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## NORTHSIDE TO HOLD \$31 MILLION BOND ELECTION



Holmes High School—shown from the air—is the second of three high schools now serving the Northside Independent School District. It is due to get a new vocational building soon. In addition to John Marshall High School—first in the District—and John Jay

High, the third, the proposed bond issue projects a fourth high school with the location not determined as yet. Holmes is on Ingram Road near Loop 410.

—Echo File Photo

### Study Shows Fast Growth Expected

With this area due to show rapid growth, a Northside Independent School District's Bond Advisory Committee has unanimously recommended a proposed \$31 million bond issue, at a July meeting, with the bond issue to be voted by residents Sept. 8.

Tax increases will be required to finance the bonds, according to a committee report submitted by Carl F. Raba, Jr., chairman of the Advisory Committee.

He cited inflation, the energy crisis, lack of construction materials, federal safety regulations and market demands in excess of the local construction industry as affecting construction costs and the construction time. The bond issue was predicted to cover all-new elementary, middle, and high school construction for present needs; classroom additions to present schools; a vocational building; renovation; an athletic complex; a central office; and other expansion and storage.

Estimated construction costs were provided by a pool of five architectural firms, based on today's construction costs.

Raba said, "It is necessary to establish this early election date in order to have funds available to open needed schools in September 1974.

### Benefit For Boehmes To Be At Braun Hall

Members of Hermann Sons Lodge No. 76 have invited everyone to attend a games party benefit to aid two of their members who were severely burned in an explosion which demolished their

home early last month. The Hall where the benefit will be held is located on Braun Road in Helotes. The benefit will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, and will feature softball, bingo, other

entertainment, food and refreshments. Chairman of the event is Mrs. Leslie Ott and co-chairman is Mrs. Ernest Kempf. There are several committees working to make the event a success.

Proceeds will go to aid Oscar and Betty Boehme. Mr. and Mrs. Boehme are hospitalized at Bexar County Hospital. Their home was on Park Road off Bandera Road on the way to Medina Lake, where they are well-known.

There will be entertainment for all ages, Mrs. Kempf said. The benefit is open to the public and everyone is urged to be there.

### Grey Forest Names Dee McKay To Council

In a fast-paced, often stormy regular session, Wednesday, July 18, the City of Grey Forest City Council appointed a new Councilman to fill out the term of Councilman Buddy Hartman, who resigned under doctor's orders, according to a letter read at the meeting.

The Council accepted Hartman's resignation with regret, but appointed him road engineer for the City.

Three names were offered by Councilmen for consideration as Hartman's successor on the Council. They were Edwin L. Faust, a former Councilman and Helotes merchant; and Dr. James Arthur, local dentist and 1973 President of the Helotes Spring Festival Assn.; and Dee McKay, former Grey Forest Police Chief—all of whom were present.

After the four Councilmen cast a 2-2 vote for Dr. Arthur and McKay, Mayor Sam Terry cast the tie-breaking vote for Dee McKay, who was sworn in immediately and was given the former Councilman's duties as building and grounds

### Referendum Due

The City of Grey Forest will hold a referendum election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, to determine whether the citizens should pay a city ad valorem tax on property within the city limits. The council in the July 18 regular session agreed to comply with federal guidelines which allow all qualified voters to cast a ballot. There will be two boxes—one for property owners who wish to vote and the other for non-property owners.

Election judges will be Mrs. Gretchen Stappenbeck and Mrs. Bertha Kempf.

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Staff Photo

Helotes All Stars—made up of Little League 11 and 12 year-olds—had the backing of their fans as they headed for competition Thursday, July 19, opening play against the Greater Northwest Little League All Stars in Leon Valley. Milton Brauchle is manager of the Helotes team, and Tommy Salazar is Coach. In the back of the star-studded truck especially decorated with names of the team is Troy Hartmann, 12 years old, a second base player, who is son of the owner of the truck, Dick Hartmann, one of the leaders of the Helotes Fan Club. Dick expressed confidence that the local boys would make it past the opener and were very able to go "All the Way to Pa."—the national championship, with luck.



