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Person-to-Person

Mrs. E. M. Bullock and B. L. "Pete" Cockrell have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Government Employees Credit Union of San Antonio, according to Larry Morris, board chairman.

The Silver Belles were entertained during the holidays by Colonel and Mrs. Ross Carpenter in their Helotes Park Estates home, which was beautifully decorated for the event. At a Christmas party in the home of the president, Mrs. Lucille Stemen, the group surprised her with a beautiful Silver Belle corsage featuring red carnations and silver bells prepared especially for them by Dusty's.

Anna Louise and Bill Schumann were among those entertaining with a holiday open house. Theirs is a favorite tradition here.

Leon Schueneman, a former officer of the Helotes Spring Festival Assn., accompanied by Mrs. Schueneman, showed movies and slides of the past Cornyval parades from 1969 through 1975, to the Helotes Women's Club at the meeting Tuesday in the Youth Building. The Club has had several parade entries and members enjoyed seeing the Festival events—which also included coronations, street activities, and gunslingers in action.

Bicentennial plans are being made in Helotes to make this a festive year. The Helotes Spring Festival Association is working on plans to enter a float in the Battle of Flowers parade in San Antonio during Fiesta in April. Of course, all bands, horses, and parade floats in the area are also being recruited by Cornyval officials here to enter the big Bicentennial and Western parade here to be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1 in downtown Helotes all the way to Toepperwein's—covering a four-mile parade route in a picturesque setting.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pittman, Jr., visited here with his parents during the Christmas holidays. Now Phil, Jr., who is serving in the U. S. Navy, is on route to the Bahamas on a training cruise. He and his wife are residents of Norfolk, Va.

Wednesday night was the coldest night of the winter with a low of about 15 degrees here.

Helotes Has Big Stake In Aquifer Fight



Photo by Bill Terry
 Congressman Bob Krueger fields some questions at a town meeting Sunday after New Year's held in the school cafeteria at Holmes High School here with about 75 citizens, including the press.

Krueger Tells Political Facts

Congressman Bob Krueger, who represents this district, called a Town Meeting Sunday, Jan. 4, in the waning hours of the holiday season, at Holmes High School, where he met the people as well as the press and answered questions put by both on national issues—sometimes telling them that the State Legislature was the place to take the problem.

Krueger, who explained that he represents one-half million people from Windcrest in San Antonio to 430 miles west to the Big Bend, wore a grey business suit with a blue-on-blue tie.

He was cordial to his audience and invited them to contact him on all their problems at one of his four offices in the district besides his Washington office.

He stressed that those in this area could reach him by looking in the telephone directory for a number to his Broadway office in San Antonio in the North Crown building. His other district offices are in New Braunfels, Del Rio and San Angelo. With a total staff of 18 people—nine here and the others in Washington—he reads stacks of mail or has them sifted for him.

In his year in office, he said that he had voted on some 2,000 issues.

He was somewhat defensive when he explained his stand

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Debate Builds As Referendum On Jan. 17 Nears

Helotes and the rest of Northwest Bexar County were watching with special interest the build-up this week of the debate over the Edwards Aquifer.

Citizens groups in San Antonio that would stop any further building in this area were continuing their battle.

Most official agencies were saying that current regulations will provide adequate protection for the aquifer.

The aquifer is a part of the Edwards Limestone underground reservoir that is the sole source of San Antonio's water.

The recharge zone—where surface water enters the underground reservoir—meanders through the Helotes area. And far beyond. The Edwards Limestone formations extend from west of Uvalde to east of Kyle. The recharge zone follows approximately the Balcones Fault zone.

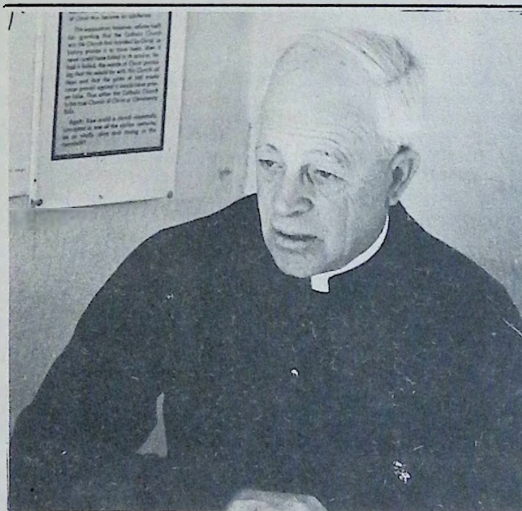
Debate over the aquifer has led to the setting of a referendum vote in San Antonio on Saturday, Jan. 17, as to whether a new shopping mall should be built over the recharge zone at the corner of San Pedro and Loop 1604.

The San Antonio city council granted permission to build to the developers of the projected new mall. A citizens' group, Citizens Organized for Public Service, aided by Mrs. Fay Sinkin of San Antonio circulated a petition that got sufficient signatures to force the referendum.

