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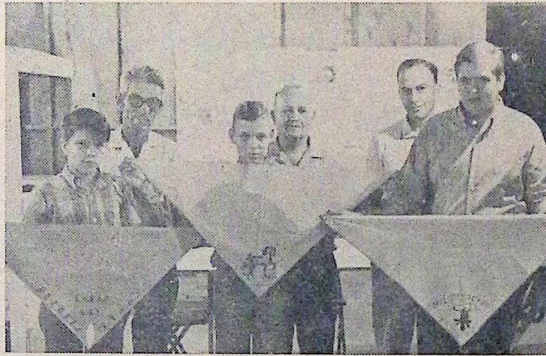
Marshall Has Homecoming Game, Dance

Alumni of John Marshall High School are invited to attend the Homecoming game versus San Marcos at the Northside Stadium here on Friday, Oct. 24 starting at 7:30 p.m. They are also asked to celebrate at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Oct. 25, Bruce B. Buls said. He urges all exes to attend, as this marks the school's 20th anniversary.

The dance will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Frost Bros. Pavilion in North Star Mall. The Rock Sands will play, and cost is \$3.00 per couple with no stags allowed. It is sponsored for the students and alumni of Marshall by the Student Council.

Ticket information may be obtained from Miss Self—at 227-1135.

Scouts Compete



Winning kerchiefs are displayed in a recent boy scout contest to select an original design for the Helotes troop. Shown here are the winner Charles Hupp, 13, center, and second place winner Gary Butler, almost 12, left. Also standing in for Teddy Shields, 14, winner of third place is Danny Brookes, right, who holds Teddy's entry. The winning kerchief is gold in color and has a mustang in darker brown. Judges in background, left to right, are Mr. Harvey Mayfield, Mayor Jack Nottingham, and Mr. Howard Feather.

Bandera Road Work To Begin Here in '70

Work to build a four-lane divided highway from Loop 410 through Leon Valley to Scenic Loop Road in downtown Helotes will begin on Highway 16 "early next year" and should be finished in 1971 or 1972—since most of the rightaway over this 10.4-mile strip has been bought—according to Garrette H. Wilson, district engineer of the Texas Highway Department.

Nov. 6

Local Club Invites You To See Film

Are you interested in making Helotes, Grey Forest or other parts of the Hill Country an even more beautiful—and a cleaner—place to live?

If so, you are invited to a program—lasting some 30 minutes. The Helotes Women's Club has invited the entire community to attend a short movie "Heritage of Splendor" and hear a brief talk by guest speakers O. P. Schnabel, founder, and A. C. Crouch, president of the Beautify San Antonio Assn. Ronald Reagan narrates the color film and there is no charge.

The time is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Scenic Loop Clubhouse just off Park Drive in Grey Forest.

The host club is most anxious to have representatives present from all clubs and organizations of our community. Mrs. Rimon Ham, program chairman and vice president of the Women's Club said. She added "Let's all work together for a more beautiful place to live."

Mr. Wilson said that other projects relating to the road are in various stages of progress.

The report of the Sept. 19 hearing regarding a proposed four-lane divided highway from Scenic Loop to the Bexar-Medina County line—nine miles distance—and beyond San Geronimo—has been submitted to Austin. A decision regarding this will be rendered by the State headquarters based on facts gathered, he said. A petition opposing a divided highway has also been forwarded by a group of citizens. This recommends widening and straightening the road to keep it a two-lane undivided highway with passing lanes similar to the present road from Loop 410 to Scenic Loop. About 98 per cent of the property owners affected were in favor of this petition, the Echo has been told.

Work on the second segment from Scenic Loop will not begin for some five years, Mr. Wilson estimated.

Regarding a third and different project—the proposed major Bandera Expressway—Mr. Wilson said that plans for it are still "nebulous"—merely in the talking stage with no route being definitely considered at this time. But there are indications that this quadrant of Bexar County will need an expressway in long range planning, he said.

