

# HELOTES ECHO

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## Person-to-Person

This year's Cornyval—the 7th Annual Helotes Spring Festival—comes a full two weeks after the great 77th Annual San Antonio Fiesta—and local folks have enjoyed the friendly get-togethers as well as being deeply involved in both events.

Fiesta Flambeau—the Texas-size illuminated parade, with Director Reynolds Andricks being honored this year—was heavy with Helotes talent. Riding on the Miss Fiesta floats as alternates were two lovely St. Philips coeds who call Helotes and Grey Forest home. They were of course Melody Mikel and Jackie McCarter. Narrating the parade on TV channel 4 was Echo staffer Virginia Van Steenberg. John Marshall's band as well as that of Oliver Wendell Holmes took part in the marching sections of the two big downtown parades. Mrs. Norman Bodet and Mrs. Larry Bergstrom worked at A Night in Old San Antonio, but they are ever busier helping Larry, this year's president of the Cornyval, with the parade here.

Miss Helotes 1971—Sharon Gorsuch—rode with an escort of the Helotes Saddle Tramps Riding Club in the Yorktown Western Days Parade, and they invited the folks down that way to come on over for the Cornyval.

A local delegation also invited the Bexar County Judge and Commissioner's Court to attend the Cornyval and were given a proclamation naming Cornyval Days in Bexar County at the April 19 session of the Court—where they also saw King Antonio and the 1971 Queen of the Fiesta.

In case anyone didn't receive a verbal invitation—welcome, folks.

For those who missed Dr. Louise Harvasty for a couple of days, the explanation is simple. She was attending the annual seminar of the Chiropractic Society of Texas, held April 14 and 15, at El Tropicano Hotel in San Antonio. She is the secretary of District 10 of the Texas State Chiropractic Assn. Several prominent medical and professional men—such as Dr. Pete Martin of the Royal Academy of Glasgow, Scotland, and several from the East and Midwest of the United States spoke. Dr. Harvasty also reports that her recent trip to Desert Hot Springs, California, was a pleasure, as she found her mother in improving health.

Capt. (USN Ret.) and Mrs. (PERSON TO PERSON, Page 6)

## Horse Show To Be Top Sunday Event

A major attraction of the 1972 Cornyval—the 4th annual Hill Country Horse Show sponsored by the Saddle Tramps Riding Club—opens at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Pat Doyle Stables located at the corner of Hausman Road and Loop 1604.

According to Mrs. Linda Moore, club president and chairman of the show, there will be 12 major events. Mrs. Carmen Madla and Miss Jennifer Nottingham are co-chairmen. Mrs. Betty Muires is in charge of registration.

There will also be food and beverages available to the spectators. Ribbons and cups will be awarded. Entires will be accepted May 7 until show time. There will be halter classes, and several special events are planned as surprises. A couple of rodeo events will be included.



MISS HELOTES 1971, Sharon Gorsuch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Prejean, Grey Forest, poses with one of her favorite quarterhorses. As one of the final acts of her reign Sharon represented Helotes in Yorktown's Western Days parade recently, riding a thoroughbred from the Normandie Rose Horse Farm and escorted by a dozen members of the Saddle Tramps. On Thursday night, May 4, she was to crown her lucky successor, Miss Helotes 1972. Sharon will ride in the 1972 Cornyval Parade. Photo by Bill Terry

## People Who Vote Together

Sharing the Helotes spotlight Saturday with the Cornyval will be the 1972 primary elections. And to demonstrate how convivial Helotes people can be at Cornyval time, the Democrats and Republicans in Precinct 255 will share the same polling place—the Helotes fire station.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A long ballot, particularly for the Democrats, confusion over new precinct lines and legislative districts, and the presence of voters from both major parties may make voting slower. So be early.

