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Construction Delays U.T.S.A. Opening To 75

Because buildings will not be ready on the all-new University of Texas-SA campus here, prior to that time, undergraduate students will not be enrolled at UTSA until September, 1975. . . . This was the news contained in a joint announcement made by administrators of the University of Texas system and of the UTSA, Wednesday, February 21.

"I very much regret the delay in

opening the campus, UTSA President Dr. Peter T. Flawn said. He explained that the original construction schedule did not allow for delays customarily encountered in major construction projects.

On the brighter side, he reported, "The one-year delay means the UTSA will require some \$5,000,000 less in operating funds for 1974-75 than initially

requested."

The announcement, he said, followed an extensive "evaluation of campus construction" so far.

"The additional year will allow a more deliberate search for qualified faculty," he reported also. Dr. Flawn said that before the campus opens, UTSA will select 350-400 faculty members.

Two or three candidates will be interviewed for each one hired, he explained—a total of 1000 candidates to be considered.

Again, the delay, he said, will permit the large library collections acquired by UTSA to be processed and catalogued in time for opening day.

A management team, during the next two years, is slated to deal with problems inherent in opening a large regional University.

The administration will also be working out details of accreditation, teacher certification, and an information system.

Dr. Flawn said, "Our obligation—requires that we do this right—that when we open the doors of UT-San Antonio we are prepared to offer a quality program.

"Our bachelor's degree will be a solid, respected degree. . . . I do not want to open the University to a large undergraduate student body until the facilities are ready and equipped to do the job."

A detailed study of progress at the UTSA campus site has been

underway since the first of the year, he said.

Announcement of the 1975 opening date is an outcome of a meeting held in Austin February 16. Present were T. C. Bateson, general contractor, and his staff. Others attending were Frank C. Erwin, chairman of the building and grounds committee of the UT System Board of Regents; Deputy Chancellor E. D. Walker; Dr. Flawn; Bartlett Cocke, supervising architect, and members of his staff; and R. S. Kristoferson, director of the UT System office of facilities, planning and construction, and members of his staff.

At the meeting, Bateson reviewed the progress of work to date. He also estimated completion dates for various parts of the project. Taking this into account, UT System architects and engineers believe, Dr. Flawn said, that it will be 1975 before the buildings can be completed and furniture and equipment delivered and installed.

Postponement will not affect the graduate school work which the University will offer in temporary facilities beginning in June. Designed primarily for Bexar County teachers and businessmen, the programs to be offered this summer and next fall lead to a Master of Business Administration, of Arts, or of Science degree. (See related story elsewhere in the Echo.)

Ranch Town To Form MUD

Ranch Town plans continue apace as San Antonio City Council voted 7-1 to approve formation of a Municipal Utility District for the new town to be located on the outskirts of Helotes at its session on Thursday, February 22.

Bob Honts, who spoke for the new town developers, explained that a board of directors will be

elected for MUD at the end of the first year after residents have moved into the community.

The City Council last year voted 6-3 in favor of San Antonio Ranch (New Town) which is to be located on some 8700 acres—the former Lytle Ranch—and is projected to anticipate 60,000 residents.

New Industry Locates Here

Helotes has recently acquired a new industry, especially helpful to builders and homeowners as well as adding to the community's growth. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Searcy, owners of Searcy Ventco—which is located in the landmark rock building across Bandera Road from the Helotes Park Plaza—are newcomers to this community.

Searcy Ventco—owned and operated by Mr. Searcy, specializes in all types of sheet metal products, venting, and gutting.

Mr. Searcy formerly operated Searcy Ventco in Houston, and moved to San Antonio in January 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Searcy reside in Helotes Park Estates.

Wasn't A Fit Time For Man Or Beast

The 5th Annual Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride to the San Antonio Livestock Show took off Wednesday morning, February 7, from Bandera with fine prospects. Nothing untoward occurred the first day out, and Frank R. Anderwald, trail boss, and his somewhat fewer than usual "Cowboys" enjoyed a barbecue and overnight stay at Pete's Place hosted by Lotto Martinez, "Mayor" of San Geronimo.

