

Person-to-Person

Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis honored Mrs. Royce Cottrell to celebrate her birthday recently at their new 7 1/4-acre homeplace about a mile from Boerne.

John and Cathy Bingham had a 6-pound 6-ounce boy born June 29 in Balboa Naval Hospital—in San Diego. His name—John Michael. Mrs. C. A. Bingham made a trip to be there when he was born. He's the Bingham's first grandchild. Eva Ray is the baby's aunt.

Boy Scout Troop 401 were scheduled to bike hike to Logan's for a two-day camp-out August 18 leaving from the Lion's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Verna Caudle recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Caudle's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Parks from Waco. They were quite impressed with the growth of our community since their last visit.

Cheri and Gregory Caudle spent a month visiting in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Carlsbad, New Mexico before being called home when their grandmother became quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Thumb are getting ready to build their new home on Marin Hollow.

Ranch Acres residents are leading a campaign to be 100 per cent in the annual \$5.00 donation for fire protection.

Can you believe this? It rained all the time when Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bergstrom and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Simmang, and some friends spent the weekend in Rockport. Didn't catch many fish but had a lot of fun.

Mr. C. A. Hohman had to go back to Methodist Hospital when his knees gave him more trouble. He has best wishes for a rapid recovery.

Andy Melgaard, Bruce Faust, and David Darnell and the Melgaard family recently fished at Lake LBJ off the Alvin Wirtz dam and landed about 40 fish worth keeping. These were black and white bass, catfish, croppie, and Caspar Gou (Fresh water drum). They stayed at the Flying K Ranch.

About 25 members of the Grey Forest Youth Club, accompanied by Mr. Edward Faust, Mrs. Philip Pittman, and other adults, left August 12 via truck caravan to pitch tents on the beach at Port Aransas.

Judy Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson and a recent graduate of STSC, San Marcos, leaves around August 20 for El Paso to teach eighth grade language arts at Andress High School.

Mrs. Norman H. (Pat) Brock, Jr. and baby daughter spent a few days here, visiting her mother.

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Bus Problem Stirs Helotes

P-TA Leader Asks Reasons For Bus Ban

As President of the Helotes Parent-Teacher Association, Ernest Barrera, also president of the Lion's Club, is working on the problem of getting children safely to school in downtown Helotes this fall.

Mr. Ed Cody, superintendent of the Northside Independent School District, said to Mr. Barrera that the regulation prohibiting the use of buses for children living within the two-mile limit is just an economic move which the District had to make.

Supt. Cody said it would cost the District approximately \$40,000 extra to be able to furnish transportation to children living close to the school.

He told Mr. Barrera that the State is the primary source regulating the bus routes. This law has been in effect for some time, but the N.S.I.S.D. had not formerly enforced this ruling. But after looking into the overcrowding of children, eligible to ride on buses, and looking into the cost of it, the Board decided to enforce the State ruling.

According to Mr. Cody's explanation to the P-TA officer, this was done purely for the safety of the school children riding buses. He also said that the District is trying to find a solution to reduce the hazards of children walking to school.

Mr. Barrera said that he hopes to have further information in the near future.

Baleros Operate New Restaurant

Manuel and Lena Balero, who, with their five children, are residents of John Wagner Road, opened the Helotes Inn restaurant, local landmark in the center of town on Bandera Road, on June 17.

They are open all day and specializing in Mexican food. At present, they are also holding Saturday night dances with various well-known combos providing the music.

Highway 16

Accidents Cause Casualties, Fire

Disaster struck twice recently on the Bandera Highway in the San Geronimo area above Helotes as one 3-car accident resulted in death for Sammy Joe Salinas, 18, San Antonio, and several days later for Francisco Rodriguez, 19, of the same city. This accident occurred about 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 12.

Also hospitalized in this accident were Carlos Arios, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Varga, all of San Antonio.

The Tuesday before, August 8, a car went out of control about



ERNEST BARRERA

Grey Forest To Open Bids For Gas Line

Grey Forest Mayor Jack Nottingham accompanied by engineers and the attorney received the "go ahead" from the Housing Urban Development office in Fort Worth July 24 to proceed and advertise for bids for the natural gas system to be installed immediately in this area by the City of Grey Forest.

Bids will be opened and tentatively awarded at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, in the Grey Forest Youth Bldg.

Applications from those eligible for service—residents who have homes or ranches on the projected route—will be accepted until the contract award day. The meter fee until August 22 will be \$25 with the \$10 deposit. Later applications will require perhaps twice that much or more, Mayor Nottingham said, as these require individual surveys.

According to the schedule, gas will be available to most subscribers by the onset of Northern, he predicted. The Boerne bond issue, successful in the recent election there, allows that city to obtain natural gas from the company sponsored by Grey Forest, also.

