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## Person-to-Person

Sherwood Nelson of Grey Forest was one of the hosts last Sunday for the 10th anniversary open house of the Gary Job Corps Center at San Marcos. Mr. Nelson is on the center's faculty. Congressman J. J. Pickle of Austin announced at the open house that a new contract for \$11,300,000 has been approved by the U. S. Labor Department to continue the training center.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langlinais and family of Helotes Ranch Acres had as their dinner guest last week the Rev. Willis Langlinais, a cousin, who is Dean of Arts and Sciences at St. Mary's University. Father Langlinais was in Helotes to participate in the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day at the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Drusilla Perkins Kazen, owner of La Duquesa, was hostess at a vernissage recently for the artist Armando Hinojosa, of Laredo. The vernissage was the first showing of a group of new paintings—"freshly-varnished"—by the young Texas painter of native birds and animals. Several hundred guests attended. Other paintings by Mr. Hinojosa are on view in her shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Vinck have announced that they will retire from Vinck's Garage on Dec. 31. The news was a shock to the many Helotes residents who have depended on Bern for so many years to keep their cars going—and to whom both Bern and Beulah have been good and steadfast friends. Helotes won't be the same, although the Vincks plan to continue to make their home on Scenic Loop Road in Grey Forest.

The Christmas card of Mrs. Edwin Parrish—Virgie—formerly of Grey Forest, is a post card of the home on Scenic Loop Road where she lived until recently. Her new address is 203 E. Agarita, Apt. 2, San Antonio, and her phone number is 734-8537.



**BEFORE STATUE** of Our Lady of Guadalupe pose Juan Diego, portrayed by Rodney Madla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Madla, and eight local girls who carried roses for Juan to offer to the Virgin. They are: front row, left to right, Amy Benavidez, Kelly Seitz, Heidi Dugan, Eva Martinez, and Suzette Davis. Back row, Stephanie Voigt, Jo Ann Langlinais, and Linda Sue Blain. They took part in the local celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day on Dec. 12.

## Helotes Catholics Celebrate Feast Day

In double observance—of the traditional feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the form in which the Virgin Mary appeared to a Mexican Indian in the year 1531, and of the 31st anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes—area Catholics held a special celebration on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Joining the pastor, Rev. Louis Trawalter, S.M., in concelebration of mass were Revs. Joseph Gutierrez, C.M.F., Willis Langlinais, S.M., Pedro Le Maire, and Bernard A. Meyer, S.M. A lay deacon, Rev. Mr. Jesse Zavala, gave the sermon.

The lectors were Walter Chesshir and Ray Fraser, and the communicator was Mrs. Douglas Echterhoff.

The choir of the Cordi-Marian Villa on Culebra Road, under the direction of Sister Sally Castro, M.C.M., sang the traditional "mananitas" and other Mexican hymns associated with the Virgin of Guadalupe.

In keeping with a tradition handed down for 16 centuries, in the offertory procession were eight little girls led by Juan Diego, the Indian to whom the Virgin appeared, portrayed by Rodney Madla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Madla. Also joining in this procession were officers of the Altar and Holy Name Societies, along with members of the Youth Club.

Acolytes for the mass included Earl Moos and his son Wayne. Mr. Moos was the altar boy in the first observance of Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day locally, on Dec. 12, 1943.

Serving on the liturgy committee were Mrs. Felix Madla, who directed the children's ceremony, Mrs. Frank Logan, Miss Mary Jane Logan, and the mothers of the eight little girls, who provided their special costumes.

After the mass a social was held in the Confraternity Building, where the parishoners and guests enjoyed refreshments of pan de dulce and coffee. The Mariachi Los Parientes, led by Emilio Garza of San Antonio, provided popular music in keeping with the festivities.

The girls in the procession were Amy Benavidez, Linda Sue Blain, Suzette Davis, Heidi Dugan, Jo Ann Langlinais, Eva Martinez, Kelly Seitz, and Stephanie Voigt. The cross bearer for the procession was Gabriel Trevino, Sr.