The director of the Texas Water Quality Board, Hugh Yantis, said again this week, that the mall will not threaten the aquifer. State laws governing development over the aquifer would prevent pollution, he said, and he guaranteed the regulations will be enforced.

Greater San Antonio Builders Association President Ed Harrington said that opposition to planned building over the aquifer is a device to halt the city's northward development.

Mrs. Sinkin said the location of the new University of Texas at San Antonio—on Loop 1604 and Babcock Road—also is a threat to the aquifer. She said the school should not consider growing at this location but rather should consider future downtown expansion. UTSA President Peter Flawn said that the University's plans call for more expansion at the Loop 1604



Rev. C. W. Kuehne

FORMER PASTOR HERE

Rev. C. M. Kuehne Dies

A former pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here, Rev. Cyril M. Kuehne, S. M., died Monday, Jan. 5, and was buried Thursday Jan. 8, in the faculty cemetery at St. Mary's University. Father Kuehne was a member of the Society of Mary and had taught at St. Mary's earlier in his career.

Father Kuehne came to the Helotes church in 1953, succeeding Father Rabe, who had been pastor and president of St. Mary's University at the same time.

Under Father Kuehne's direction, the local church was enlarged and remodeled and the education building and priest's house built.

Father Kuehne came to Helotes from Holy Rosary Church San Antonio where he had served as its first pastor and directed the building of the present Holy Rosary Church.

During World War II he served as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy,

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Krueger

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against the income tax cut passed recently, which he said causes more inflation and a larger national debt.

However, he is co-sponsor of a bill to raise the inheritance tax exemption from \$60,000 to \$230,000. He said that this would especially be helpful for farmers and ranchers who are forced through the present tax to give up their land in many cases and their means of livelihood. This forces rural people to go to the cities, he added.

For other tax problems he suggested talking to the State Legislature.

He pointed out in answer to a question about federal programs that pay benefits for holding land out of agricultural production have entirely vanished and the programs discontinued.

He also discussed foreign affairs, the energy crisis, nuclear energy's future, and the post office problems.

Aquifer

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location.

At a seminar held by the Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday in the San Antonio Convention Center to explain new rules governing development over the aquifer representatives of the citizens' group called Communities Organized for Public Service said the new regulations will allow for the degradation of San Antonio's water supply.

Meanwhile the Bexar Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers passed a resolution this week stating development over the Edwards aquifer will not endanger the water because the Texas Water Quality Board has adequate development regulations to protect the underground reservoir from pollution.

One good result of all the debate is that the people are getting to know more about the aquifer, and the more they know the less effective seem the predictions of future disaster made by the groups that oppose all further northward growth in Bexar County.

1975 Rainfall Proves Average

Speaking of rainfall—1975 was just an average year, according to records kept by Henry Brauchle, and recorded daily in Helotes.

A Christmas Eve present—a rainfall of 1.3 inches on December 24—brought the month's total to an inch-and-a-half, and the total for 1975 to 28.35 inches—one-half inch over the average annual rainfall for Helotes, as reflected in Mr. Brauchle's notes made at his Poor Boy Ranch near Bandera Road, here.

The total for 1974 was 35.3 inches, and 1976 came in without predicted rainfall. Hopefully, the trend will be reversed, he said.

Farmers, ranchers, and gardeners are being joined by nearly everyone else in wishing for an early rain to make this a better than average year.

Pastor

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from 1943 to 1946.

While pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Kuehne wrote a history of the building of Medina Dam, "Ripples from Medina Lake," which has become a collector's item among Texana enthusiasts. Following his retirement in 1968 to the Society of Mary community at St. Mary's University, he completed a history of Port Aransas called "Hurricane Junction."

While pastor here, Father Kuehne went nearly every Thursday to Port O'Connor to spend the day fishing. He usually would return with an ice chest full of fish, which he passed out without charge to all parishioners who cared to take some. Because of his interest in fishing, his vocation as a priest, and his short stature, he sometimes was referred to as "The Little Fisherman."

Father Kuehne's constant companion here was his dog, "Boy," a black and white border collie. Boy went to the first Mass at the church nearly every Sunday. But when the second Mass started, he would rise up behind the sanctuary railing, stretch, and go out of the church.

Father Kuehne's death was due to uremic poisoning caused by kidney failure, according to Rev. Louis Trawalter, current pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

The former pastor is survived by two sisters, Sister Mary Ursula, Chatawa, Miss., and Mrs. Rosemary Kelly, Atlanta, Ga., and four brothers, Albert and Oswald of New Orleans, George of Los Angeles, Calif., and Hubert of Saudi Arabia.

Father Kuehne was a native of New Orleans and was about 72 years old at the time of his death.

