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## Person-to-Person

Mrs. Faye Haby, daughter of Mrs. George Brauchle recently received the Archbishop Francis J. Furey Award in recognition of outstanding service to the church and community. The Gold Medal—about the size of a half dollar—is awarded to a very few outstanding persons each year, and this was given for work at St. Gregory the Great Parish and the presentation was made at San Fernando Cathedral in a city-wide ceremony, Dec. 16.

Ross and Matilda Barham have recently had guests including Mrs. Barham's niece who is a college professor and is interested in the growth of Helotes as well as its history. We enjoyed our recent visit with them.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. N. H. (Refugia) Rosas is much better after having been hospitalized and is now at home.

Mrs. Helen H. Sanchez has been released from the hospital and appears to be making a nice recovery.

Jiggy Johnson, special events chairman for the 1974 Cornyval, announced that the Friday night free dance on May 10, will feature The Country Shade with a girl singer, and local favorite, Dale Keith, will play for the Saturday dance—both to be this year at Floore Country Store.

Incidentally, those clubs, organizations, and individuals who want to have a street or concession booth during the Festival at a favorite spot or time should contact the Preferred Booth Chairman, Polly Allison, who will keep a map.

Jackie Brannan, the electrical executive who grew up in Helotes, has been recovering from illness and everyone wishes him the best.

An attractive little daughter weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces was born to Eva and David Zweiner on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zweiner, also of Helotes.

Jan. 22 is the first anniversary of the death of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, and memorial services have been planned throughout the state and especially in the Hill Country and Austin.

## OPEN MEETING LAW ENFORCED

### Grey Forest Chooses New Councilman

At the regular meeting Jan. 16 of the Grey Forest City Council, Asst. City Attorney Phil Pittman said the District Attorney had advised him that the December meeting was in violation of the Texas Open Meeting Law due to failure to post the agenda in time.

Revised laws which went into affect with the New Year have put teeth in the law. He advised Mayor Sam Terry to reset the December agenda to avoid future litigation.

Action discussed in December, and voted upon, will be placed on the agenda of a called meeting set for Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall. Atty. Pittman also explained the new laws, warning against secret meetings.

Virginia Springer was unanimously elected by the Council to replace Councilman Dee McKay who tendered his resignation upon accepting a County position. She was sworn in by Mayor Terry.

Bob Grant, Grey Forest Utilities manager, was given a \$200 per month raise, and authority to negotiate a gas rate study. He also was authorized to see that a security light is installed at the City Hall to aid in safety for children boarding school buses there.

Councilman Burris pointed out the employment of a full-time paid chief of police will probably have to be delayed.

To date, citizens of Grey Forest have paid only \$2400 of the approximately \$9,000 tax revenue expected by the present City Council in planning their budget.

According to Councilman Burris, funds appear to be

available to continue the road program, as well as normal operation of the City. Burris stated that he did not plan to pay his Ad Valorem taxes at this time. He felt the Grey Forest taxes were imposed against the will of the people and that the legality of the taxes is still being investigated, he said.

He also stated that in the April election—where three Councilmen and a Mayor will be chosen—he hoped a new slate of elected Councilmen would be more responsive to the wishes of the people, and would at least greatly reduce the imposed tax, if the tax is legal.

To pay a policeman, he said, would probably require the tax rate to be increased or the property would have to be re-evaluated. He suggested that the area rely on the county for emergency law enforcement. Councilman Dot Parrot said that she had several applications for the police position. The Council voted unanimously to postpone hiring a chief of police until the regular February meeting at the earliest.