## Grey Forest (Continued from Page 1)

commissioner, as well as additional duties.

A letter of resignation was also received from Milton E. James, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, who will be active here in forming a new Masonic Lodge, and pleaded lack of time. Jerry Adams was appointed to the Council as his successor, based on Adams' acceptance of the duties. He was not present at the meeting.

The Council in earlier action awarded a year's contract to Grey Forest Utilities Manager Bob Grant, who has been working under a 90-day contract. Grant announced in his report that the odorizer station had been moved to

property leased by the Utilities at Boerne from a lot on Babcock Road inside the city limits of San Antonio, also property of the Utilities.

The Council tabled a motion by Judge Robert Duty to have a public relations man "appointed through whom things are siphoned into the Council." The Council suggested a council member to be in charge of public relations. It would be his duty, it was suggested, to be a go-between for organized opposition and the Council. If a meeting were called it would be his duty to contact people and he would be in a position to state the official position of the Council. It was agreed that this public relations person would merely present the facts. A news

letter was also considered. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Judge Duty also announced that on July 23 the court of the City of Grey Forest will try three cases of unauthorized trespass.

Election details were discussed and much of the session was taken up with the wording to appear on the ballot which had been changed since the last Council meeting.

## 1,000 MARK REACHED

AT UTSA IN JULY

Second-term classes began at The University of Texas at San Antonio July 17 with registration unofficially at 351 graduate students. Adding the 671 tally of first-term students, the opening summer of Graduate School had an enrollment over the 1,000 mark

as predicted by officials.

Second term enrollments in summer school are traditionally smaller than first, and the fact that public and private schools start in August generally has cut down on the enrollment of teacher-students one official explained. Classes are continuing in the Goliad Building of the Koger Executive Center.

## A. A. Quintana Dies July 10

Alfonso Alexander Quintana of Route 15 on Hausman Road died Tuesday, July 10 at a San Antonio hospital. He was 70 years old. Mr. Quintana was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes, and was D.A.V. Chapter 14 Post Commander. He had been active until his brief final illness.

His survivors include his sister, Miss Maria S. Quintana of Helotes, and his brother, Joe E. Quintana, as well as his nephews, Ralph A. Quintana and Joe E. Quintana, Jr., all of San Antonio. He is also survived by a grand niece and a grand nephew.

Rosary was recited Wednesday evening in the Colonial Chapel of Porter Loring Mortuary.

Requiem mass was Thursday morning, July 12, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, with Rev. Louis A. Trawalter as celebrant. Pallbearers were A. D. Callahan, Nick Cantu, Wilford Pichard, Clem Searls, Robert Montoya, and Arnold Wetz. His many friends paid their respects at the church before the services. Interment was at San Fernando Archdiocesan Cemetery.

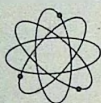
## Mrs. Bebe Bates Dies July 11

Mrs. Bebe Elizabeth Bates of Route 15 died Wednesday, July 11, at a local hospital, at the age of 57. She is survived by her husband, Paul E. Bates also of Helotes and her daughter, Mrs. Paula Heatherly Peterson of Houston. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Mary Lou Heatherly of Brownwood, and one grandson.

Requiem mass was celebrated Monday, July 16, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, S.M. officiating. Interment was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Those who wish may send contributions in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Sympathy is extended to her family in their loss.



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## Floore Country Store

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Helotes now has a modern boat storage located at Helotes Park Plaza to be opened in August. The facility is located behind the Park Plaza Unit One.

### Boat Storage Offered Here

Stop and Stor Boat Storages, a new facility at Helotes Park Plaza, will open August 1 offering a convenience to boat owners who do not wish to keep their boats at

the Lake, to park them at home, or to trail them through heavy traffic into the City.

The ten-unit building located adjacent to the car wash, was built especially for boat storage and is suitable for that purpose chiefly, Mrs. Mary Wynn who is in charge of the rentals said.

