

Festival Sparkles As 'Show of Year'

Spectacular is the record for the success of the 2nd Annual Helotes Festival on May 5, 6 and 7.

From the opening event—the Miss Teen Helotes Beauty Contest on Friday—to the free dance at Floore Country Store Sunday evening, it was a crowded and happy fiesta. The people came from far and near in the expected thousands.

Even the weather cooperated handsomely—almost too much on Sunday when the sunny temperature went to the mid-90's.

Other high spots were the sensational parade Saturday morning at 11, the Roadside Art Fair Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and the free dance Saturday night at the Helotes Park Plaza.

Not to mention the Stage Coach Hills square dancers, the Folklore Ballet, the Bob Dale gunfighters, the Pendeltons, the carnival rides, and all the rest.

At the Hickory Hut Party House Friday night it was standing room only for the 1967 Miss Teen Helotes beauty pageant.

Janet Kay Wins

The winner was Janet Kay Spencer, 13. Selected by the three judges as runners-up were Robin Wynn, 13, Penny Snodderly, 15, Laura Sparks, 14, and Becky Gibson, 14.

The other 15 entries were: Sharon Browning, Lynda Cheri Caudle, Fay Jeanette Cason, Julie Darnell, Doris Lee Dunford, Judy Griffith, Cheryl Lynn Hall, Judy Hay, Ann Hernandez, Judy Hildebrandt, Debbie Jersig, Vera A. Linder, Jackie McCarter, Denise Mikel, and Dolores Valdez.

In charge of the beauty pageant were Mrs. Wayne Wilson and Mrs. Bennie Lyon. Judges were Mrs. Merritt Keel, Mr. Ben Sprague, and Mrs. Lawrence Bronocco.

Following the beauty contest, the Pendeltons played for a teenage dance at the Party House. The Pendeltons are Bob Gibson, David Rogers, Charley Seale, and Gary Stokes.

Art Fair Winners

The Roadside Art Fair competition was judged by Jose Vives-Atsara and Edward Lubianski. The winners were:

Oils: first prize (Pearl Brewing Co. gold trophy and \$100), Paul B. Kime; second prize (\$75 and 8x10 frame), Barbara Mazurek; third prize (\$50), Dan Burt; honorable mention, Geneva Eubanks, Dan Burt (three ribbons), and Margaret Smith.

Water colors: first prize (Lone Star Brewing Co. silver trophy and \$75), Dorothy Prothero; second prize (\$50), Almerna McAtee; third prize (\$30), F. Jensen; honorable mention, Alex Yamin (two ribbons).

Crafts: first prize (\$50), Lucille Miller; second prize (\$25), A. J. Grothues; honorable mention, Mary Voss and Doris Coggeshall.

Junior division: first prize trophy, Loretta Voss; second prize trophy, Robert Grothues; and third prize trophy, Mark Miller.

Mile-Long Parade

Parade Chairman Dade Rayfield produced a truly remarkable first annual festival parade that stretched out for more than a mile from the Helotes Park Plaza to the Art Guild.

Leading the Saturday morning parade were the Marine Corps

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GRAND MARSHAL of the first festival parade was Alex Parrigin, 92-year-old Helotes real estate developer, above in a 1926 Model T Ford Speedster driven by its owner, H. W. Stevens, of the Model T Ranch. Mr. Parrigin rode at the head of the parade preceded by a Marine Corps color guard.—Photo by Dade Rayfield.



MISS FIESTA of San Antonio's Fiesta Flambeau parade was represented by Mary Whitehouse, Miss Fiesta runner-up. She rode in the Fiesta Flambeau entry driven by Reynolds Andricks, director of the Flambeau. At lower right is Mrs. Andricks. Other out-of-town entries came from Boerne and Wimberley.—Photo by Dade Rayfield.



MISS TEEN HELOTES of 1967, Janet Kay Spencer, presides over the first annual festival parade, accompanied by two runners-up for the queen title, Robin Wynn, left, and Laura Sparks. Janet Kay was selected from 20 contestants in the beauty pageant held Friday night at the Hickory Hut Party House

to open the three-day 1967 festival. An overflow crowd filled the party house. In charge of the contest were Mrs. Wayne Wilson and Mrs. Bennie Lyon. A teen dance with music by the Pendeltons followed the beauty pageant.—Photo by Dade Rayfield.

New Garden Club To Meet May 24

Those interested in joining the newly-formed Helotes Garden Club are invited to attend the first regular meeting at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 24, at the home of Mrs. Jack Wolfe, 10753 Bar X, in Helotes Park Estates, according to the executive committee.

The club was formed April 6 at an organizational meeting in the home of Mrs. Ralph Stroud, Hausman Road, with a representative of the San Antonio Garden Center to help coordinate. Twenty ladies chose the following officers for the 1967-68 term:

Mrs. Stroud, president; Mrs. L. W. LeSturgeon, vice president; Mrs. O. R. Legg, secretary; and Mrs. Wolfe, treasurer. The executive committee were entertained by Mrs. Legg on May 10 at a luncheon held at Canyon Creek Country Club.

The club elected to meet on the fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the homes of members. No meetings will be held during the summer until September.

Women's Club Plans Style Show

A style show is planned for the Helotes Women's Club's final meeting this year to be held Tuesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Edwin B. Parrish on Scenic Loop Road.

Two new officers elected at the May meeting will be installed. They are Mrs. H. E. Brown, vice president, and Mrs. Royce C. Cottrell, secretary. Mrs. Rena McCammon's term as president will continue until 1968 as will Mrs. Johnny Cannon's term as treasurer.

