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Person- to- Person

Now residing at Normandie Rose Farms in San Geronimo are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stribling. Mrs. Stribling is the former Mrs. Josephine Bodet. She and the Waco businessman were married on January 27 in Waco. Since then they have been on a Caribbean cruise and attending a round of parties in Waco, San Antonio and Houston.

Walter Schuh of Leslie Road was one of four brothers and three sisters who attended a surprise 60th birthday party for the youngest member of the group, L.L. Schuh, on March 18, at the younger Schuh's home on Grissom Road. Walter is the eldest of the group at 68.

Echoing the Methodist Memo newsletter: Congratulations to Marsha and John Wampler on the birth of their son, J.J.

The Marshall High Band Boosters Club will hold a bake sale Saturday, April 2, beginning at 9 a.m. in front of Winn's in the Leon Valley Center. . . . At the same time, the Helotes Optimists, Lions and members of the Methodist Church will be conducting an auction in Helotes in behalf of the PARC project (community recreation building going up on the church grounds).

Reminder: The annual vaccination of pets in the Helotes area will be held Saturday, April 16, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Grey Forest City Hall, Scenic Loop and Park Drive. Rabies shots will be \$4. Dr. Bill Rowe will be in charge.

Bern and Beulah Vinck of Grey Forest had as recent visitors Mr. and Mrs. Max Jarvis of Troup, Texas (Beulah's former hometown). The Vincks took their friends to dinner at El Chaparral.

The rains last weekend were just what the bluebonnets and other wild flowers needed to grow into a bumper crop of flowering roadside beauty.

The Westfall Branch Library will exhibit during April paintings by Finis Collins showing Old Mexico, the Texas Hill Country, the Coastal Bend, and New Mexico. The library is located at IH-10 and Vance-Jackson and is open daily from 9 to 9. Collins is art director for the Pitluk Group advertising agency.

New Helotes School Plant To Be Built 12th Cornyval Ready To Go

Coronation To Open Festival

The biggest Helotes Cornyval yet—the 12th annual—is ready to roll. This was the word this week from Jim Wilson, 1977 president of the Helotes Spring Festival Association, Inc.

The dates will be Wednesday, April 27, through Sunday, May 1.

The first event will be the selection and coronation of Miss Helotes 1977 and her court, Wednesday night, April 27, at Floore Country Store beginning at 7:30 p.m. The coronation will be followed with a dance on the Floore Country Store patio.

The Helotes Spring Festival Association will meet every Monday night during April—April 4, 11, 18 and 25—at Floore Country Store at 7:30 p.m. in preparation for the 1977 Cornyval.

Everybody in the area is invited to come and help.

New events will include:

—Square Dance Contest, sponsored by the Alamo Area Square Dance Association, Thursday night, April 28, on the Floore Country Store patio.

—Bicycle Race, sponsored by Pearl Cycling Club, Sunday afternoon, May 1, along 26-miles route, with beginning and finish near Helotes School on Riggs Road. The competitors will traverse the race route three times for a total of 78 miles. Many will be riders in training for the Texas state bicycle race and the national races. A bicycle hill climb on Tower View Drive will be held Saturday afternoon.

—Old Fiddlers Contest, Sunday afternoon, May 1, at Floore Country Store.

Traditional events will include the Cornyval Parade, Saturday morning, April 30, art shows at the Helotes Art Guild and

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Happy about plans for the traditional Helotes Easter Sunrise service are Ken Stiles of the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, Coordinator for Ecumenical Activities; the Rev. Sam Terry, pastor, Forest Hills Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Jerry Reeves, pastor, Helotes Baptist Church, and the Rev. Collin Furr, pastor, the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church. (Photo by Bill Terry)

Easter Sunrise Service To Start At 6:30 A.M.

Three Helotes churches will cooperate in the annual Helotes Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 10, beginning at 6:30 a.m., on Lazy J Trail in Helotes Park Estates. The community is invited. Breakfast will be served to all who attend.

The Rev. Jerry Reeves, pastor, Helotes Baptist Church, will give the call to worship and pronounce the invocation.

The Rev. Sam Terry, pastor, Forest Hills Presbyterian Church will deliver the sermon on the Easter message, "The Immortal Hope."

The Rev. Collin Furr, pastor, Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, will read the scripture and give a morning prayer.

Special music will be by Mike Griffith.

Rev. Terry will close the service with benediction.

To reach the hilltop site of the sunrise service, enter Helotes Park Estates on Circle A Trail and go to Lazy J Trail, then turn right. Guides will direct those attending from that point. In case of bad weather the sunrise ser-

vice will be held in the Methodist Church.

Rev. Terry said the Presbyterian Church also will have Easter services in the church at the regular Sunday hours. Special Easter services also are planned by Zion Lutheran Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at the regular Sunday hours.