A Requiem Mass was offered Wednesday evening at Holy Rosary Church with Rev. Louis Trawalter as principal celebrant.

Graveside services were Thursday morning at St. Mary's University Cemetery.

Father Kuehne had many friends in Helotes who continued to feel his spiritual influence on their lives, as well as enjoying visits with the noted historian and author who wrote history, despite a period of several years of ill health. His influence in this area will continue as his monument in the years to come.

Edwards Water Use Reaches Record High

The estimated total well and spring discharge from the Edwards Underground Reservoir and associated limestones in the San Antonio area during 1974 was 847,500 acre-feet, which is the 40-year record high, the Edwards Underground Water District has reported.

About 43 per cent of the total discharge from the aquifer came from wells, and approximately two-thirds of the well discharge was from wells in Bexar County, which has most of the people in the District.

Many wells in Bexar supplied water for municipal and military use. Other wells in Bexar and most of the large wells in Uvalde and Medina counties supplied the irrigation needs for an estimated 72,000 acres. The remaining discharge, principally from wells in Bexar County, was for industrial, domestic, stock, and miscellaneous purposes.

In spite of a three month's period in which very little rainfall fell over the watershed which contributes recharge to the Edwards Underground Reservoir, water wells from Uvalde all the way to Kyle showed no appreciable decline during November, the Edwards Underground Water District has reported. Leona Springs and Comal Springs decreased slightly.

Diabetes Tests To Be Jan. 17

The West Side Lions Club will sponsor free diabetes screening tests Saturday, January 17, at Las Palmas Shopping Center, from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., under the direction of the American Diabetes Association, Alamo Area Chapter.

Persons who are over 40, overweight, a blood relative of a known diabetic, or women who have had a baby over nine pounds should be tested.

For further information call 224-2925.

New Subdivisions

A new subdivision between Helotes and Leon Valley just west of the KKYX radio station will open this Spring. To be called Wildwood, it is a project of Ray Ellison Homes. The houses will be in the \$29,000 to \$49,500 price range. Meanwhile Braun Station West, on Braun Road between Highway 16 and Loop 1604, is preparing to open its Unit 2.

West of Leon Valley, Royal Crest, Inc. is preparing Units 2 and 3 of its Great Northwest Subdivision.

Bookmobile Here Wednesday

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Locke Hill School To Open

Students and faculty of the Locke Hill School on I-10 will move to their new building on DeZavala Road before the end of January, according to the Northside District's headquarters. Contractors were completing the interior finish work during the holidays.

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Travelogue To Go To Portugal Next

The San Antonio Travelogues will present a narrated film on "Portugal" on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. in the Alamo Heights High School Auditorium. Leo and Dorothy Eckman are the movie-makers and narrators. Tickets will be available at the door at \$2 each.

Originally filmed to show the scenery and city and country life of Portugal, the movie now becomes important as an aid to understanding the geography and background of the recent political troubles in Portugal.

The Jan. 18 travelogue is one of seven being presented this winter by San Antonio Travelogues under the direction of Mary Dove Vincius. On Feb. 8 the subject will be Scotland, on March 21 The Spirit of '76, and April 11 the Ozark Country.

Northside Offers 12 Adult Courses

The second term of Northside Independent School District's Community Education will start the week of Jan. 19.

Registration times and dates are as follows: 7-9 p.m., Jan. 12-16, Room 219, John Jay High School; 7-9 p.m., Jan. 12 and 14, Library, Marshall High School; 7-9 p.m., Jan. 12-16, Cafeteria, Hobby Middle School.

Tuition for courses is \$20 and a minimum of ten students is needed for each class.

Courses are as follows: Conversational Spanish, Sketching, Sewing, Secretarial Science, Russian, Income Tax Preparation, Basic Medical Care for Family, Oil Painting, Macrame, Jewelry Design, G. E. D., and English as a Second Language.

Miss Cynthia Benke, Bruce Faust Marry In Candlelight Ceremony Dec. 27



Mrs. Bruce Faust

In a candlelight service at Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes, Miss Cynthia Ann Benke and Bruce Edward Faust exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 27, with Rev. Paul Probst, pastor officiating. Rev. Ron Birk, campus pastor of Southwest Texas State University gave the scriptural reading and wedding prayer. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Edward Benke of Culebra Road, and a descendant of well-known pioneer ranch families here.

The bridegroom is son of mayor

and Mrs. Edwin Lee Faust of Grey Forest, and is associated with his father and brother in business in Helotes as well as following a teaching career.

Before the ceremony, "There is Love" was sung by David Ohse accompanied on the guitar.

Wedding music included favorite selections of the bride and bridegroom played on the organ by Mrs. Warren (Cheryl) Watson, a UTSA student.

The bride, given in marriage by her father who spoke for her mother also, wore a satin gown of candlelight color in a Victorian design, which featured a lace-trimmed guimpe and neckline with exquisite detailing. The cathedral train of her gown was also embroidered with pearl beads.