Next highlight was to have been a stop about 10 a.m. Thursday at Floore Country Store in Helotes. But the ice just kept forming and footing became treacherous. Appropriately, Villarreal's Ice House loomed on the horizon—and that is where Trail Boss Anderwald—considering the hazards of modern pavement—made his decision. From there on out—the ride was over and it was every man for himself.

Some trailered on in to San Antonio—others turned back. Some

THE END OF THE TRAIL - 1973



Some Cowboys days, no doubt, were like this—but in movies it's usually up Abilene way. An

abandoned wagon bears the legend which could read "Cold Spanish Trail." The patient beast

above might add, "You'd better believe it!"

Photo by Bill Terry

Person- to- Person

Among recent newcomers to Leon Springs are Frank and Oleta Schutter formerly of San Antonio who are enjoying their mobile home living. They have good friends in Helotes, too.

Mrs. Virgie Parrish is recuperating from a recent heart attack. We wish her good health.

Local high school students are preparing for the upcoming Art Show to be staged at Colonies North. Jan O'Hara will be showing some photography as well as water colors and sketches. She has mastered the art of capturing beauty in both mediums. We are pleased with a recent view of the old Stagecoach Stop the Echo calls home—a black and white photo by Jan—and we plan to give it a special wall space.

Shirley Freeman, a general manager of Texas Pharmaceutical, is recovering from an accident which resulted in a broken arm.

Mrs. Emil Biering was honored by a 75th birthday celebration on January 14 in the Confraternity Building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

About 75 guests were present during the afternoon to help make her day.

Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Biering's four children—Mrs. Adelheid Friesenhahn, Mrs. Leonora Luersen, Mrs. Irene Connor and Mr. Marlin Biering along with their husbands and wife respectively. All but two of her 11 grandchildren plus five of her six great-grandchildren were present to enjoy the afternoon with her. Sandwiches, cake, pie, cookies, chips, punch, coffee and beer were served.

Cactus Jack's was the setting for a recent district meeting of Eta Sigma Alpha, with the local Alpha Rho chapter as hostess. Special guests included State President Anne Helmstatler and State Vice President Martha Hewitt.

Word has been received here that Lloyd Pinson, a former resident of Grey Forest, died February 21. He is survived by his wife Rena Pinson, a stepdaughter, Cathy McCommon, and a brother also formerly of Grey Forest—Leonard, in addition to other

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Little League Opens Season



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Two Men Charged In Deputies Death

Indictments were returned by the 144th District Court grand jury February 7 against two men on murder with malice charges in connection with the deaths of two deputy sheriffs who were pronounced dead February 2, after they were apparently shot while making a routine license check early Friday morning on Bandera Road near the Huebner Road intersection.

The officers were Deputy Sheriff Vincent L. (Jerry) Walker, and Reserve Deputy Joshua A. Rodriguez, who radioed in a license number and description of a van truck which one of the two men indicted was driving when stopped a short while after the shootings.

The men were also indicted for burglary of a residence in Helotes which took place late Thursday, February 1.

Bonds were set at \$425,000 and the men were being held in the Bexar County jail. Neither man resided in this community.

Pictured with the 1973 Ford Pinto purchased by the Ladies Auxiliary are Margaret Martin, president, and Karen Ellis, right, secretary of the League Association. Presentation of the Ford will be made at the Grand Opening of the 1973 Little League.

Grand opening of the 1973 season of Little League here is to be held on April 28 at Otto Gerlach Field with many events planned.

Registration for boys wishing to play with the Greater Helotes Little League was scheduled to continue Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Otto Gerlach Field, north of University Hills on Babcock Road.

Any boy who has obtained the age of eight years and will not reach 13 before August 1, 1973, is eligible. Proof of age is required.

Those holding offices as directors of Little League include the following:

Morris Todd, president; Robert Adair, first vice president; Charles Toepperwein, second vice president; Howard Feather, treasurer; Karen Ellis, secretary.

