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Person-to-Person

Artist of the Month in April at the Helotes Art Guild is Beth McLeod, and her works are on display at the Gallery, as are those of Trudie Skaggs who was artist of the month for March. The gallery has many interesting exhibits and this is a great tour to take your guests on when they visit from out-of-town.

Artists are being wooed by many festivals and shows in this area, and Helotes artists are busily preparing for them. An invitation has gone out to them from Seguin for the Mayfest to be held this year on Sunday, May 6, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The Mayfest is an arts and crafts show, antique sale, and flea market sponsored by the Seguin League of Arts and Crafts at Max Starcke Park. Entrance fee for non-members is five dollars per space with no refund and on a first come basis. For further information call Richard K. Shader in San Antonio at 679-7073 or Jackie Jandt in Seguin at 379-3628.

The John Jay High School Band dedicated its concert this month to raising funds for the Northside Special Olympics participants to attend the State Special Olympics. Dan Schreiber, band director, and his assistant, Gus Cantu conducted the 320 musicians. The goal was to raise some \$900 toward sending the Olympics participants to Houston.

Sul Ross Middle School Art Teacher Kathleen Edwards is recipient of the Northside Independents Association's First Growth Scholarship. She will use it to work on her master's degree at the University of Texas-SAThis summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Terry recently held a small dinner party at Anthony's honoring Kenneth Ewald, their son-in-law, who is the husband of their daughter, Diane. Birthday dinners out are a custom in their family.

Dr. Louise Harvasty this past week was invited to Austin to address a group on Building Better Health. She is the well-known Leon Valley chiropractor and recently returned from a State Chiropractic Convention.

Johnny Thomas is playing a benefit May 12 at the Broken Spoke in Austin for the March of Dimes.

FESTIVAL ASSN. WORKS ON 1973 EVENT



Helotes Spring Festival officers look over the sketches for the official float, designed by Rod Ayres, and being built by volunteers under direction of Bernard Daily and Fred Pizzini. The float will carry "Miss Helotes 1973" and her Court, and will be semi-permanent. Officers of the Association are left to right, Dr. James Arthur, president; Margie Hopf, secretary; Leon Schueneman, treasurer; and Edwin Faust, vice president.

Photo by Bill Terry

Volunteers Needed

With the coming of San Antonio's Fiesta—which begins immediately after Easter Sunday this year—Helotes citizens are working to prepare for the eighth annual Helotes Spring Festival which soon follows. Known locally as the Cornyval—this year's event will be held from May 10 through May 13—which is also Mother's Day.

Dr. James Arthur has issued an invitation to all organizations to send representatives to the Wednesday night meeting of the Helotes Spring Festival Association—which is open on an individual basis to new members or volunteer workers—as well. Membership fees are \$2.00 to the growing civic non-profit group which annually sponsors the four-day show.

The weekly meeting will open promptly at 7:30 p.m. and there is no charge. All problems will be considered there as well as ideas, which might make this a bigger and better show.

You all come.

Election Investigated

The Attorney General of Texas has been petitioned by a group of citizens of the City of Grey Forest to look into election irregularities concerning the April 7 election where three councilmen seats had six candidates running.

Announced results showed one clear winner with two sets of ties—separated by only one vote each—and one clear loser. Since the election goes to the highest three and not persons running for a place, the closeness of the race resulted in an interesting situation, which required legal opinions, as well as causing citizens to ask for the Attorney General's ruling.

George K. Hartman, who polled the highest number of votes, had 78 in an official tally.

Tied were Clarence "Buddy" Burris and Incumbent Dorothy Parrott, who each tallied 66 votes.

A second tie gave Mrs. Cynthia North and Mrs. Virginia Stutes each 65 votes.

Mrs. Judith Burris received 59 votes.

There was one absentee vote cast in the election. Since the absentee vote reportedly was cast at a time when Grey Forest City Hall is not regularly open for business, the legality of this vote was challenged by a citizen at the installation ceremony in which

George Hartman, Clarence "Buddy" Burris and Incumbent Dorothy Parrott sworn in by Judge Robert Duty as the Councilmen for the coming two years.

Other alleged irregularities will also come under investigation, a spokesman for the citizens said.

Leon Valley Elects 3

In an election to name three councilmen to Leon Valley City Council on April 7, both tickets showed strength.