### Dale Graham Fatally Beaten

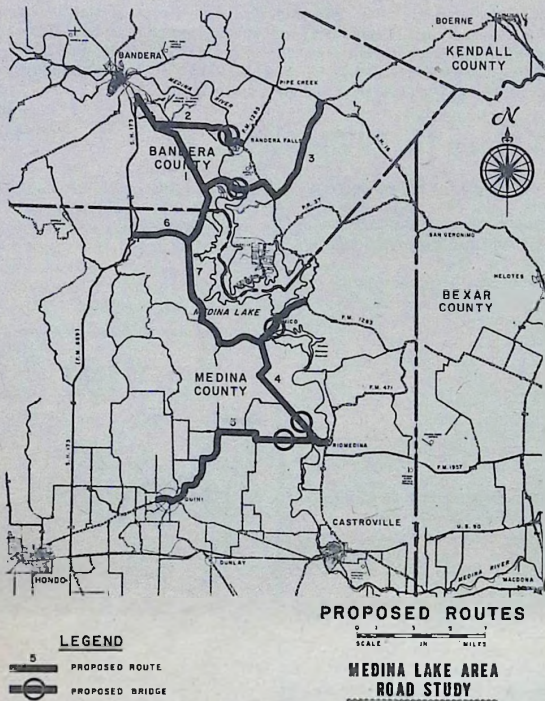
Dale Graham, 38 years old, a resident of Helotes for about three years who resided on Antonio Drive here, died Jan. 2, 1974 about 23 hours after he was taken to Bexar County Hospital suffering head injuries received at a New Year's Eve Party.

He was an executive purchasing agent for A.C.E.S., Inc., known also as Aircraft Equipment Services, and the party he attended accompanied by his wife, Carole, was given by another executive of the firm at his Castle Hills home. According to Dr. Ruben Santos, Graham's death was caused by a massive skull fracture, and the county medical examiner ruled homicide.

Graham was apparently outdoors when struck by what has been surmised to be a pipe wrench which was found January 5 in the area by investigators.

None of the 25 guests reported having seen the incident, and the Texas Rangers were called into the case to obtain clues. Partygoers reportedly called an ambulance and the police.

Graham is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carole A. Graham; daughters, Misses Mary Lou, Lynette Ann and Stacey Lynn Graham, and Tina Marie McCord;



Shown here are proposed roads to improve Medina Lake as a recreational center. The Texas Highway Dept. has released their study, just completed.

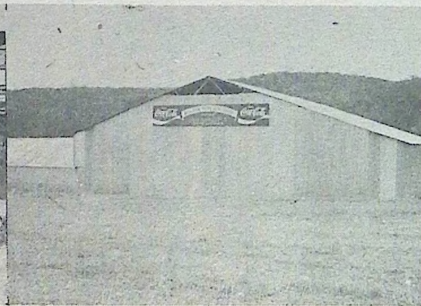
During the 1970's proposed routes around Medina Lake will provide improved access to the Lake with the first 5 providing access from the north, west and south. These have already been approved by the County Commissioners' Courts of Banderita and Medina Counties.

To serve the west and southwest areas of the Lake, Route 6 and Route 7 are also needed—to be of FM standards, the study showed. Environmentalists and property owners will be discussing this final link—which would open the west side of the Lake to resort and residential development.

### Northside Show And Sale To Be Held Here



Marshall students tour the fairgrounds and stalls at new Livestock Show Barn on Babcock Road.



Volunteer labor built this fine barn to be used for the John Marshall Livestock Show and Sale, each year.

The Bexar County Junior livestock show barn at Babcock Road, three miles north of Loop 1604. This is at Gerlach Memorial Park.

The First Annual Northside Show and Auction is set for Jan. 25 and 26 in the new barn facilities, constructed entirely with donated labor and materials.

Prize winning animals will be offered, as there is no auction at the Bexar County Show.

Judging FFA and 4-H projects includes categories of poultry, rabbits, sheep, turkey, swine, market steers, dairy cattle and

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breeding cattle.

Students of this area are fitting their cattle for the contest.

The local livestock show and sale will give Northside students their first opportunity to compete with their peers.

Everyone is invited to attend the event at the new facilities.

Arrival time for all animal exhibits at John Marshall FFA Showgrounds will be 6 a.m., Jan. 25. Inquiries may be addressed to Marshall Booster Club, Box 153, Helotes, Texas, 78203. Booster Club members and the Auction committee encourage local businessmen to enter their pledges in support of this first local effort.

Anticipated entrees from area 4-H members and Marshall FFA members total 200. All Northside students participating in the agriculture program attend Marshall High School.