## Postmaster Davis Will Retire May 8

Charley Davis, Jr., Helotes office soon will be upped from a postmaster for the past six years. He has announced that he will retire on disability on May 8. He expressed deepest "thanks to all the people for their kindness and cooperation." He predicted that the rapidly-growing Helotes post office soon will be upped from a second to a first-class rating. He will be succeeded by Mrs. Ralph Swift, as clerk-in-charge. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will divide retirement time between their Helotes home and their ranch near Camp Verde.

## 7th Festival To Have Gala Four-Day Run

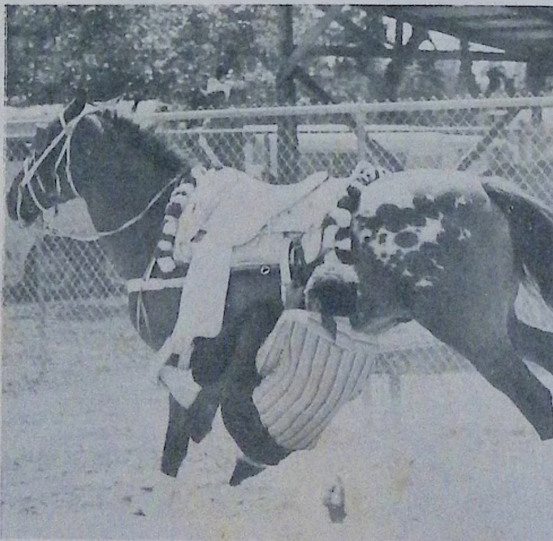
From May 4 to May 7, everyone should be here for the fun. It's time for the 1972 Spring Festival—the 7th annual Cornyval—and in the big show, from the Coronation of Miss Helotes 1972 Thursday night until three fun-packed more days have passed, there will be something for everyone.

Festival Association President Larry Bergstrom said Thursday that everything is ready—thanks to the dozens of volunteers who have been working on the 1972 Cornyval—for a show as good or

Complete official program of the Festival is on Page 3.

better than last year's which drew an estimated 32,000 celebrants. (See FESTIVAL page 4)

## CORNIVAL FEATURES WESTERN-FLAVORED ENTERTAINMENT



HORSE SHOW excitement will include stunt riding like this risky trick during the show last year. Twelve major events in the western type show are promised by the Saddle Tramps, sponsors. The show will get underway Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Pat Doyle Stables on Hausman Road near Loop 1604. Entries will be taken right up to the beginning of the show.



SHOOT-OUTS by some of the most bloodthirsty gunslingers in the county are sure to stop traffic on Bandera Highway Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The fights will take place in front of the small white house between Helotes General Store and Hill Country Feed Store—every hour on the hour beginning at 1 p.m. Between blazing gun battles the men will also sing and play a little.



## Texas' Longest Trail Ride To Leave June 4

The second annual Six Flags Over Texas Trail Ride from Helotes to Arlington—282 miles—will be made June 4-21, it has been announced by Trail Boss Kitty Fischer. The first ride, last July, attracted national attention.

Persons interested in making the 1972 ride are invited to contact Mrs. Fischer at 695-3747 or Roy

McDonald, assistant trail boss, at 695-3324. The fee is \$35, with children under six free. All riders under 18 must be accompanied by a sponsor.

A kick-off dance at Floore Country Store on Saturday, June 3,

will precede the early-morning departure of the riders from Helotes on June 4.

The route will be via Grey Forest, Leon Springs, Bergheim, Kendalia, Blanco, Johnson City, Marble Falls, Burnet, Lampasas,

Winner of the local Pinewood Derby was Ricky Darter, who on April 15 placed first in Pack 401 of the Boy Scouts of America, and was also first in his den. Other den winners were Kyle Martin, Don Mrs. Madelyn Jacobsen received an injury in a fall.

