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FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW SETS RECORD

Preparing for Cornyval



Chief Ray Garrison and two other area "Indians" start the corn pot boiling for the 1979 Helotes Cornyval to be held during the first weekend in May - a time which coincides with the annual spring corn festival of

the real Indians who used to live here.

Area residents are invited to warm-up for the 1979 Cornyval at the pre-festival fund-raiser dance to be held at Floore Country Store on March 2. Mean-

time, the Festival Association will have its next regular monthly meeting at Floore Country Store, Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m., with everybody invited to attend.

With two good crisp days of sunshine to bring out the best in the show, the 1979 auction of livestock raised by the youth here, last Friday and Saturday, set a total record of \$119,000, going \$13,000 over the record set last year. The show reflected the growing support of the community for the only major livestock show and auction produced on its own grounds by high school boys and girls, from one school. Some 4-H youngsters gave heavy competition to the John Marshall High School FFA.

Those offering their steers, lambs, swine and poultry were in some cases the younger brothers and sisters of the boys and girls who first organized the show with the aid of their FFA teachers and sponsors in a showbarn they have improved each year.

Members of the Marshall FFA Booster Club helped stage the show and pay for sprucing up the grounds and manned food booths.

The sixth annual Marshall High School FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Sale on Jan. 26 and 27 set new record high prices for the champion lamb, swine, rabbits and broilers during the Saturday afternoon auction.

Grand champion steer of the show, a 1,220-pound Simmental shown by Darlene Vickery was bought by the Security National Bank for \$1,650.

The champion swine, shown by Shelly Kempf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kempf, Leslie Road, was bought by the University National Bank for \$1,850. It was a 226-pound Duroc.

The champion rabbits, shown by Karen Meyers, were bid in by Raba Engineering for \$800.

The champion broilers, shown by Beverly Darter, went to Mesquite Construction for \$900. Last year the champion market poultry were shown by Richard Darter and brought \$375.

Bryan Stacy again was auctioneer, and George Chambers and his band played before the bidding started.

The show was held in the John Marshall FFA barn at Walter Gerlach Memorial Park on Babeck Road north of Loop 1604.

Stagecoach Days Set

The fifth annual Stagecoach Days Celebration for the community of Leon Valley and the surrounding area, will be held July 14 and 15.

Announcement of the official

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Person-to-Person

The Summit Oaks Chapter of the American Association of retired Persons will have Charles Nichols, attorney, address the regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, following a Potluck Supper which begins at 6:30 p.m. He will speak on Estates and Wills. The event will take place at the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church, 6319 Newcome Drive at Wurzbach Road, Mrs. Gladys Patton, public relations chairman, reported.

The Helotes Park Homeowners Association held a Welcome Coffee for new residents of Helotes Park Estates. Hostesses were Mrs. George Fidone, Mrs. Joseph Schaeffer, Mrs. Tom Stout and Mrs. Robert Reynolds. At this monthly event, guests and new residents include Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. Griffin Wooten, Mrs. Edna Gilde, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Wesley Lockridge, Mrs. John Stiles, Mrs. W. B. Greer, Mrs. Mike Knisak, Mrs. Dave Olive, Mrs. Dee Fender, Mrs. H. B. Keller, Mrs. Ivan Grabhorn, Mrs. Guy Burnett, Mrs. Earl Smith, and Mrs. Charles Becker.

The coffee, which is the first of a planned series of get-acquainted parties, was held in the home of Mrs. Schaeffer, whose husband is president of the Homeowners Assn.

The February artist of the month at the Helotes Art Guild is Gerard Waterreus, who was born and reared in Holland. He began painting four years ago and his oils are already attracting patrons and buyers who see the old-world techniques blended with the new. His work will be on exhibit at the Art Gallery this month.

Two traditional observances in this fortnight are Ground Hog Day today—when a very unreliable prediction of the weather for the next six weeks is supposed to depend on whether the ground hog sees his shadow when he comes out of his hole to take a mid-winter lookaround—and Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, a tradition of much more significance.

Two important birthday anniversaries will be those of Thomas A. Edison on Feb. 11 and Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12.

