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10th Anniversary Marked

As Helotes continues to grow, it is interesting to note that Helotes Park Plaza is now more than 10 years old as a modern shopping center here.

Observing her 10th anniversary this month in business there is Mrs. Ella Dunford, owner of Ella's Barber and Beauty Salon, one of the first establishments to open there. Ella has a modern barber shop and beauty salon with a staff which includes her daughters, Elaine Graham and Doris Fish as barbers, and Carol Lancaster as a beautician. She also has two other operators who have been with her for several years, Betty and Jean. Congratulations to this organization, which is holding open house and offering specials to mark the occasion. Many customers come from San Antonio, also, as Ella was a member of the Kelley's Beauty Shop staff there in the past, and her former customers and their families have located her in Helotes.

'76 CORNYVAL DRAWS THOUSANDS HERE



Photo by Bill Terry

MISS HELOTES 1976, Lisa McMullan receives her trophy and ribbon from Cheryl Goodpaster, Miss Helotes 1975, during the coronation. The newly chosen queen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. McMullan, is a junior at John Marshall High School. Ceremonies took place on the patio of Floore Country Store, Wednesday, April 28.

Festival Fun Features West, Bi-Centennial

Four days of sparkling activity attracted a minimum of 100,000 visitors to Helotes during the Bicentennial Cornyval, sponsored by the Helotes Spring Festival Ass'n., April 28 thru May 2.

Dances in the street and on the Patio of Floore Country Store ran almost every night.

The Coronation on Wednesday night on the Patio of Floore Store was outstanding with 14 lovely candidates—making the choice extremely difficult for the judges. Miss Helotes 1976 emerged as Lisa McMullan, Marshall junior, who was crowned in ceremonies followed by a dance with Ronnie McNeil and the Rough Riders entertaining. Some 3,000 attended.

The parade, with Constable Dean Jones as Grand Marshal, had bands, marchers, floats, horses, bicyclists, and plenty of patriotism. This will be remembered for years and discussed, and Parade Chairman Margaret Kay was accepting honors for the fine results. Only a slight sprinkle before parade time gave any pause before all took off.

Food, entertainment, a big art show, grand openings of new places, all were part of the fun.

Art was shown at the Helotes Art Gallery, Paul Kime officially opened his Rusty Shoe Studio-Gallery, and works of Armando Hinojosa were on display at La

Duquesa Art Gallery & Antiques. Shops were opened for those who couldn't find everything at the booths. Long hours were kept by the Helotes General Store to accommodate visitors.

Fiesta was present at the VFW Fandango and the Helotes Inn street booths, where Valentino Hernandez—a frequent Cornyval visitor—entertained.

Space does not permit mentioning everything, but more will be told in the months ahead as Helotes keeps celebrating the Bicentennial. Dick Hartmann, this year's Festival president, is to be commended for his fine celebration.

Stagecoach Days

Set For May

14-16

Leon Valley's Stagecoach Days annual celebration will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 14-16, with a parade, carnival, and numerous special events.

The Stagecoach Days were begun in 1974, and rapidly have become a tradition of this area. A number of Helotes area residents will take part.

230 Degrees To Be Awarded

Forty-six students will receive bachelor's degrees—the first undergraduate degrees awarded by UTSA—during the University's third annual commencement Sunday, May 16. UTSA will also award 184 master's degrees.

The graduation ceremony, which will be at 3 p.m., is the first event in UTSA's new Convocation Center.

Bachelor's degrees will be awarded in English, Spanish, history, anthropology, political science, early childhood and elementary education, psychology, accounting, economics, management, biology, chemistry, and fine arts.

Master's degrees will be awarded in business administration, education, bicultural-bilingual studies, English, environmental management, history, Spanish, biology, chemistry, and mathematics, computer science, and systems design.

Dr. Philip G. Hoffman, president of The University of Houston, will be commencement speaker. His topic is "Challenge and Opportunity for a New Urban University."

Regent Edward Clark of Austin will represent the UT System Board of Regents at the ceremony.