## Senate Waters Down Gonzalez' Amendment

The national Safe Drinking Water Act, including an amendment by Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez to prohibit federal funds for projects over underground water supplies—such as the San Antonio Ranch Town and the Edwards Aquifer—passed both houses of Congress and has gone to President Ford.

## New Town Gets Sewage Plant Okay

Continuing their plans for the San Antonio Ranch New Town, near Helotes, the developers Monday went before the Texas Water Quality Board Commission in Austin to seek a permit for the discharge of domestic sewage effluent from a proposed treatment plant to be built on Galm Road near FM 471.

The permit was unanimously approved by the board.

The plant would be used to treat sewage piped from homes in the first 3,200 acres to be developed in the 8,300-acre project. The first unit is projected to have a population of 8,800 persons by the end of 1979, and the amount of sewage treated would be about one million gallons per day.

The plant would be outside the recharge zone of the Edwards Underground Aquifer. Because part of the new town project is believed to be over the recharge zone, it has been opposed by various groups in San Antonio.

## State Studies Floods On Helotes Creek

Three members of the state Soil Conservation Service have been in Helotes the past two weeks to do a flood hazard study on the Helotes Creek watershed.

Making the survey were James Hailey of the Soil Conservation Service office at Temple and J. C. Brown and Joe Tudyk of the San Antonio office.

The survey was requested by the Bexar County Commissioners' Court, the Texas Water Development Board, and the

But not before the U. S. Senate added one sentence to Rep. Gonzalez' amendment which permits federal funding to help solve problems of possible pollution, and if a solution is found federal funds could then be allowed for development of the area. The new town earlier received a \$19 million loan guarantee from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The San Antonio Ranch Town already has won a suit in the Fifth U. S. Court of Circuit Appeals on the basis that the new town developers have provided sufficient safeguards against pollution of the aquifer, source of San Antonio's water supply.

The San Antonio city council first opposed Gonzalez' amendment—since it could affect other projects in Northwest Bexar County, such as the new University of Texas at San Antonio—but later backed off from opposing it.

Gonzalez criticized the protection requirements of the Texas Water Quality Board as insufficient. The new act will authorize the federal Environmental Protection Agency to step in if the state does not enforce new national minimum water standards.

He also criticized the San Antonio city council for not working harder to provide San Antonio with additional water supplies from reservoirs. San Antonio is the largest city in the U. S. which gets all its water from an underground source.

Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District.

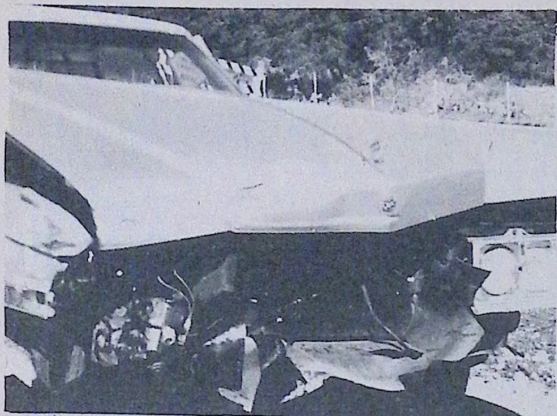
Their report will be issued later.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual Christmas Dinner sponsored by The Little Church of La Villita, for all who are "broke, away from home, or hungry," will take place in the Cos House, directly across from the Little Church of La Villita, at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 25th.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

# Intersection Gets Two More



TWO CARS driven by Paul Doer and Carolyn Watson, both of Grey Forest, collided Tuesday at the intersection of Scenic Loop Road and the new Bandera Highway. Scenic Loop Road. Several accidents recently at this intersection would indicate that a blinker lights should be put there, also a sign that a dangerous intersection is ahead. Photos by Mike Barrett.



# Proctor-Powell Rites Said

A double ring ceremony on Dec. 7 in the Calvary Baptist Church of Stephenville united Nancy Elaine Powell and Michael R. Proctor in marriage.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. W. Therrell Powell of Helotes and Mr. and Mrs. Billie R. Proctor of Burleson.

Attendants were Leslie Powell, maid of honor; Bonita Cooper, bridesmaid; Dayle Cox, best man; and Joey Vaughn, groomsman.

After Jan. 1, the couple will make their home in Palestine.

