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It's getting close to Cornyval time in Helotes, and the Festival Association has issued an invitation to all citizens to become active in making the 1973 event the biggest so far. Dr. James Arthur, 1973 president, asks that everyone mark the second Wednesday of each month as meeting time at 7:30 p.m. at Floore Country Store to work on plans. Next—April 11 for the planning session. Hope to see you there.

Incidentally, we want to pass on congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur on the birth this month of their son, James Richard Arthur, Jr., who is also welcomed by two little sisters.

Mrs. David (Mary Ann) Logen was honored guest at a dinner party hosted by Doug Scarborough at the Turtle Creek Country Club, February 28, celebrating her 73rd birthday. Her son, Frank Logan, and his family were among the guests. Mrs. Loga is a member of the pioneer Madla family here.

Chuck Goule, V.P. John Co. representative of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and his wife have been here recently to visit Dick and Barbara Hartmann of Wagner Road. Mrs. Goule is Barbara's sister.

Preston Reynolds and his wife, Terry, who have a five-year-old daughter and an infant son, are the new owners of Handy Burger on Bandera, which they have titled PR's Handy Burger, naturally. This young couple, native Texans, took over January 26, and have been pleasing their customers with an interesting variety of short orders. They maintain good humor despite the disruption of trade by highway improvements temporarily inconvenient to their customers. They say, "Just come on over." And let us add, it is worth it every time, we've found.

With the return of Spring, those who enjoy "found" objects begin to look for treasures in abandoned dumps of the area. Antiques that tell of an older way of life have cropped up. One skinning knife found on a ranch dates back to hunting days of the Indian here.

An oil burning lamp—found near a creek on their property by Mrs. Lorraine Zweiner—bears the information, "Little Dietz, New

## Festival Dance Bands Named Cornyval To Be 2nd Week-end In May

It's time to think of the Festival—this year to be May 10-13—and plans are coming along. Naturally, everyone is wondering about the dances, and especially the big one—traditionally a street dance.

This year—due to the highway—this dance will be moved to the patio of Floore Country Store, along with the Saturday dance also to be there. The Friday dance begins at 8 p.m. with food booths open to organizations as fund raisers, and the date is May 11. In the past, Dale Keith and his Starlite Ramblers, longtime favorites, have played. But someone forgot to tell him that the event is the second week of May instead of the first, and he is booked elsewhere. Yes, Festival Sunday is Mother's Day. . . . so bring your Mother.

Dr. James Arihur has also announced that the Levis will play Saturday, May 12, at Floore's for the second free dance of the Cornyval.

For those who keep up with the Country & Western field, we have good news. The band will be headed by a newcomer who is already being watched by dance crowds and fans of Western music.

Johnny Thomas, who has been booked for the dance Friday, May 11, is a blue-eyed blond young

man—born in Madison, Wisconsin, July 21, 1942. He is five feet nine and he wears everyday Western to play and sing with his Texas Rangers band.

Of course, he grew up in Texas. In fact, at about age 12 he came down, and by 1956 he called Corpus Christi home.

Did he dream of becoming a County & Western singing star? No, he says that he used to think more of law enforcement . . . which probably accounts for his band's being called The Texas Rangers. As Morris Wilson said March 14 in his column while giving Johnny Thomas a plug, Johnny's Texas Rangers have nothing to do with law enforcement.

At first, Johnny didn't know much about singing in public and he knew less about the guitar. He finished high school at W. B. Ray High in Corpus. During that time he had some experience as band boy.

He had friends who played, so he finally got himself a guitar, too. He hired a guitar teacher for a short time, but the teacher told him his wrists were too stiff. So he watched his friends play and he practised and learned. He began taping what he played, and sometimes he noticed it wasn't how he meant it to sound. So he



Johnny Thomas, above, and the Texas Rangers—his Country and Western dance band which features modern Country, chiefly—has been signed by the Helotes Spring Festival Assn. to play for the Friday night free dance during the Cornyval on May 11. This is the traditional big dance usually held in the street, but moved this year to Floore Country Store's big patio because of the highway construction.

studied and improvised and he got better.

He worked up North for a while and still never did more than sing a snatch or two of songs in public. But finally he learned a song all

the way through, and he tried it out in front of a band . . . and the dance crowd liked it.