The program will include a short concert by the 60-member San Antonio Bicentennial Band which is composed of top area high

school musicians.

There will also be selections by a choral group formed by members of the UTSA Chamber Chorale and the University Concert Choir.

A reception will follow the graduation ceremony.



Riding on the official Festival float during the Cornyval Parade May 2 here are Miss Helotes 1976 and her Court. The float carried out the theme "Hills of Friendship" and depicted Indian maidens and colonial ladies during an Indian uprising. From the event, grew the legend of the Easter fires.

Photo by Bill Terry



Robert G. J. Nichols

Robert G. J. Nichols, son of Mrs. Samuel A. Wink, of Flying W Trail, received his Bachelor of Science in Professional Aviation degree from Louisiana Tech University at ceremonies held in Ruston, La. this spring.

After a two-week skiing vacation at Cresta Butte, Colorado, and a few days spent at home in Helotes, Rob left for Jackson, Mississippi, where he is employed by the Grumman American Flying Center at Hawking Field.

WILDCATS WIN

The Coke Stevenson Middle School Girls' Fighting Wildcat Volleyball Team, under the supervision of Jane Gaffney, won the recent Northside ISD Middle High Volleyball Tournament.

Krueger Added To Golden Age Hall Of Fame

Congressman Bob Krueger of the 21st District was honored April 28 in Washington by induction into the Golden Age Hall of Fame of the National Alliance of Senior Citizens. Membership in this select honorary group is earned by outstanding service to the senior community. Members of Congress with high ratings in the NASC's "Golden Age Index" are automatically eligible for the honor. The NASC stresses close attention to the needs of aged Americans and fiscal responsibility.

In its invitation to Krueger, the NASC stated: "No single segment

of the American people is more impacted by uncontrolled spending and the resulting inflation than is the senior citizens' community. Congressman Krueger's outstanding record clearly indicates his determination to support financially responsible policies in the best interests of the Aging."

Congressman Krueger replied, "I am honored by the decision of the NASC to induct me into its Hall of Fame, and plan to continue my efforts to make the federal government more responsive to the needs of older Americans; unfortunately, they have all too

often become our most neglected human resource. At last we are making progress in fighting inflation, which affects those on fixed incomes most of all."

New Arrival

George and Joyce Trappe are the parents of a baby girl, Alyson Joy, born Feb. 18, in Methodist Hospital. The charming little miss weighed 7 pounds, 15½ ounces, and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed by a 2-year-old brother, Paul. Her family have resided in Grey Forest about four years.

Mrs. Trevino Dies

April 29,
Aged 82



Mrs. Guadalupe Trevino

Mrs. Guadalupe Quintero Trevino, who was born February 13, 1894, and grew up and was educated in San Antonio, died in that city on Thursday, April 29, 1976, at the age of 82. She was a longtime resident of Helotes and was married into a pioneer family here. In 1912, at the age of 18 years, she was married to Nestor Trevino, Sr., a native of Helotes, and they resided on the Trevino Ranch, Bandera Road, until 1932. They remained there to rear seven children and moved to San Antonio in 1932.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Ramon (Lillie) Puente and Mrs. Federico (Virginia) Salinas, both of San Antonio; Mrs. Manuel (Nora) Villarreal, Helotes; Mrs. Howard (Dorothy) Thorn of El Paso; and Miss Isabel Trevino of San Antonio.

Mrs. Trevino is survived by two sons, Andrew Trevino and Nestor Trevino, Jr., both of San Antonio. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mariana Saucedo, 94 years old, of San Antonio.

Rosary was recited at the Chapel of the Roses, North Park Mortuary, Friday evening, April 30.

Requiem Mass was offered Saturday, May 1, at 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in San Antonio with Rev. Father George Ruano officiating.

Final services were held at the traditional Trevino Cemetery, in Helotes—which is now the Catholic cemetery of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. The land was also the site of the earlier Guadalupe Church and was donated by the Trevino family at the turn of the century.