Scholarship Goes To Terry Rayburn

Terry G. Rayburn, a senior at John Marshall High School, was one of 23 merit scholarship winners in the San Antonio area, according to a recent announcement by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Terry lives at 5411 Ben Hur Street.

Mickey Mikel Back from Navy

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mikel, Grey Forest, have welcomed back after five years in the Navy, their son Mickey. He brought with him his bride, Lana, whom he married in San Francisco. After four weeks leave here, Mickey and Lana plan to return to California to make their home.

Mickey served aboard the U.S. Markab and traveled throughout the Far East. Serving with him aboard the same ship was another Mikel son, Robert, whose tour of duty continues.

Person-to-Person

"Beautify America by starting near home" has been the motto around here lately. For instance, Mr. A. J. Wanke gave six tallow trees, five redbuds and numerous canna roots to beautify the park area in Hills and Dales.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flores—she is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Zepeda—are planning to locate in the Park Estates, as Robert has accepted employment at Kelly Field upon recent completion of military service. The three Flores children are Lisa, Kenneth and Robert.

Col. Claire Cheney, here for recent Air Force activities, visited in the home of his former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Melgaard of McNeel Park, and also Mr. and Mrs. Ike Parrott of Grey Forest. Col. and Mrs. Cheney reside in San Diego, Calif., after many years as public-spirited Scenic Loopers.

Visiting here last month was Mrs. Ed Maney, former McNeel Park resident, now of Douglas, Ariz. Hosts for her visit included Mr. and Mrs. Dade Rayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stevens, and many other friends. Mrs. Maney reported a delightful time on her recent trip to Europe.

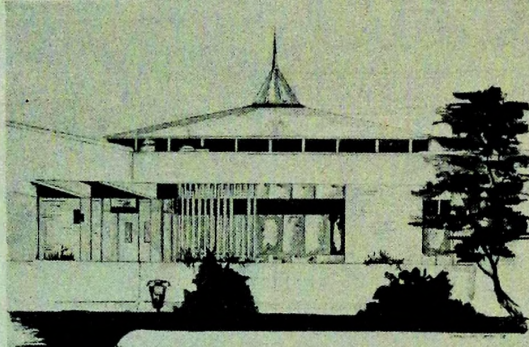
Mrs. Charles T. Davis II is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sherman, and her younger brothers, Eddie and Larry. With her is her 11-month old daughter, Melissa Anne. Mrs. Davis is from Danville, Ill., where the temperature was 25 degrees the day they departed for Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanchez and son, Mark, of Los Angeles, Calif., were in Helotes visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sanchez.

House guests of Col. and Mrs. Harry A. Olson, 14006 Circle A Trail, Helotes Park Estates, have been their daughter, Mrs. S. C. Edmonson, and the Misses Mave and Gail Roantree. Miss Mave Roantree is on the staff of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., and Miss Gail is director of the Montessori School in Richmond, Va.

Two of the 1966-67 San Antonio debutantes plan to spend much of the summer on family ranches in the Helotes area. Tulela White, after a May trip to New York, will head for the R. L. White Ranch near San Geronimo, and Susan Kay Richardson expects to spend a part of the summer at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Ard E. Richardson near Pipe Creek. The Richardsons have three newly-acquired race horses that Susan Kay is particularly interested in.

Recent visitors to the Scenic Loop's Twelve-Foot Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henckel, who own the Pico fishing lures company.



SITE OF SUMMER SCHOOL—Oliver Wendell Holmes High School, sketched above, will be the site of the Northside Independent District summer school beginning June 1. The air-conditioned school is located at Ingram Road and Loop 410. Registration will be held May 31 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Both junior and senior high school courses are to be offered.

Festival—

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color guard from San Antonio and the parade grand marshal, Alex Parrigin. Mr. Parrigin rode in a 1926 Model T Ford Speedster owned and driven by H. W. Stevens of the Model T. Ranch. Mrs. Stevens drove a 1934 Buick sedan in the parade.

The parade was made up of more than 40 units including the Fiesta Flambeau with Mary Whitehouse, a Miss Fiesta alternate, and Reynolds Andricks, director of the Flambeau; the St. Mary's University and Pat Neff Junior High School bands; the Lackland Air Force Base Drum and Bugle Corps and the Little Flower High School Rosettes; the Charros and mounted Shriners of San Antonio; and the Helotes Cub Scouts decorated bicycle brigade and Max Toepperwein's hunting camp card game.

Other entries that drew top applause were from Cascade Caverns, Boerne; Jacob's Well, Wimberley; and the Leon Valley Grange. Unique was the Gallagher Ranch entry which displayed two wild Russian boar.

Many Other Events

The Folklore Ballet of San Antonio presented its dancers at Park Estates Plaza Saturday afternoon. Jimmy Mesquita is president of the ballet. Irene Garcia is choreographer, and Reynaldo Lopez is program director. Headquarters of the non-profit ballet are at 1833 North Flores Street in San Antonio and offers training in Spanish, Mexican, and South American dancing. Instructors include Mrs. Nelda Drury of San Antonio College.

The multi-faceted festival also presented such other events as free Air Force movies each night at the parish hall of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, shown by Col. Carl Crane, and a display of an Indian skinning knife and antique army sword by Clarence Galm. The knife and the sword were found on Mr. Galm's ranch.

Sponsor of the 1967 festival was the Helotes Art Guild. Mrs. Robert Gibson, guild vice president, was general chairman.

