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## Person-to-Person

A sure sign that the Helotes Spring Festival Assn. is planning for the 1975 Cornyal is the announcement of the early curtain raiser, a Pre-Festival Dance, to be held this year at Floore Country Store on Friday, March 14 featuring the music of Clifton Jansky. Planned by Special Events Chairman Joe Alguereva and backed by the 1975 officers for the Festival Assn., this is bound to be a great chance for everyone to preview the 4-day spectacular planned here for May 8-11. Tickets are already on sale, and everyone in the community is invited. There will also be an auction—just for fun of many items donated by well-wishers and merchants. Hopefully this will be on the patio. Those who enjoy a St. Patrick's Day dance will find plenty of Wearing O the Green there, also.

Recently visiting Helotes and touring the landmarks—including the Echo—were Anna Adrian and Carol L. Weaverling from Wichita, Kansas.

Plans are being made to form a new square-dance club here, and those interested may inquire at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

The Scenic Loop Playground Club will hold a covered dish supper and quarterly meeting on Sunday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Building.

Newly elected president is Columbo Stutes, and all residents of Grey Forest and property owners there are invited, along with guests.

Eddie Anderson, A Gideon-West Camp, will present the fifth and sixth grade school children of Helotes Elementary School with individual small new testaments in a brief ceremony next week, and he will also make a presentation to teachers wanting a larger edition.

The next meeting of the Silver Belles will be held at the home of Mrs. Lucille Stemen on Saturday, March 13, with Mrs. Babe Gilliam as co-hostess. Plans for the Trash 'N Treasure Booth at the Cornyal in May will be discussed.

A covered dish supper was held in the home of Mrs. Hardee Warden, with Mrs. Lou Spiller and Mrs. Lucile Owen as co-hostesses. Mrs. Betty Wilson was welcomed as a new member. A plant was awarded as a door prize to Mrs. Spiller.



This hardtop convertible failed, apparently, to round the curve at the first crossing on Scenic Loop Road the night of Feb. 9-10.

The auto struck the concrete apron, tore a hole in the side and flipped over. Miraculously, the driver was cushioned in a narrow space between the hard rock layers where the ground was soft, and was able to crawl out with no serious injury. The windshield was totally destroyed. The driver was not a resident of Helotes. Citizens stopped to render aid for several hours before the vehicle was finally towed away.

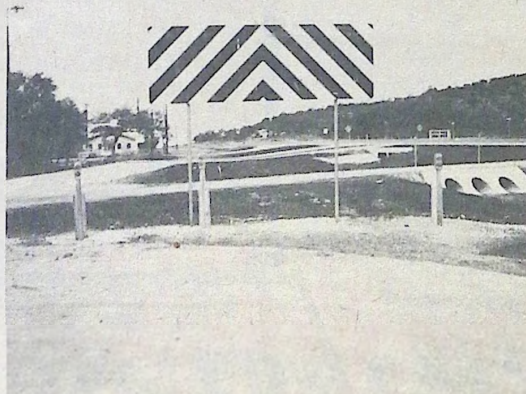
## Progress Becomes Dead-End Road

Texas Highway officials are hearing complaints these days about the ingress and egress to Helotes from customers as well as merchants. An official contacted by the Echo this week said that a field study will be made of the situation, and something will be done about it.

The situation is hazardous in some cases, and provoking in all, local citizens say. Downtown merchants have had complaints from customers who overshot the town and do not find it convenient

to turn back on their daily rounds—especially those from the ranch and lake properties above Helotes. Businesses here for more than a quarter of a century, are awaiting the solution.

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
to attend the next Festival Assn. meeting, Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Floore Country Store.  
Joey Tomlinson, President



Downtown Helotes—coming in from the North—has been cut off from access, as the back of this sign shows. A recent Twentieth Century movie crew passed Helotes and did not return in time to shoot the scene by daylight when they discovered their error. Castroville was chosen instead, at a later date.

## Grey Forest Grants \$10,000 Exemption

At the February 18 meeting of the City Council of Grey Forest the four councilmen present voted unanimously to change the tax exemption on real property for people over 65 years of age from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

This applies only to city taxes levied by Grey Forest.

The amended ordinance 62 requires that persons claiming the exemption be residing on the property. Voting were Coun-

cilpersons Buddy Burris, Ruth Morris, Gary Prejean, and Virginia Springer. Councilperson Margaret Martin was absent due to illness.