Others holding office include: James Benke, player agent, safety; Douglas Patton, business, promotion manager; Howard Harrison, supervisor of field maintenance and improvements; Leo Canales, equipment manager; Dick and Barbara Hartmann, concessionaires; and Sue Feather, head scorekeeper.

Current board members are Leo Canles, Ruby Gerlach, Howard Harrison, Paul Law, Tom Salazar, and Lester Martin.

The Ladies Auxiliary Officers are Margaret Martin, president; Doris Young, vice president; Ruth Moorman, secretary; Harriet Mergele, treasurer; and Barbara Hartmann, parliamentarian.

School Day

Students in the Northside Independent School District will be required to attend school March 2, to make up for one of the day's attendance lost early in January.

March 2 had been scheduled as a teacher work day. Since students will be in class, the teacher work days will be made up at a later time.

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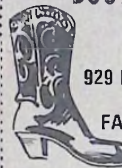
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Dewey Sanders Dies

George Dewey Sanders, born May 2, 1898, in Butte, Nebraska, a pioneer aviator and World War I flyer, passed away here January 31, 1973, at 4:30 p.m. of a heart attack.

Before coming to Texas, he homesteaded in Wyoming after

World War I. He was educated at Creighton University in Omaha.

He was a merchant and art critic of note in San Antonio, and helped develop the tourist business in Texas.

He was owner of the Collins Art Shop and the Clooman-Sanders Paint Shop. He also owned the Half-Circle Tourist Courts in Bandera, the Tumbleweed Courts in Snyder, and built and owned the San Pedro Courts in San Antonio. He built many homes for sale in San Antonio, and owned Kendall Inn in Boerne from 1954-60.

He had resided in Grey Forest since 1962. He was a member of

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish.

He is survived by his wife, Mary B. Sanders of Grey Forest, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Manning and Rev. Louis Trawalter conducted funeral services February 3 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Boerne. Interment was in Boerne Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Sagray, Edwin Faust, Vernon Mayfield, Arley Sultenfuss, Clarence Holecamp, and Arthur Howell, Jr.

As a pioneer aviator, Mr. Sanders received a posthumous honor this week. A letter from the Whitehouse pointed out that the United States of America honors the memory of Dewey Sanders and was signed Richard Nixon, president of the United States. Accompanying the letter was a certificate of honor awarded by a grateful nation, also signed by the President.

Mr. Sanders will be remembered not only for his knowledge of art—which was without peer in this area—but for his ability to recount a good story. He knew much of the lore of this area and of the early days of flying, and he had an accurate memory for history.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sanders and to his friends who will miss him.

Graduate Catalog Out

A 134-page graduate catalog detailing admission requirements and graduate courses to be offered by The University of Texas at San Antonio during 1973-74 is now available. It is the first catalog to be published by the new University. Classes begin in June, all on the graduate level.

Those wishing to obtain a graduate catalog and application form should call 732-2141 or write Director of Admissions and Registrar, UTSA, 4242 Piedras Drive East, Suite 250, San Antonio, 78228.

Dr. Peter T. Flawn, President of UTSA, said the graduate curriculum was selected "to meet the needs of the community as determined by a survey conducted in 1972." Courses offered in 1973-74 will lead to Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees.

Two six-week sessions will constitute the summer program. The first begins June 5 and ends July 13. The second session is scheduled for July 17 through August 24.

Tuition for Texas residents is \$4 per semester hour of credit with a minimum of \$50 per semester and a \$25 minimum per six weeks summer session.

Students wishing to enroll in the graduate program this fall, but who will not be attending summer school, should submit applications for admission also. The fall semester will begin September 6.

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PERSON TO PERSON

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brothers and sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

Chuck Warden had two bronze sculptures in the Western Art exhibit in the Coliseum during the Livestock Show. He is the son of Mrs. Warden of Scenic Loop.