Jan Is Eleven

Jan O'Hara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Hara, Bandera Highway, celebrated her eleventh birthday on April 28 with a party attended by other members of the fifth grade class in the Helotes School. Chili dogs, potato salad, beans and punch were served at the after-school party.

Richard Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rawls, 13405 Circle A Trail, represented Helotes in the Evening News Spelling Bee on April 30. He was the champ of the Helotes Elementary School.

Mr. Norman Bodel of San Geronimo has been on the sick list recently.

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A new spring pledge of the University of Texas chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority is

Miss Mary Ann Teat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teat, Jr. Mary Ann is a graduate of John Marshall High School and former editor of the Marshall Rampage.

At the home of Den Mother Mrs. Neta Graves, Cub Scout Maurice Ayres celebrated his ninth birthday with a birthday cake following the Den 3 meeting on April 26.

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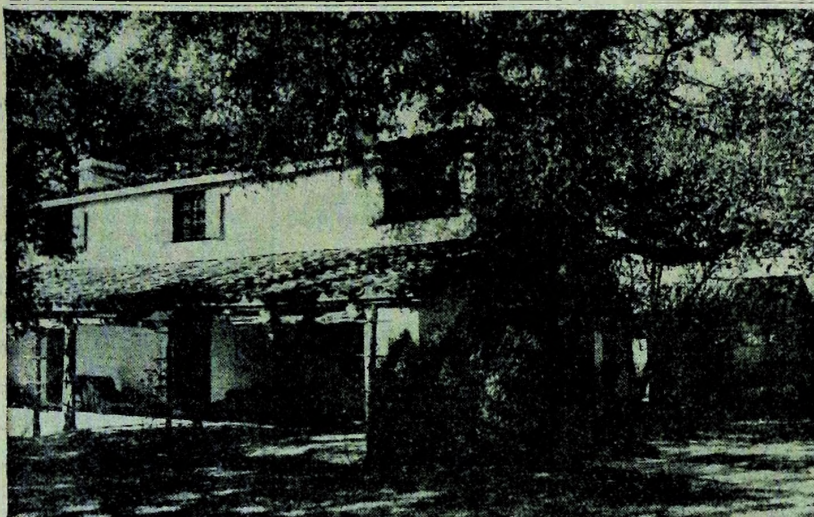
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ORIGINAL BUILDING of famed Gallagher Ranch at San Geronimo was constructed in the 1830's. Today it is just one wing of the

headquarters of a luxurious cattle-and-dudes spread. —Photo by Dade Rayfield.

McNutt Hit Paydirt With Potash Discovery

(Editor's Note: One of the most distinguished residents of the Helotes area is Mrs. Amy Shelton McNutt, who presides over the 10,000-acre Gallagher Ranch at San Geronimo. Following is Part II of a three-part story of Mrs. McNutt and her late husband, the noted Southwestern geologist and mining engineer, Vachel H. McNutt, written by the Helotes author-photographer, Dade Rayfield. In the first part, Mr. Rayfield told of how Mrs. McNutt grew up on a farm in southeast Missouri and met and married Mr. McNutt while he was on the staff of the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla.

By DADE RAYFIELD
Part II

After a year at Rolla with the School of Mines, Vachel McNutt was granted a leave of absence and the McNutts moved to Tulsa, Okla., where they opened the first consulting office for oil geology in the Mid-Continent oil fields. Actually, it was in Tulsa that Mr. and Mrs. Mac formed a partnership that was to continue until Mr. McNutt's death more than 20 years later.

Although she denies it vehemently, Mrs. Mac provided the business skill in an association where her husband's scientific genius led from one oil or mineral discovery to another for more than a decade. Depicting a less spectacular role for herself in those early days, Mrs. McNutt says:

"When we opened the first consulting office in Tulsa, I was so flattered that Mac would allow me to type and be office girl . . . when I didn't know anything about office work. But we learned, and from then on, we worked together, me doing the foot work and Mac the brain work.

"Anything that I have ever accomplished or done that was worthwhile has been the result of working with Mac, and I am just a reflection of his philosophies of life. With a mining man, nothing gets him down, and tomorrow is always another day and always he is in search of something new. His theory is that not everything on earth has been discovered, that a man's chances are limited only by his ability."

Oil in Kansas

The McNutt team was not limited by lack of ability, either scientific or commercial. Backed up by Mrs. Mac, Vachel Harry McNutt opened several oil fields in Oklahoma when production had been limited, primarily, to early discoveries in Pennsylvania. He found the first oil in western Kansas, recommended drilling a wildcat in Russell County, Kan-

sas, which resulted in discovery in 1923 of the Russell Pool, 250 miles from the nearest production.

Mr. McNutt discovered the first oil in western Kansas and in New Mexico and in the latter state located the great Artesia Field in eastern New Mexico. The McNutts reported favorably on the Elk Basin discovery in Wyoming, and later received national attention for their unfavorable report on the infamous Teapot Dome, which produced more notoriety than oil.

The pinnacle of the McNutt's success was attained in 1925 when Mr. McNutt made his famous discovery of potash near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico. He found what he called the Twin Hills Dome, obtained government prospecting permits and made a contract for a 3,000-foot well. He was looking for oil.

"Mac's training as a mineralogist and crystallographer was the secret of our potash discovery," Mrs. McNutt says. "Because of his specialized knowledge in this field, he was able to determine the difference between sodium chloride—common table salt—and potassium chloride, which is potash. We went through a thousand feet of salt before we came to the potash beds. When we hit them, others did not recognize what Mac had found. They thought we were still in sodium chloride, but Mac recognized the sample as potash."