Edwards Found Dead

Thomas Milton Edwards, Jr., 33, was found dead at his Route 2 residence 7.5 miles north of Boerne on Hwy. 474 Friday, January 26 at 4:15 p.m. He died of a gunshot wound.

Tommy, as he was called by his friends, was born in San Antonio, was a general contractor by trade and enjoyed hunting in his spare time. He

also loved music and enjoyed playing the guitar. He was a member of the Methodist faith.

Funeral services were held at Oak Hills Funeral Home in San Antonio Monday morning, Jan. 29, with Rev. E. A. Calhoun, an old family friend, officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Olsen Edwards; a son, Shawn Keith Edwards, age 5;

his parents, Mrs. Rufus "Penny" Buffalo of Blair, Nebraska and Thomas M. Edwards, Sr. of San Antonio; a sister, Mrs. Carl "Trudy" McCraig of Frankfurt, Germany; and 2 grandmothers, Mrs. Adele Edwards of San Antonio and Mrs. Martin Ardoin of Orange, Texas.

Rain More, Cold Less

January won recognition this year as a real weather spectacular with 3.6 inches of rain recorded for the month, according to Henry Brauchle, local weather observer. But, he said, last year was colder with 18 days below freezing and an average of 34.1 degrees Fahrenheit in 1978 versus 13 days below freezing for 1979.

The moisture was welcome

and those who like to predict say that the bluebonnets will be plentiful and spectacular in the coming months. Last year's tally of rain in January and February was a total of 7 of an inch—dwarfing the wildflowers.

Grass here is fairly plentiful except where killed by frost. No measurable snow has fallen this year.

San Antonio Movie Due

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded UTSA a \$19,856 grant for the development of a script for the film on San Antonio.

It will be for a 16 mm, 28-minute color documentary film on the history and culture of San Antonio as reflected in its architecture. When completed, the film will be distributed to both national and international audiences through television and educational outlets.

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Edwards Wells Stay Pure...

The purity of water in the Edwards aquifer has not been degraded by domestic, industrial, or agricultural runoff, the Edwards Underground Water District has reported in a booklet just published concerning a three-year ground water study conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The study involved monitoring 75 wells and three springs in the five-county district from Feb., 1975, to Sept. 1977.

Water samples analyzed for bacteria, major inorganic constituents, minor elements, and pesticides were well within the Environmental Protection Agency's mandatory standards. For example, no trace of pesticides was found in any well. Only one sample collected from a well in northwest Bexar County on the recharge zone exceeded the E.P.A.'s regulations. A sample collected from a well in the artesian zone (near the surface) contained 39 milligrams per liter of nitrate (as nitrogen). The maximum acceptable limit for raw water used for drinking-water purposes is 10 milligrams. Since the top of the Edwards aquifer is at 490 feet below the land surface, the nitrate is thought to have entered the well through defective casing near the surface. Because poorly constructed wells allow contaminants to enter the aquifer, the Edwards District is attempting to obtain authority to establish well construction standards to insure the continued excellent quality of water from the aquifer.

The best example of what may be expected to happen in the recharge zone is that six wells which have been in use by Shavano Park for many years

in the midst of a concentration of septic tanks have not become polluted and are used by Shavano Park as its water supply.

Water levels in check wells in the five-county Edwards Underground Water District at the end of December were virtually unchanged from November's readings, Col. McDonald D. Weinert, general manager, announced.

Only the well at Kyle in Hays County, which dropped 5.1 feet, showed a significant change.

Spring flow dropped following an upsurge that resulted largely from the August rains over the

recharge zone that caused the Guadalupe River flood. Comal Springs at New Braunfels dropped 42 cubic feet per second to 365 cfs, still well above the average of 285 cfs. San Marcos fell off 14.3 to 131.7, slightly below the 166 cfs average.

Following are the well levels for three of the check wells shown in altitude above mean sea level with the record low and high marks in parentheses: Castroville: 710.2, up 0.7. (622.3 and 737.8) Hondo: 737.56, down 0.1. (662.3 and 773.8) San Antonio: 679.0, unchanged. (612.5 and 696.5)

Save Energy, Save Taxes

Most home owners and renters may not be aware of it, but Congress has provided tax incentives to spend money for home energy conservation and installation of renewable energy-saving components of solar, geothermal and wind-powered equipment.