Voters To Be Busy Saturday

Two elections will be held in the Helotes area Saturday, April 2.

Voting at the Helotes School will be conducted for the election of two Northside district trustees.

Two candidates for Place 3 are Eugene Reynolds, incumbent, and Dr. Leslie L. McNelis of the University of Texas at San Antonio faculty. Unopposed for Place 4 and his fourth term as trustee is William J. Thornton of Ingram Road.

Voters registered in Precincts 244, 245 and 246 of Bexar County, Precinct 5 of Medina County, and Precinct 2 of Bandera County will vote at the Helotes School.

Residents of Grey Forest also will need to schedule a trip to their city hall to vote in the city council election there. The three candidates are unopposed. Two are running for reelection — Marion Heisler in Place 1 and Ruth Morris in Place 3. A new candidate is Claude Yeager in Place 5.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bid Opening Set April 20

More growing pains for Helotes will bring the demolition of the old Helotes School this summer and the beginning of construction of a new \$850,000 education complex in the same location.

Terry McGuire, director of new construction for the Northside District, said bids will be accepted until April 20 on the new Helotes School, and the contract probably be awarded at the meeting of the school board on the second Tuesday in May.

Included in the complex will be a new 16-room classroom building, a gymnasium, and remodeling of the existing cafeteria to provide a bigger kitchen and a bigger eating area.

The new building also will house a resource center (library), office area, and areas for special instruction methods.

The gymnasium will be a 50x80-foot concrete block building with stucco spray on the exterior. Equipment will include a basketball court with adjustable goals. It will be located where the asphalted outdoor basketball court is located, near Riggs Road toward the northwest corner of the campus.

The two classrooms in the existing cafeteria building will be eliminated to make room for the bigger kitchen and bigger eating area, and to provide a special-purpose room.

Architects for the Helotes School are Noonan and Krockner and Dockery. The style of the new building will match that of the existing cafeteria building.

McGuire said the new complex will be completed in time for the 1978-79 school year.

For the school year which will begin in September, 1977, another portable building will be brought to the campus to add to the two already there. All portable buildings will be removed once the new complex is completed.

The district will not buy additional land for the Helotes campus, McGuire said.

Stopping Thefts Is Job For All

Home owners can help cut down on the chances of their houses being burglarized, members of the Helotes Home Owners Association were told during their March meeting by Patrolman Johnny Maxwell of the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and Fritz

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Property Owners Seek Aquifer Truth

How long will property owners in the Helotes area have control of land they own?

This question drew more than 100 area residents to a meeting of the Area 2 section of the Bexar County Farm Bureau, Friday night, March 25, at Braun Hall. Clarence Galm, Helotes farmer

and civic leader, set up the meeting to discuss threats to control of local property that have developed out of controversy over the Edwards Aquifer and its recharge zone.

Speakers included Col. Mc-

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Spring Break Nears For UTSA

UTSA students will be on spring break April 4-9.

The University's administrative offices, including the Office of Admissions and Registrar, will observe their regular schedule April 4 through 7, and will be open a half day, 8 a.m. to noon, on April 8, Good Friday.

During spring break the UTSA Library will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 4 through 7, and 8 a.m. to noon April 8. The library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10.

UTSA will resume its normal schedule of operations April 11.

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Mr. and Mrs. William K. Emerick, 14102 Flying W Trail, Helotes Park Estates, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Aneya Lois, to Scott Edwin Kee, son of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Kee of San Antonio.

A May 28 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes.

The bride-elect, a 1975 Marshall High graduate, is attending the University of Texas at San Antonio where she is a medical technology major. Her fiance was graduated from Highland High in San Antonio. He is employed by Gibson's Plumbing and plans to continue his education this summer.

On Way Out

Hold on to your 1976 Helotes phone directories. They are about to become historical because they probably will be the last Helotes directories.

A spokesman for Southwestern Bell confirmed to The Echo this week that when it comes time next September for new phone books, the Helotes directory will be merged with the San Antonio directory.

All phone numbers in the Helotes directory have appeared also in the San Antonio directory for several years.

Prior to that time a San Antonio call from Helotes was a long distance call. But to sort of compensate for that, phone users could dial calls within the Helotes area by using only the last four

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Baptists Plan Spring Revival

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The revival is being held in conjunction with the statewide "Living Proof" evangelism effort sponsored by cooperating churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the Rev. Jerry Reeves, pastor of the Helotes church.

Rev. Dilday is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary and has done postgraduate study at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas.

The public is cordially invited to attend the week of services, Rev. Reeves said. The revival will conclude with the regular Sunday service on April 17.