To claim the exemption in any year, the person must have been residing on the property and be 65 by January 1. Those wishing to fill out claims of exemption forms may obtain them at the City Hall of Grey Forest, Mayor Ed Faust said.

## Northside Fights Utility Charge

At the Board of Trustees, Northside Independent School District, regular session, Feb. 10, the Board adopted a resolution supporting the Bexar County Federation of School Boards legal challenge of the 14 percent "pass-through" charge on utility bills.

The resolution adopted is as follows:

"By the adoption of this resolution, the Board of Trustees of NISD (1) authorizes the institution of a lawsuit by and for itself which challenges the legality of the 14 percent surcharge added to its utility bill which is levied and collected for and by the City of San Antonio for its general revenue fund through the city's wholly owned utility company, City Public Service Company; (2) authorizes employment of Harvey L. Hardy as the attorney in this matter; (3) authorizes payment by NISD of its prorated share of the cost of this legal action in an amount up to but not more than 5c per pupil of the District's total

ADA for the 1973-74 school year."

Cost referred to in the resolution could be as much as \$1250 for NISD, and does not cover appeals. Northside's budget this year for CPSB payments is \$600,000, and percent amounts to \$90,000.

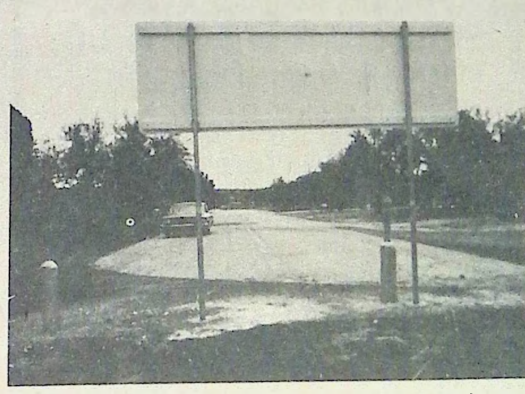
In other action, Trustees approved expenditure of \$2932 for materials needed to connect Cable Elementary's plumbing to city sewer system.

Trustees okayed expenditure of \$1024 for installation of a fire plug on the Pease Middle School campus following a request by the County Fire Marshall.

Recommendations for additions of windows to "mini-classrooms," De Zavala Elementary, were okayed, as was reduction in number of room dividers for that school.

Associate Supt. for New Buildings, T. E. McGuire, reported substantial progress on all construction sites.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.



Drivers fortunate enough to locate Helotes-downtown off the newly constructed Highway 16 find the Bandera Road largely the same—that is, until they pass the Baptist Church one block. Then, if they attempt to make their way to the next four or five businesses including Martox and El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant, they are confronted by this dead-end sign.



## Lions Club Plans

Members of the Helotes Lions Club are gathering merchandise to be auctioned off at Wonderland, March 29 by a group of Lions Clubs with the host club that of Balcones Heights. Also participating will be Leon Valley Lions Club, St. Mary's Lions Club, and the Policeman's Lions Club.

All merchandise secured by the club will be sold, with proceeds going to that club. The Helotes Lions plan part of their proceeds to continue paying for the Parrigin Pavillion—named for the past president, Alex Parrigin, who at the time of his death, Feb. 22, 1970, was the oldest active Lion Club member in the United States.

The Pavillion is an asset to the community and is available for many civic events throughout the year. Anyone wishing to contribute to the auction may contact a member for details.

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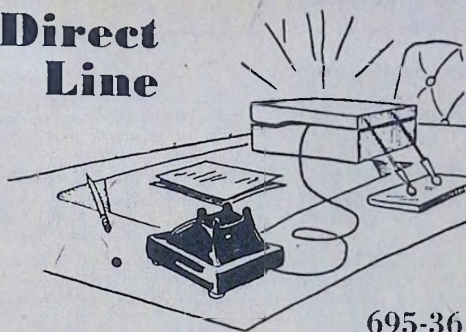
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At San Antonio's Main Library, 8mm films can now be borrowed from the Art, Music & Films Section of the library.

This new collection consists of standard 8, super 8 and a limited number of super 8 with magnetic sound.

The films are the old silent classic comedies with a few on sports and wildlife. Also included are several Disney short subjects.

These films can be checked out by adult residents of San Antonio and Bexar County on the second floor of the Main Library.

## Local Heart Assn. Asks \$200,000 In Campaign

American Heart Association San Antonio Chapter hopes to raise \$200,000 this year for its fight against the Nation's No. 1 killer, heart and blood vessel diseases.