'Children Must Ride' Say Citizens Here

School children living within the two-mile radius of the Helotes School—which has grades one through six—will walk to school this year unless an exception to the two-mile state law is made, according to word from officials of the Northside Independent School District.

Local citizens, spearheaded by Mr. Patric McDonald, have taken several steps to correct what they state could be a dangerous situation for children ranging in age from six years to pre-teens who live in the areas affected.

According to the citizen's survey, it is not the distance that causes concern, but the dangerous high-speed area of highways and narrow bridges which must be crossed by the children at a time when traffic toward the metropolis is at its most severe.

Regarding the problem, Senator Joe J. Bernal, District 26, wrote the following letter to Mr. Warren Hitt, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas:

"Dear Mr. Hitt:

"I first want to thank you for your kind cooperation concerning the problem brought to my attention by Mr. Patric McDonald, relative to the construction of a

footbridge on Highway 16 in Helotes, Texas. Mr. McDonald's concern, which is also shared by Mr. Edmond Cody, Superintendent of the Northside Independent School District, has to do with the potential traffic hazard involving elementary school children crossing the Helotes bridge which has no room for pedestrians' crossing.

"Also, the school children could be picked up by school buses, but the two-mile state law, as I understand it, would prohibit these children bus service, unless the school district takes the cost responsibility. I called you to see if there were exceptions made concerning this law as it applies to certain specific cases. You stated that you would contact the Northside Independent School District and offer the Agency's service and for that I am certainly appreciative. I called Mr. Cody after I spoke to you and he is aware of the problem.

"Anything your office can do for these people in Helotes and for the Northside Independent School District would certainly be appreciated, especially since the next school year is just around the corner.

"With kind regards. Very truly yours, Joe J. Bernal."

Copies of this letter were sent to Mr. McDonald and to Mr. Cody.

On August 3, Mr. McDonald again wrote an answering letter to Senator Bernal in which he said: "Your phone conversation to Mr. Hitt leading to the information that the school districts of both Pasadena and Houston, Texas make exceptions to the two-mile limit on busing children to school in the heavily trafficked areas, is most helpful. It is obvious to all of the people in Helotes that the State Highway 16 definitely falls into the category of one that is heavily traveled.

"As all of the children in junior and senior high are several miles from their respective schools, the only children affected by this two-mile ruling change of the Northside Independent School District, are the elementary school children, the ones who need the safety assistance more than any."

"In these other progressive school districts, the school district has taken the 'bull by the horns' so to speak, recognized its responsibility, and made an exception and picked up the children in these hazardous areas. While bridge building is being batted back and forth between the County, the State Highway, and the School District, I feel that the people in Helotes are expecting the Northside Independent School District to con-

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Gibsons Lose Kin in Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson and family flew to Topeka, Kansas, to attend funeral services for their nephew Robert Paul Brown, his wife Elaine and their 3-month-old son Robert, Jr., who were killed when their car struck a piling of an overhead bridge, July 24 at Independence, Mo.

The young couple and infant had been on their way from Norfolk, Va., to Topeka to visit his parents. Burial was in Topeka following funeral services at Holy Cross of Mary Catholic Church there.



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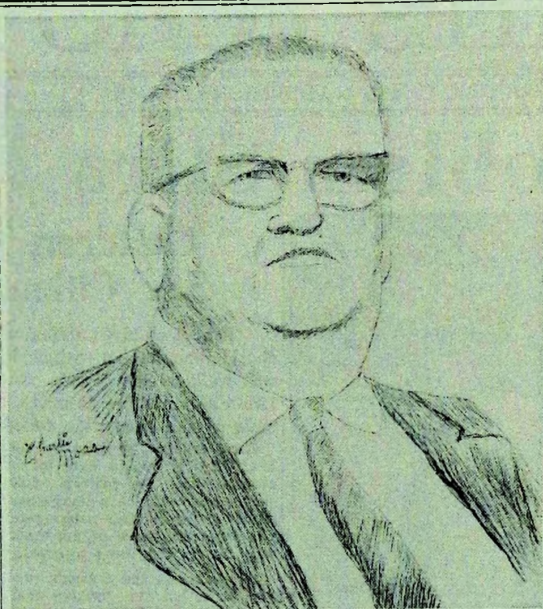
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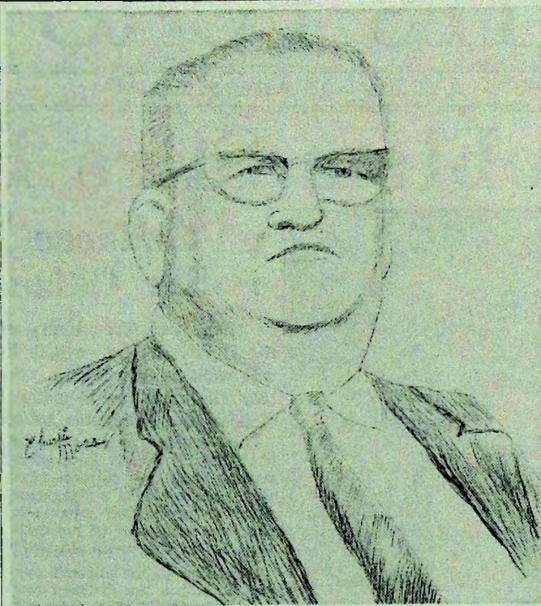
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David Briedenbach To Live in Austin