Her maid of honor was Miss Karen Benke, sister of the bride, who wore a royal blue gown with host the Past Presidents' an off-white lace yoke and a Auxiliary Council. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon, followed by the business meeting. Decorations will be of Lake Jackson; and Paulette

Lanford and Lee Ann Mongeon of San Antonio.

The bride's mother wore a light blue chiffon gown and the bridegroom's mother wore pearl grey velveteen trimmed in white.

The best man was Byron Faust, brother of the bridegroom.

Groomsmen included Johnny Mayfield and Andy Melgaard of Helotes and Denton Amend of Houston.

Serving as ushers were Robert Walz and Augie Kay.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dubose, the bride's maternal grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benke, her paternal grandparents, and Mrs. Carrie Chivers, maternal grandmother of the bridegroom. The bridegroom is also grandson of the late Mr. Claude Chivers, Sr., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Faust.

In addition, many of their out-of-town college friends and relatives also attended the wedding reception which was held at the Church Hall.

The bride is a student at South-west Texas State University in San Marcos, from which the bridegroom received his bachelor's degree in physical education, graduating in 1975.

He is presently teaching at Dale Valle school in Austin.

Following a wedding trip to the Texas coast, the couple is at home in Austin, Texas.

Fire Department Has Project Rescue Decals

Project Rescue decals for homes where an infant, invalid or elderly person resides now are available free at San Antonio and Bexar County fire stations.

Placed on the window of the room where they sleep, the distinctive blue, orange and white decals enable rescue personnel to initiate a priority search in a fire or other emergency.

Pat Tracy, chairman of the safety committee of the San Antonio Association of Insurance Agents, project sponsors, said home owners may pick up the decal at any of San Antonio's 38 fire stations, from the county's 23 volunteer fire departments or from suburban fire stations in Balcones Heights, Castle Hills, Olmos Park, Alamo Heights and Terrell Hills.

Health Clinic Feb. 13

The next monthly health clinic in Helotes conducted by the Bexar County Metropolitan Health District will be held Friday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. till noon in the education building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The clinic, open to all Helotes area residents, is held on the second Friday of each month.

Alpha Rho To Host District Meeting

The Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority will be host to approximately 50 sorority sisters from the San Antonio and Kerrville area at the El Chaparral Restaurant this Sunday.

At 10 a.m. coffee will be served and the Executive Board will meet with Mrs. Walter Grimmitt, District President.

Chapter presidents will meet at 11 a.m. with the district coordinator, Mrs. Tom Buel.

At 11:30 a.m. Carleen Aiken will host the Past Presidents' Luncheon will be served at 12 noon, followed by the business meeting. Decorations will be of a bicentennial theme.

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New AARP Group To Meet Jan. 27

Chapter 2191 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Road, Tuesday, January 27, at 1 p.m. AARP is a national organization offering group activities to retired persons.

This new chapter, organized in March 1975, has approximately 100 active members and guests and new members are welcome, said Mrs. Nadine Hartmann, president.

"Fun and Games Day" will be held the first and third Monday of every month at 1 p.m. Activities include trips, dinner parties, picnics, painting and bridge classes, and other "Life Time Learning" activities.

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Programs Mark Brotherhood Week

Bill Pickle, Executive Director for the South Texas Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, today announced three programs for elementary, junior high and high school students in conjunction with Brotherhood Week, February 15-22, 1976.

The Books for Brotherhood Reading Program is open to students in grades 4 through 9. It is designed to help young people develop a thoughtful approach to current problems in human relations. All reviews must be postmarked no later than February 6, 1976, and gift certificates will be awarded to the students submitting the outstanding book review for each grade.

NCCJ is also sponsoring a Brotherhood Poster Program for students in grades 4 through 6 and an Essay Program for high school students. Both are based on the theme, "Brotherhood Begins With Respect." The programs end January 30, 1976, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place gift certificates will be awarded in recognition for the outstanding work submitted in each program.

Details on these programs may be obtained from teachers, school or public librarians or by calling the NCCJ office (226-9135).

Handicapped Plan Can Be Reviewed

Amendments to the Texas state plan under the Education of the Handicapped Act are available for public study at Education Service Center, Region 20.

The documents are available in the office of James Taylor in the Region 20 Media Center, 2006 Ceegee Lane, San Antonio—telephone, 828-0671.

Persons wishing to make comments on the fiscal year 1976 state plan amendments after reviewing them are being asked to contact Don Weston at Texas Education Agency, 201 East Eleventh Street, Austin, Texas, by January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dunford entertained Sgt. and Mrs. David Fish (nee Doris Dunford) at their residence on Jan. 2 with a cocktail party. The couple is in Helotes visiting Mrs. Fish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dunford, and family. Sgt. Fish who is presently stationed in Mississippi, will be transferred to Abilene, Texas.