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, chairman, announced the 1975 Heart Fund goal as he launched the organization's annual campaign which will be conducted through February and March.

Cardiovascular diseases were responsible for more than 3,000 deaths in San Antonio in 1974. For decades, cardiovascular disease has been killing more people than all other causes of death combined.

Some headway has been noticed in Texas, however, with cardiovascular disease accounting for slightly less than half of all deaths, 49 percent. It has been 53 percent nationally.

"Give so more will live," the general, a retired Air Force medical doctor, said.

All of the local chapter's funds for medical research will go to the University of Texas medical school here. Within the 6½ years the local Heart chapter has given more than half a million dollars to the Medical School for cardiovascular research.

Dr. Byron N. Dooley, president of the local AHA chapter, said: Heart disease does not necessarily have to be fatal. The research and education that we are gaining has shown us that a person with a heart problem can live a happy and useful life. This is why we so very much appreciate the help that the public gives the chapter. This help is vitally necessary in the conquering of cardiovascular disease, the top medical menace of the century."

"The answer is continued research into the causes of heart problems, such as the research now underway at the University of Texas Medical School here in San Antonio. The answer is also more public information and education as conducted by the chapter."

Since 1972 the chapter has given Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training to more than 3,000 persons, including firemen, MAST helicopter personnel, nurses, students and the public at large. Groups of 10 or more persons interested in the training should contact the chapter at 222-8272, Dr. Dooley said. The chapter office is at 120 E. Martin Street.

The chapter in the last four years has sponsored coronary care courses for 600 local nurses.

Publications on the latest scientific findings are furnished to doctors. Information is provided in pamphlet form to lay people.

## Feb. Rains Claim Life

February rains—which happened to come during the week of trail rides—contributed to a death in Comfort on Sunday night, February 2, of a citizen of that town—Armando "Jack" Pena. A few hours earlier he had led the parade of the incoming trail ride on horseback, although he was not riding with the group.

About 9 p.m. he started over the low water bridge—where the water had risen several feet—to return home. It was presumed that he was mounted at the time. Before 11 p.m. his horse returned saddled to the riders and they alerted searchers. Mr. Pena was found the following Saturday, February 8, and the death was ruled accidental drowning. He was found some six miles below the crossing. Mr. Pena, who preferred landscaping was good with animal husbandry. He received his nickname because he often spoke of himself as a "jack-of-all-trades." He had resided in Comfort for 16 years. He was survived by his Mother and numerous other relatives, including a brother and sisters. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery in Comfort. He will be

remembered for his cheerful interest in his work by those who knew him.

## All-age Clinic Set For Feb. 28

A free shot clinic . . . designed to make youngsters eligible for entry in public schools, and to give 5-year boosters to prevent a diphtheria epidemic in San Antonio . . . will be held Feb. 28 at Northside Stadium, Taylor Field House from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

This is the combined service of Northside Independent School District nursing staff and the Communicable Disease Control Center, Municipal Health Department.

All persons including adults who were immunized against diphtheria during the 1970 epidemic are now due for a diphtheria booster shot.

Also available will be the measles-mumps-rubella triple vaccine for children, ages one to three; and DPT, measles, rubella and oral polio for children who will be entering school this Fall.

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## Women's Club To Have Spring Style Show

A style show featuring clothes from Terry's Fashions will be held at the next regular meeting of the Helotes Women's Club. The occasion will also include a covered dish supper scheduled for 7 p.m. at the CCD Building next to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, located on Riggs Road, on Tuesday, March 21. Guests and members will be shown fashions modelled by members and also representatives from the Court of Miss Helotes, past and present. Mrs. Margie Stowe will narrate the show.

At the previous meeting of the Club held at the home of Mrs. Sam Terry with Mrs. Lucile Owen as co-hostess, the 1975 Helotes Quilt, supervised by Mrs. Ben Zimmerlie, was presented. The Quilt will be given away during the 1975 Cornyval.



Presented as Duchess of the Fathomless Seas, shown here during the ceremony at Municipal Auditorium, is Miss Julianna Hand escorted by Dennis Gene Toepperwein. Proceeds of the coronation go to charity.

## Miss Julianna Hand Represents Helotes At Charity Coronation

Reigning as duchesses in the Court of the Creation are 18 girls who were presented at the San Antonio Charity Coronation and from among whom will be chosen the queen for 1975-76 at the 17th annual charity event to be held next November.