Leon Valley voters—like the citizens of San Antonio—voted on an individual basis rather than by straight tickets. Two winners belonged to one major ticket and one to the other. Incumbent Robert (Bob) Galindo, winner of Place 1, running as a member of Citizens for Progressive Government defeated Bob Flores of the League of Leon Valley Voters, with Galindo obtaining 413 votes to 352 for Flores.

Also winning for the CFPG ticket, was Kay Kyle, winner of Place 5, with a vote of 365, defeating his nearest opponent, Bill Schuler, of the League who had a vote of 317. Others seeking the office were Don Modrick with

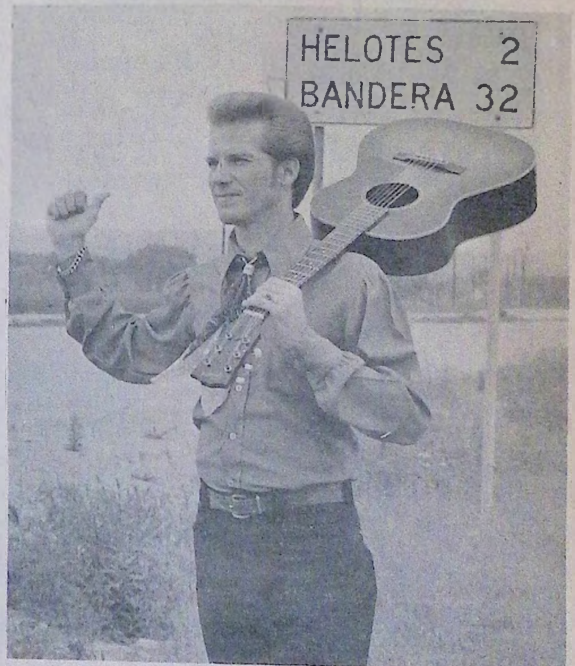


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Let others ask, "Is anyone going to San Antonio?" . . . Johnny Thomas is more interested right now in going to Helotes and Bandera. He and his Texas Rangers, Country Modern band, plan to make it to Bandera for an April 28 engagement and then back to Helotes for the Big Free Friday Night Cornyval Dance at Floore's Country Store May 11.

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Church Bells To Chime The Angelus

The Angelus—a prayer rooted in centuries of Christian tradition—announcing the Incarnation of Jesus Christ—will soon become a part of the daily life of Helotes. According to Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, an electric bell-ringer, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schumacher, is being installed in the bell-tower of the local Catholic Church.

The call to recite the Angelus will be signaled by bell-ringing at 6

a.m.; at 12 noon, and for the third time daily at 6 p.m. In past times, all over America and in Europe, it was the custom for all persons to stop regular work or activity wherever they were and pray the Angelus.

A famous painting, "The Angelus" by Millet, depicting a couple pausing to meditate while doing farm chores was painted in the last century, although the custom is more than five hundred years old. Millet's painting hangs

in the Louvre in France, and copies are found everywhere.

"Angelus" is the first word in the Latin version of the prayer regarding the Annunciation.

The bells will also ring out before the regularly scheduled masses on Saturday—which coincides with the Angelus at 6 p.m.—and on Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 noon. In addition, it will ring for special services, Rev. Trawalter said.

Luncheon Honors Future Bride

Mrs. James Linder and her daughter, Vickie, honored Mrs. Linder's niece, Barbara Aubert, at a shower-luncheon April 15 at Cactus Jack's Steak Loft.

The table was centered with a

golden floral arrangement, and personal gifts were showered on the prospective bride, who is the daughter of Mrs. R. Wyatt. The bride-elect will be married to Tim Butterworth, son of Mrs. Eileen Butler of Alabama, at Lovera Baptist Church May 5.

Out-of-town guests for the luncheon came from LaVerna, Killeen, and San Antonio, and included several relatives of the bride-elect. Some 25 guests attended.

Art Gallery To Be Scene

An invitation from the artists of the Helotes Art Gallery to artists everywhere to join the 1973 big Festival Art Show in May has been issued, according to Ernest Barrera, president of the Guild.

For the first time since the 1967 Festival, artists of the Helotes Art Guild have voted by five-to-one to hold an invitational show during the Cornyval May 12 and 13.