A small dinner and champagne was also served to 25 guests. In addition to the Dunford family, guests included Miss Deborah Lynn Wheeler, the hostesses daughter, and Miss Clarice Rockhill, and Capt. and Mrs. John Leininger, holiday houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunford.

Terry-Maltsberger Nuptial Rites Held Here Jan. 3



Mrs. Daniel Maltsberger

Miss GERALYN JOYCE TERRY became the bride of Daniel Keith Maltsberger in a candlelight service on Saturday, Jan. 3, in the Helotes Hills Methodist Church with Rev. Collin Furr officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Terry of Lake McQueeney and Colonies North. The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Maltsberger of Pipe Creek.

In a setting that was enhanced by white and blue mums, the organist played selections chosen by the couple. The bride was given in marriage by her father, who spoke also for her mother.

The bride wore a gown styled on princess lines, and trimmed with Alencon lace reembodyered with pearls. Her headdress was borrowed—following bridal custom—from a school classmate who had worn it in her wedding. It was a flower sculpted half-hat to which GERALYN had added her double illusion veil.

She was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dennis Clarty, as

The new Helotes Inn will be featuring most weekends the songs of Valentino Hernandez, 15-year-old singer and guitarist from Robert E. Lee High School. Although he will be appearing solo at the Inn, Valentino also is leader of a country rock band which includes three Marshall High School students. They are Robert and Leroy Adams and Jeff McCarty. Robert, 18, plays bass, Leroy, 16, is the drummer, and Jeff, 15, is lead guitarist. Their band is called the Cosmic Armadillo Band.

matron of honor, who wore a blue chiffon gown with a matching headdress.

The flower girl was niece of the bridegroom, also dressed in blue, and the ringbearer was the nephew of the bride.

The best man was David Maltsberger, brother of the bridegroom.

Also serving as one of the groomsmen was the bride's brother, Dennis Clarty.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in the Colonies North Hickory Hut owned by the bride's parents.

The reception was catered by Mrs. James Linder with members of the wedding party assisting.

The bride attended John Marshall High School and Tarleton State College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Bandera High School.

Following their honeymoon in South Texas, the couple will reside on Evers Road in Leon Valley.

Girl Scouts Sell Cookies

The 1976 Girl Scout Cookie Sale, will begin January 17 and run through January 31, according to Mrs. O. E. Myers, General Chairman. The sale is being held about a month earlier this year.

Girl Scout Cookies will still sell for \$1.00 per box for the family-size package.

In announcing the sale dates set by the Board, Council President, Mrs. Arne Klendshoj, also announced the names of the 16 area captains who will be working with the sale: Mesdames George Muery, Emil Deucker, H. T. Quick, Henry Griffis, Joseph Audet, D. O. Willis, C. A. Packham, Jr., Willie Dunn, R. R. Diefenderfer, M. L. Nava, Curtis Dunn, Florence Swoap, Glendon Dezell, Joey Sill, Calvin Wedgworth, and Mr. Richard Ferris.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is the only council-wide money-earning project conducted by the San Antonio Area Girl Scout Council.

Anyone not contacted during the sale who wishes to buy may call the Girl Scout Cookie Office, 227-6146, to place an order and have cookies delivered to the door. As the Girl Scout Cookie Bear says, "You can barely find a better buy!"

Dining at El Chaparral Wednesday night were John Kleibrink of Kleibrink Plumbing and Dr. Leon Pousson of St. Mary's University.

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Library To Exhibit

Comfort Artist

Paintings by Walter Bower of Comfort will be on exhibit at Westfall Branch Library during January. A graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, Bower is a member of and award winner from the Hill Country Arts Foundation. He is also a member of Coppini Academy of Fine Art, San Antonio Watercolor Group, Kerrville Art Club, and the Comfort Art Guild.

Westfall Library is located at 6111 Rosedale Ct., adjacent to the Vance Jackson exit of Interstate 10.

Library Hours

Pre-school story hour is held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Las Palmas Public Library. Tuesday, January 13, Frances Smith will tell stories of highlighting dolls.

Las Palmas Public Library is located at 911 Castroville Road, just off General McMullen in the southwest corner of the Las Palmas Shopping Center. For more information call 434-6394.

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Several workshops or short courses offered by the UTSA Division of Continuing Education on such subjects as executive leadership and investment are now open. Fees range from \$20 to \$55 or more, and deadlines are Jan. 13 for registration.

Classes are held at various locations throughout San Antonio, beginning about Jan. 20 for from a few hours to several days or weeks. For more information, contact the UTSA Division of Continuing Education. These courses are open to the public of all ages, appealing also to the career minded.