The bride attended Tarleton State University, and the bridegroom received his bachelor of arts in music education from Tarleton State on Dec. 15.

Members of the couple's families from Helotes, Burleson, and Fort Worth were among the guests, as well as college friends from Tarleton State in Stephenville.

# Benefit From Recent Raise

The basic pay for volunteers in the United States Army has risen to a new high of \$344.10 per month, according to local Army representative Sgt. Thomas Pofahl.

The salary boost is the result of the recent cost of living raise signed into law by President Ford. Civil Service employees and military personnel were both affected by the increment.

The previous starting salary for an E1 in the Army was \$326.10, according to Sgt. Pofahl. Under the new pay system, a volunteer's pay jumps to \$383.40 after four months. Previously, the pay hike was \$363.30.

The local Army spokesman said that the starting pay for individuals with a rank of E3 is \$398.40, for E4 \$414.30, and for E5 \$430.80.

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# Baker Asks You To Dallas Plays

Paul Baker, managing director of Trinity's Ruth Taylor Theater and the Dallas Theater Center, has invited local theatergoers visiting Dallas this month to see a trio of new plays that have drawn wide acclaim.

Called "The Bradleyville Trilogy," the comedies by DTC artist Preston Jones are all directed by Baker. They are currently playing Tuesdays through Saturdays in the Theater Center, in rotating repertory. And in a special week, Dec. 26-31, the entire trilogy will be presented nightly, with a complete dinner included in the price of admission.

The Jones trilogy—"The Oldest Living Graduate," "The Last Meeting of the Knights of The White Magnolia" and "Lu Ann Hampton Lavery Oberlander"—forms a composite picture of West Texas, a territory the writer knows well.

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### Let The North Winds Blow



A FIREWOOD BONANZA was provided for Helotes area residents recently by the clearing of the right-of-way for the new extension of Highway 16 from Helotes to Villarreal's. Dozens of residents got out their chain saws, and the right-of-way was a busy scene for several days. Permission for cutting was given by Dean Word, contractor for the approximately four-mile extension of the new divided highway. Commercial woodcutters were supposed to pay \$5 per cord.

### Bunco Winners Told By Club

Top prize winners at the December meeting of the University Hills Bunco Club were Mrs. Carol Klemcke, first prize, and Mrs. Frieda Atkinson, second. Other winners at the social held at the home of Mrs. Janet Patrick were Mrs. Evelyn Bless, consolation prize; Mrs. Betty MacPhearson, booby prize; and Sylvia Graham, bunco prize. Also attending were Mrs. Connie Stipp, Mrs. Nita Wanke, Mrs. Shirley DeBaca, Mrs. Marilyn McEnroe, Mrs. Paula Boyd and Mrs. Pam Saldana. Refreshments included pumpkin, praline, and pecan pies and coffee and tea.

### Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed. It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed. Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

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DADE RAYFIELD of McNeel Park was one of the hardworking woodcutters laying up fireplace fuel for the predicted severe winter. Here Dade rests a moment with his trusty Stihl saw. Ed Faust of ELF Industries even stayed open on Sunday to repair saws so the woodmen—and women—could keep cutting. — Staff photos by Mike Barrett.

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# THE TEXAS FRONTIER WAS RIGHT HERE As Told By A Boy Who Was There

A boy's life in Helotes a century ago as recorded by S. A. Lee, son of Shelly Lee and a member of a family still prominent in this area, didn't require television for drama. It was the Wild West in action practically every day.

Those who know Helotes history will recognize landmarks by their earlier names—even as the Hills were Mountains then. The divide described was doubtless what is known as Kremkau Divide near Scenic Loop. The old Clifton house is now the homeplace of the Bodet family, Normandie Rose Farms near San Geronimo. Fred Biering's son of the same name is well-known here still, as are numerous members of the family.

Other names had varying spellings but they are given here as S. A. Lee wrote it. His family had a ranch—one of many in Helotes—and the neighbors included anyone within a radius of 20 or 30 miles from the homeplace—for that was a day's ride in troubled times—although it could be more in an emergency. It is a tradition among the Lees of Helotes that the Lees of Virginia—including Robert E. Lee—visited them before the Civil War and traced kinship.