Each year's participants nominate potential duchesses for the following year. A committee of the San Antonio Lutheran Charity Coronation Association judged the nominees and invited them to participate in the year's pageant—one of the major events of South Texas. Christian qualities are considered. The 18 girls currently duchesses are from six towns surrounding San Antonio as well as including the 12 girls from

churches within that City.

Representing Helotes in the 16th annual Coronation ceremony November 9 was 16-year-old Julianna Hand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hand, and she was presented as Lady Julianna Hand, Duchess of the Fathomless Seas. Her escort was Dennis Gene Toepperwein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Toepperwein. Miss Hand attends John Marshall. And her escort, a Marshall graduate, now attends The University of Texas in Austin. The presentation was at San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium where this year's queen was also chosen to reign.

The gown worn by Miss Hand was of green velvet. Her train, as well as gown, carried out the theme of the Fathomless Seas with waves and tides symbolized in blue and silver and with stars reflected in encrusted lace. The gown was the handiwork of Mrs. Hand and was designed under the direction of Farrell Tyson, who also created the other designs worn by the participants.

Miss Hand and her escort are both from pioneer families of this area.

Others presented included Lady Linda Jean Haby, duchess of Swirling Mists, representing Castroville; Lady Connie Lynn Rust, duchess of Emanating Light, from Canyon Lake; Lady Tracy Beth Bonn, Duchess of the Infinite Firmament, from Fredericksburg; Lady Marilyn Kay Frisch, Duchess of the Emerging Earth, from Seguin; Lady Deborah Jean Lindeburg, duchess

of Seed-yielding Plants, from Quihi; and Lady Shelly Diane Andrews, duchess of a Tree's Sweet Abundance, from La Vernia.

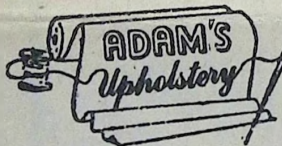
Other members of the royal household presented were from San Antonio. They included Sharon Gaye Denison, duchess of Sparkling Snows; Terry Diane Love, duchess of the Voices of Spring; Carolyn Lucille Gresch, duchess of the Green Leaves of Summer; Valerie Jan Sobey, duchess of Autumn Leaves; Deborah Lynn Tatsch, duchess of Enchanting Aquatic Treasures; Joan Renee Tiemann, duchess of the Birds of the Air; Cynthia Louise Smith, duchess of the Creatures of the Deep; and Sabrena Estelle Willett, duchess of Every Winged Bird. Others were Elizabeth Boling, duchess of

Fluttering Wings; Nancy Gayle Rabenaldt, duchess of Animals of the Great Velds; and Shari Leann Kretzer, duchess of a Verdant Paradise.

Proceeds from the Coronation ceremony were given to the Lutheran General Hospital and for leukemia research at the University of Texas Medical School.

Jay High School senior, Melissa Mead, 310 Whitecliff, earned the school's highest-ranking score on the 1975 Betty Crocker "Search for the Birds of the Air; Cynthia Louise Smith, duchess of the Creatures of the Deep; and Sabrena Estelle Willett, duchess of Every Winged Bird. Others winners earn college scholarships in the amount of \$5000.

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## Future Teachers To Attend Meet

The John Marshall Future Teachers of America chapter will attend a state workshop convention, Feb. 28-March 1, in Fort Worth.

Thirty-five students will participate in workshops concerning human relations, public relations, teacher training, bilingual careers and parliamentary procedures.

Teachers John Van Nest and Elizabeth Flanagan will be sponsors.

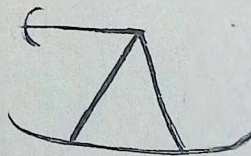


Dale Keith, shown above at last year's Cornyval Dance, has been signed to play at the Friday night dance during this year's Festival, to be held on May 9 at Floore Country Store. Plans are to be on the patio—with no admittance charge, and proceeds of sales to go to the Festival Assn. to defray costs.

Many organizations will also have food booths, and the event will begin at about 7 p.m. with the Starlite Ramblers playing from 8 p.m. to midnight. This is the dance which has become nationally known—and was originally a street dance. The street will be blocked—with ample free parking—for those wanting to enjoy a night in old Helotes, and the Carnival will be nearby.