Miss Kathleen Komray Becomes Bride Of William T. Jones Dec. 27

Miss Kathleen Grace Komray's marriage to William T. Jones was solemnized Saturday, December 27, in an afternoon ceremony at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes. Nuptial Mass was offered by Rev. Louis Trawalter, pastor, before whom the couple spoke the marriage vows, in a beautiful Christmas setting.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Komray. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of San Antonio.

The bride carried a small white Bible bound with white lace, and a pearl Rosary carried also by the bride's mother at the latter's wedding.

The bride's gown of nylon taffeta with lace reembroidered with seed pearls was princess styled.

Her cathedral train was similar.

She wore a matching Juliet cap from which her double-illusion veil was caught.

Her attendants wore pink and burgundy gowns. She was attended by family and close friends, and was given in marriage by her father.

The mother of the bride was gowned in pink georgette with accents of seed pearls, and the bridegroom's mother wore an aqua gown.

Poinsettias and the manger were part of the setting.

Magda Madla played the organ.

Matron of honor was Patty Perry, sister of the bride. The first bridesmaid was Marilyn Calkins, also a sister. Other bridesmaids included Susan Salzman, Sarah Walz, and Roberta Ludlaw.

Junior bridesmaids were Lori Calkins, Pamje Perry, and Mary Calkins, all nieces of the bride.

The flower girl was also a niece, Kristen Calkins, and the ringbearer was Jeffrey Jones, cousin of the bridegroom. The second flower girl in charge of the rice bags was Jilly Mathis, cousin of the bride.

James Perry, brother-in-law of the bride, served the bridegroom as best man. Groomsman was Don Calkins, brother-in-law of the bride.

Assisting as ushers were Dan



Mrs. William T. Jones

Perry and Jimmy Perry, nephews of the bride, and Eric Jones, Michigan.

The bridegroom's supper was given by his parents at My Place on the eve of the wedding.

The bride is a senior at Trinity University, majoring in communications. The bridegroom is attending The University of Texas at San Antonio, majoring in marketing.

Following a honeymoon trip to Vail, Colorado, the couple will be at home in San Antonio, where they are being honored by a series of showers and other festivities.

Trinity To Have Art Exhibit

Trinity University will sponsor an exhibit and sale Jan. 28 of approximately 600 original prints from the Ferdinand Roten Galleries collection of Baltimore.

The exhibit will be held in the Coates Center Lobby from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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ASSETS

	1975	1974
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 8,814.89	\$ 10,061.02
Savings account	435.40	414.20
Receivables:		
Veteran gas accounts (note A)	39,752.68	26,243.82
New service installations	727.52	2,766.46
Due from general fund	1,376.74	47.00
CECA Grant	1,734.58	
Material inventory (note A)	15,404.55	19,534.42
Prepaid expenses	575.93	1,314.24
Total current assets	68,822.31	60,381.16
Restricted Assets:		
Revenue bonds - interest and sinking fund:		
Cash for gas system revenue bonds, series 1967 (note C)	86.30	41.65
Property, Plant and Equipment: (notes A and C)		
Gas distribution system	1,374,093.21	1,374,093.21
Meters and line extensions	159,570.82	152,410.92
Field equipment	17,159.48	36,781.18
Office equipment	10,218.93	10,218.93
Less accumulated depreciation	1,561,042.44	1,573,504.24
	218,963.39	177,455.46
Land - right-of-way	1,350,081.05	1,396,049.78
	2,689.32	2,689.32
Net property, plant and equipment	1,352,770.37	1,398,739.10
Other Assets: (notes A and B)		
Capitalized rate study cost - net of amortization	2,824.58	3,631.60
Leasehold improvements - net of amortization	362.26	752.72
Total other assets	3,186.84	4,384.32
	\$1,424,865.82	\$1,463,546.23

Accountants' report and notes to financial statements form an integral part of this statement.

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

	1975	1974
Current Liabilities:		
Gas system revenue bonds, series 1967 (note C)	\$1,440,000.00	\$1,440,000.00
Accounts payable	16,081.09	22,015.07
Bond interest payable (note C)	200,362.50	201,200.00
Bond interest accrued	21,600.00	21,600.00
State and city sales taxes payable	602.00	494.59
Accrued payroll taxes	2,358.57	1,476.57
Customers' deposits	13,789.50	11,916.00
Current maturity of long-term debt (note D)	2,932.95	8,792.76
Rebates payable	305.59	
Total current liabilities	1,698,036.20	1,709,494.99
Long-Term Debt - net of current maturity (note C)	2,246.09	9,410.15
Other Liabilities:		
Rebates payable (note E)		2,892.46
Contingencies (note F)		
Total liabilities	1,700,284.29	1,721,797.58
Reserves:		
Gas system revenue bonds, series 1967, reserve for retirement of revenue bonds and interest (note C)	86.30	41.65
Contributions from Customers (note D)	69,730.71	61,404.97
Retained Earnings (Deficit)	(345,235.48)	(319,697.97)
	\$1,424,865.82	\$1,463,546.23

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HAPPY GARDENING

(An Echo ★ Feature)

For this Bicentennial Year, if you have resolved to have a beautiful landscape at your home, or to grow some of your own vegetables as did our forefathers, begin in January.