The credit is available only for the taxpayer's principal residence. Renters are eligible for credit if they actually pay for the qualifying items.

Items eligible for tax credit include: storm (or thermal) windows and doors, caulking and weatherstripping, furnace replacement burners which reduce the amount of fuel used, modified flue openings to make a heating system more efficient, furnace ignition systems which replace gas pilot lights, meters that tell you the cost of energy usage, and automatic energy-saving setback ther-

mostats.

Energy tax credit is based on the cost of items installed in the home after April 19, 1977, and before Jan. 1, 1986. The cost includes installation costs. The credit is 15% of the first \$2,000 spent, or a maximum of \$300. The item must be new and expected to last at least three years.

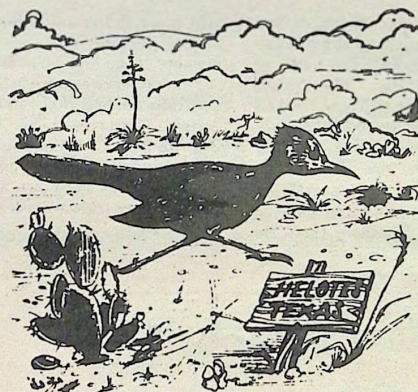
There is additional energy tax credit available for solar, geothermal and wind-powered devices. This credit is based upon 30% of the first \$2,000, and 20% of the next \$8,000, or a maximum credit of \$2,200. Costs include labor, assembly and installation costs. The property must be new, and the items be expected to last at least 5 years.

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James D. Logan To Wed Tammy Wong



James D. Logan and Bride-Elect Tammy Wong

Miss Tammy Wong and her fiance, James David Logan, are being honored with a series of pre-nuptial parties. They will be married on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1979, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wong, well-known San Antonio merchants. She is a 1977 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Logan of Helotes. He is a 1971 graduate of John Marshall High School and attended Eastern New Mexico

University on a football scholarship. He is a descendant of early settlers and ranching families of Helotes.

The bride-elect is planning to have her sister as matron of honor. In addition to her sister, who lives in California, her two brothers also from California plan to be among those here for the occasion.

The prospective bridegroom has chosen his brother, Glenn, as his best man.

The bride-elect's parents will host a wedding reception at The Inn at Turtle Creek in San Antonio, following the ceremony.

100 Club Aids 21

For the fourth consecutive year, the 100 Club of San Antonio has made its annual gift to the dependent children of police officers and firemen killed in the line of duty.

This gift is in the form of an educational trust fund established in the name of each child. One hundred dollars is added annually to the individual trusts until the recipient reaches the age of 18.

There are now twenty-one trusts in the names of Rebecca and Richard Cuellar, Antonio, David, and Joseph Canales, Vincent Jacobs, Sharon Gay Anderson, Elizabeth Ojeda, Michael S. and Brandon N. Copeland, Yamilet C. Gonzales, Michael, Tonya, and Tami Bennett, Cheryl Ann Lambert, and Bernabe and Selina Salazar.

The 100 Club is a group of civic-minded citizens who organized the club to assist the families of slain police officers and firemen in all the communities of Bexar County. The dues are \$100 per year per member, hence the name 100 Club. A check for one thousand dollars is presented to the widow as soon as possible after the tragedy.

William Conway is the current president. Other officers are Paul Herder, vice president; Arthur S. Bennett, secretary; and Mrs. J. T. Deely, treasurer.

GMAC Is 60

General Motors Acceptance Corporation celebrated its 60th Anniversary on Jan. 24. A pioneer in the field of financing cars and trucks "on time," GMAC conducts its operations from over 390 branch offices in the United States, Canada, and in 18 foreign countries. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Motors Corporation.

Woller-Cerretti Marry In Decatur, Texas



Mrs. Donald A. Woller

In an afternoon ceremony, Dr. Ramona Cerretti of Willard, Missouri became the bride of Dr. Donald A. Woller of Decatur, Texas at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Decatur on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1979.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Cerretti of Willard, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Woller of Helotes, Texas.