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Miss Judy Glaze was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Ruth Kleibrink, sister of the bride, and Miss Susan Briedenbach, sister of the bridegroom.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kleibrink and the bridegroom is the son of Major (retired) and Mrs. James V. Briedenbach. Major Briedenbach was his son's best man. Ushers were David Robinson and Bob Storey.

The Hawaiian Room of Strange's Party House was setting for the reception following the ceremony.

The couple, following their honeymoon, will reside in Austin.

Gonna Bake?

Women Warned To Expect Guests

Helotes and the surrounding Hill Country can't escape the HemisFair in '68, so it is best to be prepared for visits from long-lost friends, relatives, and just plain tourists, Mrs. James F. Hutchins, Texas participation chairman, told members of the Women's Club at a recent meeting held in the home and patio of Mrs. Edwin Parrish, Scenic Loop Road.

Mrs. Hutchins spoke especially about the Woman's Pavilion, but she also noted that all major World fairs have attracted some campers and tourists who preferred to commute to the fair and stay in a scenic location. She suggested that trailer camps might be situated in this area.

The Woman's Pavilion, costing \$1.2 million is being financed partially by \$5 charter memberships and \$1 junior

memberships. The goal is to have 200,000 memberships.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson said, "There is no finer testimony to the role of women in our hemisphere than the knowledge that this Pavilion will remain as a permanent fixture of the Inter-American Educational Center and as a continuing symbol of the interest of women in international understanding and education." Two million people are expected to average 30 to 40 minutes each touring the Women's Pavilion. It was designed by Architect Cyrus Wagner. The exhibit will be designed by Robert P. Gersin and Associates of New York City. An unusual feature will be a "Mind Tunnel," showing woman's thoughts.

Thirty-seven women serve as officers and board of directors led by Mrs. Winfield S. Hamlin of San Antonio, president and chief executive officer and Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn of Fort Worth, general chairman and head of the National Advisory Council.

Robinson, Jr., and Louis Persot. Jeffery Speer served as ring-bearer.

Following a reception at the church, the couple chose New Mexico for a wedding trip.

Klasing-Bendele Rites Held at Holy Rosary

Of much interest here was the wedding Saturday, July 1, of Miss Pam Bendele and Gary S. Klasing performed by the Rev. Louis Trawalter, formerly pastor there, in Holy Rosary Catholic Church of San Antonio. Father Trawalter is now pastor in Helotes.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bendele, and of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Klasing.

Maid of Honor was Miss Debbie Bendele. Bridesmaids were Misses Barbara Bendele, Sandy Sauer and Madge Rietz. Janet Bendele was the flower girl.

Pat Klasing was best man. Groomsmen were Mickey Klasing, Larry Wertheim and Richard Villarreal. Acting as ushers were Don Bruda, Mickey Dreem, Bill

Hospital Names Publicity Chief

Named to take over duties as public relations director of the Bexar County Hospital District August 1 is Patrick Conner. He will transfer from the same position for the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

The District will open its teaching hospital in conjunction with the University of Texas South Texas Medical School in 1968. The hospital is now being built in Oak Hills.

Terry Rayburn—a National Merit Scholarship Contest finalist—graduated from John Marshall High School and has received a United States Air Force Merit Scholarship to Texas A & I University where he will study physics.

Waters-DeBord Vows Read July 8

In a wedding at Oak Hills Church of Christ on Saturday, July 8, Miss Cynthia Kay DeBord of Helotes became the bride of William Leighton Waters of San Antonio. The Rev. Sammie Swin performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George DeBord, Bandera Road. The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beverly Waters, Alachua, Fla.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Lynette DeBord. Bridesmaids were Miss Nelia DeBord, the bride's cousin, and Misses Kathy Justice and Patti Smith and also Mrs. James W. Campbell.

Best man was John Michael Waters, Dallas. Groomsmen were Ron Thompson, Norman Preston,

William Pruett and Alvin Ragsdale. Ushers were David Pruett and Gary Pruett.

Following a reception at Strange's Party House, the couple left on a wedding trip to Hawaii. They will be at home at 170 De Chantle in San Antonio.

