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Person-to-Person

John H. Poerner, State Representative who calls Hondo home, dropped by on Robert E. Lee's birthday to look over the Helotes area, where his territory now reaches to Hausman Road.

A Pre-Rodeo and Stock Show Charity Dance Friday, Feb. 4, at Texas Star Inn had as sponsors the active Leon Valley Lion's Club with Alan Soefje handling publicity. The Lion President is Keith Disbrow and the club meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. at Jude's Barbecue in Leon Valley. Incidentally, Skeeter Radikopf provides the dance music at Texas Star.

Anyone interested in joining the Bexar Squares which began classes Feb. 1 at Los Angeles Heights Methodist Church may call Mrs. Iris Schuh or Harold Graham at 342-5855 or 735-4944.

Among recent deaths noted here was the passing of Jesse Valdez, brother of Joe Valdez, Sr. of Helotes.

Mrs. Gonzalo Mascorro from San Antonio was among recent visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Trevino in Grey Forest. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Abie Cavazos and Mrs. Trevino's sister, Miss Dolores Cavazos from Alhambra, Calif.

Mrs. Dan McCarty recently entertained San Antonio's debutantes with a Western dance party at Floores Country Store. She honored her niece who is a debutante.

A large delegation of Helotes residents are among personnel at the growing South Texas Medical Center. Noted there are, for instance, Jap Jones, Tommy Buel, Mrs. Shirley Prejean, Howard Dunford and E. D. Sorrell.

Jay Miller, whose parents now reside in California, was a recent visitor. He is a former Marshall student and saw many of his friends here.

Young grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schumann of Grey Forest, are still excited about their charming little Christmas present, Laura Louise Young, born at 1:10 p.m. Christmas Day, their first

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Work Begins At UTSA Site

Work of preparing the site of the University of Texas at San Antonio on Loop 1604 between Babcock Road and Interstate 10 is well underway with much clearing and grading already accomplished by the site preparation contractor, H. B. Zachry Co. The contract was awarded in late October.

Bids on the first of the \$40 million campus buildings to be constructed are expected to be called for by the board of regents of the University of Texas System in February. The new university is scheduled to open in September, 1973, with an enrollment now estimated at 8,000 students.

Last week the city of San Antonio agreed to build a new street along the southern edge of the 600-acre campus a few hundred yards north of Hausman Road, and another new street along the eastern boundary of the campus, a few hundred yards west of Interstate 10.

The city put off a decision on rebuilding Babcock Road, which is supposed to be widened to six lanes from Loop 410 to Loop 1604.

The university site has been annexed by San Antonio.

Jones Announces Candidacy

Constable Dean Jones has announced his candidacy for reelection to a fifth term as Constable of Justice, Precinct No. 2. Dean Jones will seek the Democratic renomination in the May primary.

Prior to his election as constable in 1956, Dean Jones was Chief Investigator for the District Attorney's office under former District Attorney Hubert Green, Jr., and a criminal investigator for the sheriff's department under the late Sheriff Owen W. Kilday.

EXPLORATORY WATER WELL



This early-morning photograph shows the rig which drilled an exploratory water well for the Texas Highway Department on Bandera Road near the Helotes Park Estates shopping center. The well will not be used to produce water, but to record water levels and other data about the underlying water table. Samples were kept of all soils and rocks brought up in the drilling process. The well was drilled to the Edwards strata. (Photograph by William I. Terry)

New Town Seeks More Annexation

The city council of San Antonio was scheduled to vote Thursday on a proposed contract with the developers of the San Antonio Ranch New Town on Bandera Road near Helotes. If the council approves the contract, chances are expected to be greatly improved for the developers to get a federal loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to begin work on the new town, and then later some of the members of the council began to favor the project.

One important provision of the proposed contract insofar as the people of the Helotes area are concerned requires the City of San Antonio to annex immediately out to the boundaries of the new town—but not the new town itself. This would put Helotes, Helotes Park Estate, and Helotes Ranch Acres in the city, as well as the areas adjacent to these communities.