Since 1968, non-member artists exhibited their works away from the Gallery as guests of the Festival Assn., and the big Art Show was for members only. Now those wishing to join the Guild artists during the show may do so by registering and paying a fee of \$10. However, they will pay no commission, and the fee covers both days, Saturday and Sunday of the Cornyval.

Each artist will set up exhibits in approximately 12 square feet areas on a first-come basis. The Gallery is located on Bandera Road between the Helotes Park Plaza and downtown Helotes adjacent to the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

Registration must be received by Sunday, May 6, and may be mailed to Helotes Art Guild, P. O. Box 122, Helotes, Texas 78023.

Congratulations to Mrs. Glenn Rogers, Sr. of Scenic Loop Road, for her fine work as co-chairman of San Antonio's fine Spring Flower Show.

Congratulations to Gus Van Steenberg of Southwest Research, a graduate engineer, and a law graduate of St. Mary's University, who has just passed the Texas Bar.

Break-ins Reported

A series of robberies in Helotes are being investigated by the sheriff's department. The most recent included a robbery at Village Electronics and one at Vinck Garage. The robbery at Vinck's included loss of many tools, and resulted in the death of a pet bird. India, the Vinck's minn bird which was known to the community as a favorite, and mascot of the station—was apparently killed by the intruders. The community feels a sense of outrage and stringent methods are being taken to cut down on the break-ins.

A young adult who pleaded guilty to an earlier break-in of Village Electronics has been sentenced.

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Richard "Dickie" Mena who passed away last month was born February 28, 1936, and died at the age of 37 years. Information stating he was born in March, 1926, was incorrect, and caused 10 years to be added to his true age. The Echo wishes to make this correction on behalf of all concerned.

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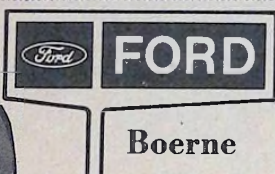


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SPEECH WINNERS ACCEPT TROPHIES



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Joe Zeevi, third from right, accepts his trophy from Helotes Optimist Club President Robert Tedford after he won the oratorical contest held recently here. Other boys to his right are Kirk Wadsack, second place; and Robert Barton, far right, runner-up. Contest

Local Club Has Zone Boys' Champ

Local Optimists had a winner in the Zone oratorical competition April 11 held in San Antonio for boys and girls speaking on this year's topic, "Listen World." The winner, Joe Zeevi, in the boys' contest, will compete in district competition at Laredo May 5, and if he wins there will go on to State. He will be eligible for a \$500 cash scholarship to attend the college or trade school of his choice.

The Helotes Optimist Club held its third annual Youth Oratorical Contest on Friday, March 30, at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, following a dinner prepared by Women of the Church, Circle 2.

Each year young people throughout the United States and Canada compete in the contest sponsored by Optimist International. In previous years, the contest has been open to boys only

but this year included girls.

Club President, Robert Tedford, and 1973 Contest Chairman, George A. Callaway, opened the contest with the girls speaking first. It was girls against girls and boys against boys, according to the rules.

Cindy Langford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Langford of Helotes Park Estates, walked away with the top honors in the girls' division. Cindy is an eighth grader at Pat M. Neff Middle School. Second place honors in the girls' division went to Karal Johnson, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Johnson of San Antonio, a student at Robert E. Lee High School. Runner-up honors went to Rosa Linda Perez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Perez of San Antonio, also a student at Lee. Judges for the girls contest included Mrs. Catherine Smith, Miss Deanne Deaton, both

Chairman George Callaway, third from left, stands next to the girls' competition winner, Cindy Langford, near center, and the other two winners in the girls' division are Karal Johnson, second from left, who took second place, and Rosa Linda Perez, runner-up, far left.

of San Antonio, and Dr. Samuel Terry of Grey Forest. Time keeper for the girls was Dwayne Hasse of Helotes Park.

For the second time in as many years, top honors in the boys' division were won by Joe Zeevi, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. Zeevi of San Antonio. Joe is a freshman at Lee High School. Second place honors

went to Kirk Wadsack, son of Mr. Terry of Grey Forest. Time keeper for the boys was Bob Burke of Helotes Park. Runner-up honors were won by Robert Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Barton, Jr. of San Antonio. Like Joe, both Kirk and Robert are students at Lee. Judges for the boys' included Miss Janie Craig, San Antonio; Dallas Daughtry, San Antonio; and

Harry Bocherding, San Antonio. Time keeper for the boys competition was Bob Burke of Helotes Park.