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and son Luther Dale Graham, Jr., all of Helotes. He also is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Grace C. Graham, Corpus Christi; sisters, Mrs. Naurine Apeil, San Antonio, Mrs. Bonnie Skidmore, George West, Tex., Mrs. Nancy Perry, and Miss Susan Graham, Corpus Christi; brothers, Lee Wells Graham, Jr., Fort Worth, Perry Ray Graham, Pettus, Glen Graham, San Antonio, Mark Graham, Houston, and Rob Haley, Corpus Christi.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 4 at First Baptist Church in Medina, Texas. Interment was at Baker Cemetery in Medina.

The community was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Graham, and sympathy is extended to his family.



Staff Photo

Mrs. Roberta Gauthier, left, and Mrs. Dee Brookes, right, who belong to the Rough Riders, local saddle club, will be in charge of the annual Horse Show during the 1974 Cornyal. Roberta is chairman and Dee is assistant chairman for the event which will be held Sunday, May 12. Here they are seen with their favorite quarter horses.

## Rainfall Record Set Here In 1973

If anyone wants to know about the weather in Helotes—from 1885 to the present—he can compare notes with Henry Brauchle who has been keeping a journal on a day-to-day basis for several decades and has researched the earlier dates also.

He has government-type rain gauges—and according to these on his Poor Boy Ranch here, Helotes had 64.8 inches of rainfall for the year 1973. This bears out data collected by Ross Barham at

Scenic Loop that Helotes averages more rain than San Antonio—although it is often about the same, and has been drier once in a while.

Brauchle also noted that in 1973 there were no acorns, no persimmons, no agarita, no hackberries and no mesquite beans, which made survival for some wildlife difficult. Heavy rains probably had a great deal to do with this, he said.

Rainfall for 1973 topped all previous records, and so did the snow.

For those who can't recall—snow dates for 1973 were:

Jan. 11—22 degrees and snowing.

Feb. 9—Sleet and Snow, 2 inches.

Feb. 17—32 degrees and snow, sleet and rain.

The year was so wet that 60 inches fell in 10 months.

In July, 1973, the Helotes Creek, he noted, was the highest it had been in 32 years. It was bank-to-bank, and Poor Boy Ranch had water in the garden for the first time. In fact, the July total was 8.5 inches of rain.

Brauchle is a native of Helotes. He is son of Henry T. Brauchle, who taught here in a schoolhouse which stood only a short distance from the present Poor Boy Ranch. The younger Henry was born in the part of the schoolhouse that was reserved as a residence for the schoolmaster. His father and mother remained here and farmed and ranched and brought up children to be interested in the community. His parents were among those who helped establish the Zion Lutheran Church here built in 1904.

Noting that San Antonio's average annual rainfall is usually given as 27.84, he said a drouth-breaking previous high rainy year in Helotes was 1965 with 52.4 inches of rain. And 1919—also very wet—had 50.30.

The driest year of all was 1917—when practically no cattle survived—with 10.11 inches, he said.

That was a year San Antonio started to grow.

But since this is the cold season—and newcomers are likely to wonder just how cold things can get during this energy crisis—the record cold Brauchle has recorded here was on Jan. 31, 1949—and it was two degrees-brr—below zero. So far, 1974 has been a very good her.

year . . . and we'll check the records with Henry Brauchle to let you know how it goes or snows—at the end of the month.

## Toots Marshall Dies On Dec. 26

Mrs. Lunda S. (Toots) Marshall of Grey Forest died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1973, at the age of 77. She and her late husband, Alsie Elmo Marshall, who passed away last February also aged 77, were residents of Helotes since 1924 . . . close to a half century.

Mrs. Marshall, who was active until her recent illness, was a member of the Helotes Baptist Church and a charter member of the Silver Belles of Scenic Loop.

She is survived by a brother, Gordon Stuart of Opelousas, La., a niece Pattie S. Cyr, of Jeanerette, La.; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 28, in the Colonial Chapel of Porter Loring Mortuary with Rev. Russell Maddox officiating. Interment was in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Mrs. Marshall had many friends in the community who will miss her.

