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The first Hill Country Horse Show last year finds young contestants lined up for judging. The event, billed as part of the Festival, was held two weeks later at the Helotes Horse Ranch due to rain.

3 Cities List Races

Horse Show To Be Part Of Festival

ENTRIES will be accepted for the second annual Hill Country Horse Show—to be held on Sunday May 3 as part of the Helotes Spring Festival—until 1:30 p.m. the day of the show. Mrs. Roberta Gauthier, show chairman, has announced. Rain date—which came in handy for the show's 1969 debut—this year will be May 17.

The show is sponsored by the Saddle Tramps Riding Club of Helotes. It will be located at Pepper Martin's 6-M Ranch on Farm Road 1560—one mile from Toepperwein's Store on Bandera Road.

To be judged will be 11 classes and entry fees are \$2 for each class. General divisions include halter classes, Western pleasure, a reining class, and barrel racing.

Morris Whitney of San Antonio has been named judge. Ringmaster will be Dr. William Rowe of Helotes.

The show will begin at 1:30 p.m. All first-place horses will receive a trophy.

For entry rules and regulations contestants may write Mrs. Gauthier at P.O. Box 335, Helotes, Texas 78023 or ask at the Little Red Saddle Shop here.

Elections Set For April 4

The City of Grey Forest voters will go to the polls on Saturday, April 4, to elect a mayor and two councilmen under laws set by the State of Texas. Several other neighboring cities are also going to hold elections on that date—including Balcones Heights and Leon Valley.

Grey Forest Mayor Jack Nottingham, who has served as the second alcalde following ex-Mayor Harry Hopf, announced last month that he did not wish to seek re-election.

Candidate for Mayor is Charles O. Brown, Jr., a graduate of The

University of Texas and former president of the Scenic Loop Playgroup before its incorporation into the City of Grey Forest.

Two Councilmen, Edwin L. Faust and Rimon Ham, have announced for reelection. They have three other opponents, H. A. Mikel, a former councilman; R. Sherwood Nelson, present Chief of Police of Grey Forest; and C. B. Dreyer.

In Leon Valley's City elections, four races are contests.

Opposing the incumbent, Mayor William Kinman, who is seeking reelection, is Louis Grimm.

A candidate for Place 2 is incumbent W. D. Fryer, who does not have an opponent.

Those seeking Place 4 are incumbent Ray Brown, and William Dong Rancher, James S. Hageman and John E. Earley.

Four seek Place 5, an unexpired one-year term. They are Murray Kacker, Alan Soeffje, Mrs. Lenna Hendrix and John LeGrand.

Balcones Heights voters have an opportunity to vote for a Mayor and five councilmen with only Place 2 a contest. Running unopposed are Mayor Danie Webster, incumbent; and Rudolph F. Boyd, Place 1; Gene A. Black, Place 3; Vernon V. LaBauve, Place 4; and John C. Staewen, Place 5.

In the Place 2 councilmen race are Melvin J. Stowe, incumbent, with James D. Craig as his challenger.

Ed Kempf Honored

At a recent City Council meeting a gold police officer's badge was given to Ed Kempf making him honorary chief of the voluntary police department of the City of Grey Forest. Mrs. Kempf and guests of the Council watched the ceremony.

Sherwood Nelson was then sworn in as the Chief of the Grey Forest force. Mrs. Dot Parrott is the Councilman in charge of the police department.

Chief Kempf has been active in law enforcement as a deputy and volunteer officer for many years, and Mrs. Parrott and Chief Nelson cited his years of service as reasons for the honor.

Opening Night Reveals Outstanding Theater

By John T Floore

It was the writer's pleasure and honor to attend the grand opening of the beautiful new CINEMATHEATRE recently. In my many years in show business, I have had the opportunity of seeing many, many deluxe theatres, but this one tops them all.

Women's Club To Hear Model

At the April 7 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Martin Terry on Scenic Loop, Sue Livingston—former model—will discuss "Charm and Being a Woman."