"The entire club wishes to give its sincere thanks to the judges, to the ladies of the Circle for the delicious meal, and to the friends and relatives who came to hear and see our youth in action," said Mr. Callaway. "A very special thanks to Benny Lyon, Bob Burke, and Buddy Hartman for furnishing the trophies, and to Mrs. Gloria White, Speech-Drama teacher at Lee High School, for her work," he added.

Moore To Speak In Matamoras

John R. Moore, Associate Director of the U. S. Office of Education Drug Training and Resource Center at Trinity University, will address the Bi-National Health Committee in Matamoras, Mexico, on Friday, April 27.

Moore will discuss the drug prevention work of the Trinity Center, one of eight such centers in the U.S.O.E.'s "Help Communities Help Themselves" program throughout the U. S.

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Charles Neff

Mr. Neff Turns In Grade Book

A teacher—and chairman of the American History Department of John Marshall High School—Charles Neff—who taught thousands of students here during his 20 years at the school—was honored on a recent Friday in band-supported ceremonies on the Marshall football field.

Current students were not even born when he first taught there—back when the school was named Northside High School, in 1953.

He was given a plaque by the students and a special cake. The occasion was his retirement from teaching.

A retired Army lieutenant colonel, who served as chaplain during World War II in the China-Burma-India theater, Mr. Neff has a firm knowledge and enthusiasm for history which he was able to convey to his students.

They recognized the consistent control he kept—as far as classroom discipline is concerned—and they gave him full

cooperation. So over the years, his reputation grew as a strict but fair teacher.

Mr. Neff was originally from the Mid-West and he brought his Republican party affiliation with him. He was called upon to introduce well-known Republicans, such as Sen. John Tower and Shirley Temple Black, to San Antonio Republicans from time-to-time.

Teachers also respected Mr. Neff as he often helped newer members of the faculty become oriented, and offered advice free of criticism when difficulties arose. Ex-students, who are now men and women, say with pride that Mr. Neff taught them history—along with a liberal dose of self-discipline. Over the years, they have contributed much to his reputation.

Mr. Neff sums up his philosophy by saying, "America is not so rich that it cannot use the talents of each and everyone of its citizens to the fullest."

High school students gained a strong sense of self-worth from him, and they chose him as one of their favorite teachers, year after year.

Mr. Neff—in answer to the usual question of his future plans—says he intends to take two six-months fishing vacations each year. And, more seriously, he plans to preach—as he is, of course, an ordained minister—and to be a public speaker. He will be able to draw on a rich experience of 20 years association with students and faculty of Northside. And he will doubtless have a whole future career on the rostrum.

On behalf of the community, the Echo says "Goodbye Mr. Neff, and we hope to see you again, whether on a fishing trip or making a public speaking appearance, in this area."



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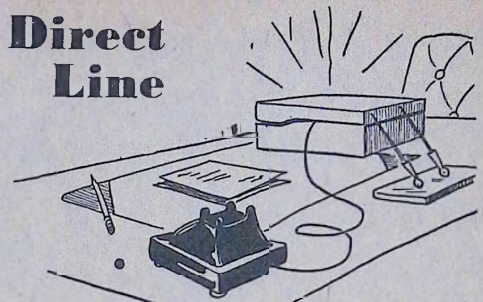
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We enjoyed reading about Johnny Thomas—the new Country modern star—and we went out to Floore's to hear him one Friday. Enjoyed that, too. Your paper mentioned Max Gardner—the disc jockey, I presume. Did Johnny work with him or what? Also isn't Hubert Long the Poteet music biggie who managed Ray Price, etc? I hear he died. Right?

J. T. R.

To answer your last question first—Hubert Long who was born December 3, 1923, in Poteet, was a past director and also past president of Country Music Assn., and made it big as a promoter of Country-Western stars. He died September 7, 1972, in Nashville. He was associated with Decca Record Sales and was part owner of other recording companies, later. Conway Twitty, in San Antonio for the Rodeo, introduced Johnny Thomas to Hubert Long and the latter encouraged Johnny to keep writing songs. Long predicted for Johnny a future in the C & W music field.

Max Gardner—now a disc jockey at KKYX here—emceed a talent show for another, and Johnny Thomas won the contest in the C & W field. You can hear Johnny Thomas play at the upcoming Cornyval, and at Hill Country night spots.