The main purpose of the contract is supposed to be to guarantee that the new town developers will pay for all streets, sewer lines, drainage system, and fire stations needed for the project—rather than San Antonio having to provide them—and to guarantee that the developers will protect the Edwards underground aquifer from pollution.

To protect the Edwards recharge area, the contract is supposed to provide that the developers will build a sewage treatment plant away from the recharge area or will tie in with the sewer system of San Antonio.

The San Antonio Ranch New Town would be built on 8,400 acres of the former Lytle Ranch about two miles west of Helotes toward San Geronimo. It would extend through to Culebra Road and have a population of from 60,000 to 80,000 persons.

1972 Festival Begins Sign-up For Booth Space

Reservations for booths in the Helotes Spring Festival can be made now by seeing Ed Faust, vice president of the Festival. He is keeping a map of the areas to be reserved and those wishing to sign up may go to his business, ELF Industries, located at Bandera and Floore Roads in downtown Helotes near the bridge.

A fee of \$5 is required for club reservations and of \$10 for commercial booths. Artists pay \$3.

Every year choice spots are in much demand. The owner of the property or adjacent business must give permission before a booth is placed on their property.

"These booths will be reserved on a first come, first served basis," Mr. Faust said. Organizations are especially urged to send a representative to make arrangements and not to take for granted that a place is held for them.

The Festival will be held during the first weekend in May. Larry Bergstrom is the 1972 president.

Little League

Registration for boys interested in playing baseball will be held on Saturday, February 12, and Saturday, February 19, at Greater Helotes Little League. Boys at least eight years of age and not yet 13 as of July 31, 1972 are eligible and invited to play.

Registration will be between the hours of 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. on both days at the Otto Gerlach Field located about three miles north of FM 1604 on Babcock Road. Registration fee is \$7.50. For further information, call Mr. Morris Todd at 822-9324 or Mr. Earl Moos at 688-3200.

Help from parents in preparing the field for tryouts will be gratefully appreciated.

Business men interested in sponsoring a team are requested to call Mr. Gary Prejean at 695-3508. Your support is needed and will be appreciated, he said.

Silver Belles Make Austin History Tour

The Silver Belles, with Mrs. Nadine Hartmann, president, are keeping up their usual pace this year. Before the holidays they made a trek via chartered bus to Austin, where they toured the Capitol and the LBJ Library. Governor Smith spoke to them on the Capitol steps.

More recently, they were entertained by their Past President Rose Stemen, in her gracious home. Now they are scheduling a round of birthday observances and preparing for their annual Trash and Treasure Booth at the upcoming Helotes Cornyval to be held the first weekend in May.

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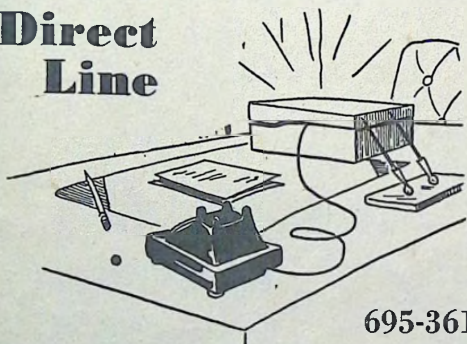
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JBB

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We want to do a thesis on the area and have heard that the ECHO is the place. Can we talk to you about Helotes, and get your opinion?
College Student

We always enjoy a visit from persons sincerely interested in this area. It is one of the truly historic and unique parts of Texas. Come by when you can. You have chosen a big subject, however.



Charlie Moss, Helotes western singer, and his wife, Frieda, are now living in West Plains, Mo. Recently they issued a new record album on JACE Records called "Down in the Valley", featuring three of Charlie's original songs. Altogether there are ten numbers in the album.

AUTO LICENSES

1972 auto licenses will be on sale at Floores Country Store on Valentine's Day, February 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trail Ride

The 4th Annual Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo will leave Bandera at 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 8. Riders will spend three nights in camp during the 75-mile trek.