The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Francis Zimmerer. Also officiating at the ceremony was Rev. Cerretti, father of the bride.

Serving her sister as maid of honor was Rowena Cerretti, and as bridesmaid was Ruh Cerretti, also a sister of the bride.

The bridegroom had his brother, Joseph Woller, as best man, and another brother, Kenneth Woller, as groomsmen.

A reception followed at the Community Room of the Bank of Decatur.

Following a honeymoon to Dallas, the couple will reside in Decatur where Dr. Woller is a practicing veterinarian with Dr. Lewis, DVM.

Birds Are Plane Hazard

Two professors from The University of Texas at San Antonio are co-directing a study to determine the activity patterns and populations of birds at the site of two proposed landfills in San Antonio near Kelly Field and International Airport.

Dr. James Rutledge, assistant professor of animal ecology, said birds that feed in such areas pose a safety hazard to aircraft. "Birds can go right through the windshield of a plane or be swept into and totally destroy jet engines," Dr. Rutledge said.

"The birds we are most concerned with locally are the red-winged blackbird, the brown-headed cowbird, the great-tailed grackle and the

European starling. These are considered pest species, and are the types of birds which are frequently attracted to dumping areas in large numbers," he said.

Co-principal investigator for the project is UTSA Division of Environmental Studies Director Richard Howe.

While the birds at the proposed sites are being studied, currently operating dumping areas are also being monitored for their bird populations. "During one four-hour period this winter, we observed at least 3,000 birds, mostly grackles and starlings, at the city's Pearsall Road dump site," Dr. Rutledge said.



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UTSA Signs 12% More

Unofficial figures released recently show more than 8,600 students enrolled at The University of Texas at San Antonio for the spring semester.

The figure represents an increase of nearly 12 percent over enrollment for the 1978 spring semester, said Dr. John H. Brown, director of admissions and registrar.

The preliminary figure is based on the number of students enrolled at the university when late registration ended Jan. 19.

"More academic programs and an increase in the number of sections for some of our courses are among the primary reasons for the higher enrollment," Dr. Brown said.



Linnane Whitecar, 11, takes a jump riding The Sand Dollar, in a Hunter & Jumper session. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John P. Whitecar, Jr., of White Acres Farm on Galm Road.

Linnane Whitecar Has Early Start On Career

Linnane Whitecar, 11-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John P. Whitecar, Jr., of White Acres Farm in Helotes, is not only a sixth-grade honor student at Coke R. Stevenson, but she is a state champion in horse and pony riding and has won national recognition in the Hunter & Jumper show circuits.

She began riding when she was six years old and her first

pony is one of her favorites—10-year-old Bimbo B Lightning, reserve champion Medium Pony Hunter. Her other mount, which has taken her to Championships in the state and Oklahoma, is The Sand Dollar, a Welsh and Thoroughbred cross. This 10-year-old gelding is a champion Large Pony Hunter.

Linnane was born on August 8, 1967, in Minneapolis, Minn. and moved with her parents to Houston in June of 1968. Her father, who is a cancer specialist, and the family then moved to San Antonio in 1971.

A couple of years ago he acquired the 80-acre farm on Galm Road formerly owned by Pepper Martin. Linnane works out there regularly with Alexandra Mariante as trainer and Marian Marks as assistant trainer. The trainers are young, experienced horsewomen from California who have finished at the Pacific Horse Center where Linnane also studied.

Linnane helps train and ride the horses and ponies kept at the Hunting and Jumping Stable here.

Her honors are for her excellent jumping form and control. She has taken third in State for equitation, which is rider's form in going over fences.

Hunter and Jumper classes have strict riding rules and the English saddle is used.

With 16 horses available, and

some extra being boarded, Linnane has the time and opportunity to gain skill which may lead her to further championships. Regardless, her coaches and trainers say that she is a skilled competitor and enjoys riding the circuit when the shows begin.

