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## Person-to-Person

New officers for the Women's Club are Hope Barrera, president; Josephine Wallace, vice president; Cleo Taylor, secretary; Alta McCoy, treasurer. They will be installed in June.

At their May 10 meeting, Silver Belles chose officers for the 1973-74 session of this active social club which also had a popular booth in the Cornyval. Next year's officers will be Louise Carpenter, president; Hardy Warden, vice president; Doris Coggeshall, secretary; and Babe Gilliam, treasurer.

Tex Allen will be playing with George Chambers and the Country Gentlemen this weekend in Mason, Texas. This is his first engagement since his operation. He is better known locally as Allen Fischer.

Several of our Seniors—who attend Marshall, of course, had a most enjoyable evening, May 12, at their Senior Prom, held at the Hilton-Palacio del Rio in the Grand Ballroom. The theme was the Mardi Gras using flowers of all seasons in rainbow colors as decorations.

Recently visiting in the Robert C. Walz, Sr. home to partake in the Helotes Festivities was Sandy Moss. She is a 1973 Rice graduate and will be working on her Master's Degree.

A local youth, Bruce Faust, Junior at Southwest Texas State University, competing in the all College Intramural Track meet placed in three final events; scoring 13 points for his team. In this meet he ran the 880 Relay—440 Relay—and 880 Dash. Bruce usually competes in distance runs where he set a record at John Marshall his Senior year in the two mile. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faust of Grey Forest.

The Rev. Raymond E. Judd, Jr., minister-in-charge of the Margarete B. Parker Chapel at Trinity University, has been named a Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar and will attend the 147th Session of the Seminar in Salzburg, Austria May 20 to June 9.

Mrs. Peggy Cooper has enjoyed a visit to Beaumont, where she has many longtime friends as well as kinfolk.

## Cornyval Proves 'Show of Year'



Photo by Bill Terry

Helotes Spring Festival's new official ribbon-winning float—which will take part in area parades throughout the year—is shown here in Cornyval '73's parade.

Miss Helotes 1973—Cindy Ashley Copeland, 18-year-old Marshall senior—stands in front of a giant ear-of-corn (helotes) surrounded by a field of flowers.

The float will be adapted for use as an official Helotes entry—making the first such float for the use in parades elsewhere, although units have represented Helotes in Fiesta, Yorktown, Laredo and elsewhere in the past, with the reigning Miss Helotes.

## Thousands Attend 4-Day Event

No one saw everything—that's for sure—but an estimated 48,000 persons took part in the celebration this past weekend—May 10 through 13—of Cornyval '73. Crowds took in something of everything. From the time of the coronation Thursday until the curtain rang down on Sunday late, folks enjoyed such diversity as an invitational art show—at the Gallery and individual exhibits—a horse show, near Toepperwein's,

hospitality of the merchants at the Helotes Park Plaza, and—where the action was—downtown Helotes.

Here such major events as two giant free dances on the patio of famed Floore Country Store drew crowds worthy of Ray Price, Johnny Cash, or Willie Nelson to dance to the music on Friday of Johnny Thomas and the Texas Rangers, and on Saturday of the Levis. Even the Sunday crowds

enjoyed the regular Sunday Western dance there with competing bands attracting attention in a bandstand rigged for special events. "A Day in Old Helotes" featured gunslingers, a native beer garden, and lots of corn-on-the-cob interlarded with other delicious food—German, Irish, Mexican, early American, and plain old Texas barbecue.

There were church services—  
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## Suit Filed In Austin Area Land Sale

The Department of Justice filed a civil suit May 11 charging National Homes Corporation, its Texas subsidiary, and Welcome Wagon International, Inc., with discriminating against Blacks in the sale of home sites at two recreational and retirement developments near Austin.

At the same time, National Homes and its subsidiary, National Resort Communities, Inc., without admitting any unlawful conduct, agreed to the entry of a Consent Order prohibiting discrimination, to resolve that portion of the suit applying to them.

Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said the fair housing suit and Consent Order were filed in United States District Court in Austin. The proposed decree is

under consideration by the Court. National Homes, headquartered in Lafayette, Indiana, is a major manufacturer of prefabricated homes and mobile homes and a developer of subdivisions in several states.