Mrs. Trevino exerted an excellent influence on her children and her grandchildren as well. She is survived by 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was also an exemplary neighbor and is well-loved in the Helotes area as well as in San Antonio.

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends in their great loss. Her influence will continue on those who loved her and knew her.

Social Security

"Social security and Supplemental Security Income disability payments are not payable for partial disabilities," according to Gilbert G. Gonzalez, social security district manager in San Antonio.

"Probably because of the prevalent high unemployment rates", Gonzalez said "more of the partially disabled are applying for disability benefits than ever before."

Such benefits are denied them, however, since the law permits payment only to those unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a disability which has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or more or which will result in an untimely death.

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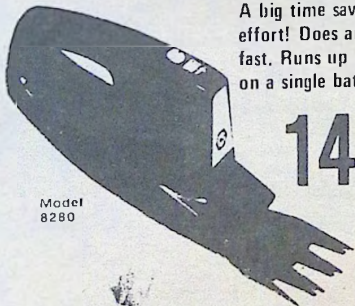
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A moment of suspense arrives as Disc Jockey Ed Tree of KBUC, emceeing the Coronation contest, left, reads the names of this year's Court, while Dick Hartmann, 1976 President of the Festival looks on. The event took place on the Patio at Floore Country Store under a starlit sky.



Photo by Bill Terry

Chosen to serve in this year's court are Twin Duchesses Lorraine and Lynette Langlinais, left and center, and reigning next to Miss Helotes, the queen, is Princess Perian Williams, right. The girls won trophies and will ride on the official float throughout the year to represent Helotes at neighboring festivals. The event opened Cornyval 1976 on Wednesday night. The Duchesses are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langlinais of Helotes Ranch Acres and are Marshall seniors. The Princess is a Marshall sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams of Indian Trail.

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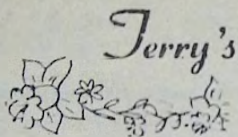
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These include the unemployed, underemployed, or disadvantaged residents of the Alamo Area Council of Governments area. Counties which have eligibility are Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson.

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The Westend office at 1226 N.W. 18th St. is in a building marked Westend Multi-Services. It is reached from Helotes by going down Bandera Road to Culebra at 24th Street. It is then six blocks further to 18th.

Anyone with a problem or question may contact Ms. Spruell or Mrs. Sanchez at the office from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is help with English and Spanish and with citizenship or juvenile probation and a course will be offered for those over 16 with English as a second language.

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Displaying the Bicentennial Helotes Corn Quilt—the 14th annual one made by the Helotes Women's Club—are, left to right, Mrs. Valda Terry, this year's President of the Women's Club; Mrs. Eleanor Nelson, who was in charge of this year's quilt and helped design the first one; Mrs. Cleo Davis, a club member who sold the winning ticket; and the latter's friend, Mrs. Gladys Gunderman, of 523 West Olmos in San Antonio, lucky recipient of the quilt awarded on Saturday, May 1, during the Cornyval. Here they show members and guests the quilt during a supper held at El Chaparral Restaurant on Tuesday, May 4. The meeting was held in the Party Room and husbands and other guests were present. Elections were held for next year's officers who will be installed at the June meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Terry were congratulated for their fifty years of marriage on the eve of their anniversary. Mrs. Gunderman was also a special guest, and was given the quilt on this occasion.

Julie Steves, Queen of the Fiesta, and Ralph Lehr, Prime Minister to the Queen, accompanied by Sally Wolfe, Princess of Corte de Tierra Majica, with Jimmy Steves, Prince to the Princess, wound up Fiesta celebrations with a party of friends at Flour Country Store, Sunday afternoon, April 25.

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Helotes Gets New Dentist

Dr. Robert Thomas Lee, D.D.S., a native of San Antonio who is a 1973 graduate of The University of Texas Dental School in Houston, has announced that he is opening a dental office in the Helotes Park Shopping Center this month. He will take over the Helotes practice of Dr. Paul McLerran, who will continue his practice in his San Antonio office.