Then when he was all of 27 years  
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## Will Progress Put Madronas In Jeopardy?

A question frequently addressed to the Echo office—and one which has already gone into the Texas Highway Department hearings—is what will become of the Madrona trees which grow along Highway 16 when the road is

widened?

These are very rare here and beautiful although not large. Known as Texas Madrone (arbutus texana), small evergreens they are found in West and central Texas. Around here they are the

Madrona tree—and they grow only around San Geronimo. The largest is in Hays Co. and is 34 feet tall and 60 feet wide.

Every year, naturalists check these here. They have panicles of

a waxy ivory flower, and an ashes-of-roses smooth bark are characteristic. They are related to the Strawberry Madrone of Southern France.



This rare evergreen, while not large, has a beautiful rose-colored bark as well as white blossoms.



Shown here are the blossoms of the rare Madrona tree which are in bloom now.

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### Singles Club

#### Meets

Games, dancing, cookies and coffee are part of the menu for the March 27 meeting of the Singleton Club, better known as the Swinging Singles. The group, organized last Fall, meets regularly on the last Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Scenic Loop Playground Club House in Grey Forest.

Babe Gilliam and Margie Hopf, charter members, will host the next event. Any widowed or single person in the community, or those living a distance from their families, are invited to join. Men as well as women have joined, and although the group is chiefly a fun club, neighborly acts are performed.

### 10 Candidates Run For Board

Two candidates for the Board of Trustees, Northside Independent School District, have officially withdrawn from the race. Dr. Bill Blankenship, who had filed in Place 1 and Byron Barber, Place 2, withdrew March 8.

Candidates, according to law, have until 20 days prior to the election, April 7, to withdraw.

Places were drawn March 8 for the order in which the 10 names will appear on the official ballot. They are as follows: Place 1, Kenneth Wagner, Bob J. Beard, Anthony T. Patz, Jr., George N. (Nick) Shuler, Jr., Shirley Prejean, Raymond W. Tebbetts.

The order for Place 2 will be: Dr. Carl F. Raba, Jr., Ronald D. Ferguson, Keith E. Klein, Larry Hicks.

The only woman running in the election—Mrs. Shirley Prejean—is running on a slogan, "A Woman's Place Is on the School Board." She also says that a vote for a woman is a vote for quality education, and explains that it is a mother's chief duty to see about her children's education. She is mother of three teen-aged children. She and her husband, Gary Prejean, have been residents of Grey Forest for 12 or more years and she has taught or substituted eight years.

She has also had an active role as a parent in the PTA; at present, she considers herself a full-time housewife.

Polling places for the Northside Independent School Board election to be held Saturday, April 7, have been announced as follows:

Locke Hill Elementary School, for Precincts 249, 256, 260, 359, and 360.

Leon Valley Elementary School, for Precincts 243, 350, and 251. Helotes Elementary, for Precincts 254 and 255.

Bandera Co., for Precinct 2.

Medina Co., for Precinct 5.

Sunset Hills Elementary School for Precincts 226, 240, 241, and 242.

John Jay High School, for Precincts 147, 148, 159, 223, 252, 253, 257, 258, 261, and 262.

Colonies North Elementary School, for Precincts 248, 259, and 338.

Absentee voting which began March 19 will continue through April 3 at the Northside Central Office, 5900 Evers Road.

#### Helotes Couple Dies February 25

Services for Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ford of Helotes Park Estates, who died within 16 hours of each other February 25, were held February 28 with interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Rev. Edwin C. Calhoun officiated.

Mrs. Ford, whose death was ruled suicide, was found by her husband. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Ford, a psychologist at Lackland Air Force Base, died later, apparently of a heart attack.

Both were 48 years old and were graduates of the University of Missouri. They are survived by two daughters, her parents, and his mother. Sympathy is extended to their surviving family and friends.

#### Steve Leal Dies At 61

Funeral services for Steve S. Leal, 61, of Pipe Creek were held Monday, March 5, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Helotes. Interment was at Madla Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, seven sons, a sister, and 20 grandchildren.