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H.L. Schiller

Dies At 76

Funeral services were conducted Monday in San Antonio for Harvey L. Schiller, first owner of the Helotes Pharmacy. Mr. Schiller died Friday, March 25. He was 76.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean Schiller; a son, Lloyd Carleton Schiller of Dallas, two granddaughters, Sandra and Sharon Schiller; and two grandsons, Lloyd Kip and William Russell Schiller, all of San An-

tonio.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Harry Ravenna, Dr. William M. Ward, Ed Lawrance, Garland Lawrance, Earl Schiller, Jr., Bryan Schiller, and Milton Schiller.

Style Show Promotes Coronation



Modelling at the Pre-Festival Style Show and Luncheon last Monday at Chef John's Loft were the Miss Helotes galaxy wearing latest styles from Terry's Fashion. Left to right are Jill Galland, Janice McBryde, Duchess Lorraine Langlinais, reigning Miss Helotes—Lisa McMullan, Princess Perian Williams, and Duchess Lynette Langlinais. Each modelled formal and informal Spring fashions for a delighted audience of luncheon guests.

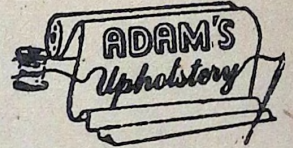
Photos by Bill Terry



Among those sponsoring the Style Show Monday were members of the Helotes Spring Festival Association who are planning the upcoming Coronation of Miss Helotes 1977, to take place Wednesday, April 27. Left to right are Mrs. R.B. McMullan, who emceed the show; Mrs. Raymond Langlinais; Mrs. Jim Linder, owner of Chef John's Loft; Mrs. Gordon McClellan, owner of Terry's Fashions; Mrs. Donald Belto; and Mrs. Guy Williams.

Marcia Peyton of Holmes High School was runner-up winner in the Optimist International oratorical contest sponsored by the Northwest Optimist Club.

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Pictured left to right are District Engineer R.E. Stotzer, Jr., of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation; Executive Director R.W. Aaron of the Easter Seal Society; Gene Neely of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; and R.C. Hubble, bus driver.

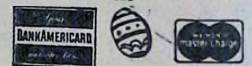
The Northside Independent School District School Olympics Torch has completed a third of its journey enroute to its final

destination — the Schoollympiad, April 16, at the Northside Stadium. The all-district art and music celebration is from 1-6 p.m. that Saturday.

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There will be four teams in the boys' major league and four in girls' softball. Players on the various teams, as reported by Peter Westine, treasurer for the Greater Helotes Little League, are:

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Starlets. Sponsored by Alamo Enterprises. Richard Weyel, Manager. Players: Sheryl Barrett, Michelle Cartwright, Debby Magnus, Samantha Marrin, Tricia Oatman, Linda Parsons, Donn Reich, Kellye Seita, Susan Singer, Kelly Spangler, Kathy Sullivan, Kim Wiley and Staci Wolf.

Names of the players on the minor league teams will be announced in the next issue of the Echo.

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The Federal Insurance Administration of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced today that under authority of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, (P.L. 90-448) and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, (P.L. 93-234) it will fund a detailed study of the flood hazard areas in the City of Grey Forest.

The study will be performed for the Federal Insurance Administration by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The purpose of this study is to examine and evaluate the flood hazard areas in the community which are developed or which are likely to be developed and to determine flood elevations for those areas. Flood elevations will be used by the community to carry out the flood plain management objectives of the National Flood Insurance Program. They will also be used as the basis for determining the appropriate flood insurance premium rates applicable for new and existing buildings and their contents.

This announcement is intended to notify all interested persons of the commencement of this study so that they may have an opportunity to bring any relevant facts and technical data concerning local flood hazards to the attention of the agency performing the study. This information should be sent to the Honorable Edwin L. Faust, Mayor of Grey Forest, P.O. Box 258, Helotes, Texas 78023.

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PROPERTY OWNERS

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Donald D. Weinert, general manager of the Edwards Underground Water District; David Pape, member of the board of directors of the Bexar County Farm Bureau; Ben Wallis, Farm

Bureau attorney; and Irving Ernst, president of the Bexar County Farm Bureau.

The film, "The Edwards Story," produced by the Edwards Underground Water District, was shown.

Attorney Wallis recommended that property owners help create a new organization across north Bexar County to combat inaccurate propaganda about the Edwards Aquifer being spread by the city of San Antonio, the COPS organization, the Aquifer Protection Association, and others.

Aquifer protectionists have been seeking to stop all development in north Bexar County and possibly turn the area into a green belt. This would deprive the owners of their basic right to use or dispose of their property as they choose, Wallis said.

Col. Weinert said that all scientific evidence points to the fact that development over the aquifer and its recharge zone will not pollute the aquifer.

"The city of San Antonio can actually control only seven-tenths of one per cent of the recharge zone," he said. The zone stretches from Brackettville in Uvalde County on the west to Kyle in Hays County on the east.