Bids on the first segment of Highway 16—main artery through Leon Valley and Helotes—will be offered in Austin to be returned in the Spring. Actual work is slated to begin soon after awarding of the contract, depending on the money available, the work load in other projects of the Highway Dept., or similar considerations, Mr. Wilson explained to the Echo.

The work—once started—he said, should take from 12 to 18 months, depending on such factors as the weather.

The part of Bandera Road which will get immediate attention is from Loop 410 through Leon Valley and into Helotes returning to the present route at Scenic Loop. A change of route—the only one in the 10.4 mile segment—affects downtown Helotes. From beyond the post office the road turns north behind the Helotes General Store and John Floore's Country Store. Local residents—realizing that this will cut off the residential sections voiced objections recently.

Mr. Wilson assured this paper that every effort will be made to keep traffic open for all businesses along the route. He also added that Lytle—a town South of here in Atascosa County—which has recently acquired a newly routed highway outside the business section—has shown rapid signs of growth, and does not seem to be hurt by taking the highway out of the town.



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Biering

Emil Bierings Mark 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Emil B. Biering celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in a day-long observance on Saturday, August 30. An early morning Mass was said by the Rev. Louis Trawalter at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with many of their friends present.

The wedding reception was held from 5 p.m. to 12 m. at Hermann Sons Hall. Honoring the couple were their four children—Marlin, Adelaide, Lenora, and Irene—all of whom were present. Also attended were their 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Biering were married August 30, 1919, at Honey Creek. They are residents of Helotes and reside on the Bandera Road.

Cooley Tells Leon Valley About Road

J. C. Cooley, of the Alamo Council of Governments, discussed Development of Bandera Road at the October Leon Valley Council meeting.

The City Council of Leon Valley has recently passed several ordinances of interest to its citizens and to those who pass through the town.

School crossing guards are now in uniform and on duty at the school morning and afternoon. Present speed limits are 30 miles during school hours and 35 at other times. A member of the city staff also reminds all drivers to heed State laws regarding school bus passing. Drivers are warned not to proceed under any conditions around the bus while students are unloading.

After January 1, all dogs must wear a collar and have a current rabies-vaccination tag, and other pets, including feline and rodent, must also be vaccinated. If anyone's pet bites an individual, the owner is required to confine the animal for two weeks under observation of a veterinarian.

Another recent council action included an anti-trash law details of which were covered in a newsletter.

home recently, Mrs. Fred Anderson, president, was co-hostess.

You're Invited

Gardeners To Study Bright Lights Next

If you are interested in gardening, you are invited by club officers to attend the next meeting of the Helotes Hills Garden Club to see a color film "How to Brighten Your Christmas with Lights." The meeting will be held at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the home of Mrs. E. J. Wolfe, 10753 Bar X Trail, Helotes Park Estates. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Homer Taylor and the program includes a speaker from the City Public Service.

This active garden club is affiliated with the San Antonio Garden Center, and the State Garden Clubs and meets requirements of a standard garden club. It is in its third year.

The second regular meeting of the Helotes Hills Garden Club was at the home of Mrs. Carl Price, 10538 Rocking M Trail, Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 12 noon with Mrs. Harry Olson as co-hostess. New members and those wishing to join were invited.

At the first meeting of the season in Mrs. Ross Carpenter's

Moss-Menasco Rites Held Here

Charlie Moss—local cowboy artist—and the former Freida Menasco of San Antonio were married Friday evening, October 10, 1969 in the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Sam Terry officiated.

Following the ceremony, a reception hosted by local friends of the bridegroom was held at the Floore Country Store. A barbecue supper was served to all guests. Music was provided by Dale Keith

and his Starlite Ramblers featuring also Allen Fischer.

The bride and groom led the dancing.

About two hundred guests attended the wedding and the reception which lasted until midnight. The orchestra featured several songs composed by the bridegroom. The bride is a music teacher in the Edgewood school district.