National Resort Communities, Inc., headquartered in Austin, sells home sites in vacation and retirement developments through offices in several states.

Welcome Wagon, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, is engaged in promotion advertising among new residents of communities throughout the nation.

The suit charged the three companies with violating the Fair Housing Act of 1968 by discriminating against Blacks in the sale of lots in the Horseshoe Bay subdivision under develop-

ment at Lake Lyndon B. Johnson and the Lago Vista development at Lake Travis northwest of Austin.

In the sales campaign for the subdivision, the suit said National Homes and National Resort Communities have attempted to exclude Blacks by inhibiting them and discouraging them from buying lots at Horseshoe Bay and Lago Vista.

In addition, the suit said, the two companies have instructed their employees to use special racial codes on records to ensure that Blacks will not be solicited to buy home sites.

National Resort Communities was also charged with employment discrimination by excluding Blacks from certain job

## Ranch Town On Trial

Ranch Town on trial continues apace in San Antonio in the court of Chief U.S. District Judge Adrian Spears where witnesses for proponents as well as opponents are being given their day.

Opponents have mostly discussed the Edwards limestone—which has remained largely unknown even to scientists.

Proponents promise that with care there is no major danger inherent in development of surface towns. They have explained some of the limestone scientifically speaking and more of their precautions and other plans to be developed.

The Echo will carry a wrap-up of the trial in future issues, as it affects the development of some 9,000 acres of traditional Helotes ranch land into a proposed town of 80,000.

## Northside Schools Graduate 1383

Northside high schools will graduate 1383 seniors in ceremonies later this month. Individually set for 7:30 p.m., graduations will be: Jay High School, 552 graduates, at Municipal Auditorium May 28, Holmes High School, 350 graduates, at Northside Stadium, May 30, and Marshall High School, 481 seniors, Northside Stadium, May 31.

Featured speaker for Marshall graduation is Deborah Smith, an honor graduate who won commencement address competition held between the top ten graduates. She is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Gerald B. Smith, 3510 Backbay Dr.

Top student\* from the three NISD high schools include: Nelda Carter, valedictorian, Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Carter, 7811 Rimfire; Leslie Mead, salutatorian, Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Mead, 310 Whitecliff.

Marshall High School valedictorian is Lisa Breland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer K. Breland, 15603 Purple Sage. Salutatorian is Manuel Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel De J. Flores, 6013 Cammie Way.

Representing Holmes as valedictorian is Jeanette Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Green, 4518 Holly Ridge. Holmes salutatorian is Patricia Moseley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Moseley, 939 Oakwood Drive.

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categories in its Texas offices.

The suit further said representatives of the two companies have instructed representatives of Welcome Wagon International to exclude Blacks from their efforts to promote the sale of lots at Horseshoe Bay.

Welcome Wagon International has followed these instructions, thus assisting the companies in carrying out their discriminatory policies and making home sites unavailable to persons on account of race, the suit added.

Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, head of the Civil Rights Division, said the suit is the first Fair Housing case filed by the Justice Department in the Austin area and is a part of a continuing Government effort to make housing opportunities available to all persons.

The proposed Consent Order permanently enjoins National Homes and National Resort Communities from all racial discrimination in the solicitation of prospective purchasers and sale

of houses and vacant land.

The decree also prohibits the two companies from racial coding of records and from failing to adhere to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development advertising guidelines.

National Resort Communities is individually enjoined from engaging in any racially discriminatory employment practices.

The decree requires the two companies to undertake an affirmative action program of nondiscrimination in housing in all areas where they do business.

The program has three major provisions: Solicit homes and home site buyers without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin; Use fair housing statements in all advertising and post fair housing notices in all sales offices; Conduct a training program to ensure that employees adhere to the Consent Order and the Fair Housing Act.

For the Texas developments, National Resort Communities is required to start a special direct mail sales solicitation program

within 60 days in Black areas in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio.

The Company is also required to advertise the Horseshoe Bay and Lake Travis developments in newspapers serving the Black communities in the 6 cities for the next year.