S. A. Lee's account follows:  
My father settled at Helotes Neighborhood, when it was known as the Texas Frontier. He settled among the Helotes Mountains about twenty miles from San Antonio.

The country was all open country then, with here and there small patches of ten or twenty acres fenced with stone or log fences. These patches were planted in corn, wheat, cotton, beans, pumpkin, melons, and potatoes.

There was plenty of wild game and other animals. Wild geese, ducks, turkeys, deer, bear, javalin, hogs, squirrels, rabbits,

mountain lions, Mexican lions, catamounts, panthers, wild cats, bob cats, grey fox, yellow fox, lobo wolves, black wolves, raccoons, opossums, armadillos, weasels, minx, badgers, civet cats, pole cats, skunks and other wild animals. There were also many poisonous reptiles.

Besides these the bold Comanche indians were constantly making raids against the settlers.

I remember one Saturday afternoon, about four o'clock, my two brothers, Joe and Tom, and I were going over to the Helotes school house, which was near the Helotes Mountains. As we walked along we saw several Indians; one of them, who rode a mule, came down into the valley to get some horses. The others stayed on the mountain and kept watching in every direction.

A Mexican woman, Mrs. Martinez, whose husband was away from home, had gone to another Mexican neighbor's house, as the man, Modeste Tores, had just returned from San Antonio—our nearest post office, twenty miles away.

She hoped to get a letter from her husband, but the letter had not come, so she said: "I must go back to my children."

On her way home she passed through the canyon, which was about half way to her home. The Indian riding the mule, driving the neighbor's horses away saw her and shot her through the head with a pistol. Then taking the horses, he crossed the mountain, and they killed a mule and ate part of it. Mrs. Martinez lived about half an hour after she was shot.

We ran home and told father about the Indians. He fastened mother and the children safe in the house and went to get a company of settlers to follow them.

Our school teacher, Mr. Lucky,

usually spent Saturday and Sunday with us. He did not fail to come that Saturday and as he came by the store, where Helotes now stands, he stopped to buy candy. Had he not stopped there a few minutes, no doubt he would have fallen a prey to savage cruelty.

**A Race With The Indians**  
One day, in 1871, my father, Shelly Lee and I, were going from Leon Springs, to our home in Helotes. I looked across a mountain and saw some men. I said: "Papa look, yonder is a bunch of cowboys."

He replied: "Where son?"  
I answered: "They are going up that mountain."

Father saw them just as they were entering the brush and said: "No, son, those are not cowboys—they are Indians. Jump down, tighten your saddle and ride. Don't wait for me, son, I can take care of myself."

I was riding a faster horse than Father's, but I would not have left him, even if I had known I would be killed.

Father said: "We must beat them to the divide!" The Indians then turned and rode around the hill, but we beat them to the divide, and as we crossed it, they were just coming around the point of the hill. They were running their horses but saw we were so far ahead of them they gave up the chase, turned and went the way they had come. They took their leisure time going back. Father had a rifle and a six shooter, but there were eight Indians, and only two of us.

**An Encounter With A Bear**  
About 1879, Mr. Tinin and I were riding through Saint Geronimo Mountains, hunting for horses where the old Clifton house now stands. Suddenly an old black bear came walking within about twenty feet of us. He was very large and I

got my rope out and had it ready to throw, when Mr. Tinin saw me and said: "Gus, don't rope that bear. He will eat you up!"

I replied: "No he won't, I will shoot him." I had an old fashioned cap and ball pistol.

He exclaimed: "No, you cannot kill him with that pistol." I reluctantly let him go.

When he saw us he raised up on his hind feet and walked up the mountain side and began rolling rocks at us again. We stopped and watched him but he soon disappeared in the forest.

**A Fight With A Javalin Hog**  
I remember some time later, I was riding with a boy, Fred Biering. We were out on the prairie, just below the Helotes Mountains, when a Javalin hog came by us. I threw my rope at it but luckily for me, I missed it. Fred threw his rope and caught it and when he tightened his rope, the hog attacked his horse, cutting him all to pieces with his long tusks. The horse fell and Fred ran to a tree. I ran my horse up to Fred, took him behind me and we escaped.