### Trinity Concert

Sheila Wall, recent winner of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions competition in Connecticut, will present a guest recital Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at Trinity

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The soprano, a spring graduate of Trinity, is now attending the Yale Graduate School of Music.

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#### Berry, Dunford Wed

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The event took place at Crestview Party House, where a buffet supper was served. Among those coming from a long distance were Capt. and Mrs. Fred Perryman of El Paso.

The couple will reside in Helotes.

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### Louis Cadena Dies



Louis Kenneth Cadena with his wife, Eileen, shown here on a 1970 visit when they introduced their son Kenneth to friends and relatives in Helotes.

Louis Kenneth Cadena, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cadena, passed away February 22 in the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital, Hollywood, California, at the age of 32 years.

He started school at Little Flower Catholic School, then went to Helotes Elementary. Later, he attended Leon Valley School and was graduated from Northside High School, the present Marshall High, in 1959.

Louis moved to California in 1962 where he attended mechanic school and took advanced courses in salesmanship. He won many honors as a salesman, and at the time of his death was an account executive for Hoffman Leasing Company in West Covina.

On May 12, 1968, he married Eileen Ortiz. They have a four-year-old son named Kenneth Lee, in addition to his step-daughter named Carrie.

Although California was where he lived, Helotes was still his home, and once or twice a year he revisited his parents and his sister Sylvia, now Mrs. Lane Alvarez.

Louis loved all his friends and relatives, and tried to see as many as he could on each visit. He was a native of Helotes and was descended from pioneers of the area.

He called home every week for news of his family and he said that the Echo also kept him informed of most of the happenings around his hometown.

His parents were called to California during his final illness and were at his side until his passing. Services and burial were held in California with a memorial mass said here at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church by Rev. Louis Trawalter, S.M.

Louis had many friends as well as relatives in this community. He will be remembered and mourned by them. Sympathy is extended to his family in their great loss.

### Woods Married 65 Years

An anniversary party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wood, who were married 65 years ago on February 29, 1908, was given by their children on March 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood greeted over 100 friends, relatives and neighbors at the open house held in San Antonio on Schmeltzer Lane.

The couple, who reside on Leslie Road, Route 4, have been lifetime residents of the Helotes area.

They have three daughters, seven grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Co-Hosts and hostesses for the occasion were their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy (Winifred) Hoffman; Mr. and Mrs. Clem (Lucille) Dugosh; and Mr. and Mrs. Hans (Ruby) Mangold.

The community also joins in congratulating the happy couple on the occasion of celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

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## PERSON - TO - PERSON (Continued from Page 1)

York, U.S.A." Doll's heads and marbles and an endless supply of fascinating bottles have also been unearthed to tell the history of long ago here.

On a recent Sunday, the mobile home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Padden was damaged severely despite efforts of the local fire department volunteers. A benefit to help restore some of the loss has been planned. Just ask at Villareal's for details which were not complete as we went to press. Although some of the loss was insured, and the couple escaped with no injury, many items were lost in the blaze.

Virgie Parrish has returned home from the hospital, accompanied by her sister, Ruth. She is continuing to make progress, but will not be able to have company for a week or so. She suffered pneumonia in addition to a recent heart attack.

Annie Benham, who also spent some time in the hospital with

pneumonia recently, has returned home, according to Babe Gilliam, who accompanied her home.

Jacqueline Christine Phipps is the name of the lovely two-month-old daughter of Valeria and Jack Phipps. She also happens to claim Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moss for grandparents, their first granddaughter, although they do have a grandson also. She is, of course, the first girl in her family, and the little boy belongs to her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moss.

Mrs. Bryce (Eva) Johnstone is doing well at her home in Somerset, her many friends here are glad to learn. Bryce and she moved to Somerset so that he might be closer to his work and so that Little Eva, their niece, could be with Mrs. Johnstone while he is away.

The Silver Belles honored their members—nine in all—who have birthdays in February, March, and April with a luncheon at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. About 21 members attended the recent party.

Babe Gilliam, whose birthday is February 26, has had a series of parties in her honor. She is also a member of the Birthday Dozen, and this group celebrated several birthdays at Ted's Hickory Pit recently. These are mostly close neighbors who have had many years of continuing friendship.

Jan O'Hara is among the local seniors at Marshall who have been nominated for the National Honor Society. Presentation will be made March 27.

