

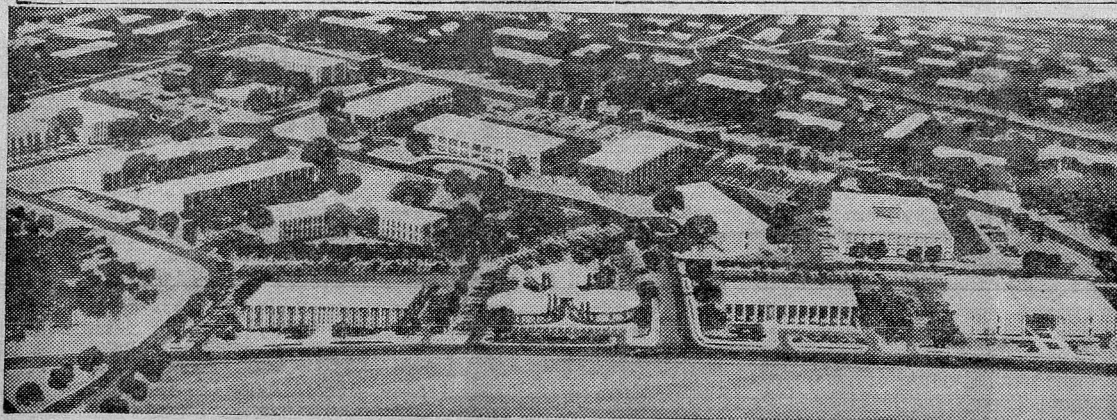
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For the benefit of sidewalk superintendents who have been watching the San Antonio Executive Center's first unit go up on Babcock Road near Loop 410, this is the way the area should look when fully developed. (Photo by Zintgraff.)

Land Here Offered For University Use

Helotes may be the home of the proposed new University for San Antonio if the site offered here this month to be used for a four-year State college is accepted. Checking in with some other offers all around San Antonio is one from Lackland Terrace Development Co. asking to be allowed to donate from 200 to 300 acres on Bandera Road at Helotes Park Estates, for a University campus.

A&I Band To Play Symphony Here

At a concert scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. in John Marshall High School's auditorium, the audience will hear the premiere performance of Lawrence Weiner's latest work. It is "Variation for Band," and will be played by the Texas A & I University Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Joseph L. Bellamah.

Mr. Weiner, a former Marshall band director, is now a member of A & I's music faculty and has attained stature as a composer.

The public is invited. Admission is fifty cents per person.

The offer went to Rep. Frank Lombardino who is author of San Antonio's House Bill 42 to establish the college.

Fred C. Anderson, president of the company, and Gilbert E. Kinder, vice president, signed the offer. They pointed out that the area here—which is about seven miles beyond Loop 410 from San Antonio—is convenient and offers a rare view of the city and countryside. They also explained its present and future significance.

Others have offered smaller parcels of land, and a sub-committee of House State Affairs will be studying the proposals during this session of the Legislature.

Helotes To Field Little League Teams

Mr. Otto Gerlach has donated use of a large tract of land at Babcock Road near Huerman Road for a ball park, and the Greater Helotes Little League, with Ernest Barrera as President has been readying the field. Saturday, April 26 is the date of the formal dedication.

During February about 107 boys in the eight to 12-year-old group registered to play ball. Tryouts will be held for boys nine to 12 years old who were not on major league teams elsewhere. Eight-year-old boys play on the minor league teams and do not need to try out. Registration for tryouts may still be made by seeing Harvey Mayfield.

Tryouts will be conducted for three weeks on Saturday, March 1, 8, and 15. Morning sessions from 10 a.m. to noon will be for 9 and 10-year-old boys. Afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. will be for 11 and 12-year-olds. This will be at Helotes School.

April will be used for practice sessions, called by the managers, who will prepare the boys for the opening game.

There are two playing fields to be used at Otto Gerlach Field. Officers of the League in addition to the president are Jim White, first vice president, Earl Moos, second vice president, Jack Wolfe, treasurer, and Mrs. Jack Wolfe, secretary.

Mel Mueller is in charge of the building program. Working on sponsorships and billboard advertising is Howard Feather.