### VOTE FOR A NEW SYSTEM VOTE REPUBLICAN, MAY 6

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TRAIL BOSS Kitty Fischer—who will lead the big ride in June to Six Flags Over Texas—here evokes the past as she rides side saddle as a feature of the Hill Country Horse Show. The antique saddle is a treasure of bygone days and is owned by Mrs. Fischer. Photo by Dade Rayfield

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John H. Poerner and Associates,

in the business of land surveys, control mapping and supervision of construction projects, is solely owned by John Poerner and has been in business since 1956. He is also a director of Hondo National Bank and has farming and ranching interests.

John Poerner was elected to the Texas Legislature in February, 1969, and has served on the Committees of State Affairs, Mental Health & Mental Retardation, Parks and Wildlife, Chairman of Livestock Committee, Water Conservation and Reclamation, Highways and Roads. He has also served on Interim Study Committees for Higher Education, Vocational-Technical Training, Three-Year Curriculum for Higher Education, Chairman of Vegetable Marketing Committee, Insurance, V.E.E., Control of Noxious Brush in Texas.

John Poerner has been President of the Hondo Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Medina Memorial Hospital Board, Director of Soil and Water Conservation District, Director of Water Control and Improvement District, Director of Medina County Farm Bureau, Member of St. John's Catholic Church Board, President of D'Hanis Lions Club, and received "Citizen of the Year Award" from the Hondo Chamber of Commerce in 1961.

(Political Adv. Paid For By John H. Poerner)

Evant, Hamilton, Hico, Glen Rose, Cleburne, and Burleson, with an average of 20 miles to be covered each day. It is the longest trail ride in Texas.

Entertainment is planned at the camping areas each night as well as a number of official receptions in towns the riders pass through. On June 20 the group will be guests of the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park in Arlington.

### Expressway Route Hearing Due

A public hearing on the controversial Bandera Expressway route is expected to be held in May by the Texas Highway Department, according to Planning Dir. William Myers of the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

Myers said Tuesday Highway Department engineers currently are studying the City Council-approved 1,000-foot corridor that runs roughly north along the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks and then turns west to follow Culebra Road out to the Outer Loop and beyond.

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# City, County Proclaim Festival Grey Forest Council Studies Offer For Natural Gas System

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has become a fixed American tradition of the citizens of Texas to designate and to observe certain days of unusual and extraordinary occasions and events; and,

WHEREAS, the town of Helotes will celebrate their anniversary of the Seventh Annual Spring Festival on May 4, 5, 6 and 7th, with much merriment for the benefit of all citizens in the area; and,

WHEREAS, there will be lots of entertainment for all ages, including a horse show, bike rodeo, free dances, etc.; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioners Court commend the members of the Spring Festival Association of Helotes for their efforts in arranging this Seventh Annual Festival and we urge our citizens to participate in the observance of same.

WITNESS the signatures of the members of Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas, and its official seal on this the 12th day of April, A.D., 1972.

BLAIR REEVES

County Judge

ALBERT A. PENA, JR.  
Commissioner, Prec. 1

FRANK B. VAUGHAN, JR.  
Commissioner, Prec. 3

TOM STOLHANDSKE  
Commissioner, Prec. 2

A. J. PLOCH  
Commissioner, Prec. 4

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the outstanding events in the San Antonio area is the annual Helotes Spring Festival which this year will be held on May 4 through May 7, 1972, and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Annual Helotes Spring Festival will feature the coronation of Miss Helotes 1972, Western dances, art and dog shows, bicycle rodeo, fiddler's contest and horse show, as well as a carnival,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN GATTI, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the period of May 4-7, 1972 to be

"SEVENTH ANNUAL

HELOTES SPRING FESTIVAL DAYS"

and invite our citizens to join with the residents of the Helotes community in celebrating this outstanding event with it's "True West" flavor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Antonio to be affixed this 27th day of April, 1972.

JOHN GATTI  
Mayor

Add to things you always wanted to know—Willie Nelson claims so many years on stage—because he counts his first experience when he was four years old. He recited a poem—and didn't sing until later.