A recent display of early family Bibles and books of devotion was shown at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and was made up of treasured books from Helotes families. One of the most beautiful was owned by Mrs. Edna Gussen and was handed down in the family of her late husband, Alfred Gussen. The oldest book displayed was in German, "Heiles Buch" and was printed in 1776. It came into the Fred Wick family in 1815.

Martin and Valda Terry—who operate Valda's Thrift Shoppe—are recovering from minor injuries they received in a recent accident when a car struck their pick-up truck while they were stopped at a traffic light in San Antonio. They were on a buying trip there, and several valuable pieces of furniture sustained injury as did the truck. Everyone was happy to hear that it was not more serious, and that they will recover from the jolt. The furniture will be repaired by experts, we hear, and fortunately were antique already.

## AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW

Easter Fantasy is the theme of the 10th annual African Violet Display and Sale, to be held Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Upper Level of Wonderland Shopping City. Admission is free and the public is invited. There will be an educational table also.

Show chairman is Mrs. J. R. Pittman. Co-Chairman is Mrs. G. O. Horn. Assisting will be Mrs. E.

R. Gaskill, president; Mrs. D. F. Hisey, vice president, and Mrs. B. W. Busby, publicity chairman.

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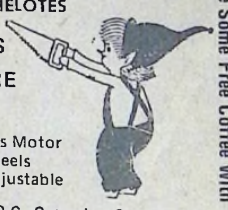
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Maurene Mullins Real Estate is operated by Mrs. Mullins and her staff. She has handled Helotes real estate for 18 years.

A large office houses Dent & Cage, Builders of Custom Homes. Partners are Joe Dent and Bob Cage, residents of Helotes with considerable experience.

A third unit is occupied by the photographic studio of Bill Terry, well-known local photographer whose work has appeared in the Echo. He is especially gifted in portrait work, and the new location makes it easier for his customers to locate him.

## Camp Bullis Park Deeded

A ceremony at 9:30 a.m., March 22, in front of San Antonio City Hall marks the title transfer to the city of some 323 acres of Camp Bullis. The transfer is being made under President Nixon's 1971 Legacy of Parks program.

The tract will be used—according to announcements—for a game preserve and will be part of the San Antonio park system. It will have a picnic area, trails, and observation points where animals in their natural habitat may be seen. Deer have always been plentiful on Camp Bullis, and motorists passing the area have long been warned to watch for deer crossing. Other small game also abound.

The military installation was a key factor in training and defense programs during both World Wars, especially; but the territory being deeded has been subsequently marked as surplus federal property.

Another parcel—including 41 acres from Fort Sam Houston—will be transferred also to the City of San Antonio to be used as a hiking-biking and picnic-type recreational park.

Mayor John Gatti of San Antonio will accept the certificates with Lieutenant General Patrick F. Cassidy, commander of the 5th Army, officiating.

## Miss McDonald Gets Honors

Debbie McDonald has been included on the current dean's list at St. Edward's University in Austin.

Miss McDonald is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patric McDonald, of Orange Tower Drive.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must post a grade-point average of at least 3.20, based on a four-point system, for no less than 12 semester hours.

Debbie, a 1972 graduate of Ursuline Academy, is now attending Texas A&M University at College Station.

## Grange Leaders To Tour

Leon Valley Grange members will join the State Grange bus caravan to Fayetteville, Arkansas for the Tri-State Leaders Conference on March 30-31, and April 1. Officers of the National Grange will lead the conference.

Mrs. Bernard Daily, lecturer of Leon Valley Grange, presented an Irish musical program at the March meeting.

Mrs. James Kiles will represent the National Grange at the 26th National Conference on Rural Health sponsored by the American Medical Association in Dallas on March 29-30.


The 1973 National Grange sewing contest closes April 30. Non-Grange members may enter if sponsored by a Grange member. They may contact any Grange member for an entry blank. State construction judging will be held on May 10. On-the-contestant judging and style show will be held on May 12 at Joske's downtown San Antonio store. State and National prizes will be awarded. Grand National prize is a trip for two for one week in the beautiful, sunny island of Jamaica in the Caribbean.