On Feb. 21, Greater Helotes Little League Ladies Auxiliary was formed and Mrs. Gary Prejean was elected temporary chairman with Mrs. Arthur Lay as co-chairman. An election of officers from the floor will be made at the next meeting in the Lions Club Bldg., Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. The group will have as its purpose fund raising, and maintaining concessions as well as scorekeeping.

During the Helotes Spring Festival May 3, a fundraiser will include the awarding of two dressed hogs and a turkey, donated by Jim Midcap. These were obtained at the San Antonio Stock Show auction by Mr. Midcap.

A dance to benefit Youth Baseball will be held March 14 at 8 p.m. at the Floore Country Store. Dale Keith and his Starlite Ramblers will play and donation per person is one dollar. There will also be door prizes.

Work parties are held at the field every Saturday and Sunday, and everyone is invited to the Otto Gerlach Field to join in completing the project in time for the opening in April.

Bobby McClellan Dies February 19

Robert Wayne McClellan, 4 year-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J. McClellan of Helotes Ranch Acres, died Wednesday, February 19, 1969 of injuries received in an automobile accident Thursday, Feb. 13. The accident occurred at Bandera Road and Cloudercroft about 9:30 a.m. when a car driven by a San Antonio woman was in collision with the car in which all five members of the local family were riding.

Mrs. McClellan, who operates a shop in the Helotes Park Plaza also sustained serious back and other injuries but is now listed in satisfactory condition at Methodist Hospital. The smallest child, Lisa, 2, has been released from the hospital after having been treated for injuries. Annette, 3, and Mr. McClellan, who is a composing room foreman at the San Antonio Light, did not require hospitalization.

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Two Posts Open In Grey Forest

The City of Grey Forest will have two places to be filled on the City Council in an election to be held April 5. The last day anyone may sign up at the City Hall to run for a seat on the Council is March 5, Mayor Jack Nottingham, said.

Those running must have been residents of the City for at least six months.

These offices are held by Mrs. Dorothy Parrott, who plans to seek reelection, and Kurt Schumacher who has signified that he will not be a candidate.

Everyone Invited To Supper Mar. 10

A covered-dish supper for the entire families of the Helotes area has been set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Helotes Fire House on the Bandera Road, Mrs. John Wayne Chauffe of the Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary has announced. Bingo will also be played.

At the Feb. 10 meeting, plans were made to enter a float in the Helotes Festival parade and to set up a booth during the annual celebration to be held in May. The Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Faust Heads 1969 Festival

Ernest Barrera, 1968 President of the Helotes Spring Festival Assn., called a series of meetings in February and turned over the 1969 Festival to the newly elected officers.

Heading the 1969 event which has been set for May 2, 3 and 4, are the following: Edwin Faust, president, Fred Pizzini, vice-president, Mrs. Homer Taylor, secretary and Walter Shuh, treasurer.

The next meeting to which everyone interested in the success of the 4th annual Helotes

Spring Festival is invited will be held Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Helotes Elementary School cafeteria, Bandera Road.

Events are being planned to involve the entire Helotes area, and several committee chairmen have been named already.

Some of these are: Larry Bergstrom and Mrs. William Stubblefield, parade co-chairmen.

Ernest Barrera and Mrs. Sheila Wordsworth, Booth co-chairmen.

Others are: Chairman of the Dance Committee—Mrs. Fred Anderson. Chairman of the Queen's Contest—Mrs. H. E. Brown. Co-chairmen of Horse Event—Bob Moss and Harry Hopf. Co-chairmen of Art—Dottie Laenger and Ruby Rizzo. Co-chairmen of Publicity—Charles and Lucy Brown.

Miss Helotes 1968—Mary Jane Logan, Marshall junior, rode in a 1969 silver-black Oldsmobile convertible in the Laredo Washington Birthday Celebration parade to publicize the 1969 Festival. Loudspeakers and television there told more than 100,000 spectators about the Festival and the location of Helotes, marking another first—the first time the Festival has been officially represented in a parade outside Helotes.