Mr. Boubel Dies At Age 77

Mr. Louie A. Boubel of Talley Road died Saturday, Jan. 27, 1979 at the age of 77. He was a life resident of this area and was a retired member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 60.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Boubel. He also leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jim McDowell, and a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Gladys Boatwright. He is survived by his grandchildren, Fred, Jerry, Barbara, Linda and Vicki and his great-grandchild, Sara. In addition, he leaves his sisters, Mrs. Mae Bonn and Mrs. Emma Lovece and a brother, Joe Boubel, all of San Antonio.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 29 in Roy Akers Funeral Chapel with Rev. Henry Talbot officiating. Interment was at Mission Burial Park. Pallbearers were his nephews, Sonny Meyer, David Hand, Paul Hand, Robert Nentwich, Bubba Greiner and Gary Moseley.

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To be eligible under amendments to the State Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1-6, a person must have been 65 on or before the first day of January, 1979 and meet residence requirements.

Veterans must comply with provisions of the State Constitutional Amendment No. 6 of Nov. 7, 1972, Article 7150, VTCS.

Those who have already become eligible are reminded to register now. They must sign up for the exemption each year in order to claim the deduction. Greichen Stappenbeck
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NOTICE

The San Antonio Police Department will hold an auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by the former owners. The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at the Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growden Road on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. Vehicles may be viewed Wednesday morning prior to the auction between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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NOTE: The following is a list of some selected special-interest events which may appeal to various persons among our readers.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

Olivia de Haviland speaks at European Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese, San Antonio Convention Center. Phone 824-5387 for information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Holmes High School's stage band in concert, Holmes Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Donation \$1 per person. Benefit for band's trip to UT-Arlington Jazz Band Festival.

Steven De Groot, grand prize winner in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, performs with the San Antonio Symphony, Theater for the Performing Arts, 8:30 p.m. (Concert to be repeated Monday, Feb. 5, in Laurie Auditorium, 8 p.m.) For tickets phone 223-5591.

Hill Country Opry benefit for American Heart Association, Comfort Theater, 8 p.m. Tickets \$3 and \$1.25. Blue Grass and Country and Western music.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Will Rogers' birthday, the Church Theater, 1150 S. Alamo, presents "Yours Truly, Will Rogers," one-man show featuring Steve Ware. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. (To continue each Sunday and Monday night through Feb. 19.) Tickets, phone 224-4085.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

Exhibit of photographs by George Krause and paintings by Nadine Valenti opens in UTSA's John Peace Library and Arts Building second-floor lobby. Open daily including Sunday. Admission free.

Helotes Spring Festival Association meets, Floore Country Store, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Japanese music concert by the Koto Ensemble of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, at Trinity University's Ruth Taylor Music Center, 8 p.m. Admission free.

Helotes Lions and Lioness Clubs meet, El Chaparral Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Keyboard and brass recitals by Beatrice McFadden and Peter Kline of San Antonio College's music department, McAllister Auditorium, 2 p.m. Admission free.

Helotes Merchants Association meets, Chef John's Loft, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo begins 10-day run, Bexar County Coliseum. Today and Saturday Don Williams will be the featured singer during rodeo performances, followed on Sunday and Monday by Sammi Smith and Roy Head. Later in the week, Barbara Mandrell, the Oak Ridge Boys, and Freddy Fender will perform. Annual Western Art Show will run concurrently with the Livestock Show.

Hill Country African Violet Society presents its annual show, in the lower level of Central Park Mall, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission free.

Margaret Whiting stars in the San Antonio Symphony's fourth Pop Concert of the season, Convention Center Banquet Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets, 223-5591.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

One-day course on "Nursing Preparedness for Community Action in Disasters," sponsored by the American Red Cross and UT Health Science Center School of Nursing, Nursing School Auditorium. Registration begins 8:30 a.m. Fee \$15.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

Free movie, "The Other Side of the Mountain," sponsored by the UTSA Student Representative Assembly, UTSA's Humanities-Business Building, continuous from 12:30 noon to 10 p.m.

At Convention



Dr. Matthew D. Stroud, assistant professor of foreign languages at Trinity University, recently attended the Modern Language Association convention in New York.