Rainfall Chances Studied at A&M

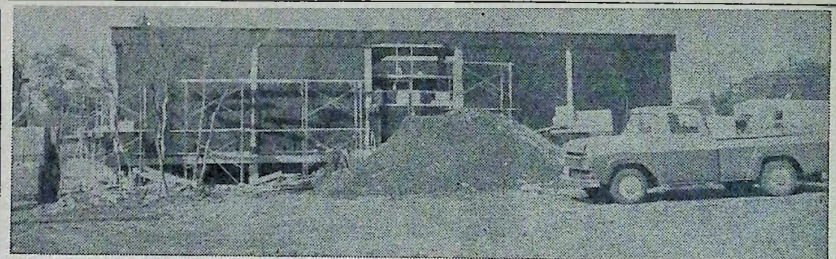
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The staff, the most polite and courteous I have ever seen, is under the very capable management of my good friend for many years, Tommy Reynolds. Tommy started in the theatre business under me and has come a long way. He deserves the plaudits of the entire population of San Antonio for providing such a beautiful and well-managed theatre. No smut, good clean pictures, and a wonderful vaudeville bill that night received a tremendous ovation. See this theatre at once. It's a knockout. Good luck, Tommy.



This is a preview of the remodeled Telephone Building being greatly enlarged on its Scenic Loop site. This week's sidewalk superintendents can report that it will be of red brick.

Sunrise Rite Due Easter

Everyone is invited to attend a community-wide Easter Sunrise Service to be held in Helotes Park Estates at 6:30 a.m., Sunday, March 29, with local ministers participating. The Rev. W. C. Maddox, pastor of Helotes Baptist Church, will bring the message, "Risen with Christ."

Members of local churches will make up a voluntary choir. The Baptist Church choir will contribute special music.

The Rev. Samuel L. Terry, minister of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, will preside. The Rev. Collin Furr, pastor of the Helotes Hills Methodist Church will read the scripture and pronounce the benediction.

To get to the exact hill in the Park Estates, go from Bandera Rd. on Circle A to Lazy J. There the Boy Scouts will direct you to the service.

Pinewood Derby Set for April 8

About 40 members of Pack 401, Club Scouts of America, are expected to take part in the Sixth Annual Pinewood Derby next month, according to Mike Butler, cubmaster for the Helotes Area. Sponsored by the Helotes Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, the event will be staged April 18 at Helotes Hills Methodist Church, a half-mile east of downtown Helotes on the Bandera Road.

Initiated in this area in 1964, the annual event is a contest in which youngsters race miniature model automobiles. The small racers may weigh no more than five ounces and must have been made by the boy entering the car in competition.

The derby is scheduled to start at 12 noon at the Methodist church, in the event of good weather. If it is raining, the contest will be held indoors at the CCD building of Our Lady of

Guadalupe Church on Riggs Road.

Contest judges will be Charles Davis, Ed Faust, Howard Feathers, Harvey Mayfield, and Fred Pizzini. Youngsters entering cars in the derby must have the written approval of their parents or sponsor. The miniature racers may be checked for weight on scales at the Helotes Post Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Official weigh-in of the cars will be at 11 a.m. at the race course.



Mr. and Mrs. Latto Martinez enjoy the good wishes of their friends at their anniversary dinner.

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Couple Celebrate 24th Anniversary

Mrs. Latto Martinez was honored at a surprise anniversary supper given by her husband on their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary. Appropriately, the date was Feb. 24. The dinner was at Rudy & Irene's.

Among the guests were their three children, Linda, Teresa, and Jerry. Mr. and Mrs. Martinez were hosts to the following couples: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Victory, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Alvarado, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Word, Mr. and Mrs. Emilio V. Martinez, and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brown.

They were also greeted by their long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Cepeda.

Silver Belles Elect Officers

The Silver Belles—who don't permit their streaks of silver to interfere with fun—have a new slate of officers—the first change since the original ones took over in 1967.

New President Lucille Stemen entertained the group in her home March 12 where plans were made for the Helotes Spring Festival.

Other new officers include Hardie Warden, vice-president; Lucille Owen, secretary, and Hil-da Deer, treasurer.

The original slate included Nadine Hartmann, president; Mary T. Johnson, vice-president; Edith Taylor, secretary, and Wava Woodward, treasurer.

The Silver Belles are making life brighter for shut-ins as well as others needing help. They often roll bandages, make favors for hospital trays, sew for the cancer society and make toys for the children's hospital ward.