Rimon Ham, former Grey Forest city councilman, is recovering in Methodist Hospital from a heart attack suffered recently. He had just retired from his long-time position as service manager for S. X. Callahan Co

The newly-installed mayor and city council of Grey Forest faced a major decision at their first meeting in April: whether to accept an offer by Gulf Energy and Development Corporation of San Antonio to buy the Grey Forest Utilities natural gas system.

The system was built five years ago with a \$1,400,000 loan from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and serves a major portion of northwest Bexar County from Huebner Road to the Kendall County line. Most of it's 1,200 customers live outside Grey Forest. It also serves the city of Boerne on a wholesale basis.

The council voted 4 to 1, with Councilman Mario Barrera dissenting, to take under advisement the verbal offer of the president and vice president of the San Antonio-based corporation, and set a special called meeting for April 25 to consider their written proposal.

At the special meeting, the Grey Forest council decided to take no further action until it had ascertained the attitude of HUD toward a transfer of the gas system under the terms of the proposal.

Gulf Energy offered to enter into a contract for the lease or lease purchase of the system and to pay Grey Forest a minimum of \$550,000 above interest and bond payments over the 35 years remaining in the loan agreement with HUD.

The Grey Forest council also deferred action on whether or not a referendum election among the voters of Grey Forest would have to be called before the system could be sold. Such an election was held five years ago before the loan was secured from HUD.

The Gulf Energy proposal included conditions "that the method of acquisition will be in a form that will allow continuation of the existing HUD loan" and "that the existing supply contract with Coastal States Gas Producing Company can be renewed and the existing domestic, commercial, and industrial sales rates by Grey Forest can be increased to at least offset the additional gas purchase costs."

The proposal offered to pay Grey Forest \$75,000 immediately, with the understanding that this would

be used to pay all back interest owed to HUD. Back interest serves in the vicinity of the new currently totals about \$60,000 with an additional \$32,400 payment due June 1. Gulf Energy would pick up the June 1 payment if the transfer were made before then.

Subsequent payments by Gulf Energy would be either \$5,000 per year for 1973 and 1974, \$10,000 per year for 1974 through 1981, and \$15,000 per year for 1981 through 2007; or ten per cent of the net profits (after depreciation, interest, and tax deductions) in any J. Beard, president also of the years that this per cent is greater. The Grey Forest utility has operated almost continuously in the red since its beginning. Its difficulties were increased by the annexation by the city of San Antonio of some of the territory it owned to HUD. Parallel gas lines in that area.

Gulf Energy and Development Corporation is headquartered in the Broadway National Bank Building on Loop 410. It owns the Rio Grande City gas utility system as well as oil and gas wells, pipe lines, and gas treatment plants. President of Gulf Energy is Bob Beard, president also of the Northside District school board.

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### THURSDAY, MAY 4

All day — Moore's Greater Shows carnival. Next to Floore Country Store.

7:30 p.m. — Coronation of Miss Helotes 1972. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church courtyard. Special music. Admission free.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

All day — Moore's Greater Shows carnival.

6:00 p.m. — Food booths open at Helotes Park Plaza.

8:00 p.m. — Street Dance. Helotes Park Plaza. Featuring Dale Keith and the Starlight Ramblers. Admission free.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

11:30 a.m. — Annual Cornyval Parade. On Bandera Highway between Hausman Road and Scenic Loop.

12 noon — Cornyval Art Show. Helotes Art Guild Gallery and along Bandera Highway. Till dark.

12 noon — Food and game booths open. Along Bandera Highway.

12 noon — Moore's Greater Shows carnival.

1:00 p.m. — Gun Fighters shoot-out. Next to Hill Country Feed Store. Performances every hour on the hour till dark. Admission free.

2:00 p.m. — Lions Club Auction. Across from Floore Country Store.

4:00 p.m. — Bike Rodeo. Riggs Road. Admission free.

4:00 p.m. — Dog Obedience Show. Post Office grounds. Sponsored by Alamo Dog Obedience Club. Admission free.