Aid to Farming

Before the McNutts' tremendous discovery, there was no known potash in the Western Hemisphere. Germany was sole producer of the mineral and controlled the potash market . . . a market which, once opened to the United States, resulted in revolutionary advances in the chemical fertilizer industry. This, in turn, led to improved agricultural methods that have made the American farmer the world's leader in food production.

The Federal Potash Exploration

Act was approved in 1926. Late in July of that year, the first government drilling locations were made in New Mexico. Drilling and coring done by the McNutts resulted in development of the U. S. Potash Company, of which the McNutts were large shareholders. It was the first commercial potash mine in the Western Hemisphere.

The McNutts' achievement, which led to the founding of a new industry, was regarded as of such outstanding importance, that it was proclaimed in a speech in the United States Senate on April 14, 1931, by Senator Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico. Vachel Harry McNutt was given a congressional citation for his discovery of potash and consequent creation of a new industry in the New World.

After more than a decade of exploration and brilliant discovery throughout an area from the Appalachians on the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West and New Mexico and Texas in the Southwest, the McNutt team settled in San Antonio, where Mr. McNutt established himself as a leading oil consultant. Mrs. Mac continued as his girl Friday. Her role assumed even greater importance as Mr. McNutt's health failed. After more than nine years of ill health, the bril-

liant geologist of the McNutt team died April 4, 1936.

"When Mac died, all the gaiety and beauty went out of my life . . . forever," Mrs. Mac says quietly. "But I had to go on living. I buried myself in business, carrying on for him."

Way to Immortality

In memory of the pioneer who discovered potash nearby, Mrs. McNutt built the Vachel H. McNutt Memorial Wing of the Municipal Museum at Carlsbad, N.M. A two-story structure, it contains a children's library on the ground floor and on the second is told the story of the discovery of potash and the beginning of a new industry in the Western Hemisphere. In 1963, Mrs. Mac established the \$1,000,000 V. H. McNutt Memorial Foundation at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, where in 1912 a young

science major was teaching when he caught an evening train to visit Amy Shelton at a farm just 20 miles away.

"The reason I established the foundation," Mrs. Mac explains, "is that I want Mac's work to go on. He taught in the Department of Geology, and geology was his field. I want his work carried on. I think that is immortality; when your philosophies and your work go on, you go on."

With the death of her husband, Mrs. Mac moved from her San Antonio home to the Gallagher Ranch, 25 miles northwest of the Alamo City in the valley of the San Geronimo River.

"I was determined not to live alone and become a selfish mem-

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To The Marshal

It's a tribute to his reputation that the Grand Marshal of the Helotes Festival parade was listed with no long story of explanation of how come he happened to be chosen.

Practically everyone around here who has lived in the Helotes area recognizes his importance to a community which he first saw in 1906 as a young man of about thirty-two.

Now 92, Alex Parrigin still keeps the future of Helotes in mind in his business career as a subdivision specialist and in his role of senior citizen and advisor. He is astute in not wasting words, but when pressed for an opinion he says he never charges for advice.

Ten years ago, the editor of the Helotes Lions Club Tale-Twister, Maurius Perron, said: "During the past 25 years, Alex Parrigin has done far more than any other person to develop the finest suburban homesites around San Antonio and make hundreds of families happy in their country homes and beautiful surroundings."

Mr. Parrigin has been sales manager of the Scenic Loop Playground, five subdivisions on the lakes near Seguin, and Helotes Ranch Acres.

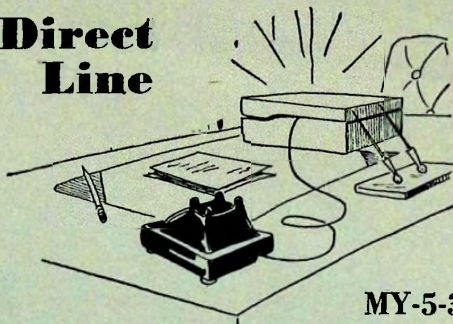
He is president—not for the first time—of the Helotes Lions Club, of which he also is a charter member.

Editor Perron wrote: "The purpose of this item is to toss a few bouquets while he can still smell them, give credit where credit is due, and help some of you good readers to know his good neighbor better."

That's still true today.

John Campbell, a Scotchman, founded the first continuously published American newspaper, the Boston News-Letter, on April 24, 1704—when Boston with a population of 10,000 was the largest town in the colonies. Campbell—51 years old at the time—had a small business as bookseller and was postmaster. The paper lasted until early in the Revolution—72 years—one of the three longest-lived American newspapers in the eighteenth century.

Direct Line



MY-5-3525

DIRECT LINE is one way to find answers to questions that keep popping up around here. Merely call MY 5-3525 Monday through Friday mornings. Your answer will be printed if it is of general concern in the next ECHO.

We have recently bought a pony and need a suitable name—preferably we'd like to name this one after a famous horse and have wondered what Don Quixote, Lord Byron and Robert E. Lee called theirs.

C. H.

According to our sources, Robert E. Lee's favorite horse was Traveller. Don Quixote rode Rozinante. Lord Byron spent much time in the saddle, caught his death riding in a rainstorm in Greece, and once described himself as an "able but not dashing rider." He often mentioned his "trusty steed." However, one of his fictional ponies was named "Fly-by-Night."

In your last issue advertising the Helotes Arts Festival you did not identify the rider in Indian garb on the back page—the one standing on the horse. He is Jose (Joe) Navarro, from a pioneer family in this area, and a direct descendant of Antonio Navarro, Texas patriot. His horse, shown in front of the Art Guild, is an appaloosa, Fiesta Chief. I believe Joe should get some credit.