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Miss Helotes '72 Reigns Through Coronation May 10

Until the Reigning Miss Helotes, 18-year-old Janice Bendele of the Court of 1972, appears at the Coronation ceremonies opening the 1973 Cornyval May 10, to place a crown on the head of Miss Helotes 1973, she will be giving much time to representing the Festival Association in the fiesta season that comes to South Texas about now.

This petite blonde with green eyes is a graduate of John Marshall High School and holds a full-time job as a receptionist for a field oil drilling company in the Milam Building in downtown San Antonio.

She is, however, a native of the Helotes area—and her family moved from Culebra to the Hausmann Road in 1960. She is of German descent—representing well-known pioneer families here.

Janice is the daughter of Oscar and Lorene Bendele. Her mother's maiden name was Helmke, and they were settlers along the Culebra road area near Kallison Ranch. Her father's mother—Mrs. Lillie Bendele of Grey Forest—is of the Hoffman family near the Rio Medina area. Her father is a foreman in the transmission laboratory at Southwest Research.

Although Janice is proud of her German ancestry, she admits she knows only a few German words. However, she can count from one-to-ten with an authentic accent.

Janice began her schooling at Leon Valley Elementary, then on to Pat Neff Junior High, and graduated from Marshall in 1972.

At Marshall, she was active in the Vocational Office Education program and served as secretary of the VOE Club. She was also in the Helotes 4-H Club for seven years and served as president. She attends Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here where her parents were married.

She likes sewing, cooking, horseback riding and fishing.

Although she appears to be the indoor type, she admits that she loves the great outdoors. When indoors, she is likely to be seen designing her own clothes, which she has been doing since she was 11 years old.

Despite her diminutive size—she is five feet three and weighs 105 pounds—she has an ambition to become a model. She finds her job, at present, rewarding, and she also enjoys her role as Miss Helotes because she enjoys meeting the public. Janice has three brothers, 15, 13, and 3 and an eight-year-old sister, so she has a chance to develop leadership, too.

In case the activities of Miss Helotes become too burdensome, Janice has the able assistance of the Miss Helotes Alternate,

Debbie Nowotny, whom Janice has known for five years. Debbie is a senior at Marshall High School and the daughter of E. J. and Trudie Nowotny of McNeel Park here.

Janice and Debbie have enjoyed their royal rounds at the August Mini-Festival, a dance and fundraiser for the Festival Assn., and the Fall Festival Style Show. They were slated to ride in the Rodeo parade before the icestorm forced cancellation. They have been called on numerous times to represent the community, and they have set as a goal the widening of the role of Miss Helotes in future Cornyval events. They will ride in the parade on Saturday, May 12, as part of the closing events of their reign.

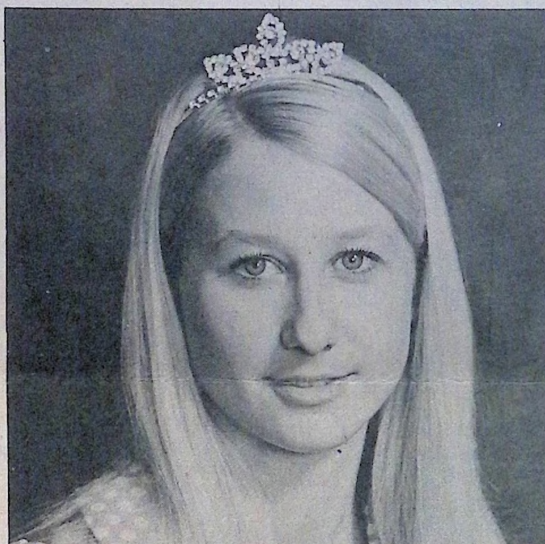


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Miss Janice Bendele—reigning Miss Helotes—will be making her official rounds to publicize the Cornyval '73 before completing her reign at the upcoming Coronation.

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ELECTION—

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80 votes and Larry L. Faircloth, who polled 3.