8:00 p.m. — Annual Corn Dance. Floore Country Store Patio. Featuring Dale Keith. Admission free.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

12 noon — Cornyval Art Show opens for second day.

12 noon — Food and game booths open.

12 noon — Moore's Greater Shows carnival.

1:00 p.m. — 4th Annual Hill Country Horse Show. Sponsored by the Helotes Saddle Tramps Riding Club. Pat Doyle's Stables, Hausman Road near Loop 1604.

1:00 p.m. — Gun Fighters begin hourly shoot-out performances. Next to Hill Country Feed Store. Admission free.

2:00 p.m. — Old Fiddler's Contest. Floore Country Store patio. Admission free.

2:00 p.m. — Lion's Club Games Party. Across from Floore Country Store.

4:00 p.m. — Free dance. Floore Country Store patio.

8:00 p.m. — Festival Finale Dance. Floore Country Store patio. Featuring Willie Nelson. Admission \$3.

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## Vote Of Thanks

A vote of thanks goes to all the folks who have put their ideas to work to make the 7th annual Helotes Spring Festival the big show we are able to enjoy. There are countless hours of work—but the growth of friendships and the pleasure of entertaining our Hill Country and big city neighbors make them worthwhile. For all the media who spread the word, we have an especial thanks.

President Larry Bergstrom and the Helotes Spring Festival Association are especially to be congratulated.

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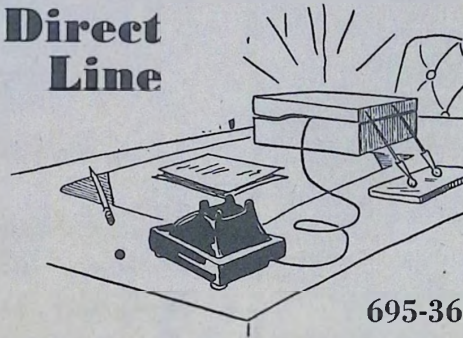


LAST YEAR'S Miss Helotes Court float was this authentic stagecoach from Bandera—shown here as in olden days pulling up to the door of a genuine former stagecoach stop, the 1851 land-

mark which is now the office of the ECHO. Last Year's appearance of the coach was jointly sponsored by the Echo and the Bodet Travel Agency.

Photo by Bill Terry

## Direct Line



695-3613

Dear Editors:

In your Feb. 5th edition, I see that a black labrador was found, shot in the paw. I gave my black labrador away when I went overseas, to the man who sells firewood across from the Helotes Park Plaza, Joe Mireles, Old Moonlight Cafe owner. The dog was a male, answers to the name Blackie, has a small bit of white on chest, otherwise all black. He is a fine dog, and I'd like you to know that he may be my old dog—in which case he belongs now to Joe Mireles, owner of Moonlight Cafe.

I would very much appreciate your calling the folks at 695-8012 and telling them about the owner of a black male Labrador, since it may be the same dog.

I'd appreciate any information you could send me as to whether the found dog was my beloved "Blackie" and what happened to him.

Thanks, Charles Beckmann

Col. USAF

A.P.O. San Francisco

P.S.—We just received the Feb. 5th edition of the Echo—We enjoy it immensely.

Charles Beckmann

Answer: The editors checked with the lady who gave us the lost-and-found ad in February. The Labrador fit Blackie's description, but was only two years old according to the veterinarian to whom they took it to have an operation. It lost the right toe but was getting well. Someone claimed it, she said.

We then checked with Mrs. Joe Mireles who said that they had enjoyed Blackie very much, but that he was nearer four years old. He had a custom of staying with their calves during the day, but usually made a few rounds to see the folks at Helotes Park Plaza daily. They became very attached to him and found him an excellent watch dog. However, one morning in February, he was found dead in the yard. There were no marks to indicate injury and he appeared to have died of natural causes, although they worried that he might have been poisoned. They felt very sad to lose him, as he was a good companion. Shortly thereafter they sold the calves because they were afraid that without Blackie to guard them, they might be stolen. We wish the story could have had a happier ending, but Mrs. Mireles assures us the dog was happy as long as he lived.