Miss Teresa Martinez, 18-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs. Lato Martinez of Pete's Place, San Geronimo, is queen of the 1972 Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride.

The group will spend the first night in San Geronimo, with a barbecue supper and a dance planned for Pete's Place.

The riders are scheduled to arrive at Floore Country Store in Helotes at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and will present a scroll to John T. Floore as mayor of Helotes.

The lunch stop Wednesday will be at the Hills and Dales Store on Loop 1604. The group will camp Wednesday night at San Pedro Avenue and Bitters Road. They are scheduled to reach the Coliseum at 2 p.m. Thursday, via Nacogdoches Road, Loop 13, and W.W. White Road.

The Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride is one of ten trail rides recognized as officially representing the San Antonio Livestock Show. Trail boss

is Frank R. Anderwald of Bandera, and assistant trail boss is Lee Dockery of Atascosa.

Applications and information may be obtained by phoning 796-3628 in Bandera.

The ride will officially end after the western parade on the opening day of the 1972 stock show, Friday, February 11.

School To Turn Out

In recognition of Frontier Day, the children of Helotes Elementary School will be allowed to view the Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride on Wednesday, February 9, as it makes a scheduled stop in downtown Helotes. Principal Fred Pizzini and the teachers will accompany the children who will be returned to school immediately following the event.

The ride is scheduled to be here about 10:30 a.m. As in the past, children may wear Western or colonial togs if they wish.

The newest addition to the San Antonio area medical community is Park North General Hospital, a 100-bed hospital recently opened at 4430 Vance Jackson Road, just off North Loop 410.

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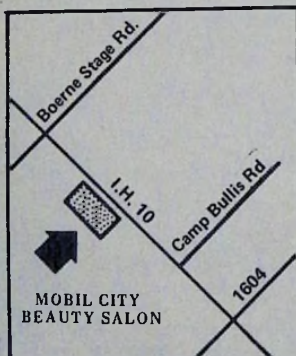
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In this 1953 photo, Rudy & Irene's Cafe on Bandera Road just above the Scenic Loop Road is shown as it appeared before the patio was enclosed to make a large dining room.

A well-known restaurant here, and also well-known in the Mexican restaurant field. Rudy & Irene's, famed for its Mexican food, changed hands this week. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Zepeda, who have owned and operated it for more than two decades, have announced the sale. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garcia, formerly of San Antonio

which pleased an ever-widening circle of patrons.

At first they had chicken and steak also, but the Mexican food far outstripped the appeal of other dishes, and so they began to specialize. Irene has developed 13 recipes used by the restaurant which are not to be found exactly the same elsewhere.

These recipes will be used by the new owners, and Rudy and Irene are spending this month helping to make the transition smooth.

When Rudy & Irene first opened their doors in the new location, many gave them two weeks to three months to last. Helotes had weekend tourists then, and as now San Antonians often drove out, or stopped on their way to the Hill Country beyond, to enjoy Rudy & Irene's incomparable cooking.

Rudy had retired from Kelly Air Force Base and Irene had finished beauty college, but their cooking just came naturally. Irene gave up beauty work to become a tamale maker.

Visitors to the cafe often notice the unique collection of beer cans from all over the world which are displayed as part of the decor. These were all brought by



Irene puts a personal touch on a taco as Rudy waits to complete an order after 23 years of satisfying their loyal customers. Their personal welcome added much to the atmosphere of Rudy & Irene's.

(Photo by William I. Terry)

African Violet Society

The Alamo African Violet Society of San Antonio will present their 9th annual artistic display and plant sale in Wonderland Shopping Center, February 5, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. "Violets in Nature" is the theme for this year's show, a fantasyland of lakes, coral driftwood, sea shells and beautiful african violets. Admission is free.

BULLETIN

Construction on a divided highway from Loop 410 to Helotes on State Highway 16 and Spur 421 will begin in late February, according to Killian-House Construction Co., which has been awarded a \$3.2 million Texas Highway Department contract, the San Antonio Evening News reported.