The new addition is owned by Fred Anderson and Gilbert Kinder of Lackland Plaza, Inc. It is a metal building and is an attractive green tone to blend with the other buildings.

Those interested may contact Mrs. Wynn at Helotes Park Estates office.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nelson on the arrival of their little daughter—Amy Lee Nelson—July 6, a little late for Willie Nelson's first annual Fourth of July picnic which drew thousands at Dripping Springs.

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## Walt Disney Film Downtown Store Grey Forest To Be July 27 Has New Adds Road Owners

A full-length Walt Disney feature film, appealing to small children as well as adults, will be shown at the Lion's Field Parrigin Pavilion on Friday night, July 27, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The show is offered as a community service by the local Alpha Rho chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Chairman of the event is Mrs. Gussie Griffith. There will be popcorn, hotdogs and cookies available. Admission to the show, according to Mrs. Gladys Jones, publicity chairman, is fifty cents for children and seventy-five cents for adults.

Village Electronic Center—located in downtown Helotes between the bridge on Bandera Road and the Floore Road intersection—is now open, with a new owner, Ernest D. Smith, who is an experienced electronics technician. He and his wife Veda are from Amarillo but for the past several years have been in Washington, D. C. where he was employed by RCA. They have two daughters, Cindy, 15, who will attend John Marshall and Tish, 13, who will attend Pat Neff.

They are now residents of Deer Run in Leon Valley.

The Center will feature full television and radio service either at home or in the shop. They say come by during regular hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, for a friendly cup of coffee and to get acquainted. The community welcomes the new owners.

Grey Forest now has an officially-designated road leading via Morningside Drive to Wagner Road and on to Scenic Loop which provides access to Hilltop residents and their visitors.

Judge Robert M. Duty has announced that the road running through Lot 26, recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shaw, has now been purchased by the City of Grey Forest for \$500.

Judge Duty has advanced payment, he said. Anyone who considers they may be benefited may contribute towards the cost by mailing a donation to Judge Robert M. Duty, Box 215, Helotes, Texas.

Judge Duty also said that the portion of Morningside Drive running across Lot 13—owned by Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Vara—in Beckcliff Park Subdivision, is being donated to the City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chauffe attended the ordination recently of a friend and classmate. Rev. Paul B. Patlin was ordained a Jesuit priest in Breaux Bridge, La. by Bishop Gerard L. Frey of Lafayette. Mr. and Mrs. Chauffe also attended the banquet, First Mass, and reception of Father Patin.

### Mrs. Steubing Dies July 16

Mrs. Selma Steubing, age 88 years, of Dilley, Texas, passed away Monday, July 16, in a San Antonio hospital. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes.

Her survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Doyle of San Antonio, and a son, Clarence Steubing of Dilley. She is also survived by her brother Herbert Reininger of San Antonio and six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, July 18, at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. C. H. Bohls officiating, and interment was in the Lutheran Cemetery.

The Steubing family is well-known among pioneer Helotes families. Sympathy is extended.

### FESTIVAL TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Dr. James Arthur, president of the Helotes Spring Festival Association, has announced that election of the 1973-74 officers will take place at a party to be held for members and workers of the past Cornyval as well as prospective members Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Parrigin Pavilion.

On the nominating committee are Walter Schuh, Terry McClellan, Jiggy Johnson, and Delores Brookes.

There will be shown a movie by Leon Schueneman of Cornyval 1973. Those attending are asked to bring dips and chips.

July Artist of the Month chosen by Guild members was Ivy Hull, for beautiful Texas Hill Country landscapes, and Colleen Lindsey was June Artist of the Month for her watercolors and her oils of the Texas Big Bend country.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nield and their children from Liberty, Missouri, were recently visitors in the home of Mrs. Nield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Parrott. Mrs. Nield was Sherrie Parrott and has many friends in this area.

### Straus Named Spurs Investor

San Antonio—Joseph R. Straus, Sr., a prominent businessman, is the newest member of the San Antonio Spurs investors group. President B. J. "Red" McCombs announced.