October Rains Help Area

Although September totalled only .3 of an inch of rain to wind up at 22.95 for 1969 through Sept., October had gained 4.4 inches by the seventeenth and had threatened to add more this past week. Total through Oct. 17 was 27.35, according to Ross Barham, weather observer.

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A once impressive railway station—hub of activity—is all but abandoned at Waring. A large one at Leon Springs no longer stands.

Will Railroads Belong To Past?

"Notice" it says—and then in 16 lines of tiny type buried inside various newspapers can be read the end of one of the great sagas of this and the past century. It is happening all over America—just the names and the distances are different.

The item reads: "Southern Pacific Company hereby gives notice that on the 11th day of August, 1969, it filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission of Washington, D. C., an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity permitting abandonment of a portion of its Kerrville Branch, Del Rio Subdivision, extending from mile-post 259.49 at Camp Stanley, to the end of the branch at mile-post 308.68 at Kerrville, a distance of 49.19 miles in Bexar, Kendall, and Kerr Counties, Texas . . .



Here tracks look as they must have to early settlers—but then the grass didn't have much chance to grow over them.

For railway buffs, let us add this suggestion:

Before all remnants of the past are gone—it is worth a journey to Kerrville—using the Scenic Loop and the Boerne Stagecoach Roads from here—to see where and how the West was won.

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likes politics, food, clothing, and Life.**Carlos Rivas**

Carlos Rivas—native of San Geronimo—who was born in 1876—died Friday, October 10, 1969, at the age of 93. A member of pioneer families of this area, he remained active and in good health until his recent illness of the past few months.

Rosary was recited on Sunday evening at the funeral chapel. Services were held on Monday, October 13 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here. Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, who said the Mass, pointed out that Mr. Rivas was affectionately known as "Uncle Carlos" to countless people of this area, as well as to his own nieces and nephews. He was well versed in local history, having lived much of it.

Burial was in the Old San Fernando Cemetery in San Antonio.

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E. J. Gilliam

E. J. Gilliam, long-time resident of Grey Forest, passed away Oct. 1, 1969 in a Houston hospital at the age of 63. A former president of Scenic Loop Play-

ground Club, Mr. Gilliam was active in community projects here for many years. A native of Brownwood, he was also a member of the Kelly Civilian Retiree's Club.

Mr. Gilliam's friendship and assistance in civic enterprises were valued by many here. It is with a sense of personal loss that we report his death following a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. H. Applewhite, and burial was at Mission Park.

Mrs. Glenis E. Gilliam, Grey Forest, survives her husband. He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dan Christman of Dallas; a son, Wendell Gilliam of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a stepson, Darwin E. Campbell of Galveston. In addition, Mr. Gilliam leaves two brothers, Dewey Gilliam of Houston and Hilton Gilliam of Brownwood, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Arthur E. Faust

Arthur E. Faust of San Antonio, father of Edwin L. Faust of Scenic Loop, and grandfather of Bruce and Byron Faust, passed away in a hospital Sept. 25, 1969, at the age of 76. He was a member of the Trail Drivers Club and other civic groups.

He leaves in addition another son, two daughters and eight other grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Mission Park.

John G. McHaney

John G. McHaney, of Medina, Texas—father of Mrs. Dorothy LeStourgeon of Helotes, died Sunday, October 10, 1969, at the age of 74. He was former owner of the Medina Lumber Co.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rachael McHaney; a son, Jack G. McHaney of Medina, and a second daughter, Mrs. Lucille Stokes of San Antonio. Among his survivors are nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. O. L. Cooper recently visited her family in Louisiana.

Mr. J. R. Fisk and secretary, Mrs. Paul Wiley, have visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Galm over the week-end. Mrs. Fisk was here holding open house at her new plant on Broadway—Fisk Electric of Houston.

Robert W. Markolf, a Lakehills resident and former civil service worker, reports fishing is good at Lake Medina. M. D. Maxcey recently had a string of wide-mouth bass including a six-pounder to prove it.

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