With regard to development of a new mall at Loop 1604 and San Pedro, which was blocked by a San Antonio referendum, Col. Weinert said that opposition to the mall was particularly pointless for San Antonioans since recharge water entering the aquifer in that area drains north and east and comes out in Hays County.

Col. Weinert said the Edwards Underground District has many safeguards for the aquifer and constantly monitors quality of water from wells and springs in the aquifer, and has never found any of the water to be polluted—even where the wells are in close proximity to septic tanks, as in the Shavano Park area.

He said that in the Helotes area the Edwards recharge zone is so narrow that building dams on local streams would not help in providing recharge water. The principal recharge zone is west of Bexar County.

The Edwards Aquifer has been under study by the U.S. Geological Survey since 1891, he said. The Edwards District was created in 1959. The city of San Antonio last year authorized an 18-month study of the aquifer that will cost more than \$700,000 and which is expected to influence future decisions by the city with regard to the aquifer.

Although the amount of water in the Edwards Aquifer is not known—and there is no known way of finding out—Col. Weinert recommended the development of surface sources of water to supplement it. He mentioned the need to build proposed reservoirs at Cloptin's Crossing near Wimberley, on the Cibola Creek near Stockdale, and on the San

Antonio River near Goliad.

President Lloyd Benke of the Area 2 Farm Bureau invited persons present to volunteer for the new organization to protect the rights of property owners in the Northside and North East school districts.

Attorney Wallis recommended that the organization include not only property owners but also businessmen, housewives, and construction workers such as plumbers, painters, carpenters and masons, all of whom will be affected by a slowdown in development of north Bexar County.

Wallis read an excerpt from a recent statement by Dr. Carl F. Raba, Jr., member of the board of trustees of the Northside school district, in which Raba said the creation of a green belt in the area would cost the district \$735,913 in annual tax income and have to be compensated for by reducing school services or raising property taxes on existing homes.

Accident Claims

Howard R. Haby

Howard R. Haby, Sr., of Lakehills died in a one-car accident near that community, Monday morning, March 21. He was 53.

Burial was in the Pipe Creek Cemetery on Thursday morning, March 24, following a Requiem Mass in St. Stanislaus Church, Bandera.

He was a member of a pioneer

Medina Lake area family. Immediate survivors include his wife, Mary Lou; two daughters, Mrs. Jerry Martinez of San Geronimo and Miss Alice Jane Haby of Lakehills; one son, Howard R., Jr., of Placentia, Newfoundland; a grandson,

Howard R. III; a sister and six step-grandchildren.

At the time of his death he was enroute to work at Kelly Air Force Base, where he was employed as an airplane mechanic. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

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CORNYVAL (From page 1)
downtown; the free Cornyval Street Dance, Friday night; food, games and crafts booths downtown; the Wide State Carnival

midway on Floore Drive; the Bexar County Gunslingers performing on the street in downtown Helotes Saturday and Sunday afternoon; armadillo races Saturday afternoon; a corn eating

contest Sunday afternoon; at least two more free dances; and much howdying, visiting, and renewing of old acquaintances and family ties.

Officers of the 1977 Cornyval are: Jim Wilson, president; Joe Alguiseva, Leon Schueneman, Cled Heathington, and Felix Madla, vice presidents; Don Belto, treasurer; and Marilyn Wilson, secretary.

Chairmen of the various events are: Donna Sullivan, parade; Guy Williams, sanitation; Kathy Langlains, Sybil Williams and Vivian McMullan, coronation; Charlie Klein, booths; Lester Martin, corn eating contest; Alan Thompson, beer booths; association parade float, Vivian McMullan; Phyllis Havens, special events; Marie Parrigin, membership; and Lucy Brown, publicity.

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Bohne, FBI agent and Helotes resident.

A major key is the constant vigilance of community members under the National Neighborhood Watch Program, they said. Knowing your neighbors and their cars by sight, writing down license numbers and descriptions of strange cars, and being alert to moving vans in the area are part of the watch program.

The vulnerability of doors, windows and locks as points of illegal entry into homes was demonstrated by Agent Bohne.

Patrolman Maxwell urged all who have not done so to put identifying codes on valuable

articles in their homes. The Sheriff's office will loan an engraving tool for this purpose and give the owners stickers, showing that such identification has been done, to be applied to windows and doors where burglars might enter.

He told the home owners to contact the Sheriff's office when going on vacation, and the office will increase surveillance of their houses. Patrolman Maxwell, when his duties permit, will go to

private homes and point out areas where better security measures can be instituted.

The next meeting of the home owners association will be Wednesday, April 20. A speaker from the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department will discuss fire prevention. All community residents are invited to attend.

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