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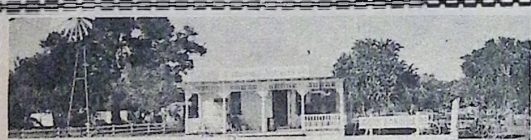
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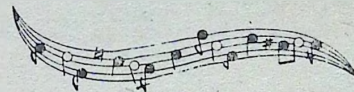


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## Jimmie Berry Passes Jan. 1

Jimmie Louis Berry who resided at Star Route Helotes, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, at the age of 47 years. He was born Dec. 6, 1926 in San Antonio.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine S. Berry, and his mother, Nettie M. Berry. He is also survived by three daughters, Elaine Graham, Doris Lee Fish, and Carol Lancaster, as well as three sons, Donald Dunford, E. J. Dunford, and Ray Dunford. In addition, he leaves seven grandchildren.

Rosary was recited in the North Park Chapel Thursday, Jan. 3. Chapel services were held Friday, Jan. 4 with interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Mr. Berry had a host of friends in the community and they were saddened to hear of his death. Sympathy is extended to his family.

### OVER 65 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FORM

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Senior citizens must apply EVERY YEAR to qualify for this savings . . . BEFORE APRIL 30. The exceptions are the City of San Antonio and San Antonio School District which accept applications between June 1 and August 31

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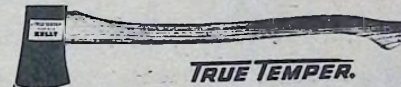
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After a post-holiday trip to California, to visit Valda's parents and family in San Diego and to renew old friendships, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Terry arrived home in time to celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary at the Plaza be The Chordsmen, past in-Dinner Club where they were honored by friends. They report that California is still fascinating and that flying is the way to go, but they also are happy to be home. They operate Valda's Thrift Shoppe, and their many friends and customers were glad to see them back also.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The family of Dale Graham wishes to thank all our wonderful friends in Helotes for their kind expression of sympathy and for gifts of food, wood, and many offers of caring for the children. It was a great comfort to us. And we wish to thank especially the children and faculty of Helotes Elementary School who sent flowers and cards of sympathy.

Carole Graham and Children

## Bids For School Addition Rejected

The Northside School Board has voted to reject all bids recently received for an addition to Sul Ross Middle School. Three contractors bid the job, of which the low bid was that of Kuntz Construction Company for approximately \$1,400,000.

The bid, well in excess of the budget, will be re-let following design changes by District planners.

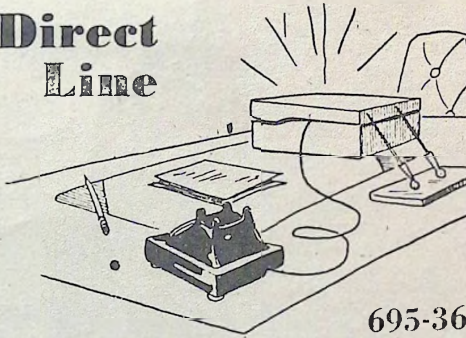
## Barbershop Soc. Seeks Singers

A concert and audition for prospective barbershop quartet and chorus singers will be held by the San Antonio Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, in the east court of the North Star Mall shopping center, near Frost Brothers.

Performing on the program will be The Chordsmen, past international championship barbershop singing chorus, from the San Antonio Chapter.

"Any man who loves to sing for fun is invited to attend and audition for membership," according to District Judge Franklin S. Spears, president of the local chapter.

## Direct Line



695-3613

We have been hearing that Helotes will have a bank soon, and we wonder how far anyone has got on this. We also heard that Leon Valley is getting a couple of banks. Right? N. N. J.

There are two groups in Helotes seeking to charter a bank and an equal number in Leon Valley. These things all take time, and a need must be shown first—which takes research.

For instance, one group seeking to charter a bank here would have as proposed local directors, John White, Richard Galland, and Harry A. Olson.

According to Col. Olson, on Jan. 21, an investigation will begin here regarding the feasibility of granting a charter for a bank to be constructed in the Helotes area. The investigation will be conducted in this general geographic area with Virgil Jones assigned to be in charge. Shop owners and residents will be randomly approached as to their candid opinions concerning the need for a community-oriented bank to serve the needs of persons in this area.

The Department Examiners will meet initially with this group of charter applicants at 9 a.m., Jan. 21 at the residence of Harry A. Olson, he said, in order to be near the vicinity of the proposed bank facility.