## Festival (From Page 1)

The Cornyval is an all-volunteer civic celebration spearheaded by the non-profit Helotes Spring Festival Association, Inc. Membership in the association is open to all in the greater Helotes area.

Current officers of the association in addition to Bergstrom are Edwin L. Faust, vice president; Leon O. Schueneman, treasurer; Mrs. Edwin Scharf, recording secretary; and Mrs. Ralph Madla, corresponding secretary.

Sharing also in producing the Cornyval are the many committee chairmen and their co-workers. They include:

Coronation, Mrs. Gordon McClellan, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Frank Logan, Mrs. Leonard Hill, and Mrs. Harry Hopf; Street Dance, M. D. Maxcey; Parade, Mrs. Norman Bodet assisted by Mrs. Larry Bergstrom; Sanitation, Ray Johnson; Booths, Edwin Faust; Traffic Control, Ray Garrison; Special Events, Bill Terry; Horse Show, Mrs. Linda Moore; Art Show, Mrs. Martha Cave; Publicity, Mrs. Charles Brown.

The Helotes Optimists will hold a benefit dance at Floore Country Store with Dale Keith playing, on Friday, May 26, beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds go for Optimist projects.

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# Musicians To Add Sparkle To Festival Fizz



**DALE KEITH**—who calls Helotes home—and his Starlite Ramblers are back—by popular request—to play for the Street Dance, Friday, May 5, and the big Corn Dance at Floore Country Store on Saturday, May 6, sponsored by the Festival Association.

Helotes—the home of Western music—will be ringing with the happy sounds throughout the Cornyal.

Coronation ceremonies at the courtyard of Our Lady of Guadalupe CCD Building will feature the organ by Mrs. Elaine Flores. In addition to dance acts by Mrs. Marilyn Wilson's class, little Miss Magdalena Madla and Bubba Bergstrom will entertain.

The Western flavor will be featured at the three big dances. Free to the public will be the street dance on the Helotes Park Plaza, Friday night. Dale Keith and his band—who have played for this event every year—will play on an open stage.

Saturday morning's big parade will feature the Lackland Air Force Band of the West and several other military bands. John Marshall High School will be among the school entries.

Saturday night, Dale's band will be back at the Floore Country Store.

Sunday will include a new event for the Cornyal—the Fiddler's Contest, where the Sweet Adelines will make an appearance. This will be on the patio of the Country Store.

Sunday will have many musical units playing throughout the area. The big finale will feature Willie Nelson, who is fresh from a European tour. He is a co-writer with Waylon Jennings of the new hit, "Good Hearted Woman."

The carnival will have its share of hurdy-gurdy tunes, and sound trucks will add to the merriment.

Folks who attend the Cornyal always remember that Helotes is the home of music—not all of it Western.



**WILLIE NELSON**, a Cornyal parade marshal, is a singing star on both continents and composer of many hit tunes. He will wind up this year's festival with his Record Men at Floore Country Store, Sunday night, May 7.



**PARVIN HOFFMAN**, above, will judge the Cornyal '72 Old Fiddler's Contest at Floore Country Store on Sunday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. Here Mr. Hoffman plays his Carlo Ferdinando Landolfi violin, valued at \$4,500, made in 1755.

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**LARRY BERGSTROM, JR.**, who last year stole the show at the Coronation ceremonies, has agreed to play for this year's Miss Helotes, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. He is the son of Festival President Larry Bergstrom and Mrs. Bergstrom.

Contractors for the Texas Highway Department's project to widen Highway 16—which is already underway—have provided offices in downtown Helotes for the on-site staff. Following the Cornyal, the work is slated to move at a rapid pace according to a spokesman.