Rains Holds Purse Strings

Representative Don Rains of San Marcos began his third term in the Legislature as vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The appointment made by House Speaker Bill Clayton, gives District 45, including the Helotes area, its first representation on the committee in many years. The committee controls the purse strings of state government and will oversee a budget in excess of \$20 billion.

Rains, who will also serve on the Elections Committees, plans to use the position to insure effectiveness in government and curb bureaucratic waste.

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1979 Stock Show To Open Feb. 9

Hill Country Day at the 1979 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo will be observed on Monday, Feb. 12.

The 1979 show will open next Friday, Feb. 9, with a western parade in downtown San Antonio, beginning at 10 a.m., and run through Sunday, Feb. 18.

Among the many riding groups in the parade will be the Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride from Bandera. Led by Trail Boss Frank Anderwald the group will depart Bandera on Tuesday, Feb. 6, camp overnight at Pete's General Store in San Geronimo, and pass through Helotes on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 7, en route to the Bexar County Coliseum.

Miss Debbie Hengst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hengst of Helotes is queen of the 1979 Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride.

Hill Country Day at the stock show will feature a spread of such Hill Country products as sausage, jerky, ham, and homemade bread. The German Village Band will play.

Appearing at the 7:30 p.m. performance of the rodeo on Hill Country Day will be Sammi Smith and Roy Head. In the

Entertainment Center on the stock show grounds will be Glenda Raye and the country and western band known as Hill Country, fronted by Glenda's husband, Bobby Hill. Also appearing in the Entertainment Center will be dancers of the Alamo Area Square and Round Dance Association.

Daytime events at the stock show on Hill Country Day will include judging of Santa Gertrudis and Zebu cattle, and judging of the Delaine and Rambouillet sheep shows. These events will start at 8 a.m.

The Helotes VFW Post and its Ladies Auxiliary, along with all other posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the 20th district, will operate a booth throughout the stock show and rodeo to promote the VFW's Americanism program. More than 20,000 small American flags will be given out to school children, and American Packets will be passed out to teachers and civic leaders.

During the last two days of the stock show, Feb. 17 and 18, the World Series of Fiddlin' will be held, beginning at 1 p.m. each day.

New Book Recalls Texas' 'Fragile Empire' Days

The annexation of Texas to the United States was intensely controversial in 1845, and New Yorker Samuel Swartwout, enthusiastic supporter of Texan independence, roared his disapproval in a letter to James Morgan in Texas: "You have been thrust into the Union head & Shoulders, head over heels, with about as much haste and incency as a Cargo, upon the coast, on board of a slaver, when pursued by a man of war!"

It was a typical explosion from the ebullient Swartwout, who had invested heavily in Texas land. For twenty years in the Mid-1800s he kept in touch with "The Land of Promise" by corresponding with his agent there, James Morgan, who was closely involved with the great men and events of Texas in its early years.

Now the collected letters of Swartwout and Morgan, long

held in the Rosenberg Library at Galveston, have been published for the first time in their entirety. Shoal Creek Publishers of Austin has brought out the new volume, titled "Fragile Empires: The Texas Correspondence of Samuel Swartwout and James Morgan, 1836-1856" (\$27.50 per copy).

Editors Feris Bass, Jr., of San Antonio, and B. R. Brunson, Wimberly, have provided an introduction, footnotes, bibliography and detailed index. Bass is Research Associate at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Brunson is Professor of History at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

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1979 dates was made by Leo Hall, Director of the Festival Commission, which annually sponsors the event. The Festival Commission is part of the Leon Valley Pageant Association.

All members of the Leon Valley community are being asked to take an especially active role in working on this years celebration. The theme for this year's celebration will be "Leon Valley's Spanish Heritage."



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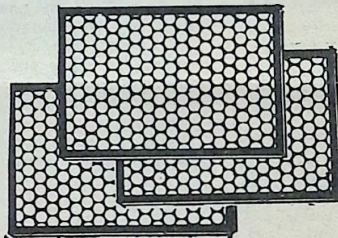
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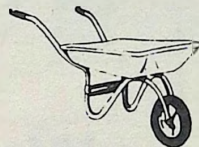


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