In the more than three years of the club's existence, the organization has become one of the most active forces in the area. New members are welcome, according to Pres. Stemen, and anyone interested should contact an officer or any member.

El Paso Artist Has Show Here

Mrs. Vera Swain, well-known El Paso artist, is now exhibiting some of her paintings at the Koger Building, 4538 Centerview Drive, in the Executive Center. Open to the public, the exhibit will feature Mrs. Swain's oils, acrylics and water colors in abstracts, constructivism and impressionistic forms. Her works will remain on view through May 1 in the Executive Center off Babcock Road, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Vera Swain has gained recognition through her original work with gold and silver leaf blended with mixed media.

She has studied with Herr Goe-lock in Heidelberg, Germany, Elsie Train in Colorado Springs, George S. Clow at the Oklahoma City Art Museum, and Jan Hessing in El Paso. Her paintings have hung in Honolulu's Art Museum, at the Colorado Centennial Art Exhibit, the German-American exhibit in Heidelberg, and in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Marlon Biering out to en- Jean Gibson has two passes to joy some entertainment at CINE-Cinematex Colonies North, and MATEx Colonies North — just may attend any performance until check in at the box office before April 17 by inquiring at box office. April 17 for two passes.

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Garden Club Show To Be Here April 18

The Helotes Hills Garden Club will present their Spring flower show "As You Like It," Saturday, April 18, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Confraternity Hall, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, on Riggs Road in downtown Helotes. This will be the club's first flower show and is staged to bring encouragement to the community in beautifying our surroundings, according to club officers.

All members of the club will participate, and all local residents are invited to enter the show also. The show will have, Division I—horticulture, which will include potted plants, single stems of flowers, fruits, vegetables, gourds, etc.; Division II—artistic arrangements, which will include table settings, spring finery and trash and treasures; and Division III will be a Conservation display.

The standard system of judging will be used and ribbons will be awarded.

Rules should be obtained by persons interested in entering the show by calling the Co-chairmen, Mrs. H. A. Olson, 695-317, Mrs. E. F. Hartman, 695-3247, or committeemen, Mrs. Ross Carpenter, 95-3111, or Mrs. G. M. Allen, 695-8153. Other committeemen working on the show are Mrs. Othel Legg, Mrs. C. B. Price, Mrs. Homer Taylor, Mrs. K. S. Stiles and Mrs. F. C. Anderson.

Vicki Linder can take this to CINEMATEx Colonies North—good for two passes through April 17 to any performance. Ask at the box office.

All too often a clear conscience is merely the result of a bad memory.

Julie Darnell may take a friend to CINEMATEx Colonies North any time before April 17 to see any show. Present this at box office.

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Along Our Route

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Dear Publisher and Editor:

THE COWBOY CAPITOL SECOND ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE wishes to thank you and your staff for the publicity given our ride recently when on our way to The San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo.

We appreciate your warm welcome as we passed through, by the people of Helotes Area and are proud that they wished to become a part of our ride. We had several fine folks who joined our trail in Helotes and rode all the way to the show with us. Their sportsmanship and interest and help during the trail was certainly appreciated.

Thank you and we look forward to having all the Helotes Folks greet us and perhaps join us on our 3rd Annual Ride in 1971.

Frank R. Anderwald
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Joins Crusade



Bonnie Anderson, a recent college graduate, has joined Campus Crusade for Christ International and recently left Helotes for Roanoke, Virginia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson, of Helotes Park Estates.

Miss Flores Engagement Announced

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Beatrice Vera Flores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Flores, of Boerne, to Armando Flores of Helotes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Flores.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Boerne. The couple plans to reside here following their marriage.

Friday-Kazen Wed in Austin

Of interest to her many local friends was the recent marriage of Miss Barbara Anne Kazen, daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. James Kazen of Laredo, to Philip Charles Friday, Jr.

The marriage was solemnized in Austin where Barbara is on the faculty of the University of Texas Law School. Her husband is an Austin attorney.

Rev. Father Walter J. Dalton officiated at the service and Mass at St. Austin's Church Feb. 14.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white silk organza, iced with pale ivory chantilly lace, which defined the skirt and bodice. The neckline was cuffed high, and lace detail graced the double Bishop sleeves.