Mission San Juan To Be Restored

Plans to restore Mission San Juan de Capistrano as it looked more than 200 years ago—when Franciscan padres and native Indians lived within its walls—have been announced by the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

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Gretchen Kuhn Studies at Syracuse

Gretchen Kuhn, John Marshall High School junior, has received a National Science Foundation Scholarship in chemistry to attend Syracuse University in New York this summer. She registered at the University June 26 after spending a week-end with her sister and brother-in-law in Rome, New York.

Gretchen flew to New York and was met by her brother-in-law and sister, Lieut. and Mrs. Dennis Vanidestrine, who are stationed in Rome. Mrs. Vanidestrine is the former Evelyn Kuhn, a Marshall and Texas Tech graduate.

Mrs. Bertha Stovall has recently visited in Guatemala and spent some time in Panama with her brother's family, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Elizondo.

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Book News

NORTH TO YESTERDAY by
Robert Flynn. New York, Knopf.

When a dreamer starts a decade too late up the old cattle trail with a bunch of skinny cows and a sad assortment of cowhands, too few cowhands really, things are going to go wrong. And they do.

The result is a sad-funny journey, much of it on foot after some ranchers steal their horses. Each of the outfit is searching for something . . . Lampassas—the boss—for Trails' End and the glory of the past; the Kid for a railroad job; Pretty Shadow for the girl he left behind; Gattis for freedom from farming; June for something; Preacher for a congregation; and Covina for a better life. And almost nobody finds what he started out for.

But it is a comic-heroic story in real Texas talk, foulmouthed but sweetly innocent. The trek was an end in itself.—JOHN IGO.

PERSON-TO-PERSON

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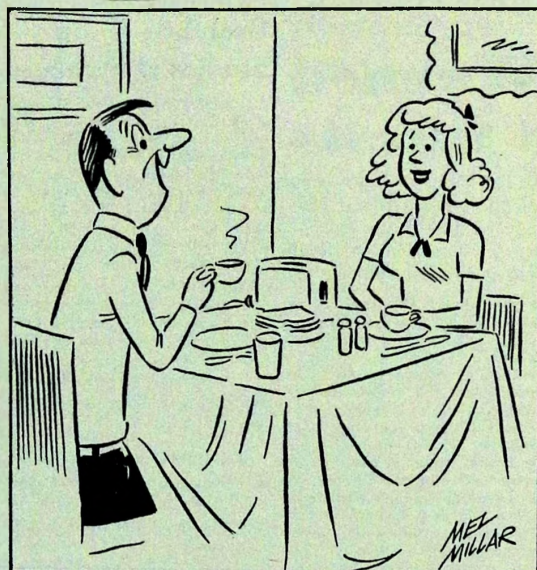
er, Mrs. Josephine Wallace, Becky, Mrs. Brock's sister, and Mrs. Wallace are returning the visit in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Lois Suzette, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, was born July 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis, who also have one son.

The lady barber is also an excited grandmother, as Melissa Loraine Dunford, 3-pound and 16-inch lass was born at Nix Hospital July 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Luis Dunford, and is doing well.

Mike O'Hara, who lives in a rock house in downtown Bandera across from the Scenic Loop cut-off, has changed from service manager to automobile salesman with Gillespie Ford following recovery from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara and daughter have resided in this area for more than twelve years.



What bugs me is what that guy Olsen thinks of Mrs. Olsen's coffee!

How About Shanks' Mare?

After a long, hot summer many boys and girls are looking forward to the return to school. It would be all joyous news that the newly enlarged Helotes School will open Sept. 5—if it weren't for the vexatious problem of how the children living within two miles can get safely to school.

Obviously—and the kids are the first to agree—"two miles" is no hill for a stepper. The trouble is the traffic! What six or eight-year-old is wise enough to judge the safety of crossing a bridge which could prove a death-trap or a highway where cars whiz by in two directions at well over 60 per hour?

In the past, Helotes had rather few children living in the two-mile circle. These often had brothers or sisters who had to be picked up to go to Marshall or Pat Neff or Leon Valley schools. So a driver—not too strictly worrying about what the State said—permitted the little ones to catch a short ride also . . . It was said by drivers that these were the best behaved children in the bus—since one misbehaving episode might ban the offender for the rest of the year from the riding privilege.

But no amount of promising "to be good" will solve the present dilemma. It is a matter of both Time and Money. As Helotes turns into a big town, it will take longer to gather the children and it will take more buses. The problem cannot be ignored. Wise men and women should consider the long-term solution—such as moving schools out of the city area, getting a local transit system, buying school buses or second or third private cars.

Right now, though, something must be done. The ECHO therefore believes that the school children should be picked up—with the State making the emergency ruling—since Helotes is a heavily trafficked area. Every one who has a child's safety at heart, or wishes to get to work down the Bandera highway during the rush hours, must help solve this problem.