Killian-House Construction Co. has leased offices for on-the-job headquarters in the Parrigin annex located behind the real estate office about a half-block from Highway 16 at Antonio Drive. Killian-House is contractor in charge of the 9.9 mile widening of the highway from Loop 410 to Helotes.

New residents in downtown Helotes are Mr. and Mrs. David Zweiner, who have relocated their mobile home from San Geronimo to the Whetstone property.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steubing were honored April 19 on their fiftieth wedding anniversary in their home with many relatives and friends calling to congratulate them.

Among their hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Siebert, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Steubing, and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Steubing. Also assisting were their 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Steubing, who were married in 1922, have lived in this area for many years. The family event was a happy one.

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## Golden Wedding To Be Marked



Colonel (retired) and Mrs. Ross Carpenter of Helotes, who were married in San Antonio on May 4, 1922, will be honored with an open house to be held in their home on Sunday, May 7, in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Serving as hosts will be Colonel (retired) and Mrs. James Carpenter of Tucson, Arizona, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Carpenter, Jr. of Helotes. The honorees have three grandchildren.

## Open House Fetes George Brauchles

Mr. and Mrs. George Brauchle were honored recently on their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house in their home. More than 170 members of their families and friends called on them during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brauchle were married April 21, 1922 in Jourdanton, Texas. She is the former Miss Annie Meadows.

Hosts for the occasion were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Haby, and their children, Curtis and Bradley, of San Antonio.

The serving table had a cover of lace over gold. White carnations, with sno-flocks, candy tufts, and gold birds formed the centerpiece. The living room mantel displayed a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and held silver dollars wrapped in gold foil. Spring

flowers added to the festive air throughout the house.

Nieces and grand-nieces served refreshments and were in charge of the guest book.

The bride's cake of white was decorated with golden flowers. The groom's cake of German chocolate had grapes entwined with gold ribbon.

The honored couple are long-time residents of this area.

## Mrs. Charles Patterson Entertains Kansas Guests

Mrs. Charles Patterson entertained in her new home in Castle Estates for her granddaughter, Mrs. Dennis Vanidestine, and baby daughter, from McConnell Air Base, Kansas.

Mrs. Patterson was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Charles Kuhn, and Gretchen Kuhn from Rice University in Houston.

Capt. Vanidestine is on his second tour of duty in Thailand

## Person to Person

(From Page 1)

Lillian Hurlbut and Mrs. Dade Rayfield returned recently from a 10-day trip to Los Mochis, on the Mexican Pacific Coast, and Chihuahua City. They drove to Presidio and took the special excursion train that goes via Mexico's Copper Canyon. Capt. Hurlbut's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hurlbut, of Wayland, N. Y., met them in Presidio and made the trip also.

Among recent visitors to the Echo offices—to tour the former stagecoach stop—were nine cub scouts and their den mother, Mrs. Georganne Hitzfeld.

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## UTSA CONTRACT

Meeting in Odessa, The University of Texas Board of Regents gave the go-ahead to the new University of Texas-SA building program, April 29. T. C. Bateson Co. of Dallas—with a \$28.1 million bid—was awarded the contract to construct Phase One—the first seven buildings—on the campus near here. The University is slated to open September, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Vinck recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown in Austin. Mr. Brown is publisher of the Austin American-Statesmen.

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Ranch New Town**

San Antonio Ranch New Town recently announced the creation of an Advisory Review Board for the 9300-acre project located two miles west of Helotes.

The purpose of the board is to review environmental studies relating to the new town and to present an open forum for communicating ideas and information relating to water quality and the Edwards Underground Aquifer.

In agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Antonio Ranch developers invited local, state and national agencies to participate on the board.

San Antonio Ranch recently received approval and a \$19 million loan guarantee from HUD for development as a new town. It is one of only nine new communities in the nation to receive federal backing.

Technical analyses now being conducted by the developer include water quality, soil purification capabilities, and impact studies on plants and wildlife.