The project involves resurfacing and widening the two lanes currently forming Highway 16 and clearing and construction of two additional parallel lanes.

The 9.9 mile four lane divided highway is expected to be completed in 380 working days, according to THD Dist. Engineer R.O. Lytton.

Killian-House submitted the low bid of \$3,244,284.

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MRS. MARY M. MOORE

Private graveside services were held January 6 for Mrs. Mary M. Moore, 79, of Grey Forest. She was the mother of Mrs. Jack Nichols of Lakeshore Drive, Grey Forest, and was a retired school teacher. Survivors also include another daughter, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park.

PAUL J. ZOELLER

Paul Joseph Zoeller, 73, of Hausman Road, died November 9 at his residence and was buried in Boerne on November 11. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Meta M. Zoeller; a daughter, Mrs. R. E. Gilpin; a son, Carroll D. Zoeller; 9 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Rosary was recited at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes and funeral services were held at St. Peter's in Boerne.

HANSIE H. WAGNER

Hansie Henry Wagner, 72, of Pipe Creek, died January 11 and was buried January 14 in San Fernando Cemetery, San Antonio, following requiem mass in St. Ann's Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Wagner, two sons, a sister, a brother, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CHARLES STAPPENBECK

Charles H. Stappenbeck, 67, a brother of Hub Stappenbeck of Grey Forest, died November 5 in League City. He was born in San Antonio in 1904. In addition to his brother, he is survived by his wife, two daughters, six grandchildren, his mother, a sister and one other brother. A printing pressman, he was well acquainted in the Helotes area.

customers who noted a rare find as far away as Canada or Russia. Captain Bushey brought the first \$10 bill which also represents an aging but interesting collection of the world's paper money.

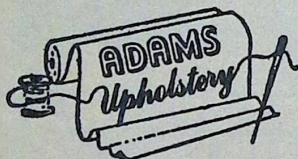
Since Rudy and Irene built the restaurant in 1950, it has changed somewhat by expansion. There originally was a patio on the South side, but this was later enclosed to make the dining room.

Rudy and Irene have two children, both of whom are married, and they also have several grandchildren. Their daughter Elaine, who is Mrs. Robert Flores, resides in Helotes Park Plaza and their son, Rudy

L., and his wife and family, live at One North Place in Leon Valley.

Mr. Garcia brings to his new location experience as a manager of Pancho's Mexican Buffet at Northwest Center. Mrs. Garcia is the daughter of the owner of Mario's, another well-known Mexican restaurant. The community welcomes them as have Rudy and Irene. It will be a good news to those who have asked to hear that Rudy and Irene plan to continue active in the community enjoying a little time off.

We also understand that for the present the same schedule will be followed, with the Cafe being open Tuesday through Saturday.



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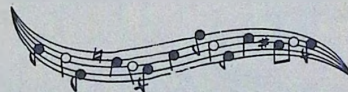
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grandchild. The baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young of Bandera Road here. Mrs. Young is Anna Louise and Bill's daughter, Marion. The little one is also welcomed by her young Uncle Carl Schumann.

Mrs. Eva Johnstone was hospitalized at Lutheran General Hospital following her recent stroke. She and her husband, Bryce Johnstone, are long-time residents of Grey Forest. She is making a recovery and we wish her much progress. Mrs. Rudy Minohr has been a constant visitor, as have others of the area.

John Mackey, owner of Daytona Auto Parts on Mobud near Loop 410 & Bandera, opened his business there on November 1. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey are acquainted in this area and have two children.

An important fund-raising social was the Leon Valley Optimists Club last Friday. John Marshall 4-H Club also scheduled one, both at Floores Country Store.

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Duties would be limited only by the women's abilities or desires and could range from fully qualified firefighters, emergency rescue and revival, truck driver, equipment and radio monitor or operator to administrative duties.

Special training schedules will be set up to suit the needs of each volunteer.