Here from Waterloo, New York to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith of Bar X Trail, Helotes Park Estates, were Mrs. Smith's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James McCann and sons, Tommy and Terry. Also recent visitors of the Smiths' were Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Russell, Mr. Smith's aunt

and uncle from Vernon, New York.

Mrs. Jeff Luckey, Leon Valley, has returned from Germany where she visited Army friends. She also toured Holland and Denmark.

Michael O'Hara Zurovec and his wife—the former Martha Stovall—have bought a home previously owned by Johnny Paul Hay. Dewey Hart sold the place.

Larry Ayres is spending the summer with his aunt and uncle, Major and Mrs. Sterling Harwell, at their ranch in Wimberley.

Rhonda Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cravy was christened August 4 by Father Louis Trawalter with Marsha Pittman and Melvin Cravy, Jr. as godparents. Rhonda Kay was born June 30, weighed 7 lbs. 12 ounces, and was also welcomed by her sister Deena.

Leslie Road Leads To Early Rancher

Leslie Road, which runs off the Bandera Road at Toepperwein's to Culebra a few miles southwest of Helotes, immortalizes the name of a soldier for Texas independence who once ranched in the area.

He was Jack Leslie, a native of Wiley's Cove, Ark., who left his Ozark home in 1836 to help in the Texas fight for freedom.

This description was written later of young Jack Leslie as he began the long journey to Texas:

"A pair of old-fashioned saddle bags were thrown across his saddle containing some homemade clothes, a slab of bacon, and some biscuits.

"Around his neck was a strap to which he fastened a leather shot-pouch that housed his bullets, a pair of bullet moulds, a few bars of lead to make more, a box of caps, and a new piece of cloth to make 'bullet patchin'. A leather scabbard sheathed his hunting knife and a revolver. These were fastened to his belt.

"Across his saddle and in front of him rested his cap and ball rifle, and this completed his outfit for the dangerous journey."

LESLIE JOINED THE Texas army and at the end of the revolution took part in the Mier Expedition, in which a group of Texans attempted to capture the town of Mier in northern Mexico a few miles south of the Rio Grande across from Roma. The Texans were captured themselves and marched to Mexico City. There in a prison the famous drawing of white beans and black beans took place.

The Mexican captors executed each Texan who drew a black bean and freed each who had drawn a white bean. Leslie drew a white one.

Returning to San Antonio, he went into the business of buying and selling live stock. Later he received a grant of land from the Republic of Texas for his services in the revolution. He chose a location west of San Antonio in a valley near the hills of Helotes.

The ranch prospered and Leslie became wealthy while still a young man.

ABOUT THIS TIME he fell in love with the daughter of another rancher, and they became engaged. But—according to the story—they quarreled one day and the engagement was broken.

In later years Leslie wrote to two great-nephews back in Wiley's Cove and asked them to come live with him. They did, and the nephews, Gip and Yell Leslie, inherited the ranch. Jack Leslie was buried on the ranch.

Artist of Year

Martha Mood, Helotes stitchery artist, was chosen San Antonio's "Artist of the Year," and her work has been on exhibit at Witte Museum. On May 23 she appeared on the Mary Dehman's "Our Town" television program and showed some of her soon-to-be completed works.

Zip and Deliz Valdez from Panama recently visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Valdez in Leon Springs.

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Meeting, 7 p.m.

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There is usually a study group of some kind meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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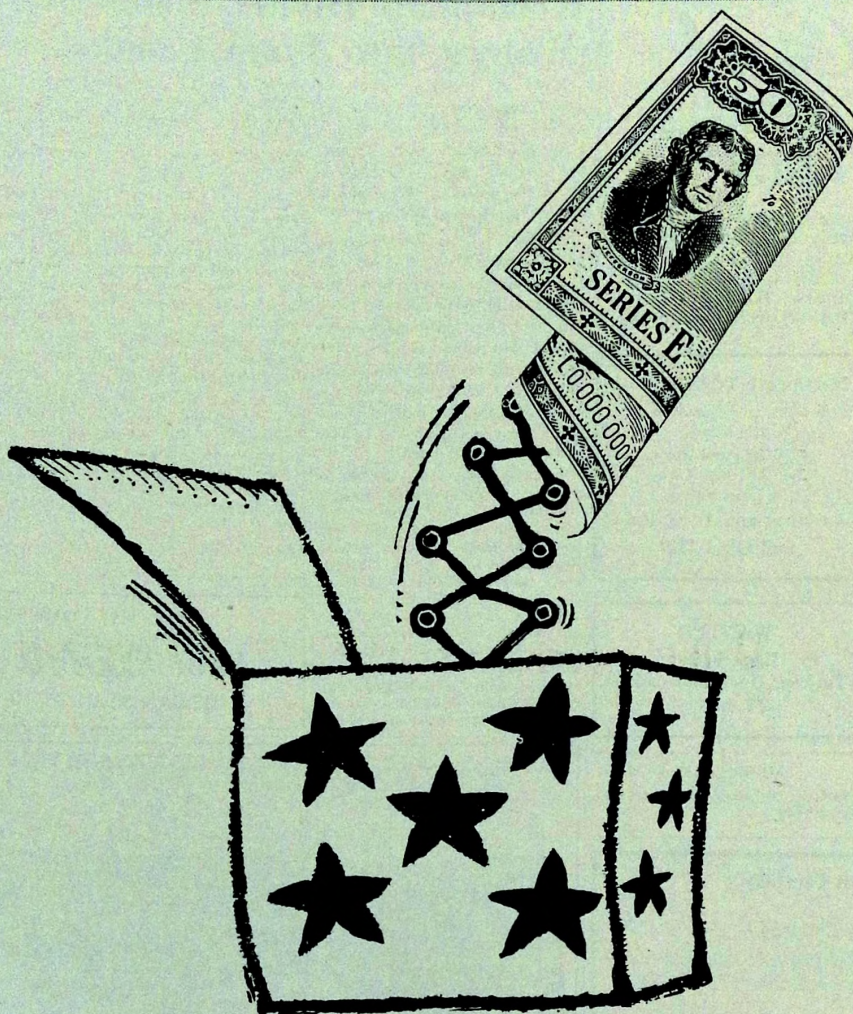
Recipe of the Month