Mrs. Penny Norton

We're glad to give credit where it is due. Mr. Navarro has helped make many events in this area a success. Thanks for calling.

We thought you could tell everyone how much we appreciate all the help we had after our little boy, Allen, was badly burned in January. We appreciate all those who came to the Benefit Dance sponsored by the Lion's Club in March to help us pay for the hospital care. Allen is back in school after spending two months in the hospital and undergoing skin grafts. His burns are healing. And we are very grateful.

Bertha Stovall

Allen, who recently turned eight years old, received third degree burns on his shoulders and arms when he fell into a fire at his home. He was fortunate in that he had prompt attention thanks to the local fire department and his San Geronimo neighbors. The dance was held at Floore Country Store with Dale Keith playing.

Along Our Route

Gentle people:

Pleased to see the Echo revived. The Direct Line bit about the origin of "Helotes" intrigues me. One of your predecessors used to use in the masthead area two drawings: a turkey and some ears of corn—in recognition of the ancient disagreement about the origin of the name. Do you dismiss outright the "guajalote" theory? And what about the Greek peddler theory, the scornful "helot" (invader, gringo) tag dumped on them?

I doubt that anyone will ever know. I doubt that anyone can know. But it is saddening to see part of an oral tradition die of neglect or oversight. "Elores: guajalotes: Helotes—"Who cares, really? But let's keep them all.

John Igo

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$1.02 for one year's subscription to the

Surprise Party

A surprise birthday party was given by her family for Mrs. Helen H. Sanchez on her 77th birthday on April 26. Mrs. Sanchez, who now lives in Helotes, and an early-day resident of the Gallagher Ranch, is the mother of Mrs. Ella Dunford. The family presented her with an Alexandrite ring.

Helotes Echo to be sent to us. It is most gratifying to learn that you are going to revive the newspaper, and you can count on us as subscribers.

Clarence Galm

Charlie and Lucy Brown:

Thank you for sending us a copy; we enjoyed reading it, and you know that you have our very best wishes for a successful career. Keep the press rolling!

Mrs. Bette Keefe
San Antonio

Holmes Student Drowns in Comal

Thomas Kramer, 15, of 110 Charing Cross, a sophomore at Holmes High School, was drowned in the Comal River at New Braunfels recently. Police said he apparently struck his head on a ledge when he jumped from the Dittlinger Dam. He was the son of Mrs. Billie Kramer.

From El Paso

V. J. Ledford, formerly of El Paso, has bought the former Williams place in Grey Forest at the corner of Hilltop and Park Drive. Mr. Ledford has relatives in Pipe Creek.

Church Services

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SUNDAY
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.

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Bandera Road at Entrance to Helotes Park Estates
Rev. Jerry P. Alexander, Pastor

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Church School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Displaced Thingamabob Meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
There is usually a study group of some kind meeting at 7:30 p.m.

HELOTES HILLS METHODIST CHURCH
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'Temporary' Job Becomes New Tour of Duty

When Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Andrews opened their grocery in Helotes two years ago, Mrs. Ruth Harrison offered to "help out for a few days." Today she is still there.

It's no surprise, though. Mrs. Harrison, the former Mrs. Earl Maltzberger, operated the store as Maltzberger's for many years (and was postmaster of Helotes from 1936 to 1944). When she later became Mrs. Bob Harrison she continued the store. Her business know-how and wide circle of friends make her a valuable asset. In her spare-time she does extensive gardening at her Ranch Acres home.

1st Granddaughter Born to Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nichols, Lakeshore Drive, Grey Forest, have welcomed their first grandchild, a girl, Laura Paige, born April 7. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schwarz, Hausman Road. Mrs. Schwarz is the former Jan Ann Nichols. Laura weighed 8 pounds, 13 1/4 ounces.

The paternal grandfather is Walter Schwarz, Bandera Highway. A great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Moore, Lakeshore Drive, mother of Mrs. Nichols.

George (Nehi) Halliday, after 35 years with the Texas Top Hands, has laid his fiddle down and is employed by Sheriff Bill Hauck.

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Country & Western Roundup

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By JOHN T. FLOORE

Willie Nelson, who ranks up at the top next to the No. 1 country and western stars, was born and raised in Abbot, Texas, over in the cotton belt. Willie says he picked many a bale of cotton—bolls, rocks and all. And he believes he is the only star with real cotton-picking hands.

Ray Price spent a few days in San Antonio week before last, watching the Texas Open Golf Tournament. Ray says he believes the Pecan Valley course is one of the finest in the country.

Merle Haggard, a real country and western star, will be at Floore Country Store, Saturday, June 24.

Crash Stewart and his Bandera Regulars will have lunch at Floore Country Store on the way to Bandera on June 11 for the Texas State Convention of Trail Riders. The 200 or more riders will spend the night in San Geronimo, where they will attend a western dance.

The very famous Buck Owens now has a show on KENS-TV, Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Country and western music is growing by leaps and bounds. Jackie Gleason, tops among national television stars, featured nothing but country and western artists on his famous show recently.

Spud Goodall, the world's best guitar man, stopped by the Country Store last Sunday. Spud and Tony Rozance have been at the

St. Anthony Club for five years. They were en route to the famous Lost Valley Ranch in Bandera to play for Darrell Royal, the University of Texas Longhorns' football coach.

George (Slim) Chambers' popular band played for the Northwest Optimist Club dance at the Country Store, Friday, April 28.

