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## Person-to-Person

With three full weeks of sunshine—and not a drop of rain—the heat and seared fields have to be the big story here. Not since Hemis-Fair days has it looked so bleak for livestock. So far, the major springs of the area are running, but many creekbeds and lesser rivulets are bone dry. Ranchers are making plans for more of the same while praying for rain.

Bennie Menchaca is recovering from recent surgery and everyone wishes him a good convalescence and return to work soon.

The VFW Post here has a wheelchair newly purchased by the Women's Auxiliary available for anyone needing it. Those interested may contact the Post at Braun Hall after 2 p.m. daily.

Bennie and Modesta Lyon recently had a visit from their one-and-a-half year-old one and only grandson, Alexander Eric Lyon of Houston accompanied by his folks. The Lyons are owners of Nature's Nook and reside in Helotes Park Estates.

Florine Hartman, educational secretary, Northside Independent School District, has been appointed Elections Committee Chairperson, Texas Educational Secretaries Association by State President Jean Faulkenberry.

Hartman, a former Northside ESA president, has been a Northside educational secretary for 15 years, and is a charter member of NESA. She resides in Grey Forest.

Committee members include Patricia Armstrong and Doris Charleville, NESA members.

"Town Meeting: San Antonio, The Sunbelt's Next Hotspot?", another in the Channel 12 series of live citizen-participation events, will be televised Friday, July 21, from the City Council Chambers beginning at 7 p.m.

The program, with host Don Colson, is a preview event to the growth conference sponsored by the city Saturday.

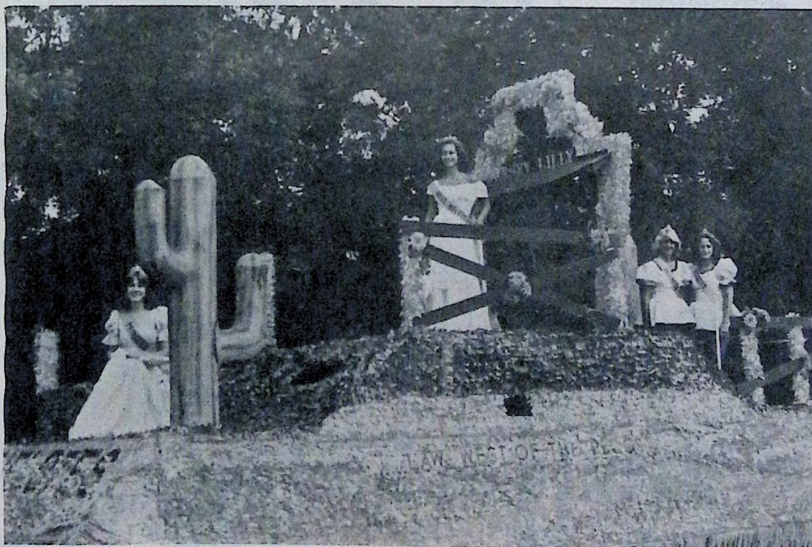
Guest panel members include Nick Carbone, Deputy Mayor and Council Majority Leader, Hartford, Conn.; Ed DeLuca, Director of the Department of City Development, Pittsburgh; and James Peterson, Executive Director, National Council for Urban Economic Development, Chicago.

## SAN GERONIMO CREEK DAM TO BE BUILT



Miss Helotes 1978—Lisa Bendele—this past week-end appeared in the Stagecoach Days parade at Leon Valley riding with her court on the prize-winning float which has won ribbons almost everywhere it has appeared. Here, Miss Helotes represents the famed actress Lillie Langtry, the Jersey Lilly, who won the heart of Judge Roy Bean—although he didn't have the honor of her acquaintance.

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The float—which is called "Law West of the Pecos" is shown on one of its recent out-of-town appearances. In the center is Miss Helotes—Lisa Bendele—and in the right foreground is the Princess, Robin D. Winn. In the background, left to right are the Duchesses, Sherri Crouse and Jean Wood. The girls and their parents have a busy schedule through October, visiting towns whose floats were part of the Helotes Cornyval in May, to promote Helotes as well.