HAYSTACKS

- 1/2 — cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 — can potato stix
- 2 — pkgs butterscotch morsels
- 2 — tbsps peanut butter

Melt together over low heat—stir in stix and nuts—mix thoroughly and drop by teaspoonfuls on cookie sheet—put in refrigerator to harden.

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Krempkau Divide Sends Waters Into Four Creeks

Many will recall a marker on a tall cedar pole at the intersection of Babcock and Scenic Loop Road which said "Krempkau Divide." Most who read it asked the question, "Why was it called 'Krempkau Divide?'"

As told to the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Krempkau, the answer is a simple lesson in topography. In 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Krempkau purchased 640 acres of land five miles northeast of Helotes which had been a land grant from the State of Texas to John M. Ross and known and described as "El Cañon de Los Helotes."

At this cedar marker there also is a small brass marker cemented in the ground that states that point is 1400 feet above sea level. This marker was installed by the U. S. Government and it was at this point that Mr. Krempkau and a neighbor, Mr. Rohles—who also was one of the old settlers in our community—observed that during a very wet season the water seeping from the hill shed into four different directions—To the north, its flow went into Leon

Creek, to the east into the Robles Creek, to the south into the Menchaca Creek, and to the west into the Helotes Creek. So from this division derives the name "Krempkau Divide."

Upon the death of Mr. and Mrs. Krempkau, this ranch was passed on to their six grandchildren—three of them and their families and two great grandsons now making their home on it. They are Mrs. Barney Sams, Sr., Jack W. Sams, and Mrs. Earl Roan, grandchildren. Barney Sams, Jr. and Earl Roan, Jr. are the great grandchildren.

It is also of interest to many that the spring which forms the headwaters of the Helotes Creek is located on this ranch at what is now the home of Mrs. Barney Sams, Sr. where the old Krempkau homestead was originally built.

(Editor's Note: We are indebted

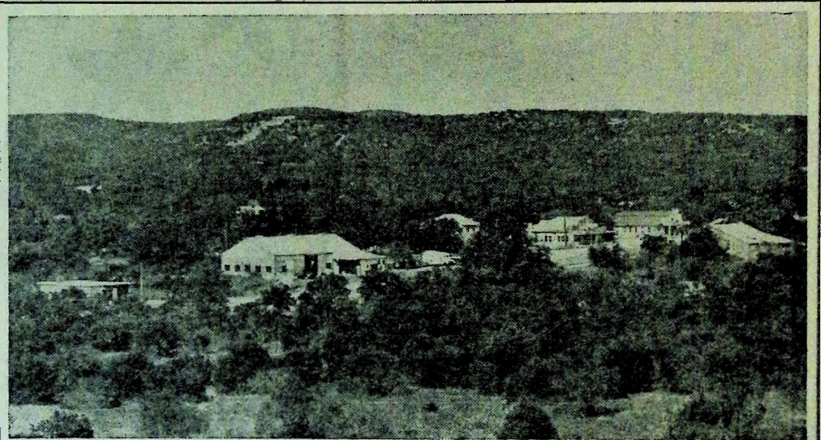
to Mrs. Barney Sams, Sr. for furnishing us with this data compiled in part from records kept by her late husband.)