Mrs. Peggy Cooper, who is getting ready for the Festival, had a house full of company in April.



**MARY JANE LOGAN** of San Geronimo prepares for the Helotes Cornyval, which will have ears of green corn, or "helotes," as it's chief food attraction. Mary Jane is a former Miss Helotes. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Logan, she is a San Antonio College student and Ben Shaw model. She is a graduate of John Marshall High School. The 7th Cornyval celebration got underway Thursday night with the selection and crowning of Miss Helotes 1972.

Photo by Bill Terry

**Teeners' Rummage  
Sale To Aid  
Olympics Trip**

A rummage sale to help send Northside special education students to the national "Special Olympics" track meet will be held Saturday, May 20, in the Helotes Inn. Sponsors are a group of Helotes interested teenagers assisted by Mrs. Raymond Langlinais, Mrs. Harry Hopf, and Mrs. Donald Ade.

Items which area residents wish to donate to the rummage sale will be picked up if donors will call Mrs. Langlinais at 695-3510.

The national "Special Olympics" will be held in Los Angeles, Calif., in August. The state meet will be held at Alamo Stadium, San Antonio, on May 26, 27, 28, with 1,500 students participating. The city meet was held May 16, and eleven students from Leon Valley School qualified for the state meet. All standard track and field meet events are included in the "Special Olympics."

Mrs. Mary Manely, co-owner of the Helotes Inn, volunteered the use of the Inn's dance hall for the all-day rummage sale.

Mrs. Ruth Harrison had trouble recently from an old injury.

Miss Fern Townsend is expected to visit old friends here during the Festival.

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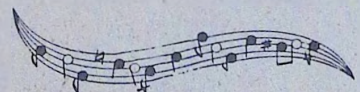
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## Helotes Spring Cornyval Has Echoes From Distant Past

This year's Cornyval—the 7th annual Helotes Spring Festival—has a carefully documented history beginning with the first weekend in May, 1966, but its origin goes back to undated history—and with some interruptions—could be said to be as old as the first corn-growers who named this area Helotes—meaning in both Indian and Spanish “green corn” or “fresh corn-on-the-cob.”

Artist George Catlin, who travelled among the nation's Indians for three decades, coming to Texas even, sketched the corn festivals of his day and published an excellent account in 1842.

He found these native people raising an abundance of corn—or maize—and visited them in the

to 10 days—the longest time the corn remains in its tenderest and most palatable state. During this time all hunting, war excursions, and other avocations were positively dispensed with, and all tribe members joined in the conviviality.

The most remarkable feature of this joyous occasion, Catlin said, was the green corn-dance before the feast. Before the dance, the women—who owned and tilled the fields of corn—brought several ears each morning at dawn to the medicine men to taste and test. When the corn was considered just right, runners or criers were dispatched announcing to every tribe and village that the Great Spirit had been kind to them and that they must all meet on the next

day to return thanks for His goodness.

The first kettle of corn was burned in its entirety as an offering. Then the warriors—carrying long corn stalks—danced around the kettle—chanting a song of thanksgiving. Finally a fire was rekindled and this time the corn was cooked for the feast, which he reported was served until no one could eat more. After this, all types of festivities and favorite amusements were introduced.

Helotes residents have mostly forgotten these old rituals, but there are some who remember when cornfields were a common sight here.

The modern history of the festival begins in 1966. When the new post office was built and

dedicated in the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson, and with U.S. Representative Henry B. Gonzales present, it called for a celebration. The Helotes Lion's Club—under the leadership of former President Alex Parrigin and the active Sec.-Treas. Joe Wallace—at the suggestion of Postmaster Charley Davis—also a Lion—decided to get up a party. Rod Ayres, another Lion—spearheaded an art festival as part of the celebration. John T. Floore—a Lion at large—provided a who's who guest list and added other assistance. It was an election year, and it was fun.

Complete official program of the Festival is on Page 3.

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