## Achay To Attend Firemen's Training School

Bexar County Farm Bureau and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies will jointly sponsor Curtis R. Achay of the San Antonio Northwest

Volunteer Fire Department to attend the 49th Annual Firemen's Training School July 23-28 at Texas A&M University.

Volunteer fire departments have been very effective in rural areas, said Irving Ernst, county president.

## Site To Be Near County Line

SAN ANTONIO—The board of directors of the Edwards Underground Water District Tuesday voted to proceed with construction of a recharge dam on San Geronimo Creek north of Castroville on the Medina-Bexar County line.

The flood water retarding structure there will be the third initiated and financed by the EUWD. Total cost, Col. McDonald D. Weinert, P.E., general manager, said, will be between \$390,000 and \$400,000. It is expected to add an average of 1,100 acre feet of water to the aquifer annually.

San Geronimo has been approved by state and federal regulatory agencies.

Col. Weinert reported to the board a projection of total recharge over a 50-year period indicated the cost of an acre foot of recharge water was \$7.16. This compares to an estimated cost of \$51 per acre foot to acquire, transport, and treat Canyon Lake water.

In other business, the board approved three amendments to the EUWD enabling act presented by Austin attorney Frank Booth who represents the district on legislative matters.

One would increase the per diem paid directors to attend meetings from \$20 to \$50, Booth explaining this figure was in line with per diem paid other boards and agencies. It would also include statutory authority for the EUWD to issue revenue bonds as well as tax bonds.

A second amendment would clarify the power of the district to deal with the development of surface water sources.

The third would provide a system whereby the district would be able to receive payment in lieu of taxes from towns and developments outside the district that are consuming Edwards formation water.

Col. Weinert explained that water companies buy land over the aquifer on which to drill wells and then pipe the water to customers outside the area in which the district's two-cent per \$100 tax rate is imposed. He pointed out this was not fair to the district's property owners whose taxes have paid for recharge dams and supported other district services and projects.

A fourth amendment designed to give the district regulatory authority over existing and future water wells within the five-county area was referred back to Booth for revision. It and an alternate bill will be considered at a special

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## Local Man Takes Honors

(IWC)—Christopher Poehlman, son of Mr. Melvin Poehlman of Helotes, was named to the spring semester Dean's List summa cum laude at Incarnate Word College here. Chris is a straight "A" student at IWC. He holds an

associate of science degree in radiologic technology and has been registered since 1975 with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

He plans to receive his B.S. in Nuclear Medicine Technology next summer.

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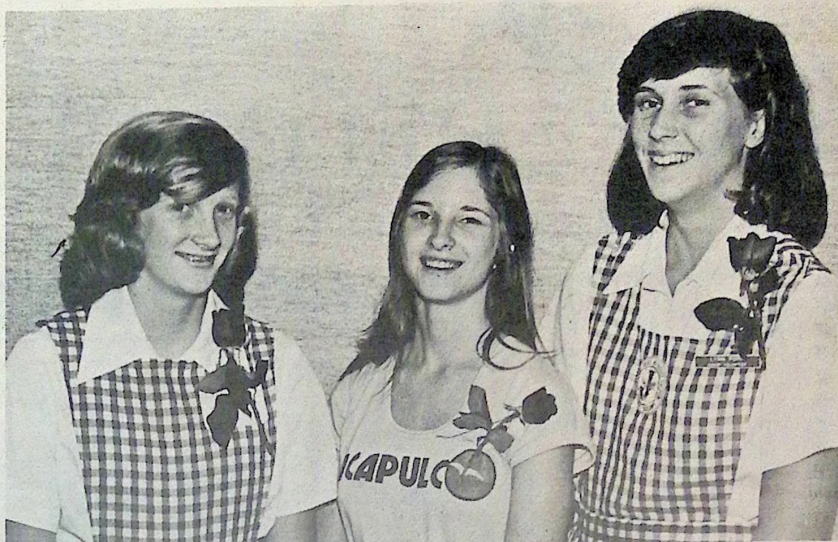
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## Blue J's Name Officers



The Blue J's, Junior auxiliary to Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital, are doing summer work and have elected 1978 officers.

From left to right they are Laura Rogers, second vice president; Karen Born, first vice president and Lynn Popp, president.