Anyone interested should call

the fire chief, Wayne Chauffe, at 695-8387.

Spring Festival Association To Meet

The Helotes Spring Festival Association, Inc. will hold a meeting at Floore Country Store on Wednesday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. to which all members and those interested in participating in the Cornyval in May are invited to come and to bring their ideas, according to Larry Bergstrom, 1972 president of the organization. Several committee chairmen will also be named.

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Women's Club To Meet Feb. 15

The Helotes Women's Club will meet in the home of Mrs. C. W. Keseling on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Leon Schueneman has been invited to show his moving pictures of the 1971 Helotes Spring Festival parade.

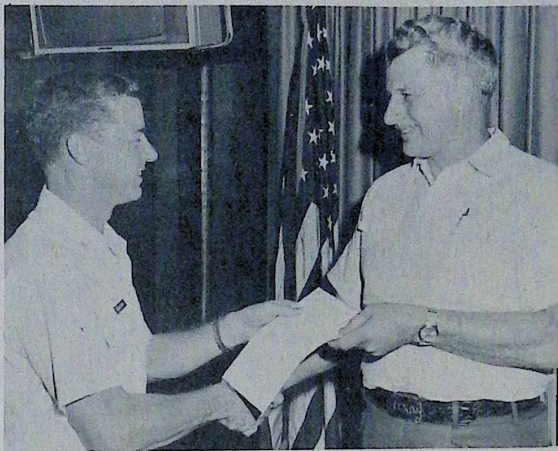
The Club—which meets the third Tuesday of each month with alternating morning and evening sessions—is the oldest civic and philanthropic women's organization in this area, and interested women are eligible to join.

Following the resignation of Mrs. Rimon Ham as president, which was accepted with regrets and a vote of thanks for her more than two years' leadership, Miss Marie Parrigin, former vice president, has been elected unanimously to fill the unexpired term.

The Club met in January in the home of Mrs. Leo Bender with Mrs. Caroline Scroggin as co-hostess. Mrs. Charles Laenger demonstrated how to grow orchids as a hobby.

At the Christmas party at Cactus Jack's Steak Loft, the Club had as honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Brown of Canyon Lake and the husbands of members. Mrs. Brown is a past president of the club.

LOCAL MAN RECEIVES AWARD



Rudolf T. Minohr, right, of Scenic Loop Road, recently was awarded \$765 by the Air Force for his suggestion concerning repair of a dial assembly when stand-off insulators are damaged. Here Colonel James G. Randolph, vice commander of Headquarters, San Antonio Air Material Area, Kelly Air Force Base, offers congratulations as he makes the presentation.

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Holstein Is Grand Champ

A 3 year old holstein entered by Deborah Steubing of the Helotes 4-H Club took top honors at the dairy show on the opening day of the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show held Jan. 28 and 29 in the Joe Freeman Coliseum of San Antonio with hundreds of entries competing for honors.

A second honor came to Helotes in the same family as Debbie's sister, Rebecca Steubing, exhibited the reserve champion Holstein. She is also active in the local 4-H chapter. Other honors were awarded to exhibitors of sheep, rabbits, steers, turkeys, and almost every farm animal except swine which were not judged because they were home with the quarantine imposed to control swine cholera, a current problem being controlled in Bexar County.

Willie Nelson, fresh from three weeks engagement in Europe, a week each in Germany, Spain and England, appears with his band, the Record Men, at Floore's Country Store, Friday, February 18.

Rogers-Gray Nuptials Read Here Dec. 27



Mrs. David Wayne Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Billy E. Gray, Sr., of Grey Forest have announced the marriage of their daughter, Dianne Elaine, to David Wayne Rogers, son of Mrs. Lester D. Rogers of Helotes, on Wednesday, December 28, in the Helotes Baptist Church.

The new Mrs. Rogers is a graduate of John Marshall High School and the Robert B. Green School of Nursing. The groom also is a graduate of John Marshall and is attending law school at St. Mary's University.