National Resort Communities is further required to recruit Black and other non-white employees at all job levels "with a view to achieving an integrated work force at the earliest practicable date."

The suit against Welcome Wagon International, Inc. asked for a court order enjoining the firm from engaging in any racially discriminatory housing practice and requiring the firm to take appropriate steps to correct the effect of its alleged past discriminatory conduct.

## Resource Center To Train 149 Teams

The regional U.S. Office of Education Drug Training and Resource Center at Trinity University, San Antonio, will conduct leadership training for 149 teams from communities in the seven-state area served by the center during the 1973-74 training year which began May 1.

Center Director James D. Kazen said training grants have been awarded by the Office of Education as follows: Arizona 13 teams, Colorado 16, Louisiana 20, New Mexico 13, Oklahoma 25, Texas 40, and Utah 22. Included in the 149 total are 22 teams from Indian communities.

The San Antonio Center trained 101 teams in 1972-73, first year of the nationwide "Help Communities Help Themselves" drug abuse prevention program, Kazen said. Each team is composed of five to seven community leaders and potential leaders capable of developing local drug programs.

Approximately twenty of the new teams will report to the San Antonio Center for 10 days each month through March, 1974, for training. All training cycles will be held at the Lost Valley Resort Ranch, near Bandera, Texas. Each team will be eligible for follow-up technical assistance from the center for one year.

The San Antonio Center is one of eight regional training and resource centers in the "Help Communities Help Themselves" program. Others are at New Haven, New York, Washington D.C., Miami, Chicago, Minneapolis, and San Francisco.

## Selective Service Continues

Colonel Melvin N. Glantz, the State Director of Selective Service for Texas, has issued a statement reminding young men of their responsibility under Federal Law to register with Selective Service.

"The recent nationwide announcement that the draft has ended has misled some of our young men into thinking they no longer are required by law to register with Selective Service. This is incorrect!" Glantz said.

The State Director pointed out that Selective Service is being reorganized into a stand-by operation to keep draft machinery operative and ready in case of a national emergency that requires the drafting of young men again in

the future. He pointed out that although inductions have ended — the Selective Service System continues to operate and the law continues to require each young man to register with Selective Service within 30 days before or after his 18th birthday.

Failure to register makes a young man subject to prosecution under Federal Law with a severe penalty upon conviction.

During the reorganization of the System into a stand-by basis, registration may be completed at any one of the 63 Selective Service System Area Offices that will remain open in Texas — or at points in every Texas County where volunteer workers will assist in the registration.

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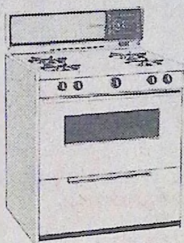
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## Fun-Tier Days To Be May 26-27

The Bandera Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual FUN-tier Celebration on May 26 and 27.

Activities for the Memorial Day Weekend will commence when the first wagonwheel rolls in the 12th annual Bandera Trail Ride. The muleskinners and horseback riders will make their trek from San Antonio beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 26. Camp will be made at San Geronimo that night.

Beginning at 4 p.m. a gala FUN-tier western parade through Bandera will mark the end of the trail ride. This will be followed by an old fashioned Bar-B-Que.

An Arts and Crafts Show will be exhibited to the public on the Courthouse lawn all day Sunday.

For your dancing pleasure top-named vocalist Johnny Bush and the Bandaleros will highlight the evening from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tap your toe to the music or take a spin around the floor to a Cotton-eyed Joe, the Bandera Waltz, a polka or schottische.

For further information contact: Bob Miller, Box 638, Bandera, Texas 78003.



Photo by Bill Terry  
An authentic True West flavor was added by this entry from the Lost Valley Resort Ranch of Bandera, Texas. This is a genuine stage coach some 127 years old—which crossed overland in staging days. It is a burnished red and rides very comfortably with springs to keep from feeling the ruts.

## Bond Issue Vote Due

Absentee voting began at Bexar County Courthouse May 14 on a \$21,000,000 county-wide bond issue. Voters will decide whether the County should borrow funds to widen bridges, improve county roads and drainage structures, and acquire rights-of-way to complete the Outer Loop, FM 1604.