Nine members of the auxiliary attended the District III and IV Convention in Corpus Christi last week at La Quinta Motor Hotel.

## Olympic Sports Coach Is From Northside

Sharyl Rheiman, 24, Northside Independent School District head diving coach, has been selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee as one of four national team coaches for the Olympic Sports Festival. She will coach the South Team during the Festival. The nationally-televised events take place at Olympic Training Center and U.S.A.F. Academy the week of July 24, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## Dog Days Mean Nothing At PARC



In case you check the active persons on Page 8, you can be sure that they are engaged in a serious endeavor. They are working to finish the interior of the Park and Recreation Building—familiarly known as PARC—located on the grounds of the Helotes Hills Methodist Church. They are finishing plastering the ceilings.

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## Engagement Announced



Bride-elect Elizabeth DeBrese Mills and her fiancé, Luke Monroe Southard

Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Mills of Braun Road announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth DeBrese Mills, to Luke Monroe Southard, son of Mrs. Mary Stone of Helotes and Luther Southard of Dallas.

The bride-elect and her fiancé are both graduates of John Marshall High School. She is a coed at San Antonio College,

where she will be a December, 1978, graduate.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lincoln Technical Institute in Dallas.

The wedding ceremony will take place Friday, August 18, 1978 at Marshall Baptist Church. Several bridal parties are being planned to honor the prospective bride by friends and relatives.

## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Stutes of Grey Forest announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Ellen, to Mitchell (Bubba) Norment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Norment of Poteet. Miss Stutes was a 3-year graduate in 1977 of Marshall High School. Her fiancé is a 1976 graduate of Poteet High School, where he was in 4-H, the Rodeo Club, and was also a football letterman. He works for Nu-Way emulsions in Pleasanton.

The bride-elect is being honored with numerous pre-nuptial parties.

The marriage will take place Saturday, August 19, 1978 in the Helotes Hills Methodist Church. The future home will be in Poteet.

## Now Is Time To Register

Advance registration for the fall semester at UTSA will end Aug. 4.

Dr. John Brown, director of admissions and registrar, said, "Students registering in advance can avoid waiting in line and can also see at a glance if a class is filled."

Students who register now do not have to pay when registering, but are sent a bill for tuition, fees and deposits which they can later pay by mail, he said.

For more information about registration, phone the Office of Admissions and Registrar, 691-4530.

## Pledge Ceremony



Mona Parks, center, president of Kappa Psi chapter of ESA, here conducts a pledge ceremony for two new chapter members. They are Janice Holden, far left, with her sponsor, Gladys Jones next to her; and Maxine Thompson second from right with her sponsor, Tish Corbett, far right. Summer activities are continuing for the active organization.

## Mrs. Jessie Dakins Dies In California

Mrs. Jessie Christina Dakins, a native of Bexar County who grew up in San Antonio, died Friday, July 14, 1978 in California. Funeral services are to be today, Friday, July 21, in San Antonio at Porter Loring's Colonial Chapel, at 11 a.m. with Rev. F.O. Foster officiating.

Mrs. Dakins, born October 24, 1921, was the daughter of Mrs. Vera Kinsley of Los Angeles and Walter E. Kinsley of San Antonio. Her father and both grandfathers were well-known San Antonio contractors and, in addition, her father formerly

owned the Kinsley Dairy, located at the corner of Blanco Road and Basse Road where now San Antonio has large community centers. Mrs. Dakins lived there until she left to attend college in California.

Mrs. Dakins was well acquainted in this area, having spent many of her childhood holidays in the Scenic Loop Playground, and she last visited here a year ago. Her late grandparents lived in the King William area of San Antonio. She was a graduate of Edison

High School and attended Incarnate Word College before graduating from Southern California University in Los Angeles. She had a career in the fashion industry of California and in business there.

Final rites are to be held at the family plot at Odd Fellows Cemetery in San Antonio.

She leaves several cousins in Texas and other States.

Mrs. Dakins has many lifelong friends in this area also, who will miss her. Sympathy is especially extended to her parents at this time.