Scenic Loopers To Meet March 8

A covered-dish supper is scheduled for the quarterly meeting of the Scenic Loop Playground Club to be held in the Youth Building on Saturday, March 8, at 7 p.m. President Norris Parrish said that a nominating committee will be named to choose a slate of officers for the 1969-71 term beginning in May with installation in April.

All property owners in the Playground—which is located in the City of Grey Forest—are eligible and old as well as new residents are invited to attend and to bring guests.



MISS HELOTES 1968

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Everyone and his dog is invited to the Grey Forest City Hall on Saturday, March 8, any time from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A veterinarian will be there to make rabies shots for pets available at \$2. Distemper shots will also be available.

In charge will be Dr. William S. Rowe, former resident of Grey Forest, who has announced the opening of his offices on the Bandera Road. The offices which are being built on the Leon Valley side of Helotes will be completed early this Spring. Offices are now open, however.

The City of Grey Forest makes this service available annually to the community. Mayor Jack Nottingham urges all residents to comply with requirements and invites them to take advantage of the City Hall's program even if they are not residing directly in the host city.



Frank Anderwald, trail boss of the Cowboy Capital Trail Ride, here congratulates John T. Floore, "mayor" of Helotes during ceremonies in front of the Country Store. Mr. Floore was named Helotes' Goodwill Ambassador of the 1969 San Antonio Fat Stock Show. Lato Martinez of San Geronimo and Ed Jennings of Pipe Creek were similarly honored.

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Country & Western Round-Up

Helotes Enjoys Being Right on Main Road

By John T. Floore

As sure as Spring rolls around, the State Highway Department renews their age-old campaign to kill the quaint little village of Helotes. As you perhaps know, they plan to by-pass downtown Helotes, as they are doing many cities and towns today for the benefit of the big trucks and

tourists who never stop in the villages.

This plan is only to speed up the traffic for those people who never pay a cent of the taxes here and never spend a dime locally, and to heck with you poor local people, some of whom have spent their lives in obtaining and, in some events, paying for a piece of property or spent many years in building up a business. These local people are expected to step aside and let the highway department take their life's earnings in order to speed up traffic and to kill more people.

This project will cost the poor overburdened taxpayers thousands of dollars and will not aid one human being—on the other hand, making the highways more hazardous.

We have a street through Helotes that is wider than Houston Street and everybody but the engineers are happy with it. If and when this worthless project goes through, our new Post Office, our school and some of our churches, as well as all the business places will be on a back country road, and you know how they maintain them.

LET'S KEEP HELOTES ON THE HIGHWAY. CALL your county commissioner, judge, state representative and senators and ask them to help us defeat these landgrabbers. Let them start at Helotes and straighten out the highway from Helotes to Bandera, where it is badly needed. You seldom hear of an accident between San Antonio and Helotes. They all happen between Helotes and Bandera. Let's all get busy and challenge the ALMIGHTY ENGINEERS OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Gardeners Study Flower Arranging

Mrs. Lewis Turner, a San Antonio national flower show judge, will conduct an all-day flower arranging session on March 12 for the Helotes Garden Club which convenes at 9:30 a.m. There will be two more programs in this series. Mrs. Wayne Cave will be hostess.

Paper Drive Aids Little Leaguers

The Helotes Optimists are sponsoring a paper drive to help raise funds for the Little League baseball diamond being established at Babcock and Huerfano Road.

Frank Castello, chairman of the paper drive, reports that a trailer will be parked for several days at the Helotes Park Plaza

for those who wish to bring newspapers. A pickup service will also be available to those who are unable to bring them to the Plaza.

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Dear Editors:
Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, six volunteers solicited money for the March of Dimes. We would like to thank the hospitable people of McNeel Park and Grey Forest for the \$56.31, they most generously donated. Nobody turned us away!

This money—turned over to the Teen-Age Program committee—moved John Marshall up 563 feet in the TAP Walk-a-thon. Thus, we came out fourth place in city-wide competition with over \$14,000.

That is doing pretty good for "a little country school." Thank you again for helping our school and for helping a worthy cause.

Sincerely, Jennifer Nottingham, Melody Mikel, Julie Darnell, Marvin Slovacek, D'Laine Parrott, and Sharon Null.