Date of the regular election is Saturday, June 2.

State and federal funds would bring the total expenditure to approximately \$42,000,000.

A committee has been formed to promote passage of the bond issue. Judge Blair Reeves will act as honorary chairman of the Committee for a Better Bexar County with Jim Francis as co-chairman. Other members include: Charles

Orsinger, Gaines Voigt, C. C. "Pop" Gunn, and Leslie Neal.

Work is proposed for all parts of Bexar County, with some 179 projects. These road improvements at Marbach Road on the Northwest and Walzem Road on the Northeast; bridge widening at Old Corpus Christi Road at Salado Creek on the Southeast; and drainage improvement at Applewhite at Leon Creek on the Southwest.

County Clerk James Knight has stated that all county precincts will be open for voting on June 2.

Any registered Bexar County voter is eligible to vote, as the 1972 registration is still valid, he said.

## Honor Retirees

The Annual Northside Independent Teachers Association Reception honoring retiring teachers and the NISD Board of Trustees was held May 3 at the San Antonio Home Builders Housing Center.

Northside teachers retiring this year include: Charles Neff, Marshall High School, Hollis Neff, Mackey Elementary, Ava Cox, Colonies North Elementary, Stella Whetstone and Sue Riedel, Lackland City Elementary and Sally Hopkins, Neff Middle School.

## Migrants Advised To Stay Home

The Texas Employment Commission advises that states which have used Texas migrant farm labor in the past years have warned that there will be fewer jobs this year than last year, which was a lean work year for the migrants.

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho all report reduction in the number of job openings available for migrant workers. In some states bad weather and flooding conditions have destroyed millions of dollars worth of crops and left thousands of people homeless and this will contribute to more job loss in some of these states where migrants used to work.

Increased mechanization leaves fewer jobs each year for migratory laborers. This year, in some states, economic factors have made more local labor available and this will cut migrant job opportunities even further.

Another factor the migrant workers should consider is that

projects and organizations who in the past provided supportive services to stranded migrants may not be refunded this year.

"It is even more important this year to contact the Texas Employment Commission Office closest to you before you leave for migratory farm jobs out-of-state," states Earnest C. Leake, District Director of the San Antonio TEC District.

"This is the only way workers can be sure they will find jobs when they leave Texas. By contacting TEC they can find out when and where work will be available, and what the wages, working conditions, and living standards will be," Mr. Leake added.

Last year many migrants were stranded in other states when they went with "free wheeler" crewleaders who handle their own recruitment and employer relations. For further information contact the TEC Labor and Rural Manpower Office located at 507 South Main or call 222-8484, Ext. 329.



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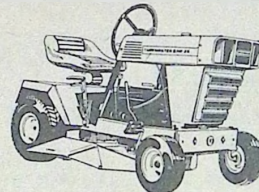
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Tuition summer school begins with official registration June 5. June 6 is the first day of classes. Summer school for students, 7th through 12th grades, is open through August 2. Principal for NISD's tuition summer school is Paul Fleming, currently assistant principal at Holmes.

Northside's summer school program also includes a summer gymnastics program for girls and boys, grades 5 through 11, at John Marshall High School.

For registration forms and further information, contact Paul Fleming, Holmes High School.

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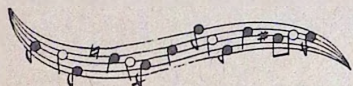
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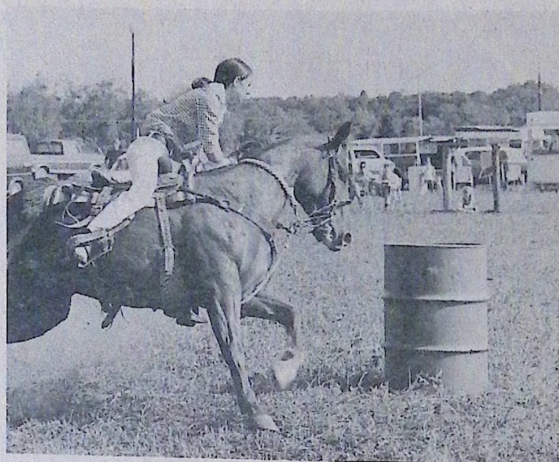


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Barrel Racing was a feature of the Festival Horse Show. Shown here was the race of Terrie Buchanan, who took second. First place was won by Gay Ferguson at 16.9. Third went to Dian Harvey. Some 750 people saw the event.