A matching lace veil framed her face and cascaded aisleward to chapel length in romantic sweeps. Barbara carried a single long stemmed ivory-hued rose.

Miss Phyllis Marie Kazen attended her sister as maid of honor and the bride's other sisters were bridesmaids. These included Mrs. Gus Van Steenberg and Mrs. James Douglas Kazen of San Antonio, and Mrs. George Philip Kazen of Laredo. Drusilla Van Steenberg was junior bridesmaid and Elizabeth Ann Kazen was flower girl. Both are nieces of the bride.

Nicky Van Steenberg was junior usher and George and John Kazen were ringbearers.

The bride's attendants were gowned alike in floor-length Empress-styled gowns of champagne-hued organza accented with puffed sleeves which were

edged with moire ribbon trim.

Headpieces were semi-wreaths of tiny rosebuds, and each girl carried a nosegay of miniature pink and white rosebuds.

The little boys were dressed in green velvet breeches with white blouson shirts.

Decorations of the church featured arrangements on the altar of pink ostrich feathers combined with white mums, roses and gypsophila. Each side of the chancel was accented with nine branch floor candelabra, and family pews were roped with white tasseled silk cord, and marked with a long stemmed white rose and foliage.

Following the service a reception took place in the ballroom of the Sheraton Crest.

The long buffet table from which the wedding breakfast was served was spread with a white lace over pink satin cloth and centered with a silver epergne filled with pink ostrich plumes and red and pink roses.

Throughout the hospitality, selections were given by Ecos de Chiapas marimba orchestra of Laredo.

Approximately three hundred guests attended the wedding and reception.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta the couple is at home in Austin.



Mrs. Philip Friday

This Is True

There are four sorts of men:

He who knows not and knows not he knows not: he is a fool—shun him.

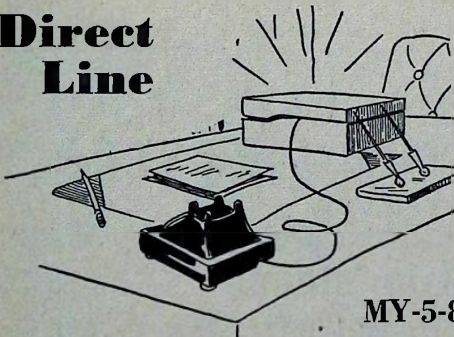
He who knows not and knows he knows not: he is simple—teach him.

He who knows and knows not he knows: he is asleep—wake him.

He who knows and knows he knows: he is wise—follow him.

(Lady Burton, in Life of Sir Richard Burton)
quoted as an Arabian proverb.

Direct Line



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Can you tell me how long there has been an Assembly of God Church in Leon Springs and how it was established?

Commemorating their 11th year in the present location, members of the Leon Springs Assembly of God congregation—dressed up in old fashioned clothes Sunday, Nov. 23, and had old-time singing and preaching.

Missionary appointee to East Pakistan Gordon Barratt showed slides of his work.

The Rev. M. B. Carlton established the Leon Springs Assembly of God Church in April, 1957, on the old Ellison place, Scenic Loop Road, in a one-room ranch house. The present church held groundbreaking on Thanksgiving Day, 1958, on land donated by Mrs. Mary Helen Fator of Leon Springs. Rev. Carlton was pastor until 1962 and after pioneering

Bruce Faust has two tickets reserved by CINEMATEX Colonies North in his name. Ask at box office before April 17.

a church in Arkansas is now pastor in Southaven, Miss.

Rev. W. N. Perkins, of San Antonio, became pastor from 1962 until 1965. He was then pastor in Uvalde and is now a Kerrville pastor.

In February, 1965, Rev. Tommy Crick was elected as pastor and continues as present pastor. Rev. Crick, a 1957 graduate of Northside High School (now Marshall), married the former Miss Lou Williams in 1960. They lived in Grey Forest until 1965 when they moved to the parsonage in Leon Springs. They have three daughters aged eight, seven and three years old. Rev. Crick's mother is Mrs. Lou Ellen Crick who resides on Grey Forest Drive in Grey Forest. The Cricks have resided in the Scenic Loop and Leon Springs area some 14 years and are well known here.