Master of the Texas State Grange James H. Kiles—a member of the Leon Valley Grange—is scheduled to attend the national REA Conference in Dallas, February 26.



Frieda and Charlie Again. . . Singing and Playing Your Favorite Folk Songs.

Most folks around here can recognize Cowboy Artist Charlie Moss and Frieda, his wife, shown here as they appear while playing and singing for their 15-minute radio spot, Monday through Friday, on KWPM's American Folk Time aired in Missouri, where they now reside.

They were married in Helotes and recorded an album after becoming well-known entertainers in this area. See "Along our Route" for word from Charlie, who not only has a following as a folk singer and emcee but is a talented Western artist. He is recovering from a recent operation and all in Helotes wish him the best.

Mrs. Jerry Chandler of Babcock Road, who has been recovering from a recent illness, is reported much better. But although she is home, her doctor has ordered no visitors for a while. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery. Her husband owns and operates Chandlers Ice House in Helotes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Flores—better known as Robert and Elaine—are and their four children, Lisa, Michael, Kenneth, and Dondi, are now living in Lawton, Oklahoma, where Robert is

Division Chief for the Post Engineers at Fort Sill, Okla. Elaine is the daughter of Rudy and Irene Zepeda and a native of Helotes. Before leaving here, Mr. and Mrs. Flores and family resided in Helotes Park Estates and were active in community affairs. They have already made new friends, they report, but will miss their many friends here.

Payments by an employer to a disabled former employee after December 1972 will not be taxable nor creditable for social security purposes for years after the year in which disability began if no work is performed.

Along Our Route

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Dear Lucy & Charlie,

I hope all is well with my friends in Helotes. I sure miss them. A lot has happened to me since I left the Cedars. —I lost the use of my guitar plunkin' arm, but Frieda keeps twangin' on our radio program in Missouri.

I am recovering from an operation in the VA Hospital here in Memphis, Tenn.

I'd sure be glad to hear from my old gang. Thanks to the good Lord, I'm pretty lucky to have pulled through two operations. Frieda was here with me through my operation.

Let me hear from any of my ole' friends.

Sincerely,
Charlie Moss

Name Officers

Officers for Hermann Sons Lodge No. 74 of Helotes were among a slate of 15 area lodge leaders installed for 1973 at ceremonies recently at the Grand Lodge Auditorium in downtown San Antonio. Grand President Henry Riemer headed the installing team and presided during the ceremony.

Elected for 1973 to serve as officers of the local Lodge, on Braun Rd., are the following: Roland Jonas, president; Marguerita Weiss, vice president; and Alvina Mosemann, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Springer Dies

Mrs. Virginia R. Springer, age 84, of Grey Forest died Tuesday, February 20, in a San Antonio hospital. She was an honorary member of the Helotes Hills Methodist Church administrative board. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jap L. Jones, and Miss Virginia Springer; a brother, Charles R. Brock of Alvin, Texas; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Rev. Collin Furr officiated at services at Helotes Hills Methodist Church February 22. Burial was to be in Texarkana, Texas, in Hillcrest Cemetery.

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UTSA Dean Plans To Study Mayans



Ruins such as this of the once flourishing Mayan civilization will be studied by a team of experts with Dr. Adams as project director.



Dr. Richard Adams, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at UTSA, has been awarded a grant by the National Geographic Society to study factors leading to the collapse of the Mayan civilization in Mexico. As project director, he will work

with colleagues from the University of Wisconsin, University of Florida and University of Arizona. Involved in the project are experts in geography, botany, zoology, ornithology, geology and archaeology.

Dr. Adams said that the project is being carried out under contract with the Mexican government and through their cooperation.

Ten members of the project are now working at an excavation site at Becan in Ucalan, Mexico. The ruins, which include a fortress and ceremonial centers, cover about 500 square kilometers. It is the largest Mayan fortification ever uncovered in Meso America.

Dr. Adams was key member of a 1970 expedition which determined that the Becan fortress was built around 350 A.D. and abandoned about 850 A.D. This expedition will be the subject of an article scheduled to appear in NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE this year.