The hog was so furious, he not only cut the horse to pieces, but even cut the saddle into shreds. Since that time, I have seen many Javalin hogs, but I have never had any desire to rope another.

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## 21 Explorers Get Awards

Twenty-one members of Explorer Scout Post 401 received awards at a special awards banquet held Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Confraternity Building at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Post Advisor Ray Garrison, Sr., presented the awards as follows:  
Camping award: Melton Shields.

Law Enforcement: Steve Shields.

Spark Plug: Carol Naukam, Linda Redd, and Pam Hearn.

First Aid: Rick Ellis.

Communications: Ray Garrison, Jr., Toby Mills, Cheryl and Lee Ansell, and Carl Schumann.

Explorer: Diane Ellis, Loretta Algueseva, Bittie Jeter, and Ben Donahue.

Motivation: Rick Geer.

Fire: Richard Speinder.

Bearing: Sharon and John Zimmerman and Barbara Algueseva.

Bulb: John Blalock III.

A special Service Rendered Award was made to Mrs. Della Garrison.

Chairman of the awards committee was John Blalock, Sr.

The Southwest Craft Center's winter session will begin Jan. 6. Fifty-eight professional artists and craftsmen will be offered. Enroll now by calling the Craft Center School, 224-1848, or visiting the campus at 300 Augusta.

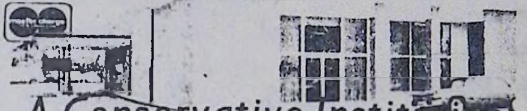
### MAGIC OF MAGI

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'WHAT AM I OFFERED?' asks Baxter Melgaard of McNeel Park, auctioneer for the Helotes Women's Club Christmas party held Friday, Dec. 6, at the Scenic Loop Club Building. A traditional event to which husbands of Women's Club members are invited, the Christmas party includes a dinner exchange of presents by members and guests, followed by the auctioning off of gifts brought by the members. The wrapped gifts when opened by the highest bidder provide many surprises—and occasionally a bargain. But it's all for a good cause—the providing of Christmas help for needy persons. The Women's Club is one of the oldest local social organizations, and all women in the greater Helotes area are welcome to join.



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With Marie Conley at the piano, the group sang carols. They also exchanged gifts.

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 pictures will be taken of  
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## Along Our Route

San Antonio

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Officers and the Board of Directors of the Council, I wish to express appreciation for the publicity you have given to our Safety Programs, especially our Defensive Driving Classes. The newspaper articles, the public announcements, and the special news items helped us present safety in its entirety to the general community.

May each of your employees enjoy a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
 C. A. Beall, Jr.  
 Executive Director  
 Greater San Antonio Safety Council

**NOTICE**

In order to give our staff more holiday time, we will publish the Echo in January on the second and fourth Fridays. We shall resume our regular schedule, of the first and third Fridays and each month, in February.

## Bob Krueger Hosts Media At Christmas Reception

By C. O. Brown

Helotes' new Congressman, Bob Krueger of New Braunfels, replacing O. C. Fisher of San Angelo, invited the media to a Christmas party at his family home last Saturday.

Krueger was just back from a seminar for freshmen Congressmen at Harvard University and a house-hunting tour of Washington.

Out of 93 incoming freshmen U. S. Representatives—who will be sworn-in on Jan. 14—he was one of 16 chosen for the Harvard seminar. They were chosen chiefly for potential for future leadership.

The house-hunting tour wasn't so happy. The only town house he saw had an asking price of \$106,000. He said he'd heard O. C. Fisher was going to sell his apartment.

"Where did Fisher live?" we asked.

"In a place called—Watergate."  
 "Don't," we said. "It has a bad name, and it's ugly—the ugliest kind of modern."

No, he was going to look on Capitol Hill, behind the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress, where the houses weren't as old as the ones in Georgetown nor as expensive.

He did get an office assigned to him while he was in Washington. It wasn't O. C. Fisher's old office. Those things go by seniority. Fisher's office looked out at the

Capitol and down the Mall. He got a smaller office in the Cannon Building—Room 512.