Photo by Bill Terry



"Mayor" John T. Floore of Helotes is Grand Marshal of the Cor-nival parade. Honorary Grand Marshal riding with him is County Commissioner Tom Stolhandske.



Photo by Bill Terry  
The parade here was great this year, according to crowd appraisal. One of the reasons was the appearance of the Alzafar entry of precision miniature cars—antique mini-motors.

### Northside P-TA Installs

Jim Herridge has been installed as the new president of the Northside Independent School District PTA Council.



Photo by Bill Terry

Among outstanding parade units were the breathtakingly beautiful Samoyed dogs—pure white riding against silver blue on two entries, a float and trailer, representing the Samoyed Club of San Antonio. Mrs. B. W. Sainer was float chairman and her dog rode on the silver-blue float. Shown here is the trailer with the dogs and their handlers. Samoyed dogs are Siberian sled or working dogs.

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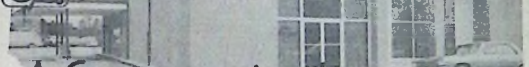
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Miss Helotes—Cindy Abney—begins her reign over the 1973 Cornyval following her coronation at Thursday's festivities. She is seated third from left and standing next to her is Miss Helotes 1972, Janice Bendele, who presided over the coronation ceremonies at the CCD Building May 11 to open Cornyval. Others in the Court of 1973 are the Princess and First Alternate for Miss Helotes 1973, Sharon Bless, far right. At the left, seated next to Miss Helotes is the Duchess and Second Alternate, Debbie Young. To the far left is Duchess and Third Alternate, Sarah Walz. Miss Helotes 1973 rode the official float and all others were on other floats. They will have activities representing the Festival throughout the year.

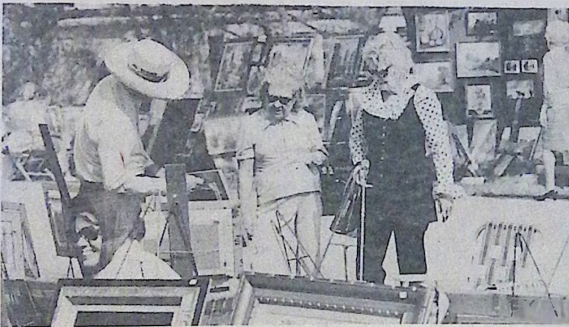


Photo by Bill Terry

The Festival Art Show at the Helotes Art Gallery attracted thousands during the two-day event and buying was brisk. Guest artists from many areas exhibited works. This is a major South Texas annual event here in conjunction with the Cornyval.

## Girl Scouts To Attend Day Camp

Camp Cookie here will be one of more than a dozen Day Camps open to Girl Scouts this summer in this area for two-week sessions, which will cost each girl only five dollars. Volunteer staffs are being

recruited throughout the area now, with the camp season opening June 4 and going perhaps through July 19.

Girl Scout Day Camps operated by the San Antonio Area Council of Girl Scouts, Inc., will be held in 14 locations throughout the council's eight-county jurisdiction, and will meet standards of American

Camping Association and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Camp Directors, who are volunteers, also train their own staffs of volunteers. Adults, interested in working with girls at Day Camp and willing to take training, may apply by calling the Girl Scout office or by calling the Day Camp Director in the area nearest to them.

Session I, from June 4 through June 14, will be held in nine locations. Camp Cacahuete in Floresville will be directed by Mrs. Gene Havelah. Camp Comanche Park will be directed by Mrs. Richard S. Allen. Camp Cookie in Helotes, is under the direction of Mrs. John Tillman.