The newly-funded expedition will study such factors as climate change, ancient population growth and military competition to gain insights into the reasons for the collapse of the Mayan civilization.

Project members will examine tree ring samples and pollen cores taken from area lakes. Because vegetation of an area will change with climate, the pollen deposited on the lake floor will give indications of the climate during the period.

The archaeologists also will study contents of ancient garbage heaps at Becan. The discarded pottery will help in the dating process. Food remains are important clues to sources of food and changes in diet during different periods.

Animal bones indicate a diet with much animal protein.

"It is likely that the Mayans had a superior diet with more animal protein during the earlier periods," Dr. Adams said. He explained that the stature of humans diminished around the time of collapse, probably because the Mayans were eating less meat.

Also of interest are the agricultural techniques by which the Maya were able to support a population of three to five times that known for the tropical forest lowlands of Middle America.

Raised fields, soil traps, terraces and water dispersion systems will be studied.

Members of the expedition also will examine other sites in the vicinity and will make test excavations in the area to determine how the cultural sequence developed from Becan.

Dr. Adams holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Harvard University. Prior to coming to UTSA last June, he was a professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota, where he also had served as Associate Chairman of the Department of Anthropology.

Currently Dr. Adams is completing a general account of the prehistoric civilizations of Mexico and Guatemala. He is the author of a book on Mayan archaeology.

Dr. Adams is secretary of the Society of American Archaeology.

Mr. Spiller Dies

L. E. Spiller of Route 4 passed away Monday, February 19, at the age of 79. He was a native of Lake Charles, La., and had resided in Texas for 56 years.

He was a member of the Helotes Hills Methodist Church and of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and also of Hermann Sons here.

He was active with the Bexar County Farm Bureau where he was past president and organizer. Chapels North. Burial was under

the auspices of Triune Lodge No. 15 AF&AM of which he was a member.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lula G. Spiller, and a son, Jack W. Spiller of Port Lavaca.

Rev. Collin Furr officiated at services at Mission Park Funeral

He was also a member of the Leon Valley Grange and the Retired Railroadmen's Organization.

Pallbearers were Arthur Hawkins, Clarence Hawkins, Wayne Benke, Lester Spiller, Dewey Spiller, Jr. and Fred Halpin.

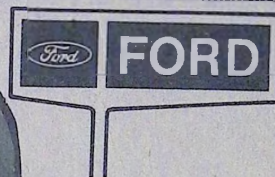


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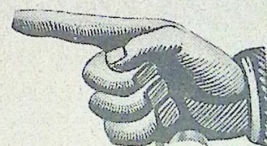
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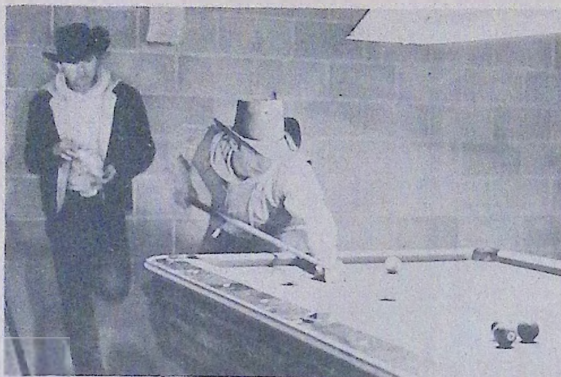


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Here a couple of young men shoot it out while hoping to hear the call to ride out, one that didn't come this time.

month—can testify.

Would you believe that in the allotted time—only one rider made it to the Country Store in Helotes? She had promised to be there, and she kept her promise although her Welsh pony, Sugar, stayed behind and waited at Villarreal's until she started home for Pipe Creek again. Her father came with his truck to rescue the pony. (She enlisted her Mother to bring her.)

Things got so bad—that folks finally knew the answer to that Country & Western ballad which asks, "Is anyone going to San Antone?" The answer was hardly anyone—and it was the end of the trail for all kinds of other trail rides from every direction, too. The parade was called off, but the Livestock Show proved a big attraction despite the worst run of weather in its history.