Dr. Lee, a graduate of Jefferson High School in San Antonio, is the son of Tom Lee, an attorney, the former State Representative from San Antonio, and former Assistant District Attorney, and Mrs. Lee, who is Materiel Manager of C5's at Kelly Air Force Base. Dr. Lee has a sister who is a model at Nieman-Marcos in Dallas and a younger brother, who is a wholesale diamond salesman.

Dr. Lee also has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed two years of service in the Air Force, where he received special training in oral specialties including oral surgery, periodontics, endodontics, and removable and fixed prosthetics. He had the rank of Captain and taught expanded duty and dental auxiliary people while in the Air Force. Since September, 1975, he has taught at the dental facility at San Antonio College.

Dr. Lee, who is single, resides in San Antonio at Whispering Oaks. He is an avid tennis player and hunter. The community welcomes Dr. Lee.

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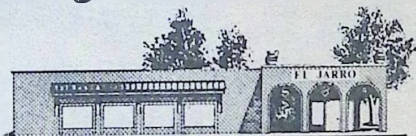
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After seeing New Orleans, the Bryans returned to London last week.

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Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Terry

Rev. and Mrs. Terry Mark 50th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Terry were honored by a series of parties marking the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary which was May 5.

On Sunday, May 2, they were honored by the congregation of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church at a Sunday service, followed by a garden reception and dinner on the grounds of the Church. Forty-five members of their relatives including their children, grand-

children, and a great-grandchild, were among those in attendance. There were also a large number of longtime friends from San Antonio, including members of Rev. Terry's former pastorate, Madison Square United Presbyterian Church. In addition, friends from Helotes and Grey Forest were also present.

At the church services, a resume of 50 years of their married life was given.

Both of them came from pioneer families. His forebearers helped settle Texas and win Texas' Independence from Mexico. General Thomas Jefferson Rusk on his mother's side, was his great great-grandfather. The Terrys have lived in Texas for five generations.

Her grandfather, David Colling, with his five brothers, came from Canada to pioneer in Michigan, and established the town of Colling, Michigan. Her father, Charles Jeffery Colling, came to Sherman, Texas, where he established a dental office, about 1904.

Her mother's people pioneered in Virginia, among the first settlers who crossed the Allegheny Mountains. Her mother was the first member of her family to be born in Texas. They settled in Sherman, Texas, where Margaret was born and grew up.

He was born and reared in Van Zandt Co., Texas, in the community of Colfax in East Texas. Following his graduation from Trinity University in 1925, he supplied the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview, Texas, that summer. Also that summer, Margaret attended West Texas Teachers College in Canyon, Texas, and on weekends visited her aunt in Plainview. It turned out that she was a member of the Sunday School Class taught by the young minister, and was his most attentive listener.

They were married at 5:00 o'clock, May 5, 1926, in Sherman, Texas, at the First Presbyterian Church, where she had attended all her life. She was with him in McCormick Seminary two years. He supplied the St. Luke's Union Church in Midlothian, Ill., the three years he was in the Seminary. He was ordained by Dallas Presbytery, September 18, 1927.

Mary Margaret was born January 4, 1928, while they were still in McCormick. Upon graduation from the Seminary, they accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church in Athens, Texas, where Sam Rusk was born October 1, 1930. While at Athens, they took a leave of absence, and attended New College University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in the winter of 1934-35. While there, they traveled in nine countries in Europe. A few months after they returned to Athens, they received a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Denison, Texas. In 1938, they accepted the call to the Madison Square Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas, where Anna Ruth was born October 15, 1944, and William Irvine was born March 20, 1948. They served in San Antonio for thirty-one years, until their retirement in 1969.

In 1943, Trinity University conferred the Doctor of Divinity

degree upon him.

Upon retirement June 1, 1969, from the active pastorate, he became Supply for the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Helotes, Texas, where they are still serving.