Camp Northeast Preserve is directed by Mrs. Oliver Lewis. Other Day Camp sites are Camp Salado Park with Mrs. W. S. Barton in charge; Camp Benke Park directed by Mrs. B. W. Bacon; Camp Kerrville under the direction of Mrs. Mathias Kneip; Camp Pecan Grove located at 335 King William Street directed by Miss Christine Carvajal; and Camp Tri-County in Devine, directed by Mrs. Garold Lytle.

Session II, from June 18 through June 28, will be held in five locations. Camp Mission County Park will be directed by Mrs. Harold Block. Camp Rodriguez Park will be handled by Mrs. Ernest Morgan. Camp McGimsey Park is under the direction of Mrs. Alex Kinsel. Camp Randolph is directed by Mrs. Karl Beck. Mrs. Don Forbes will direct Camp Lone Star Acres between Pleasanton and Potet.

If registrations warrant, a third session will be held at Camp Cookie July 9 through July 19.

## Stella Whetstone Retires

Lackland City Elementary Fifth Grade teacher, Mrs. Stella Whetstone, leaves the profession after 20 years this Spring.

However, her career began long before that.

In recalling her teaching years, the native San Antonian speaks fondly of Los Reyes School, an early-day school here. She began teaching in the rural school, which was later consolidated with Helotes Elementary in 1927. She has many ex-students here.

Mrs. Whetstone and her students rode horseback to Los Reyes. After raising her family of

five daughters, she resumed teaching in the Edgewood District before rejoining NISD.

She plans to make her retirement home in San Antonio with her husband, O. V. Whetstone, a realtor. She is an avid gardener, specializing in driftwood arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Whetstone are well-known here, and plan to spend much time in Helotes also.

Mrs. Whetstone encourages today's school children to concentrate on character-building and religious training.

Mrs. Hollis Neff, special education teacher at Mackey Elementary School will retire in May after 20 years in the profession.

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The family of Celestino Sanchez, local rancher, including his wife, seven children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, are helping celebrate his birthday—which is May 19—and he is 90 years old. He also had two other children. Among his presents was a color TV presented to him by his daughter, Ella Berry. He is still very active and enjoys his family and friends. Congratulations from the community to this good neighbor. In case newcomers do not recognize him, it may be because you take him for a much younger man. He often visits in the Helotes businesses with Mrs. Sanchez, and still transacts his ranch business regularly.



Ronnie Barrera, left, of Helotes, represented Texas at the National Office Education Association Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 5-9. Also attending from Marshall was Susan Kneupper, right, who made the presentation recently of OEA in the State Convention where Marshall took 4th place as Chapter of the Year. They were also accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Marie Maddox. Ronnie is the recently elected Vice President of the State OEA.

Engagement  
Announced

The parents of Kathy Rose Dunford announce her approaching marriage June 16 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church to Danny Belk of San Antonio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Belk. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Click and Howard Dunford, both of Helotes.

The prospective bride is a 1972 graduate of John Marshall High School. Her fiancé is a 1970 graduate of South Plains Junior College and has an associate degree in liberal arts with a business major. He is now attending Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

An afternoon ceremony is planned. The bride-elect is being feted by friends and relatives.

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## Rothrock-Jones To Be Married

Miss Lesa Fran Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones of Austin, Texas, and Joseph Christopher Rothrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rothrock of Helotes, will be married Saturday, May 26, 1973, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Father H. G. Zink at St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin. A reception will follow at St. Mary's Hall.

Two Jay High School students have been awarded annual scholarships by the Northside Independent Teachers Association. Winners are Susan Sassman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Sassman; and Ann Bullion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Bullion.

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## Homemakers To Meet May 24

"Mr. Leonard" of the Ben Shaw Modeling Agency will conduct a demonstration at the May 24

meeting at 7:30 p.m. of Young Homemakers of Texas.

YHT, will also have a short business session to plan for a Bazaar, June 9 at Jay.

New members are welcome. For more information, call the Jay Homemaking Dept.

## Ava Cox To Lead

Mrs. Ava J. Cox, first cousin of President Lyndon B. Johnson, retires this spring from Colonies North Elementary School to take a National Parks job conducting tours of the LBJ Boyhood Home.