## SAVE Proves Best Energy Idea

Students from Marshall, Jay and Holmes High Schools in the Northside Independent School District have been selected winners of KTSA Radio's Energy-Saving Ideas Contest.

KTSA Radio Personality, Lee Randall, awarded the prize: \$100 to the Northside students Jan. 16. According to Randall, the KTSA News Department, headed by News Director, Logan Stewart, selected Northside's Project SAVE (Students Appreciate the Value of Energy) from over 50 entries aired by the station since early December.

"Project SAVE," Randall said, "was selected because it was the conservation idea likely to be the most effective if implemented nationwide."

## Photographic Art Exhibition

Trinity University alumnus Carl Saltarelli will present a major exhibition of photographic art through Feb. 15 at Trinity's Laurie Auditorium Gallery. A reception will be held Jan. 20 at the gallery from 3-5 p.m. Included are series on the American Southwest and the Alamo City.

Saltarelli, a native of San Antonio and a 1973 physics graduate, has studied photography with professionals, including San Antonio free-lancer, Gilbert Barrera and Trinity Art Department Chairman William Bristow.

The exhibition may be viewed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the public is invited.

## Qualls To Coach Marshall High

Northside Independent School District Trustees have elected Gene Qualls, former assistant football coach for Lee High School to be head coach for John Marshall High School.

Qualls, who assumes his duties at Marshall immediately, was at Lee for the past six years.

A graduate of St. Mary's University and a native of Pleasanton, Qualls also coached at St. Gerard's High School and Antonian.

He replaces former Marshall Head Coach Gary Haass, who has assumed other duties at the Northside high school.



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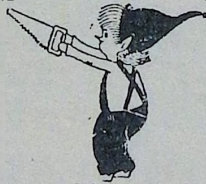
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and Barbara Jungmann. Junior bridesmaids were Carmen Elizabeth Moore, sister of the bride, and Jessica Ann Gonzalez, the groom's sister. Julie Rodriguez was flower girl.

Charles Albert Elizondo served as best man, and Raul Gabriel Lozano was ring bearer.

Ushering were Michael J. Colton, Joseph Anthony Ortiz, David C. Lopez Jr. and John R. Moore Jr., the bride's brother.

Groomsmen were Peter Michael Orsak and Robert James Robson, both of Fairfield, Calif., and Richard Cavazos.

After a reception in the main ballroom of Turtle Creek Country Club, the couple departed for a wedding trip to Hawaii.

## Honeymoon In Hawaii

Miss Roberta Anne Moore and Arthur Anthony Gonzalez Jr. were married Saturday, January 5, in St. Paul's Catholic Church before the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard F. Popp.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Gonzalez are parents of the groom.

The bride's family have a ranch at Pipe Creek.

Miss Judith Gayle Moore attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Dee Ann Condel, Martha Carolyn Elizondo

## Women's Club Entertained

The Women's Club's first meeting of the new year was held at the home of Mrs. Ben Zimmerlie on Leslie Road. Co-hostess was Mrs. Anne Benke with 16 members attending. Plans are underway for the quilt making for the Spring Festival.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the evening at the home of Mrs. Sam Terry.

## Ernst-Nixon Wed At Trinity



Miss Barbara Anne Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Nixon of Helotes, was given in marriage by her father, in a ceremony December 21, at the Margarite B. Parker Chapel of Trinity University, where she became the bride of Carl Lynn Ernst of Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Ernst of Glen Rose, Texas.

Officiating at the candlelight service was Dr. Bill Glover. The bride's maid of honor was her sister, Miss Charlotte Nixon. Her bridesmaids included Mrs. Kurt Pankratz, Mrs. Terry Neans and Miss Milby Moore.

The bridegroom had as his best man, Don Jones. Groomsmen were John Hewlett, Terry Neans and Bob Miller. Ushers included Thomas Nixon, Jr., brother of the bride; Wayne Wyche, Rob Chanee, and Roy Leslie, III.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Turtle Creek Country Club.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the University of Texas at Austin. Following a wedding trip to New Orleans, they will reside in Austin where the bridegroom has been completing work toward his M.A. degree in Business Administration.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jimmie L. Berry wishes to thank all their friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness in our recent loss, and especially do we appreciate the cards, flowers, memorials, and masses offered. A special thank you goes to the Altar Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for their kind offerings of food, and to Rev. Louis Trawalter for his prayers of comfort and religious services. We also wish to thank Dr. James Coughlin and Dr. Irwin Kurtz.