## Cadena Family Belongs Here

Joe Richeson, Anson Jones Middle School teacher and vice president of Northside Classroom Teachers Association, is currently serving on the Teacher Center advisory council of Southwest Texas University, San Marcos.



This brand was registered by Don Maximo Cadena in Bexar County in 1852.

Some of the earliest settlers in Helotes have records going back to the conquistadores—and among these are descendants of the Cadena family. Although the brand used by Maximo Cadena was registered in 1852 in Bexar County—it has a much longer history. It shows the hat of the conquistador and also a sword as part of the motif. Members of the family had used this or a variation of it from the sixteenth century according to David Cadena who grew up here.

On his mother's side of the house there is also a long history. Both sides of his house had original land grants.

His maternal relatives built the historical buildings—mistakenly identified as the Menchaca homeplace—now owned by the Black Sun herb farm. A French great-grandmother was La Serene and her husband was a Martinez—the name which should be on the historical marker.

There is a Menchaca homeplace, but it was located on the Menchaca Road—now called the John Wagner Road, according to Mrs. Mary Logan who is also a descendant of the Menchaca

family. This is verified by Cadena. In early days, the Cadenas lived in San Antonio and their cattle roamed from San Pedro Creek to almost the exact location of Toepperwein's here. Legends abound in the family, which is allied also to Barrera and Gonzalez.

## BABE RUTH LEAGUE BEING FORMED

The Northside Babe Ruth League held a business meeting and registration of players February 20, at Colonial Hills Elementary School.

Baseball Programs for ages 13-15 and 16-18 will be held this Spring.

Anyone who was unable to attend may call George Brannan at 344-4806 after 5 p.m. for information.

For confirmation call, Guy Roberts, President, Northside Babe Ruth League at 828-2515.

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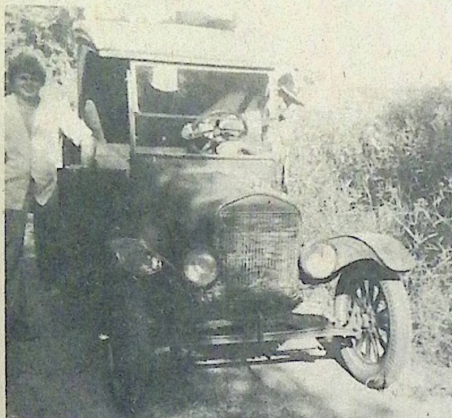
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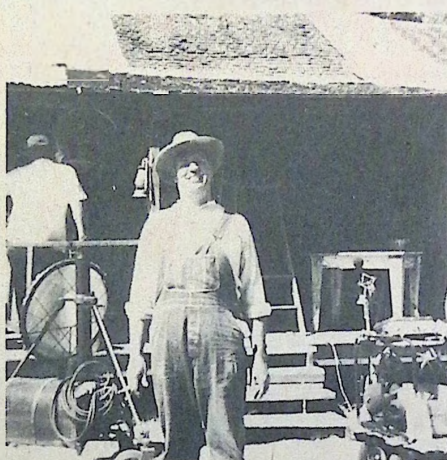
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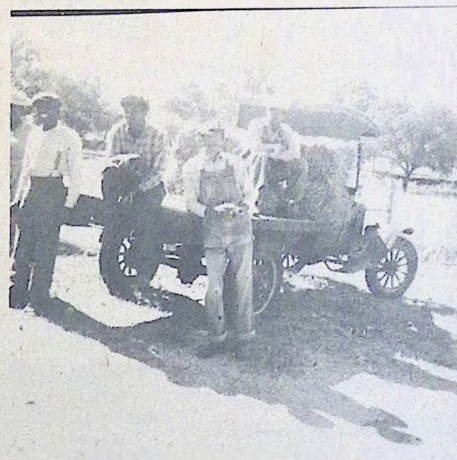
## MOVIE FEATURES LOCAL MAN IN ROLE



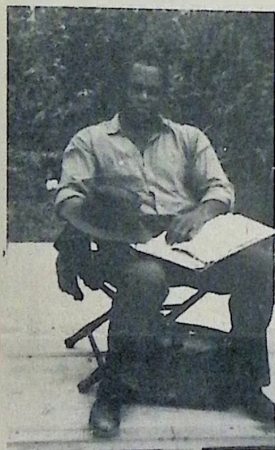
A movie being made in South Texas—chiefly around Bastrop—which is based on the life of a folksinger, Ledbetter, has this Model T Ton Truck of 1925 vintage, and its owner, Ben Zimmerlie, shown driving, as a crucial part of the show.