This is an excellent time for transplanting ornamental, fruit, or shade trees. Roses and other flowering shrubs can be planted now, too. Be sure any broken or damaged roots are cut away. A shapely plant can be had by pruning the top, even if there are no leaves at this time of year.

Wisteria vines can be trimmed. Trees and shrubs take to shaping well at this time of year, and some will grow from cuttings.

For color later, plant amaryllis and gladioli where you want them to bloom. This is a fine time to divide old daylilies or to add new varieties. They need a good soaking when first planted.

Tender plants should be kept protected through the next couple of months—and hopefully some will survive either indoors, in greenhouses, or covered where they grow.

The list of vegetables that need to be planted in January are onion sets, turnips, radishes, parsley, lettuce, mustard greens, beets, and carrots, to name a few. If you have any special favorites, look on the racks in the seed stores.

As a reminder, be sure your houseplants are well displayed, and given sufficient rest, water, and sunlight. They can make winter seem short with their beauty.

Grass From Africa Roots In Bexar

"If you are a farmer or rancher, searching for a highly palatable, nutritious, and productive grass, then kleingrass may fit your needs," Teresa Warner, Soil Conservationist for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service in San Antonio, said recently. As a perennial, warm season bunchgrass, kleingrass, variety 75, is extremely palatable to livestock as green forage or cured hay.

What is important here, Warner emphasized, is the fact that kleingrass does not become woody at maturity. Thus, it makes excellent winter forage for livestock.

Kleingrass 75 is well adapted to a wide variety of South Texas soils, but favors clayey soils, such as the Houston Black clays found in Bexar County. However, whatever the soil may be, proper seedbed preparation is the key to a productive stand of kleingrass, Warner said. Kleingrass should be planted on a clean, firm, well-prepared seedbed with available moisture conditions. This grass, Warner continued, is easily established from seed, but initial growth is slow. Therefore, weed control before planting and in new plantings is highly important.

The best time to plant kleingrass, Warner suggested, is in the spring during March 1 and April 30 when the danger of a frost is past.

When searching for equipment, select planters or seeders which are capable of handling small seeds. Preferably, a grass planter equipped with double coulter disk furrow openers, depth bands, and press wheels should be used. Kleingrass stands are obtained with $\frac{3}{4}$ to one pound PLS (pure live seed) per acre in 38 to 42 inch rows or two pounds PLS per acre broadcast or close drilled.

The seed should be planted flat or in low beds, covered $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep. The fertilizer, based on a current soil test, is best applied in bands when row planting a few inches on either side and below the point of seed placement.

Once kleingrass is in the ground and becomes established, proper management techniques must be carried out to insure maximum production. These techniques include controlling of weeds, fertilizer applications, and

grazing restrictions. Warner stressed the need for controlled grazing. "Even though kleingrass appears to tolerate close grazing, it may be damaged and reduce animal performance by extended periods of close grazing," Warner recommended that kleingrass be grazed no shorter than eight inches for best results.

Kleingrass is proving its worth as one of the important pasture grasses in Bexar County. For more information on planting kleingrass, contact your local Soil Conservation Service office.

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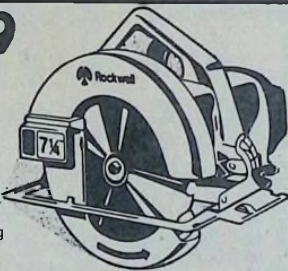
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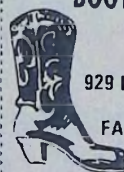
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Texas Farm Bureau Visits Iron Curtain

by Lorene S. Tschirhart

On Thursday morning, September 11, 1975, 45 Texans including myself, and our tour director Bob Lee of Lee Travel Service left on our annual trip.

This time we visited the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia and Hungary. Cities visited were Prague, Warsaw, Moscow, Leningrad and Budapest.

We were flying KLM from Houston to Montreal, then to Amsterdam. However, our plane developed landing gear trouble, so our flight was delayed two hours, and we flew Braniff to Chicago, then via KLM to Amsterdam, arriving there about daylight. This airport is huge beyond any imagination. Because of our delayed flight we hardly had time to wend our way through, before our plane left for Prague.

Czechoslovakia

We arrived in Prague about 10 a.m.

After lunch, a professor of agriculture talked to us about their method of farming, type of fertilizer used and etc. The talk was very lengthy as an interpreter had to be used. But most of all, he made excuses every little while, because they weren't going to show us a farm as had been promised.

By this time we didn't care what kind of manure was used. It was almost 4:30 and we had not been to our hotel rooms all day. I doubt very much if anyone remembers one word the poor man said.