The Krueger home is in the very center of New Braunfels, but on a cul de sac with the Guadalupe River right in back of it. The street is Lincoln Street. The house is rock—but not really old—one story and comfortable. The sun was bright and the air was cool last Sunday. The river below his glassed-in back porch was as clear and still as a lake.

Krueger is much younger-looking in the flesh than he is in his pictures. He is 39. He is light-complexioned with light brown wavy hair. He had on a neat light brown checked suit including a vest.

He was at ease, though the ringing of the door bell and the opening of the front door kept breaking off his conversations. But there were fleeting moments when he looked as though he might be wondering what he had started for himself by announcing for Fisher's seat and then winning the Democratic primary and defeating Doug Harlan, the Republican candidate, in the general elections. His old life had ended. His new life could take him into deep waters with great rewards and as great responsibilities and demands. And there is no turning back.

His guests mainly were from San Antonio. Members of the news

media from throughout his 21st Congressional District had been invited—but the distances from San Angelo and Del Rio and the western edges are so long. Two persons—Erna Heinen and her brother—had come from Fredericksburg (the Fredericksburg Radio-Post).

His hostess was his youthful-looking mother, Mrs. Arlon Krueger. "I kept expecting to see Chris" Mrs. Krueger said toward the end of the party. She meant Chris Marrou of Channel 5 news.

If Chris didn't make it at all, he missed a good low-key party.

## U. S. Atty. Clark Receives Award

United States Attorney William S. Sessions said the Department of Justice has presented a Special Commendation Award to First Assistant U. S. Attorney John E. Clark of San Antonio.

Clark was in Washington, D. C., Thursday, December 12, to receive the award at the Attorney General's Twenty-Fifth Annual Award Ceremony.

Clark recently led a year-long federal grand jury investigation into official corruption in Duval County.



WITH SNOW STILL CLINGING to his traditional red suit, Santa Claus himself will arrive in the Hill Country for an early visit, Saturday, Dec. 21. He will be at Helotes Park Plaza all day to talk to local boys and girls and to pose with those who want their picture taken with Santa. Proceeds from the picture-taking will go to members of Explorer Scout Pack 401, who are to be assisting Santa in his visit here.

**ST. NICK RESTORED**

When Queen Victoria married German Prince Albert, Christmas visits of St. Nicholas (and the gift-giving) came back to England, three centuries after Henry VIII had banned the traditions when he broke away from the Catholic faith and formed the Church of England.



THE MARIACHI LOS PARIENTES played for a social following the mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day. Rev. Louis Trawalter, S.M., pastor of the local church, was joined by four visiting priests in concelebrating the mass. The special observance also marked the 31st anniversary of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in its present location.

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**Social Security Lifts Ceiling**

People under 72 can work and earn more and still get their social security benefits starting in January, according to Gilbert G. Gonzalez social security district manager in San Antonio, Texas.

"In 1975 people can earn as much as \$2,520 and get their full social security retirement or survivors benefit," Gonzalez said. "Previously the yearly earnings limit was \$2,400. The increase keeps the amount in line with increases in general average wages."

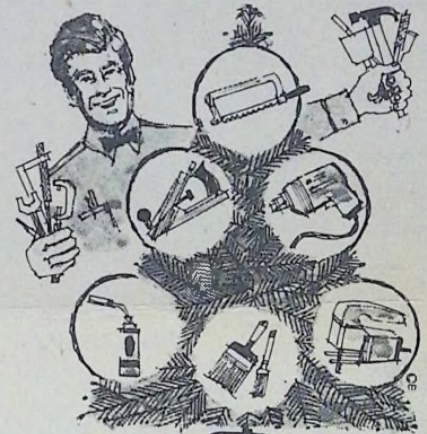
For earnings over \$2,520 in 1975, social security benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned. "But no matter how much people earn for the year," he continued, "They can get their full social security benefit for any month in which they neither earn over \$210 nor do substantial work in their own business." Previously the monthly earnings limit was \$200.

Different rules apply to disabled people who are getting social security disability benefits. "And people 72 and over will continue to get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings," Gonzalez noted.

The \$2,400 figure applies to the report of earnings for 1974 that people receiving benefits must send to social security by April 15, 1975.

