—the total for 1975 was 5.2 inches when March arrived. According to Henry Brauchle who has studied the situation for years and is our weather correspondent, this is an average year so far.

Spring rains would be welcome, however, as the top soil appears a trifle dry. Many have noted a timid blossoming of the bluebonnets, although the interesting native plant known as scrambled eggs is having a very good year, as are agarita, forsythia and several other yellow flowering plants.

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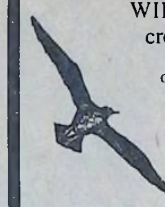
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Widow of the first postmaster of Helotes, Carl Mueller, and herself the second postmaster—serving in that capacity for 10 years—Mrs. Amalie Boegel is shown as she entered her 90th year. This photo was taken on July 4, 1924. She was born July 3, 1835, and lived to May 28, 1928. She was known as Aunt Amalie to her great-nieces and nephews who helped her observe her birthdays and visited her often.

A beginners class for square dancers will be held Mondays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. beginning March 10 at the VFW Hall on Bandera Road with Floyd Duncan as caller and instructor. The group hopes to re-activate the Helotes Squares dance club which was famous here for several years, according to Mrs. Clela Mikel.

More than one hundred years ago—on September 12, 1873, the United States Post Office of Helotes was officially established in the Stagecoach Inn, the first stage stop west of San Antonio, located on Galm Road, which is now called Farm-to-Market No.

1560 also.

Probably mail was dropped off there earlier as Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mueller (pronounced Muller) had been operating the Stagecoach Inn for many years by then.

But the story goes back to the last days of the Republic of Texas and the war with Mexico. Carl Mueller had served with honor in the war years of the mid 1840's in the United States Army. When he got out of the Army he went to New York, there to meet his future bride. They were married in 1854. She was Amalie Stulz from Pennsylvania, born July 3, 1835, and still in her teens.

They decided to come to Texas to take up a Texas Land-Grant received for his service in the Army.

They left New York after their marriage and landed at Indianola, the bustling seaport through which immigrants were streaming to take up a new life on the Texas frontier. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller came to the Helotes Hills over the immigrant trail by ox-team. In 1854, they began building their new home—of cut limestone which grew to the Stagecoach Inn with three permanent structures—a home, a horsebarn, and a blacksmith shop.

Carl Mueller ranched and ran the Inn with his wife's help and continued as postmaster until his death in 1878. On March 29, 1878, Mrs. Mueller—the beloved Aunt Amalie of Sam H. Galm, who was from a pioneer Helotes family on his father's side and whose mother was Mrs. Mueller's sister—was



Shown here are Samuel Galm and his wife Mary, seated in center front row, surrounded by eight of their nine children as well as two daughters-in-law. This photo was taken in Helotes in the 1920's.

Seated far left is their daughter-in-law, Lena Galm, and next to her is their daughter, Mrs. Amalia Galm Phillippe. On the other side of Mrs. Galm is their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Galm Klaus, and at far right is their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Galm.

In the back row are their six sons, left to right: Walter, Otto, Henry, Johnny, Freddie, and Clarence, the youngest. Only two were married at the time the photo was taken.

officially named Postmistress. On December 29, 1879, the widow office—dedicated in May, 1966, remarried. She became Mrs. Adolph N. Boegel, and continued the Post Office at the same location until 1888. On April 24, Arnold Gugger who lived in what is presently downtown Helotes in the home now owned by Mrs. Marie Conley, moved the post office to his residence. Since that time there have been a continuous line of postmasters—moving the Post Office with each appointment until the establishment of temporary and then a permanent post office—dedicated in May, 1966, here.

Aunt Amalie continued to run the Stagecoach Inn and it became a favorite guest ranch or country hotel for persons moving into the hills or just visiting for a while.

Her great-nephew, Otto Galm, remembers her as an untiring and very religious old lady. She read her Bible daily, and taught Sunday School in the old schoolhouse which was located on the Boerner place where Mr. Brauchle was

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Even after the advent of the early automobile it was continued in use as an early-day guest ranch with seven rooms available. This is now the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pigott, Jr. and children. The other building still standing was used as a blacksmith shop for the stages.

schoolmaster. She would also deliver butter and eggs to San Antonio on week-ends and Otto sometimes rode along. Often she would bring the Lutheran preacher out for services—held in the old school house—before the establishment of the Zion Lutheran Church here in 1904. It is difficult for present young

persons to realize how long and difficult the journey persons to realize how long and difficult the journey by stagecoach and wagon was to San Antonio. Horses had to move fast to keep from bogging down in the muddy flats. Indians were not always friendly, and there were outlaws.