The 73-year-old Straus, Sr., is Chairman of the Board of Straus-Frank Company, a wholesale distributorship which has been in operation in San Antonio for 103 years.

Straus, Sr., was an All-American football player and captain of the varsity baseball team at the University of Pennsylvania.

He is a member of the executive committee of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. and a director of the San Antonio Zoological Society.

He served as vice-president of the Straus-Frank Co. from 1921-32, then president from 1932-62 when he was named Chairman of the Board.

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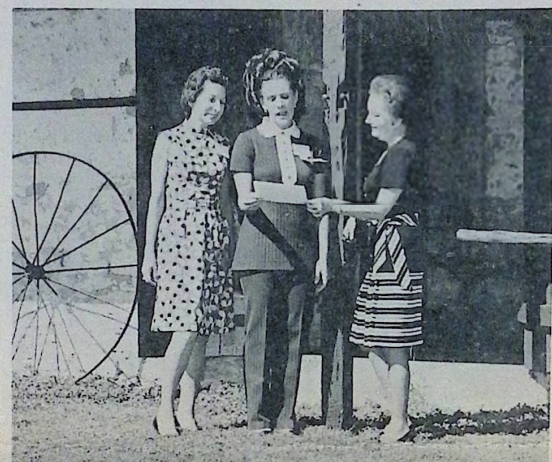
Mrs. Elsie Saner of Route 15 died Monday, July 9, in a San Antonio Hospital at the age of 72. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and was active in church work. Mrs. Saner was a native of Helotes and a member of the pioneer Biering family.

She is survived by her husband, John W. Saner, and three nephews and a niece. Services were held Wednesday, July 11, at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. C. L. Bohls officiating. Rev. Bohls pointed out that Mrs. Saner was a true Christian who not only believed but lived her religion. She was known throughout the community for her kindly ways.

Interment was at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Helotes.

Sympathy is extended to her family and the many in the community, friends as well as relatives, who will miss her.

Debbie Collier accompanied by her brother Rusty Collier and Jimmy Wynn drove to Rice Lake, Wisconsin, recently to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson, Ricky and Jenny. Mrs. Watson, Sue to her friends, is also mother of Debbie and Rusty. The trio then motored to Roanoke, Virginia, to visit Debbie and Rusty's grandparents. They reported a fine trip.



DAR's and their hostesses shown during a stagecoach tour here last fall.

## First Public Tour Of 1890' Home

An old home on "Tobin Hill," considered an interesting landmark to passersby and many San Antonio College students, will be open to the public for the first time, Sunday afternoon from 1 o'clock to 7 p.m., July 29, in a selective tour benefiting the conservation, patriotic and educational activities of Ol'Shavano Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The home of Mrs. Josephine Haltom Henning at 123 West Park Avenue in San Antonio was selected as the site for Ol'Shavano's annual Open House, announced the Regent, Mrs. Stanley A. Schmidt, 8611 Sagebrush Lane, for being one of the early residences designed by Architect Harvey Page in the late 1890's.

"This home was the first site to

be selected in the near "down-town" area to permit easy access by bus," stated Mrs. Mary Spillar Crawford, 206 E. Lullwood, Historical Tours Chairman; "and was featured last Spring in a Trails and Tangents article by Bonnie Sue Jacobs." Other Open Houses sponsored by Ol'Shavano Chapter in the past several years have included the Polley Mansion at Sutherland Springs, an old rock home in Sattler and two interesting "stagecoach stops" in the Helotes area last year.

The "banquet" on Park Avenue and down the Howard Street side is lined with fig, palm and giant elm trees that go well with the old stucco and rock 2-story buildings which went on the tax rolls in 1898. Designed by Architect Harvey Page in the late 1890's, he remodeled the home about 1916 for new owners, always keeping in mind his original concept of a Southwestern home under Spanish influence. He designed 12-foot ceilings throughout the home; combined brick and hardwood

floors; used columns and arches with great beams and geometrically-designed wooden ceilings. The addition of bathrooms, closets and kitchenettes were essential in adapting part of the old home into today's interesting and unusual apartments; however, the original atmosphere has been retained and enhanced.