Ella J. Berry and Family

Holiday open houses extended well into the New Year here as 1973 came to a fast close and 1974 became a Curtain Raiser year.

More than 50 guests attended an open house given by Anna Louise—the artist—and her husband Bill Schumann.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Logan honored their daughter, Mary Jane, and her friends also with an open house and had a second event that attracted many friends and neighbors to their home at Logan Playgrounds.

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## Otto Schneider Wins ARRL Award

In times of emergency—when disaster strikes—Otto L. Schneider—"Wa 5 U Ye" calling—who lives on Scenic Loop Road here can usually be found working overtime relaying messages, using his extensive amateur radio equipment. Other times, he enjoys conversing with other ham operators all over the nation.

For his work in an emergency, the American Radio Relay League, Inc. has recently awarded him a certificate, signed by George Hart, manager of the Communicators Dept. The award can not be earned but is given in spontaneous recognition of outstanding work by individual amateurs during communication emergencies.

This public service award was given for communication during floods in the San Antonio, Texas area on July 16, 1973 as reported in October, 1973 QST, page 79.

The award pointed out that Schneider's work is a valuable asset to the public and the nation.

Johnny Thomas recently played a benefit for the Little Israel Youth Ranch, and was also popular with the VFW Post 1907 for their annual event.

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## Trail Riding Time Is Here

Trail riding time is approaching for the annual trek to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The Sixth Annual Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride sponsored by the Bandera Chamber of Commerce will be one of the official trails to San Antonio to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the big stock show and rodeo.

"The 1974 Cowboy Capitol Trail Ride will be in memory of our late Assistant Trail Boss Mr. Lee Dockery," stated Frank R. Anderwald, Trail Boss. "Lee worked diligently with the trail to help make it one of the best. We feel it fitting to honor the memory of our friend in this way."

Riders will leave Bandera from the Longhorn Steak House at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5. Following three days on the trail, The Cowboy Capitol Trail will take part in the big western parade in downtown San Antonio on Friday, February 8 at 10 a.m.

The route to San Antonio will be the same as on previous rides, from Bandera to Pipe Creek, San Geronimo, Helotes and on to San Antonio.

"Our neighbors along the trail are certainly invited to ride with us and be representatives of their communities in promoting the San

Antonio Show and Rodeo," Anderwald said.

To get the wheels rolling, a pre-trail ride and meeting is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday, January 27, at Twin Elm Ranch, Bandera.

"Applications will be sent to all previous members, and should be returned as soon as possible. Everyone is invited to join the ride and new riders are certainly welcome. Riders under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult on the ride. Trail horses can be rented, Anderwald said.

For additional applications please write or call Frank R. Anderwald, Box 117, Bandera. Tel: 796-3628.

## Host DECA Youth

Over 500 high school students from South Texas are expected to attend the 9th Annual DECA Youth Leadership Conference at Holmes High School Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DECA involves students participating in a two-year work-study program which allows them to attend high school and be employed in business at the same time.

The Conference includes competition in sales, advertising, job interview, business speaking and marketing.

Coordinator is Mr. L. A. Pitts, Holmes DE Director.



In this area—1973 was a very good year for the children. Santa Claus thought so, too. While finishing his rounds to be sure to find all good boys and girls he arrived minus his reindeer, but he managed with the aid of members of the Helotes Volunteer Fire Dept. At early dawn, he hopped off the fire truck driven by Milton Shields with a jolly ho-ho-ho that sounded something like Explorer Post 401 Advisor Ray Garrison. Here Santa Claus shakes hands with Mr. Morado who told him where to find his way.



After the sun came up, several little cousins who enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus, posed with him before he returned home for another busy year's work to get ready for 1974's Christmas rounds. The volunteer fire department has helped him before to take care of children in other parts of Bexar County, but this is the first time that they helped him give toys to children in this area. The children shown here shared their toys with those who didn't have so many, and they all agreed that Santa Claus is more than a friend to them. They found it fun to be Santa's little helpers.