The State Grange youth camp will be held at Tejas Trails in Blanco on June 29, 30 and July 1st. All Grange members ages 14 to 35 should make plans now to attend this camp. State Grange princess, Martha Holcomb of Boerne, and State prince, Monroe Zuehl, of

Cibola are making plans for the have voted to have a booth and float in the Helotes Spring Festival in May.

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## Grey Forest Elections April 7

City of Grey Forest elections will be held April 7 in the City Hall.

Only one incumbent filed for reelection in a race for three places on the City Council which turned up six candidates by closing time March 7. A husband and wife—Clarence and Judith Burris—are running together on a ticket which includes Cynthia North. They are campaigning for a code of ethics for office holders and a promise to bring a people's vote on property taxation in Grey Forest.

On the opposition ticket are newcomer Virginia Ellen Stutes, along with Buddy Hartmann, and Councilwoman Dorothy Parrott, who has held several terms of office, acting as police commissioner for the town.

The terms of office are for two years under a general law of the State of Texas. The Mayor's and two other commissioners 3 terms will be up in 1974.

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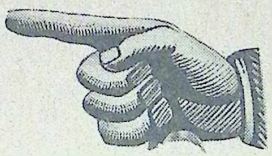
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**Executive Resigns**



**Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez**  
 The University of Houston has announced the appointment of Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez as Dean of the College of Professional Studies at its new Clear Lake campus. For the past two years Dr. Rodriguez has been with The University of Texas at San Antonio, here as Dean of the College of Business, Dean of Faculties and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Rodriguez will remain with UTSA through June to assist in final preparations of the UTSA graduate programs opening this summer.

UTSA President Dr. Peter T. Flawn said, "I regret losing Dr. Rodriguez. He carried a heavy load at UT-San Antonio, and the institution owes him a great debt." As of June 1, staff work in academic affairs will be the responsibility of Dr. Beverly J. Gibbs, a new Assistant to the President. Dr. Gibbs, now an Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese at The University of Texas at Austin, will take a one year leave of absence from UT-Austin to accept this special assignment. Dr. Gibbs received her Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1960.

**Hunt Joins UTSA**

Dr. A. W. Hunt, assistant vice president at The University of Texas at Austin, joined the UTSA administration March 1 as Director of Management Information Systems.

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be a meeting to which you  
are invited at the Fellowship  
Hall of Forest Hills  
Presbyterian Church,  
Bandera Road, at 7:30 p.m.  
on 16 April 1973.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
The Helotes Hills Garden  
Club lost one of its most  
dependable members with  
the sudden death of Mrs.  
Frank B. Ford on February  
25, 1973. The Club would like  
to extend its sympathy to  
members of the Ford family.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
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Festival held recently at Trinity  
University.  
From among 50 Texas high  
schools, sweepstakes for highest  
points went to Jefferson,  
MacArthur, and Churchill, all of  
San Antonio.

Winners from Northside  
schools, who received trophies or  
plaques in advanced or in-  
termediate boys or girls divisions,  
were:

In Oratory—advanced girls:  
Laura Larimer, John Jay, first.

In Bible Reading—advanced  
girls: Gisele Greenhaw, Holmes,  
first.

In Poetry Interpretation—  
advanced boys: Dan Klepper,  
Holmes, second; and Douglas  
Wiley, John Jay, third. In In-  
termediate boys: Albert Fer-  
nandez, John Marshall, third.

In Dramatic Reading—  
intermediate girls: Mary Hodges,  
John Jay, first.

In German—advanced boys:  
Irving Gorman, John Marshall,  
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In French—intermediate boys:  
Michael Leger, John Jay, second.

In advanced girls division:  
Valerie Leger, John Jay, second.  
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Woodcock in the Koger Center at  
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The second session is scheduled  
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Applications for admission now  
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## Firms Merge

Automotive Research  
Associates, Inc., with  
headquarters at 5404 Bandera  
Road, is being acquired by EG&G,  
Inc., of Bedford, Massachusetts, a  
scientific and technological firm,  
according to an announcement  
made early this month.  
Automotive Research is the  
largest commercial automotive  
testing organization in the United  
States, at present.

The company has more than 600  
employees here in addition to about  
50 at the D'Hanis, Texas, test  
track.