Mrs. Boegel lived a long and interesting life and died at almost 93 years of age on May 28, 1928. Since then Mr. and Mrs. Otto Galm owned the place; and later Mrs. Kathryn Antonio, before the present owners acquired the historic property which has had such a part in the history of Helotes.



This limestone building was the first official post office of Helotes and the "Inn". It was erected by the Muellers when passengers from the Stagecoach heading West as well as those going by ox-drawn cart needed a place to stay overnight. Otto Galm who owned the property in the 30's and is their great-nephew said that the lower floor was used as a horse barn or stable, and horses were brought inside in severe weather and for protection from Indians. Otherwise they were tied to the back, or penned in the corral yard. The riders slept upstairs in the loft. By the time he owned the property, the building had fallen into such disrepair that it had to be torn down. The tree in the foreground is still there.

Trustees Approve \$30,000 For Drug Education

Meeting in regular session Feb. 24, Northside Independent School District Trustees approved expenditure of up to \$30,000 during the next five months for teacher-training in ways to curtail abusive use of drugs and other mind-altering substances, in all of the 30 District schools.

The staff development program, presented to Trustees by District Drug Education Director Chris Dullnig follows Trustee approval last Fall of the Drug Abuse Committee Report, submitted by Chairman Olan Phillips.

The report states: "... that the positive drug education program be re-emphasized at all levels of the school structure."

First phase training will be a "Skills for Living Laboratory," conducted by Texas Education Agency staff and District personnel in April.

In other action Feb. 25, Trustees secured use of 10 County voting machines for the April 5 Trustee Election.

A request by Air Force Village Foundation to appear before the Board was denied on the advice of attorneys, who deemed the appearance inappropriate during continuing legal interrogatories between NISD and AF Village on the subject of the Foundation's tax status.

Asst. Supt. Jack Jordan reported that Secondary Summer School is to begin June 2 at Holmes High School. Reginald Sisk, Vice-Principal of Jay High School, is Summer School Principal.

Cindy Ricks Shows Champ

Cindy Ricks of Helotes, during the recent San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, showed the grand champion female in the open Holstein competition.

Cindy, a John Marshall High School student, has won many awards as a member of the Future Farmers of America and the local 4-H Club.

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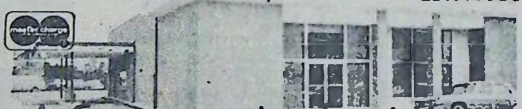
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ELECTION NOTICE

There will be held a regular election in the City of Grey Forest on April 5, 1975, at the Grey Forest City Hall for the purpose of electing three (3) Council members to fill three (3) places which are Place One, Place Three, and Place Five.

The following names will appear on the ballot:

Place One—Marion Hpisler
Place Three—Ruth Morris
Place Five—Virginia Springer
Absentee voting will commence on the 17th of March and end on the 1st of April. The hours of absentee voting will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday, each working day of the Grey Forest City Hall. There will also be hours of absentee voting on March 19 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and March 26, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for those not able to vote during earlier hours.

The regular election will be held April 5, 1975. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Virgil Cifers
City Clerk
City of Grey Forest

Special Notice

The Helotes Lions Club is soliciting usable merchandise suitable for Lions Club Auction to be held at Wonderland Shopping Center on March 29 at 10 a.m. at the Parking Lot. The Helotes Lions Club is a local civic organization designed to be of benefit to the Helotes community. This is your community project. We invite your participation.

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Special Notice

The San Antonio Chapter of The American Diabetes Association invites you to its first Country Auction. The fund raising event is planned for Sunday, March 16, 1975, at the Gulf Mart Shopping City located at Fredericksburg Road and Loop 410, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Donated items will be auctioned by guest auctioneers throughout the afternoon. Flea Market articles will also be for sale with the proceeds of all the merchandise earmarked for the operating budget of this newly formed organization.

Heading the fund raising committee for this event is Elmer Allman.

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PRE-FESTIVAL DANCE

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10 scored on the C&W charts last Fall. He has been signed to play the Corneyal Saturday night dance also.

The Pre-Festival Dance is a fundraiser to help finance the big Corneyal, May 8-11 here. Joey Tomlinson, 1975 Festival President, extends an invitation to all to come. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.

There will also be an auction of items furnished by merchants and members. The prices are reasonable and should provide plenty of bargains.

Memberships to the Festival Association are available to those who wish to join. Mrs. Vi Swift is membership chairman and will be pleased to hear from past members and those who would like to become active in the Association.

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NEW ARRIVAL

Phillip and Frances Strickland, owners of Helotes Pharmacy, are proud parents of their first child, a little girl, Amy Renee, who was born at Santa Rosa Hospital on Monday, February 17, and weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces. The community welcomes the little Miss, also.

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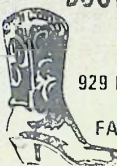
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