Mrs. Kurt Schumacher, secretary of the City of Grey Forest, recently made two trips to Fredericksburg. The first was to attend the dedication of the new Gillespie County library—a former courthouse where the parents of President Johnson were married. On this occasion Lady Bird Johnson spoke. The following week Mrs. Schumacher attended the graduation with honors of her grandson Buddy Reeves from St. Mary's High School in Fredericksburg. He plans to go to the University of Texas. She also attended the final graduation exercises of St. Edward's High School in Austin, where her other grandson Ken McLaughlin was awarded a scholarship to Notre Dame. The high school division is being closed to allow for the expansion of St. Edward's University.

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No Closed Seasons For This 'Hunter'

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By DADE RAYFIELD

Neither Federal nor state game laws relating to protection of wildlife concern me. I hunt the year around for anything that runs, crawls, or flies. Although I have not owned a hunting license in years, I bagged a dozen or more wild turkey in a single morning, early last summer. After the deer season closed this January, I got a buck, five does, and a half-grown fawn in the course of an afternoon's shooting. I shoot song birds any time the mood strikes me.

About the only control on my hunting is the weather. It can be either hot, cold, or just pleasant, but I am strictly a fair weather nimrod who must have sunshine. I am a still hunter. I shoot "stills" of any wild creature I can get in my viewfinder.

I hunt with a camera, and to me it offers a challenge equal to that of hunting with a more conventional weapon. All the skills of the woodman, plus those of the photographer, are called into play. I find it far more satisfying to hunt with a camera than with a lethal weapon. I am a former hunter who has lost the desire to kill.

Great Outdoors

But I like the outdoors. I enjoy planning and preparing a



THIS 10-POINT buck—photographed on Gallagher Ranch—by Dade Rayfield didn't mind getting shot—by the camera.

hunting trip, and the fog-shrouded daybreak on an island lake with mallards and teal overhead. The flare of orange and red above a silhouetted ridge just before the sun bursts over the hills, makes living worthwhile. I also am fond of building duck and deer blinds, struggling with boats and motors, pitching tents, and building campfires. I find pleasure and peace in the great outdoors.

After retiring from the military, I settled down in the Texas Hill Country northwest of San Antonio. In the surrounding rawhide land of live oak and cedar, ridges, and draws, is an abundance of wildlife. News photography had been my forte before I enlisted in the Army, and photography had been not only my vocation, but also my hobby during my service career. I decided to hunt my wild friends with a camera rather than with a gun.

It was soon evident that hunting with a camera was not easy. Skills necessary to bagging game with shotgun or rifle must also be possessed by the nimrod with the lens. Concealment, stalking, knowledge of the habits of your quarry, quick and sure reflexes, and mastery of your weapon are no less important to the hunter with a camera than they are to the hunter with a gun.

Marksmanship Important

Marksmanship is important. To the uninitiated, it might appear a simple matter to find a deer or turkey in the viewfinder of

a camera. But this is not always so. A telephoto or long-focus lens is a "must." I use a Leica and 200 mm lens. The negative image must be large enough to produce, by enlargement, a finished print in which the subject may be found without using a magnifying glass. On occasions, I have enlarged subjects as much as 25 times the original negative size.

The field of view with a 200 mm—or better—lens is quite limited. The camera does not see the area seen with the eye. To find the quarry quickly is seldom easy. Even a deer becomes momentarily lost in the area searched with your lens. Limited view, movement of the subject, and its camouflage coloring, make marksmanship both difficult and vital if you are to capture an image on film.

Although never much of a marksman, more often than not I could beg many wild creatures with a shotgun or rifle I find it impossible to get on film. To obtain an image on photographic film large enough to see in the finished print, the hunter must often be so close to his quarry that he could knock it over with a rock.

Even I could hit a deer at 75 feet, a turkey at 50, or a squirrel at 10 to 15 feet. And those are the distances at which a 200 mm lens works best. A 400 mm lens would only double them. Sharp focus presents a problem with a 200 mm lens because of the limited depth of field. There is seldom much time, if any, to focus, and that problem would be increased proportionately to an increase in the focal length of the lens.

Following the practice of the "still" hunter, I usually wait until the bird or animal has come within an area on which I have already focused. This takes patience, concealment, and considerable knowledge of what the quarry is likely to do. When in the field, I wait for the game to come to me. Walking up on or stalking game is far more difficult for the hunter with a camera than it is for a hunter with a gun. It is seldom possible

to get close enough for a "wing" shot. An easy target for even a duffer armed with a shotgun or rifle may be utterly impossible for the cameraman. The hunter is not concerned with the relation of film speed to shutter speed, depth of field to aperture, negative image size to grain, and enlarged resolution.

Needed: Patience

Some knowledge of basic photographic principles and the right photographic equipment for the job are vital to successful hunting with a camera. However, there is something still more important, and that is patience. Although there is an abundance of wildlife here in the Hill Country, I hunted almost a year, shot hundreds of feet of film, and suffered the frustration of the condemned before I made my first "kill."