Automotive Research, which  
has grown steadily since it was  
founded in the '50's here, has  
tested vehicular engines, fuels,  
lubricants, and safety devices, as  
well as tires and brakes, for  
leading automotive and tire  
manufacturers and major oil  
companies throughout the United  
States.

The merger, according to  
Bernard J. O'Keefe, president of  
EG&G, and Norman C. Penfold,  
president of the local company,  
provides growth potential for  
Automotive Research, by adding  
financial, technological and  
marketing advantages. Some  
EG&G common stock will be  
exchanged for all stock of the local  
company in the merger.

## Class Hours Set By UTSA

Administrators at The  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
have announced that summer  
graduate classes will be held  
Monday through Friday from 7:30  
a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Each class will  
be an hour and 25 minutes long. In  
addition, classes will meet  
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### Dance Band

old, he made it in an amateur contest on radio. From there he played with Max Gardner for two years . . . and he was with Lee Harmon and the Harmoners fronting Lee's band for a year. Both men helped Johnny and he says he can't give them enough credit.

Then he played material by Johnny Bush and Darrell McCall. Of course, by this time he had decided to go out on his own, and had formed the band now known as Johnny Thomas and the Texas Rangers. He had got past singing on streets and impromptu, but he began making all the benefits where a relief band was needed.

He plays at the State Hospital once a month for free, and 700 or 800 persons attend the dance.

He has a standing arrangement with the VFW District 20 at Randy's also.

But no one has made it around here unless he can pass the critical test of pleasing John T. Floore and his knowledgeable dance crowds at Floore Country Store, where many with names in the Nashville Hall of Fame have played on their way up . . . names like Willie Nelson, Ray Price, you name them, have been regulars. . . .

Johnny had been there with Lee Harmon . . . and this Spring he has finally been getting regular bookings.

In February he made a big hit at Floore's, and he's already played again in March and is now booked for Saturday, March 31, there—the

week after Willie Nelson, who plays March 24.

He has an April 28 engagement at the Cabaret Club in Bandera—the Cowboy Capital—where lots of Western music originates.

Johnny Thomas says he wants to make it on his own but that he owes a lot to such men as Lee Harmon, and disc jockeys such as Hubert Long of Lockhart. He hopes to get to Houston to record some of his own work. His best-known song—which has been taped privately—is "Blow, Wind, Blow" and it is an excellent example of what he calls modern Western.

John Floore—who can remember all the big ones and many more who didn't quite make it—states that Johnny is one of the young talents that he predicts has a bright future. "He's career minded, too," Mr. Floore says. And that says much.

Johnny Thomas is willing to work hard to improve. . . . He has a tutor who has taught him to range his voice two octaves above where he started—as well as travel on down. He has already won standing ovations for his rendition of some of the toughest standards.

Johnny works only at playing music professionally and studying.

Johnny is a bachelor. He dates girls, but he says at the moment he is far too busy with music to marry. When his band isn't playing, he singles at such places as Cactus Jack's and other restaurants or private parties. There he is learning to put on a one-man show which he says is even more difficult than playing with a good band to back him up.

The fans like Johnny Thomas—but he knows—better than others—the long road and steep climb it is to make it in the crowded Country and Western field. He hopes to get to Nashville via Helotes and Houston. Those who come out to the Cornyval may well be able to say they knew him when . . . for he sounds like he's definitely on his way.

### Garden Club To Lunch At Tower

A brief meeting of the Helotes Hills Garden Club will be held in the home of Mrs. L. K. Stemen on

April 11 at 9:30 a.m. The artistic arrangement will be brought by Mrs. Ed Hartmann, and the horticultural specimen will be shown by Mrs. Jap Jones. The club will then have lunch at The Tower of the Americas in San Antonio and tour the Institute of Texas Cultures.

Many club members will participate in the annual Spring Flower Show at the San Antonio Garden Center, April 14 and 15. It will have a "Gay Nineties" theme and the public is invited. Admission is free, according to Mrs. Leonard J. Otten, Jr., local publicity chairman.

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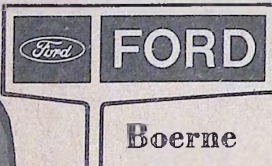


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