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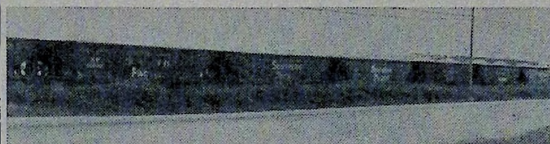
But Leon Springs, Boerne, Waring, Comfort, Center Point, Legion and on to Kerrville—had a different story.

When railroads became the latest way to travel—or to ship one's belongings—Steam-engined trains truly blazed a trail—helping cities—such as San Antonio grow. They soon drove out the wagon trains as the favored way to leave Galveston and other points of entry. They could bring many supplies over vast distances. However, with tenacity, the muleteers still plowed their way into the surrounding hills of San Antonio—carrying supplies for immigrants who took the stagecoach here or onward when the train tracks couldn't provide the full trip.



A typical railway house along the route with the all-important windmill to supply water. This is what is left of once extensive railway section of Leon Springs. These buildings, in good shape, are occupied.

The first steam engine for trains dates to 1831—and Texas tried almost at once to develop a railway system. But delays were inevitable. And it was 1877, when Thomas W. Pierce formed what is now the Southern Pacific under the name—Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio. But it was Uriah Lott in 1885 who built the San Antonio & Aransas Pass—known as the SAAP (often SAP). And this for all the years that so nearly round out a century has



Flatbeds stretched along old Fredericksburg Road at Leon Springs are still doing big business—carrying gravel and crushed limestone from local quarries.

provided train service through Leon Springs and Boerne onward. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas line came to San Antonio when Henry C. Rouse located it here in 1900.

In the 70's, San Antonio could claim about 20,000 population when the construction of Pierce's road began. A boom was soon on. Immigrants from overseas and from other parts of the country took the railroad to Immigrants' House, located at Austin and 10th Streets. There they bargained for land and for a livelihood before taking a train out to the hills and often enough ending their journey by stagecoach.

Every train was loaded with passengers and the area around the depots—wherever they (Continued on Page 8)

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I am pleased to know that you have decided to run for the Commissioners Court of Bexar County. After having been elected to the Commissioners Court of Ector County in 1962 and 1966, I believe I have an idea as to some of the problems that you will be faced with there in Bexar County.

Our Commissioners Courts need some level headed people to help solve the problems of not only the county governments, but also the problems of the people, for this is the only reason that government should exist.

Your twelve years of experience as a business man in Bexar County should be a great asset to the Commissioners Court; after all, the Commissioners Court is primarily the administrative body of the County.

I was impressed with the manner in which you handled problems that were delegated to you in my Campaign for Congress in 1968. Had we found enough hard workers, such as you, early in the campaign, the outcome may have been different.

Best of luck to you in this endeavor. I believe you will be an effective servant to your community.

Sincerely,

Jack Alexander
W. J. (Jack) Alexander

P.S. Under separate cover I am sending you TEXAS COMMISSIONERS GUIDE BOOK, including supplements 1 and 2.

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LEGAL NOTICE GENERAL LAW MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a regular election will be held at the City Hall in the City of Grey Forest on Saturday, April 4, 1970 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Aldermen for terms of two years each.

Absentee voting will be conducted at the City Hall, Scenic Loop Road, during regular office hours from March 16, 1970 to March 31, 1970. The last day to receive an absentee ballot by mail will be Saturday, April 4, 1970, delivered to the City Hall no later than 10 a.m.

Willomae Schumacher
City Secretary
City of Grey Forest

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Explorer Scouts Win Canoe Race

Nine canoeists and a support crew of five from Explorer Post 50, sponsored by the Oxford Methodist Church, brought home fifteen trophies from the Second Annual White Water Explorer Canoe Race, cutting last year's record time approximately in half.

Post 50 entered three canoes. The canoe manned by Tom Bohannon, Paul McGuff, and Bobby Burkey won the major first-place trophy by completing the entire race in the record time of 8 hours, 1 minute, and 58 seconds. They were also awarded a first place trophy for completing the first 33 miles in the best time, and a second place trophy for the next 20 1/2 miles.