The old-fashioned "insecticide-free" garden includes native mustang grape vines draped on the lower branches of 75-foot tall pecan trees; peach and fig trees presently laden with fruit; lilies and peppermint spreading among rose bushes and banana plants; and a permanently flowing fountain for varied winged species, such as white-wing doves, mockingbirds, red birds, black birds, hummingbirds, sparrows and many others. The rare Sigmund Rhee lilies from Korea are just completing their cycle of blooms, while corona and yellow jasmin vines are commencing to bloom.

Having existed under the threat of expropriation for nearly seven years, the San Antonio College District's planned parking lot will result in demolition of buildings and the "scraping away" of the towering shade trees. Ol'Shavano urges the public to take advantage of this opportunity to visit within its walls, Sunday, July 29th, from 1 to 7 p.m. A donation of \$1.50 for adults and 50c for children will include refreshments to be served in the garden. Tickets are available from members and at 123 W. Park Avenue prior to and on the 29th at the door.

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## Jordan-Gorsuch Marry July 14

Miss Sharon Lee Gorsuch became the bride of Michael Ray Jordan Saturday evening, July 14, in Helotes Hills Methodist Church with Rev. Collin Furr performing the ceremony.

The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary R. Prejean, of Helotes and the bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jordan of Dallas.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, Gary Prejean, had as her maid of honor her sister Miss Darlene Gorsuch.

The bride was gowned in an exquisite lace over taffeta gown with fitted bodice and full skirt. Her regal train was of taffeta

matching her gown. She wore a crown of pearls encrusted with diadems of seed pearls and her illusion veil was chapel length. She carried a Spring bouquet.

The maid of honor wore an American beauty-colored gown of taffeta with an over-apron of printed Spring flower-design. She wore a garden-type picture hat.

The bridegroom had as his best man Gregg Sands. Ushers were Gary Prejean, Jr., the bride's brother; David Jacobs and Steven Jordan.

A reception and dance were held at Hermann Sons Lodge. After a honeymoon trip to Virginia, the couple will live in Norfolk, Va., where the bridegroom is stationed with the Coast Guard.

## Delegates Attend AACOG Asks Convention Counties License

The Quota Club of San Antonio has sent two delegates to the 54th International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Club members elected to attend are Mrs. Francis Nipper, president, and Mrs. Bennie Lyon of Helotes Park Estates, lieutenant governor of the 21st District of Quota International which includes Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The '73 Convention is being held in Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto July 18-21, with delegates attending from the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Quota is a Classified Service Club of executive professional and business women with 400 local clubs in 35 Districts in the United States, Canada, and the South Pacific. Membership totals over 13,000. Their service projects provide funds for equipment to aid the handicapped in hearing and speech, for hospitals, schools, nursing homes and scholarships.

These executive women share their talents to advance international understanding and good will in educating graduate women fellowship students, supporting the United Nations and CARE-MEDICO Nursing training program.

Quota is well-known in the Helotes area for its helping hand, and for the Harvest Festival, held for the past 24 years at Floore Country Store as their annual fund raising event.

"Plans are underway to make the Festival to be held in October bigger, better and more fun for all," Mrs. Lyon said.

The Alamo Area Council of Governments Task Force and its Technical and Legal Committees met repeatedly during the month of June and reached a consensus on recommendations to be made to the Texas Water Quality Board except on two items. The AACOG Task Force were due to submit a report to the TWQB by July 15, stating that further recommendations will be made on these two unresolved items.

At the Task Force meeting on July 9, a spokesman for Bexar County stated that the county would act as the licensing authority for the county if the EUWD acted in a supervisory and coordinating capacity to assist the county. The Task Force then voted to recommend to the TWQB that the counties be designated as licensing authority.

The Board of Directors of the EUWD at its regular semi-annual meeting, July 10, decided to withhold any formal action on the re-drafted order until the Directors had a chance to see what the draft contained.