Ben Zimmerlie plays the white sheriff—an unsympathetic part—in a chiefly black production based on life in the former plantation area of Texas.



In another scene, the hay-laden truck conveys an atmosphere of nostalgia.



Roger Mosley, star of Ledbetter, studies his script on location.



This Bastrop area cabin was once one of many that dotted the plantations in the area which fell on hard times after the cotton crop was abandoned.

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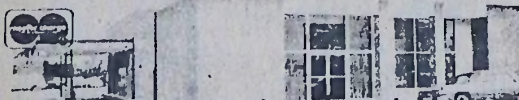
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Rodgers & Stewart Const. Co. would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of the Helotes and Grey Forest area for their cooperation and patience during all the traffic problems created by construction along Scenic Loop.

The placing of conduit and manholes for South Western Bell Telephone Co. will insure improved service in the future.

Thanks again,  
Jack Rodgers

## Along Our Route

Bend, Oregon

Dear Lucy & C. O.:

Am writing to inform you of our new address: Route 3, Box 1731, Bend, Oregon 97701. Could you please let us know when our subscription is due?

This country up here is very beautiful. I grew up here and it is really great. Sure hope this note finds you and all of our friends in Helotes doing fine. We all are!

Perhaps Jay's friends would like to know that Jay and his wife Debi have a baby girl. She was born on Oct. 31, 1974, weight 7 lbs. 2 oz. She was born in Azusa, California, and her name is Amanda Leigh. We all call her Mandy. Jay and Debi are now living in Kallispell, Montana.

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## The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Most businessmen have at one time or another been approached—and possibly even pressured—to buy goods or services they can't use or don't want.

Certain firms or individuals have devised a method of selling that sometimes makes it difficult or impossible to say "no."

They specialize in sending unordered merchandise with a bill for payment, or in sending "promotional billings." The latter are direct mail solicitations for goods or services that are designed to look like invoices.

In both cases, the sender is counting on the recipient to assume the order or invoice was authorized and pay the bill. It's especially easy for this to happen in a business where one person may be in charge of purchasing and another in charge of accounting.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division lawyers report that instances of receipt of unordered merchandise and such deceptive solicitations have occurred in Texas and that other states are experiencing similar occurrences.

For example, some Texas businessmen have notified the Better Business Bureau that salesmen for an out-of-state company have called long-distance to offer a prize such as a radio to the employee answering the call. This gives the firm a name and address, to which they

later send unordered light bulbs, along with a bill.

Our Consumer Protection attorneys remind businessmen that both state and federal laws now protect recipients of unordered merchandise. If you receive unordered goods by mail, you don't have to pay for or return them, unless they were delivered accidentally. In that case, the burden of proof is on the sender.

## China Painting To Be Shown

The Alamo Porcelain Art Club will hold its annual exhibit of China painting on Sunday, March 9, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at Donaldson and Manor Roads in San Antonio.

Mrs. Mabel Weaverling is Exhibit Chairman for this year's event.

Mrs. Helen Hitchcock, president, has extended an invitation to the public to attend.

## INSTITUTE TO HOLD MARCH ART SHOW

The San Antonio Institute of Lifetime Learning will hold its third annual art exhibit called "Show and Sell" from March 10 through 15 at Wonderland Shopping Center. About 20 members will show oil paintings, water colors, decoupage, needlepoint, and rock art.

## Homemakers Ask You To Hear Expert

The public is invited to attend a special meeting of the Young Homemakers of Texas, Tuesday, March 4, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at John Marshall High School to hear Tom George of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance discuss "Estate Planning—including Trust Funds and Writing a Will."

Mrs. H. L. Zumwalt, publicity chairman, said that the meeting will be held in the Home Economics Department of the School. There is no admission charge.

The Club is affiliated with the Young Homemakers of America.

## Alanis Commands Reserve Unit

A Bandera insurance and real estate agent is the commander of San Antonio's newest Army Reserve unit.

Capt. Dan C. Alanis III, 35, who heads the Bandera Hills Insurance Agency in Lakehills, was selected for his Army Reserve post recently when his unit was transferred from Austin to San Antonio.

The unit is a printing and publications detachment which prints, prepares and distributes materials for the 90th US Army Reserve Command headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston.