Laengers Build Big Greenhouse

The Laenger family of 110 Marin Hollow in the Ranch Acres have recently built a 20 x 30 foot greenhouse as a family project, taking four months to complete. Grandmother Laenger of Panola, Texas was in on the groundbreaking and early stages. The Laenger boys, Leslie, Chuck, Jr. and Terry provided the muscle power while Chuck Sr. and Dottie performed most of the masonry, plumbing and other construction chores.

Neighbors also gave assistance. Pete Crow and Bud Payne proved valuable as consultants. Tom Lobert helped with electrical know-how while Tommy Lobert provided muscle power, too. Bern Vinck provided welding service and threaded the pipe. Many families in the area loaned tools and gave advice for the project.

Dr. Sam Terry, minister of the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Terry presented the Laengers with their first five orchid plants. The Laenger greenhouse now contains over 300 orchid plants, and there are other plants there also.

The Laengers report that they are anxious to show off the fruit of their labors and will be happy to show visitors through.

The race, sponsored by the Noon Optimist Club of Laredo, in cooperation with the Aztec District, Gulf Coast Council, B.S.A., covered 55 miles. Its objectives were to encourage canoeing as a sport among young people, promote international friendship, and encourage the conservation of wilderness rivers.

Explorer Scouts from South Texas and Northern Mexico were invited. Fourteen canoes, carrying three explorers each competed. The race was run in three heats. Trophies were awarded for the individual heats and for the best overall times in the combined heats. The race started at the Apache Ranch, 55 miles west of Laredo, and ended at the International Bridge in Laredo.

The canoe manned by Doug Toepperwein, Dennis Toepperwein, and Bill Schauer received a second place trophy for the first 33 miles. They also received a third place trophy for the complete race, losing second place to Brownsville by a very small margin. Their time was 8 hours, 10 minutes, and 44 seconds.

In the third canoe entered by the post were Robie Chambers, Steve Shauer, and Frank Fawcett. They finished 10th, 6th, and 4th in the respective heats and their canoe placed 6th for the entire race. Their time was 9 hours, 16 minutes, and 20 seconds.

Doug Toepperwein, Bill Schauer, and Dennis Toepperwein were given special recognition as best fishermen. They didn't use bait—a huge carp jumped in their canoe.

The support crew was composed of Wes Munns, John Miller, Robert Moore, Chris Martins, and Barry Bohannon. All of the scouts taking part in this event attend Northside schools.

The adult advisors were T. V. Bohannon and Roland Klar, Jr.

A loyal group of supporters from the San Antonio area were on hand to witness the finale.

Schools Here Have 12 Merit Scholars

Twelve seniors in the Northside District—eight of them at John Jay High School and four at John Marshall High—are among the 15,000 seniors in the United States who have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.

They go on to become eligible for 3,000 scholarships giving each winner as much as four years of college assistance at \$1,500 per year. Final choice is made by a panel based on data submitted by the students and their schools.

Winners from Marshall are Debra E. Nichols, Janet F. Nida, David E. Ray, and David D. Johnson.

Named from John Jay were Matthew F. Delaney, Gerald L. Giles, Margaret K. Harden, Stephen M. Kelley, Kathy M. Kising, Karen R. Moore, James S. Perkins, and John W. Woollen. The South Texas area had 164 seniors making the semifinals. Bandera was represented by Dorothy F. Mullenax; Boerne by Don W. McClure, and Mitchell R. White; and Castrolville by Richard Schneider.

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We don't want to be telling you what you already know—but when that bedecked truck floated by—or on the telly—did you be a noticin' that it said "Helotes Spring Festival?" If you didn't recognize the young lads and lasses—they belonged to the Ray Johnsons and/or the Pat McDonalds.

But now—come to the Festival Parade May 3—for sure and if you've never seen a green goat—you can maybe hope to see one!

Ralph Madla can enjoy a good show any time before April 17 if he takes this to CINEMATHEX Colonies North. Inquire at the box office.

Treasury Commends Postmaster

WASHINGTON—Helotes postmaster Charley C. Davis, Jr. has received commendations from Elmer L. Rustad, national director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division of the Department of the Treasury, for his outstanding service to the School Savings Program.

In his letter to the Postmaster, Mr. Rustad said, "You are indeed an important ally, as we work together to promote the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds and Stamps."