Dale Keith and his fine band did the honors for the Helotes Fire Department dance, Friday, May 5, opening the Arts Festival.

The new country and western news show by Mrs. Morris Willson on that powerful new C&W station, KBUC, is really corraling the listeners. You will love it even if you are now a C&W fan. Congratulations, Anita!

Judy Dean, country and western top piano player, now is dividing her time between her latest C&W engagements and being a dental assistant.

In New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dunford and daughter, Kathy, longtime residents of Helotes, have moved into a new home on Bandera Highway.

Gallagher Ranch—

(Continued from Page 3)

old woman," Mrs. Mac says. "But my two children were through college, self-sufficient and out on their own. Running a dude ranch would give me the most delightful family. If a guest wasn't interesting, I would not ask him back. With your own children, you have no choice, but with my 'dudes' I could pick and choose."

Gallagher Ranch Opens

Mr. and Mrs. McNutt had been interested in the vast 10,000-acre spread since 1927 when Gallagher was launched as the first "dude" ranch in Texas by a stock company organized by Pat Casey, one-time Texas Ranger, cattleman and promoter. Mr. Mac took controlling interest in the project at its inception and later bought the remaining stock.

Operated with the hoopla of a colorful promoter for a number of years, which saw visits by Ziegfeld Follies chorus girls and stars, Prince William of Sweden, Will Rogers, and pioneer aviator Eddie Stinson, who landed his airplane on the first ranch landing strip in Texas, it was not until after Mr. McNutt's death that Mrs. Mac took any real interest.

During the early years of Mrs. Mac's residence, the first Texas dude ranch was primarily just her home. Entertaining "dudes" was secondary and those she entertained were asked to "exchange" references. They became personal friends whom she entertained as guests. Ziegfeld cuties were succeeded by Lily Pons, Edward R. Murrow, Helen Jepson, Sir Thomas Beecham and many others in the world of music and the arts, as well as leaders in the world of business and the professions.

In 1952, friends from Canada visited Mrs. Mac at her Gallagher Ranch. With them they brought a college roommate of her late husband who was also one of Mrs. Mac's girlhood friends. He was Bob Dye, a mining engineer. A year later she married him.

"Bob was the manager of the Dome Mine, and I went to live in the gold country of Northern Ontario, where the thermometer registered 60-below on New Year's Day," Mrs. Mac recalls. "Gold mining and refining was so different from non-metallic operations—potash and borax—that I sat at Bob's feet to learn. I never ceased to marvel at his skill."

Return to Texas

Only a few months after her arrival in Canada, Mr. Dye suffered a cerebral thrombosis and Mrs. Mac returned with him to Gallagher Ranch in the Texas Hill Country. He died three years later.

"I established a memorial scholarship fund in the Department of Mining at Missouri School of Mines so that three boys would always know that a selfless and very fine man had passed that way. I wanted boys who were interested, and who could not afford to go to school, to be able to go. Bob worked his way through school, and would have

appreciated it a great deal if he could have had a bit of financial help."

Back at Gallagher Ranch again with only her "dude family," Mrs. Mac directed her boundless energy to expansion of her operation into what has become a million-dollar combined cattle and guest ranch property.

"We run cattle, horses and goats, besides propagating game . . . wild turkey and deer," Mrs. Mac says. "We operate almost entirely with power machinery and Jeeps, with 60 miles of 'Jeep roads' on the ranch. It isn't as picturesque as the old days of many cowboys and working cattle on the range, but it is more efficient."

Sensitive, however, to the colorful role that Gallagher Ranch played in the drama of early Texas history, Mrs. Mac has retained the frontier atmosphere found in the valley of the San Geronimo when Peter Gallagher came there from Mexico in 1833. (To be concluded in the next issue.)

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Mungary, operators of Brigg's Mid-Way Inn, will hold open house on Mother's Day on the patio at the inn from 5 to 10 p.m.

BANDERA MORMONS

A group of Mormons led by Lyman Wight arrived in Bandera County in 1854 in search of the Promised Land. They already had tried Georgetown, Austin, Fredericksburg, and Burnet County, and in 1858 they started north again. But Wight died the second day out of Bandera, and the colony broke up.

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Auto Wreck Injures Burch

Mickey Burch, former editor of the local Westerner and son of Mrs. Georgia Burch, is recovering from a motorcycle accident which caused multiple injuries when his vehicle was apparently struck by an automobile. He was hospitalized three weeks with a leg encased in a cast. The accident occurred in Webster, Texas, where Mickey has been working.

Mrs. Burch, who lost a grown son in a fire several years ago which destroyed her Scenic Loop home while she was out of state, now spends much of her time with her married daughter, Peggy, in Corpus Christi. She has another son, Jack, Jr., who is an electronics expert, and several granddaughters—including Shanna, who commutes with her grandmother to visit here.

Mickey attended Northside, now Marshall, before finishing high school in California. He resided in Helotes and Grey Forest before going to Webster.

Babcock Area Man Is Killed

Harold Watson, 4903 Newcombe, was fatally injured in a two-car collision in the 1500 block of Bandera Highway recently. Mr. Watson was 36. Two persons in the other car were hospitalized.

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Ernest Tubb to Bring Show Here on May 18

Texas-born Ernest Tubb, who will bring his Texas Troubadours band to Floore Country Store at Helotes on Thursday, May 18, is one of the most celebrated stars of country music.

He is a veteran recording artist for the Decca label and was 1965's addition to the Country Music Hall of Fame. He is one of the top drawing cards of the Grand Old Opry broadcast by WSM in Nashville.