Unit members will include offset pressmen, clerks, repairmen for automatic data processing equipment, switchboard operators and supply and maintenance persons, Alanis said.

He noted that the unit is seeking new members, and interested men and women should contact the unit at 221-4811 or 221-4754, Ft. Sam Houston, or Alanis at 796-4133, Bandera.

The San Antonio Public Library's Bookmobile will be at Helotes School Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Softball League Being Formed

as required on week-ends.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or playing on a team may request an application or information by calling 684-1239 or 684-0239.

An organizational meeting will be called on or about March 7 for sponsors and managers to discuss rules and schedule. Play is scheduled to begin in April.

Trophies will be awarded to the

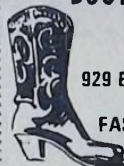
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## CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS, GAS UTILITY FUND BALANCE SHEET—SEPTEMBER 30, 1974 with comparative figures for 1973

ASSETS	1974	1973
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 10,061.02	\$ 337.63
Certificates of Deposit		15,000.00
Savings account	414.20	1,856.85
Receivables:		
Metered gas accounts (no allowance for doubtful accounts deemed necessary)	26,243.82	17,693.90
New service installations	2,766.46	4,412.00
Due from general fund	47.00	
Material inventory (note A)	19,534.42	16,801.36
Prepaid expenses	1,314.24	916.33
Total current assets	60,381.16	57,018.07
<b>Restricted Assets:</b>		
Revenue bonds — interest and sinking fund:		
Cash for gas system revenue bonds, series 1967 (note C)	41.65	41.65
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment: (note A)</b>		
Gas distribution system	1,374,093.21	1,374,093.21
Meters and line extensions	152,410.92	80,534.69
Field equipment (note G)	36,781.18	21,223.59
Office equipment (note G)	10,218.93	4,615.66
	1,573,504.24	1,480,467.15
Less accumulated depreciation	177,454.46	140,112.64
	1,396,049.78	1,340,354.51
Land — rights-of-way	2,689.32	2,689.32
	1,398,739.10	1,343,043.83
<b>Other Assets: (notes A and I)</b>		
Capitalized rate study costs — net of amortization	3,631.60	
Leasehold improvements — net of amortization	752.72	558.55
	4,384.32	558.55
	<u>\$1,463,546.23</u>	<u>\$1,400,662.10</u>

Accountants' report and notes to financial statements form an integral part of this statement. Notes by auditor are available in the Grey Forest Utility office.

## LIABILITIES, RESERVES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

	1974	1973
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Gas system revenue bonds, series 1967 (note C)	\$1,440,000.00	\$1,440,000.00
Accounts payable	22,015.07	22,215.81
Bond interest payable (note C)	201,200.00	136,400.00
Bond interest accrued	21,600.00	21,600.00
State and city sales taxes payable	494.59	808.33
Accrued payroll taxes	1,476.57	3,339.39
Customers' deposits	13,916.00	10,960.00
Current maturity on long-term debt (note G)	8,792.76	2,000.00
Total current liabilities	1,709,494.99	1,637,323.53
<b>Long Term Debt — net of current maturity (note G)</b>	9,410.15	
<b>Other Liabilities:</b>		
Rebates payable (note E)	2,892.44	3,944.85
<b>Contingency (notes F and J)</b>		
<b>Reserves:</b>		
Gas system revenue bonds, series 1967, reserve for retirement of revenue bonds and interest (note C)	41.65	41.65
<b>Contributions from Customers (notes A and D)</b>	61,404.97	34,742.24
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit)</b>	(319,697.97)	(275,390.17)
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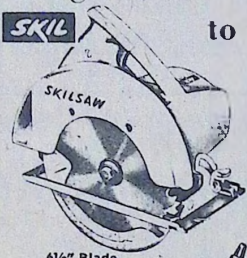


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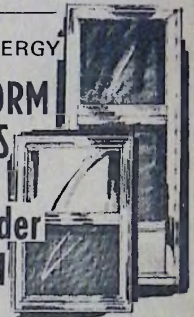


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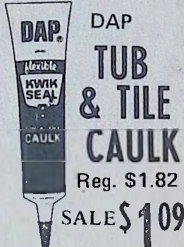
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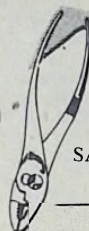
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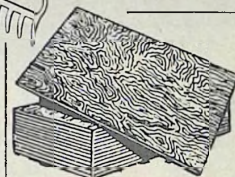
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