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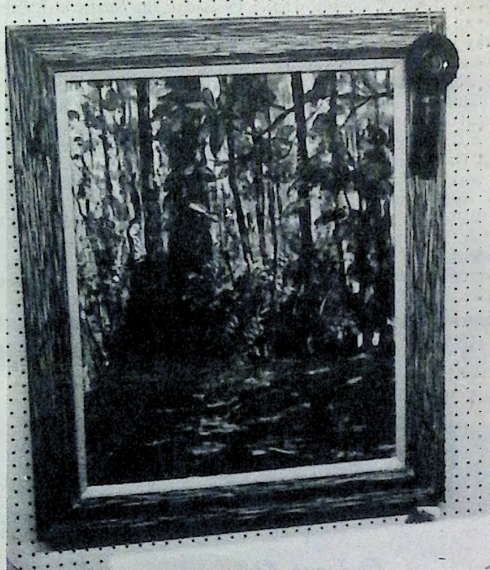


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## Art Show Has High Quality



The sunshine added sparkle to the art show as young art lovers wandered through the grounds, carefully selecting their favorite exhibits.



First place in oils was awarded to this scene by Artist Izzetta Perkins, who has gained much recognition here. She has also studied art in Germany.

The successful Helotes Art Guild and Guest Artists Show at the Gallery here last Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, was reported by Richard Shader, Guild president, to have been one of the best ever staged. About 30 per cent of the artists were from other groups and more than 70 artists presented works. A juried show was staged by the Guild inside, and the outside show had artist-visitors from as far away as Oklahoma.

Best of Show in the Gallery exhibit went to Margarite Boone. The picture sold to a couple from out-of-town.

First in oils was awarded to Izzetta Perkins. Richard Shader took second place, Gerard Watereaus, third, and honorable mention went to Oscar Norman.

In the watercolor competition, Elma Douglas won first place, Nora Nelson took second, and Jim Bower won third, with honorable mention going to Rose Siebenhausen.

In the miscellaneous division, Kay Riley won first place and Rose Siebenhausen was given honorable mention. First place in crafts went to Mary Chase with honorable mention to David Walsh.

Joyce Marks was in charge of the judging and helped stage the

successful event which will be followed in August by a big show according to advance publicity.

### Rainfall

June went out with "two inches of lightning" and only one-fifth inch of rain, according to Henry Brauchle, local weather observer. Total for June was 3.4 inches of rainfall, bringing the record for the first six months of 1978 to 14.9, a little better than average. Rain fell in limited amounts, with 1.6 inches on June 6 as the single largest amount.

During June, Mr. and Mrs. Brauchle toured Alaska, and he reports that at Juneau the average annual rainfall is 90 inches a year.

While on tour, they also saw places claiming the three highest tides, Skagway with 24 feet, Anchorage with 35 feet and Nova Scotia with 40-50 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Brauchle were on the Gold Rush train for an 1800 mile tour from Skagway to Vancouver as part of their Golden Anniversary celebration. In his absence, family members tallied the rainfall for June.

July has been dry, with no rainfall on the Fourth of July, breaking a recent tradition.

## Grange To Meet In Blanco

A large delegation from Leon Valley Grange 1581—led by Master of the Grange W.R. Maskew and Mrs. Maskew—will be in Blanco, Texas August 3-5 to attend the three-day State Grange Convention there.

Delegates from throughout Texas will be there for the election and installation of State officers. Judging of arts and crafts including cooking will

take place. Quilts and afghans will be shown.

The State cooking project will hold competition for a coconut pound cake bake-off and the youths will enter a cookie bake-off.

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Filmed in Southern California, TIME TO RUN stars Ed Nelson, Randall Carver, Barbara Sigel, Joan Winnill and Gordon Rigby. Nelson plays Warren Cole, a hard driving industrial and scientific engineer who has failed to communicate with his wife, Fran, played by Joan Winnill, or their son Jeff, played by screen newcomer Randall Carver.

TIME TO RUN allows the viewer to become involved. Viewed purely as entertainment, it's the story of Jeff's attempts at sabotage in the nuclear generating plant designed and managed by his father. Jeff strongly feels that the plant is a threat to the environment, and he puts his feelings in action.

TIME TO RUN is the deeply moving drama of conflicts that tear a family apart. It is also a story of friction between Jeff and his girlfriend, Michelle, played by Barbara Sigel.