A reception in Butler Hall followed the wedding.

VICKI DOBBS
Helotes residents were saddened to hear of the death of Vicki Dobbs, 17, who died at a hospital in Temple following an illness of three weeks. A well known Marshall High School student, she resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dobbs in Helotes Park Estates. Death came late Thursday, January 27.

She is also survived by a brother and a sister, in addition to her parents and her many friends.

Funeral services were conducted January 30 at the Eilkerson Funeral Home in Brady. Burial was in Bethal Cemetery near Mason.

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends in their loss.

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Nunnellys Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nunnelly of San Geronimo were honored January 9 on their golden wedding anniversary. Hosting the celebration were their two sons, F. A. Nunnelly, Jr., and Philip S. Nunnelly. Mr. and Mrs. Nunnelly were married January 9, 1922, in San Antonio. Mr. Nunnelly has been a general contractor for 50 years. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Schools Set Bond Election

Straining under a phenomenal student growth rate that will bring 8,000 new students to its classrooms the next two years, the Northside School District of San Antonio has called a \$6.8 million bond election that will finance construction of critically needed classroom space.

Election day is set for Saturday, February 26, 1972.

The two-year program will make possible construction of 155 new classrooms to accommodate a student enrollment expected to increase from the present total of 24,014 to an estimated 32,000 by September, 1974. The bond program—possible without a tax increase—will also allow the district to complete air conditioning of all schools and permit renovation work at 14 existing schools.

"The program is intended to meet our basic building needs for the next two years," Northside School Superintendent Ed Cody stated. "In calling the election we realize that changes in school financing are being formulated, but as the students keep coming, we must continue to build now. Our facilities are already at capacity, and bond elections are the only way that school districts can build new buildings at present."

He stressed that the bond program will allow the district to build over the next two years under the present financing system, with construction needed after that time to come under any new financing plans that are established by the State Legislature. The two-year program is consistent with the clarification decision that was recently given by the Federal Court.

Main features of the bond program are:

Construction of a new facility that will offer relief to John Jay High School. This facility will later become a high school.

Construction of a new elementary school in the Marshall Region. Renovation at Mackey Elementary and improvements at 13 other schools, including additions to John Marshall High, Jones, Rayburn and Hobby Junior Highs, and other facilities.

Completion of air conditioning work now underway. About 65 percent of the schools are presently air conditioned under a program approved by voters in 1968. Funds are needed to complete the project, however.

Construction of a vocational building at Holmes High School, a new facility that will make possible expansion of the program.

With the new classrooms it will be possible to move the sixth grade from the elementary schools to the junior highs, thus permitting the district to accommodate the kindergarten program.

Completion of the central gymnasium of the district. The gym is presently partially financed through the 1968 program.

"Based on the projected commercial and new residential growth in the District, we feel that the bond program can be financed without a tax increase," Cody emphasized. "This means that Northside voters can make it possible for their schools to be able to meet student growth without having to increase the interest and sinking part of the tax."

Absentee voting in the election will begin Monday, February 7, continuing through February 22 at the district central office, 5900 Evers Road. Persons eligible to vote are those with 1971 voter registration certificates who reside in the district.

Miss Boyd, Mr. Yadon Wed In Alpine Rites



Mrs. Dennis Yadon

The First United Methodist Church in Alpine was the setting for the wedding on December 31 of Miss Donna Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd of Helotes, and Dennis Yadon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Yadon of Gail, Texas. Both the bride and groom are students at Sul Ross University.

The bride is a graduate of Alpine High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She also represented Alpine as princess at the Sun Carnival in El Paso in 1969 and has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The bridegroom attended school in Gail and is a veteran of the Viet Nam conflict.

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Jerry Francovich, Co-Chairman
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Postmaster Davis Tells Of Changes

Postmaster Charlie Davis has announced a new program of the U.S. Postal Service where all mail destined for delivery outside Helotes is cancelled and processed in San Antonio.