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GILBERT R. HAY
World War I veteran Gilbert R. Hay, of Bandera, passed away in a Kerrville hospital at the age of 78 on Feb. 19, 1969. Of a pioneer Hill Country family, he is survived by four brothers, Hannah, Morris, and Stanley, all

of Helotes, and Ray of Lockhart. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Burris of San Antonio and Mrs. Fern Trayweek of Bandera.

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Artists of the Month for March are Ruth Nations and Necia Sapp. And their works will be featured at the Outdoor Art Show on the first Sunday. An event of the successful Helotes Art Gallery.

Bergstroms Celebrate Silver Anniversary

The Valencia Room at Kelly AFB Officer's Club was the scene of the twenty-fifth anniversary buffet and dance Tuesday night, January 21, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bergstrom of Antonio Drive in Helotes.

Planetary-influenced decorations centered by crescents of white carnations were in harmonious relationship with the tempo of the occasion.

Mrs. Bergstrom's gown was keyed to today's fashion, evidenced in the deft manipulation of white Star on satin folds stemming from the contemporary mistique of wide, wide-bottomed pants belted by jeweled elegance. White orchids graced her shoulder.

Out-of-town guests included

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hofner of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Joyner of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gray of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roscoe of New Orleans, and Mrs. Eugene Tennant of Macon, Ga.

Music was furnished by Johnny Estrada and his orchestra.

You mentioned in the Echo that a Texas boy won a gold medal at the Olympics. Who was he?

Doug Russell of Midland took a gold medal for the men's 100-meter butterfly in the swimming meet dominated by the United States. His time 55.0 set him well ahead of his teammates, Mark Spitz of Santa Clara, Calif., and Ross Wales of Youngstown, Ohio.

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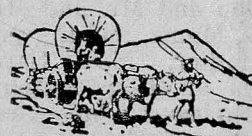
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Miss Marsha Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cravey of Bandera Road here, was married in San Bernardino, Calif., on January 24, 1969, to Michael Kaiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kaiser of San Bernardino.

She is a graduate of John Marshall High School and worked at the National Bank of Commerce in San Antonio before her marriage.

The wedding took place in the Lutheran church in an evening ceremony. The bride's gown was of gold satin and had a court train. She wore a bouffant illusion veil. Her attendant wore light aqua.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Marshall Pittman, who is a resident of Tracy, Calif. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Attending the wedding from here were Mrs. Melvin Cravey and her two granddaughters, Rhonda and Deena McClellan, and her daughter, Mrs. Robert McClellan. Motoring back to Helotes with his family for a visit was the bride's brother, Mr. Pittman.

Following their honeymoon, the couple is at home in San Bernardino. The bridegroom is a graduate of San Bernardino Junior College and is employed by General Telephone Co.



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One hundred per cent of the proceeds from the formal Ball will be given to the Mental Health Association of Bexar County, according to Mrs. Bill Singer, Ball chairman. "Your support is needed," she said.

For further information and for reservations, you may contact Mrs. Robert Ahr DI 4-5822, or Mrs. Singer, MY 5-3565.

Rains Total 1.2 in Jan.

Rains through Jan. 29 in this area totalled 1.2 inches, according to Weather Observer Ross Barham. The water level in the wells as of Jan. 22 measured by the government stood at 89.89 feet below the surface or 960.11 feet above sea level. This is above average at this time of year, Mr. Barham noted.

Bobby (Continued from Page 1)

The Rev. Louis A. Tra-walter offered the Mass of the Angels on Saturday, Feb. 22, for Master Robert McClellan. Burial was in the Helotes cemetery of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McClellan, sisters, Annette and Elizabeth (Lisa), and half-brothers Larry, Jerry and David McClellan. He also is survived by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. McClellan and Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Muniz, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Dnum, all of San Antonio.

He also leaves a huge circle of friends of all ages as a testimony to his brief life.

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give the invocation.

Den mothers will be co-hostesses for the occasion.

Mrs. H. E. Brown will be hostess for the Helotes Women's Club Tuesday, March 4, at 10 a.m. at her home on Scenic Loop Road.

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