Staff Photo

Patricia Ann Godkin of Pipe Creek, a student at Bandera Junior High, watches the road for signs of more who made it through. She reported, the horses and ponies had a rough time of it, but everyone made it safely to a halt. Then with her parents, she enjoyed some homemade bread and tamales at Floore Country Store.

Long Time Resident

Mr. Alsie Elmo Marshall of Route 15 died Thursday, February 1, at the age of 77. He was born in Floresville, Texas, September 3, 1895, and was a resident of Helotes since 1924. He was a member of the Helotes Baptist Church and of Kendall Lodge No. 897, A.F. & A.M., of Boerne.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lunda S. Marshall, and a brother, Bert L. Marshall, of Mico, Texas. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 6, at Roy Akers Funeral Chapels with Rev. W. C. Maddox officiating. Interment was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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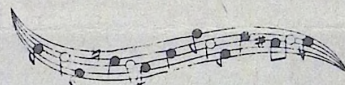
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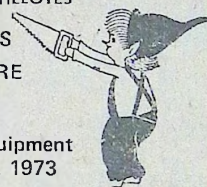
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Especially do we thank Rev. Trawalter for his comforting message and thoughtfulness.

Your kindness shall a long time be remembered.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our Pastor, Rev. Collin Furr, for his helpfulness in our recent time of sorrow in parting with our loved one, L. E. Spiller, and members of the Helotes Hills Methodist Church for their comforting presence.

We especially wish to thank Masonic Triune Lodge No. 15, and other organizations, family and friends for their consideration and comfort at this time.

An especial thanks goes to Dr. James O'Neill and Nurse Jimmie Fowler, as well as to the Mission Funeral Home.

Mrs. L. E. (Lula) Spiller
and son, Jack Spiller

CARD OF THANKS

I take this means to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the many, many friends, the First Baptist Church of Helotes, the Silver Belles, and the Ladies of Scenic Loop Playground Club for the kindness, sympathy, food and favors extended me during the recent death of my husband, Alsie. May God bless you, individually and collectively, for your wonderful efforts in my time of sorrow.

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K. V. McLeod, the San Antonio Contractor of Border Asphalt Co. pauses while directing some work. He also gets in plenty of practice on the equipment, and has had to make almost daily decisions about working conditions as the weather fails to cooperate.

WEATHER—with capital letters—has been bogging down PROGRESS—mired for the last three months in unbelievable cold, rain, snow and even slush. But despite this, the bridges, culverts, and new roadbeds are noticeably changing from day to day.

Typical is the great amount of road building in the Helotes Creek Ranch area.

Border Asphalt Co. with K. V. McLeod, as local contractor, has been putting in several new roads, linking Scenic Loop Road with the Helotes Park Estates.

Festival Association To Meet March 8

March 8 at 7:30 p.m. is the time to come out to help finalize plans for the 1973 Cornyval, and the place is Floore Country Store. Anyone wishing to help or to have questions answered is invited to attend the short meeting.

Dr. Jim Arthur, president of the 1973 Helotes Spring Festival, has issued an invitation to all citizens and organizations of the area to join in the 8th annual Helotes Spring Festival to be held here May 10 through 13.

At the February meeting, approval was given to the float committee with Bernard Daily, chairman, to build a float designed for the Festival Association by Rod Ayres.

Jerry Adams, parade chairman, asked that those interested in joining the parade to be held Saturday, May 12, about noon-time, write to the Association, Box 343, Helotes, 78023.

Any group wishing to have booths may contact Jerry Mar-

tinez, chairman, at Pete's Place, San Geronimo or Ed Faust at Elf Industries in Helotes. Fees have been set at \$5 Friday for clubs and \$10 Saturday and Sunday, with the fee double for commercial entries. Jiggy Johnson, special events chairman, said that several new attractions are being considered as well as some old favorites.



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