The next day we toured the countryside which included the farming area. Farms are well cared for, and blocked off nicely, and the rolling country made a pretty picture.

Czechoslovakia has some beautiful scenery and an average rainfall of 40 in., so it was green everywhere we looked. The sides of the roads are lined with fruit trees, mostly apple and a wine colored kind of pear and small purple plums.

About 38 percent of the population earns its living either in agriculture or forestry. Farmers are allowed 1½ acre plots, but can not make a living on that so join the cooperative. They raise wheat, rye, barley, oats, sugar beets, potatoes, and hops for making beer. They serve this beer warm. We would have it served to us throughout the tour, and for breakfast!

Heavy industry is well developed and Russia relies on Czechoslovakia for shipments of ammunition, textiles, and leather goods, also heavy machinery such as tanks.

trucks and automobiles.

Our tour included a visit to a beautiful old castle, owned at the time he was assassinated by Arch Duke Francis Ferdinand of Austria. The gun collection is world renown. One never saw so many old guns with exquisite gold, silver and pearl inlays. One floor had a collection of 5000 horns, so we were told. Deer and other wild game, rooms and hallways, everywhere we looked, were covered with them.

The Czechoslovakian people were friendly and we enjoyed our stay there. We were in Prague three nights.

Poland

We had to get up at 3:45 a.m. to make the 6:25 plane to Warsaw, and our Czechoslovakia hotel gave us box lunches as they were afraid we would miss our breakfast. Their lunch was two large brown bread sandwiches. One cheese, one fried steak, with three pieces of steak in it, and a large bottle of beer.

About 40 percent of the people are engaged in agriculture. Chief crops are rye and potatoes, but wheat, oats, barley and flax are a close second. Livestock are cattle and hogs.

We did get a farm visit, but this turned out to be huge greenhouses full of Garber daisies, burpless cucumbers vining tomatoes.

Poland has large deposits of coal and some of the largest lead and zinc mines in Europe. Industry is well developed.

There is considerable steel produced and Polish plants turn out locomotives, farm equipment and other types of heavy machinery. Textiles produced are cotton, wool and silk, also fine linen.

We visited beautiful Lozienki Park.

There were many lovely flowers. A lake with ducks and a few gorgeous swans. Also many beautiful fountains.

Russia

Our flight left for Moscow at 4:50 p.m. of this same day, arriving at the airport at 8:50.

We found our crowd and began a tour of the Kremlin. One sees these towers with the gold domes everywhere, and they are a magnificent sight as they glow in the sunlight.

Moscow has a population of 8 million and there are only 19 active churches. Others are used as museums or closed, such as the very beautiful St. Basil's Cathedral.

We had been promised two farm visits, but they were canceled a short while before we left here, and I don't know

why, but I think they didn't want us to see just how short their crops were as it did look dry the little we could see. As in Czechoslovakia and Poland, the roads are lined with fruit trees. Think most of these too were apple and pear. These were green pears and ripe to eat.

We toured the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibit. It is a very large area. Beautiful fountains everywhere. Saw quite a bit of heavy machinery of all types. They also showed us a barn with some extra large milk cows in it. They were milked three times a day. I don't recall the breed.

Leningrad is a beautiful old city. Our hotel looked out on the Gulf of Finland.

There are many palaces in Leningrad and we visited the Czar's Summer Palace. Peter and Paul Cathedral and the Hermitage.

Russia is nearly self-sufficient in raw materials and its natural resources can support most industries. Forests cover about 50 percent of the land so Russia ranks first in production of lumber.

Minerals too are plentiful. The nation has about one-third of the world's coal supply, great deposits of petroleum and natural gas. Other minerals are gold, chromium, copper, iron ore, uranium, lead, nickel, zinc and platinum.

Russia ranks first in world production of wheat, rye and barley, so we were told. They devote more land to agriculture than any other nation and use modern farming techniques, but rainfall is light and growing season is short. Everything is state owned, or so it seems.

There are large dairy farms in the north, other cattle and sheep raised in the south. As of now they have too many cattle because of feed shortage.

Hungary

We stayed at the Royal Grand Hotel in Budapest. This was the

only hotel that served us ham and eggs for breakfast, also small bottles of apple or orange juice with the usual beer, coffee or tea.

Agriculture, though state owned, is well developed. They grow small grain and sugar beets. Sweet red peppers used for making paprika is an important product. We used this on our eggs or other food that needed pepper. They also grow vineyards for wine making.

They showed us a farm with some beautiful dual purpose cows. Several pens had large bulls about 800 or 1000 lbs. ready

for market. They said the cattle market was bad as the European Common Market does not take cattle from communist countries. They showed us their dual purpose chickens, used for food and eggs.

Hungary produces all types of heavy machinery plus TV sets, radios, precision instruments and sewing machines.

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