Some of Tubb's best-known songs are "Thanks a Lot," "Mr. and Mrs. Used-to-Be," "Rainbow

at Midnight," "It's Been So Long, Darling," "You Nearly Lose Your Mind," "Women Make a Fool Out of Me," and the ever-popular "Walking the Floor Over You."

The guitar that Tubb uses formerly belonged to Jimmie Rodgers, father of country music. It was given to him 30 years ago by Rodgers' widow. Tubb was singing on an early morning show on a San Antonio radio station and modeling his style after Rodgers—yodeling and all.

Rodgers' daughter, Mrs. Anita Rodgers Court of San Antonio, recalled recently for Bexar Facts columnist Morris Willson in the San Antonio Light that her mother had told Tubb: "If you are not sincere about what you sing, the audience will sense it immediately and the song will fall flat . . . You have something in your voice that I like."

Her approval is shared by the millions who have bought Ernest Tubb records and attended his dances and shows.

Tickets for the Country Store appearance are available now at \$3 per person.

The week of May 15-20 is "Mailbox Improvement Week." The Post Office Department wants to call attention to the need for keeping up the mailboxes along the 31,000 rural routes it serves.

Mrs. Feather Visits

Mrs. Mabel Feather of Lebanon, Pa., is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Feather, Helotes Park Estates, during the month of May. Her trip from Lebanon was Mrs. Feather's first airplane flight.

Helotes Has Had Twelve Postmasters Since 1873

A valuable record of the 12 postmasters who have served Helotes since the opening of the first post office here in 1873 has been kept by the Otto and Clarence Galm families, with an assist by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barham.

The first post office was started by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Muller on the site of the Antonio Ranch on the present Galm Road. Mrs. Muller was an aunt of Clarence and Otto.

Janet Butler, 4, Dies at Pipe Creek

Janet Gail Butler, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Butler, Pipe Creek, was electrocuted accidentally at her parents' home last month. Investigators said she apparently touched a piece of metal on the mobile home while standing barefoot on wet ground.

Survivors include a half-brother, Allen Fischer, Jr., of Grey Forest.

Stitchery artist Martha Mood has built a home and studio on the Bandera Highway about three miles north of Helotes. Mrs. Mood has won many state, regional and national awards for her stitchery work and is the best known artist in the state working in the difficult medium. She recently spoke before the San Antonio Art League and will lecture this summer in the East. Her new home is adjacent to "Que Lastima," owned by Martha Fuller.

The Muller place was the first stop on the stagecoach route out of San Antonio toward Bandera and other points northwest in those days. Mr. Muller had received the property as a land grant for service in the army in 1854.

Mr. Muller's appointment as first postmaster was made on Sept. 12, 1873. After his death, his widow, Mrs. Amalie Muller, succeeded him on March 29, 1878.

Mrs. Muller later married Adolph N. Boegel and continued the post office in the same location until 1888. The post office was located in a small frame store beneath the giant oak tree at the entrance to the Antonio Ranch.

In 1888 when Arnold Gugger was appointed postmaster, the post office was moved to his home in the village of Helotes. His home was the present Marie Conley home.

The complete list of postmasters with the date of their appointment was as follows:

Carl Muller	Sept. 12, 1873
Mrs. Amalie (Carl) Muller	March 29, 1878
Mrs. Amalie Boegel	Dec. 29, 1879
Arnold Gugger	April 24, 1888
Branch L. Smith	March 17, 1904
Gabriel Marnoch	May 23, 1904
Emil Gottschalk	March 21, 1919
James Riggs	Aug. 23, 1919
Albert Fuller	May 16, 1923
Mrs. Ruth (Earl) Maltzberger	Feb. 14, 1936
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Seneca Swim Team Seeks New Wins

The Seneca Country Club, on top of the hill on Bandera Highway in Leon Valley, is beginning its 24th year.

Stressing informality, the club's aim has been to develop the vast reservoir of swimming and tennis talent so evident in the north and northwest areas of San Antonio and Bexar County, said Steve Austin, one of the owners.

In 1966, five young members of Seneca helped organize the John Marshall High School swim team and led that team in winning the state championship. The five were Gretchen Kuhn, Betsy and Henry Wood, Hillary Reile, and John Tschirhart.

This was a tremendous victory for all concerned, for John Marshall is not set up for a swimming program, and the youngsters had to provide much of their own coaching. Seneca's coach gladly gave assistance.

Henry Wood, of Helotes Park Estates, continues his swimming program all year, and from his rate of progress and standing last year, indications are that he may be No. 1 in the state this year with the fastest time in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle, Mr. Austin said.

Henry, Gretchen, and John recently qualified at the regional YMCA meet in Oklahoma to go to the national YMCA meet.

The Seneca team has won the San Antonio AAU Country Club League championship for three straight years, 1964, 1965 and 1966. The 1966 team had 80 boys and girls on it. The coach was Frank Judson, former Trinity athlete and current Northside Independent School District coach.

With the wealth of prospective talent coming into this area, Seneca is looking forward to the day when the club can field strong tennis and swimming teams on the national and international level.

The men's tennis champion of the club—and champion for the past five years—is Tommy West, former A&M player and holder of many awards. Mrs. Merwyn A. Gipson and Mrs. Cornelia Cope share the women's honors.

Since its inception in 1955, with the exception of two regrettable seasons when the property was leased to two different high-powered promoters, Seneca Country Club has been operated continuously by the founding owners.

They are Mr. Austin, who lives in Bandera, and his two sisters, Mrs. Merwyn Gipson of Houston and Miss Sophie Anne Austin of Bandera.