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Movie Actress To Sing In Local Crusade

Baptist Church Holds Services April 22

The "Jesus Revolution" singer, Beverly Massegee, will be in Helotes, with her evangelist husband, Charles Massegee, who is conducting a "Jesus Revolution" Crusade at the First Baptist Church in Helotes from April 16 through April 22. The pastor, W. C. "Rusty" Maddox, invites everyone to attend the crusade services each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Massegee is a former movie actress and entertainer. Before giving her life to Christ she traveled world-wide on the Playboy and Supper Club circuits. She has sung on the Grand Ole



Charles Massegee, Evangelist of Dallas, and his wife, Beverly, above, are in Helotes to conduct a "Jesus Revolution Crusade" at

the local Baptist Church through Easter Sunday, to which the community is invited.

Opry, the Louisiana Hay Ride, Cowtown Hoedown, Big "D" Jamboree and many other programs. She has appeared in several movies and starred and co-starred in some. She was chosen Miss Blindfold to travel around the country publicizing the movie, "Blindfold" which stars Rock Hudson.

Mrs. Massegee says, "Since I have come to know Christ personally, my life has been revolutionized—radically changed." She concludes, "my husband and I have but one desire—we want to tell people of

the revolutionizing power of God and the abundant life they can find in a right relationship with Christ."

Marshall Student Elected To OEA Office

The John Marshall Office Education Association attended the State Convention at San Antonio Convention Center with a total of 17 members and sponsors. Ronnie Barrera, Chapter Reporter, was elected as State Vice President from a field of 12 candidates. Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barrera, Jr. of Helotes. He is employed as a vocational student at Heritage Insurance Company, under the supervision of Mrs. Pat Howard.

Marshall's OEA was also named as fourth-place winner in Chapter of the Year. This is the first time a San Antonio School has placed in this category. Susan Kneupper, with the assistance of Ronnie, gave the presentation of this year's activities.

Ronnie will represent Texas at the National OEA Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 5-9. Susan and Mrs. Marie Maddox, sponsor, will accompany Ronnie to the National Convention.

Young Homemakers Invited To School

Mrs. Elizabeth Madla of Helotes, a City Public Service Board home economist, demonstrated "Foods with a Foreign Flair," and served samples to the Young Homemakers of Texas meeting April 19 at John Jay High

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Postmaster General E. T. Klassen said Postal Week is a valid time to take stock of the role of the Post Office.

Post office lobbies will be putting on a festive air with streamers and flags. Collectors may get "first-day covers." A quantity of cacheted envelopes bearing all 10 Postal People stamps will be postmarked by hand and sold for the charge of the stamps—80 cents—while they last.

As Helotes looks forward to the Eighth Helotes Spring Festival—it is a fitting time to salute the Postal People.

Dwayne Hasse Dies

Dwayne Hasse, of Flying W Trail here, died Sunday, April 15, in Rockport, Texas, at the age of 43 when he was fatally injured while on a drilling rig which strong winds blew over. He was killed instantly, authorities said, although he was freed from the wreckage after more than an hour. At the time he was working on an oil lease west of Rockport.

His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Carol Hasse; a daughter, Linda Hasse; his sons, Lyle and Dwayne Howard Hasse of Helotes. He is also survived by his parents and two brothers.

Mr. Hasse was employed in Civil Service as a supply technician at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

Funeral services were scheduled for Thursday, April 19, at 12:45 p.m. at Oak Hills Chapel with Rev. Samuel L. Terry officiating. Interment was to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

Sympathy is extended to his family in their loss.

We're glad to hear that Ellan Hart is back from the hospital after a successful operation.

Babe Gilliam recently received her 25 year pin as a member of the WIMO DAUSIS of OES, chapter 141, and has been a member 27 years.



Photo by Bill Terry

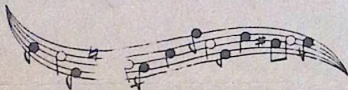
The trick rider and his trained horse shown here were featured at The Hill Country Horse Show during Festival '71. Present plans of the Helotes Spring Festival Assn., Inc. are to have a Horse Show, sponsored by the Association, this year, on Sunday, March 13, at Whetstone Compound—in downtown Helotes.

Dr. William Rowe, local veterinarian, and Mrs. Roberta Gauthier, who was director of the previous shows and a member of the sponsoring organization, will be Co-chairmen of the 1973 show. Still needed are a judge, ringmaster, poster, and roustabouts as well as volunteers to build the temporary arena. Proceeds will go to defray Festival expenses.

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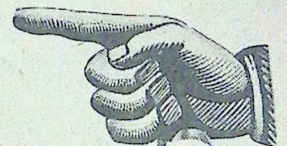
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