My trophy was not one of our imported Russian boars or an eight-point buck, but one of thousands of local Texas bluejays. He wasn't doing anything intriguing or dramatic, but was only perched on a cedar branch.

My second trophy was not one of the rumored mountain lions sometimes said to roam these hills, but only a fox squirrel. I could have made the same picture with little or no trouble in any of San Antonio's parks, but it would not have been the same. My squirrel was wild in his native hills. In getting his picture, I had experienced the excitement of the hunt, matching my skills against his to make the "kill."

Bagging a deer took more than a year of hunting. The excitement and tension was undoubtedly equal to that of any hunter with his first deer in the sights of a 30-30. And my target was not a 12-point buck, but only a doe yearling.

All one spring season was needed to get three pictures of a rock squirrel family on our place. Roadrunners stayed out of camera range for several years before luck changed and one came within a few feet of my blind and posed for sequence shots. Only twice have wild turkey been in range.

Trading bullets for film does indeed offer a challenge. Wild-

life photographers must surely have the know-how of the legendary mountain men, the talents of photography's greatest, and the patience of Job. However, there is the other side of the coin. The hunter with a camera is not restrained by those aforementioned game laws. Anything that moves is fair game to the hunter armed with a camera, any season of the year.

Osso School To Resume September 5

First day of school this year at the Henry de Osso Catholic School will be September 5, the principal, Mother Trinidad Canales, STJ, has announced.

Classes which will enroll thirty students for kindergarten and the same number for first grade are held on the beautiful campus located on Culebra Road, one-fourth mile past Loop 410. To be eligible for credit, the student must be 5 years old before October for Kindergarten and 6 years old by the first of October for first grade.

The school, named for the founder of the teaching order, was opened in 1964. Class sessions are held from 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by calling OV 4-0254 or writing Route 4, Box 87A, 7-8228.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lesesne entertained the R. E. Hobsons of Corpus Christi and several other couples at their Frosty Point home at Medina Lake recently.

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'Fabulous' Fare Found South of the Border

By JOHN T. FLOORE

Arky Blue and his Blue Cowboys who've been playing at Floore Country Store played for a huge VFW dance in Eagle Pass. One of the largest crowds ever to attend this club were there living it up. Arky and his gang paid a visit across the river to that new fabulous Las Rocas Cafe & Club. Just across the bridge to your left, managed by Señor Juan De La Cruz Guerra, it is one of the most beautiful clubs in Mexico. Three bands, wonderful food and a warm welcome await you there. Faye, Arky's gal singer, wrecked the place—encore after encore—with her hot Spanish numbers.

Merle Haggard, Tommy Collins, Bonnie Owens himself all with the Buck Owens agency are breaking records all over. Merle Haggard is coming this way soon.

Del Reeves and his band—the Doodle Doos—have an unusual assignment for Sept. 4. They have been signed to play the National Hog festival in Kewanee, Ill. Events, accompanied by the band,

will decide which hog is heaviest, healthiest and possesses the loudest squeal. The big blow-off is the time-honored tradition of frying thousands of pork chops for participants.

Nancy Sinatra has gone Western. She just completed an album session in Nashville. Bill Anderson's "Get While the Gettings

Good," was picked by Nancy as a favorite.

Our local-boy-made-good Poke Salad Chas Walker is appearing in Horseshoe Club in Toronto, Ontario, August 28-31.

Willie Nelson was born in Abbot, Texas and it is rumored that he carried a guitar on his shoulder while he was picking and hoeing cotton. After a lot of hard work, he has become a successful writer, artist and performer. He is under longtime contract with RCA Victor.

Willie is a special kind of an artist. He is an entertainer and song writer himself. Therefore, Willie has special appreciation for other song writers. His treatment of their songs make them seem almost new and more appealing than ever.

Some of the songs Willie has written are "Touch Me," "Night Life," "I Just Can't Let You Say Goodbye," "Funny How Time Slips Away," "Family Bible," "Crazy," "Hello, Walls," "Half a Man," "Pretty Paper," "Congratulations," "The Party's Over," and many others.

As an artist, Willie will hypnotize a complete audience. It has been said that Willie Nelson is an entertainer's entertainer. At almost any auditorium show, you will find the other stars waiting in the wings to catch Willie Nelson at work. Willie Nelson is one of the world's accomplished guitar players. And he accompanies himself as no other guitar player could do.

Willie Nelson has a loyal group of followers called Nelson's Navy that follows him wherever he goes . . . Willie Nelson is considered one of the most likeable and friendliest singers in show business.

Willie Nelson carries a five-piece Nashville dance and show band featuring Johnny Bush and Jimmy Day who are stars within their own right. It has been said that Willie's band is the best

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