Another hearing is expected to be held when the TWQB proposed re-draft will be submitted to the general public. This hearing probably will be either late in July or early in August.

The Directors of EUWD reported that while they have individually expressed the opinion that the counties are the proper licensing agencies, the Board had never been asked by the TWQB to act as the licensing agency for the entire District, and has not refused to perform this function.

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## Helotes 4-H Club Names Officers

The Helotes 4-H club has elected officers for 1973-74. The president is Cindy Ricks; vice presidents, Sherry Warnecke and Larry Ricks, Jr.; secretary, Beverly Darter; treasurer, Ricky Darter; C. D. Kelly Ricks; and reporter, Margie Harvey.

Five 4-H girls recently entered the Bexar County Dress Revue and all received red ribbons.

Thirteen Juniors and Seniors from the Helotes 4-H attended 4-H camp for two days in June also.

Cindy Ricks won High Jersey Judge and fifth over all in 4-H Round-Up at Texas A&M University.

Mrs. Gaynell Ricks is the 4-H leader.

The two charming dancers at the recent Women's Club meeting were Laurie Johnson and Jill Lindner.

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The Scenic Loop has several low-water crossings near your office. No doubt, you will agree that these need fixing. For many years the concrete posts which guard the crossings have been broken off.

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Mrs. Emily Scales who was severely burned at her home when her clothing was ignited recently as she was preparing fondue is making progress. The alert reaction and care of her family prevented even more serious injury. Our good wishes go with her for a complete recovery.

The Corn quilt so highly admired, which was completed by the Women's Club was designed by Mrs. Sherwood (Eleanor) Nelson.

## Auxiliary Holds Finale Night

The Ladies Auxiliary honored the 1973 managers of the Greater Helotes Little League recently for their time and hard work. Those cited this season were Howard Feather, Dave Ellis, Tommy Salazar and Milton Brauchle representing the four major teams as well as Richard Weyel, Coca Flores, Joseph Cote, Raymond Sustaita, Edmond Krueger, Earl Hessong, Charles Toepperwein and Lester Martin representing the eight minor teams.

Five boys tied for the super prize for selling the most tickets to the Auxiliary benefit dance featuring Darrell McCall. They were Ty Toepperwein, Kyle Martin, Mike Moore, Wade Brauchle, and Dana Cannon.

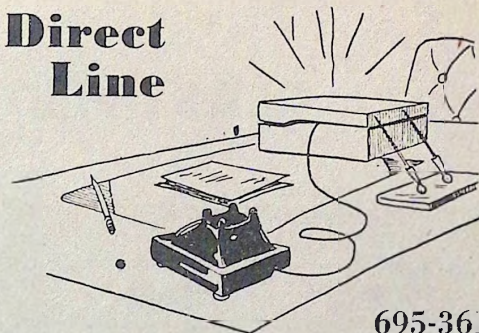
Auxiliary members cited for outstanding work also were given red rose corsages with Margaret Martin making the presentation. Those honored included Ruby Gerlach, Sue Feather, Karen Ellis, LaNell Brauchle, Lorelie Toepperwein, Doris Young, Lou Ippolito, Fran Heatherington, and Barbara Hartmann.

Following the presentation, the mothers played—with the Mighty Minors, managed by Lorelie Toepperwein and coached by Linda Spears versus the Majors Knee Knockers, managed by LaNell Brauchle and coached by Doris Young. The Majors won by one point.

The dads closed the day with an 8-6 game—the Minors, managed by Edward Skolaut winning over the Majors, managed by James Benke.

Trinity University admissions director Russell Cossage will speak at a workshop for the Rocky Mountain Association of College Admissions Counselors next week at the University of Albuquerque in New Mexico. The workshop begins July 22.

## Direct Line



695-3613

The thing I remember the best about the Cornyal this year was The Country 5. Are they still playing in public? I would like to go to a dance where they play. I'm a bunch of boys—that played out a teener, too. doors Sunday. They were called



—Photo by Bill Terry

These boys—called the Country 5—are shown playing in Helotes this Spring for the Cornyal's Battle of the Bands event—where they proved to be pros.