Many schools in Texas offer School Savings, as part of the nationwide program. Savings Stamps are available in five denominations, from 10c to \$5, and are on sale at all times in Post Offices and on Stamp Days in the schools.

Pupils are provided stamp albums at no cost and, when they are filled, the albums of Savings Stamps may be exchanged for Savings Bonds at the family bank.

Postmaster Davis said, "My associates and I are pleased and proud to continue this service to the young people of our community. The School Savings Program has been teaching thrift and good citizenship to our youngsters for 28 years. I know of no better way to encourage them to get started with the savings habit."

Josephine Wallace might take some time to accompany her family to Cinemathe Colonies North. She has two passes good any-time until April 17 waiting for her at the box office.

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Marshall Plant-In Continues

Since grass ordered from Devine, Texas did not arrive in time for the recent Plant-in at John Marshall High School, students will finish this phase of campus beautification Saturday, March 21.

The project is under the supervision of landscape expert Dr. R. S. Dewers, who is Bexar County ornamental horticulturist. It is backed by the Marshall Student Council of which Mr. D. S. Perkins is sponsor. Locke Hill Elementary School contributed \$100 and the Marshall Student Council is spending \$200 to add ornamental shrubbery, trees and grass to the Northside's first of three senior high schools. Marshall is located on Eckhart Road near Leon Valley.

Northside Nears 20,000 Expected

Northside Independent School District which serves this area has a total enrollment of 19,093 students, according to a recent report by Education Service Center, Region 20.

There are 18 elementary schools, three junior schools and three high schools with E. D. Cody as superintendent and Jack Jordan as assistant superintendent. San Antonio, Edgewood, and North East are the only districts in this region with a larger enrollment.

Main office of the Northside District is located on Evers Road.

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Mark Barrera Tops Youth Club Roster

According to President Bruce Faust, new Grey Forest Youth Club officers were elected recently at the Youth Building.

The new slate includes: President, Mark Barrera; Vice-president, Ann Hernandez; Secretary,

Jeanette Shoaf; Treasurer, D'laine Parrott; Sergeant-at-Arms, Gail Gordon; Chaplain, Debbie Smith; Historian, Robin Wynn; Parliamentarian, Philip Pittman; Reporter, Scott Tagliarino.

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Railroad . . .

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were — became the hub of activity.

Austin Street leading to Fort Sam Houston was later abandoned as the depots moved to East Commerce Street — about 1900. This area then developed into a thriving business section.

In Leon Springs, the station and other railroad buildings were not far from the home built by Max Aue when he came from Germany in 1850. In 1875, he built a two-story home, part of the prosperity reflecting the advent of the railroad. Although it is now in a state of disrepair, it belongs to the list of authentic stagecoach stops—usually private homes with enough space to accommodate some travellers and with pasturage to keep fresh horses or mules.

The Old Immigrant's home survived as a store and rooming house for years. Other changes come to reward or punish those who put their faith in the railroads.

The history of towns—those which grew, and those which became ghost towns or merely hung on—were tied up with the railroad. It blazed a solid trail—and it drove out the prairie schooner. It proved harder for bandits or Indians to attack successfully. It shortened distances by its independence from the waterways. Windmills could pump enough water at most stations. Horses, mules, oxen—all had to remain close to rivers or creeks.

Oldtimers remember tales of the early muleteers—some of them dared to cut across land despite the danger that a delay—or in earlier times, Indian attacks or broken wheels would cut them off from a water supply when it came time to make camp. One of the first places hazardous here was the Biering flats—toward Leon Valley—Helotes—where the rainy season could cause a heavy load to bog down. But it was considerably safer than being out over night with the Indians, some felt. So they chanced the short-cut.

Even in 1896—when the first train sped through San Antonio for the West—The Sunset Limited—San Antonians stood by to marvel. For Time and Distance had lost another battle, and what looked like the perfect mode of traveling had been discovered . . . and would be here for always. Then the horseless carriage was only a toy and no one knew that the vast wagon trains once assembled by such men as W. B. Krempkau and Ed Forboese on Washington Square in 1877 would have powerful allies to fight their foe—the railroad—this time with fleets of great motor trucks. World Wars I and II proved the finest hours of the great railroads of America—but by the latter time the equipment was already aging, overcrowded, and lacking in the grace of an early time.

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