Mary Margaret married Whitley Robert Smith, Jr., December 22, 1948. Their children are Terry Ann, born March 1, 1952, and married James H. Lucas Jr., June 2, 1973; Whitley Robert Smith III, was born November 1, 1956. Sam Rusk married Mary Kathryn Mason, May 29, 1951. They have three children—Janice Kay, born December 8, 1953; Samuel Grant, born December 19, 1958; Linda Gaye Born December 18, 1960.

Anna Ruth married John Calvin Byerly, August 24, 1968; Jonathan Carnish was born to them February 8, 1971. Janice Kay married Steven Bredesen March 29, 1973; Steven Bradley was born to them August 12, 1974.

Miss Barr Is Bride Of David George

Miss Bonnie J. Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barr of San Antonio, became the bride of David George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. George in a garden ceremony, Saturday, May 1, at 7:30 in the evening with Rev. Collin Furr, pastor of Helotes Hills Methodist Church officiating. The ceremony took place in the gardens of the bridegroom's parents' on Marin Hollow Drive in Helotes Ranch Acres.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, in a double-ring ceremony performed before an arcade festooned with flowers. The bride wore an old-fashioned eyelet embroidered gown with a picture hat having yellow ribbons with the band trimmed with daisies. Her attendants wore yellow gingham and carried daisy bouquets.

The bride had as her matron of honor, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cathy Barr of Columbus, Mississippi. Her bridesmaids were Marilyn Schaub and Ann Barley of San Antonio.

The bridegroom's best man was Tommy Jordon from Edmund, Oklahoma. Groomsman were David Hess of Austin, and Roger Santos of San Antonio.

The bride is a graduate of Churchill High School and the bridegroom is a graduate of Marshall High School. Both attended San Antonio College, and he also attended The University of Texas at Austin.

They plan to reside in San Antonio, where he is employed by Bristow Company, and the bride is

employed at San Antonio Mercantile Bank.

A rehearsal supper was held on the eve of the wedding at El Chaparral party room, after which guests attended the street dance of the Festival.

Following the wedding reception, the couple left for a trip to Port Aransas, Texas.

Karen Sue Garcia of Helotes Park Estates is graduating from Our Lady of the Lake University this Spring. She has majored in Spanish.

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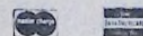
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Thank You All for helping to make the Helotes Spring Festival this year a true Bicentennial Cornyval. Thanks go to all the visitors who came to make the party big. More thanks go to organizations and persons who did their part to prepare for the Old West celebration which gets better and bigger every year. The very most special thanks go to the media—newspapers, radio, television, and many publications. The coverage was superb, and guaranteed that the Cornyval goers would not miss anything. Thanks again,

Helotes Spring Festival Ass'n.,
 Committees, Officials, and
 Board of Directors.

NOTICE

All interested parties are hereby notified that the City of Grey Forest, Texas, will hold a Public Hearing on May 17, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Bldg., Guadalupe Catholic Church, Helotes, Texas, for the purpose of allowing all interested parties to be heard on the environmental aspects of constructing a waste-water collection and disposal system in the Helotes Creek and French Creek project area. The City of Grey Forest, Texas, has on file at the City Hall detailed information on the proposed wastewater collection and disposal system for public inspection. The information available to the public includes a complete description of the works, cost and financing information and an Environmental Assessment. One of the purposes of the Hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impact of the sewage collection and disposal system. A general discussion on the cost and other aspects of the proposed sewer system will follow the formal hearing.

ATTEST:
 s- Margaret W. Hopf
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s- Edwin L. Faust
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Among prize-winning floats entered in the Cornyval parade May 1 was this entry by Helotes school children depicting a giant birthday cake with 200 candles. Children were dressed in Uncle Sam costumes with bowler hats to accompany the Bicentennial cake.