The Country 5—who are related to Helotes families, although they live elsewhere—are popular, it seems, in Castroville where they played June 23 and again July 7—Saturday nights—at Westernland. We've heard many favorable comments about their band—and of course "Miss Annie"—Mrs. George Brauchle here is one of their great fans—and a mighty proud grandmother of some of the band members. No doubt, they will be coming to Helotes to play soon.

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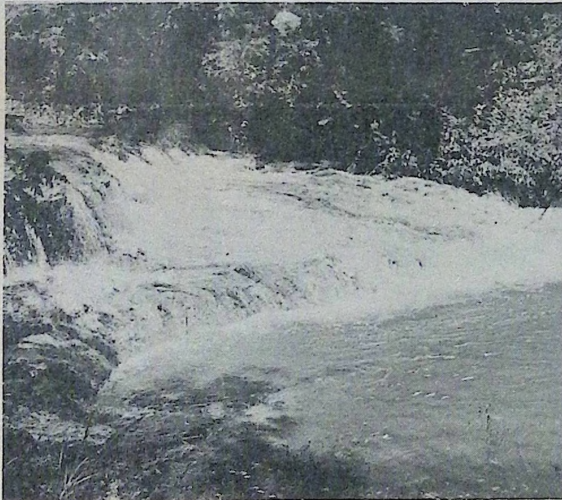
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By Sunday night, July 15, a 1919 record of six feet over the spillway at Medina Lake which had stood since 1919 was in jeopardy. By Monday morning, July 16, some experts declared the record shattered, as the water climbed to seven feet, and flooding on the Medina River below the dam was rampant. Shown here is water over the spillway, running with a deafening roar. No official ruling has been pronounced on the 1919 record, and the total inches may be shy of the mark.

Photo by Zigler



Staff photo

Waters of Helotes Creek run wide and fresh with little grace notes of falls and dripping springs enchanting those who have never seen the waters as they must have appeared to the early settlers when this area was described as a "veritable paradise." On the other side, however, Scenic Loop Road, parts of Highway 16 and other roads and drives were torn out by the rushing waters and driving has become extremely hazardous for the unwary as the result of the rains.

## Water Level High In Area Wells

Water levels throughout the San Antonio area remained high during the month of June according to the Edwards Underground Water District. New water level highs were also recorded at Sabinal, Hondo, and New Braunfels.

The water level at the Fort Sam Houston observation well lacked 2.7 feet of equaling the recorded high. Water levels in other wells from Uvalde to New Braunfels were from 0.6 to 3.0 feet below the recorded water level highs. The Hondo well recorded a new high on April 30, and then established another high on July 2.

## Women and Drugs Study To Be Held

The first national US Office of Education conference on women and drugs will be held August 2-4, at the Lost Valley Resort Ranch near Bandera.

Hosting the conference will be USOE's regional training center for the Southwest based at Trinity University, San Antonio.

James D. Kazen, director of the Texas Center, said representatives from all eight regional centers in USOE's nationwide "Help Communities Help Themselves" drug abuse prevention project will participate, as well as members of the Washington, D.C. staff of the US Office of Education.

Coordinating the conference is Rita Schonhoff, assistant director of technical assistance for the Texas Center.

The conference will "explore

factors leading to drug abuse among women, and determine areas of involvement for women in drug abuse prevention programming," Ms. Schonhoff said. Topics will include women's self-image, leadership development, and cross-cultural issues.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Helen Nowlis, director, Drug Education-Health and Nutrition Programs for the US Office of Education, and chief designer of the "Help Communities Help Themselves" project.

In the project teams from 900 communities throughout the US are trained at the eight regional centers each year to be leaders in designing and implementing local drug abuse prevention programs.

Members of the Helotes Art Guild had a July picnic supper and installation of officers on the grounds of the Helotes Art Foundation, which is entered off Bandera Road a half mile northwest of Scenic Loop. This is the future home of the gallery, hopefully.

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