San Antonio has been receiving a great amount of mail addressed to "City," he said. The postal service workers there have been unable to deliver mail with such an incomplete address, and if the mail does not have a return address it is sent to the dead letter office.

Dear Lucy:
Azusa, Calif.
Please renew our subscription for one year. Hope this letter finds you, C.O., and all our acquaintances in Helotes prospering and well. We all are, and the baby is finally growing by leaps and bounds. He is six months old already. Doesn't time fly? You'll never know how eagerly we all await each arrival of the Echo!
Susan Miller

Extended unemployment benefits are now in effect in Texas and are available to claimants through the Texas Employment Commission. They are payable only to claimants who have exhausted their regular benefits.

Postmaster Davis urged the use of a full address including the name of the town and the zip code.

ELF Industries Adds McCulloch, Stihl Saws

Edwin L. Faust, owner of ELF Industries in down town Helotes, has been appointed a dealer for both the McCulloch and Stihl chain saws in another expansion of his growing repair and technical services business.

Mr. Faust established ELF Industries last year following his retirement from Kelly Air Force Base as a civilian computer administrator. He is a former president of the Kelly Management Club, former Grey Forest city councilman, founder of the Scenic Loop Youth Club, and vice president of the Helotes Spring Festival Association.

His wife, Joyce, is manager of the Electronics Service Center in Helotes. Their elder son, Bruce, is a student at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, and their younger son, Byron, is a student at John Marshall High School.

The Fausts live in Grey Forest at Scenic Loop Road and Cedar Crest Drive. They are widely known and liked.

HAPPY GARDENING

(An Echo ★ Feature)

February is absolutely one time that landscaping takes on a special meaning. The trees stand without their leaves if they are deciduous. Evergreens appear at their best or worst depending on how much you need them and what pruning will improve them.

The eternally demanding grass and—or native brush or ground covers are almost at a standstill. That means that the lawn mower doesn't have to be manpowered, and you can just walk around the yard, and contemplate where exactly you hope to have a rose garden, bulbs, flower beds or what-have-you.

If you haven't enough roses to make a splash, this isn't a bad time to put cuttings or bare root bushes out. Of course, if you are serious or love certain colors or fragrances, consult the nurseries for fine pedigreed plants to bring years of pleasure.

Your bulbs should have been in, but the nurseries have plenty for late starters still.

This is also a good time to choose bulbs with color in mind, if you have a chance to drop in where the nurserymen have greenhouse versions of what you can expect in amaryllis, gladiola, day lilies, Easter lilies, etc.

If you have been building your compost heap, be sure to top dress your bulbs. A trick to keep gladioli from falling over is to top dress every few days after the bulb sprouts so that much of the stem gradually is supported by a firm root.

Ronny Leals At Home In San Antonio



Mrs. Ronny Leal

Following the bridegroom's tour with the Navy in March, the recently married Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Leal will make San Antonio their home.

St. John Berchman's Catholic Church in that city was the setting for their marriage Saturday, November 20, which was solemnized with Rev. Michael Cattaeart officiating.

The bride was Miss Cindy Otte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Otte of San Antonio, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leal, Jr. His paternal grandmother is Mrs. Tillie Leal of

a pioneer Helotes family. Miss Karen Otte was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Sandy Leal, the bridegroom's sister, and Mrs. James R. Smith. Sherry Towers was junior bridesmaid. Flower girl was Colleen Browen, and Johnny Krippendorf was ringbearer.

R. E. Pullin, Jr. served as best man. Groomsmen were Phil Leal, the bridegroom's brother, and Chris Otte, the bride's brother. Patrick Webre and Dale Davis were ushers.

A reception was held in the church hall.

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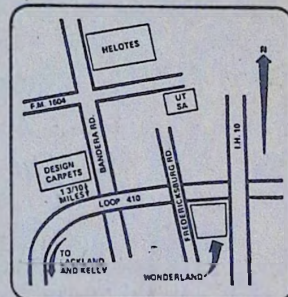
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