## DSII Network To Air Local Class

Invitations have been extended to four area schools to join the 1974 Network of Demonstration Schools in Individualized Instruction (DSII) of Texas.

They are Holy Spirit Elementary School; Shenandoah Elementary School, Northside Independent School District; Clear Spring Elementary School, San Antonio Independent School District; and Palo Alto Elementary School, South San Antonio Independent School District.

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## Bus Loading

## Rules At Marshall New Investors

Signs are now posted at Marshall High School designating an additional school bus-loading lane. Parents and students are asked to help insure bus-rider's safety by keeping both sides of the parking lot island in front of the school free for school buses, a school authority said.

San Antonio—San Antonio Spurs President B. J. "Red" McCombs has announced the addition of six local businessmen as members of the Spurs' owners-investors group.

The six newest members are Sylvan Stephen Lang, Col. Maurice C. Holden, Dick Lubel, Irving Mathews, and Richard and William Alterman.

## Marshall Students

## To Honor Bosses

About 150 Marshall high school students in cooperative school-work programs will honor their bosses Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at a banquet at Turtle Creek Country Club.

Featured speaker for the Employer Appreciation Banquet is Frank Williams, St. Phillip's College Administrator.

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Council of Governments and San  
Antonio Union Junior College  
District for police training for  
officers from the 112-county  
Alamo Region.

The contract provides for SAC to  
use Law Enforcement Assistance  
Administration (LEAA) funds  
from the Texas Criminal Justice  
Council to offer classes during  
1974 for the police training. Al  
Notzon, AACOG Executive  
Director, signed the agreement  
with Dr. Jerome Weyand, Presi-  
dent of the Junior College  
District, on Friday, December 21.

The training, available to full-  
time commissioned peace officers  
at no cost to their sponsoring  
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## Ranch Town Delayed

Ranch Town activities will be halted here for at least two-and-a-half months pending the outcome of a legal battle which started more than three years ago. Counsel for the Edwards Underground Water District on Dec. 10, filed a brief in support of their appeal from the decision regarding the San Antonio Ranch New Town suit of the federal District Court in San Antonio.

The Fifth Circuit of Appeals in New Orleans is expected to hand down a decision by April 1.

According to some sources, the Ranch Town developers have been enjoined meanwhile from starting on work until the court has handed down its ruling.

## Roy Stensland Dies Jan. 6

Capt. Roy E. Stensland, USA (Ret.) of Scenic Loop Drive in Grey Forest died Sunday, Jan. 6, at the age of 66.

He was a member of Unity Lodge N. 130 A.F. & A.M. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; San Antonio Consistory Scottish Rite, Alzafar Shrine and Past Commander of the Alzafar Hospital Corps. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi, and was also Past President of the Lost Battalion Association.

In recent years he had dedicated much of his time to assisting burn



### HOW NOT TO END THE YEAR

This car failed to negotiate a rapidly descending curve on one of the newer paved roads. And although the occupants were apparently uninjured, the car wrapped itself around some trees, getting a cracked windshield.

Safety experts counted this the most common type accident in the area for 1973, although more serious accidents involved two vehicles at major crossings or on rain-slick roads.

The car above took the plunge during the recent holiday season, in daylight, and was occupied, witnesses said, by several persons who were all able to walk away.

Staff Photo

victims who were treated at the Scottish Rite's Galveston hospital for crippled children.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene B. Stensland; his daughters, Mrs. John R. Saunders and Mrs. G. E. Glenn, Jr., both of Houston; and his son, Maj. William C. Stensland of Annandale, Va. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. William Gremmels, of Hayword, Calif.,

and 13 grandchildren.

Graveside services with full military honors were held Thursday, Jan. 10.

Honorary pallbearers were Milton Washer, Adam Reyes, William T. Bookman, Dewey Flora, Charles Bricker, Carl Dunaway, George Newcomb, and Horace Tufts.

Masonic Service was conducted

under the auspices of Patterson Fund, Alzafar Shrine Temple or to Lodge No. 1177 A.F. & A.M. the charity of their choice.

Those who desire may send Sympathy is extended to his memorial gifts to the Luis Motto family in their loss.

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