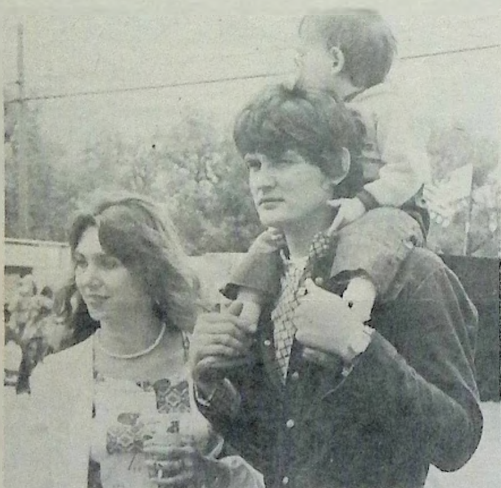


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CORNIVAL spectators came from many states and other countries. Here, Jan and Steve Bredesen, with Steve, Jr., watch as parade passes. They were here from Tulsa, Okla.



DALE KEITH played May 1 for the Friday street dance. He is shown playing at Floore Store where he entertained thousands of dancers on the famed Patio for the Cornyval Saturday, May 2, dance.



Photo by Bill Terry

Old West Gunfighting scenes are realistically enacted during the Cornyval—traditional part of the annual celebration—in downtown Helotes on the Old Bandera Road, a famed trail which also cut through camping grounds a century ago where such scenes were once for real.

Mrs. Hunter Dies Gets ROTC Scholarship

Mrs. Gladys Irene Hunter of San Antonio, who was also well known in Helotes, a member of the Church of Christ, passed away Monday, April 26, 1976.

She is survived by her husband, Frank J. Hunter, also of San Antonio, a daughter, Mrs. Josephine C. John, Winter Haven, Florida; and a son, Harry L. Hunter, of San Antonio.

She leaves seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, April 28, at Roy Akers Funeral Chapels with Rev. Don Norwood officiating.

Graveside services and interment took place at Sabinal City Cemetery, Sabinal, Texas.

Friends who wish, may contribute in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Sympathy is extended to her family in their loss.

John Marshall High School Senior Tom Feather has received a U.S. Navy ROTC Scholarship to Rice University, Houston.

Feather, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Feather, 13607 Flying W Trail, will major in engineering.

He is a member of Who's Who among American High School students, Distinguished Society of American High School students, Montgomery Ward Award winner, finalist in the National Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship, Vice-President of the Senior Class, member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Honorary Math Society, member of the Student Council, and was on the Varsity track and football teams.

The announcement was made by Mary Lou Fisher, head of the JMHS counseling department.

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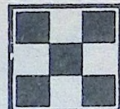
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New Arrival

John Edward Madla, son of welcomed to the Madla Ranch by Felix and Connie Madla, was born his little sisters, Magda, Linda, Tuesday, April 20, at Nix Hospital and Susan, his Grandmother, Mrs. in San Antonio. He weighed six Jessie Madla, Sr., and numerous pounds, five ounces and was 19 aunts, uncles, and cousins. inches long. He has been

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April showers—very welcome here—were plentiful and caused many to recall the jingle, "April showers bring May flowers".

Rainfall in Helotes—scarce in the first three months—was about average for the first quarter, and about half of the average for the year, as May arrived—with even more showers this month—according to records kept by Henry Brauchle at his Poor Boy Ranch here.

April rains totalled 11.3 inches as contrasted with 1.8 for March and a total to May 1 of 13.7 inches for the year.

Festival weather was cool and ideal, and except for a couple of nighttime thundershowers and a morning shower just before the Cornyal parade, was bright and sunny most of the time. The shower failed to dampen the Spirit of '76 parade—although a number of floats, estimated from five to 10, cancelled their appearances due to stormy weather in other areas of the Hill Country. Horses, marchers, bands, and bicyclists enjoyed the brisk air.

May has continued rainy, and the springs and creeks of the area are flowing as they should with wildflowers in abundance.

Copies of the two excellent Texana books by the late Father Kuehne, former pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here, are still available through Bro. Frank Lange at St. Mary's University. Just call him at 695-3341 or 433-2311 if you'd like one or both the books, "Ripples From Medina Lake" and "Hurricane Junction" (story of Port Aransas).

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