The club offers more combined years of experience than any other local swimming and tennis club.

Cubs Hold Award Nite

A skit acted by Den 3, "Be a Neat-nik Not a Litter-bug" highlighted the Cub Scout Pack meeting of Troop 401 April 27 in the Youth Building, and litter bags made by this den were given to the audience. Twenty awards to cub scouts were also presented by Cub Scoutmaster Dick Miller. Cub Scout John Miller led the Pledge to the flag and Mr. Ed Faust gave the invocation.

Cubs receiving awards include—From Den 1, with Mrs. Rita Logan, den Mother: Steve Cason, one Silver Arrow; Larry Tierney, one Silver Arrow; and Kenneth Logan, one Silver Arrow.

From Den 2, with Mrs. Joann Miller, den Mother: John Meyer, Denner Patch; Randy Armstrong, Bear Badge and Assistant Denner; Mike Stalter, Bobcat Pin and Denner Patch; Dennis Barrera, Assistant Denner Patch; John Miller, Bear Badge, one Gold Arrow and four Silver Arrows; Byron Faust, Lion Badge, one Gold Arrow, three Silver Arrows, and Cub Scout Graduation Certificate; and Wilber Davis, one Silver Arrow.

From Den 3 with Mrs. Neta Graves, den mother: Maurice Ayers, Wolf Badge and one Gold Arrow; Gene Graves, Wolf Badge, one Gold Arrow and one Silver Arrow; Sean Parrott, Wolf Badge; Buck Nichols, Wolf Badge, one Gold Arrow and two Silver Arrows; C. J. Graves, one Gold Arrow and two Silver Arrows; and Lee Ansell, Wolf Badge.

From Den 4 with Mrs. Dorothy Brown, den mother: Richard Brown, Bobcat Pin; Carl Cave, Bobcat Pin; and Rusty Collier, Bobcat Pin.

At Fort Ord

Tex Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nichols, Grey Forest, now is at Fort Ord, Calif., taking advanced national guard training. Tex and his wife live in the former Cecil Furman place in Grey Forest.

4-H Winners

Winners in the recent Helotes 4-H Club demonstration contests were Jeannie Steubing, Patty Steubing, Danny Steubing, Nancy Steubing, Debbie Brandt, and Ricky Steubing.

The Pendeltons, teenage musical group headed by Bob Gibson of Helotes Park Estates, recently played the Freak Out Inn at New Braunfels, one of the top young music places in the area.

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80 Proof 100% Grain Spirits 5th		

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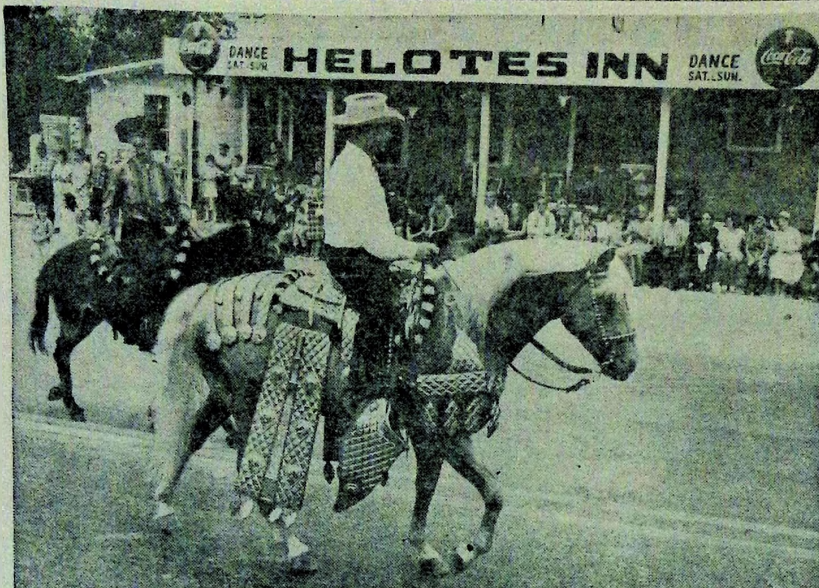
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Moss, Helotes cowboy artist, are shown passing the Helotes Inn. Dade Rayfield was chairman of the parade committee.

Art Guild Shows Indian Portraits

A special showing of portraits of six famous Indian chiefs was spotlighted at the Sunday roadside art show of the Helotes Art Guild on April 30, and continues through May.

The new and carefully researched portraits by Dorothy Prothero, 250 Patricia Dr., depict these chiefs of the Plain tribes:

Quanah Parker, last chief of the Comanches; Santanta, war chief of the Kiowas; Jack Tendency,

Shoshone chief; Gall, Sioux chief who took part in the defeat of General Custer; Pacer, of the Kiowa-Apaches; and Satank. Kiowa chief, one of the few Indians able to cultivate a mustache.

"I wanted to preserve in color the majesty of these great chiefs who attempted to preserve their way of life, especially freedom to roam, in the 1860-1870 period," Mrs. Prothero said.

A native of Galveston and resident of San Antonio for seven years, she is a member of the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Siebenhor have completed remodeling the former Jack Wolfe home on the Scenic Loop in Grey Forest. Mrs. Siebenhor—Jean—says they love it out here.

Grass Fires Up 2700%

Fires are on the increase this year in Bexar County outside San Antonio, according to Fire Marshal Henry Uecker.

Fire departments in the county, including the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department, answered 518 calls in the first four months

of this year compared with 71 for the same period last year.

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