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This year I am having two fishbowls in Helotes; one in front of Mr. M's again and the other in front of Handy Andy. For more information than that please call me at 688-3454 between 7 and 10 any day. Thank you.

Now for some HOPE:

This is my last year as chairman for M.D. out here in Helotes. I've turned my job over to my Asst. Chairman, Todd Daughtry, for the next year or two.

I hope that you will be kind

enough to help him out like you have helped me out.

Everybody let's please remember that:

Our HELP  
is their HOPE

Next year in 1979, I will be working on getting my Eagle Scout Award in the Boy Scouts. So I quit for just next year, so I can hopefully get it and then I'll be back.

There's a saying the Boys Town has and it also works for the boys-girls with Dystrophy: That saying is HE AIN'T HEAVY, FATHER, HE'S MY BROTHER.

Let's remember that, too. Only then will the true meaning of caring come through.

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## Joe Applewhite Dies Aged 64

Joseph M. Applewhite of Castroville, Texas and a former resident of the Scenic Loop Playground here died Sunday, July 16, 1978 at the age of 64. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alliene Applewhite, his son, Joe Adraine Applewhite, and grandson, Sean Applewhite, all of Castroville. He also leaves a brother, Paul Applewhite of Fort Worth, and a sister, Fannie Keller of Castroville. In addition, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He frequently visited here and leaves many friends in the Helotes area, as well as Grey Forest.

Services were held Wednesday, July 18, in Colonial Chapel of Porter Loring with interment in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

## GERONIMO CREEK DAM

(From page 1)

meeting in August. The amendments are to be pre-filed in October for the 1979 legislative session.

Seco Creek recharge project in Medina County has been held up because of opposition by the Sierra Club and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Dept., authorized sending telegrams to Texas Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower supporting an amendment to the Endangered Species Act now under consideration by the Senate.

Signed by William H. Spice, Jr., of San Antonio, board chairman, the telegram stated the Sierra Club and the Albuquerque office of Fish and Wildlife had contended the introduction of water into the aquifer at the Seco Creek site would endanger a "rare salamander."

"No evidence has been presented to show that the salamander is present," the message read, adding that the salamander, known as the Valdivia Farms salamander, is not presently on the endangered species list.

The board, it went on to say, "unanimously adopted a resolution urging that you make every effort to see that the statute providing protection of the endangered species is amended so as not to prohibit

efforts to provide more water for the residents of the San Antonio, Texas, area which is dependent solely on the Edwards aquifer."

Directors approved a resolution supporting the Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan (Public Law 92-500, Section 208) which would continue planning on a basin-wide basis coordinated by the Texas Department of Water Resources.

The resolution was the same as that passed recently by the San Antonio River Authority. Section 208 provides for management in local hands.

## Wastewater Study Underway In Area

Americans are discovering that they can't waste wastewater, studies show.

Dr. Charles A. Sorber, director of UTSA's Center for Applied Research and Technology (CART), says that as populations grow and the demand for water increases, treated sewage will provide a more attractive alternative for some uses of water.

"Economics will be the driving force," he said. "Water in San Antonio still is relatively plentiful and inexpensive. But in other areas of the Southwest and the West, industries and municipalities will be competing for a limited amount of

water."

Although treated wastewater is now used primarily in industry and irrigation, it may someday be used as drinking water, Dr. Sorber said.

Dr. Sorber and Dr. Bernard P. Sagik, dean of UTSA's College of Science and Mathematics, are leading a team of UTSA scientists in examining the possible health effects of using treated wastewater for irrigation. Dr. Sorber said that though wastewater has been used for irrigation for centuries and is common in many areas of the country, little is known about its long-term effect on health.

The UTSA research, funded by a \$290,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, is underway at the 130-acre wastewater treatment facility in Kerrville. The three and one-half year project will be completed in January, 1979, Dr. Sorber said.

"In addition to freeing fresh water for other uses, irrigation with treated wastewater will return to the soil some of the nutrients which farmers ordinarily apply through fertilizer. Irrigation also can increase the available ground water," he said.

The scientists' findings may be important to communities like San Antonio which depend on ground water.

UTSA scientists are studying the human viruses found in treated wastewater. These viruses can cause such diseases as polio, gastroenteritis, infectious hepatitis and acute and mild respiratory infections.