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The dance bands marching bands, and the press—newspapers, radio, television, and even the couriers who carried the news or posters to all of South Texas and beyond—are only a few to be congratulated. The Association will try in the next few months to pass on individual thanks, but to all persons or organizations who helped, let us say, "Thanks, again."

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# Cornyval Parade Entries Awarded Ribbons

Thousands attended the Saturday, May 12, Festival events here, arriving before parade time and staying until after the dance.

The Cornyval '73 Parade, which rolled on time under cloudy-bright skies, had some 100 entries of wide variety. As usual, the Hill Country setting and Western flavor of Helotes added an extra dimension.

Parade Chairman Jerry Adams in announcing the four categories of winners said that the judges noted the high quality of this year's parade, and asked for extra time to rejudge during the actual moving of the floats—bands, horses, and other units. For this reason, ribbons were awarded following the parade. Judges were KKYX disc jockys, Mike Witte and Tino Esquivel. They were given a roster for judging in commercial, civic, horses and school divisions, the four categories receiving awards. Some units were too unusual to fit, but most could qualify under these.

Those taking ribbons in the civic division were Stonewall Chamber of Commerce, first place; Helotes Little League, second place;

Helotes Spring Festival float, third place; and Comfort Chamber of Commerce, fourth place. In addition, an honorable mention was awarded to Alzafar Shrine's entry—which drew much attention.

Taking first place in the commercial division was a float entered by Audrey & Joyce School of Hair Design; second place went to Brannan Electric Co.; Cascade Caverns took third place; fourth

place went to C & B Motors. Honorable mention in this category was awarded to H & F Destruction Co.

In the school category, bands and marching drill units took honors. First place went to John Marshall High School marching band; second place was awarded to the Little Flower School rhythm unit; third place went to Pat Neff A Band; and fourth place to Pat Neff B Band. A special honorary

mention was given to Helotes Elementary School's entry, including the Super Dooper Scoopers.

In the horse division, the first place ribbon was awarded to Geronimo Trail Riders. Second place ribbons went to the Diamond A Trail Riders, with third place to the Devine 4-H Club, and fourth place to the Helotes Saddle Tramps.

Representation from South

Texas towns with their official floats, bathing beauties, mounted riders—on bikes, small cars, wagons, or horses—made this an exceptionally well-liked parade, and many pronounced it the best one so far. The weather was nearly perfect—with no rain but a cloud cover to keep things cool.

Mr. Adams said that the ribbons are being mailed to the recipients and that all have been invited back for the 1974 Cornyval parade.

## Sally Hopkins Retires

Pat Neff Middle School Spanish teacher, Sally Hopkins, will retire from Northside Independent School District after 30 years in the profession.

She began her career teaching Spanish, English and quadratic equations in Lavernia High School in 1943. Since that time, she has taught in Pleasanton, McAllen, Harlandale and in Northside 20 years.

She spent eight years teaching fifth grade at Locke Hill Elementary before joining the Neff staff.

Mrs. Hopkins became bi-lingual out of necessity: "My brother and I were the only Anglos in the South Texas school I attended. We had to learn Spanish to be included in after-school ball games."

She has travelled widely in Europe and Mexico, and expects to travel further upon retirement, though her immediate plans are, as she says, "evanescent."

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including a revival—and social events which included family reunions honoring Mothers on their day Sunday. Homecomings for young married couples and college students were staged. It would be difficult to cover all events, but the visitors and homefolks appeared to be trying to see what they could.

Organizations—such as the Lions, Optimists, the Grange, and Boy Scouts—as well as smaller clubs—such as the Silver Belles—helped put over the Cornyval.

Dr. James Arthur, president of the Helotes Spring Festival Assn., has announced that a round-up meeting will be held Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Floore Country Store to which those wishing to join the organization are invited. An assessment of this year's Cornyval will be made, according to tradition—with all participants being given a chance to make suggestions for improvement for the 1974 Cornyval.

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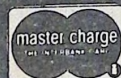
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