The social security contributions rate remains the same—5.85 percent of covered wages contributed by employees and employers; 7.9 percent of covered self-employment income.

The earnings and contributions base—the amount on which social security contributions are made—will be the first \$14,100 of covered earnings for the year, starting in January. Previously the base was \$13,200.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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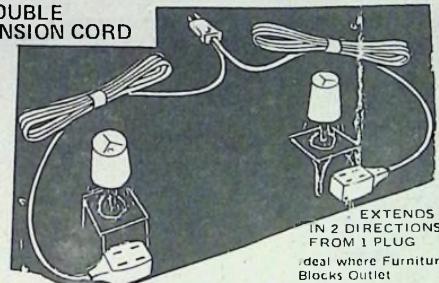
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ARMANDO HINOJOSA, left, Laredo-born artist, explains to Henry Guerra, well-known San Antonio news commentator, his technique for depicting wild turkeys. Forty new paintings of Texas wild birds and animals by the artist were shown at a recent vernissage sponsored by Mrs. Drusilla Perkins Kazen, owner of La Duquesa in Helotes. The first showing of the new paintings was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Van Steenberg, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Kazen, in San Antonio. They were co-sponsors of the event.

### Former Leon Valley Mayor Dies

William G. Kinman, former mayor of Leon Valley, died Dec. 7 and was buried Dec. 9 in Chapel Hills Cemetery following services in the Northside Baptist Church. Mr. Kinman, 54, had resigned as mayor in 1970 upon his doctor's advice. He had served on the Leon Valley city council and as mayor since 1964. He was owner of Kinman Construction Company. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marilyn Kinman; two sons, Lt. Samuel D. Kinman, Carswell AFB, and Michael W. Kinman, El Paso; two daughters, Kathryn and Omarie; his mother, Mrs. Bessie Hale; a sister and two grandsons.

### Former Helotes Resident Succumbs

W. W. LeSturgeon, age 61, a prominent and highly esteemed resident of Medina, died in the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio on Friday, December 13, 1974.

Wallace Walton LeSturgeon was born in Medina on February 4, 1913, the son of Bert R. LeSturgeon and Emma Sturges LeSturgeon. He grew up in Medina and on July 23, 1935, was happily married to Miss Dorothy McHaney.

After residing in Medina for many years Mr. and Mrs. LeSturgeon moved to Helotes where they lived from 1959 to April 1974, when they returned to Medina to make their home.

Mr. LeSturgeon engaged in the construction business.

In August 1944 he became a member of the United Methodist Church.

He was a charter member and Past Master of Medina Masonic Lodge No. 1319 AF&AM, a charter member of the Helotes Masonic Lodge and a member of the Medina Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 988; and a past member of Medina Rotary Club and past president of the Helotes Lions Club. He was a former member of the Texas Teacher's Association.

Mr. LeSturgeon was also a charter member of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church and served as a lay member on the Administration Board for about seven years. He was a present member of the Medina United Methodist Church.

Mr. LeSturgeon served as County Commissioner for Precinct 3 for about three years.

Memorial services for the beloved gentlemen were conducted from Plummer Funeral Chapel on Monday, December 16, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Colin Furr, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Helotes, officiating and he was laid to rest in Oak Rest Cemetery in Medina. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy LeSturgeon of Medina; three sons, Cecil LeSturgeon of Pipe Creek, David LeSturgeon of

Cedar Hill, Texas, and Gammon LeSturgeon of Bandera; one daughter, Mrs. Alice Koenig of Helotes; five brothers, Marion LeSturgeon of Alabama, Leslie LeSturgeon and Russell LeSturgeon of San Antonio, Hough and Murry LeSturgeon of Medina; and 12 grandchildren. Pallbearers were Vernon Williams, Lawrence Gilbert, Cecil Lewis, Ray Young, Clyde L. Crow,

Ralph Swift, Jr., Bob Harris and Milton James.

Plummer Funeral Chapel had charge of arrangements.

Donnie Ayala, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amado Ayala, Sr., on the Scenic Loop Road, has completed his first year at the International Bible College in Woodawn Hills. He plans to become a minister.

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