Dr. Sorber explained that humans may come in contact with the viruses by eating uncooked or unprocessed vegetables grown in soil irrigated with treated wastewater. Human contact also can occur when improperly treated wastewater reaches ground water used as a drinking water source.

He described the Kerrville project as an attempt at a total study of wastewater, from the time it enters the treatment plant.

"The research includes the effect on wells, the water table and soil after the treated wastewater is used for irrigation," he said. "We want to know what controls the survival and transport of viruses in the system."

The Kerrville facility processes approximately 1.5 million gallons of wastewater each day. The water is purified

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by trickling filtration and aeration. It is used to irrigate crop and pasture land at the Kerrville facility.

Soil samples also are taken.

An important part of the research has been the refinement of a new sampling technique used to collect water flowing through the soil at different depths.

"Other techniques don't permit the recovery of the bacteria and viruses from the percolating water," Dr. Sorber, who designed the new technique, related.

Dr. Sorber said the Kerrville facility was chosen for the project because of its modern equipment, proximity to UTSA and the willingness of the community to cooperate. "Cooperation has been excellent," he added.

Frank Meeker operates the wastewater treatment plant and supervises other personnel at the facility.

Similar but less extensive work is also being done by the University at a wastewater treatment facility in Uvalde.

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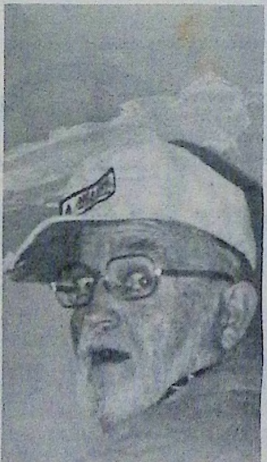
**Columbus Stutes**

He seems to be enjoying every minute of what he sees, and taking his share of satisfaction in the moment's activities.



**Kelly Stutes**

Like his father, above, Kelly appears to go along with the plan, and maybe learn a thing or two.



**Jack Nottingham**

He seems to be in the thick of things. He usually doesn't look so dubious, but things are looking up, just fine.

For a more complete explanation of just exactly what goes on, turn to Page 2 of this week's ECHO.

## Local VFW Wins State Award

Helotes will have an entry in a national competition in August in Dallas at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention.

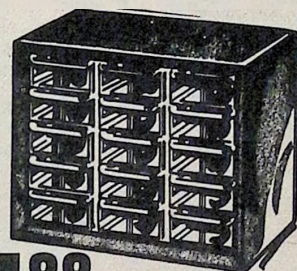
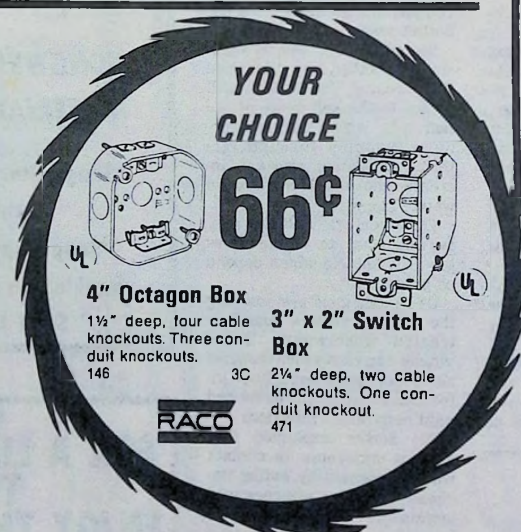
During the State VFW convention held in San Antonio, June 29-July 2, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7108 of

Helotes won first place in the Memorial category of the State Buddy Poppy Display contest. The winning entry, a parade float depicting a military cemetery trimmed with Buddy poppies, has been viewed by thousands at area festival

parades. It emphasizes the VFW motto, "We honor the dead by helping the living." Judging took into consideration the purpose and effectiveness of the Display, Fred Wend of the local VFW said.

Two other Display

categories—Public Promotion of Poppy Sales, and Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies—were won by VFW Posts at Dallas and Alice, Texas. State winners move up to national competition and will be judged at the national VFW Convention in Dallas, August 18-25.



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